

## Softball

**HASKELL**  
V vs Winters  
Fri., March 18, 5:30 p.m.  
at Winters  
V vs Hamlin  
Tues., March 22, 4:30 p.m.  
at Hamlin  
JV vs Eula  
Tues., March 22, 6 p.m.  
at Stamford

## Baseball

**HASKELL**  
V vs Roby  
Tues., March 22, 5 p.m.  
at Roby

## Track

**HASKELL**  
V Piper Relays  
Sat., March 19 at Hamlin

## Golf

**HASKELL**  
B/G at Baird Invitational  
Mon., March 21, 9 a.m.  
at Shady Oaks  
Country Club  
in Baird

## Calendar

### Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Thurs., March 17 at noon in the Haskell County Courthouse to finalize plans for the "Spring Fling" to be held Sat., March 26, at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center.

### Fund-raiser

Team Farm Bureau Relay of Life along with the Pit & Grill will conduct a fund-raiser Sat., March 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Several local dirt track racers will have their cars on display. The Pit & Grill will be open and serving miscellaneous lunch items. Proceeds benefit Relay for Life, a non-profit support for the fight against cancer.

### Food distribution

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

### Food distribution

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

### Enchilada dinner

The Calvary Baptist Church in Haskell will host an enchilada dinner Sun., March 20 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, 12 and under.

### Lions Club

The Haskell Lions Club meets at noon on Tuesdays at the Red Rooster. Programs are scheduled for Tues., March 22 and March 29. Potential members are invited to attend.

### Dinner, auction

The Noah Project-North will have their dinner and silent auction Sat., March 26 at the Haskell Civic Center. Those interested in making a donation or providing something for the silent auction should contact Pat at 864-5841, Coleta at 864-8036 or Jeri at 864-3467. An advisory member will collect items around town.

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## Relay for Life activities on target for April 1

by Caron Yates

The countdown has begun. In just over two weeks, the Haskell-Knox County Relay For Life will take place at Haskell Indian Field, from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m.

Seventeen teams have organized and are diligently working to raise money for a united cause: The Fight Against Cancer.

One person can make a difference. According to the American Cancer Society,

in 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Tacoma colorectal surgeon, wanted to show support for all his patients who had battled cancer. He decided to personally raise money for the fight, by doing something he enjoyed—running.

Dr. Klatt spent a grueling twenty-four hours circling the track at Baker Stadium, running some eighty-three miles. Throughout the night, friends donated \$25 to run or walk with Dr. Klatt for

thirty minutes. His efforts alone raised \$27,000 to fight cancer. While circling the track, he began to envision a team relay event that could raise money to fight cancer. Hence, The Relay For Life was born.

On April 1, everyone is encouraged to come out and support this effort. Each team will have at least one member walking at all times, while at the same time there will be fun activities, entertainment,

camping-out, cooking-out, raising awareness and money, along with friendly fellowship taking place. You don't have to be on a team to be a part of the activities.

Although every Relay For Life is different, there are certain traditions at all Relays, that help participants celebrate, remember and fight back.

Relay celebrates with a Survivors Lap. This is a very inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and help everyone celebrate the victories that have been achieved over cancer. If you are a cancer survivor, make plans to be a part of the victory lap.

A time of remembering will take place with a Luminaria Ceremony. This is a time of honoring people who have been touched by cancer and remembering loved ones lost to the disease. During the course of the evening, luminarias are set up around the track and then lit.

Luminarias, with the name of your loved one,

may be purchased in honor of a cancer survivor or caregiver, or in memory of those who have lost their battle. If you would like to honor or remember someone, you can purchase a luminaria for a minimum donation of \$5. Purchase forms are available from any of the relay teams or from Delight Jones in Haskell. You will also be able to purchase at the event.

Lastly, there is a Fight Back Ceremony, where individuals have the opportunity to make a personal commitment to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer.

For more information concerning teams, fundraisers or making a donation, contact Leigh Sims at lasims54@hotmail.com or Regan Baker at 940-691-2482. You can also visit [www.relayforlife.org/haskellknox](http://www.relayforlife.org/haskellknox).

Relay For Life is a community event. This is a chance for Haskell and Knox Counties to come together in the fight against cancer. Cancer does not discriminate in whom it attacks, so until it has been eliminated, we all have a stake in the fight.



**LUMINARIAS**—Fourth and fifth grade Haskell Elementary School students prepared Luminarias for the Relay for Life event to be held April 1. The luminarias will be set up around the track and lit during a Luminarias Ceremony honoring people who have been touched by cancer and remembering loved ones lost to the disease.

## Walk for Autism to be held April 2 at Abilene Zoo

By Caron Yates

The seventh annual West Texas Walk for Autism is scheduled for April 2, at the Abilene Zoo. The Walk Now for Autism Speaks is not only a fun-filled, family friendly event, but it is also the single most powerful force to fund the vital research that will lead to answers about autism.

According to Autism Speaks, there are actually five developmental disorders that fall under the spectrum of autism. All of these disorders are characterized by mild to severe degrees of impairment in communication skills and social abilities, and also by repetitive behaviors.

It is estimated that one

in every one hundred ten children is diagnosed with autism, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined. Some 1.5 million individuals in the United States are affected by autism, and statistics suggest the rate of autism is increasing 10-17% annually.

The simple answer to "What causes autism?" is, we don't know. Finding the cause or causes of autism is one of the most challenging areas for medical science. Because we don't have a clear understanding about what causes autism, finding effective therapies is very difficult. Early intervention

however, can make extraordinary differences in a child's development.

Autism Speaks reports that autism is a life-long brain disorder and that at this point there are no effective means to prevent it, no fully effective treatments and no cure. There is however, much hope. Hope that through research, the answers will be found.

Locally, Haskell's Heroes, has been the voice for autism awareness. It is parents, families and friends, who are helping to educate the public, raise money for research and make a difference in the lives of children diagnosed with autism. This year's Walk for Autism is dedicated to one of Haskell's Heroes, Joey Swinney. He believed in and was such a special part of this cause.

In the three West Texas walks held in 2010, \$212,470 was raised, 1800 walkers registered, and thousands more family and friends

were there in support of the cause.

Haskell's Heroes is asking for your help and support. You can walk with the team by registering online at [www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/westtexas](http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/westtexas). Donations can also be given to Melissa Burson, Tamara Swinney or Jennifer Bridges. Fundraisers are being planned for the near future. All money raised goes to Autism Speaks, the largest non-profit organization dedicated to autism in the nation.

Haskell's Heroes hope you

will walk with them. Here are just a few of the reasons they walk: to give hope and show others who are living on the spectrum that it is going to be okay, to find answers to questions such as college, career and marriage, to help educate a town about autism and being different, to honor all those who have worked with our children and the friends who understand, accept and include them, to know we are making a difference, and to keep spreading the knowledge that life is different, but not less.

## Street to close during school hours

Haskell High School will begin closing Avenue D between N. 6th and N. 8th Streets on Mon., March 28. The street will be closed during the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The school district has been working with city officials to close Avenue D since last

school year, and now that all construction and renovation projects at high school are complete, the district is now ready to begin the street closure to promote student safety during school hours.

All motorists are encouraged to drive safely and follow speed limits in school zones.

## Candidates file for May elections

The deadline to file for a place on the ballot in the upcoming city and school elections was Mar. 14.

Filing for the three council seats up for election in the city of Haskell, are incumbents Randy Bowers and Sue Medford, as well as Stacy Bridges.

Three positions on the board of trustees for the Haskell CISD are up for election. Filing for single member district #2 is Debbie Earles, for single member district #3 is Joey Thomas and for the one-year term in single member district #7 is Mark Stewart. All three are incumbents.

Also on the ballot in the Haskell city election, will be propositions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, concerning the Development Corporation of Haskell. The DCOH is seeking a change from a 4A corporation to a

Type B corporation, which will expand their scope and allow them more options and opportunities in their efforts for the city.

In Rule's city election, all three incumbents have filed for reelection. They are Jerry Cannon, David Parr and Kenny Tanner. Information on persons filing for the Rule ISD school board was unavailable at press time.

Continuing to fill the three council seats for Rochester will be Melinda Teague, Betty White and Bobby O'Neal, with Marvin Stegemoller remaining as mayor.

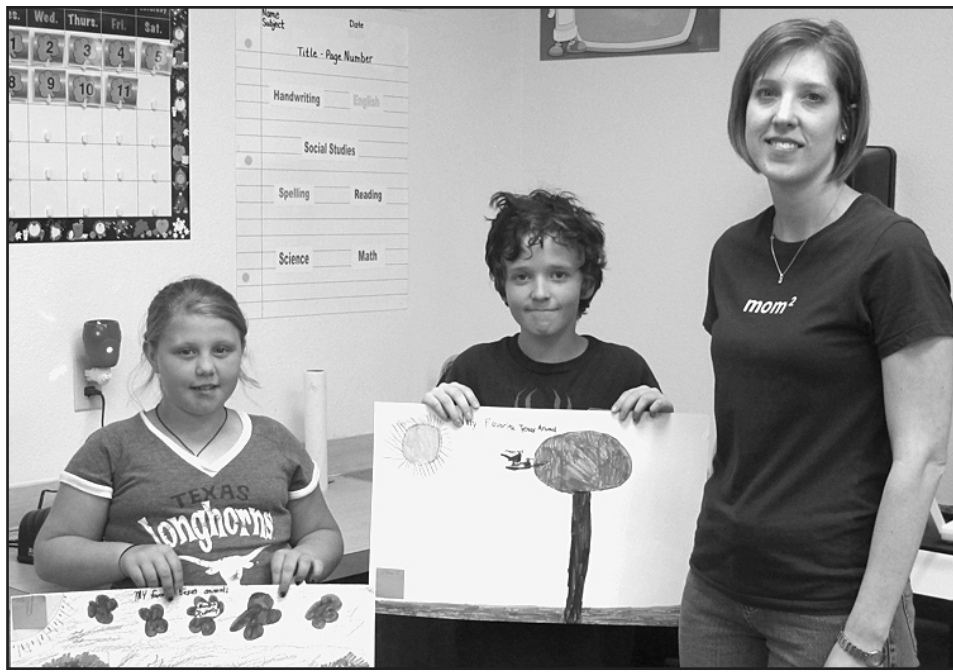
Incumbents Stanley Hager, Jeremy Hager and Caron Yates have filed for reelection to the city council in Weinert.

City and school board elections are set for Sat., May 14.



**CONSOLATION WINNERS**—The Haskell Maidens brought home the consolation trophy for Gold Bracket play in the Snyder Lady Tiger Varsity Invitational Tournament this past weekend. Team members include, front row, l-r, Jasmine Klose, Harley James, Laycee Tullos and Maci Colley; back row, Coach John Foster, Cailey Foster, Codi Foster, Samantha Fuentes, Sara Weise, Alyssa Fraga and April Colley.

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**POSTER WINNERS**—Winners in the fourth grade poster contest held in conjunction with the Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style activities include Cameron Poulton, second place, left; and Gabe Todd, third place. Both are students at Paint Creek Elementary School. The poster theme was “My Favorite Texas Animal.” Their teacher is Shalyn Rosenbaum.



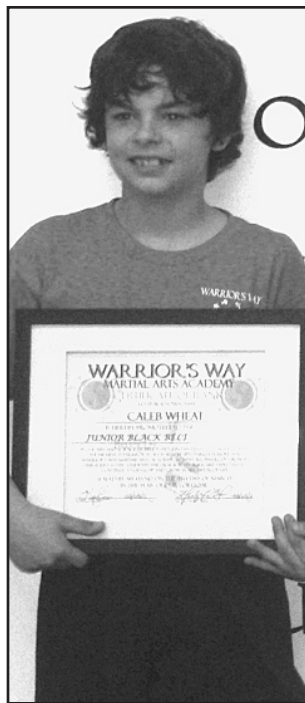
**POSTER WINNER**—Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style fourth grade poster winner was Allie Andress of Haskell, first place, with her poster titled, “My Favorite Texas Animal.” She is pictured with Haskell Elementary teachers Wendi Parks, left, and Amy Sloan.

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## Wheat earns Black Belt

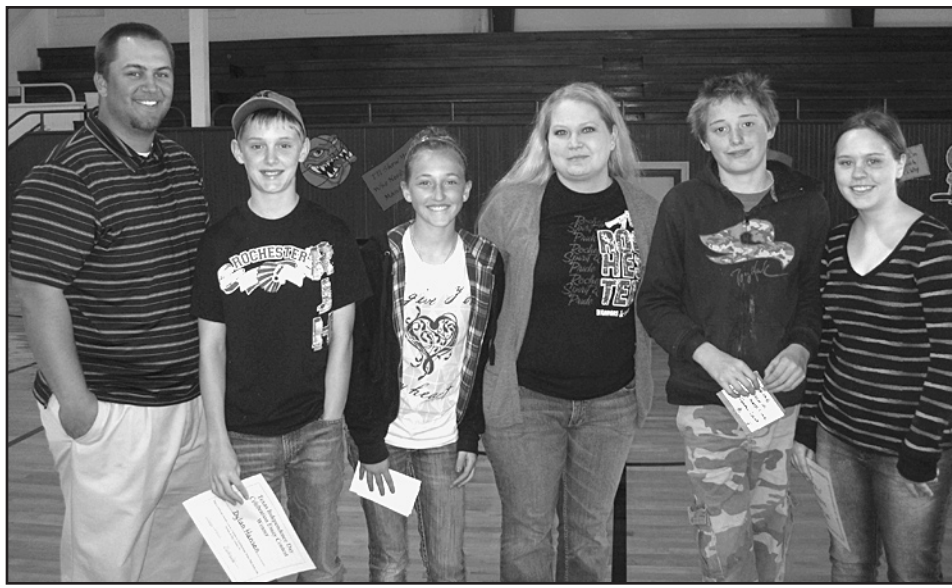


**CALEB WHEAT**

Caleb Wheat of Wichita Falls earned his Black Belt Sat., March 5. To earn his black belt he had to perform the following: 1.5 mile run, 50 push-ups, a Jun Fan terminology test, an oral test of Bruce Lee facts, a test of Jeet Kune Do forms, 500 punches (10 sets of 50), trapping, counter drills, locks, sweeps takedowns, straight blast drills, Loy da series, and a sparring test with three different instructors who showed no mercy. Wheat performed outstandingly in all categories.

He has attended Warriors Way Martial Arts Academy for five years and studied Bruce Lee's Martial Art Jeet Kune Do. Wheat had to earn eight other belts and two stripes with each belt before becoming a black belt candidate and seven levels after becoming a candidate. As a candidate, he had to attend classes, master and perform the tested skills.

Wheat is the son of Christi Wheat and brother of Cooper Wheat of Wichita Falls. He is the grandson of Robert and Cathy Bartley of Haskell and the great grandson of Jerry Josselet of Haskell.



**ESSAY WINNERS**—An essay contest, sponsored by the Committee to Help Haskell, for seventh grade students was held using the theme “The Six Flags of Texas.” The contest was held in conjunction with the Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style activities. Winners were Dylan Hanson, first place; Hannah Foster, second place; Chris Wilson, third place, and Misti Weidler, fourth place. Their teachers are Chad Copeland, far left, and Jodi Andress, center. They are all of Rochester Junior High School.

## Obituaries

### William Hodge



**WILLIAM HODGE**

Funeral services for Evangelist William Hodge, 80, of Knox City, formerly of Haskell, were held Wed., March 16 at the Assembly of God Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of

Haskell.

Mr. Hodge went to be with his Lord and Savior the morning of Fri., March 11.

Born March 4, 1931 in Weliston, Oklahoma, he was the son of Mattie Bell and Theodore Hodge, Sr. He was raised in Dallas, but spent most of his life in Haskell. He served his country during the Korean Conflict. Most importantly, he served as an evangelist who loved to spread the word of God. He was a pastor at Mission Revival Center in Haskell for many years, until the Lord called him home. He was known as a caring, good hearted mentor to those who knew him. His faith was strong and he wanted family, friends and loved ones to know that this is a time to

rejoice and celebrate instead of feeling sorrow and pain.

Survivors include his devoted wife of eleven years, Marilyn Hodge of Knox City; step daughter, Nicky Murillo of Abilene; brother, Theodore Hodge, Jr. of Arizona; nieces, Mickey Hodge, Pamela Hodge, Stephanie Hodge, Jessica Hodge, Judy Weaver, June Weaver, Phillis Weaver, Mattie Weaver, Elicia Weaver, Debbie Weaver Johnson, Latonya Jeffery, Karen Jeffery, Anita Jeffery-Gamble, Diana Hodge and Cynthia Hodge; nephews, Donnell Hodge, Jakaan Hodge, Ray Hodge, Jerry Brooks, Tony Hodge, Micheal Weaver, W.T. Weaver, Larry Weaver and Joe Anthony Jeffery; and a host of dear friends.

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### Donna Maxine Markey

Graveside services for Donna Maxine Markey, 77, of Haskell were held Sat., March 12 at Willow Cemetery with Rev. Sandra Kieth officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Born Feb. 25, 1934, she was the daughter of the late Raymond Johnnie Strickland and Avis Leona Tibbetts. She has been a Haskell resident since 1973 and owned a retail clothing store. She was an avid golfer and

active at Haskell Country Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Jimmy Strickland, and grandson James T. Markey.

Surviving relatives include two sons, James Kyle Markey of Haskell and Kirk Markey of San Angelo; two grandchildren, Meagan and Ryan Markey; one brother, Duane Strickland of Crane; one sister, Fern Connally of Rochester; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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## Feral hog program to be held Thurs., March 24

Feral hogs are controversial critters. On one hand, they are an economic boon to those wanting to leverage profits on ranching outfits, but on the other, they are a never-ending financial drain due to their destruction of cropland and, yes, even landscaping. Do you want to find out how to manage or cope with these animals?

The USDA-NRCS Four Winds and Chisholm Trail RC&D (Resource Conservation and Development) Areas, Inc. are presenting Feral Hogs: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly March 24 from 8:30 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. at the Cliff Styles Building in Seymour. RSVP by March 21 to receive

a meal ticket for lunch.

Five CEUs (Continuing Education Units) will be awarded: three General, one IPM (Integrated Pest Management), and one Laws & Regulations. Attendees learn the biology, interactions with other wildlife and domestic animals, and disease concerns of hogs, understand the laws and regulations for hunting and trapping, and discover how hog cooperatives operate.

Speakers include Dr. Dale Rollins and Langdon Reagan of Texas AgriLife, Dr. David Finch of the Texas Animal Health Commission, Game Warden Shea Guinn with Texas Parks and Wildlife, Dr. Rick Gilliland of the

Texas Wildlife Service, Steve Alsabrook of the Haskell County Hog Cooperative, Dustin Johnson of Nueces Helicopters. The day will culminate with a Landowner Panel Discussion with (Barefoot) Bob Richardson and Steve Alsabrook. Other game wardens and NRCS personnel will be available for consultation.

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., March 24 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building, 1 N. Ave. N in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 3:30 p.m. by appointment. Call 325-773-5681 for an appointment.

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## Study Club News

The Progressive Study Club met Thursday, March 10, in the Haskell National Bank Community Room with President Lynn Dodson presiding. Betty Brown led the prayer followed by pledges to the United States and Texas flags and the singing of Texas Our Texas. One guest, Doris Brock, and 22 members were present.

Susan Turner of Rochester was introduced by Susan Cockerell. Turner gave a very interesting talk on the history of Haskell County. She stated that Anglo Saxons entered what was destined to be Haskell County in 1849, when Captain Randolph B. Marcy escorted a wagon train westward across the Texas panhandle.

The county's name was chosen in honor of Charles Ready Haskell. Turner also said that by 1880 cattlemen established herds on the grasslands that were once covered by buffalo. A community known as Rice Springs was established near the center of the county, and in the fall of 1884, a petition for county organization was presented to the county commissioners of Throckmorton County, to which Haskell was attached for judicial purposes.

Education has always been a priority for the county,

with as many as sixty rural schools scattered over the county. Turner continued with a history of the importance to the county of the railroad, the first farming and the discovery of oil. She concluded with the thought, "Our history bears out that our greatest resource has always been our people."

Dodson reminded members that it is time to pay dues. She thanked Freida and Joyce Ivy for their work on behalf of the club at the Texas Independence Day celebration.

Leigh Sims, overall chairman for the Relay for Life announced that there are 17 teams and 250 participants signed up for the April 1 event. Our club has \$600+ so far toward the goal of \$1,000.00. Debbie Kennedy moved and Nelda Lane seconded that the club buy one crape myrtle for the park. Motion passed. In Dorothy Hartsfield's federation report, she suggested participation in the Jennie June contest for volunteerism by nominating Oleta Cornelius. Susan Cockerell so moved, Julia Harrell seconded, motion passed.

Hostesses for the evening were Lynn Dodson and Susan Cockerell.

## TEEA Club News

The TEEA of Haskell County met March 10 at the Extension office. Pat Jenkins called the meeting to order.

Jane Smith gave the opening exercise. Roll call was answered with "What I dislike most when cleaning my home. Thirteen members were present. Kathryn Schonerstedt gave the treasurer's report.

The pie baking contest committee reported twelve delicious pies were entered. The pie making contest between John Gannaway and Kenny Thompson was a success.

Agent Jane Rowan gave the following remarks:

- The photography and clothing project shows will be held Sun., March 27. The awards will be given at 3:30 p.m. at the Rule School. The photographs will be on display at the Library following the show. The Throckmorton clothing projects will have their show in conjunction with Haskell County this year. The TEEA club donates \$75. To cover expenses of these shows.
- W.O. Elmore will present a program on "Long Term Care Planning" March 24 at the Haskell Hospital Education

building.

- Twelve persons were in attendance for the first Tobacco Cessation series.

Lena Tidwell provided forms to add, delete or correct names on birthday calendars. This information is due at the May meeting.

New business included:

- Information about the Tri-County Rally Day March 22 at the Goree School. Haskell County is to bring salads for the lunch. Anyone can bring an item for "show and tell."

- District Spring Conference and Cultural Arts will be held in Vernon April 20. Dolores Medford, Mary Jennings, Sue McGee and Janet Fish will have items to enter in Cultural arts. Jennings agreed to make a wall hanging for the silent auction.

- 4-H scholarship applications will be mailed to all seniors in the county.

McGee presented the program "Creating a Vision and Establish Goals." Steps were given on how to make a goal for our visions. Challenges were made to complete goals.

Refreshments were served by Alice Yates and Tammy Parham.

## Zoe Romano visits Haskell Elementary

Zoe Romano, a graduate of the University of Richmond, Virginia, is running coast to coast to raise funds for the Boys and Girls Club.

Running about 25 miles a day, Romano took off in January from Huntington, California, and plans to finish in Charleston, South Carolina in late June.

Romano stopped in Haskell and spent a couple of nights at the home of Mark and Tammie Wallace. She stayed in Haskell Wed., March 10 and visited Haskell Elementary fourth and fifth grades. She was kind enough to share her story and facts about her adventure.

After answering lots of questions, the students

presented Romano with a Haskell Elementary jacket and water bottle to remember her visit here.



ZOE ROMANO

## Long term care seminar set Mar. 24

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Planning for your long-term care may seem like a discouraging task, but it doesn't have to be. You can secure your future by knowing your options, planning wisely, and taking action.

A seminar to assist people in planning for long-term care will be held Thurs., March 24 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building. The seminar is free of charge.

Long-term care refers to a variety of services and supports that help you with health or personal care needs over an extended period of time. You may need long-term care if you develop a prolonged or chronic illness, or sustain a serious injury or disability. Long-term care may also be needed if you develop a cognitive impairment that causes memory loss or disorientation, or if you just need assistance due to the normal frailties of aging.

Long-term care services are designed to help you maintain your current lifestyle as much as possible at a time when you may not be able to be fully independent. Most of us think of long-term care as being only for the elderly and those in nursing homes, but that's only part of the story. Forty percent of people currently receiving long-term care services are

adults aged 64 and under. And, most people receive long-term care services either in their own home or in the home of a family member—not in a nursing home.

Determining how you will pay for your long-term care expenses is a crucial part of creating your long-term care plan, but it's just one of many elements to consider. To create a truly comprehensive plan, you also need to consider other things, such as your personal situation, housing, and legal issues. These planning steps can help you make sure you're creating a well-rounded plan of action.

Addressing these issues at the March 24 Long-Term Care seminar will be W.O. Elmore, Senior Care Paralegal. Elmore was a caseworker, supervisor and program manager for 25 years with the Texas Dept. of Human Services Long Term Care Services Medicaid Eligibility program. For the past seven years he has served as the Senior Care Paralegal with The Ladyman Law Office for Senior Planning Services in Abilene.

The program is being sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension-Haskell County, and the Haskell County Memorial Hospital. For more information you may contact Jane Rowan - County Extension Agent/FCS at 940-864-2546 or Charlotte Welch, Director of Nurses at 940-864-2621.

## Open house set at Rule School Tues., March 22

Friends, students and student's families are cordially invited to visit Rule School March 22 from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. and take the opportunity to visit with teachers and other staff members about student progress and scheduled activities.

The Scholastic Book Fair will start March 22 and continue until March 28.

While you are visiting during the Open House, stop by the library for the Book Fair Family Event.

Students and staff will serve refreshments to our guests.

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# OPINION

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

**Pain of proposed education cuts draws crowd**

AUSTIN—An estimated 12,000 people from across Texas took part in a Saturday, March 12, rally at the state Capitol to express their feelings about proposed cuts to education.

At issue are proposals aired in daily hearings of House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees that point toward the budgetary goal of cutting as much as \$10 billion from public education funding.

In addition, billions more in cuts would be needed to satisfy the state constitutional mandate for a balanced budget.

Of course, lawmakers also hear daily from constituents that the pain of cutting health and human services, law enforcement, roads and infrastructure and a long list of other state functions is too much to bear.

Deliberations continue, but still, no cuts have been voted upon that would make a serious dent in the \$27 billion projected revenue deficit for budget years 2012-2013. Where else can lawmakers turn their attention to solve the puzzle?

**Some say it's raining right now**

One idea gaining momentum among taxpayers, lawmakers, other state officials, and even school children too young to vote, is to use part if not all of the state's \$8 billion Economic Stabilization ("rainy day") Fund.

Gov. Rick Perry says it's not a rainy day and he wants lawmakers to write a balanced budget without touching it.

However, to address the revenue deficit in the current budget year, House Appropriations Chair Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, has filed House Bill 275. The bill would tap into the rainy day fund to the tune of \$4.27 billion. Discussed by an Appropriations panel on March 10, HB 275 was left pending but may come up for a vote soon.

**Another idea: unpaid furloughs**

Texas might pick up on a tactic other states have used to regroup in the face of budget shortfalls: that is to cut the state payroll.

The way is to pass a law that—instead of ordering massive layoffs—just allows agency heads to send some

workers home without pay for a few weeks when necessary.

Now it so happens that Chairman Pitts has filed HB 2720, relating to unpaid furloughs for state employees.

Under Pitts' bill, a state employee who is on unpaid furlough continues to accrue:

(1) state service credit for purposes of longevity pay;

(2) vacation leave; and

(3) sick leave.

If the unpaid furlough exceeds one month the employee may continue to accrue service credit toward state retirement.

How much money the state might save if large numbers of employees are furloughed without pay for a month just beggars another question: How well could vital services be sustained on the backs of a reduced workforce?

March 11, the 60th day of the 82nd session of the Texas Legislature, was the deadline for lawmakers to file major state legislation. The last day of the 140-day session is May 30.

**Midland rep fine after emergency**

Former House Speaker Tom Craddick collapsed in a committee hearing at the Capitol on March 9.

He was conscious when transported to an Austin hospital for treatment and observation. Reports are that he is in fine shape.

Craddick, R-Midland, is dean of the Texas House. He has served as a member of the House since 1968.

**January jobs report arrives**

On March 11, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Texas employers added 44,100 jobs in January.

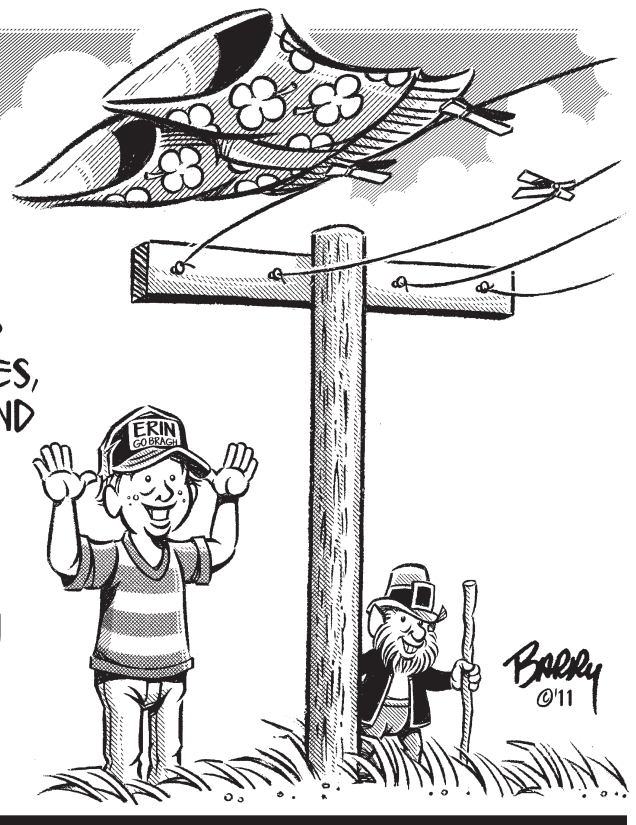
Those jobs are nonfarm employment, and the addition of jobs in January totals out at 253,900 jobs gained in a year's time. The Texas Workforce Commission calculated the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January at 8.3 percent, unchanged from December 2010, and below the U.S. unemployment rate for January of 9.0 percent.

**Patrols increase for holiday**

The Texas Department of Public Safety on March 9 announced the number of highway patrol troopers on the road will be increased to handle spring break, March 12 to 20.

**HAPPY ST. PAT'S DAY!**

TH' WIND WHIPPED AN' BLEW TH' CLOTHES, THEY TOSSED AROUND FOR FAIR — BUT TH' THING I LIKED TO WATCH TH' MOST WUZ DAD'S GREEN UNDERWEAR!



**From Out of the Past**

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

**10 Years Ago March 15, 2001**

Shayne McKenzie, daughter of Doy McKenzie of Haskell, has proven to be a standout for the Oral Roberts University Golden Eagles' women's basketball team. She is also a part of the school's track team.

Jonnie Hise, a Haskell County native, has been selected as the Haskell County maintenance section supervisor for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Cast members of Haskell High School's UIL One Act Play are Levi Terry, Amanda Perry, Bergen Peiser, Leon Goudeau, Zac McGuire, Chase Seelke, Jimmy Huff, Zach Coker and Kristi Christian. The play is entitled "The Oldest Living Graduate."

**20 Years Ago March 14, 1991**

Jonathan Dever, placed first with a 42-71/2 triple jump, at the Tiger Relays in Anson. Regina Dever also had a first place win in the 400-meter dash, while Sheila Unger took first in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

Rule High School had three basketball players chosen for 17-A all-district honors. Shane Lefevre and Frances Williams were named to the first team, while Kody Wilson was selected as the district's Most Valuable Player.

Martha Stiewert was honored on her 80th birthday with a party hosted by her relatives. She was the daughter of Annie and Guss Kretschmer.

**30 Years Ago March 12, 1981**

Work was completed this week on a 512 foot tower west of Haskell for the new radio station, Stereo 95, which will soon be on the air.

Julie John Wallace and Rosa Martinez, members of the local Future Teachers Association and sponsor Cathy Jones represented the Haskell group at the Texas State Teachers Association Convention.

Haskell Girl Scouts celebrated the 69th anniversary of Girl Scouts of America during the Girl Scout week.

**40 Years Ago March 18, 1971**

Haskell business and civic leaders received recognition for having made "significant contribution to Texas industrial development." Receiving the honor were Rex Felker, H.T. Fillingim, Jr., H.T. Wilkinson, Garth Garrett, Bob Philpot and Felix Frierson.

Sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, Katie Darnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Darnell,

will represent Haskell at the Miss Texas- Universe Pageant.

Bailey Toliver announced this week that John Darnell is now associated with Bailey Toliver Chevrolet Company, as a salesman.

Weinert Matrons Club met at the school house with Mrs. M.C. Cunningham and Mrs. R.E. Hutchinson serving as hostesses.

**50 Years Ago March 16, 1961**

Vicki McClure won the title of "Miss Thermo Jac" in a contest held recently by Lane-Felker. She was chosen from a group of eighty-three contestants and will appear in an upcoming fashion show.

The Senior class at Weinert will present the play, "Aunt Bessie Beats the

Band." Cast members are Erlinda Alexander, Mary Raynes, Beverly York, Sandra Alexander, Gary Rainey, David Earle, Don Cunningham and Chet Forehand.

Chris Thomas, Mylta Kreger and Rodney Brown, all of Haskell, have been pledged to social clubs at McMurry College during spring rush week activities.

**100 Years Ago March 17, 1911**

Haskell Co-Operative Association has opened a new grocery store here with J.F. Posey as manager.

H.C. Scott went to Weinert to relieve Alyv Couch, cashier of the Weinert State Bank, in order for Couch to attend the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth.

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear editor,

Thank you to the citizens of Haskell County and schools: Rule, Paint Creek and Haskell for attending the Civic Center's fund-raiser, A Night of One-Act Plays.

The schools got to stage their UIL competitions for a live audience and produced a fun night for all who attended.

A big thank you to the directors, cast and crew members of each school for participating. It was a success for the Civic Center which continues to provide a nice air-conditioned/heated place for community activities.

Look for this activity again next year.

Civic Center Board

**Josselet reunion set April 23**

The descendents of Victor J. and Catherine Josselet will meet Sat., April 23 in the Haskell Civic Center. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. for visiting and sharing. If you have had additions or other changes in your family since last reunion(2009), send them to Julia Harrell by April 15 at [tti@valornet.com](mailto:tti@valornet.com). Meat and beans will be furnished. Salads, vegetables and desserts need to be brought by relatives. This year the auction is planned, so bring goodies of all shapes and sizes. An Easter egg hunt will be held for the children. If you have any questions, contact Gary Thomas, president, Sandy Sanford, vice president, Robbie Harris, or Cathy Bartley.

**Ask the Mayor**

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I am disappointed to report that no one has called the City Hall to request that the "Rehab Fee" be added to their monthly water, sewage, garbage bill, except your mayor. The fee is only \$1 each month and not \$2 as I reported last week. And in all fairness, some citizens do have that fee already attached to their bill. Call today 864-2333 and get that taken care of. The city sends out about 1500 bills each month—just imagine what we could do with that revenue. That would pay for a lot of "prettifying-up."

In answer to the B.L. Strickland Estate who wrote the Free Press' Letter to the Editor: I can assure you that no favoritism is given regarding the green card mailings. Twenty violators are randomly picked every two weeks to be sent the green card. We have done this because of the volume of vehicles needing to be moved; twenty per two weeks is what we can keep up with. Perhaps the businesses or home owners you refer to haven't received their green cards yet. To date, 25 junk

vehicles have disappeared—outta sight—outta mind, and some of these have not received cards yet, attesting to the fact that most citizens are complying and really want to cooperate.

**Crape Myrtle Drive**

The Betterment Committee is developing some fliers that will be distributed to businesses around the square and to individuals describing our efforts to beautify the park by planting crape myrtles. We are initially ordering 50 plants, 6' tall at \$100 each including shipping. We are not limited to 50; we could use more plants. We are asking citizens to purchase a plant or plants in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone. If you are not asked in person to do this, call City Hall 864-2333 and place your crape myrtle order. The wife and I have decided to purchase three, one each in memory of our parents and one just for us. Proscapes the landscaping company ordering these plants has ordered four in honor of their four children, great

grandchildren of Bob and Anita Herren.

I will be meeting with Judge David Davis, Sally Rueffer, Cliff Morris and several others at the Courthouse on Tuesday (after the newspapers deadlines) to discuss the possibility of purchasing a sound system around the Courthouse for city functions: Christmas Parade, Texas Independence Day Celebration and various other events. See, your city and county officials really do listen to you. You need to let your wishes and desires be known.

Keep your eyes peeled on U.S. 277 North of the square for some action—demolition type action on the west side of the highway.

In the upcoming election, we will have an opportunity to decide if we want to expand the scope of the Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH). More information will follow later.

Lots of Haskell folk gone on spring break this week. Noticed some decline in attendance at churches and restaurants. Safe travel!

**Speech contest winners named**

Big Country Electric Cooperative has announced the winners of the annual Youth Tour Speech Contest recently.

Out of an outstanding nine competitors, three winners were selected: Rachel Pruitt of Rotan, Jenny Dudensing of Rule and Jordan Sorrells of Stamford. They will join 1,500 other teens from across the country for a nine-day all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June. Along with the trip to D.C., the students will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Slade Birkenfeld of Snyder

receives a \$1,500 scholarship and will serve as alternate in the event one of the students is unable to go on the trip.

The purpose of this tour is to provide an opportunity for youth to visit monuments, government buildings and cooperative related organizations in order to become familiar with the historical and political environment of our nation's capital. They will enjoy the best of Washington, D.C., tour the Smithsonian Institute, Ford's Theatre, the FBI Building, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Mount Vernon and countless other points of interest. The students will experience the sight of Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial, and the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They will visit their Congressman's office and find out face to face what's going on in national government.

Other contestants were P.J. Prewitt of Lueders-Avooca, Caleb Hester of Snyder, Kymbre Kupatt of Haskell, Tanner Mathis of Stamford, and Brittany Anderson of Roby.

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**MUSIC REVUE**—The cast and crew of the March 12 Music Revue included, front row, l-r, Don Wind, Aspermont, sound; Alexys Killion, Hamlin; vocal, Rob Mobly and Candi Davidson, Merkel, Prickly Pear Band; middle row, Dr Lana Ness, Hamlin, keyboard and music director; Pam Reither, Stamford, vocalist; Danielle Benavides, Hamlin, vocal; Jeanie Dulaney, Haskell, vocal; Chaplain Paul Matta, Abilene, vocal and whistler; Elvis aka Danny Langford, Rule; back row, Jerry Burke, Haskell, MC; Pastor Buff Ness and

friend Jerry; George Kirkland, Hamlin, guitar and vocals; Holly Robleson, Haskell, bass guitar; Denise Hibbitts, Haskell, vocal; David Acuna, Hamlin, electric guitar; Donna Hill, Hamlin, vocal; Robert Partin, Merkel, Prickly Pear Band; Charlie Thomison, vocal; and Mike Dulaney, sound engineer. Not pictured are David Wright, Haskell, drums; and Roxanne Wind, photographer and concession. Rehearsals for the April 9 show will begin soon. Call Jerry Burke at 940 863-4191 to be a part of the show.



**ENDS SEASON**—Kenisha Harris of the West Texas A&M Lady Buffs recently ended their season. Harris is shown shooting a jump shot during a game against ACU.

## Two Alzheimer's workshops planned

Most people feel completely overwhelmed when they hear that they or a loved one has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or another type of dementia. To equip and support persons who are newly diagnosed and their families, the Alzheimer's Association—North Central Texas Chapter has created a new workshop, "Taking Action After a Dementia Diagnosis." The program will

be offered in Abilene Tues., March 29, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Office of the Alzheimer's Association located at 301 S. Pioneer Dr., Suite 105.

Through this new offering, participants will learn more about the disease and its progression, and have the opportunity to talk to others traveling the same road.

Participants will also receive information about programs and services

available through the Alzheimer's Association—North Central Texas Chapter, clinical trials, advocacy and the promotion of brain health for the person with dementia. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

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The Alzheimer's Association—North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "Understanding Memory Loss: When Memory Loss Is a Problem" Mon., April 4 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the Rose Park Senior Activity Center in

Abilene.

If someone you know has memory loss, this session may be helpful in better understanding the difference between normal, age-related memory changes and Alzheimer's disease. The workshop is free, but reservations are requested. To reserve a seat, call 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

For more information, contact Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907.

## Calendar

### Deadlines

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

### Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Homecoming will be held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2011.

### Fund-raiser

To raise money for Relay for Life, gourmet coffee and a doughnut will be available for \$1 at the CitiBank lobby in Haskell each Friday through March 25.

### Spring Fling

The Noah Project—North's annual "Spring Fling" will be held Sat., March 26, at the Haskell Civic Center. This is the Noah Project—North's main fund-raiser of the year. A ham dinner with all of the trimmings and the famous homemade desserts will be served. The program will be emceed by Brian Burgess. A quartet from McMurry University called the "McMurry Sounds" and the McMurry trumpets of seven people called the "Trumpet Choir" will entertain those attending. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and \$5.00 for children 10 years and under and may be purchased from any Advisory Committee member or at the door. To donate an item for the silent auction, call 864-2551.

### Autism walk

The seventh annual West Texas Walk for Autism will be held April 2 at the Abilene Zoo. Haskell Heroes would love your support. Register on line at [www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/westtexas](http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/westtexas). For more information or to donate, contact Melissa Burson, Tamara Swinney or Jennifer Bridges.

### Mom prom

Ladies, drag out your old prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses, wedding dresses or borrow one and come to the Camo Chicks Relay for Life fund-raiser Mom Prom, Sat., March 26, 8 p.m. at the Haskell Country Club. Ladies only, no date needed. Come dance the night away to music from the decades, enjoy reminiscing, laughs, snacks and maybe even some prizes. Cost is \$10 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Haskell-Knox County Relay for Life Cancer Walk which is scheduled April 1. For more information, contact Terri Fillmon 940-256-0259.

### Teamkid

The First Baptist Church of Haskell will host Teamkid "Jumping the Hurdles" for ages four years through sixth grade on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Family Activity Center. If a child needs a ride, parents should call the church office at 864-2581.

### Indian/Maiden track results

The Haskell Indians and Maidens competed at the Yellowhammer Invitational Track Meet in Rotan Sat., March 5.

Results for the Indians include:

Team points: 2. Haskell 115.

Shot put: 5. Xzavier Bulliner, Haskell, 37-8.75.

Discus: 3. Bulliner, Haskell, 107-1.

400 Relay: 3. Haskell 47.0.

800: 2. Kelson Agüero, 2:12.7.

110 hurdles: 1. Ryan Baumbach, 17.2.

100: 5. Isaiah Llewellyn 11.7.

800 Relay: 1. Haskell 1:39.

400: 2. Garrett Markey, 54.9; 4. Gonzales, 55.7.

300 hurdles: 5. Baumbach 46.2.

200: 4. Payne Utley 23.8, 5. Markey, 25.5, 6. Gabriel Torres, 25.7.

1,600 relay: 2. Haskell 3:44.

1,600: 2. Jim Young 5:36.4.

Results for the Maidens include:

Team points: 5. Haskell 55.

Shot put: 1. Ashlee Short 31-6.75.

Discus: 4. Ashlee Short 82.3.

High jump: 5. Cheslee Hearn 4-6.25.

800: 3. Kaley Mathis 2:46.2.

800 relay: 2. Haskell 1:59.9.

1,600 relay: 2. Haskell 4:36.1.

1,600: 6. Sasha Walker 7:20.9.




**HAY FIRE**—Haskell volunteer firemen were called to a fire in a line of round hay bales on South Avenue P Wed., March 9 around 3 p.m. Firemen are putting out the grass and tree line that surrounded the bales. Plowed fields were on either side of the tree line and the hay bales continued to smolder Wednesday evening. Driving the brush truck is Casey Moeller while Donald Cunningham mans the hose.

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**ALYSSA FRAGA**  
Haskell Maidens  
Snyder Invitational Tournament



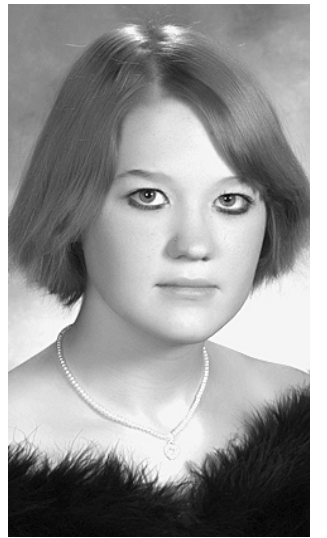
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Haskell Maidens  
Snyder Invitational Tournament



**KELSIE ADAMS**  
Haskell Maidens  
Snyder Invitational Tournament



**AMBER ALLEN**



**CANDICE HILL**

## Students visit Rotary Club

Amber Allen is the daughter of Estelle Allen of Haskell.

She attends the Foursquare Church.

At Haskell High School, she is active in UIL Debate, Persuasive Speaking and Computer Science. She is a library aide, member of Quill and Scroll in yearbook and on the A/A-B honor roll.

She enjoys reading and computer programming.

She plans to attend college for six years to be a pharmacist, first at Cisco for two years, then transferring to the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy.

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Candice Hill is the daughter of Kenneth and Roxana Rogers of Rochester.

She attends East Side Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School,

she is active in journalism/yearbook for three years; stock shows having the Grand Champion Broiler for four years; in UIL news writing and computer science for three years; Spanish Club for one year; and served as a cheerleader for one year.

She was on the state bound FFA CDE and LDE teams for two years; was a member and part-time coordinator of To Write Love On Her Arms; participated in Christian Rock Battle of the Bands and was on the dance team.

She enjoys writing, music, reading, church, volunteer work and community service.

She plans to attend the Texas Academy of Animal Control Officers at Midland College for two years and pursue education in English, communications and broadcast journalism.



**BRETT SHELTON**  
Haskell Indians vs Albany



**HUNTER IVY**  
Haskell Indians vs Albany



**DANIEL CONTRERAS**  
Haskell Indians vs Albany

## 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**  
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor  
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
Sun. 10:45 a.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Rev. David White, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. 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., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**  
Father George Roney  
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**  
Philip Sims, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**  
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**  
Larry White, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
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**  
Rev. Jim McCurley  
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Morris R. Johnson, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**  
Mark Wallace, pastor  
Church Service 10 a.m.  
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**  
Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**  
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**  
Joseph Barrett, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Stephania Gilkey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**  
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**  
Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**  
John Greeson, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Alfa y Omegs  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, interim pastor  
Sunday 9 a.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—
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## Haskell School Menu

**March 21-25**  
**Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Breakfast pizza  
**Tuesday:** Pig in a blanket  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, goldfish  
**Thursday:** Maple mini-pancakes  
**Friday:** Smucker's PB&J  
**Lunch**  
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the high school and junior high campuses. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato with cheese and ham. High School

campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.  
**Monday:** Popcorn chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pineapple tidbits  
**Tuesday:** Beefy nachos, pinto beans, garden salad, sliced pears  
**Wednesday:** Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, assorted chips, apple  
**Thursday:** Pepperoni pizza, corn, coleslaw, sunshine bars  
**Friday:** Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, baked tater tots, fruit flavored Shape-Ups

## Rule School Menu

**March 21-25**  
**Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Cereal or yogurt, banana  
**Tuesday:** Blueberry muffins, graham crackers  
**Wednesday:** Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, strawberry jam or grape jelly  
**Thursday:** Waffles, waffle syrup  
**Friday:** Hormel breakfast bar  
**Lunch**  
Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Grilled cheese, tomato soup, dill pickle spears, crackers, ranger cookie  
**Tuesday:** Chicken patty sandwich, burger salad, sweet peas, fruit cocktail  
**Wednesday:** Frito pie, lettuce and tomato salad, fresh orange  
**Thursday:** Homemade pinto beans, cornbread, whole kernel corn, peaches and cherries  
**Friday:** Oven fried catfish, hush puppies, cole slaw, baked beans

## Paint Creek School Menu

**March 21-25**  
**Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Pancake sticks  
**Tuesday:** Biscuits  
**Wednesday:** Cinnamon toast  
**Thursday:** Breakfast pockets  
**Friday:** Cinnamon rolls  
**Lunch**  
Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, gravy, bread, pudding  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, cake  
**Wednesday:** Hamburgers, salad, chips  
**Thursday:** Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, fruit  
**Friday:** Fish sandwiches, salad, fries, cookies

## ECC Menu

**Mon., March 21**  
Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, salsa, Coke cake, tea or coffee  
**Wed., March 23**  
Porkie meatballs and tomato

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**Fri., March 25**  
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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 2nd day of March, 2011, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 11,629. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District V. Perez, Pete George. Legal description, 1. Lot Six (6), Block Thirty-two (32), Original Town Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 11,632. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District V. Scheets, Minnie, Ind/Heir of Melvin H. Kreger, Deceased, Et Al. Legal description, 2. Lot Six (6), Block Fourteen (14), Brown & Roberts, Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 11,706. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District V. Westmoreland T.E., Et Ux. Legal description, 3. Lot one (1) and two (2) in Block twenty-three (23) of the South Side Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 11,707. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District V. Kirkland, B.D. Sr. Legal description, 4. A Lot, Tract or Parcel of land lying and being situated in Haskell County, Texas, and being a (80x140) part of Outlot Number Twelve (12) Tract 19, of the Brown & Roberts Addition to the town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. 5. All that certain tract or parcel of land in Haskell

County, Texas, and being a (130x140) part of Outlot Number Twelve (12) Tract 18, of the Brown & Roberts Addition to the town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on the 5th day of April, 2011, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 3rd day of March, 2011, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

"All bidders must now display proof of compliance with 34.015 or Texas Tax Code."

Given under my hand this 3rd day of March, 2011.

David Halliburton, Sheriff, Haskell County, Texas

10-12c

**NOTICE**

The City of Rule will be accepting sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., April 6, 2011 for the following properties to be sold separately: 405 Union Ave. (old City Hall) and 404 Union Ave. (old Fire Dept.).

For more information, please call Rule City Hall, 940-996-2214.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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**NOTICE**

The City of Rule will be accepting sealed bids for cemetery maintenance work at the Rule Cemetery. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., March 21, 2011.

Contract is for one year, April 1, 2011-March 31, 2012. You may pick up a list of job descriptions at the Rule City Hall during regular business hours, or call 940-996-2214 for more information.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
City of Rule

The City of Rule is preparing a comprehensive plan. The plan will help guide decisions regarding future improvements to the water system, sewer system, streets, drainage, housing, land use, parks, economic development and other city services. Funding for this project is provided through the Texas Community Development Program which is administered by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs. To ensure opportunity for public review and comment regarding the plan, the City has developed a survey which can be obtained at www.tfgainc.com under "Surveys". The City encourages public participation in the development of this plan. Should you have any questions about the survey or the plan, please contact City Hall at (940) 996-2214.

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# Haskell Fire Dept. receives check

Bill Thomas of Haskell has been selected as a winner in the America's Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM program, which gave farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organizations. The Monsanto Fund sponsors the program, and winning farmers designate a local nonprofit organization to benefit from the donations. Thomas has designated Haskell Volunteer Fire Department to receive the donation.

Thomas says he is very excited to have been selected as the winner for Haskell County. He says, "The funds from the Grow Communities program are very viable and a needed asset for our community. The fire department can always benefit from extra funding. They hold many fund-raising events throughout the year so I knew that they could put the money to good use for our community."

Fire Chief Randy Shaw says that the Monsanto Fund donation will be beneficial for Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. "The fire department has a few projects

going on right now," he says. "We are looking to put a flatbed on our three-quarter ton pickup truck to hold a quick attack mini-pumper.

We also need to purchase a trailer to house our rescue equipment. I think the program is wonderful and we greatly appreciate the

donation."

The \$2,500 donation was awarded at a ceremony held on Mon., Mar. 14 at the fire station.



**RECEIVES CHECK**—The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department received a check from the America's Farmers Grown Communities program sponsored by Monsanto. The department was designated as the recipient of the monies by the winner of the contest, Haskell native Bill Thomas. On hand for the presentation were, front row, l to r, Donnie Roberts, Monsanto representative; Bill Thomas, and Fire Chief Randy Shaw; and Haskell firemen, Steven Wright, A.J. Shaw, Andy Rodriguez, Kenny Bulland, Mathew Cunningham, Shane Buchanan, Alan Merchant, Bobby Scheets, Felix Rodriguez and Casey Moeller.

# Haskell students excel in academic meets

Several Haskell High School students competed in UIL Academic Practice Meets over the past couple of weeks. Approximately 20 students traveled to Wichita Falls Cityview March 5 where they won several awards in the Small School (1A and 2A divisions) and in the overall competition(1A-4A divisions).

Approximately 35 students traveled to Wylie High School Feb. 12 and competed against over 40 1A through 3A high schools.

Four students competed in the District Cross-Ex Debate Meet in Graham in early February. Haskell High School will compete in the 2011 District 13A Academic Meet at Midwestern University March 30-31.

District UIL Cross-Ex Debate Meet results include:

Max Weise and L.J. Hammonds, third place overall; Preston Morrow and Amber Allen, fourth place overall.

Wylie UIL Meet results include:

Garrett Brueggeman received first place in Calculator and second place in Mathematics. Leslie Crosson received first place in Feature Writing and second place in Newswriting. The Wylie UIL Meet is very challenging in the number of competitors and the fact that students are competing against 1A-3A schools, with several state-champions in attendance.

Cityview UIL Meet Results (in alphabetical order by event and student name) include:

Accounting: Nathan Meredith, third place Small School; A.J. Rodriguez,

eight place Small School; Doug King, ninth place Small School; Team of three above, second place.

Current Events: Angelica Gonzales, second place Small School.

Calculators: Brueggeman, Small School Division first place junior and first place overall; Overall Division second place junior and second place overall.

Mathematics: Madison Mayfield: Small School Division fourth place sophomore and ninth place overall; Kalyn Wheatley: Small School Division fifth place sophomore; Brueggeman, Small School Division first place junior and first place overall, Overall Division second place junior and second place overall.

Number Sense: Madison Homeyer, Small School Division second place freshman; Brueggeman, Small School Division fourth place junior; Overall Division second place junior and

fourth place overall.

News Writing: Morgan Frierson, third place Small School; Crosson, fourth place Small School; Dawn Skinner, sixth place Small School.

Feature Writing: Crosson first place Small School; Skinner, second place Small School; Ashley Adams, fourth place Small School.

Editorial Writing: Skinner, fourth place Small School; Crosson, sixth place Small School.

Headline Writing: Crosson, fourth place Small School; Skinner, sixth place Small School.

With points won in the above four writing events, Haskell High School won first place Small School Journalism Team.

Ready Writing: Denise Hibbitts, fifth place Small School.

Spelling: Krista McLemore, third place Small School; Gonzales, fourth place Small School; Zach Tatum, eighth place Small School; Team of three above, first place.

# Hee Haw tickets on sale now

The Sagerton Community has begun making preparations for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw, which will be held on March 24-26 beginning at 8 p.m. each evening. Music and singing will begin an hour before the Hee Haw program begins.

The program for Thurs., March 24, is especially for groups. Reservations for group tickets may be made by calling 940-997-2688.

Tickets for the Friday

and Saturday performances may be ordered by calling 940-997-2688 or by coming to 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton, for tickets.

Plate lunches, sandwiches, and pies will be on sale in the cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sandwiches and pies will be sold on Thursday night.

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