

Softball

Maidens
Maidens vs Eula
Fri., March 8, 5:00 p.m.
at Eula
Snyder Tournament
Thurs.-Sat., March 7-9
TBA at Snyder
Maidens vs Stamford
Tues., March 12, 2:00 p.m.
at Haskell

Baseball

Indians
JV Haskell Tournament
Thurs.-Sat., March 7-9
TBA at Haskell
Indians vs Winters
Fri., March 8, 4:00 p.m.
at Winters
Indians vs Roby
Tues., March 12, 1:00 p.m.
at Roby
V-JV Indians vs Anson
Wed., March 13, 1:00 p.m.
at Haskell

Calendar

Enchilada dinner

Calvary Baptist Church, 600 S. 7th, Haskell will host an enchilada dinner Sun., March 10 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Take outs are available.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., March 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ annex. Ruth Jackson, well known Abilene artist, will bring the program using pastels. She is very interesting and involved in teaching art in many areas of life. Will be a great program. No invitation is needed, come and enjoy.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., March 12 from 1 to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square. Recent changes have streamlined the donation process. Call 325-670-2799 for more information or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Quilting class

Quilting classes will be offered the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Church of God, 714 N. 1st East in Haskell. For more information, call Cathy at 864-3982.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 16 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 16 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

Mom Prom

The Camo Chicks third annual Mom Prom fund-raiser benefitting the American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held at Macias Ballroom April 6 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$20. Ladies, pull out your old prom dresses and come join in the fun! For more information contact Bette Enriquez at 864-2391 or Stacia Leach at 864-8138, after 5:00 p.m. No one under the age of 18 permitted.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester homecoming will be held Sept. 27-28.

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Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend

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Larned, Crosson honored at Chamber banquet

by Caron Yates

The Haskell Civic Center was the setting Monday, Feb. 25, for the 2013 Chamber of Commerce banquet.

The event, attended by approximately 150 people, began with a chicken spaghetti meal catered by Modern Way Food Store.

Chamber manager Sally Rueffer welcomed everyone, and Mayor John Gannaway gave the invocation. About fifty members of the Haskell High School Band, led by band director

Mike Aston, entertained the group with a performance of songs prepared for UIL competition.

Door prizes, sponsored by many generous local businesses, were distributed throughout the evening, with the grand prize being a high school football package.

Following the chamber report, the much anticipated Volunteer of the Year and Business of the Year awards were presented.

The Volunteer Citizen of the Year for 2013 was

Ruth Larned. In announcing the honoree, John Rike described her as one of those individuals whose activities and contributions are behind the scenes, often out of the public eye. She gives of her time and energy out of kindness, generosity and a love for her fellow man.

Larned has assisted many through the years by driving them to out of town doctor's appointments, providing rides to the grocery store or church, helping with fund-raising efforts of the

American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society, as well as being a regular visitor of the sick in hospitals and nursing homes.

Larned was born and raised west of Rule, graduating as valedictorian of Rule High School. She attended Durham's Business College in Fort Worth.

Her husband Curtis Cox was in the military, which required moving frequently. Together they raised a daughter, Dr. Tamara

Fleming, who lives in Dallas and a son, Mikal Cox, living in California. Larned has three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

While she was busy raising a family, she was also busy with a career. Her employment began with Bill Wilson Motor Company. In the early 50's she worked at Haskell Memorial Hospital in the bookkeeping department, later moving to assistant administrator and then administrator. When Schlumberger Well Service opened a local office, she began work for them.

After the family moved to Stamford, she worked for the Stamford Hospital and then spent several years as secretary for St. John's Methodist Church.

Upon marrying Dee Larned, she returned to Haskell where she has made her home for the past thirty-three years. Through this marriage her family has grown to include two stepsons, Sammy and Jimmy Larned, and one stepdaughter, the late Sandra Wallace, as well as eight step-grandchildren and twenty step-great-grandchildren.

Larned is an active member of the East Side Baptist Church, and is involved with the Experienced Citizens Center. Described as a "Mover and Shaker," she is most deserving of this honor.

The 2013 Business of the Year Award was presented by Sally Rueffer to Haskell Early Learning Center, which is operated by Sheena Crosson.

In October of 2011, Crosson assumed ownership and management of the day to day operation of the child care facility from Haskell CISD. She is a certified and licensed director, with several years experience in the field. The Early Learning Center, offers a specified teaching curriculum incorporated into the day for each age group, as well as breakfast, lunch and a snack.

Crosson has expanded the operation to include an after school program for older children. They have over fifty children enrolled, and employ five people. The business is registered with the Texas Workforce Commission.

Crosson and her husband Chris, were raised in Haskell and graduated from Haskell High School. Their desire to stay in their hometown and raise a family here, played an important role in her decision to take over the business. They have two sons, Carter and Colton.

Working parents are keenly aware of the importance of deciding to whom they will entrust the care of their children. Haskell is fortunate to have this business where children are loved and well cared for. Congratulations to Crosson and her staff, in being honored as the Business of the Year.



HONOREES—John Sam Rike, left, presented Ruth Larned, second from left, the Volunteer of the Year award during the Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet held Mon., Feb. 25 at the Civic Center. Sheena Crosson, second from right, received the Business of the Year award. Sally Rueffer, right, made the presentation to the Haskell Early Learning Center, run by Crosson. Rueffer is the manager of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center.

Two contested elections to be held in May

by Caron Yates

The date for filing for a position in the May 11 municipal and school board elections has come and gone. There are only two contested races county-wide.

The City of Haskell will elect three at-large aldermen. Incumbents Randy Bowers and Sue Medford have filed for re-election. Incumbent Stacy Bridges chose not to run for another term. Challengers for the three council positions are Shane Whitt, Ernest Frye, Allen Morrow and Wes Strickland.

Early voting will take place at Haskell City Hall from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Extended hours on Thursday, May 2nd and Friday, May 3rd will run from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Rule ISD will also hold an election for three positions on the school board. Teresa Baiza and Elaina Mathis, both incumbents, have filed to retain their spots on the school board. Others vying for a position on the Rule school board are Terry Threet, Jeffrey Murray, Robert Saffel and Wade Gomillion.

Early voting for the Rule school board election will take place in the superintendent's office during regular business hours.

Haskell CISD had two positions, single member district 1, held by Joel Torres and single member district 6, currently served by Tyke

Meinzer. Both incumbents have filed to run, with no challengers filing.

There will be no city elections held in Rule, Rochester or Weinert.

The City of Rule had three seats up for grabs, however only the incumbents filed to run. David Parr, Kenny Tanner and Jerry Cannon will continue to serve the City of Rule.

In Rochester, incumbents Malinda Teague, Sandra

Bass, Bobby O'Neal and Mayor Marvin Stegemoeller will retain their seats on the municipal government.

Leonard Mahan, Stanley Hager and Caron Yates will continue to have a place on the city council for Weinert.

March 12 is the first day to apply for early voting by mail. May 3 will be the last day to receive an application for a ballot to vote by mail. The first day for early voting by personal appearance is

April 29 and it will continue through May 7.

Election Day, May 11, voting for the City of Haskell will take place at City Hall. Voting for the Rule ISD school board will be held at the Rule City Hall.

Voters are reminded to bring an acceptable form of identification. This can include your voter certificate, driver's license or other personal photo identification.

Sheriff Stephens issues warning to those who are involved in drugs

Haskell County Sheriff Winston Stephens has offered the following words to those who are involved in drugs:

Smuggling and dealing drugs is not a victimless crime, just ask any father or mother who has had a child that was affected by drugs. It is simply an excuse to justify your illegal actions.

You are part of a major criminal organization causing untold deaths and chaos in America. This affects all of the American people.

As law enforcement officers, we have taken an oath to protect the American people. This year of 2013 we plan on stepping it up a notch! We will not sit around waiting on you. We plan to

look for you at every stop sign, mile marker, rest area, convenience store, gas station, drive through and motel.

We want to make sure you watch your mirrors until your neck cramps up. Watch over your shoulder at every moment. Think about who is in the next stall in every rest stop. Sleep light as we may come knocking on your door at home or at your motel room during the middle of the night.

Watch your speed, stay alert, that next call may be from us—you figure it out. We are coming for you! One day when you least expect it, you will see one of us pull in behind you and our red and blues will come on. Your

heart rate will increase. You know what we know.

One mistake, one minor mistake and your career and lavish lifestyle will be over. Your neighbors, friends, children, wife, dad, mom will all find out about you. You will tell them every excuse, but they will know the truth.

We are coming for you! We will be looking for you every day and at every turn. We will see you, will see you sometime—maybe today, maybe next month. Some day we will meet and destiny will be upon you.

We are coming for you! We are looking forward to meeting you...no, really we are!

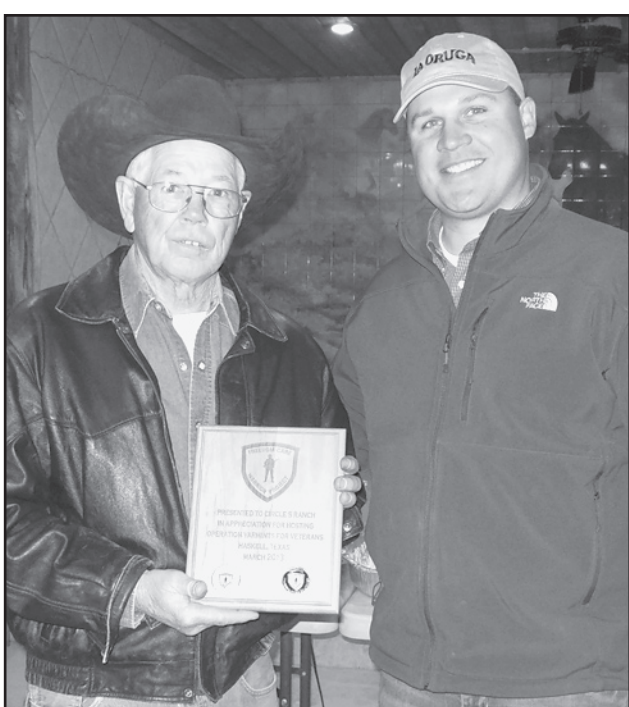
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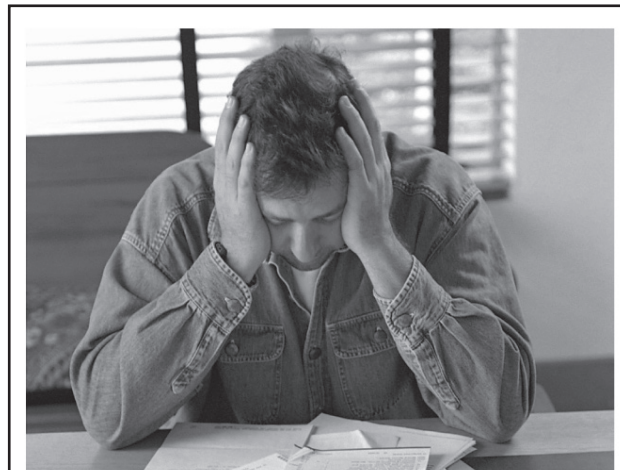
SAFETY CITY VISIT—The Paint Creek third graders made their annual trip to Safety City in Abilene Thurs., Feb. 28. The students learned about bicycle, pedestrian, fire and traffic safety. Those making the trip were, seated, l-r, Tori Blake and Ivy Cumby; standing, Dakota Daniels, Chris Acosta, Ethan Jenkins, Jordan Mlenak, Tyler Dawson, Donovan Rodriguez and Joshua Blake. Their teacher is Tammi Hawkins.



EVENT WINNERS—Winners of the Operation: Varmints for Veterans was the team of l-r, John Trammel of Breckenridge, Jon Van Winkle of Graham, Rex Davis of Monticello, Arkansas and Mike Roberts of Abilene. Davis is a disabled veteran who served three tours in Afghanistan. He was a door gunner for a MH67 Chinook helicopter. The group brought in five coyotes, one fox and a bobcat.



IN APPRECIATION—Jon Van Winkle, right, of the Freedom Care Warrior Project, presented Jacky (left) and Sandra Sanders of the Circle S Ranch a plaque in appreciation of their being the hosts for the Varmints For Veterans event in Haskell. The event was held March 2-3.



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SHOW STEER—Cheyenne Buerger, right, of Paint Creek placed fourth in the Heavy Weight Angus division at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Shown are, l-r, his parents, Gina and Kenny Buerger and Kourtney Howard.

Obituaries

James 'Jack' Ewell Kittley, Jr.



JACK KITTLE

Funeral services for James 'Jack' Ewell Kittley, Jr., 84, lifelong resident of Rule were held Thurs., Feb. 28 at First Baptist Church in Rule with John Greeson officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Kittley passed away at his home early Monday morning, Feb. 25.

Born Mon., Dec. 13, 1928 in Rule, he was the son of Mildred Kittley (Guinn) and James Ewell Kittley, Sr. He

grew up and attended school in Rule and other than a short while serving our country, Jack always worked on the family farm. He married Margaret Frances Pilley March 14, 1970 in Rule. The two remained in Rule where Jack continued to farm the family land.

He was a quiet, kind man and never had much to say unless the subjects of the weather, farming, or oil wells were brought up. He was happy to join in the conversation at that point, but if the subject changed, Jack was done conversing.

He earned the Family Land Heritage Award for being an owner and operating the same farm land as his predecessors' for more than 110 years. He was very proud of this award, proud of the family farm, and continued to honor both to his last days.

Kittley enjoyed genealogy and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rule.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mildred and James Kittley, Sr.

He will be missed by his wife of 43 years, Margaret Kittley of Rule; a step-son, Donald Wylie of McKinney; step-daughter, Tina Wylie of Azle; a brother, Pete Kittley of Rule; two nephews, Billy Dave Kittley, Jr. and wife Pat of Rule, and James Ray Kittley of Rule; great nieces and nephews, Sarah Heidenhammer and husband J.G. of Oahu, Hawaii, Steven Kittley of Abilene and their sons, Zack and Ryan, Tre Ann Krupnick and husband Matt of Fairfax, Virginia and their son, Cooper, and Billy Dave Kittley, III of Rule.

If desired, memorial contributions may be given in Jack's name to the Salvation Army, 1726 Butternut St., Abilene, Texas 79602.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Kittley family by visiting www.smithfamilyfh.com. PD. NOTICE

Hee Haw tickets now available

The Sagerton Community has begun making preparations for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw, which will be held March 21-23, beginning at 8:00 p.m. each evening. An hour of music and singing will be held before the Hee Haw program begins.

The program for Thurs., March 21, is especially for groups. Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances will go on sale Thurs., March 7 at 8:30 a.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. After the completion of ticket sales at the Community Center March 7, orders may be made by calling 940-997-2688 or come to 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton, for tickets. A limit of 10 tickets will be sold per person March 7. If more tickets are needed, you may enter the line again.

Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Timothy Curtis 'Tim' Burson



TIM BURSON

Funeral services for Timothy Curtis 'Tim' Burson, 66, lifelong resident of Haskell were held Sat., March 2 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Randy Packwood and Rev. Jim McCurley officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Burson passed away Wednesday evening, Feb. 27 at Haskell Memorial Hospital with his family at his side.

One of four children, Tim was born Jan. 5, 1947 in Haskell to Raymond Herbert and Dorothy Estelle (Curtis) Burson. He married Linda Sampson Aug. 7, 1965.

Burson proudly served on the Board of Directors for Haskell County Farm Bureau and Farmers Co-op Gin of Haskell; he fulfilled a four year term as Haskell County Commissioner; was a passionate and loyal minister for Treasures of Grace Ministries; and faithfully worked the Cross Country Emmaus Walks.

Burson was a retired farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church of Haskell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Estelle Burson; a son, Scotty Burson; daughter, Andrea Burson; and a brother, Tony Burson.

Those left behind to honor Tim's memory are his wife of

47 years, Linda Burson of Haskell; two sons, Jimmy Burson and wife Missy of Haskell and their children, Jordan, Taylor, Lane and Logan; and Patrick Burson and his wife Angela of Clyde and their children, Mason, Brynn and Luke; two sisters, Wanda Rogers of Haskell and Sherry Carter and husband Chick of Abilene.

Pallbearers were Joe Beach, Joey Kimbrough, David Adams, James Ivy, Stacy Bridges and Andy Griffith.

Memorials may be made in Tim's honor to the Haskell Hero Scholarship Fund, 605 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas 79521; or to the Treasures of Grace Bible/Prison Ministry, P.O. Box 664, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Burson family by visiting www.smithfamilyfh.com. PD. NOTICE

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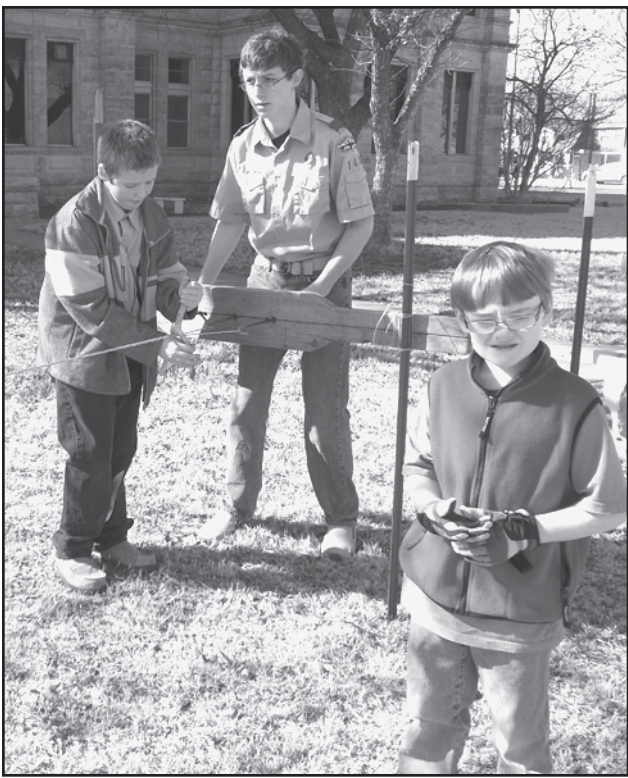
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TURNING ROPES—Paint Creek Troop 148 demonstrated the art of rope making during the Celebrate Texas Independence Haskell County Style on Saturday. Turning the crank is Seth Rock. Gabe Todd holds the guiding stick. Jon Townsend waits for his turn to help.



DIGGING FOR DOLLARS—Children under age 9 enjoyed digging for dollars during the Celebrate Texas Independence Haskell County Style on Saturday. The event allowed kids to keep what they found, except all were limited to one gold dollar coin. The fun was sponsored by Haskell National Bank.



WASHER PITCHING—Kids tried their hand at mastering the art of washer pitching during the Celebrate Texas Independence Haskell County Style on Saturday.

Haskell Lodge #241

The winds of March blew in and members braved the elements to attend the meeting of Sons of Hermann Lodge #241.

The meeting was called to order by president, Jerry Don Klose and he lead the group in the pledge of allegiance to the USA flag.

A memorial was offered up for the passing of Tim Burson, who had been a member since July 13,1975, and expired on Feb. 28. Our condolences are extended to his family.

Our Cheer Committee had good news as the members who have been on the sick list are now home and doing much better, even though more surgery may be in the future.

T.J. Brueggeman and Harry Koehler have birthdays in the month of March.

Herbert Dale Fischer of Waco will receive his 50-year membership pin in March. Fischer became a member March 22, 1963.

Klose, Brueggeman and Koehler won door prizes.

Conversations centered upon days gone by. Farming was the general way of life.

For most of the work on the farm, it seems it was done

by hand. (This was the hard way). Gathering grain and storing it was a hot, dusty and itchy chore. Some cultivating, which was supposed to be time saving, ended up as time costly, as the hired hand was not watching and covered up a row as it cultivated the row next to it. This meant going by foot and uncovering by hand held device, to restore the damaged row. All of this work was being done during the heat of the day.

One member recalls being told that to be initiated into the lodge, you would be required to ride a donkey. Of course that never happened, but when the lodge was young, there were passwords and secrecies that are no longer in existence.

Time changes everything. The customs enjoyed in the past are now disregarded by the new generation, and sometime the new customs are not understood by the older generation. The delight is when all generations learn from each other and learn to live along side of each other in harmony.

The meeting for next month will be April 7 at 5:00 p.m. at Camacho and Charlie's.

Josselet reunion to be held March 30

The Josselet reunion will be held Sat., March 30 at the Haskell Civic Center. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with donuts and coffee. A luncheon of steak, sausage, beans and bread will be provided. All attendees are asked to furnish salads, vegetables and or desserts. An auction will be held again, so family members are asked to bring items for the auction. A bouncy house and an Easter Egg hunt will be held for the children. A group picture will be taken and any family group pictures will be available upon request. Families are asked to bring old family pictures with names to be scanned to put on a disc. Each of the nine families represented will get a disc made. Send your updates/changes to Julia Harrell at tti@valornet.com. If you have any questions, contact Robbie Drinnon or Julia Harrell.



HAMBURGER FEED—Haskell Volunteer Fire Department members feed the crowd their famous hamburgers and french fries during the Celebrate Texas Independence Haskell County Style on Saturday. The veterans are registering for the Operation: Varmints for Veterans hunt at the gazebo.

Easter Cantata set Sunday, March 24

Community Choir practice for the Easter Cantata will be held each Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m. in the First Baptist Chapel. Everyone is welcome. The cantata will be presented Sun., March 24 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. For more information, contact Martha Jarred.

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Haskell Co. 4-H Fashion Show results

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

The 2013 Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show was held Sun., March 3 at the Paint Creek School auditorium. The Haskell Jr. and Sr. 4-H Clubs hosted the annual event.

Emily Fouts, Mistress of Ceremonies, welcomed the 4-H members, parents and guests to the show. Jacie Klose led everyone in the American Pledge and the 4-H Motto and Pledge. The invocation was given by Madison Homeyer. Fouts introduced special guests, and judges for the event were recognized. Serving as judges for the fashion show were Ann Guess of Jayton and Michelle Dunnam of Haskell. Fashion Storyboard judge was Tracie Pribyla of Seymour. Appreciation was expressed to the Haskell County TEEA Club and the Haskell County 4-H and Youth Development Committee for sponsoring the 2013 fashion show awards.

4-H Clothing & Textiles project members participating in the fashion show presented their outfits in the style show, "Haskell County 4-H Fiesta." Jim McTasney of Paint Creek narrated the show giving details about each outfit as well as information about each model.

Results of the fashion show competition were announced by Jane Rowan—County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences. Assisting with the presentation of awards was Paint Creek 4-H member, Zhenia McTasney. All first place winners will advance to the District 4-H Fashion



INTERMEDIATE ENTRIES—Intermediate entries in the Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show include, I-r, Lori Beth Rodgers, Sarah Fouts, Bailey Hawkins and Felicity Hannsz.

Show on April 6. The 2013 district fashion show will be hosted by Jack County 4-H in Jacksboro.

Fashion show results include:

Fashion Story Board

Junior Accessory, Blessing Jordan, Haskell, first place.

Junior Pet Clothing, Adaline Utley, Haskell, first place.

Junior Wearable, Faith Jordan, Haskell, first place.

Intermediate Pet Clothing, Bailey Hawkins, Haskell, first place.

Intermediate Wearable, Sarah Fouts, Sagerton, first place.

Fashion Show

Junior Buying

Casual Wear, Adaline Utley, first place.

Dressy Wear, Gracie

Oliver, Stamford, first place; Faith Jordan, Haskell, second place.

Specialty Wear, Blessing Jordan, first place.

Intermediate Buying

Casual Wear, Lori Beth Rodgers, Haskell, first place; Felicity Hannsz, Haskell, second place.

Dressy Wear, Sarah Fouts, first place.

Specialty Wear, Bailey Hawkins, first place.

Senior Buying

Specialty Wear, Emily Fouts, Sagerton, first place.

Prior to the style show refreshments were served by the Haskell 4-H Clubs while guests viewed the fashion storyboard exhibit.

For more information about the 4-H Clothing project and/or the Fashion

Show, contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS, in the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. The telephone number is 940-864-2546.



FASHION SHOW—Emily Fouts had the Specialty Wear entry in the Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show.

4-H Club news

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs held their monthly meeting Sunday afternoon, Feb. 24 at the Haskell County Extension Office. Twenty-four 4-H'ers and leaders attended. The meeting was led by Bailey Hawkins. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tillie McGuire and the 4-H Motto and Pledge was led by Felicity Hannsz.

The 4-H Clubs had a short business meeting, past events covered were the Fort Worth, San Antonio and San Angelo Stock Shows. The Clothing Lock-In that was

held in Rule Feb. 2 was also discussed.

The upcoming events discussed were the Houston and Star of Texas Stock Shows, the Clothing and Photography Awards Program to be held March 3 at the Paint Creek School cafeteria. Special guest at the meeting was Jane Rowan, CEA-FCS, who spoke to the 4-H members about 4-H Round-Up, a District contest coming up May 1 in Vernon.

There are such events as Share-The-Fun, Public

Speaking, Educational Presentations, and Quiz Bowls (Horse and Beef).

The 4-H'ers went outside the meeting and took pictures for a "H-A-S-K-E-L-L 4-H" collage, with their bodies forming the letters. Door prize winner was Brody Stanfield.

The 4-H'ers enjoyed refreshments furnished by Cherie Dutton.

The next meeting is set March 24. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.



JUNIOR ENTRIES—Junior entries in the Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show include, front, Blessing Jordan; back row, Faith Jordan, Adaline Utley and Gracie Oliver.

March Garden Checklist

•Often, tomato and pepper plants started outdoors from seed will grow so quickly they will catch up with commercial plants in size within a few weeks. For many gardeners, this is the only way to obtain rare or heirloom varieties. But because this has been a winter with erratic weather patterns, it's best to keep an eye on young tomato transplants so that they may be covered if the threat of a late frost occurs.

•Don't be in a hurry to set out young pepper plants. Wait until the temperatures seem to be settled.

•Pruning of evergreens and summer flowering trees and shrubs should be completed in early March. Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs as soon as they finish blooming.

•Start hanging baskets of petunias, ferns and others for another dimension in landscape color. One attractive begonia plant can yield a number of others through careful rooting of stem cuttings.

•Plant dahlia tubers in fertile, well-drained soil.

•In North Texas there is still time to plant seeds of your favorite annuals in flats to be transplanted out-of-

doors when danger of frost is past.

•Select and order caladium tubers as well as coleus plants for late April and early May planting. Do not plant caladiums until soil temperature reaches 70 degrees.

•As camellia and azalea plants finish blooming, fertilize them with three pounds of azalea-camellia fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed area. Check mulch on azalea and camellia beds and add where needed.

•Fertilize roses every 4 to 6 weeks from now until September.

•Beware of close-out sales on bare-root trees and shrubs. The chance of survival is rather low on bare-root plants this late in the season. Your best bet at this time of year is to depend on container-grown or balled-and-burlapped plants for landscape use.

•Plant Blue Plumbago (Plumbago capensis) now for season long low maintenance color. It is usually cold hardy to Zone 8 and sheltered places elsewhere. Although tolerant of sunny conditions, blue plumbago prefers a little protection from the hot afternoon sun. It is quite

drought tolerant and blooms from spring till frost.

•Now is a time to thin larkspur, zinnia cockscomb, and cosmos seedlings. Plants will bloom much better if thinned to about 4" apart. Transplant or share the extras with gardening friends.

Water conservation in Haskell

The City of Haskell has implemented stage two of the Drought Contingency Plan for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. Stage two calls for a voluntary 15% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell Water Customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible.

Water conservation in the City of Rule

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Three of its Drought Contingency Plan. Stage Three calls for a mandatory 25% reduction in water use by all City of Rule water customers. For information on specified restrictions, contact or go by Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214.

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2013 INDIAN BASEBALL SCHEDULES

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
March 8	Winters	Winters	4 p.m.
March 12	Roby*	Roby	1 p.m.
March 13	Anson*	Haskell	1 p.m.
March 19	Stamford*	Stamford	4:30 p.m.
March 22	Rotan*	Haskell	5 p.m.
March 26	Seymour*	Seymour	5 p.m.
April 4	Hamlin*	Hamlin	5 p.m.
April 5	Roby*	Haskell	5 p.m.
April 9	Anson*	Anson	5 p.m.
April 12	Stamford*	Haskell	5 p.m.
April 16	Rotan*	Rotan	4 p.m.
April 19	Seymour*	Haskell	5 p.m.

2013 JV INDIAN BASEBALL SCHEDULES

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
March 7	Haskell JV Tournament	Haskell	TBA
March 8	Haskell JV Tournament	Haskell	TBA
March 9	Haskell JV Tournament	Haskell	TBA
March 13	Anson	Haskell	3:30 p.m.
March 19	Stamford	Stamford	6 p.m.
March 25	Seymour	Seymour	4 p.m.
April 3	Hamlin	Hamlin	7:30 p.m.
April 9	Anson	Anson	7:30 p.m.
April 12	Stamford	Haskell	7 p.m.
April 15	Seymour	Haskell	5 p.m.

*District Game

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Grady Benton
 VARSITY HEAD COACH: Josh Damron VARSITY ASST. COACH: Tate Thompson
 JV COACH: Tate Thompson
 HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Jeff York SUPT.: Bill Alcorn

DPS increases Spring Break DWI enforcement

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols from March 8-March 17, one of the most active Spring Break periods in Texas. DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols that target intoxicated drivers are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

"Too frequently people choose to drink and drive during Spring Break, which is an extremely dangerous decision that often leads to senseless tragedy," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Getting impaired drivers off the roads during Spring Break is a major priority for the department, and we also urge the public to make responsible decisions, such as designating a non-

drinking driver or finding alternative transportation if they are impaired."

During last year's Spring Break enforcement period, DPS troopers made more than 1,000 DWI arrests, and approximately 300 were the direct result of the increased patrols funded by the grant. DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 9,400 speeding citations, 1,500 seat belt/child safety seat tickets and 12,500 other citations. In addition, troopers made 545 fugitive arrests and 402 felony arrests during routine patrol operations.

The drinking age in Texas is 21, and any driver under that age with any detectable amount of alcohol in their system can be charged with breaking the law. Additional troopers will also be patrolling in areas with high concentrations of Spring Break activity.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

- Slow down—especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile devices.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle—it's the law.
- Don't drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.
- Slow down or move over for tow trucks and

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Feb. 25 through March 3:

- Luis Aguilar, driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more.
- Forty-three calls were made to 911.

police, fire and EMS vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated—it's the law.

•Avoid travel to Mexico. (U.S. citizens who do travel to Mexico should always check the U.S. Department of State website for the latest information regarding security issues in Mexico, and they should register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program by visiting http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_970.html).

ECC Menu

Mon., March 11
Creamy mushroom steak with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and rice, carrot cake, tea or coffee

Wed., March 13
Taco and trimmings, pickles, onions, jello, brownie, tea or coffee

Fri., March 15
Bar-B-Q sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, carrots, peaches, cookies, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.



FELIPE DEANDA



HUNTER IVY

Students visit Rotary Club

Felipe Deanda is the son of Felipe and Maria Deanda of Haskell.

He attends East Side Baptist Church.

Deanda is a student at Haskell High School and enjoys working out.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Science of Exercise and Nutrition and minor in Business Management.

Hunter Ivy is the son of Volly and Frieda Ivy of

Haskell.

He attends First Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, he is active in golf and journalism. He enjoys golf, hunting and camping.

He was awarded the Buck Everett golf award and numerous awards for his pictures.

He plans to attend South Plains College or a school where there is a golf team. He wants to become a game warden.

E-mail your news, photos and ads to The Haskell Free Press at hfpnews@lycos.com or hfp@valornet.com

This Week's Devotional Message:



Those of us who pray regularly know how easy it is to turn a prayer into a 'wish list' of material advantages, and then we are disappointed when our wishes aren't granted. All too often we pray for silly, trivial things, or things that would be harmful to us, or even those that would benefit us at the expense of others. For example, we may pray that our team will win the game

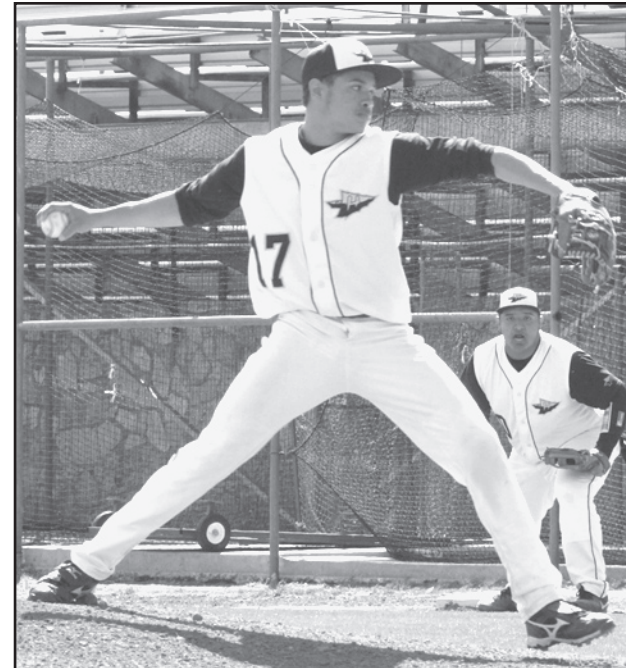
tomorrow, when our opponents have just as much right to a victory. We should pray for good health, wisdom, and self-improvement, some of which may require a little cooperation on our part. The best prayer simply affirms our belief that God knows what's best for us and will provide it. We can learn this at our house of worship, or wherever we happen to be.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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

- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor
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.
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert

- 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**
Scott Hensley, 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 Omegas
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



INDIAN PITCHER—Haskell Indian #17 Warren Fly works on the mound during a game against Olney. The Indians were victorious.



DOUBLE PLAY TRY—Haskell Indian #3 Mathew Martinez makes the out at second base and tries for the double play.



INDIAN CATCHER—Haskell Indian Jarred Escobedo works behind the plate for the Indians.



SAFE AT HOME—Haskell Indian #7 Dakota Silvas slides safely into home.

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BEST HARDWARE STORE—Richardson's True Value in Haskell was recognized as the "Best Hardware Store in Town" and one of the top 13 stores among thirteen locations. On hand for the presentation in Atlanta were, l-r, Brian Webb, Chairman of the Board True Value; A.C. Richardson owner; Jean Richardson, Lisa Milburn; Carl Milburn, general manager; and Lyle Heidemann, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) True Value.

Richardson's named 'Best Hardware Store in Town'

True Value Company recently recognized 13 True Value hardware stores, selected from each of the cop's retail regions, as winners of its sixth annual "Best Hardware Store in Town" international recognition. Carl Milburn of Richardson's True Value in Haskell, was one of the winning retailers honored at True Value's 2013 Spring & Rental Market, held in Atlanta Feb. 23 through Feb. 25.

Although Richardson's focus has altered its original emphasis on tractor supply when it opened as an International Harvester Truck and Tractor dealer in 1964, the store has always found a way to support the rural Haskell community, first adding a True Value Hardware in 1992, and a NAPA Auto Parts in 1995.

General Manager Carl Milburn, who took over the store from owner and president A.C. Richardson in 2000, said he sees the award win as an indication that he and his team are on the right track. Milburn gives his team members, many of whom have been with Richardson's for nearly 20 years, much of the credit for the store's success. The combined team has more than 98 years of experience.

"It's my staff, those people who are putting the stock on the shelf, keeping it arranged, greeting the customer and ringing the tickets—they're

the backbone of the business," he said.

Customer service is a high priority at Richardson's, and one of the reasons why consumers regard the store so highly.

"The owner, A.C. Richardson, has given me the freedom to use his resources to create a store that's become as great as it is," Milburn said. "Richardson's True Value is here to meet the needs for Haskell and the surrounding communities. We are focused on helping our customers get the product they want and need, which will help keep them shopping in our town. They depend on us to handle their hardware needs, and we go above and beyond to help them."

"We greet every customer when they enter the store, and personally assist them in finding what they need," he continued. "If we don't have a particular item, we'll find it elsewhere. It's this type of above-and-beyond service that keeps customers coming back."

In addition to helping their customers inside the store's four walls, Richardson's also has a history of giving back to the Haskell community in other ways. The store currently supports the Noah Project, area schools and youth groups, and many fund-raisers within the community.

"The community supports us," Milburn said. "If we're not

supporting them in return, we're not working as a team."

Sponsored by True Value Company, the "Best Hardware Store in Town" program recognizes True Value retailers who exemplify successful retailing. Stores are self-nominated, or nominated by a peer or retail manager, and go through a series of selection processes until regional managers narrow down the top candidates. Mystery shoppers then visit each selected store to gain a customer's perspective. Stores are evaluated based on physical appearance, product selection, competitive pricing, promotional sales and customer assistance.

"Richardson's True Value provides the best shopping experience for its customers," said Lyle Heidemann, president and chief executive officer of True Value Company. "They consistently deliver on the five principles of successful retailing: people, place, product, price and promotion. And when they do that, they meet customers' needs and expectations, creating a profitable and sustainable business."

True Value Company, headquartered in Chicago, is one of the world's largest retailer-owned hardware cooperatives with sales of \$1.9 billion in 2011. The True Value cooperative includes approximately 4,600 independent retailer locations worldwide operating under the store identities of True Value, Grand Rental Station, Taylor Rental, Party Central, Home & Garden Showplace and Induserve Supply. Additional information on True Value Company and its retail identities is available at www.truevaluecompany.com.

English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

March 9 is Passport Day in Seymour

The Seymour Post Office, 210 N. Washington in Seymour is hosting a special passport event on Sat., March 9 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m., to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications. The Seymour Post Office is joining the U.S. Department of State in celebrating Passport Day in the USA 2013, a national passport acceptance and outreach event.

U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government.

Cost for a regular adult passport, including photos (available at the post office) is \$150. Expedited passport applications cost more and the charges for children's passports are slightly lower. A birth certificate and positive photo ID are required.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at travel.state.gov. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in

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Are you ready for storm season?

March 3-9 is National Severe Weather Awareness Week. Over the past few years, several of our cities in the U.S. have experienced killer tornadoes with wind speeds in excess of 170 mph claiming many lives.

Would you be able to survive one of these killer storms? Would you know what to do? Did you know that Texas leads the nation in flash flood fatalities?

Two Safety Rules that Could Save Your Life

Safety rule number 1: Be sure you can receive warnings from the National Weather Service.

Don't just depend on sirens. Have more than one way to receive your warnings

like your cell/smart phone or weather radio.

Sirens are used to warn those who are outdoors, and may not be loud enough to awaken you in the middle of the night. NOAA Weather Radio is like a smoke detector that can warn you anytime, both indoors or outdoors. This radio will produce a loud sound when a tornado warning is issued by the National Weather Service for your area.

Safety rule number 2: Know what to do.

The safest place to survive violent, killer tornadoes is in an approved underground storm shelter or in an above ground storm shelter.

The next safest place is on the lowest floor of your home, school or business in an interior room like a closet, hallway, or bathroom. Stay low to the ground and cover yourself with blankets, pillows, and/or mattresses.

If a tornado approaches and you live in a mobile home, abandon it for a more substantial shelter. If nothing

is available, lie flat in a nearby ditch covering your head and neck.

Tornadic storms can also produce flash flooding. Watch out when you come to a flooded low water crossing. Always Turn Around, Don't Drown!

In 2007, about 45 Texans drowned when they tried to walk or drive into flooded areas.

When severe weather threatens West Central Texas, your National Weather Service closely coordinates with local emergency managers, volunteer fire fighters, law enforcement officials, SKYWARN storm spotters, storm chasers, and the media to help keep you safe. But you can be your best source for protection when you get a warning from the National Weather Service if you are "weather ready."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your nearest local emergency manager or you can call us the National Weather Service at 325-944-9445.



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