

Good Luck Maidens

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Softball

HASKELL
Regional Quarterfinal
V vs Roby
Thurs., May 12, 6 p.m.
at ACU, Abilene
Fri., May 13, 10 a.m.
and 12 noon if needed

Track

HASKELL
State Track Meet
May 13-14 at Austin
PAINT CREEK
RULE
State Track Meet
May 13-14 in Austin

Calendar

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., May 12 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Haskell County Library for a salad social. American Business Women's Association Betty Pitcock of Abilene will be the guest speaker.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., May 13 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are asked to attend to discuss fund-raising activities, including the upcoming musical.

Food drive

The Letter Carrier Food Drive will be held Sat., May 14 only. Put your non-perishable food items in a plastic bag or paper sack by your mailbox. Your carrier will pick them up and donate them to a local food bank. May 14 is the day your carrier will carry more than mail. Donations are needed more than ever. This is a big help for lots of families each year.

Music revue

The Big Country Music Revue will be presented Sat., May 14, at 6 p.m. 1001 Union, the former Methodist Church. New groups will be performing. There is no charge, but a donation will be taken.

Hog control

A meeting of the Haskell County Hog Control Program will be held Mon., May 16 in the Haskell County courthouse at 1 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers, discuss future meetings and fund-raising.

All Sports banquet

The Haskell All Sports banquet will be held Mon., May 16 at the Haskell Civic Center. The meal will begin at 6 p.m. with the awards beginning at 7 p.m. All high school athletes will be recognized. Tickets may be purchased for \$8 each from any member of the Freshman class or at the High School, Jr. High, Elementary or Administration offices. Take out plates for pick-up will be available. Parents of all high school athletes will meet at 2 p.m. Sun., May 15 to set up and decorate for the banquet.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Red Rooster restaurant, 1006 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Wed., May 18 at 11:30 a.m. An update on the Haskell County Library will be given. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

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AREA CHAMPIONS—The Haskell Maidens took the Area Champion title last week in games against Reagan County Big Lake. The Maidens will play Roby for the Regional Quarter Final title in a three game series at Abilene Christian University in Abilene with game one to be played Thurs., May 12 at 6 p.m. The second game in the series will be played Fri., May 13 at 10 a.m. and, if needed, the third game is scheduled to follow at noon. Team members include, front row, Harley James; second row, Delicia Garcia, Maci Colley, Kelsie Adams and Maegan Chavez; third row, Sara Weise, Codi Foster, Jasmine Klose, Cailey Foster and Samantha Fuentes; and fourth row, Caitlan Johnson, Laycee Tullos, Paige Glover, Claire Carmichael and Madison Homeyer.

Wildfires push local volunteers to the limit

by Caron Yates

From just a tiny flicker or spark, to a raging wildfire, it can happen in just a matter of minutes.

According to the Texas Forest Service, people and their activities cause more than ninety percent of all wildfires in the state. Careless debris burning results in the largest number of human-caused wildfires. Other significant causes include sparks from welding and grinding equipment, carelessly discarded smoking materials, hot vehicle pollution control equipment and arson. Lightning strikes also cause many fires.

The discovery of fire, or its controlled use, is one of the earliest of human discoveries, dating back to the Stone Age. The benefits and purposes of the controlled use of fire are many. The devastation and loss of uncontrolled fire can be unimaginable.

Last week, an incident brought into focus just how easy, as well as unintentional, a fire can be ignited. A truck traveling down the highway, had a metal trimmed mud flap hitting the pavement and sparking. Fortunately someone saw it, and called law enforcement and they were able to get the truck stopped and the situation remedied before a fire was started.

The Texas Forest Service has been working with local fire departments to bring the many recent wildfires under control, several of those in our area. They are able to add air resources, such as helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft, to the effort. This allows for air reconnaissance and water and fire retardant drops.

The TFS says resources

across Texas have been spread thin battling the numerous wildfires fueled by historic drought and critical fire weather conditions. Currently the TFS is working seven major fires, burning more than 586,624 acres. That of course, does not include the smaller fires that continue to pop up. Since fire season began in November, TFS and area fire departments have responded to 9,679 fires that have charred 2,380,710 acres.

Marq Webb, public information officer for Lone Star State Incident Management Team, said that 2011 is on track to be the worst year in Texas for wildfires. Currently on record as the worst year is 2006, when 1.976 million acres were scorched and numerous fatalities occurred. He notes that it will take a significant amount of rain scattered over a couple of weeks, to truly bring the wildfire danger under control.

While the Texas Forest Service adds manpower and effective resources to the fight, it is most often the local fire departments called on to battle these fires.

In this immediate area, as well as in most of rural Texas, the responsibility of responding to a fire falls to volunteer fire departments. This means that those men and women in the fire suits, are giving of their personal time, energy, and often money to help save your life, home, business or other property. They quickly and willingly leave their regular jobs, beds, dinner tables, birthday parties, or other daily activities when they hear the fire page go out.

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department has

approximately twenty firefighters. Those with basic certification have 160 plus hours of training, while others have many hours above the basic requirement. The department has three grass trucks, three pumpers and two tracks, to be used when they answer the estimated three hundred calls a year they receive.

Fire Chief Randy Shaw says that when a fire call is paged, the available firefighters immediately report to their previously assigned duties. Some go to the firehouse to get the needed trucks and equipment, while others go straight to the fire scene.

It takes training, experience and organization to be an effective fire department. It also takes trust and confidence in your fellow firefighters, as your life is in danger each time you respond to a fire. The job requires more than just fighting the fire, because when the fight is over, the equipment and trucks must be made ready for the next call. Regardless of how exhausted they may be, it can not be put off until tomorrow or next week.

Not only do they protect us all from fires, but they are often called upon to help with other tasks, including securing the landing zone of the medical helicopter, threatening situations such as bomb scares, search and rescue operations, wrecks and assisting the EMS.

Chief Shaw says that the Haskell fire department and those from surrounding towns, such as Rule, Knox City, Stamford, Throckmorton, Weinert, Rochester and Munday, are always willing to help each other, when needed.

City election set Saturday on five propositions

The City of Haskell has scheduled an election for Sat., May 14 to authorize the Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH) to expand their ability to assist local enterprises in Haskell.

It is important to emphasize that the passage of the five propositions in this election will not increase any tax currently being paid in Haskell. Simply stated the passage of the five propositions will allow the DCOH to further assist existing business expansion and/or new business operating in Haskell, including, but not limited to the development of affordable housing, children's sports facilities, entertainment facilities, parks and museums.

Passage of the five propositions will necessitate a yes vote for each of the five separate propositions.

It is hard to say how much it actually cost to fight a fire. Certainly it depends on the type and size of the fire. Tires must be replaced quite often, and repairs made on the trucks, not to mention needed fuel. Haskell VFD receives some funding from the city and county, and holds fund raisers several times a year to have the money to operate. In addition they apply for grants when available. Of course, donations received from individuals and groups are always needed and appreciated. A donation can be given to any fireman, by calling Chief Shaw, or by mailing it to 301 N. 1st in Haskell.

We have come a long way from the days when folks kept barrels of water and wet sacks or blankets ready to

rush to the aid of a neighbor. If you were really isolated, you fought it alone.

It is probably true, most of us don't fully appreciate the efforts of our fire departments, until we need them. Certainly not everyone can be a firefighter, but we can all support our local departments, through donations and encouragement. We also should be very diligent in guarding against accidentally igniting a fire, in the extreme fire conditions we are experiencing.

We also can heed these words written by an unknown firefighter, "when you see them coming with lights flashing, move out of the way quickly and then please say a prayer for them."

Students win state medals

Haskell High School UIL Academic competitors brought home a total of eleven medals from the State UIL Academic Meet held this past weekend in Austin.

Leslie Crosson placed second in Editorial Writing; and, Garrett Brueggeman placed first in mathematics and second in calculator.

The mathematics team placed second. Team members include Brueggeman, Codi Foster, Madison Mayfield and Kalyn Wheatley.

The calculator team placed second. Team members are Brueggeman, Codi Foster, Cailey Foster and Maci Colley.

City clean up week continues

The Haskell City Wide Clean Up week continues through Sat., May 14.

The landfill will be open Sat., May 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Landfill hours May 12 will be 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fri., May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Trailers and loads will be weighed at the landfill on the scales. There will be no charge, but the landfill must record the weight in

compliance with TCEQ rules.

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

This is a service for the citizens of Haskell who live in the city limits. Those using the service may be asked for proof of residence, such as a water bill.

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Memorial Day

Rule Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Memorial Day program Mon., May 30, at 7 p.m. at the Rule Cemetery. John Greeson and John Pike will lead the services. Persons are asked to bring their chairs.

Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 26 edition. Space is limited to the first sixteen pictures received. Bring your original picture to the Free Press office or call 864-2686 for details.

Rule ISD to register Pre-K, K

Rule School will hold registration for pre-k and kindergarten from 1 to 2 p.m., Wed., May 18 beside the elementary workroom of Rule ISD. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 may attend kindergarten in the fall, while pre-k students must be four years old by that time. This registration is to complete paperwork, so it is not necessary that prospective students attend with their parents. Parents of students already enrolled in Rule ISD do not have to attend.

For each student, we will need: An up-to-date immunization record; Social security card; official birth certificate from the court house; and the parent's drivers license. If you cannot bring these, please attend anyway, but all four things will be needed before the child starts to school in August.

If you cannot attend, and your child will be attending Rule ISD in the fall, contact the school at 997-2115, 997-2246 or 997-2521 so arrangements can be made to meet with you another time. It is important that this is done before school dismisses in May, if possible.

Region track meet results

Results of the Region 2-1A track meet held May 2-3 at Abilene Christian University in Abilene include:

- Boys
 Team totals: 4. Haskell 38.5.
 3200 run: 2. Cade Brown, Rule, 10:13.72.
 400 relay: 3. Haskell 43.76.
 800 relay: 5. Haskell 1:33.61.
 400 dash: 3. Marco Gonzalez, Haskell, 51.49.
 1600 run: 2. Cade Brown, 4:33.47.
 1600 relay: 2. Haskell 3:23.77.
- Girls
 1600 relay: 6. Haskell 4:18.79.



COMPETES IN OKLAHOMA CITY—The Haskell FFA Range Team competed at the National Land and Range Contest May 5 in Oklahoma City. The team began its week on Sunday with a stop at Mt. Scott, northwest of Lawton, Oklahoma to study. Throughout the week, the team members worked 8-10 hours a day practicing at locations such as the Cheyenne-Arapahoe Indian Reservation and at Ft. Reno. The team competed against 29 other range teams from across the nation. Cheslee Hearn, senior, finished ninth High Individual. This was the second time that she has placed in the top ten at the national contest, placing sixth last year. The team, consisting of Hearn ninth place; Marissa McGhee, 38th place; Madison Mayfield, 17th place; and Carson Hadaway, 52nd place; placed sixth overall in the nation. Shelby Dunnam was not able to attend due to a recent injury, but did compete with this team all year. 38 different states were present and competed in the land and/or range contests this year. Team members, l-r, are McGhee, Hadaway, Dunnam, Mayfield and Hearn.

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On April 1, 2011 Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division (“Atmos Energy” or “the Company”), filed a Rate Review Mechanism (“RRM”) filing to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders. This filing is applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division, with the exception of the City of Dallas. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is August 15, 2011. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,196,253 residential, 98,792 commercial, and 731 industrial and transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company’s annual revenues for the affected incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$13,151,685, or 1.25% percent, including gas costs, or 3.15% percent, excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a “major change” as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

Based on the proposed rate design, the typical monthly bill for each customer class within the affected incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percentage shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
Residential	\$60.37*	\$60.93*	\$0.56	0.93%	2.36%
Commercial	\$228.12*	\$230.20*	\$2.08	0.91%	4.21%
Industrial	\$2,299.71*	\$2,312.13*	\$12.42	0.54%	2.19%
Transportation	\$669.30	\$681.72	\$12.42	1.86%	2.19%

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.
 * Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.9784 per Mcf.
 **The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial and 300 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, the other proposed tariff change is an update to the factors included in Rider WNA .

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Rate Review Mechanism, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos Energy’s offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our Web site at www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-rrm. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex Division de Atmos Energy Corporation (la Compañía) que la Compañía está solicitando un cambio en las tarifas del gas. Este cambio afecta a todos los clientes en las áreas incorporadas y servidas por Mid-Tex Division excepto la Ciudad de Dallas. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

Obituaries

Omitene Naufleet Amonett



OMITENE AMONETT

Funeral services for Omitene Naufleet Amonett, 77, of Haskell were held Sat., May 7 at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

in Haskell with Bro. Morris Johnson officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Amonett passed away Wed., May 4.

Born Nov. 26, 1933 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Buster Leroy Strickland and Susie Naufleet Patterson. She married Roy A. Amonett June 6, 1952 in Haskell. She was a life long resident of Haskell and a member at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church. She was a member of the Art Club, participated in painting the original mural on the square and loved spending time at the lake and traveling.

She was preceded in

death by her parents and her husband Roy.

Survivors include a daughter, Derinda Hannsz and husband, Keith and great granddaughter, Felicity Gentry Hannsz, all of the home; grandson, Jeremy Gentry of Abilene; a son, Rodney Amonett of Abilene; two grandchildren, Dennise Naredo and Aaron Amonett; three great grandchildren of Abilene; three brothers, Leroy Strickland of Hawley, Jerry Strickland of Haskell, Phillip Strickland of Haskell; two sisters, JoAnn Solomon of Abilene and Vicki Medford of Haskell; a brother-in-law Eldon Amonett and wife Brenda; and sister-in-law Dorothy Lane Strickland and Nanny Burns. PD.NOTICE

Mike W. Jordan



MIKE W. JORDAN

Graveside services for Mike W. Jordan, 57, of Haskell were held Sat., May

7 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Born June 15, 1953 in Tyler, he was the son of James A. Jordan and Doris Louise Howell. He graduated at Idalou ISD, class of 1972. He married Deanna Butler Aug. 16, 1974 in Idalou. He has worn many hats through his life. He’s been a boxer, bullrider, rodeo clown, rancher, author, insurance adjuster and private investigator; several of these hats worn at the same time. He was a former president

of the Haskell CISD School Board, a member of Rotary and Jaycees.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Survivors include his wife Deanna Jordan of Haskell; a son, Shawn Jordan and wife Nikki of Ackerly and their children Hunter, Brennan, and Astraea; a daughter, Shannon Deen and husband Andrew of Haskell and their daughter Teagan; his father, James A. Jordan of Bryson; his brother, Bill Jordan and wife Kimberly of Rockdale and their children Jennifer, Julie and Garrett. PD.NOTICE

James E. Turner



JAMES E. TURNER

James E. Turner, 90, of San Ramon, California passed away Sat., April 23 at his residence.

Born Jan. 31, 1921 in Rule, he was the son of Elmer and Lula Turner. He grew up on a farm one mile south of Rule which is still known

by old timers as Turner Hill, and graduated from Rule High School in 1938. He met the love of his life, Joanne Stephens, while working at The Drug Store in Haskell. They were married in 1941. In the early 1940’s they moved to Watsonville, California with little money in their pocket.

He worked the produce business and soon owned his own produce company. In 1970 he became partners with Watsonville Coastal Produce. It was not unusual to find the company name on strawberries and other items of produce in the local grocery stores in Haskell. At retirement he moved to San Ramon, California to be closer to his family. He will always be remembered for his honesty and integrity

and keen sense of humor. He was devoted to his family and loved gardening and cooking and always had something in the oven.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Martha Ann Johnson.

He will be deeply missed by his wife of 69 years, Joanne, to which he was extremely devoted, his two sons and wives, Stephen and Marilyn Turner of San Jose, California, Phillip and Nancy Turner of San Ramon, California; grandsons, Matt Turner of Denver, Colorado, and Ryan Turner of San Ramon; his sister, Carolyn Everett of Haskell; nieces, Ann Barber, San Antonio and Jan Phillips of Johnson City; and nephews, Tim Everett and Keith Everett of Haskell. PD.NOTICE

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ATTEND CONCERT—Haskell Elementary first grade, bottom, and Kindergarten classes top, attended the Stephen Fite “It’s Groovy Great to Educate” concert in Abilene Thurs., April 28. Haskell CISD Educational Foundation Grant provided this opportunity to boogie down with Stephen Fite. Students were chaperoned by Laurie McBroom, Judy Washburn, Ember Medford, April Colley, Susan LeFevre, Joni Bullock, Julie Alvarez, Rolene Bryan and Pam Gibson.



Paint Creek School Menu

May 16-20 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Waffles
Friday: Cinnamon rolls

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Corn dogs, fries, carrots, brownies
Tuesday: Tater tot casserole, green beans, salad, fruit
Wednesday: Cook’s choice
Thursday: Burritos, corn, salad, jello
Friday: Hamburgers, salad, cheese, pickles, chips, cookies

ECC Menu

Mon., May 16
Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, salsa, Coke cake, tea or coffee

Wed., May 18
Porkie meatballs and tomato gravy, green beans, cream potatoes, cornbread, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

Fri., May 20
Ham slice, au gratin potatoes, blackeyed peas, beets, yeast roll, fruit, cookies

Haskell School Menu

May 16-20 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Muffin, Cheez-Its
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Cereal, buttered toast
Thursday: Sausage, biscuit, cheese
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: Chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pineapple tidbits
Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, salsa, cheese, grilled peppers and onions, pinto beans, garden salad, fruit flavored gelatin
Wednesday: Quesadillas, salsa, queso, tortilla chips, garden salad, fruit salad
Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, raw broccoli, ranch dressing, banana pudding
Friday: Hamburger, veggies for burger, baked fries, tots or curly fries, ice cream

4-H members compete in judging contest

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
Haskell County 4-H members competed in the Rolling Plains District 3 4-H Consumer Skills Judging Contest Wed., May 4 at the Wilbarger Auditorium in Vernon.

Project the opportunity to demonstrate their consumer skills. 4-H is the youth development and leadership program of Texas AgriLife Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

Through the Consumer Life Skills Project, 4-Hers gain knowledge and skills to become successful and satisfied consumers. Youth learn how the economy operates, how to make choices and the effects those choices have on the economy and environment, and how to manage money. They also learn their rights and responsibilities as consumers.

Four Haskell County 4-H members competed in the District Contest. A team of intermediate 4-H members made up of Sam Fouts, Crissy Bassett and Makenzie Gass placed fourth in the contest. Crissy Bassett was fourth place High Point Individual. Also judging as an individual in the senior competition was Emily Fouts.

The Consumer Skills contest provides the youth who have participated in the Consumer Life Skills

Twenty-four counties are included in the Rolling Plains Extension District. Traveling to Vernon with the 4-H members were Kris Fouts and County Extension Agent/FCS—Jane Rowan.

4-H clubs to meet Sun.

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs will hold their May meeting Sunday afternoon, May 15 at the Haskell County Extension Office. The 4-H Clubs will meet from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Any youth 8 years old and in the third grade through the twelfth grade are welcome to come and join.

will also discuss upcoming contests and summer camps.

Record book workshop set

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
A workshop to address “4-H Record Keeping” will be conducted Mon., May 16 from 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Avenue D in Haskell. The workshop is designed for 4-H parents, leaders and senior age 4-H members. The Texas 4-H Record Keeping System will be introduced and sections of the system will be discussed in detail.

This will be the last meeting for this 4-H year. Club meetings will resume this fall. A annual Summer FCS Tour is being planned for late summer and the annual awards program and 4-H Back-To-School Dance are also being planned.

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

Tax repeal sought

Haskell County Farm Bureau leaders are praising U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady’s push to permanently repeal the federal estate tax that many say takes a heavy toll on family-owned small businesses, particularly America’s farms and ranches.

under those tax regulations, Texas farmers and ranchers would suffer greatly.

“Farming is a very capital intensive business,” said Charles Gibson, Haskell County Farm Bureau president. “When agricultural producers pass on, they don’t want to leave a large pile of tax bills for their children, especially if those children plan to continue the family business.”
Last December, Congress ended the Bush-era tax cuts for 13 months. Yet after that period, the estate tax will revert back to a \$1 million exemption and 55 percent top rate. Gibson noted that,

“One million dollars may sound like a lot of money, but when you consider land costs, equipment, livestock, feed and other costly inputs and investments, it can add up,” Gibson said.

Currently, the exemption stands at \$5 million with a top rate of 35 percent. Rep. Brady, a Republican from The Woodlands, has authored a bill in the House that seeks to permanently repeal the estate tax.
“The death of a family’s primary earner could cripple family farm operations under this structure,” Gibson said. “The proposed bill would give heirs some latitude to make decisions and continue the family farm.”

This Week’s Devotional Message:



The Bible is the world’s greatest book of instructions

There are many kinds of instruction books available, designed to teach us how to do practically everything from cooking and gardening to how to build your own airplane. However, the most valuable book of all is the Bible, because it teaches us how to live a good life. Also, it’s timeless, with its basic common sense advice that never has to be revised or updated, because it doesn’t change with each passing fad of

human behavior. If you prefer a more modern form of language, there are several reliable translations, but find out first which one your house of worship recommends. This is another good reason for being there, along with hearing interpretations of the Scriptures, the most helpful and fascinating collection of writings, of the word of God, with which our world has ever been blessed.

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
Frank Slayton, minister
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.m., 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., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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First Presbyterian Church
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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Larry White, pastor
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Hopewell Baptist Church
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Faith Lutheran Church
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
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—RULE—

First Baptist Church
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1001 Union Ave., Rule

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Our sincere thanks to Dr. Wayne Cadenhead, Joe Yates, Dr. Lanoard Bayouth, who so lovingly cared for our "Joe," the 10 past years, along with the Haskell Hospital nursing staff, the EMS staff, for always being our shoulder to lean on.

Our "Special" thanks to the Munday Nursing Home, and their staff, who so lovingly took care of Joe, in his last days, we will always hold you in our hearts.

The funeral was so lovingly handled by Bro. Jim McCurley, Bro. Troy Culpepper, Chris Carby of Austin, beautiful vocals by Debra Bartley, and a special thanks to the Smith Family Funeral Home and their loving staff. Thanks to "Bud's For You," for the beautiful presentation of florals, in our remembrance of "Joe," just gorgeous.

We also thank those who brought food to the church for the noon meal, and for those who served us, with such loving care.

Thank you for loving "Our Joe," like we did.

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CTFC holds annual meeting

The Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA recently held the area stockholders meetings in Brownwood, Coleman, Haskell, San Angelo and Brady. Voting stockholders of the association elected three directors to serve three-year terms. Those elected were Jerry Don Klose, Robby A. Halfmann and Mike Finlay. Current Board members in addition to those elected, include Philip W. Hinds, Brent M. Heinze, A. Wayland Shurley, Mickey Dillard, Cody Richmond and Glenn T. Miller.

The stockholders also elected the Nominating Committee to serve in 2012. Nominating Committee members elected were Tom Merryman, Phil Mitchell, Thomas Bearden, Bernard Fuchs and Robert Stansberry. First alternate members elected were Joe McWilliams, Thomas L. Petross, Bill Thomas, Allen Gully and Calvin Schwertner. Second alternate members elected were Jody Gerngross, Leonard T. Wood, Kraig Kupatt, Wayne Dusek and Lynn D. Brenek. Third alternate members elected were Bryan Farmer, Brendan C. Odom, Denton O. Bates, Adam Holik and Donald Frank Trull.

Boyd J. (Jimmy) Chambers, CEO, presented the

association's financial report, noting that the association remains in excellent shape with a strong capital position, strong earnings and excellent credit quality. This financial strength has allowed the association to keep interest rates as low as possible for borrowers and allowed the board to distribute a \$3.2 million patronage refund to all eligible borrowers in March of this year. Chambers reviewed the various segments of the association's loan portfolio and explained how each segment contributes to the earnings of the association. He also noted that of the 17 associations within the Tenth Farm Credit District, the association ranks third highest in the composite score for financial strength given by the Farm Credit Administration regulator.

As an Agricultural Credit Association or ACA, the association is able to provide long-term, intermediate-term and short-term credit to eligible borrowers for real estate purchases, farm and ranch operating purposes, equipment and livestock purchases, rural housing and certain agri-business purposes. Having the ability to provide credit to our stockholders for all of their agricultural needs not only

provides the association with expanded opportunities for growth and diversification, but also provides the stockholders with an additional premier source of stable and competitive financing.

Central Texas Farm

Wildfire loss benefits available to producers

Recently drought and wildfires have greatly impacted many agricultural operations across the state. Agricultural producers who have experienced losses as a result of wildfire can apply for benefits through the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) or the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"Both LIP and ELAP provide agricultural producers with a vital safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial loss caused by natural disasters," said Glenn R. Brzozowski, Executive Director for USDA Farm Service Agency in Haskell County.

LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in

Credit, ACA consists of branch offices in Coleman, Brownwood, Haskell, San Angelo and Brady and serves a 19 county area in West Central Texas. The Association has 22 employees serving approximately 1,800 customers.

excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to wildfires.

Brzozowski adds, "A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent. Livestock that die within 60 days of the date of the qualifying event, but prior to Oct. 1, 2011 will be considered eligible for loss benefits."

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 1.5% and Non-Adult Beef Cattle = 3%. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under, "normal" conditions.

According to Brzozowski, producers will be required to provide verifiable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event.

ELAP is another disaster program that can provide emergency assistance to eligible livestock producers who have losses due to wildfires.

ELAP assistance is for losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs established by the 2008 Farm Bill. Such losses include but are not limited to feed supply losses due to wildfire and additional feed costs resulting from the purchase of additional livestock feed, above normal quantities. Producers who have suffered feed losses must file a notice of loss with FSA within 30 days of the fire.

Producers who feel they have suffered a qualifying LIP or ELAP loss are encouraged to file a notice of loss and application for payment. For more information on LIP, ELAP or other FSA programs, please contact the Haskell county office at 940-864-2617 ext. 2 or visit FSA online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tx>.



TO COMPETE AT STATE—Cade Brown, left, son of Ken and Jill Brown, will be advancing to the State Track and Field Meet in Austin May 13-14. Brown is a senior at Rule High School. He ran his personal best times in both the 1600 meter and the 3200 meter run. Brown ran 4:33 to finish second in the 1600 meters and second in the 3200 meters in a time of 10:13. He plans to run at Western Texas College on scholarship in the fall.

Foster is named AR-N player of the week

Haskell Maiden Codi Foster, a softball pitcher, was named Big Country Player of the Week by the Abilene Reporter-News Tues., May 3.

Foster, a senior athlete, tossed a five-inning no-hitter in the Maidens' 19-0 win over Loraine Sat., April 30. She notched 10 strikeouts and allowed just two walks.

Her dad and coach, John Foster said, "She had all of her pitches working that day.

She only threw 68 pitches—that's all it took for her to get it done."

That win advanced the Maidens to the area games against Reagan County Big Lake held May 6-7 in Junction.

Calendar

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

Homecoming

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

Pee wee track

Rule School will host a Pee Wee Track meet Fri., May 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m. until approximately 2:30 p.m. Schools entered will include Guthrie, Paint Creek and Rule. A concession stand will be available.

Fun day

A Masonic family fun day will be held Sat., May 14 at the City Park in Knox City. Registration begins at 8.30 a.m. A family bicycle ride, a chili cook off for bragging rights

of the Rolling Plains, a horseshoe tournament, a free train ride for the kids, a kids paint shop, an egg toss tournament, and a silent auction starting at 12 noon are included in the day's activities. The family bike ride is \$20 entry fee. The chili cook off is \$20.00 per team with early registration starting Friday night until 9 p.m., and starting at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday. Hamburgers, hot dogs and baked goods will be available. For more information, contact Toby at 940-889-6749 or Jim at 940-989-3153. Proceeds will help fund four scholarships to deserving seniors in Munday, Benjamin, Haskell and Knox City. The lodge is also donating an enclosed trailer, costing \$3700, to the Angel Food Ministries to be used to haul their food from Abilene to Knox City for distribution to needy families.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will

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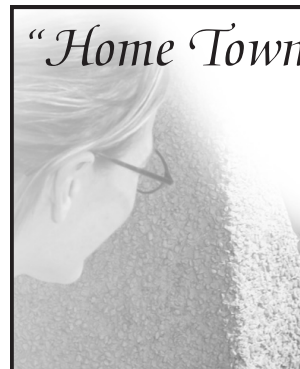
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The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 21 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Wheat field day

The Haskell County Texas AgriLIFE Extension will host a Wheat Field Day on May 17 at the plot site on Kenneth Baker's farm north of Brushy Creek Cemetery. The field day will begin at 1:30 and two CEU's will be offered. For more information and to register for the field day, call the Extension office at 940-864-2658.

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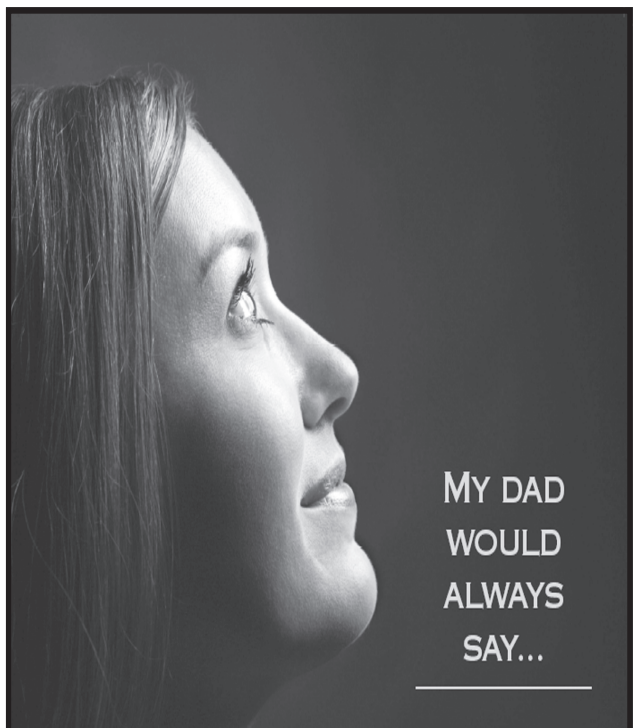
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