

Baseball games

Haskell JV-V vs Coahoma
Fri., April 4, 4:30 p.m.
at Coahoma
Haskell JV vs Anson
Mon., April 7, 4:30 p.m.
at Haskell
Haskell V vs Anson
Tues., April 8, 4:30 p.m.
at Haskell

Softball games

Haskell JV-V vs Coahoma
Fri., April 4, 5 p.m.
at Coahoma
Haskell JV-V vs Anson
Tues., April 8, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

Track

Indians and Maidens
District Meet
Thurs., April 3
at Merkel

Calendar

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., April 6 at the Pit & Grill restaurant. Dominoes begin at 2 p.m. followed by a meeting at 3 p.m. The meal will be chicken and vegetables.

Safety car seat

You may be eligible for a free safety car seat for your child. For more information, call the Texas Dept. of State Health Service at 325-773-5681.

Storm sirens

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

Storytime

Storytime at Haskell County Library is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Stories, crafts and snacks are offered. Paula Rennegarbe is the storyteller.

Will's Walkers

Will Swinney of Haskell will have a team participating in the West Texas Walk Now for Autism April 5 at the Abilene Zoo beginning at 10 a.m. The walk benefits Autism Speaks, an organization that raises money and awareness for autism research. To join Will's Walkers, t-shirts are available for a \$20 donation.

Taylor's Team

Taylor's Team will walk April 5 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Abilene Zoo in the fourth annual West Texas Walk benefiting Autism Speaks. To join, register at www.autismwalk.org, click on join a team and select Taylor's Team to register. Donations or information may be handled by Melissa Burson by calling 864-8161 or 256-2509.

Cookbooks

'Taking A Bite Out of Autism' cookbooks are available for \$10. Call Melissa Burson at 256-2509. Proceeds benefits Taylor's Team and Autism Speaks.

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Vote Tuesday

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CHIMNEY FIRE—Rule Fire Department, with mutual aid from Haskell Fire Department, was called to the home of J.N. and Oleta Cornelius of Rule Saturday morning to extinguish a chimney fire. Little damage resulted due to quick actions by Rule one act play students and neighbors. Rule students Joseph Turner and Kyle Simpson saw the fire and removed an air conditioner to gain access to the

home checking to make sure no one was inside. Kelsie Miller and Kyna Scheets called their parents to have them report the fire to 911. Neighbors Juan and Yolanda Herrera also called in the fire. Haskell Fire Chief Randy Shaw, left, monitors the temperature of the fire with a thermal imaging camera while firemen continue to extinguish hot spots in the chimney.

Democrats set April 8 run-off election

The Haskell County Democratic Party will hold a run-off election April 8 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. On the ballot is an election for Railroad Commissioner. Candidates are Mark Thompson and Dale Henry.

Voting locations will be consolidated to four locations to

help save on the expense of voting machines and workers.

Voting locations will be at: St. George Catholic Church, 901 N. 16th, Haskell for Box 1, Box 6 and Box 7; Assembly of God Church, 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell for Box 2 and Box 8; Extension Building, 101 S.

Ave. D, Haskell for Box 3 and Box 9; and,

Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. 1st St., Haskell for Box 4, Box 5 and Box 10.

Early voting will be conducted at the County Clerk's office in the courthouse through Fri., April 4.

County Clerk Rhonda Moeller reminds voters that only those who voted Democratic in the Primary election held March 7 may vote in the election.

Voters must bring their voter registration card or the required identification with them to vote.

City announces clean up week

The City of Haskell has announced the dates for the city wide clean up week.

The landfill will be open Sat., April 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; April 21-24 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.; Fri., April 25, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sat., April 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Two trailers will be available during the week for use for half day only by residents who do not have their own trailer. Personal trailers and trucks hauling loose

trash must be tarped. Bulky items, lumber, tin, etc. must be tied down.

Trailers and loads will be weighed on the scales, but there is no charge for dumping. TCEQ requires that the city records the weight of landfill items.

Chemicals, tires, batteries, anything with Freon, asbestos, roofing materials and paint will not be accepted during clean-up week.

Bulky items will be picked up

if they are placed by the dumpster and arrangements are made through City Hall by calling 864-2333.

This service is provided for citizens in the city limits of Haskell only. Those with loads for the landfill may be asked for proof of residence, such as the customer's water bill.

Hee Haw set this weekend

The Sagerton Community's thirty-ninth production of the Sagerton Hee Haw is set April 3, 4 and 5 beginning at 8 p.m. each evening. Music and singing will begin at 7 p.m.

Larry LeFevre is the Hee Haw director and Dickey Greenwood is in charge of the music. The whole community is involved in some capacity for the evenings' entertainment. Proceeds from the Hee Haw go for scholarships for

Queen's pageant seeks entries

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen's Pageant will be held Sun., April 13 at 3 p.m. in the Haskell High School Auditorium.

Four categories of competition include: Little Miss (K-second grade), Young Miss (third-fifth grade), Junior Miss (sixth-eighth grade) and Queen (ninth-twelfth grade). The afternoon will feature younger contestants in Sunday dress and the queen contestants in formal dress.

The pageant coordinators and WHPD extend special invitations to all young ladies who are Haskell County residents or who are affiliated with one of the ranches participating in the WHPD Ranch Rodeo. Each contestant will need a sponsor (merchant or family member) to pay the \$25 entry fee.

The winner of the queen category will receive academic award. The winners will ride in the WHPD parade Fri., June 6 and be introduced at both rodeo performances.

Admission of \$2 for adults and \$1 for students will be charged at the door to offset pageant expenses.

Applications will be available at all the Haskell County schools, Chamber of Commerce office, and the Haskell County Judge's office. Deadline for applications is April 10. For more information call 940-864-2851.

Weinert church to celebrate anniversary

Weinert Baptist Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary on the weekend of April 5-6. Activities will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday with a hamburger and ice cream supper followed by an old-time singing and lots of visiting. The anniversary choir will practice at 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening.

Sunday's program will begin at 10 a.m. in the church sanctuary with former and present pastors and members sharing their memories and special music selections. A group photograph will be taken in the sanctuary before dismissal for lunch in the fellowship hall.

The afternoon session will

resume at 1:30 and will include a DVD slideshow of the church history. Memorabilia available will be a cookbook, "Feeding the Flock, 100th Anniversary of Weinert Baptist Church," a computer CD containing church activity pictures taken over the years, a DVD movie of the history slideshow, and a DVD of Sunday's activities.

For more information, contact Wanda Hester, anniversary chairman, at 940-673-8262, Mary Murphy, program chairman, at 940-673-8269 or Dan Bullock, pastor, at 940-673-8310. Cookbook chairman is Caron Yates.



MCCULLOCH COMPETES—Haskell Indian D.J. McCulloch back row, second from left, played in the All-Star Maypearl Texas Round-Up basketball game. This is an opportunity for high school seniors to showcase their talents among other 1A, 2A and 3A players in the state. McCulloch was a starter for the white team and had 9 points and 12 rebounds. The red team won by a score of 111-107.

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EASTER ACTIVITIES—Haskell Elementary first graders had an exciting time at the Experienced Citizens Center in March as they presented songs and Easter decorations that they had worked on in school. This project was a culmination of a Learn & Serve Grant called "Somebody Loves You" in which first graders learned the importance of caring for older people in our community. As the students were taught fine arts objectives, they were able to apply their knowledge outside the classroom into the community. Jennabeth Kimbrough of the Experienced Citizens Center commented, "The people here always enjoy them. Your efforts are appreciated." Teachers involved in this grant are April Colley, Marijane Cunningham, Susan LeFevre and Pam Gibson. Paula Everett is the grant coordinator for this SSA (Shared Services Agreement) Grant through Region XIV Educational Center in Abilene. Pictured are, front row, l-r, Evan Green, Chase Thompson, Justin Williams, Reed Roewe, Larissa Villarreal, Kaelyn Bevel and Allie Address; second row, Tristen Swinney, Angelle Maynard, Michael Benavides, Ryanna Rodriguez and C'era Taylor. Jennabeth Kimbrough is pictured in the far right.



SOMEONE LOVES YOU—Haskell Elementary first graders had an exciting time at Haskell Healthcare Center in March as they presented songs and Easter decorations that they had worked on in school. This project was a culmination of a Learn & Serve Grant called "Somebody Loves You" in which first graders learned the importance of caring for older people in our community. As the students were taught fine arts objectives, they were able to apply their knowledge outside the classroom into the community. First grader Ryanna Rodriguez, left, shares a hug with Joyce Thomas, a resident at the center.

TAX PLANNING

*Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA*

A GIFT SHOULD INCLUDE TAX INFORMATION

Imagine this scenario. Your wealthy Uncle John is something of an art collector, buying paintings and sculptures from promising young artists. When he retires, he moves into a small condo in a retirement community and has to downsize his art collection. He gives away much of his art to family members, and you receive an abstract painting. He tells you that he paid \$5,000 for it only two years ago.

A few years later Uncle John passes away, and soon after that you decide to sell the painting. You're delighted when an art dealer offers you \$12,000 for the painting. Unfortunately, the IRS audits your tax return for that year and informs you that you owe capital gains tax on the sale.

How much do you owe? In theory, you received Uncle John's cost basis in the picture when you received it as a gift. Your taxable gain would be \$7,000 (\$12,000 sales price minus his \$5,000 cost basis). But unless you can document Uncle John's purchase price, the IRS might well claim that you owe tax on a \$12,000 gain.

When you sell property you received as a gift, the general rule is that your basis is the donor's cost basis. If you sell at a loss, your basis is the lower of the donor's basis or the fair market value on the date you received the gift. There are adjustments to these numbers in some cases. But the important point is that without cost records, you have no way of proving the donor's basis and no way of disputing an IRS claim.

While it might seem embarrassing to ask for records of the cost when you receive a gift, it could save you a significant amount of taxes in the future. And if you have received valuable gifts in recent years, it might be worth going back to recover the cost records before they're lost forever. On the other hand, if you're the one making the gift, give the cost records at the same time. If you don't, you may end up giving a gift to the IRS in the form of unnecessary taxes.

For assistance with this or any of your tax concerns, contact our office.

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Weather Whys

Late Snowfalls
Q: When does Texas usually see its last snowfall?

A: Snow can fall in Texas later than you think, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. The Amarillo area has received about 5 inches of snow several times in the month of May. "The latest snowfall in Texas occurred May 6-7 in 1917," McRoberts explains.

"That's when over 9 inches of snow fell in the Amarillo and Panhandle areas. The two longest snow seasons have occurred in recent years. The longest was from Sept. 29 (first snow), 1984, to March 30, 1985, a 183-day period. The most recent one lasted from Nov. 2 (first snow), 2004 to May 2, 2005 (last snow), a 182-day period."

Q: What about other cities?
A: Late-season snowstorms are common in other parts of the United States, McRoberts says. "Denver is notorious for getting very late snowfalls," he adds.

"The latest snowfall for the Denver area was June 12, 1947. On April 30, 1960, the Kansas City area had a large snowfall late in the year. In Texas, an April 6, 1996 snowstorm hit the Abilene area with a whopping 9-inch snow total that really caught residents off guard. And in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the latest snowfall occurred on April 7, 1928. The old saying is true—you never know what the weather is going to do in Texas."

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Obituaries

Tomasita Martinez DeLaCruz



TOMASITA DELACRUZ

Funeral services for Tomasita Martinez DeLaCruz, 64, of Haskell were held Sat., March 29 at Assembly of God Church in

Haskell with Bro. J.C. Amburn officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. DeLaCruz died Wed., March 26 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born July 15, 1943 in Mathis, she was the daughter of the late Juan Martinez and Concepcion Guzman Martinez. She married Jose DeLaCruz Aug. 20, 1960. He preceded her in death Dec. 17, 2005. She spent her time as a homemaker and raised seven children. She was a member of the Haskell community for 40 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and daughter, Norma Hatley.

Survivors include sons, Joe DeLaCruz and wife Crystal of Haskell, Richard DeLaCruz of Missouri, and Albert DeLaCruz of Navasota; daughters, Sandie Guzman of Pryor, Oklahoma and Velma Bendabout and husband Ronald of Salina, Oklahoma; brothers, Juan and wife Stelle of Mathis, Leandro and wife Lucy of Alvin, and Isabel and wife Elizabeth of Spearman; sisters, Petra Rozano of Spearman, Elvera Gonzales of Mathis and Virginia Reyes of Spearman; 16 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Kidney Foundation. PD. NOTICE

Hilda Frierson



HILDA FRIERSON

Funeral services for Hilda Frierson, 80, formerly of Haskell

were held Tues., April 1 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Frierson died Fri., March 28 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

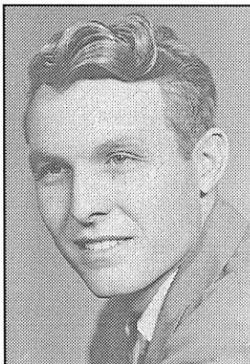
Born June 8, 1927 in Throckmorton County, she was the daughter of the late Richard Kretschmer and Martha Steinfath Kretschmer. She married Frank Baldwin July 7, 1947 in Haskell. He preceded her in death Sept. 15, 1955. She later married James E. Frierson on June 27, 1965. He preceded her in death Dec. 5, 1982. She worked as a nurse, mother and homemaker. She was

formerly a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell and Our Saviors Lutheran Church in College Station.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two husbands.

Survivors include son, Jack Baldwin and wife Janice of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; step daughters, Carol Connelly and Vickey Hinze; four granddaughters, Belinda Baldwin, Priscilla Baldwin, Kimberly Baldwin and Mary Hinze; great grandchildren, Sam Goldberg, Isabella Hewitt and Lily Hewitt; sisters, Gertie Wittenborn of Haskell and Irene Ascher of Oregon, Wisconsin. PD. NOTICE

William E. 'Dumpy' Green, Jr.



WILLIAM E. GREEN JR.

Graveside services for William E. 'Dumpy' Green Jr., 78, of Haskell will be held Thurs., April 3 at Howard Cemetery in Paint Creek under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Green died Sun., March 30 in Abilene.

Born April 28, 1929 in Haskell County, he was the son of the late William Edward Green, Sr. and Edith Estelle Hunt Green. He married Phyllis Yvonne Lore Feb. 28, 1952. She preceded him in death Sept. 12, 1967.

Survivors include his children,

Michael E. Green of Haskell, Matt Green of Healdton, Oklahoma, Maureen Duniven and husband Roger of Paint Creek, Melissa Green of Dougherty, Oklahoma and Mark Green and wife Marilyn of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana; 17 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Howard Cemetery Association, 235 CR 205, Haskell, Texas 79521 or the Hendrick's Children's Hospital, 1900 Pine Street, Abilene, Texas 79601. PD. NOTICE

USDA authorizes emergency use of CRP acres for area counties

In response to producers who lost forage acres or fencing as a result of recent wildfires, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced authorization of emergency use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in 100 Texas counties. Eligible producers must request and receive FSA approval for emergency use of CRP acres by close of business April 4.

Emergency use of land enrolled in CRP has been authorized for Andrews, Archer, Bailey, Brooks, Callahan, Coke, Comanche, Crane, Crockett, Dimmitt, Duval, Edwards, Glasscock, Hidalgo, Howard, Jim Hogg, Kent, King, Knox, Kenedy, Kinney, LaSalle, Martin, Midland, Parker, Pecos, Real, Scurry, Starr, Sterling, Terrell, Val Verde, Willacy, Winkler and Young Counties as well as 65 adjoining counties.

Livestock may be temporarily moved to land enrolled in CRP for no more than 60 days, as approved by the county office, on a case-by-case basis. No payment reduction applies to the authorized exception and no funds are otherwise authorized for water, feed, or other cost.

Authority is limited to livestock producers who lost

pasture or fences, due to wildfire. To take advantage of the emergency provisions, eligible producers may cross county boundaries from one approved emergency use county to another approved emergency use county.

The use of the CRP acreage is authorized for grazing only. CRP participants who wish to provide land to eligible producers must request approval to graze eligible acreage; obtain a modified

conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include grazing requirements, and leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous CRP field ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate determined by NRCS.

For more information and eligibility requirements on USDA disaster assistance, contact the Haskell County FSA at 940-864-2617, ext. 2.

USDA seeks public comments on CRP

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it will hold public meetings in Texas April 8-9 on proposed changes to managed haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will hold a meeting April 8 at 9 a.m. at the Regency Inn Suites Hotel, 3450 S. Clack Street in Abilene. The second meeting will be April 9 at the Fifth Season Inn, 6801 I-40 East, in Amarillo beginning at 1 p.m.

FSA is proposing rule changes to the frequency that managed haying and grazing is allowed on land that is enrolled in CRP. Public comments will be accepted at the meeting and the public may also comment on changes to primary nesting season dates, during which managed haying and grazing are not permitted.

FSA will consider public comments when it prepares state-specific environmental assessments that will evaluate the

effects of the proposed changes. The environmental assessments will aid USDA decision-makers and the public with an analysis of the benefits and potential impacts of the proposed changes to managed haying and grazing on CRP land.

Public comments can be submitted both electronically and by regular mail. They must be received by the close of business May 9. Direct comments to: MHG EAs, Geo-Marine Incorporated, 2713 Magruder Blvd., Suite D, Hampton, Virginia 23666-1572 or send them to the Web site: <http://public.geo-marine.com>.

These meetings are two of fourteen public meetings that will be held in 13 states where USDA is proposing rule changes to the managed haying and grazing program. More information on meeting dates and locations is available on the project Web site: <http://public.geo-marine.com>.

For more information contact, Micky Woodard 979-680-5208.



ATTEND TEEA SPRING CONFERENCE—Haskell EEA Club members who attended the TEEA District 3 Cultural Arts/Spring Conference held March 25 in Henrietta were, l-r, Pat Jenkins, Mary Jennings, Joetta Burnett, Sue McGee, Jane Rowan and Lena Tidwell.

EAA Club members attend Cultural Arts/Spring Conference

The TEEA District 3 Cultural Arts/Spring Conference was held in Henrietta March 25, with 110 members attending. Hosts for the meeting were EEA Club members from Wichita,

Montague, Clay and Archer counties. County extension agents are instrumental in assisting club members with planning, preparation, and implementation of the

conference.

The keynote speaker was Jacquette Graves, Henrietta High School teacher, who gave an interesting book review on "Giants in the Earth," written in 1927 by O.E. Rolbaag.

Ola Culwell, District 3 TEEA Director, presented awards and recognized outstanding clubs and members. Two clubs were recognized for having a member with 50 and 75 years of membership, and two clubs received awards for 75 and 80 years of service. Stormy Teichelman of Childress received the 4-H scholarship academic award presented to a senior for completing the 4-H Record Book. The Texas Treasurer Award went to Kathy Cowan of Kent County.

A highlight of the event is the announcement of the Cultural Arts winners. The Cultural Arts contest allows members to enter various forms of art in 28 categories, to promote individual growth, develop creativity, and expand artistic abilities. Competition is among members representing 24 counties. Muriel Nanny received first place in the Hand Stitchery division and Best of Show with her cross-stitched design. Sue McGee won first place with her entry in the Photography division. Mary Jennings received a second place award for her quilt in the Large Hand-quilted category. First place winners will compete on a state level at the TEEA State Convention in Corpus Christi in September.

The 2009 spring meeting will be held in Jayton with Haskell, Knox, Baylor, and Kent Counties hosting the event.

Haskell's One Act Play advances

Haskell competed in the Zone 1 One Act Play Mon., March 24 and advanced to the next level of competition which was held Fri., March 28.

The play is titled, "Double Date" and is directed by Melissa Tatum.

Steven Fillmon, John English and Vanessa Glass were named to the All Star Cast.

Cast members are Tara Myers, John English, Austin Marshall, Maegan Baugh, Steven Fillmon, Paige Wheatley and Vanessa Glass.

Crew members are Aubrey Bassett, Douglas Moore, Brie Torres and Pamela Walker.

Alternates are Ricky Barrett, Kayce Wilcox and Destini Cooke.

Births

James and Charli Blakely of Wichita Falls are announcing the birth of their son, Easton James Blakely born Jan. 23 in Wichita Falls weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. He was 21 inches long.

He has a big sister, Emma Jo. Grandparents are Darryl and Sharon McGhee of Rochester and Robbie and Lisa Blakely of Hereford.

Great grandparent is Jo Embrey of Hamlin and aunt is Mykel McGhee of Aspermont.

Dorothy Hartsfield thanked Turner for her presentation and announced that a donation in her honor would be given to the Noah Project.

The Federation Counselor's report was given by Nancy Toliver. She reminded members of the convention to be held in Winters March 15. Hartsfield also asked that members donate baked goods or items for auction at the convention.

Eva Dunnam read a note from the scholarship committee of the TFWC Mesquite District, acknowledging the club gift in memory of Lois Redwine, Anita Herren and Mary Kaigler.

Connie Benton and Turner

were welcomed as new members to the club.

Franciene Johnson discussed plans for the placement of the old freight part of Haskell's railroad depot as a chamber office and visitor center. Committee members Pam Norton, Harrell and Johnson will continue to work on this project.

Johnson also reported that Harlan Weinert and R.V. Earles will continue to work on the cleaning and arrangement of the farm equipment displayed south of the LaBriere house.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Jill Drusedow, Thula Perry, Toliver and Jeanie Richards.

God bless America

Expecting April showers? Check out our new rain gauges!

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Memory loss series returns

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County
Part 1 of 2

Many people believe that memory loss and aging go hand-in-hand: as a person gets older his or her memory begins to fail. Not true. Whether they care to admit it or not, many people think that their forgetfulness is the first sign of Alzheimer's disease. However, we now know that most people remain both alert and able as they age, although it may take them longer to remember things.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be offering Master of Memory, a two part lesson series that will help you understand how your memory works and what may affect your memory. The two part series will be held Tues., April 22 and Tues., April 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. To accommodate those who cannot attend the morning sessions, they will be repeated in the evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. All sessions will be held at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education building.

A lot of people experience memory lapses. Some memory problems are serious, others are not. People who have serious changes in their memory, personality and behavior may suffer from a form of brain disease called dementia—the two most common forms of dementia being Alzheimer's disease and multi-infarct dementia. Dementia seriously affects a person's ability to carry out daily activities.

Sometimes older people have emotional problems that may

cause memory loss and be mistaken for dementia. Feeling sad, lonely, worried or bored may be more common for some older adults for a variety of reasons.

Adapting to change may leave some people feeling confused or forgetful.

Emotional problems can be eased by supportive friends and family or by professional help from a health provider or counselor.

Stress, anxiety or depression can make a person more forgetful.

Forgetfulness caused by these emotions usually is temporary and goes away when the feelings fade. However, if these feelings last for a long period of time, getting help from a professional is important. Treatment may include counseling or medication, or a combination of both.

In fact, there are several conditions that may be treated or reversed which cause memory problems. Reversible conditions can be caused by a high fever, dehydration, vitamin deficiency and poor nutrition, bad reactions to medicines, problems with the thyroid gland or a minor head injury. Medical conditions like these can be serious and should be treated by a health provider as soon as possible.

Next week, we will discuss steps to take if you are concerned about memory problems.

For more information about memory loss or the Master of Memory program series, contact Jane Rowan—County Extension Agent/FCS at 940-864-2546.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

State lets bids on border cameras

AUSTIN—A plan to put a string of 200 video surveillance cameras along the 1,200-mile border Texas shares with Mexico appears to be moving forward.

On behalf of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, the Texas Department of Public Safety is soliciting bids from contractors who can install and maintain the cameras and do related work.

The state is calling the proposed line of cameras a "virtual neighborhood watch." That's because via the Internet, citizens are eventually supposed to be able to monitor the cameras and report suspicious activity.

Meanwhile, through lawsuits, the federal government is pressuring about 50 private landholders to allow their land to be surveyed as possible border fence sites.

But the federal government dropped its suit to acquire fenceable borderland under the control of the University of Texas-Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. The two sides say they will explore non-fence methods to secure the area.

Parties hold county conventions

On March 29, the Texas Democratic and Republican parties held county and senate district conventions to elect delegates and alternates to the state party conventions to be held in June.

Also at the county party conventions, officers were elected, convention rules were adopted and resolutions were passed and forwarded for consideration at the respective state conventions.

U.S. Sen. John McCain already has been declared the GOP presidential nominee based on the amassing of primary votes. U.S. Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are still battling. Clinton won the popular vote in the March 4 Texas primary, but Obama won the delegate count on March 29, many sources have stated.

SBOE to accept Hispanic input

The State Board of Education met March 27 and voted unanimously to accept more input before final adoption of new English reading standards that will be used for the next 10 years.

The board is scheduled to vote on final adoption of proposed changes to the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test that students must pass to advance in

elementary, middle and high school.

A week before the meeting, board member Mary Helen Berlanga of Corpus Christi and state Rep. Abel Herrero, D-Robstown, said more needs to be done to help students because thousands have struggled with the current reading curriculum.

Berlanga and Herrero asked that the board accept expert input on the learning styles of Hispanic children.

Forty-seven percent of the total number of children enrolled in public school in Texas are Hispanic, Berlanga pointed out.

Most eighth graders pass reading

Ninety-two percent of Texas' eighth-grade students passed the reading portion of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test, the Texas Education Agency reported.

This is the first year that students must pass the eighth-grade reading test in order to be promoted, the agency said.

Eighth graders will take the math portion of TAKS on April 8.

Auto insurance minimums go up

State law requires people who drive in Texas to be financially responsible for the accidents they cause.

Before April 1, the minimum amount of liability insurance required was \$20,000 for each person injured in an accident, up to a total of \$40,000 for everyone injured in an accident, and \$15,000 for property damage per accident.

And beginning April 1, the minimum amount of liability insurance Texas drivers are required to carry for bodily injury/property damage will be \$25,000/\$50,000/\$25,000.

This is the first time those numbers have increased in 22 years.

Yudof accepts California post

Mark Yudof, University of Texas System chancellor for the last six years, is moving on.

Yudof, 63, accepted an offer to be chancellor for the University of California System.

The UT System board of regents will conduct a national search for candidates to succeed Yudof.

Texas metros are growing fast

Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Austin and San Antonio were listed among the top 10 metropolitan areas in population growth, according to estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau on March 27.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago April 2, 1998

The Haskell boys golf team placed second in the Petrolia Invitational Golf tournament. Individual scores were Stephen Middleton 77, T. Nichols 88, Jeremy Harlan 75, Cory Ivy 81 and Mitchell Cox 94.

Haskell residents are able to pick up their telephones and make a local call to Abilene, something that has been in the works since 1996.

Visiting Emma Bland over the weekend was her daughter Dana Gibson of El Reno, Oklahoma.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Tidwell over the weekend were Pat and Sue Glover of Richardson, Imogene Dobbs, Abilene and Mike, Julia and Robin Harrell.

Visiting with Frances Clark over the weekend were Rachel Ward and her daughter, Georgia Ann from Silver City, New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner of Sylvester.

20 Years Ago April 7, 1988

Rick Perry presented the Haskell basketball team with a Texas flag. The flag flew the day the Haskell boys played in the state tournament in Austin.

The City of Haskell has completed its beautification project of the dam at the city park. This resulted in a big improvement in the appearance of the park and the city. The Rotary Club has also completed a foot bridge across the creek.

Fire Chief Tom Watson accepts a \$500 check from Larry McMillin, senior vice president of Haskell National Bank, and Andy Gannaway, executive vice president, to help defray expenses that fire department has had recently due to many grass fires.

Kerry and Darlene Therwhanger of Megargel visited in the home of her parents, Doris and Dale Carroll.

Kevin White, son of Jimmy and Gayle White, was selected for

the second team of all district.

Lyndell Quade spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Quade.

Buck and Helen Turnbow returned from an extended visit with their daughter, Jeanane and Gene Perry and family of Stanton.

30 Years Ago April 6, 1978

Five generations celebrated Easter weekend, Jacob Perret, Talma Perret, R.I. Moore, Kouese Richardson and Talma Spangler.

The Haskell Junior High School Band earned "Sweepstakes" honors at the Cisco Junior College contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Darrell Gibson of Victoria and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gibson, Lora and Sharon of Humble visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oris Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bledsoe and Tammy of Fort Worth visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Slover Bledsoe.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Massie of Euleus visited his mother, Mrs. Ivy Massie and Joe Massie, his uncle.

40 Years Ago April 4, 1968

Darlene Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Abbott of Haskell, was awarded the first place trophy in the annual Haskell County Spelling Bee.

The historic old Railroad Depot in Haskell was named a Texas Historic Landmark.

Mrs. Jimmie Campbell, formally at the Dairy Cream, has leased Elsie's Hi-Lander and expresses plans to continue with same hours of operation, efficient service and good food.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hutchinson and Holly of Lubbock and grandchildren, Tod and Angela Meers of Goree visited in the home of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hutchinson.

Leona Forehand and Ethel Forehand of Graham visited Mrs.

J.A. Driggers.

Mrs. Jess Leggett has returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Norman in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff LeFevre attended the high school track meet at Valley View.

50 Years Ago April 3, 1958

Duncan Gin Co. places an ad informing all cotton farmers with cotton on hand to gin to bring it in.

Ira Hester was elected mayor. Re-elected aldermen were Jim Byrd, W.H. Pitman and Brooks Middleton.

Theron Cahill has been appointed city chairman for the 1958 Cancer Crusade.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Norman of Rule were honored with a dinner in their home on their 34th wedding anniversary.

Trisha Chrietberg, an eighth grader of Haskell is the winner of the Haskell County Spelling Bee.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. J.H. Carter was her sister-in-law, Edith Rutledge of Lubbock.

100 Years Ago April 4, 1908

Mrs. J.S. Rike is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hall Morrison at Graham.

Judge Pete Helton visited Fort Stockton on professional business.

Florence Couch arrived home from Waco where she has completed the course in Baylor University.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon B. McGuire left on the northbound train. Mrs. McGuire going to Austin on a visit and Mr. McGuire going with her as far as Fort Worth where he had professional business.

Haskell has a ball team composed of bankers and bank employees exclusively, and they have issued a challenge for games with any locals.

The Pleasant Valley school, with Professor Garthery as teacher, will end a successful term this week.

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

March 27, 2008

Cotton futures settled easier Thursday on speculative sales as players tweaked their positions before a critical government plantings report to be released next week. USDA's prospective plantings report, the first official estimate of the upcoming crop, is scheduled for release Mon., March 31, and many analysts believe U.S. cotton acreage in 2008-09 may lose ground as high-priced grains muscle into more fields.

The latest USDA baseline report, released in February, pegged 2008-09 cotton acreage at 9.5 million acres. A similar estimate of 9.54 million acres came from the National Cotton Council (NCC) based on survey data gathered from farmers in late 2007 and early 2008. Analysts, however, feel Monday's USDA data will show 2008 U.S. cotton plantings anywhere from 8.8 to 9.5 million acres, the lowest in 25 years.

Generally, industry analysts expect decreases across the board, but several states may see drastic changes in cotton acreage. As the largest cotton producing state in the U.S., the Texas crop raises mixed expectations. The state had a bumper crop of 4.9 million acres in 2007-08, and the latest NCC survey projected Texas 2008-09 cotton acreage at 4.78 million acres. The figure for the upcoming crop is lower than the previous year, but still over half of the entire projected U.S. cotton acreage total.

While wheat may have taken some of the acreage once planted to cotton, acreage allotment is highly dependent upon weather conditions. The Texas wheat crop currently is not fairing well due to drought, which could lead to the abandonment of the crop in favor of cotton. Analysts' views about the Texas crop are widely varied as some estimate a 50,000-acre reduction in cotton acreage and others expect a slight increase.

"Regardless of estimates, weather is the deciding factor in final acreage. Extreme conditions and moisture levels can drastically alter yield and acreage," a market observer said. "Whatever USDA tells us on Monday still is at the whims of Mother Nature."

In other news, NCC announced U.S. textile mills used cotton at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 4.71 million bales in February, down from 4.80 million in the comparable year-ago period. February cotton consumption was up from the January 2008 figure of 4.69 million bales. NCC revised the January consumption rate up from 4.68 million last month.

Meanwhile, USDA's export sales report figures were within the expectations of most industry observers. Net export sales of U.S. cotton were the best in five weeks at 408,700 bales. Featured buyers in the week ended March 20 were China, Turkey, Indonesia and Thailand.

"This week's export sales report goes to show just how much demand can be uncovered if prices move back down into price-reasonable territory," an analyst said.

Export shipments of 198,500 bales were down 14 percent from the previous week and nine percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Indonesia and Mexico.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas continued to be steady as 4,079 bales were sold in the week ended March 27 compared to 4,172 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 60.29 to 60.90 cents per pound versus 58.65 to 65.87 cents per pound one week earlier.

Trash-off to pick up this weekend

City-by-city across the state, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) hopes Texans hear the call to action and volunteer for the 22nd annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Sat., April 5.

Members of two Haskell County Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) groups have signed up thus far to participate in the Trash-Off. They are the Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club and the O'Brien Middle School Student Council. They will be among the thousands of Texans across the state expected to pick up litter during the Trash-Off.

"TxDOT is trying to inject a little levity into litter collecting this year with the opportunity to share strange rubbish stories. Volunteers can take a picture of their "Weird Trash Find" and send it to WTF@DontMessWith

Texas.org for the opportunity to be featured on the Web site," Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene District AAH coordinator for TxDOT, said.

During Trash-Off, volunteers across the state including members of Keep Texas Beautiful will clean roadsides, parks, waterways and neighborhoods. Although AAH groups are the heart of Trash-Off, TxDOT encourages all people to join in their local community's efforts.

"Until every Texas uses a litterbag in their car and refuses to litter, there will always be a need for Trash-Off," said Doris Howdeshell, Travel Information Division Director for TxDOT.

"Because of the prevalence of litter, we consider Trash-Off one of the best events to help bring people together to clean up our

roadways and cities. In fact, we'd love to double last year's turnout, so we're asking everyone to volunteer and bring a friend."

"If each Texas litterer put only six pieces of trash in a litterbag each year, Texas would be litter-free," Kilgore said.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is the largest one-day statewide cleanup event in the U.S. and is co-sponsored by TxDOT and KTB. For more information about the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, visit DontMessWithTexas.org.

For information on how to get your organization involved with the AAH program, call Kilgore at 325-676-6806 or e-mail her at mkilgor@dot.state.tx.us. Or, you can contact Laramie Letz at the Haskell County maintenance section at 940-864-8521.

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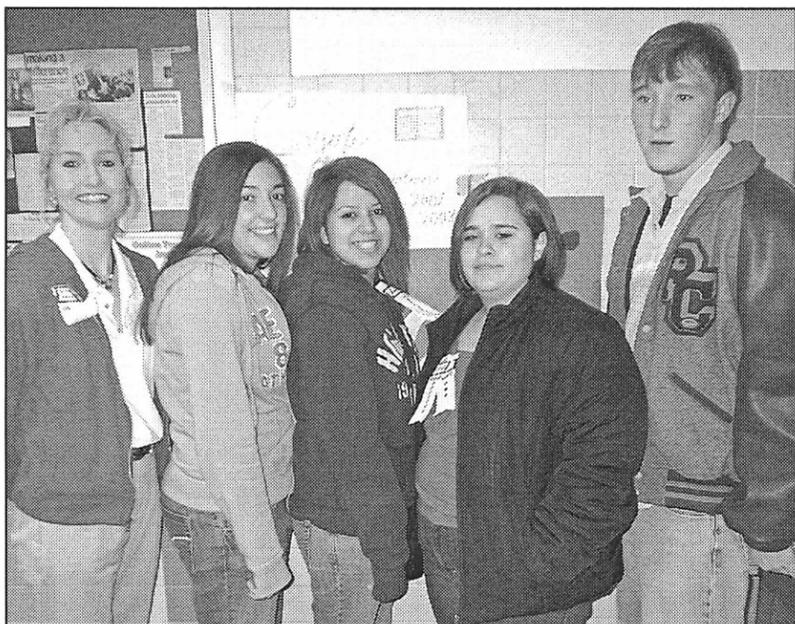
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RECEIVES DONATION—Paint Creek FCCLA was awarded first place in the Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse's (ARCADA) Red Ribbon Week promotion contest. The chapter received \$250 to go towards drug abuse prevention educational materials. Making the presentation to Paint Creek FCCLA president Cidney Jordan, center, and Paint Creek Principal Jim Dan Raughton, right, was Melanie Seals, ARCADA representative, left.



ATTENDS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE—Paint Creek FCCLA members attended and competed in the Region II FCCLA Leadership Conference and Contest in Wichita Falls March 7-8. Attending were I-r, advisor, Darlene Hopkins; Brittany Waggoner, Samantha Lopez, Cidney Jordan and Rusty Rogers.

Paint Creek FCCLA Chapter participates in Regional contest

The Paint Creek Family, Career and Community Leaders (FCCLA) members participated/ competed in the Region II FCCLA Leadership Conference and Contest, held in Wichita Falls, March 7-8 to qualify to attend the State Conference in Galveston. The state conference and competition will be held April 3-5.

Those members competing in the Regional II FCCLA Leadership contest entitled "Get A Clue with FCCLA" were Cidney Jordan, Rusty Rogers, Brittany Waggoner and Samantha Lopez. These members competed in the Leadership Enhancement Opportunities (LEOs) tests. Cidney Jordan received silver level for the Step One test. Samantha Lopez received bronze level for the Creed test. Rusty Rogers and Brittany Waggoner received silver level for the Creed test. The LEO test categories were FCCLA Creed, Consumer Quiz, Job Interview, Step One, Parliamentary Procedure, Consumer Math and Interior Design.

These students also completed 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

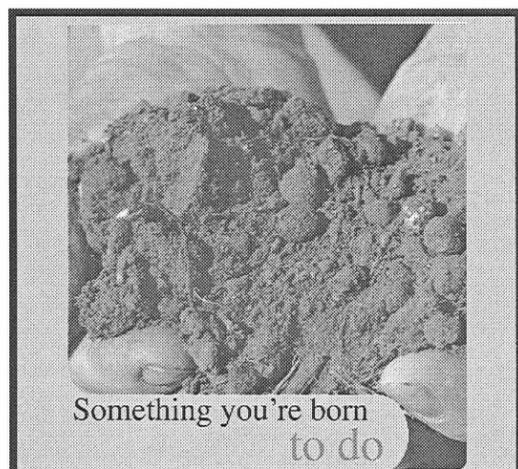
Planning Process steps: 1. Identify a concern; 2. Set a goal; 3. Form a plan; 4. Act; 5. Follow up. The five "Power of One" self-improvement units are entitled: A Better You, Family Ties, Working on Working, Take the Lead, and Speak Out for FCCLA.

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.

Members have been involved in projects such as Red Ribbon Drug Abuse Prevention Awareness Week, Stop the Violence, Families Acting for Community and Traffic Safety, Community/School Service projects like nursing home resident appreciation, school board/teacher appreciation, school beautification, senior concession stand assistance, elementary musical program assistance, canned food drives and donations to child abuse victim's shelters.

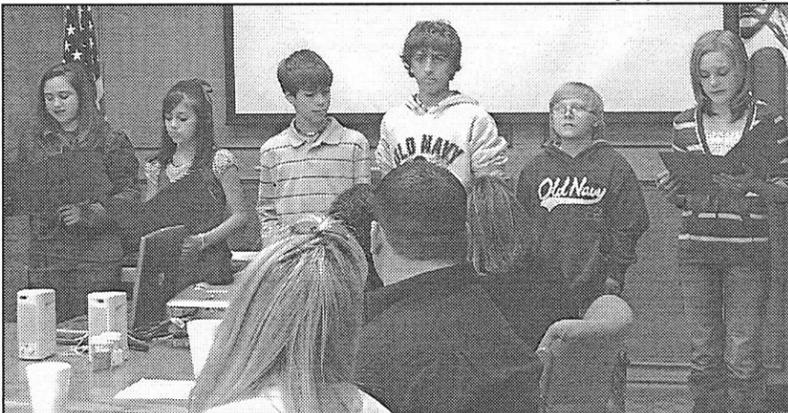
Members have been involved in competitions/activities such as the West Texas Fair, the King County Fair and the Jones County Fair.

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VISIT ROTARY CLUB—Sixth grade students, I-r, Emily Fouts, Lucy Carmichael, Colton English, Aaron Waggoner, J.T. Schmegner and Kailey Mathis attended the Thurs., March 6 meeting of the Haskell Rotary Club. The students read essays accompanied by a musical video presentation about their 2007 Veteran's breakfast and ceremony.

Sixth graders present program to Rotary Club

Service Learning participants from Haskell Elementary were invited by Jim Lisle, elementary principal, to provide a program for Rotary Club on March 6 at First National Bank in Haskell.

The students wowed Rotary members with their reading of essays accompanied by a musical video presentation. These sixth graders planned and implemented the annual '07 Veteran's breakfast and ceremony held last November.

After a study of historical wars in their curriculum, all sixth graders wrote an essay on "What Freedom Means to Me" in English and computer classes. They showed their appreciation to veterans with a flag raising, band playing, 21 gun salute ceremony that took place at the elementary school.

After the ceremony the

Crime of the Week

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Stamford Police Department, is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons involved in two house burglaries.

The burglaries occurred at 413 E. Reynolds and 706 Texas in Stamford between March 20 and 24. Items stolen include two 25 inch GE televisions, one 27 inch APEX television, a DVD player, a nail gun and 12 inch West Coast speakers in a gray box.

Anyone with information about these crimes is urged to call the Clear Fork Crime Stopper tip line at 1-800-222-TIPS or the Stamford Police Department at 325-773-3647. Remember: We want your information, not your name.

students served breakfast to veterans who were treated to a musical celebration by second grade music students directed by Pam Gibson.

Martin Luther King Day was celebrated by sending present day heroes cards of appreciation for the job they do so well. The

students sent cards to local servicemen.

The presentation at the Rotary Club was the final activity for this Learn & Serve Grant. Tonya Cypert, sixth grade social studies teacher, led the project. Program coordinators for this grant are Paula Everett and Debbie Miller.

E-mail your news and photos to The Haskell Free Press at hfp@valornet.com

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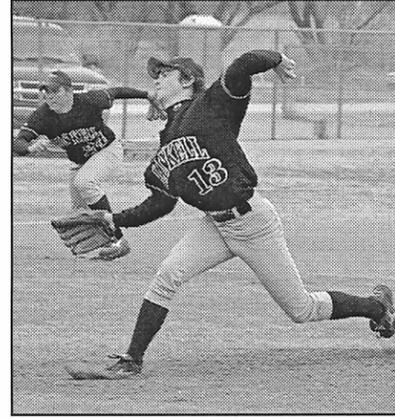
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INDIANS PLAY STAMFORD—The Haskell Indians played baseball against the Stamford Bulldogs Fri., March 28 in Haskell. James Williams, left is shown catching for Steven Fillmon, Indian pitcher. Photo by Bill Blankenship



COMPETITORS PLAY IN BENEFIT GAME—These athletes played in a benefit tournament held Sat. in the Haskell Indian gym to benefit Taylor's Team and Autism Speaks!

Photos by Bill Blankenship

Spring Fling to be held in Brownwood April 21-25

by Jane Rowan
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Conference Center April 21-25. Call the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2546 or e-mail the Texas 4-H Conference Center at Texas4-HCenter@ag.tamu.edu for registration information.

Haskell School Menu

April 7-11 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast bagel
Tuesday: Biscuit with sausage and egg
Wednesday: Cereal, Cheez-Its
Thursday: Little chorito bites
Friday: French toast
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: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, peaches
Tuesday: Beefy nachos, salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, Mandarin orange salad
Wednesday: Corndogs, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, baby carrots, ranch dressing, fresh fruit
Thursday: Pizza, corn, garden salad, baby carrots, ranch dressing, peanut butter pie
Friday: Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, ice cream

Paint Creek School Menu

April 7-11 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Toast or cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Muffins
Friday: Waffles
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Ham, mac and cheese, squash, salad, peach cobbler
Tuesday: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, salad, fruit
Wednesday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, apple crisp
Thursday: Pork roast, rice, broccoli, gravy, bread, cake with strawberries
Friday: Hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, jell-o with fruit

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., April 7
 Lunch—Beef, spaghetti, English peas, sliced onions, corn, garlic toast, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., April 9
 Lunch—Ham slice, creamed potatoes, green beans, cranberries, sliced onions, yeast rolls, orange cake, milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., April 11
 Lunch—Hungarian goulash over rice, sliced onions, blackeyed peas, club spinach, cornbread, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Merkel track meet results

The Haskell Indians and Maidens competed at the Badger Relays held in Merkel on Thursday.
 Girls results included:
 100 hurdles: 3. Hanna Wallace, 16.59.
 400: 1. Aubrey Bassett, 1:02.69.
 300 hurdles: 3. Hope Reid, 49.41.
 1600 relay: 3. 4:23.93.
 Boys results included:
 800: 2. Rodriguez, 2:08.06.
 300 hurdles: 3. Jonathan Martinez, 41.79.
 1600 relay: 2. 3:38.70.

This Week's Devotional Message:



When winter snows have left the earth
 And warmer breezes start to blow,
 Behold the annual rebirth,
 When grass will soon begin to grow
 And tiny buds of leaves will sprout
 On limbs of trees in forest glades
 Then flowers soon will blossom out,
 Exquisite in their pastel shades.

The air is filled with songs of birds,
 And humming insects will abound,
 A scene of beauty, where no words
 Do justice to each sight and sound
 Incorporated in the plan,
 Or could describe each living thing
 That signifies God's love for man,
 When nature comes alive in spring.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL
East Side Baptist Church
 Dr. Jim Hefflin, interim pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
 Richard Barr, minister
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.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
 Ron Renegarbe, 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.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
 Rev. Tom Long, 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.m., 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
 Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
 Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
New Covenant Foursquare
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
Mission Revival Center
 Rev. William Hodge
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
First Baptist Church
 Greg Gasaway, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Church in the Wind
 C.C. Curran, pastor
 Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
 Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
 203 S. 1st East, 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

WEINERT
First Baptist Church
 Dan Bullock, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER
Church of Christ
 Steve Willis, minister
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester
First Baptist Church
 Fred Garvin, pastor
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester
Union Chapel Baptist Church
 Clovis Dever
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester
 Randy Hollingsworth, minister
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester

SAGERTON
Sagerton Methodist Church
 Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
 Sagerton
Faith Lutheran Church
 Curtis Baker, pastor
 Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
 Sagerton

RULE
First Baptist Church
 Russell Stanley, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1001 Union Ave., Rule
Primitive Baptist Church
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
Church of Christ
 John Greeson, minister
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule
First United Methodist Church
 Tom Long, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., 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
 Larry Neal, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
West Bethal Baptist Church
 Rev. Clovis Dever
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

PAINT CREEK
Paint Creek Baptist Church
 Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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 Jim Reid, pastor
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Also, to our neighbors Juan and Yolanda Herrera, who called in the fire. One act play of Rule was on the way to Guthrie for district competition and saw the fire and Joseph Turner and Kyle Simpson removed an air conditioner out of a window and entered the house to be sure no one was in the house. Kelsie Miller and Kyna Scheets helped by calling their parents to call 911 to report the fire also. Then, they went on to Guthrie. Just sorry their play did not advance. Aren't our Rule youth Super Duper Kids!

It's great to live in a small town where neighbors look after neighbors and offer assistance at the first sign of trouble.

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 Our thanks and appreciation to all,
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Public Notices

NOTICE
The City of Haskell is seeking proposals from interested individuals to take over management of the City Pool. This will be a contract management agreement pursuant to a written operating agreement. Please respond with a written proposal to Brandon Anderson, City Administrator, City of Haskell, P.O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521 on or before March 28, 2008. 13-14c

Public Notices

NOTICE
The City of Haskell will be accepting applications for summer help. We will hire 2-3 young people who will work mainly in the Parks department with mowing and weed eating as well as other maintenance and beautification projects. Interested applicants can pick up an application at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on any weekday. Applications will be screened and interviews will be set for early April. Starting date and ending dates of employment are negotiable. Applications are due by March 28, 2008. 13-14c

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HASKELL

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: TO W.E. Smith, Claude Smith, Fairy Smith, O.A. McBroom, Belle McBroom, C.W. Smith, Ralph Smith, Murray Shores, Jewel Shores, J.L. Nave, Lee Nave, Lawrence Baxter, Hortense Baxter, Joe A. Smith, Nina Smith, T.D. Grant, Bonnie Grant, Guy Hilliard, Mabel Hilliard, Flossie Smith and Gloria Linthicum, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: 0007702, 100 acres, more or less, out of the H & TC RR Co. Survey #20, Block 14, out of Abstract 1092, Haskell County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 343, Page 13 of the Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$1,435.84, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this citation in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Knox County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on May 23, 2006, in a certain suit styled the Knox County Appraisal District et al vs. W. E. Smith et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Haskell County, Texas, 39th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 11,390, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

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up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 2nd day of June A.D., 2008, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Haskell County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, this 26th day of March, A.D., 2008.

Penny Anderson
Clerk of the District Court,
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We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who sent flowers, cards, food, memorials, comforting words and prayers on our behalf. We want to say a special thank you to the Weinert community for the wonderful meal that was prepared and served. Thank you also Bro. Dan, Bro. Donny, Doris, Brian, Heather and Cindy for the special service to honor our wife, mother and grandmother. Your kindness will always be treasured.

The family of Sarah Guess

The family of Susie Kreger is grateful for all the condolences, flowers, food, visits, memorials and prayers during the illness and death of our loved one. Special thanks to Haskell Healthcare Center, Cindy Guess, Dr. Wayne Cadenhead and Dr. Joey Yates. The music by Sarah Hodgkin, Ellen Rieger, and solos by Brian Burgess were very special. Rev. Troy Culpepper's message and visits to the family were so appreciated.

The Family of Susie Kreger

Thanks for all the hugs, calls, words of comfort, thoughts, prayers, cards, food and other thoughtful deeds done for us during Eddie's illness and death. We are blessed to have such wonderful friends and to live in such caring communities.

The Eddie McKeever Family

A great big thank you to all the great people of Haskell for all your wonderful food, flowers, visits, cards, prayers and support when our Nana-Mother went to be with her Lord. Thank you so much to all the wonderful people at Haskell Healthcare and Cadenhead Clinic for your great care of her. She loved all of you and you were so good to her. Also to our good Christian church family at East Side Baptist Church for all the wonderful food, prayers and visits. To Dr. Heflin for a beautiful service and to Kenneth and Martha Jarred and Carolyn Herring for the wonderful music. We love everyone of you.

The family of Doris Roberts

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1100 N. AVE. K. Nice and cozy three bedroom, two bath on a fenced corner lot. Property has living, kitchen-dining, utility room, one bath with Jacuzzi tub and one with tub and shower, CA/CH, covered patio and carport. Yard has a water well and metal storage building with garage. Priced to sell.

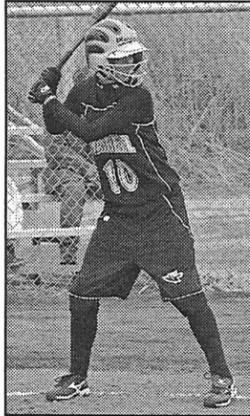
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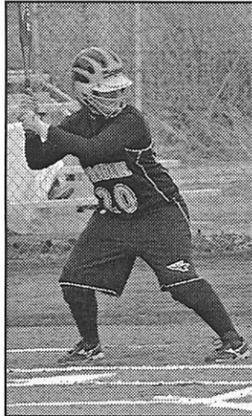
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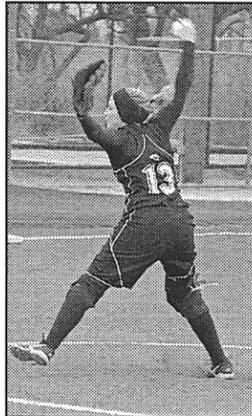
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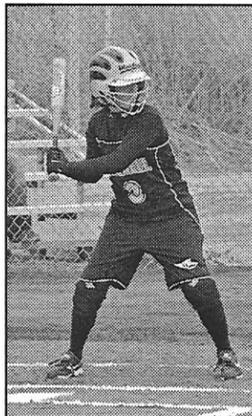
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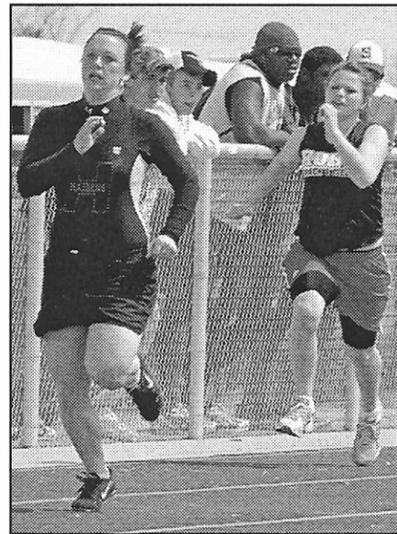
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BLACKLAND DIVIDE RELAYS—Hope Reid competes in the 100m dash in Roby on March 22.

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ROBY TRACK MEET—Kayce Wilcox runs the 100m dash at the Blackland Divide Relays held March 22.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Deadline for filing business tax renditions is April 15

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs is reminding Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 15. To render is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property a business owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 2008. Appraisal districts may use the information to set property values.

"Rendition helps county appraisal districts appraise business property fairly and accurately," Combs said. "If some businesses are not paying their fair share of property tax, it places a greater tax burden on other business owners and homeowners."

Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before changing a value on their property. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or a farmer's equipment used for

farming.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office.

Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the May 15 deadline if necessary.

Combs also reminded owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year that they may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 15 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on Jan. 1, 2008.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from the appraisal district or the Comptroller's office. The rendition forms ask for the property owner's name

and address, general description of property by type or category and the property's location. For property with an aggregate total of more than \$20,000, the property owner also must provide a general estimate of quantity of inventory and the owner's good faith estimate of the property's market value. The owner may provide the historical cost when new and the year the property was acquired rather than the good faith estimate.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office, e-mail the Comptroller's property tax division at ptd.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us or call the property tax hotline at 800-252-9121. The Comptroller's forms are available on the Web at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/02-forms.html.

Commissioner's Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners met March 26 in a regular meeting with all members present except County Judge David Davis, who was attending a training session. Commissioner Kenny Thompson, County Judge Pro-Tem conducted the meeting.

All bills presented to the court were approved.

Jennabeth Kimbrough presented a report on the Experienced Citizens Center and discussed applying for a Meadows Grant for the center.

A motion to hire Matthew Sanders as a full time employee in Precinct 2 was approved.

A policy for the placement of mailboxes on county roads was tabled.

No action was taken on the jail contract.

The court agreed to request a printed road map and inventory from TxDOT in a road mileage discussion.

No action was taken on the elevator maintenance agreement.

Commissioners lifted the burn ban.

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