

Softball

HASKELL
Snyder Tournament
Thurs.-Sat., March 8-10
at Snyder

Baseball

HASKELL
V-JV Indians vs Ballinger
Fri., March 9, 4 p.m.
at Ballinger
Alumni Game
Sat., March 10, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
Indians vs Quanah
Mon., March 12, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
JV Indians vs Albany
Mon., March 12, 11 a.m.
at Haskell

Track

HASKELL
JH Roscoe JH Blackland
Divide Relays
Thurs., March 8 at Roscoe
V Roscoe Blackland
Divide Relays
Fri., March 9 at Roscoe
PAINT CREEK
V Greyhound Relays
Fri., March 9 at Knox City

Calendar

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., March 9 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are asked to attend to discuss the Spring Fling to be held Sat., April 21 at the Civic Center. This is the major fund-raiser and includes a ham dinner and silent auction. Members are asked to attend if at all possible.

Alumni game set Saturday

Individuals who attended Haskell High School or a consolidated school with Haskell CISD or who have a son who played baseball for the Indians are eligible to play the 2012 Haskell Indians in an Alumni game Sat., March 10 at 4 p.m. at Indian Field. Entry fee is \$20. All alumni playing will receive a t-shirt. The field will be available for practice at 1 p.m. March 10. Hamburger meals will be available throughout the game. All proceeds go towards scholarship money for Haskell High School student athletes. Registration will begin at 3 p.m. before the game. For more information, contact Josh Damron at 903-267-2129.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ annex. Ruth Jackson, a well-traveled Abilene artist, will bring the program using acrylics. Everyone is welcome.

Online class

Christians need some basic guidance on how to interpret the Bible. Just a few principles of interpretation will go a long way toward helping the believer understand the Scriptures. Here are the easy-to-use skills for your own personal study. Through the course you will learn how to approach difficult passages, how to find the true meaning of each verse, and how to place each passage in its proper context. This is an online class. If you are interested, contact Jay Beerley at jbeerley@esbchaskell.org or 940-864-2738.

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Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend

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GUNFIGHTERS—The Texas Gunslingers blasted their way in to the Celebrate Texas Independence Day-Haskell County Style activities last Saturday on the Haskell courthouse square. They appeared in authentic western regalia and held gunfights on the streets in front of their western town backdrop. The group was sponsored by First National Bank of Haskell.

Beware of scams targeting senior citizens

The Haskell Police Department would like to inform the residents of Haskell City and County to be aware of several scams targeting senior citizens. The Haskell Police Department has received several reported scams in the past two weeks.

•The victim receives a phone call from an individual who is identifying himself as a Medicare Investigator. The person calling tells the victim they need to get his information to clarify he/she is the person receiving

the Medicare check.

The person calling the victim threatens them if the information is not given to them over the telephone saying they will show up at their front door in a couple of days.

•The victim receives a phone call from an individual claiming they have won a million dollars. In order for the victim to be awarded the money, they would have to mail a \$250 check to process the million dollar check. The caller will have you write the \$250

check to some foreign bank. The caller will tell you when they receive the check and is in the bank. They then will call you and give the name of the bank holding the million dollar check.

In this scam the suspect is trying to get you to send the money and later you find out you have been scammed out of \$250. Not only the money, but the victim has provided all his banking information to the scammer, including the bank account number and information.

Tips to safeguard yourself:

•The object of any con/scam is to cause you, the victim, to part with your money or other things of value. Most of the con/scams are initiated by people who call you at home or approach you on the street.

•Be careful as to what information you make available on the phone and internet.

•Be aware/suspicious of any plan, idea, scheme, business deals or whatever

that requires you to part with money on short notice.

If you feel you have been the victim of a scam, illegal con, or an illegal business practice, notify the police. Do not be embarrassed or hesitant to tell the police for fear of ridicule. The sooner you notify the police, the greater your chance of recovering your property.

You may not be the only victim of whatever group is operating, and your statements and those of other victims may help in apprehending the suspects.

Relay for Life seeks cancer survivors

by Caron Yates
"You have cancer," dreaded words that none of us ever want to hear. Unfortunately, the reality is that virtually every Texan has been touched by cancer, be it personally, a family member, a co-worker or a friend.

Strides are being made however, in the early detection and treatment of many types of cancer. Research is ongoing, and must have continued support to ever win the battle against cancer.

On May 5, the Knox/Haskell Counties Relay for Life event will be held at the Munday High School Track in Munday. It will begin at 2 p.m. and conclude at 2 a.m.

Last year's Relay for Life raised almost \$52,000 and organizers are hoping to raise even more this year.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's national signature, overnight fund-raising activity. It is a fun-filled event that allows communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones and empower others to fight back against a disease that takes too much.

Organizers and team

leaders have already begun working, but it is not too late to be a part. Regan Nabors, Community Manager of Development for the American Cancer Society, says teams for the upcoming Relay for Life are needed. "This event unites friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, and churches...people from all walks of life," says Nabors.

Teams can be organized in support of a specific individual or individuals, or simply to help in this fight. Teams seek sponsorship prior to the Relay, conduct fund-raisers and otherwise work to raise money, all with the goal of supporting a cure for cancer. Teams are encouraged to sign up early. Nabors adds, "Individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting community event, as a volunteer or as a participant, have made a commitment to fight back against cancer."

One very important part of the Relay for Life is the recognition of local cancer survivors. There will be a survivor's meal, with survivors as guests of honor, held in conjunction with the event.

Save the date letters have been sent out, but organizers do not want to leave anyone off the list. If you are a cancer survivor, and did not receive a letter, please contact Becky Offutt at (940) 422-4067 or (940) 256-4745. You may also go online at <http://www.relayforlife.org/knoxhaskelltx> and sign up.

While the fund-raising has already begun, the day of the Relay for Life, teams will gather with tents to participate in the largest fund-raising walk in the nation. Cancer

survivors are encouraged to come be a part of the activities, as they make a victory lap. All Haskell-Knox County residents, will want to mark their calendars for May 5, and come join the fun as there will be many activities and entertainment going on throughout the evening, as well as many items for sale.

"This event raises awareness about the progress being made against cancer, while also raising funds to fight the disease," adds Nabors. For more information

contact Becky Offutt at (940) 256-4745 or Shirley Gass at (940) 422-2259. You can also visit www.relayforlife.org/knoxhaskelltx to connect with other Relay members in this area.

The opportunities are many: be a team captain, join a team, conduct a fund-raiser, give a generous donation, volunteer to help at the event, or come support the event on May 5. Until cancer has been eliminated, we all have a stake in the fight, because cancer does not discriminate in whom it attacks.



SURVIVORS' LAP—Cancer survivors at last year's Relay for Life hold the banner as they make the Survivors' Victory Lap to kick off the event.

Rule Chamber Banquet March 27

Rule Chamber of Commerce will host their annual banquet Tues., March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Rule School cafeteria.

The meal will be catered by the Junior class parents.

Out-of-town visitors and those candidates running for offices will be recognized.

Entertainment will be by Ray and Nancy Clark.

Citizen of the Year will be announced.

Tickets are \$9 and may be purchased in advance from any chamber member or at the door.

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March garden checklist

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

•If you have ash trees in your landscape, keep an eye open for the Emerald Ash Borer, an insect invader from China that has killed many thousands of ash trees in the eastern United States, and is approaching our region. The Texas Forest Service has recently begun a monitoring program in a number of

counties that may become affected by the half inch long beetles. If you discover any beetle you think may fit the description, contact James Houser at 512-339-4589, jhouser@tfs.tamu.edu.

•Continue to water and fertilize cool-weather annuals such as Flowering Tobacco, Bells of Ireland and Stocks to encourage the best blooms.

•Now is an excellent time to transplant mature or established trees and shrubs while they are dormant.

•Make flower and vegetable garden plans now before the rush of spring planting. Time spent in armchair gardening will pay off an improved plant selection. Besides, it is fun to page through the garden catalogs.

•Sow seeds in flats or containers to get a jump on plant growth before hot weather arrives. Petunias, begonias, and impatiens should be sown now. Warm temperature plants, such as tomatoes, peppers, marigolds and periwinkles, should be sown now also.

•Apply a light application of fertilizer to established pansy plantings. Use one-half pound of ammonium sulfate per 100 square feet of bed area. Repeat the application every 4 to 6 weeks, depending on rainfall. Dried blood meal is also an excellent source of fertilizer for pansies.

•Prepare beds and garden area for spring planting.

•Select and order gladiolus corms for March planting. Plant at two-week intervals to prolong flowering period.

•Check junipers and other narrow-leaf evergreens for bag worm pouches. The insect eggs overwinter in the pouch, and start the cycle again by emerging in the spring to begin feeding on the foliage. Hand removal and burning of the pouches are ways of reducing the potential damage next spring.

•The life of the plant received as a Christmas gift can be prolonged with proper care. Keep the soil moist, but provide drainage so that excess moisture can flow from the pot. Keep the plant out of range of heating ducts and away from heating units. Keep in a cool room at night, preferably at 60-65 degrees F.

•Don't fertilize newly set out trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly the first year.

•When buying plants, the biggest is not always the best, especially when dealing with bare-root plants. The medium to small sizes (4-6 feet) are usually faster to become established and more effective in the landscape than the large sizes.

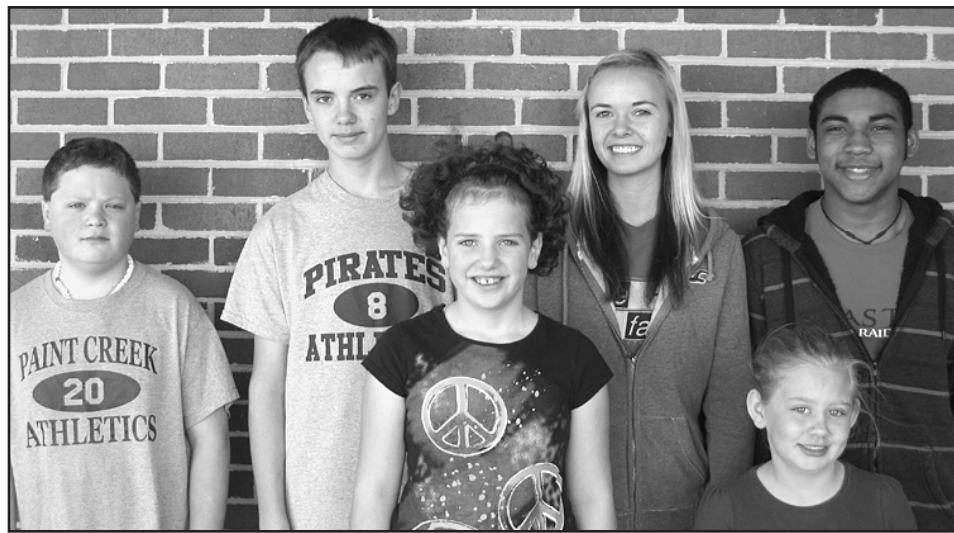
•Hold off on pruning bush roses until early March. Use good shears that will make clean cuts. Remove dead, dying, and weak canes. Leave 4-8 healthy canes, and remove approximately one-half of the top growth and height of the plant.

•Now is an excellent time to select and plant container-grown roses to fill in those bare spots in your rose garden.

•When pruning shrubs, first prune out any dead or damaged branches; then thin out by removing about one-third of the canes or stems at ground level, removing the oldest canes only; and last, shape the rest of the plant, but do not cut everything back to the same height.

•Water foliage plants as well as other containerized plants only when needed and not by the calendar.

•Climbing roses should be trained but not pruned. Weave long canes through openings in trellises or arbors and tie them with jute twine or plastic/wire plant ties. Securing canes now prevents damage from winter winds, and contributes toward a more refined look to the garden when roses are blooming. Wait until after the spring flowering period to prune climbing or once-bloomed shrub roses.



ATTENDANCE WINNERS—Paint Creek School students winning an iPod touch or an iPod nano for having perfect or nearly perfect attendance for the fourth six-week grading period are, front row, l-r, Kayla Bosnjak and Autumn Westerman; back row, Devery Reed, Brandon Dawson, Katrina Buerger and Dametric Masias. Sixty-five students were awarded with Sonic gift cards for having perfect attendance.

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Obituaries

Tommie Isbell



TOMMIE ISBELL

Graveside services for Tommie Isbell, 85, of Haskell were held Tues., March 6 in Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Jimmy Tarvin

officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mr. Isbell passed away Sun., March 4 in Haskell.

Born April 30, 1926 in South Bend, he was the son of John Franklin and Opal (McFadden) Isbell. He married Mary K. Koonce at her parents home in Stamford on Sept. 16, 1955. He worked as a roustabout in the oil fields. Not only did he work hard, but he fished hard and also enjoyed hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Opal Isbell; three brothers,

Jimmie Isbell, John Junior Isbell, and his infant twin brother, Tonnie Isbell; and one grandson, Kenneth Woodrow Wilson Glass.

Survivors include his wife, Mary of Haskell; four sons, Edward F. Isbell of Aspermont, Tommie O. Isbell, Tonnie L. Isbell, and Gary P. Isbell, all of Haskell; three daughters, Donna G. King of Haskell, Karen S. Watkins of Odessa, and Mary Ann Glass of Haskell; a brother, Jackie Isbell of Haskell; his sister, Jessie M. Kline; and an uncle, Jim McFadden of Haskell.

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Doris G. Reeves



DORIS REEVES

Funeral services for Doris G. Reeves, 88, of Haskell were held Wed., March 7 at First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Mrs. Reeves passed away in the early morning hours of Sun., March 4 in Abilene.

Doris Toliver was born July 8, 1923 in Haskell County to Owen and Veda

(Turnbow) Toliver. She lived her entire life in Haskell and is a graduate of Weinert High School. She married Bill Reeves Sept. 14, 1941 in Haskell, he preceded her in death. Then, on Dec. 27, 1987 she married Curtis L. Jordan, who also preceded her in death. Reeves worked as a bookkeeper and cotton buyer. She was a charter member of Ruth Bible Class, member of Win All Bible Class, and Lydia Sunday School Class. She was a former member of Josselet Home Demonstration Club, Brazos West Art Club, Progressive Study Club and Eastern Star.

Along with her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents, Owen Toliver and Veda Drinnon; three brothers, Robert A. Drinnon,

Cleatus W. Drinnon and George W. Drinnon.

Survivors include her daughter, Pam Tipton and her husband Carl of Lubbock; a son, Wayne Reeves and wife in death. Then, on Dec. 27, 1987 she married Curtis L. Jordan, who also preceded her in death. Reeves worked as a bookkeeper and cotton buyer. She was a charter member of Ruth Bible Class, member of Win All Bible Class, and Lydia Sunday School Class. She was a former member of Josselet Home Demonstration Club, Brazos West Art Club, Progressive Study Club and Eastern Star.

Along with her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents, Owen Toliver and Veda Drinnon; three brothers, Robert A. Drinnon,

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Billy Ray Taylor Sr.

Funeral services for Billy Ray Taylor Sr., 64, of Munday were held Thurs., March 1 at Munday Church of Christ with Paul Wright officiating. Burial was in Johnson Memorial Cemetery in Munday under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

Mr. Taylor died Fri., Feb. 24 in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born Oct. 15, 1947, he was a chef.

Survivors include three sons, Billy Ray

and Veronica Taylor of Haskell, Curtis and Shirley Taylor and Ricky and Kim Taylor, all of Amarillo; four daughters Norma Fae Taylor of Munday, Quwanka Love, Veronica Love and Christy Love, all of Dallas; two brothers, Raymond Taylor of Sweetwater and Paul Taylor of Wichita Falls; three sisters, Mae Jewell Burrell of Dallas, Dorothy and Charlie Cooks of Munday and Katie Sanders of Abilene; twenty-five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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Lana Culpepper

Funeral services for Lana Culpepper, 47, of Snyder were held Tues., March 6 at East Side Church of Christ in Snyder with Steve Barrett and Tom Holcomb officiating. Interment was at Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home of Snyder.

Mrs. Culpepper died Sat., March 3 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, after her battle with cancer.

Born April 22, 1964 in Colorado City, she was the daughter of Curtis and Elsie (Mize) Shaw. She married Jack 'Bob' Culpepper July 28, 1996 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He preceded her in death Nov. 15, 2009. She worked for Western Texas College as a secretary and was a member of the East Side Church of

Christ in Snyder.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a brother, Todd Shaw; and a sister-in-law, Debbie Shaw.

Survivors include her son, Brady Standefer of Snyder; her daughter, Laci Standefer of Snyder; two stepsons, Rob Culpepper of Little Rock, Arkansas and Richie Culpepper and wife Cynthia of Haskell; her parents, Curtis and Elsie Shaw of Colorado City; one brother, Jon Shaw of Snyder; and granddaughter, Hadley Standefer.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o West Texas State Bank, Attn: Shelia McCormack, P.O. Box 1396, Snyder, Texas 79550-1396.

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Ocie McGuire, Jr.

Funeral services for Ocie McGuire, Jr., 87, of Sulphur, Louisiana were held Mon., Feb. 6 at Robison Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Brian Spicer officiating. Burial was in Mimosa Pines Cemetery North in Sulphur under the direction of Robison Funeral Home of Sulphur.

Mr. McGuire passed away Fri., Feb. 3 at a Sulphur area hospital surrounded by his family.

A native of Rochester, he was a longtime resident of Sulphur. After graduating from Rochester High School, he served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He moved to Monahans and began

working in the oil industry. Later, he came to Sulphur and worked for Cities Service until retiring in 1982. He was a member of Maplewood Church of Christ, where he had previously served as an Elder for the church.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Odelia McGuire; and his two brothers, Bill and John McGuire.

Survivors include his daughter, Gwen Thompson of Sulphur; son, Ocie Preston 'Bud' McGuire and wife, Tami of Sulphur; brother, Douglas McGuire of Alpine; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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Beason celebrates 95th birthday

The ever-expanding family of Mrs. Lorene Beason of Rochester, gathered last month to celebrate her 95th birthday.

Approximately fifty family members from New Mexico, Arkansas and, of course, Texas, spent the weekend in Abilene. The group first gathered at a local restaurant where they shared both a meal and conversation. They enjoyed exchanging current family information.

Beason's family then spent time taking family pictures at the scenic Abilene Christian University campus. They came together later at one of the local hotels, where they enjoyed birthday cake and continued their visiting. The younger members of the family took advantage of this time to swim and play games.

Participating family members included Beason's three children and their



LORENE BEASON

families. They are Jerry Beason of Mount Pleasant; Kenneth Beason of Rochester; and Noel Beason Pittman of Earth. Nephew Vernon Gore was also present, along with family friends Kay and Buck Stanley.

Impressively, this family gathering also included seven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. It was definitely a memorable day for all.

Art Club members make Valentines

Club member Nelwyn Beakley of Rule brought the program for the Feb. 13 meeting of the Brazos West Art Association. The group meets in the Church of Christ annex.

Members had a fun time creating original Valentines. Beakley, along with Barbara Fouts, brought many different components for this project. Various colors, textures for the cards and many decorative items to embellish the cards were available, including tiny ribbon roses, puffy satin hearts, heart-shaped doilies,

sequins, buttons, beads, various types of ribbon and lace, decorative stickers and rubber stamps. Decorative cutting scissors and a spray paint technique finished the artwork.

Present were Jessie Hill, Martha Spitzer, Betty Berry, Nelwyn Beakley, Betty Hook, Joyce Ivy, Pansy Harris, Barbara Fouts, Elaine Reed, Jerry Bowers, Florence Larned, Peggy Middlebrook and guest Willie Faye Tidrow.

Hostesses Beakley and Larned served an array of Valentine goodies.

4-H Clubs learn about gardening

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs held their February meeting Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26 at the Haskell County Library. The 4-H Clubs met together.

Twenty-three 4-H'ers, leaders and guests attended the meeting. The program was started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lori Rodgers and the 4-H Motto and Pledge by Jacie Klose. A short business meeting was conducted by Barbara Utley.

The 4-H'ers and leaders

went out to the rock garden to learn a little about gardening and to plant a few Yucca plants, purchased by Leiza Morales, with River McTasney overseeing the project.

The 4-H'ers concluded their meeting with refreshments served by Cherie Dutton and Terri Klose.

A door prize was won by Payne Utley.

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

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Sagerton Hee Haw set March 29-31

The Sagerton Community has begun making preparations for the production of the Sagerton Hee Haw. The dates are March 29-31 beginning at 8:00 p.m. each evening. There will be music and singing before the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. Larry LeFevre is the Hee Haw director and Dickie Greenwood is in charge of the music. Proceeds from the Hee Haw program are used for scholarships for each graduating senior on the

Sagerton mail route, upkeep of the community center, and community projects.

The Hee Haw program for Thurs., March 29, is especially for groups. If a group is interested in tickets on group night, call 940-997-2688 for more information. Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances will go on sale Tues., March 15, at 8:30 a.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. If there are any tickets left for the Thursday night performance, these

tickets may be purchased on March 15 also. After the completion of ticket sales at the Community Center on March 15, tickets may be ordered by calling 940-997-2688 or come to 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton, for tickets. There will be a limit of 10 tickets per person sold on

March 15. If more tickets are needed, you may go through the line again. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Plate lunches, sandwiches, and pies will be available in the cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.—at that time the cafeteria will be closed.

Lodge awards membership pins

March 4 found the Haskell Lodge #241 in session, with guest Calvin Rueter in attendance.

Rueter, a member of the Laws Committee, representing Hermann Sons Fraternal Lodge of Texas, presided over the installation of officers for the local lodge, for the year 2012. In addition, Rueter presented pins to members of long standing.

Seventy-year pins went to John R. Merchant of Lubbock, formerly of Haskell, and Ruby Zahn of Hurst. Deborah Ann Sanford of Carrollton received a 60-year membership pin.

Rueter brought us news from the home office in San Antonio and extended an invitation to others to become a member of a progressive, solvent organization with good products to offer as well as a history of giving back into the community.

The business session was under direction of Jerry Don Klose, president of the local lodge.

Those in attendance having birthdays this month are T.J. Brueggeman

and Harry Koehler, and our visiting guest, Calvin Rueter.

The anniversary couple is J.R. and Inez Merchant, celebrating 7 years this month.

Hermann Sons stress/encourage volunteering, and our younger members have been busy doing just that. Visits to the nursing home, contributing to the Experienced Citizens Center, volunteering their service to the church youth fish fry held recently, supporting and helping with the "Texas Independence Day-Haskell County Style" celebration, and helping with the food bank.

Doris Brueggeman and Inez Merchant won door prizes.

Following games of dominoes and 'chicken-foot dominoes,' all in attendance enjoyed a meal and socialization. Hermann Sons motto 'Friendship, Love, Loyalty' is what it is all about.

The next meeting will be at 3 p.m. Sun., April 1 at the Pit N Grill.

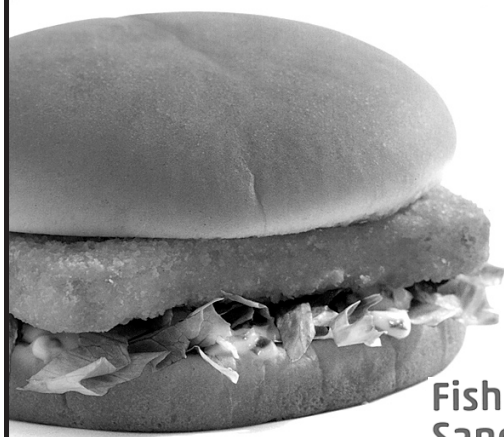
Student in the News

Jacy West of Haskell received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary

Studies from Western Governors University in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Court order sets date for primary election

AUSTIN—Dates put on the calendar make the prospect of party primaries seem more concrete now. An order by a three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas in San Antonio, set May 29 as the date of the 2012 general primary election and July 31 for the primary runoff election.

Despite continuing questions and objections over redrawn state House and U.S. congressional districts, the order written by Judge Orlando Garcia and dated March 1 includes a list of primary-related deadline dates for federal, state, county and local offices. In a long list of requirements in Garcia's court order is the reopening of the filing period for candidates. Filing was set to begin March 2 and end at 6 p.m. on March 9.

Furthermore, the order waived the state law requiring that a runoff election be held no earlier than the 20th nor later than the 45th day after the final canvass of the main election for any municipal, school, or other political subdivision election held on May 12. It also suspended the requirements of any home-rule city charter relating to runoff election dates to allow for compliance with the order.

Coach puts face on Alzheimer's

Darrell K. Royal, head coach of the University of Texas Longhorns football team from 1957-76, appeared in the state Senate Chamber on Feb. 28 to promote efforts to understand and deal with Alzheimer's disease. Royal, 87, suffers from Alzheimer's.

Royal's wife Edith spoke to the Joint Interim Committee on Alzheimer's Disease, an assembly of lawmakers tasked with studying the economic impact of the disease over the next five years and working toward mobilizing assets to combat it. Standing with the Royals were celebrated Texans Lance Armstrong and Matthew McConaughey.

State Health Commissioner Dr. David Lakey estimated 340,000 Texans suffer from the disease and the state's minimally funded Alzheimer's disease program was cut by 50 percent by the Legislature. While most of the estimated \$65 million cost of Alzheimer's treatment in Texas is covered by Medicare, Lakey said, many Alzheimer's sufferers don't receive needed services.

Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services Deputy Commissioner Jon Weizenbaum estimated there are 2.7 million Texans providing informal caregiver tasks for Alzheimer's sufferers.

RRC elects new chairman

The Texas Railroad Commission on Feb. 28 elected current Commissioner Barry Smitherman chairman.

Smitherman, who joined the agency in July 2011, succeeds former Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones as chair. Ames Jones resigned from office last month to run for a state Senate seat.

"As Texas energy production is increasing at an unprecedented rate, the Railroad Commission must continue to maintain a fair and predictable regulatory climate in this state," Smitherman said, and expressed eagerness to work with the state Legislature and the Sunset Advisory Commission in the 83rd regular session, scheduled to convene in January. The Railroad Commission will undergo Sunset review, a process that scrutinizes each state agency and recommends whether an agency should continue or be dissolved.

Most schools are accredited

State law gives the Texas education commissioner authority to impose sanctions against any school district or charter school that receives a lowered accreditation status.

This year, 97 percent of school districts and charter schools earned state accreditation based primarily on academic and financial performance.

In a March 1 Texas Education Agency new release, Education Commissioner Robert Scott said 1,185 out of 1,220 districts and charter schools met the requirements.

Accreditation status for each district and charter can be found at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/accredstatus/>.

Phony email targets citizens

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on March 1 warned citizens not to open attachments, click on links or respond to fraudulent email that looks like it came from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

"Tax season is a particularly active time for identity thieves, because it provides an opportunity for criminals to create fraudulent emails and websites to trick taxpayers into divulging their sensitive financial information," Abbott said.

"Taxpayers should remember that the IRS does not use email or text messages to contact taxpayers about issues related to their income tax returns," Abbott added.

This year, the deadline for filing federal income tax returns is Tuesday, April 17. According to the IRS, the filing deadline was moved back because April 15 is a Sunday and April 16 is a holiday in Washington, D.C.

10 Years Ago March 7, 2002

Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136 winners in the Pine Wood Derby were Ethan Frierson, first; Marco Gonzalez, second; and Tucker McCormick, third.

Layman and Vera Newton of Rochester will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary when they are honored by their children and grandchildren with a family trip to Colorado. They married March 1, 1952.

Haskell High School students Meagan Wallace and Alexis Reid have qualified to compete at the state level in the University Interscholastic League Cross-Examination Debate, to be held at the University of Texas in Austin.

20 Years Ago March 5, 1992

Katherine Martin, daughter of Philip and Laela Martin of Haskell, was one of two winners of the Youth Tour Speech Contest, sponsored by Stamford Electric Cooperative. She will join 80 other young Texans who will travel to

Washington, D.C. for a 14-day, all expense paid trip.

David Burson scored a hole-in-one on the 300 yard, par 4, number 10 hole at Haskell Country Club. Reportedly, it is the first ace ever scored on that particular hole.

The Paint Creek Pirates have won the District Championship, as well as the Bi-District Championship.

30 Years Ago March 11, 1982

Philip Bledsoe, a 1961 Haskell High School graduate, received the Outstanding North Texas Regional Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year Award. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Slover Bledsoe of Haskell, he teaches at Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth.

Bonnie Woods from Rule, has been accepted to the School of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woods.

Haskell High School players named to the 7-AA All-District basketball team are Melinda Blakley, first team; Emily Cox and James

40 Years Ago March 9, 1972

Nancy Kay Middleton and Joe Kretschmer were voted Basketball Sweetheart and Beau, at the Haskell High School All-Sports Banquet.

Awards presented to Scouts of Pack 36 were Tommy Croft, gold and silver arrows; Elliott Cox, wolf badge; Joseph McCoy and James Hopkins, artist badge; Tommy Long, James Hopkins, Robert Browning, Joseph McCoy, Mark Wallace and Anthony Randle, geologist badge.

Students from Haskell who have qualified for the Dean's List in the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech University include Garland McKelvain, Eddie Harris, David Sherry, Andy Gannaway, Brenda Nanny, Johnny Fouts, Terry Kay Diggs, Jim Kemp, Pam Reeves and Pam Burson.

50 Years Ago March 8, 1962

The Haskell Women's Bowling team sponsored by Oates Drug, won first out of 133 teams in the Shamrock

Lanes tourney held in Midland. Team members are Stella Steele, Louise Josselet, Betty Burson, Lee Burson and Ruby Medford.

Members of the textbook selection committee for the rural county high schools met and made their selections. Members were Lilla Heflin, Paint Creek School; Bobbie Kreger, Mattson School; Sue Yeary, Weinert School; Charles Thorn, O'Brien School; Laverne McNeil, Sagerton School; and Jessie Vick, County Superintendent.

100 Years Ago March 9, 1912

Prof. Claudis Walden, who is teaching at the Roberts School, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Walden.

Marvin Bros. sold a new Ford automobile to Dr. Dunn of Rochester and delivered it the first of the week.

C.D. Long left for Fort Worth, where he will join John Baker of this city, and others from Mineral Wells who are interested in the Yaqui Gold and Copper Mining Co.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I realize it is only early March but the activity in the park on Sunday afternoon would lead one to think summer is already here. Family picnics, kids playing games, several people walking the park track and some just sitting and enjoying the beautiful weather. And this time of year means I must get busy in my yard, rid it of weeds and start planning what new plants to add to the landscape this year. It's lots of work, lots of fun and what I thought I'd be doing solely—until I accepted the mayor job!

Our Texas Independence Day Celebration was a success... thanks to the County committee, Judge Davis, Chamber of Commerce and everyone else who helped make it happen. It was a mite chilly, but plenty of sunshine enough to toast the top of my head (as I forgot the sunscreen and hat). There was plenty of noise from cannon and gunshot and the music from our courthouse system just set the right mood. Loved the Texas flags and think we shouldn't just relegate them to one day/year. How about that helicopter from DPS and all of the other law enforcement participants? Lots of kids loved sitting in the cockpit and having their pictures taken. I don't know who enjoyed the train rides more the kids or Bobby Jenkins dressed up as a train engineer. The firefighters' hamburgers and the ice cream were tasty. Brian Burgess had a couple of suggestions for next year (that's what I like to hear). He suggested giving each school child in Haskell County a numbered ticket, let them write their names on the back and bring it to the celebration and draw for a prize, like maybe a bicycle? Perhaps we should make a week of the celebration and give prizes for the best dressed western cowboy/Indian/cowgirl, etc.

Spent part of last Thursday with Trent McKnight as we went to Rotary for lunch and then to the high school where McKnight talked to the senior class. As all of you are aware, McKnight is a candidate for the Texas House

of Representatives. In his presentation to the seniors, he discussed 'leadership'. He said that one of the descriptors of leadership is influence and that each of us has a sphere of influence and with that influence comes responsibility. He got their attention. He asked for a show of hands of those who planned on returning to Haskell to work after they graduated from college—very few hands went up. Then he asked for a show of hands of those who would return home if they had a challenging and rewarding career awaiting them—almost all raised their hands. The moral of this: it behooves all of us who live here to do all we can to encourage businesses to come here that would employ these young people. They obviously would return if the career opportunities were here. I was very surprised and pleased with their response—we just have to do everything we can to make it happen. It's challenging but not impossible. Also we need to be aware that not all graduating seniors will go to college. We need plumbers, electricians, mechanics, caregivers—maybe we should invest some of our resources in helping these people stay here and be able to have a decent living wage. After all, these are the people who will be caring for us!

Along that line, the Exergy Baker Ranch Wind Park people spoke to the Commissioners' Court as well as the Hospital Board this past week. As soon as documents are signed regarding tax abatement percentages, the 22,000 acre project (mostly in Throckmorton County) including construction of the wind turbines will begin. This will create 200 construction jobs in the area very soon as they intend to be running by December 2012 and 11-13 permanent "good" jobs. Good was defined as \$40,000 annually.

In last week's column, I promised a story about Charles Swinson. When Mother was in the hospital recovering from a broken thigh, Charles would come

by as he was making his Sunday morning rounds and shaving the men. He walked into Mom's room and asked if she needed her legs shaved. She said she felt certain they needed it. His comment was, "Let me go get my pear burner." We all had a good laugh and down the hall he went. Charles Swinson is the example that every caregiver should strive to emulate.

I had an interesting conversation with a local businessman this week—about guess what?—the condition of the streets. He commented he believed our streets were as bad as he'd ever seen. He was wondering why we were not spending more time repairing the potholes. I explained that we were repairing them when we could all the time knowing that each one of them would have to be redone because the material we were using does not last unless the temperature is above 60F. He understood but also commented that we should be able to repair many more when the weather was right since it shouldn't require

more revenue to repair them this year than it has in the past. I wish he were right in his assumption, but I know that it will cost more because of the increases in cost of raw material and the skyrocketing cost of fuel. As I've said before, we have an aging infrastructure all the way down from the potted streets to the water/sewage lines below. I drive our streets on a daily basis and some will make your coffee jump right out of the cup! Some of President O'Bama's stimulus money would certainly help alleviate these problems.

Now for the fifth and final mistake that cities make concerning their web sites: 'Fuzzy Contact Information.' If someone chooses to contact us we need to make it easy for them to find our mailing address, e-mail, and fax number. This information adds nothing to the cost of our site.

Now we just need to make certain that we're not guilty of making any of these five previous mentioned mistakes and we're ready to set up an effective website.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,
A Scholastic Book Fair for prekindergarten through eighth grade was hosted by Haskell Elementary School the week of Feb. 20-24. The book fair was held in the Elementary library which was decorated with the Hawaiian theme of "Book Fair Luau: It's a Reading Celebration." Students came to the book fair with their classes at scheduled times during the week.

A special Family Night was held on Thursday of the book fair where students, families and friends shopped for books and sampled refreshments. Seven students won door prizes of book fair merchandise.

Another highlight of the week was a visit by "Clifford the Big Red Dog." Clifford greeted elementary students on Monday of the book fair and also made an appearance on family night where he was a huge hit with the younger crowd. The book fair ended

on Friday at noon. This event was a great success due to the many volunteers who helped set up and run the book fair, and also all those who came to support it. We thank the Elementary and Junior High staff for their support, and the fifth and sixth graders who helped set up the fair and worked on Family Night. Several members of the Haskell Elementary PTO assisted in setting up the fair, working as classes came in, working on Family Night, and taking down the book fair.

A special thanks goes to the volunteers from our community who gave their time to help in a variety of ways during class visits and on Family Night. We are very grateful to all of these volunteers because they make it possible to have an event that is so beneficial and fun for all our students.

Betsy McManamon
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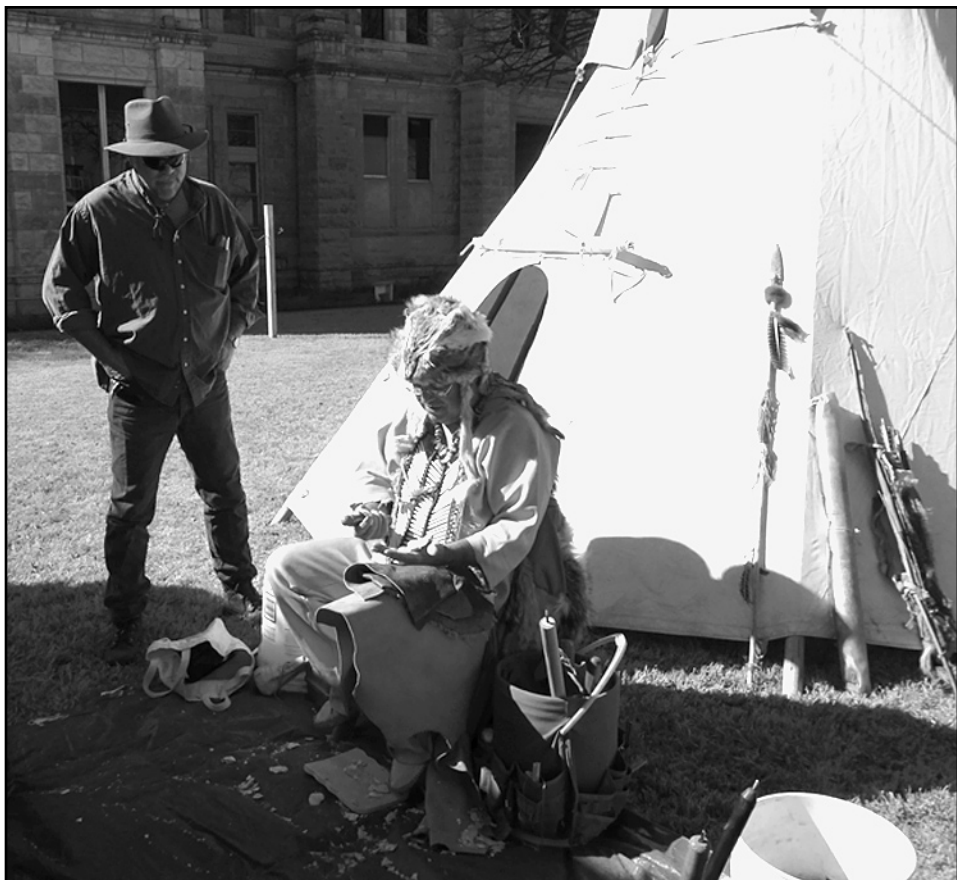
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Scenes from Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style



FLINT KNAPPER—A Native American flint knapper brought his wares and teepee last Saturday to the Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style activities.



FLAG CEREMONY—Haskell Boy Scout Troop 136 conducted the flag ceremony held at the Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style activities Sat., March 3.



TENTS AND CANNON FIRE—Fort Griffin and Fort Concho Calvary reenactors set up their village on the courthouse square last Saturday during Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style.



DIG N FOR GOLD—Children enjoyed digging for gold and finding coins in a pile of sand. The event was sponsored by Haskell National Bank.



ALL SHINED UP—Several vintage cars shined up the south side of the courthouse square during Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style.



HAMBURGER FEED—Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department served hamburgers and fries during the Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style activities last Saturday.



LAW ENFORCEMENT DISPLAY—Local law enforcement groups joined together during the Saturday events to display a DPS helicopter and other crime fighting tools. Handouts and goodies were available for everyone.



WASHER TOSS—A washer toss was a popular activity for the kids during the Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style events last Saturday.

Calendar

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

Teamkid

Teamkid “Jumping the Hurdles” meets on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Family Activity Center of the First Baptist Church in Haskell for students ages 4 years through the sixth grade. Parents may call the church office at 864-2581, if their child needs a ride.

Cantata rehearsals

Community wide Easter cantata rehearsals will be held Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at the East Side Baptist Church. Child care is provided. For more information, call 864-2738.

Relay for Life

To sign up for a team for

the Knox-Haskell Relay for Life visit www.relayforlife.org/knoxhaskelltx or call Becky or Carla at 940-864-3050.

Donations

Noah Project—North is now accepting donations for the dinner/silent auction to be held at the Haskell Civic Center Sat., April 21. All monetary and item donations are appreciated. Call 940-864-2551 if you have questions or need someone to pick up an auction item. You may mail your monetary donations to the Noah Project—North, P. O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521. All donations are greatly appreciated.

40 Days

40 Days of Purpose Campaign has begun at First Baptist Church in Haskell. The campaign will be held through Sun., March 25. Call 864-2581 for details.

Rule banquet

Rule Chamber of Commerce will host their

annual banquet Tues., March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Rule School cafeteria. Tickets are available in advance from any Chamber member or at the door.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 17 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

Food distribution

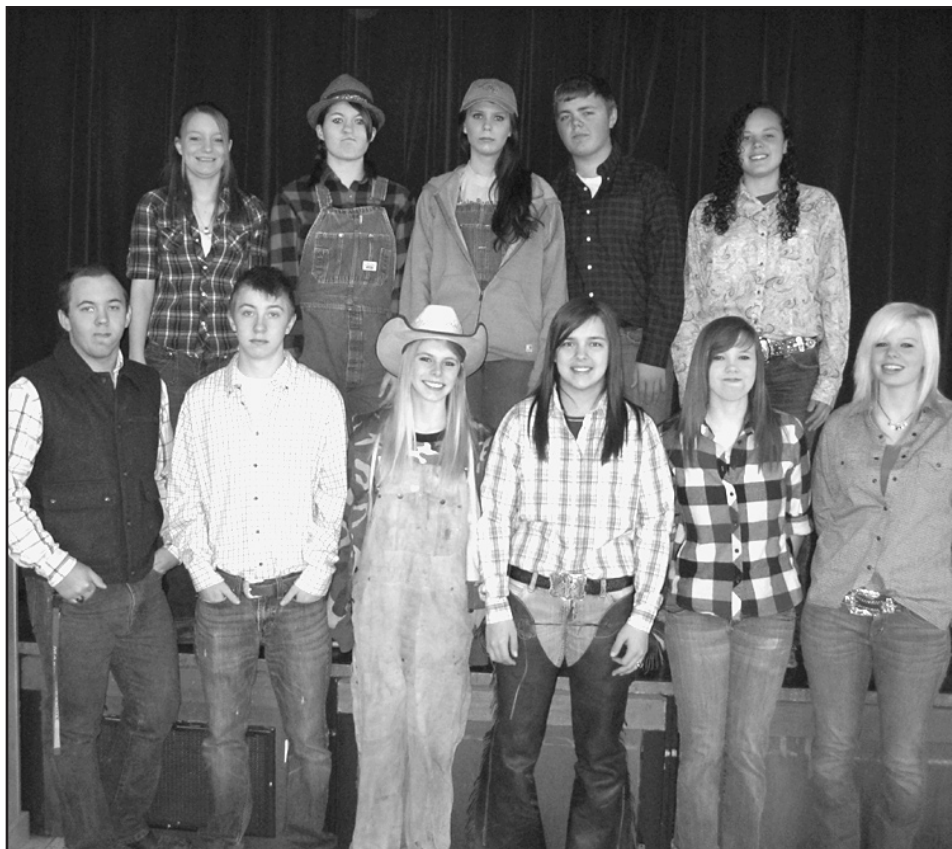
The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 17 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

Hee Haw

The Sagerton Hee Haw will be held March 29-31 beginning at 8 p.m. nightly. Singing will begin at 7 p.m. Plate lunches will be sold from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are available by calling 940-997-2688.



ROPE MAKING—Paint Creek Boy Scout Troop 148 turned ropes during the Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style events Saturday.



CELEBRATES NATIONAL FFA WEEK—In celebration of National FFA Week, the Paint Creek Chapter officers selected themes for each day. On Monday, chapter officers wore their official dress. Tuesday's theme was centered around Greenhand Day so all wore green. Wednesday was Farmer Day so they dressed the part. Thursday was Blue and Gold Day so members wore the official FFA colors and on Friday, the theme was "Your Future is Bright with FFA" so members wore neon colors. FFA members are, front row, l-r, Hunter Jordan, Dalton Barnett, Haley Myers, Layne Petty, Caitlin Medford and Samantha Barnett; back row, Kelsey Smith, Kadie McCord, Katie Jones, Cody Mayfield and Felysha Walker.



CELEBRATES NATIONAL FFA WEEK—In celebration of National FFA Week, the Paint Creek Chapter officers wore green for Tuesday's theme—Greenhand Day. FFA members are, front row, l-r, Danielle Oliver, Layne Petty, Haley Myers, Dalton Barnett, Felysha Walker, Katie Jones, Caitlin Medford, Cody Mayfield and Samantha Barnett; back row, Katie Bosnjak, Andrew Matthies, Charitie Winterstein, Matt Booe, Stormy Darnell and Kellie Jenkins.



CELEBRATES NATIONAL FFA WEEK—In celebration of National FFA Week, the Paint Creek Chapter officers wore neon colors on Friday for the "Your Future is Bright with FFA" theme. FFA members are, front row, l-r, Dalton Barnett, Kelsey Smith, Haley Myers, Katie Jones, Syble Dilli, Tyeler Anderson, Caitlin Medford, Cody Mayfield and Samantha Barnett; back row, Danielle Oliver, Katie Bosnjak, Felysha Walker, Charitie Winterstein



ADVANCES TO STATE—Rule ISD FCCLA students Celeste Caddell, Dannes Holland and Marissa Holder competed in STAR events at the Region II FCCLA Conference in Abilene, Sat., March 3. Dannes presented a display and power point talk in Chapter Service Project Display on "Reaching Out to Read." She will advance to the State Competition in Dallas on April 12-14. Caddell and Holder gave a power point in Illustrated Talk on "Cell Phone Addiction." FCCLA members, l-r, are Caddell, FCCLA Advisor Fonda Newton, Holland and Holder.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Prime Season for Tax Scams

With the arrival March, many tax payers are thinking about the upcoming tax deadline. All taxpayers should be on the lookout for tax scams that seek to steal their money and identities.

Tax season can be a particularly active time for identity thieves, because tax returns contain all the information they need—Social Security numbers, names, addresses, employer information, investment account numbers—to open fraudulent accounts in a taxpayer's name or steal a taxpayer's income tax refund. Fortunately, taxpayers can avoid becoming identity theft victims by staying informed and avoiding common tax schemes.

Avoid phishing scams. Phishing refers to fraudulent emails and websites that identity thieves create in an effort to trick victims into providing sensitive personally identifying information. The scam usually begins with a misleading email that appears to come from a financial institution, tax preparation firm or government agency. The email typically claims that highly sensitive personal information such as a Social Security number or account number is needed to ensure that a taxpayer's income tax return can be processed.

Taxpayers should be particularly wary of emails that claim to come from the IRS. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information—so taxpayers should never respond to emails that appear to be seeking information for the IRS.

Taxpayers should also

delete scam emails that claim to come from the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS), a legitimate tax payment system that allows individuals and businesses to pay federal taxes electronically. According to the IRS, the scam email claims that tax payments made by the taxpayer through EFTPS have been rejected. The email directs the taxpayer to a bogus website that downloads malicious software onto the taxpayer's computer. The malware is designed to retrieve personal and financial information already stored on the taxpayer's computer—and scammers use the information to commit identity theft.

Safeguard computers, mobile devices. Securing computers and mobile phones is crucial to thwarting identity thieves. Taxpayers should password-protect their computer and update their computer's anti-virus software.

Scammers may also send bogus text messages that claim to be from the IRS. By sending unsolicited tax-related text messages, identity thieves are attempting to exploit taxpayers who believe that only a legitimate contact—like an IRS agent—would have their mobile phone number. Unfortunately, this false sense of security makes taxpayers more likely to click on a link in the bogus text message.

Taxpayers should remember that the IRS does not use email or text messages to contact taxpayers about issues related to their accounts. Official taxpayer contact usually includes a letter on IRS stationery in an IRS envelope. IRS letters also contain a contact phone number.

Research tax preparation services. Before providing personal and financial information to a tax return preparation professional, taxpayers should take

four important steps: 1) ask for the tax preparer's credentials; 2) check with the Better Business Bureau for complaints against the tax preparer; 3) verify whether the tax preparer is a certified public accountant; and 4) confirm that the business is open year-round in the event taxpayers need to ask follow-up questions about their income tax returns.

As with any contractual agreement, Texans should carefully read the fine print before entering into a financial transaction involving their income taxes. Taxpayers who understand the nature of these agreements are more likely to make informed decisions that just might save some of their hard-earned money.

For example, Texans should always avoid tax preparation services that "guarantee" the largest possible tax return. Under federal law, any deductions tax preparers make for their clients must be accurate and legally permissible. Tax preparers that submit false information in order to obtain larger refunds for a client (and higher fees for the preparer) put their clients in legal jeopardy. Competent, legitimate tax preparers will not hesitate to sign their clients' tax return.

Know the truth about frivolous tax arguments. Although many prefer not to pay their taxes, it is well settled law that federal income taxes are not voluntary. United States courts have repeatedly rejected some of the more common false "legal" arguments made by those who oppose compliance with federal income tax laws, including contentions that taxpayers can refuse to pay income taxes on religious or moral grounds by invoking the First Amendment; that only federal government employees are subject to federal income taxes; and that only foreign-source income is taxable.



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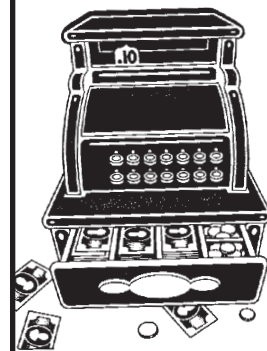
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SWEET JOB—Tackling the sweetest job on Saturday were, l-r, Tammie Wallace, Rob Mickler, Mark Wallace, and Heath Pinkerton who were judging the Pie Contest held during the Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style Sat., March 3.

Jennings has grand champion pie entry

Mary Jennings, with her German Chocolate Pecan Pie entry, was the grand champion winner at the Pie Baking Contest held in conjunction with Celebrate Texas Independence Day—Haskell County Style Sat., March 3.

sponsored by God Loves You Ministries.

The contest was

Adult entries included, first place, Mary Jennings, German Chocolate Pecan Pie; second place, Louis Enriquez, Grandmother's Peach Pie; and third place, Lauren McCormick, Peach Crumble Pie.

Best of Show was a Lone Star Caramel Apple Pie baked by Mary Rike.

Youth entries were, Lilee-Grace McCormick, Apple Pie; second place, Elizabeth Bowers, Apple Pie; and third place, Emmalee McCormick, Pecan Pie.



WIN SECOND PLACE—The Haskell Maidens softball team won second at the Windhorst Trojan Tournament. Team members are, front row, l-r, Madisson Homeyer, Delecia Garcia, Veronica Robledo, Jacie Klose, Breezy Gibbs and Cailey Foster; back row, Morgan Frierson, Maegan Gonzales, Jasmine Klose, Claire Carmichael, Laycee Tullis, Reagan Hadaway, Maci Colley and Caitlan Johnson. Not pictured is Meghan Glover.

Box Tops needed

The Haskell Elementary PTO and students are collecting Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education are found on many grocery and other items. Each box top turned in equals 10 cents for our school. Over \$500 in box tops for the fall semester were turned in. Box tops

from anyone will be accepted to help us beat the amount collected in the fall semester. If any businesses would like a collection jar for Box Tops, one can be provided. For more information, email haskellelementarypto@gmail.com or leave a message with the elementary school secretary.

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YOUTH RUNNERS—A few of the youth runners who braved a chilly morning Sat., March 3 to run in the Camo Chicks Relay For Life 5K run/walk were, l-r, Emma Roewe, Calie Everett, Delaney Hanson and Abbye Andress.



WINNING RUNNERS—Winners of their division in the Camo Chicks Relay For Life 5K run/walk held Sat., March 3 were, l-r, Mary Rike, Chambray Bartley, Justin King, Marty Hall, Kelson Aguerro, Gerald Bodde holding Morgan Bodde, Evan Enriquez, Renee Gober, Wendy Nicholson, Taylor Wilson and Rodney Miller. Not pictured is Michael Davis.

5K run/walk winners

The results from the Texas Independence Day 5k run include:

Overall winners were Justin King, 21.09 and Wendy Nicholson, 26.38.

Male age group winners were:

12 & Under: Evan Enriquez, 51.58.
13-18: Kelson Aguerro, 22.23.
19-29: Marty Hall, 24.37.
30-39: no entries.

40-49: Gerald Bodde, 33.59; Adam Garcia 43.54.

50-59: Michael Davis, 30.00; Terry Wyatt, 33.43.
60 & Over: Rodney Miller, 45.04.

Female age group winners were:

12 & Under: Morgan Bodde, 33.54; Sarah Fouts, 43.23; and Kameryn Mathis 43.24.
13-18: Taylor Wilson 28.08; Aubrey Tatum, 43.46.

19-29: Chambray Bartley 33.56; Kim Rodriguez, 42.27; Judith Isbell 42.35.

30-39: Renee Gober 26.45; Brittany Williams, 32.31; Jennifer Villarreal, 35.43.

40-49: Patsy Richards, 34.17; Erlinda Booe, 43.31; Terry Rodriguez, 44.45.

50-59: Eugenia Daniel, 50.57; Debra Bartley, 53.23; Freida Ivy, 55.28.

60 & Over: Mary Rike, 43.58; Paula Everett, 50.42.



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INDIAN PITCHER—Haskell Indian #14 Kade Colley is on the mound during the Hamlin Tournament last weekend.



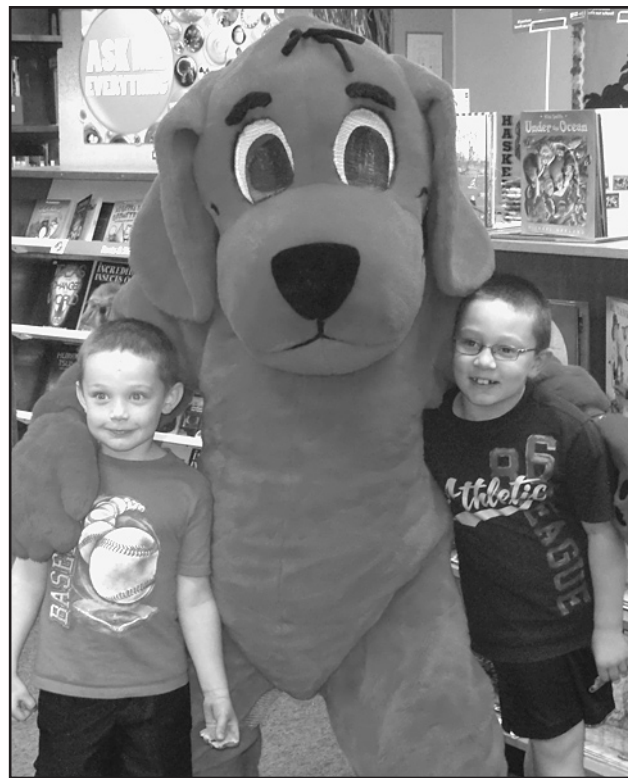
THIRD BASEMAN—Haskell Indian #13 Sterling Bird on third base during the Hamlin Tournament.



INDIAN CATCHER—Haskell Indian #22 Jarred Escobedo behind the plate during the Hamlin Tournament.



INDIAN RUNNER—Haskell Indian #4 Emmett Benton looks to steal third base during the Hamlin Tournament held last weekend.



BOOK FAIR—Caden West, left, and Colby West visit with Clifford the Big Red Dog during the recent book fair held at Haskell Elementary School.

Harris completes regular season

Kenisha Harris finished her regular season with a ten game winning streak and a 19-9 overall, 16-4 conference record. She finished the regular season with a 15.6 ppg and six rebounds per game average. She ranked third in conference in scoring. After all her hard work during the summer and this season, she was honored at the Lone Star Conference banquet by being named first team all conference performer. She and ACU's Mack Langford were the only two sophomores on the first team, the three others were seniors Sabella Diata of Cameron University, Shelby Adams of Tarleton, and Savannah Carter of Midwestern State.

Diata, who hails from Dakar, Senegal was the player of the year. Three of Harris' teammates received Honorable Mention. They were seniors Ashley Leven and Joni Unruh, and sophomore Devin Griffin. Griffin, who transferred from N.C. State, also received newcomer of the year along with two other girls.

This weekend in the conference tourney, WTAMU lost to Incarnate

Word 73-71 in the semi finals. Harris could only play a few minutes, as a sore knee was hampering her. She made a valiant effort but the pain was too much to continue. She is getting medical attention this week and hoping for a positive outcome as the Lady Buffs were selected as an at large bid into the DII National NCAA tournament. They will travel to Topeka Kansas to play #1 seeded Washburn University.

Harris hopes to be able to play, but it more than likely will be a game time decision, depending on prognosis, level of pain, and if she can go strong enough to help her team. Harris is a physical player in the paint and her legs are a big part of her power game. She also has to look at the future and not take a chance on doing further damage. She has had an excellent sophomore season and looks to better things in the next two years as this young team matures together.

Harris is the daughter of Jim and Evett Harris, and granddaughter of Jerry and Jerri Anne Harris, and great granddaughter of Euanna Hicks, all of Haskell.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith shows us how to cope with minor mishaps

Like most of us, you occasionally undergo one of those days when everything seems to go wrong. You overslept and had to skip breakfast. Then, by the time you discovered that the car wouldn't start, it was too late to catch the bus. Later, your expected package didn't arrive; and so on, until by the end of the day you wish you had just slept through it. However, were all those things

true disasters, or did they merely seem to be because of the accumulation? Through faith, we learn to rise above these mishaps, many of which could be prevented by our being a little better organized. At your house of worship give thanks to God for these lessons in character, as well as for all those other days, when everything seemed to go right.

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., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Phillip 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
- First Baptist Church**
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
—WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert
- 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—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

ECC Menu

- Mon., March 12**
Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, green beans, garlic toast, peaches, brownies, tea or coffee
- Wed., March 14**
Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, Coke

- cake, tea or coffee
- Fri., March 16**
Ham and lima beans, club spinach, seasoned corn, cornbread, lemon cake, tea or coffee
- Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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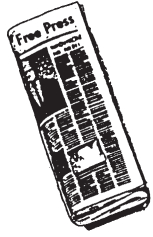
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Sealed bids will be accepted until 12:00 noon March 23rd, 2012 at which time bids will be opened. Bids will be accepted or rejected at a Regular City Council Meeting on March 26 or April 9, 2012 at 7:00 a.m.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 9-10c

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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, 2012, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 11,379. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District v. Conn, David et ux Conn, Amanda Denise. Legal Description, 1. Lot Three (3) and the North Twenty-Five Feet (N 25') of Lot Two (2), Block G of the Tandy & Pinkerton Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,462. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District v. Taylor, Paul et ux Taylor, Velma. Legal Description, 2. Lot Two (2), Block Thirty-Seven (37) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,630. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District v. Rodela, Brandon. Legal Description, 3. The South One Half (S/2) of Lot Three (3), Block W, of the Miller Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 11,636. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District v. Losoya, Alejo R., et ux. Legal Description, 4. Lots Three (3) and Four (4), Block Seventy-six (76), of the Carney Addition to the City of O'Brien, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 11,638. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal

District v. Hagle, Paulette Aka Yvonne P. Hagle. Legal Description, 5. Lots Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), and Ten (10), Block Twenty-three (23), of the Original Town Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,641. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District v. Arredondo, Fernando. Legal Description, 6. Lot Five (5), Block B, of the Martin Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,698. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District v. Jimenez, Gilbert Jr., et ux. Legal Description, 7. Tract Four (4) (130x140), Block Nine (9), of the Brown & Roberts Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,732. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District v. Llewellyn, Kenneth. Legal Description, 8. Tract Number Three (3) (70x160), Baldwin Number One (1), Out Lot Seventy-seven (77) of Haskell Block A, Haskell County, Texas, and referred to in metes and bounds as Tract Two (2) in Volume 535, Page 4 of a Warranty Deed filed in the Official Public Records of Haskell County, Texas.

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Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a regular meeting Mon., Feb. 13 with all members of the court present.

A motion to pay all the bills presented to the Court including the changes made on a charge to Precinct 4 that belonged to the Experienced Citizens Center passed.

Haskell County Treasurer Janis McDaniel presented the monthly report for the

treasurer and the monthly report for the Experienced Citizens Center. Both were accepted.

George Diaz has been hired as part time help.

Sheriff David Halliburton submitted the Racial Profiling Report, which was accepted.

The tearing down of old houses has been completed.

McDaniel reported that all copy machines had been

delivered.

There is no burn ban at this time.

Energy representative Peggy Beltrone made a presentation to the benefits of having a wind farm installed in Haskell County. She was joined by Maddie Krezowski and Wes Jackson. The Court discussed holding a meeting on Feb. 16 to pursue the wind farm proposal.

Mayor John Gannaway

announced that there will be a motorcycle and car show April 27-28 at the City Park and a cook off at the RV park. McDaniel reported that the Camo Chicks were holding a 5K run/walk on March 3 to benefit Relay for Life.

The Commissioners' Court met in a special called meeting Thurs., Feb. 16 with all members present.

A motion to accept the application from Exergy for Tax Abatement passed.

A meeting date for the reinvestment zone was set for March 1.

A motion to allow Judge David Davis or McDaniel to enter into a contract with an electric utility company passed.

The Commissioners' Court met in a regular meeting Fri., Feb. 24 in a special meeting with all members present.

The Court had a conference call with Bob Bass and discussed in general terms the Tax Abatement proposal and draft Tax Abatement agreement. There was some editing to the agreement, but no action was taken.

Cantata rehearsals

Community wide Easter cantata rehearsals will be held Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at the East Side Baptist Church. Child care is provided. For more information, call 864-2738.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

Paint Creek girls named to All-District team

The Paint Creek Lady Pirates placed several players on the all district team this

year.

Katrina Buerger was named first team all-district,

academic all-district, and first alternate for all-star basketball game for 6-man schools.

Felysha Walker was named second team all-district, academic all-district, and fourth alternate for all-star basketball game for 6-man schools.

Katie Bosnjak earned honorable mention all-district and academic all-district honors.

Kadie McCord and Layne Petty were named academic all-district.

The Lady Pirates were Bi-District champs.



KATRINA BUERGER



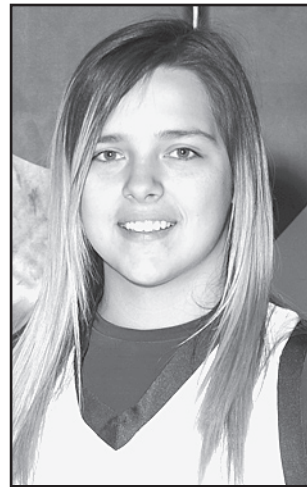
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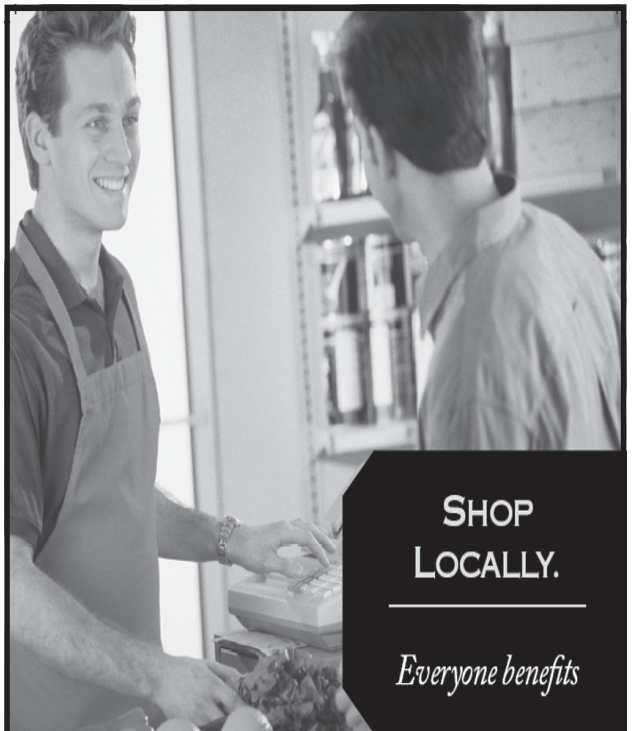
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