

Softball

Maidens
Bi-District Playoff
Maidens vs Ira
Sat., April 27, 6/8 p.m.
in Tuscola at Jim Ned field
If game: Mon., April 29

Golf

Regionals
April 26-27, Abilene

Calendar

Survivors meal

The 2013 Relay For Life of Haskell/Knox County will be held at the Haskell High School football field Fri., April 26. A courtesy tent will be set up for survivors on the field. Registration is free for survivors, but you need to register as soon as possible to receive your special purple survivor shirt. The survivor meal will start at 5:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria and the survivor lap will start at 7:00 p.m. An RSVP for the meal is needed as soon as possible. Each survivor is allowed to invite one caregiver as their guest. Noted author, pilot, and cancer survivor, herself, Nancy Robinson Masters, will be the guest speaker. Call Susan Cockerell at 940-864-2851 for a registration form to be mailed to you or stop by the County Judge's Office for the form. You must register yourself...no one else can register for you.

Men's breakfast

All men of the community are encouraged to come and fellowship during a Men's Breakfast Sun., April 28 at 8 a.m. the Haskell High School cafeteria. Jack Stone, speaker for the Haskell-Knox Relay for Life, will speak.

Special guest

Top Shelf Ministry speaker and musicians, Jack and Deb Stone, will be leading the morning worship service at First Baptist Church in Haskell Sun., April 28 at 10:55 a.m.

Bunco

Bunco will be held Sun., April 28 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at DixieBz on the southside of the square to benefit the Backpack for Kids program of the Haskell Elementary School. All skill levels are welcome, including beginners. The Backpack for Kids program is sponsored by the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) of the school. Tickets are \$10 in advance available at the Haskell Vet Clinic or see the Facebook page. Tickets will be \$15 at the door. No child care will be available. For more information, call Frieda at 972-742-4244.

Day of Prayer

A National Day of Prayer gathering will be held Thurs., May 2 at 7:00 p.m. at First Assembly of God in Haskell. Everyone is invited to come pray for our town and country.

Rule Clean Up

The City of Rule will hold a community wide clean up May 4-12. Dumpsters will be located at the Rule Fire Department for citizens' convenience. For more information call 940-996-2214.

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Relay for Life set Friday and Saturday

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Haskell feels loss of Dr. Joe Thigpen and Elbert Johnson

by Caron Yates

There was a sadness this past week, as Haskell felt the loss of two of its prominent and influential citizens. And while they lived and worked in Haskell, their impact on others reached far beyond the city limits.

Dr. Joe Thigpen, earned a degree in biology by the age of twenty, worked in the banking industry a while and then served in the military for four years, accumulating several medals. He attended and graduated from Baylor Medical School in Houston, in 1950.

Having married a Haskell girl, in 1951 he moved his family here and began a long career as a general practice doctor. It takes a very special person to be a doctor in a

small town setting. People consider you "their doctor" and expect to have access to you twenty-four hours a day. No matter how tired or how long the day had been, Dr. Joe was always willing to fill that role. His patients could sense his compassion and love, not only for them, but for his chosen career. In addition to providing medical services, Dr. Joe was a good friend to many, a dedicated family man and a loyal citizen of Haskell.

We also said goodbye to Elbert Johnson, longtime pharmacist in Haskell. He too took a round about route to his chosen career. He was an outstanding football player at Texas Tech University, played professional football for a while, had a coaching career

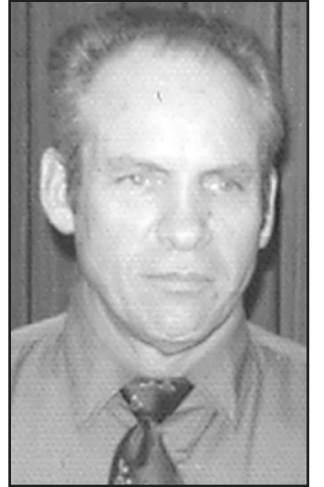
for several years, and then worked in the corporate field. He entered pharmacy school at the University of Texas, graduating in 1966.

He and his wife Franciene, happened to Haskell somewhat by chance. While working at Bowen Drugstore in Sweetwater, he and Franciene began looking for a business to buy, as well as a place to put down roots. Fortunately they found Haskell, made a deal to buy the former Payne Drug Store, and became active members of the community.

Having a very deep distinctive voice, you always knew when Johnson was around. Seemingly always in a "good mood," he served his customers with warmth and kindness. Johnson touched



DR. JOE THIGPEN



ELBERT JOHNSON

the lives of many, not the least of which were the many young people he employed at his pharmacy through the years.

Both Dr. Joe and Elbert took their civic duties, as well as their church commitments

very seriously. They loved Haskell and worked diligently to make it better. For the many who called them doctor or pharmacist, friend or neighbor, their exceptional service and dedication will long be remembered.

Relay for Life event to be held this weekend

by Caron Yates

Organizers and team members have been working tirelessly in anticipation of this weekend's big event. The 2013 Haskell/Knox County Relay for Life is scheduled for Fri., April 26, at Indian Stadium, beginning at 7 p.m.

At least eight teams will be participating, offering all kinds of fun activities and delicious food, as well as an opportunity to win some great prizes.

Tattoo and face painting, bounce house for kids, cake walk, "Put a friend in Jail," limbo and much more will fill the stadium with fun.

Throughout the evening entertainers will be performing.

Most of us, especially those who have been diagnosed or have had a friend or loved one diagnosed with cancer, understand the devastation it can bring. For nearly a century, the

American Cancer Society has fought for every birthday threatened by cancer. By taking what has been learned through research and turning it into positive action, the American Cancer Society has directly contributed to a 15% decrease in the overall cancer death rate between the early 1990s and 2005. That means they have helped avoid about 650,000 cancer deaths.

Through their "Staying

Well" program, the ACS offers tips, tools and online resources to help individuals quit smoking, set goals for proper nutrition and physical activity and obtain various cancer screenings.

Their 1-800-227-2345 phone line helps connect people with the answers they need. They offer the latest information and news on cancer, provide comfort and support by connecting cancer patients with others, match patients with promising new treatments through clinical trials and provide financial assistance with lodging.

The American Cancer Society is the largest non-governmental funder of cancer research in the United States. They spend approximately \$130 million each year on cancer research.

According to Regan Nabors, Community Manager of Development for the American Cancer Society, the Society provided seventy-nine services to patients in our county last year, through their programs. She stressed that many more can be helped by

their services, they just have to call. For patient services information call (325)864-1921.

Although every Relay for Life is a little different, there are certain traditions at all Relays, that help participants celebrate, remember and fight back. The event begins at 7 p.m. with a Survivors' Lap. This is a very inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and help everyone celebrate the victories that have been achieved over cancer.

A time of remembering will take place about dusk, with a Luminaria Ceremony. This is a time of honoring people who have been touched by cancer and remembering loved ones lost to the disease.

You don't have to be on a team to join in the fun or fight against cancer, on Friday. Everyone in the area is encouraged to be at the Haskell Indian football field, for this important event, which not only raises money, but also raises awareness and hope in the fight against cancer.

Play Bunco April 28 to benefit Backpack for Kids program

If you are a Bunco player at any level, or even a want to be player, you will want to mark your calendar for Sun., April 28. The event will be held at the DixieBz on the south side of the square, beginning at 2 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the Backpack for Kids program at the Haskell Elementary School. This program is sponsored by the School Health Advisory Council, or SHAC.

SHAC works to promote wellness in many areas for our students. The SHAC, which is mandated by the Texas Education Agency, was created to represent a systemic approach to addressing student needs and consists of eight components.

These include health education, health and safe school environment, counseling and mental health services, parent and community involvement, staff wellness promotion, health service, physical education and nutrition services. The council is made up of parents of students enrolled in the district, community members and business owners. These members, along with school staff, work together to improve

the health of all students and families through coordinated school health programs.

The local SHAC has several worthwhile ongoing programs. The weekly Backpack Program provides nutritional help for elementary and junior high students, who might otherwise go hungry on weekends. They also provide discreetly distributed hygiene boxes to students as needed throughout the school year, on all campuses.

For the past two years, they have coordinated services to provide flu vaccinations to students who have parent authorization.

They play an important role in assisting Supt. Bill Alcorn and the school board, with public awareness of precautions taken at all campuses concerning sickness breakouts. This includes hiring a company to come in and sanitize all doorways, water fountains, classrooms, gyms and weight rooms.

The SHAC provided breakfast for junior high/high school campuses during Teacher Appreciation Week. The

elementary is served by PTO. In addition they provide fresh fruit baggies to elementary students during Field Day in May.

Advanced tickets for the Bunco fund-raiser are \$10, and can be purchased at the Haskell Vet Clinic. Tickets at the door will be \$15. For more information, call Frieda at (972) 742-4244.



RIBBON CUTTING—The Haskell Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting Tues., April 16 at Kaleidoscope located at 404 N. 1st in Haskell. Attending were, l-r, Sally Rueffer, Luis Olivarez, Pam Strickland, Tom Bassett, Elaine Reed, Tammy Cunningham, Diana Geis, Janet Fish (owner), Paula Everett, Megan Cox, Lisa Frierson, Sheila Hester, Sammy Bitner, Debra Bartley and Mynea Short.

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Obituaries

Elbert Johnson

Elbert Johnson of Haskell passed away Monday morning, April 15 at Stamford Memorial Hospital in Stamford. He was 85. Funeral services were held Thurs., April 18 at the First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim McCurley officiating. Interment with military honors was held Fri., April 19 at Hillcrest Cemetery in Temple under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Elbert Johnson, son of William Quitney Johnson and Annie Elizabeth Crawford Johnson, was born Aug. 30, 1927 in Temple. He graduated from Temple High School in January of 1945. He enlisted in the Marine Corps where he served until August 1946. He attended Texas Tech University from 1947 to 1952, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. While at Tech he lettered in football for four years, played in the Sun Bowl in El Paso in 1947 and in the Raisin Bowl in Fresno, California in 1949. Elbert's senior year he was honored by being unanimously elected Captain of the Team. Elbert married Franciene Baker Nov. 24, 1954 in Temple.

After completing his education, Elbert played professional football with the Chicago Cardinals in the NFL and the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the Canadian League. He began his career in coaching at Muleshoe High School, continuing in Belton and Bryan High School. Upon retiring from coaching, he worked in Houston for the Underwood Corporation before entering Pharmacy School at the University of Texas. Johnson graduated Summa cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in February of 1966.

Elbert began his pharmacy career as manager of the Bowen Drugstore in Sweetwater before purchasing the M&F Pharmacy (formerly Payne Drug Store) in Haskell in August, 1966. He completed work by correspondence and received a Masters degree in health education and a Doctors Degree in Pharmacy. He served the Big Country Pharmaceutical Association as president, vice president, and on the Board of Directors. Elbert sold the store in 1994, but continued to work part-time until he retired from pharmacy in August of 2010.

Johnson was active in places of leadership in his community. He served on the school board for nine years where he was elected

secretary and vice president. He is past-president of the Chamber of Commerce and also served as vice president, secretary and treasurer. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Haskell and was elected Layman of the Year for the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International in 1992-93. He also served as president, director and was secretary until the club disbanded in 2006. He served as a director of the Industrial Foundation and helped promote the passing of the Miller Creek project. Elbert was also a director of Troop 136 of the Boy Scouts of America and a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson went to Spain with the APhA and AMA exchange program in 1982 and to Russia the week after Chernobyl. The Johnsons, along with Dr. and Mrs. Frank Cadenhead, went on nine medical missions to Venezuela in the late 1980's and early 1990's with Southern Baptists.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Quitney and Annie Johnson, and one brother, Eldo Johnson.

Elbert will be sadly missed by his wife, Franciene of the home; sons, Gary Johnson and wife Charlotte of Haskell, Jerrell Johnson and girlfriend Emily Medford of Haskell; grandchildren, Toby Johnson and wife Alex of Tennessee, Blade Johnson and girlfriend Desirae of Aspermont and her son, Grayson, Justin Arendall and wife Amanda of Haskell, Matthew Arendall and wife Tasha of Weatherford, Audra Arendall of Stamford; great grandchildren, Brooklynn and Kaylee Johnson of Lexington, Tennessee, Casey and MaKayla Arendall of Haskell, Vayden Arendall of Weatherford, Garrett and Ethan Arendall of Stamford; nephews, Brad Johnson of Dallas, Kirby Johnson and wife Kim of Temple, Kyle Johnson and wife Amy of Orlando, Florida, Joel Johnson and wife Shari of Winter Park, Florida, Burl Baker and wife Karen of Austin; niece, Becky Baker Horne and husband Joe of Grapevine; sisters-in-law, Jewel Baker of Austin and Nelwyn Johnson of Temple.

Pallbearers were Joey Kimbrough, Rex Pittman, Tim Pringle, John Sam Rike, Lonnie Meredith and Keith Everett.

Online condolences may be shared with Franciene and family by visiting www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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Dr. Joseph Eltidge Thigpen



DR. JOE THIGPEN

Haskell's beloved "Dr. Joe," Joseph Eltidge Thigpen, passed away April 16 in College Station. Services were held Fri., April 19, at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Dusty Garrison of Abilene officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Born Sept. 30, 1920, in Bay Springs, Mississippi, he was the son of Dr. Joseph and Victoria (Medlin) Thigpen. At 16, he graduated from Bay Springs High School, and at 20 he earned a degree in biology from Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi.

He worked in banking until enlisting in the Air Force in February 1942. Following flight school, he spent 22 months in Panama before being stationed in Managua, Nicaragua. While on R&R leave in Tyler, he met Beunis Ratliff of Haskell who was visiting her aunt and uncle. Four months later, they married on Oct. 19, 1944, in Tyler.

Capt. Thigpen and his bride moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma where he trained in the new P-38 airplane. When he completed his training, his wife returned to Haskell, and he was shipped to the Pacific with the 41st Photo Reconnaissance Squadron to fly P-38's. His tours included Hawaii, Johnson Island, Kwajalein (Marshal Islands), Okinawa and Guam. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Air Medal with one Bronze Star and the World War II American

Victory Medal. After the war, when others called him a hero, the humble aviator said that the real heroes were the ones who didn't get to come back home.

Following his discharge from the service in 1945, he graduated from the University of Mississippi and was accepted to Baylor Medical School in Houston, graduating in 1950. Dr. Joe moved his family to Haskell in 1951 to serve as a general practice doctor to four generations, where on a slow day, he saw only a 100 patients.

With four children and a thriving medical practice, time was precious and sacrifices were many, but his commitment and care for his patients endeared him to his community. In recognition of his many years of dedicated service, he was named Haskell's Citizen of the Year in 1994. The Texas House of Representatives honored him on March 5, 1985, as the Doctor for a Day. But recognition was not something he sought. For him, there was no greater honor, no greater mission, no greater profession than serving his patients.

A wise and compassionate general practitioner, his broad and diverse knowledge of medicine was surpassed only by his understanding of his patients' needs. From delivering babies to delivering medical advice, he treated his patients as if they were his family. Dr. Joe continued to make house calls long after most doctors had discontinued the practice.

Just as he received a legacy from his physician father of nurturing families from the youngest child to the oldest adult, Dr. Joe passed a medical legacy on to his family. Daughter Anita is a registered nurse, daughter Emily is a registered pharmacist, and grandson Ross will finish medical school in May. He was especially proud when Texas Tech University named its nursing school the Anita Thigpen Perry School of

Nursing in 2008.

Known as "Big Daddy" to his grandchildren and great grandchildren, he was also known for taking his family on spontaneous flying trips whether to Ruidoso or, on a Sunday afternoon, a quick trip over the Palo Duro Canyon. He not only flew fast, but he also drove fast, often passing every car on the road while all four kids yelled, "Don't do it, Daddy!"

When the family was looking for him, Dr. Joe could be found at his "office," playing dominoes at the gin, golfing with his friend Dr. Kemp or washing the windshield of his Piper Comanche airplane. In later years, he welcomed his adult children home with a twinkle in his crystal clear, baby-blue eyes, and the question, "What can I do for you today?"

Dr. Joe was preceded in death by his parents; brother Jarman, and twin sisters Jeanette Ulf and Anita Yelverton.

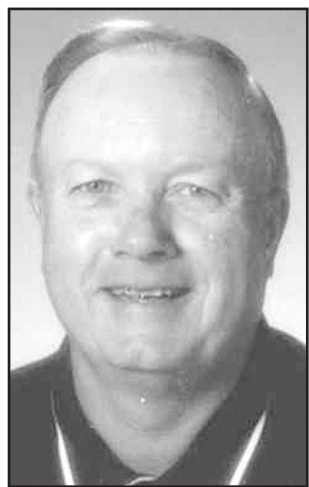
In addition to his wife of 68 years, he is survived by one son, Joseph of Austin; three daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and Dr. Tom Hairgrove of College Station, First Lady Anita and Gov. Rick Perry of Austin, and Emily and Vincent Solis of San Antonio; seven grandchildren, Joseph Justice Thigpen of Gardendale, Jodi and husband Jason Trammell of Fort Worth, Ross Hairgrove of San Antonio, Griffin Perry and wife Meredith of Dallas, Sydney Perry of Austin, Claire and Isabella Solis of San Antonio; and two great grandchildren, Jaxon and Jenna Trammell of Fort Worth.

Pallbearers were Ross Hairgrove, Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Griffin Perry, Gov. Rick Perry, Vincent Solis, Joseph Justice Thigpen, Joseph Thigpen and Jason Trammell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in the name of Dr. Joe E. Thigpen to the Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing, 3601 4th St. MS 6238, Lubbock, Texas 79430.

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Ronnie Wayne Baccus



RONNIE BACCUS

Graveside services for Ronnie Wayne Baccus, 66, formally of Haskell, but most recently of Abilene, were held Sat., April 20 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Joe Walton officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Baccus passed away Monday afternoon, April 15 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born March 17, 1947 in Haskell, he was the son of W.H. and Alma Jean (Faught) Baccus. He married Pat O'Keefe at Trinity Baptist Church June 12, 1969 and the two remained in Haskell until 1972 when they moved to Abilene. Ronnie was in heavy equipment sales and service for Caterpillar, Inc. for 31 years. He later worked for Latson Parts and Equipment. In his leisure time, he enjoyed fishing. He was a member of East Side

Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.H. and Alma Jean Baccus; brother, Bill Baccus; two sisters, Linda Cupps and Mary Jean Baccus; and one uncle, Richard Baccus.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Pat of the home; daughter, April Walton and husband Daniel of Merkel; two grandsons, Joshua and Zackary Willis of Merkel; two granddaughters, Geneva Boden and Veronica Green of Abilene; two uncles, Clinton Baccus of Mansfield and Kenneth Baccus of Nocona.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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Marsha Whittemore



MARSHA WHITTEMORE

Graveside services for Marsha Whittemore, 82, a Rule resident, were held Fri., April 19 at Rule Cemetery in Rule with Rev. Paul Irby officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Marechal Niel "Marsha" Goodman was born Sept.

30, 1930 in Linden, to Fred W. and Hettie (Hines) Goodman. She moved to Rule in 1974 and worked at Holden-McCauley Funeral Home for 17 years. She was a member of numerous clubs but her most gratifying is the Experienced Citizens Center which she pioneered from the beginning. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church where she also worked as the church secretary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Hettie Goodman; her brother, Fritzie Goodman; granddaughter, Shannon McKenzie; and a great grandson, Lakin Rosenquist.

Survivors include three daughters, Doy Jeter and husband Rod of Haskell, Karen Marshall and husband Jimmy of Baggs, Wisconsin,

and Tommi Barbee and husband Larry of Haskell; one son, Mark Whittemore of Comfort; sister, Marianna Whittemore and sister-in-law, Frankie Goodman, both of Odessa; brother-in-law C.W. Whittemore and wife Jane of Stamford; five grandchildren, Shana Rosenquist, Shayne Mckenzie, McKenna Smith, Dustin Threet, Joshua Barbee; seven great grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

If desired, memorials may be given in Marsha's name to Compassions International, 12290 Voyager Parkway, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80921-3668 or www.compassions.com.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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B.R. 'Bob' Turnbow



BOB TURNBOW

Funeral services for B.R. 'Bob' Turnbow, 79, of Haskell were held Mon., April 22 at the First Baptist Church in Weinert with Rev. Dan Bullock officiating. Interment was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Turnbow passed away at Regency Hospital in Fort Worth of Myasthenia gravis disease, an auto immune disease of the muscles. Bob's breathing muscles became impaired from the disease and a breathing ventilator was necessary the last weeks of Bob's life. He sadly lost his battle with the disease Friday morning, April 19.

The youngest of 11

children, Bob was born Dec. 28, 1933 in Haskell, the son of Jeff and Mattie (Brown) Turnbow. The family moved to east Texas when Bob was very young where his father farmed. At the age of 7, Bob's father passed away and the family moved back to Haskell County to the Mattson Community. Bob began his farming career at the age of 12 to support him and his mother until 1953 when Bob began working for West Texas Utilities.

Turnbow was a determined hardworking soul whose physical strength matched his inner strength and determination to do anything he set his mind to doing. His respect from colleagues at 'the plant' was legendary for his knowledge and ability make things work. Bob retired from WTU as maintenance supervisor in 1994 and was given the opportunity to focus more time on his farm and raising his beloved registered horses and cattle. His strength and courage was present up until six weeks ago as Bob repaired the pivot on a ladder atop his tractor in 25 mile an hour winds. One week later, the disease took

over.

He married Mayree Hollis after 15 years of friendship the two shared. Bob and Mayree married at the Haskell courthouse April 11, 1994. They arrived in their own cars, quickly married and Bob had to get back to the farm and Mayree back to the care home in order to care for her mother. The two shared a deep friendship, understanding, and love that continued for another 19 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jeff and Mattie Turnbow; three brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Mayree of Haskell; daughter, Karen Meehan of Tulia; son, Steven Turnbow of Wichita Falls; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and his twin sisters, Jeffe Stapp and Jesse Couch, both of Haskell and numerous nieces and nephews.

If desired, memorials may be given in Bob's name to the First Baptist Church of Weinert, 100 W. McConnell Street, Weinert, Texas 76388.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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Obituaries

Venice Brewer Elmore



VENICE ELMORE

Funeral services for Venice Brewer Elmore, 83, longtime resident of Rule, were held Sat., April 20 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Scott Hensley officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Elmore passed away Tuesday evening, April 16 at Integrity Transitional Hospital in Denton.

Born Oct. 20, 1929 in Merkel, she was the daughter of Raymond and Lola Mae (Bland) Brewer. She married E.L. 'Tick' Elmore in Haskell Dec. 21, 1945. Tick and Venice were married 66 years until Tick's death Feb. 21, 2012. Venice enjoyed sewing and crocheting and was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church.

In addition to Tick, Venice is preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Lola Mae Brewer; and one brother, Johnny Powell Brewer.

Survivors include her two daughters, Elaine Gomillion and husband Wade of Rule, and Paula Martin and husband Walter of Lake Dallas; son, Eddie Elmore of Leonard; grandchildren, Justin Holcomb and wife Alma of San Antonio, Nicole

Spalding and husband Randy of Tuxedo, Venece Perepiczka and husband Chris of Anna, Stephanie Scruggs and husband Ken of Hendersonville, Tennessee, Elise Martin and fiancé Shane Bridges of San Augustine, Elizabeth Griffin and husband Wade of Fox, Oklahoma; great grandchildren, Emma Iliff, Rylea and Colten Spalding, Addison Perepiczka, and Gavin and Gage Scruggs; brother, A.C. Brewer of Odessa; and sister, Brenda Summers of Dallas.

If desired, memorials may be given in Venice's name to Hendrick Hospice, 1682 Hickory Street, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com. PD. NOTICE

Betty Criswell



BETTY CRISWELL

Funeral services for Betty Criswell, 82, of Plainview were held Sat., April 20 at Garland Street Church of Christ with Pastor Steve Gauntt officiating. Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Kornerstone Funeral

Directors of Plainview.

Mrs. Criswell died Thurs., April 18 in Lubbock.

Born Feb. 13, 1931 in Haskell, she was the daughter of James and Lorene Adkins. She grew up in Haskell and graduated from Haskell High School in 1949. She attended Texas Tech School of Nursing and became a licensed vocational nurse. She married Elmer Lee Criswell Aug. 13, 1951 and became a homemaker and a mother. She later obtained her Real Estate license and sold real estate for several years. They lived in Floyd and Hale counties. She was a member of Garland Street Church of Christ.

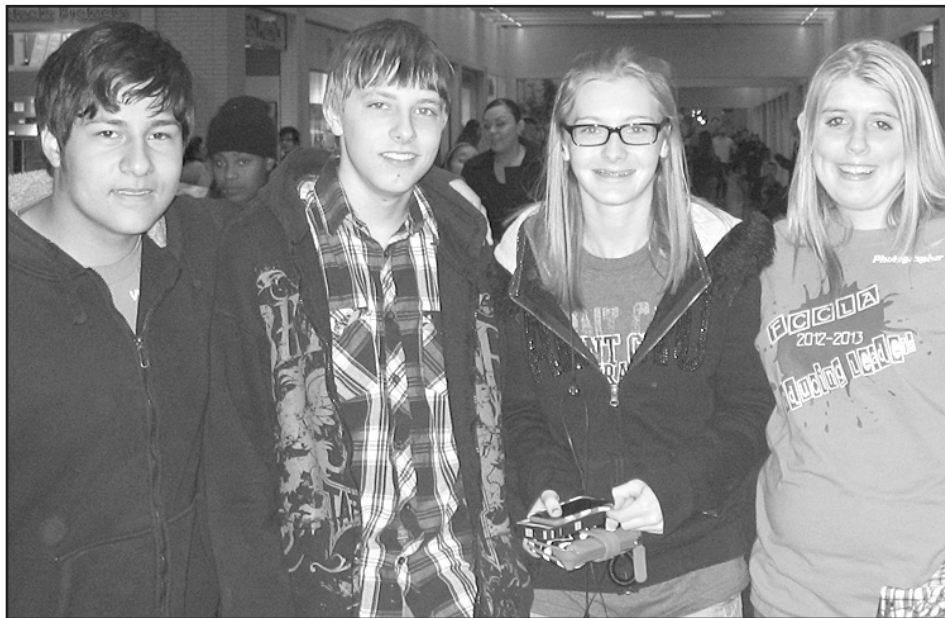
She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Eva

Dunnam; and a nephew, Jim Dunnam.

Survivors include her husband Elmer Criswell of Plainview; two sons, David Criswell and wife DeAun, and Don Criswell, all of Plainview; three grandchildren, Taryn Minter and husband Chad of Conroe, Todd Criswell of Plainview, and Ty Criswell and wife Chelsea of Plainview; one great grandchild, Delaney Minter.

Memorials may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3300 E. Sunrise Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85718.

Online condolences may be made at www.kornerstonefunerals.com. PD. NOTICE



ATTEND MEETING—The Paint Creek FCCLA chapter attended the Texas State Meet April 10-13 in Dallas. All were involved in the competitive STAR events competitions as monitors, time-keepers, and tally runners with Emily Olson, their sponsor, chairing the Chapter Service Project Manual Juniors event. The students did a great job! They were able to tour the Art Institute of Dallas and visit the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. Saturday, students attended a leadership workshop track to wrap up the trip before heading back to Paint Creek. Those attending were, l-r, Marco Martinez, Shawn Myers, Caitlyn Mengwasser and Danielle Oliver.



ATTEND MEETING—The Rule chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America attended the State FCCLA Meeting in Dallas April 11-13. Jessica Gutierrez competed in Chapter Showcase Display STAR event. She presented a display and gave an oral presentation on the chapter's activities this year. Celeste Caddell received a gold medal on a Job Interview Leadership Enhancement Opportunity test, and Shanisha Vanderbilt received a silver medal with Job Interview LEO test. Pictured, l-r, is Caddell, Vanderbilt, Gutierrez, and advisor, Fonda Newton.

Murphy shares photo collection with Art Club

Mary Murphy of Weinert, brought the program for the Brazos West Art Association April 8 in the Church of Christ annex.

Murphy brought a lovely slide show collection of her photographic endeavors. Her interest in photography came about during her school teaching career. She taught 31 years in Weinert and Munday schools. Eventually, one of her fellow teachers asked her to help in

this manner as they worked together on the yearbook. Now, as a result of this she does all the sport shots in Munday school.

And her photography interest just "took off" from there. She has studied many avenues to learn more about this antistatic and personal expression. A small studio near her home is her pride and joy as she makes many photographs for weddings, family groups, small

children and babies and for many other occasions. She particularly enjoys filming farm scenes, outdoor shots, old vintage vehicles, and unusual portions of any person or object. She has developed her own personal artistic form through this hobby, even turning it into a second occupation.

Homecoming

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

Those present were Deen Lowery and Alice Yates, (guests), Jessie Hill, Nelwyn Beakley, Betty Hook, Betty Berry, Peggy Middlebrook, Laura Bowers (guest), Delilah Larned, Gayle White, Jerry Bowers and Murphy.

Hostesses were Jerry Bowers and Gayle White.

5K run/Walk to honor Thomas, LaBrie

The families of Jillian Thomas and Spencer LaBrie are honoring their memory with a 5K Run/Walk to be held on Sat., May 4, beginning at 9 a.m. at Red Bud Park in Abilene.

Proceeds will go towards a scholarship and baseball memorial at Wylie High School in Spencer's name and a scholarship at Abilene Christian University in Jillian's name.

Because their work ethic, motivation and interest in healthy living brought them together, the families feel the 5K Run/Walk is a good way to preserve their legacies and remember the positive ways they impacted the lives of others.

You may choose to run the 5K or walk 1.5 miles. A live band will also be on hand to provide entertainment. Medals for the winners of the various categories will be presented, as well as two one year memberships to Gold's Gym.

For more information on how to register to participate in this event, go to www.abilenerunners.com/may-races. Packet pick up will be on Fri., May 3 from 3-6 p.m. at the YMCA Red Bud Park or Sat., May 4 at 7:30 a.m. at Red Bud Park.

The families of Jillian and

Spencer invite everyone to come out to Red Bud Park on Sat., May 4 and be a part of the "Jogging for Jillian, Sprinting for Spence," as they remember and celebrate the joy for life these two held.

War Paint 5K Run

The Haskell Elementary PTO is sponsoring the War Paint 5 K Run Sat., May 4 on the south side of the square in Haskell. Registration and pre-race packet pickup begins at 7:30 a.m., followed by the race start at 8:30 a.m. Adults should register by April 15 with a \$20 fee (after April 15 the fee is \$25); children 3 to 12 years register with a \$15 fee; and families may register for \$50 (two adults and two children). You may register online at active.com. The race proceeds benefit students at Haskell Elementary School. For more information, email haskellelementarypto@gmail.com.

Stone to present concert

Jack and Deb Stone, Christian musicians, will be in concert at the Haskell/Knox Relay for Life event Fri., April 26 at 7 p.m. at Indian Field in Haskell.



Michelle Johnson
RN

What is a stroke?

A stroke is a life-threatening event in which the brain's oxygen supply is cut off. A stroke can affect the senses, speech, behavior, thought patterns and memory. It may also result in paralysis, coma and death.

What causes a stroke?

A stroke occurs when an artery to the brain bursts or becomes clogged, cutting off the supply of oxygen to a part of the brain. Brain tissue deprived of oxygen dies within minutes. As a result, the part of the body controlled by those brain cells cannot function properly.

High blood pressure and atherosclerosis, the buildup of fatty plaque in the arteries, increase the risk of a stroke. Bleeding into the brain from an injury can also cause a stroke.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Disaster recovery, investigation proceed
AUSTIN—An explosion on April 17 at a fertilizer storage and distribution company in the city of West left at least 14 people dead and an estimated 200 injured.

Counted among the dead were 10 volunteer firefighters who were called to the scene to extinguish a fire discovered there. As they fought the fire, an explosion powerful enough to knock down a nearby school and an apartment complex occurred at 7:50 p.m. Flames and the shockwave from the blast burned homes, shattered windows and incapacitated infrastructure up to several blocks away.

Officials said the blast, deafening in intensity, shook the ground like an earthquake. Dozens of people remain unaccounted for and search efforts have been continuous. Help from all directions poured into the city of about 3,000 people located between Waco and Hillsboro on Interstate 35.

“Like most small towns, West is a tight-knit community where neighbors look after each other and join together in times of need,” said Nim Kidd, chief of the Texas Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management. “Local firefighters—most who work on a volunteer basis—medical personnel, town officials, and countless others came together last night under the most difficult of circumstances.”

Gov. Rick Perry on April 18 signed an emergency proclamation certifying that the explosion has caused a disaster in McLennan County. On April 19, Perry toured the city of West to get a firsthand look at the damage and to check relief operations.

Ammonium nitrate and anhydrous ammonia, the two main ingredients in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, were present in quantity at the West Fertilizer Company on April 17. Both chemicals are commonly used in row crop production.

Officials must conduct forensic testing before they determine the actual cause of the blast. The Dallas Morning News on April 21 reported that the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and other agencies are investigating what happened.

Job count drops in March
Texas Workforce Commission on April 19 reported the state’s seasonally

adjusted unemployment rate for March was 6.4 percent, unchanged from the previous month and down from 7.0 percent a year ago.

But, seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment fell by 4,100 jobs in March. Employers added 14,900 jobs across five major industries in March, but these gains were offset by the loss of 19,000 jobs in six other industries, the Texas Workforce Commission reported.

Senate moves legislation
Two bills having to do with quick response to armed intruders on school campuses were passed by the state Senate last week.

Senate Bill 1857 by Sen. Craig Estes. R-Wichita Falls, would create a special training program for teachers and other school employees focusing “on how an armed concealed carry license holder should interact with the police during an active shooter situation, ways to keep intruders out of the classroom and training to improve accuracy under duress.”

SB 17 by Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, would provide school districts with funding assistance to send up to two employees to concealed carry training at no cost to the district. Both bills do not change current laws as to “who can carry where,” according to the Senate News Service.

In other news, the Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 16 approved HB 4 by Rep. Allan Ritter, R-Nederland, and a long list of coauthors, legislation creating the state water infrastructure fund of Texas. Separate legislation will pull up to \$2 billion from the state’s Rainy Day Fund and that money would be used to pay for projects, under the watchful eye of the Legislature. The bill now moves to the full Senate for debate.

SBOE passes resolution

On a 10-5 vote, the State Board of Education on April 19 approved a resolution that calls on the Texas Legislature “to reject all vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, tax credits, or any other mechanism that have the effect of reducing funding to public schools or limiting accountability or transparency for public tax dollars.”

The resolution asserts that those things “do not provide accountability or transparency for state tax dollars and do not provide all parents and children with school choice due to the lack of transportation accompanying the voucher.”

**10 Years Ago
April 24, 2003**
Haskell High School senior Angel Pena, was the 16th high individual in a field of 375 land judging contestants at the Statewide Invitational Career Development Event at Tarleton State University.

Winning medals at the PIPS Light Up the World contest held in Abilene, were Jordan Burson and Aubrey Bassett, first in Duo; and Crissy Bassett, Reagan Hadaway and Jacie Klose, third in Trio.

The Haskell Indians baseball team made the playoffs. Leading the team on offense are Josh Webb, with a .441 batting average; Alfred Ozuna, with a .379 average; and Ronald Chapman, with a .367 average.

**20 Years Ago
April 29, 1993**

Haskell High School students won several state UIL journalism awards recently. They include Nichole Cothron and Susan Jarred who won first in

the one-shot ad division; Cynthia Halliburton, Claudia Payne and Manuel Villarreal, won second in one-shot ad division; Casey Coleman, Cothron and Jonathan Lindsey all won second place honors in the photography categories.

Lora Headstream, HHS senior, won fourth place with the walking suit she designed for the fashion design symposium held at Texas Woman’s University. She plans to attend TWU next fall to study Fashion Merchandising.

Haskell Horse Club presented buckles to the high point individuals in each age group. They are Audra Arendall, Julie Fowler, Morgan Cox, Laci Townsend, Jennifer Fowler, Brittany Bartley, Shayne McKenzie, Jessica Fowler and Shana McKenzie.

**30 Years Ago
April 28, 1983**

Major Lewis, a longtime resident of Haskell, will celebrate his 104th birthday today. He has 9 living

children, 33 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great grandchildren.

Winning awards at the annual All-Sports banquet were: Dick Gaines Award, Albert Sherman; Booster Club Award, Lonnie Hise; Jaycee Awards, Toby Villa for football, Mark Bailey for basketball, Melinda Blakley for basketball; Red Howard Award, Shannon Lane and Karen Isbell; Basketball Sweetheart & Beau, Gina Whitaker and Doug Lanier; Football Sweetheart & Beau, Tina Morris and Joseph Toliver.

**40 Years Ago
April 26, 1973**

Rule High School track stars Larry Barbee, Art Briles, Andrew Bagley, Lynn Dudensing, Jesse Macias, Hal Hunt, Rob Kittley and Abel Gonzales compiled 92 points at the regional track meet, which earned them the 1st place overall team trophy.

Lorenia Caddell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Caddell of Weinert, has pledged Ko Jo Kai

Women’s Social Club at Abilene Christian College. She is a 1971 graduate of Weinert High School and is an elementary education major.

Joseph Thigpen, 27-year old graduate of Haskell High School, was recently sworn in by District Judge Ben C. Chapman. Thigpen received his Doctor of Juris Prudence from Texas Tech School of Law. He will be associated with the law firm of Ratliff & Ratliff.

**50 Years Ago
April 25, 1963**

Paulette Allen, a Rochester High School graduate and Hardin Simmons University sophomore, was elected rodeo sweetheart of HSU. She is also the reigning Miss Rodeo of Texas.

Jesse Priest, state highway patrolman, was named “Jaycee of the Year” at the annual Haskell Jaycee installation banquet. T.J. Ballard, manager of United Industries facilities here, was presented the “Key Man” award.

Haskell residents Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt, active in the religions and civic life of this community for more than half a century, were honored with a 60th wedding anniversary tribute by the church they have served since 1912.

**100 Years Ago
April 26, 1913**

Thomas Montgomery, president of the Farmers’ State Bank, celebrated his 84th birthday this week. We are pleased that he is in splendid health.

We notice that City Marshall J.W. French has put down a nice sidewalk in front of his residence.

The Baptists of this city have just gotten their church building furnished with a set of new pews.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

This was a week that will be remembered by the inordinate number of citizens we’ve buried. Talk to Pam of Sue’s Flowers or to the Smith family at the funeral home; they’re pretty much exhausted. Yet, they managed to do remarkable jobs. And there were two out of town funerals we were unable to get to.

I need to talk of two because of what they did for the town and citizens of Haskell: Elbert Johnson and Dr. Joe Thigpen. Elbert was the pharmacist who would wake in the middle of the night and fill that important prescription. He and Franciene worked so hard in the trauma of getting Miller Creek up and running. And I know from experience that Elbert must have helped Franciene during her administration as mayor because my spouse does likewise. We couldn’t do it alone. Dr. Joe was the physician who made that house call, who treated anyone who came to the door at his house, who birthed the babies and cared for our elderly loved ones as their frail bodies gave way. He was an icon and I’m sure we all have our Dr. Joe stories. We had love and emotion invested in these two and they were invested in us: they loved us. They shall be missed but will remain in our hearts.

I need to share two Dr. Joe stories. Jan recalls in her Junior High days when NIBS (Nurses In Bobby Sox) was a precursor to Candy Strippers and she worked as many hours as she could at the hospital mainly doing aid work. Then Dr. Joe let her and another NIB watch two surgeries. The appendectomy is remembered because Dr. Joe sang and whistled “Oh Them Golden Slippers” all the while cutting and stitching.

My story concerns the fact that although Dr. Joe was a slight man he was strong as an ox. My two other brothers, not slight men, and I were circling a piano on the front porch waiting for someone bigger and stronger to come help us load it into a pickup bed to be transferred to Lubbock when Dr. Joe drove by, stopped and said, “You boys need some help?” Before we could explain that we were just figuring out how to do the job, he’d jerked one end of that piano up by himself and said, “Well, let’s loader up.”

Because the Governor, Rick Perry, just happens to be Dr. Joe’s son-in-law, Haskell saw many security laden black suburbans around town. There must have been at least 20 security personnel and DPS officers at the cemetery before the cars arrived from the church. The cemetery grounds’ crew is to be commended for the neat, newly-mowed area; it was something to be proud of. We parked behind a car containing the Honor Guard from Dyess. I introduced myself and pointed out all the security and one young man said, “For you, the mayor?” When I stopped laughing, I told him the Governor was here and you should have watched those three young servicemen take an extra couple of minutes to make certain their brass was polished just so, their shoes were spick and span and there was no stray lint on any of their clothing. These three Airmen were from New York, North Carolina and Arkansas. They said the best thing about our part of Texas is that everyone is so nice, polite and friendly. I told them that is just the “Texas Way.”

City Council elections for three positions are approaching, and I urge all of you to make your

voice heard. Two incumbents Randy Bowers, Mayor Pro Tem, and Sue Medford are running, as are Wes Strickland, Ernest Frye, Allen Morrow and Shane Whitt. Stacy Bridges elected not to seek re-election. You’ll have to wait until next year to vote against me, that is, if you’re unhappy with the way the city has been run.

The city faces some pretty hefty decisions/problems in the future. The water issue is always looming overhead...and if the Cline Shoals oil boom hits Haskell we’re going to be swimming hard and fast and with no water. I’m thinking just perhaps the citizens are beginning to believe us when we say we’re going to clean up the city. I have received more letters stating complaints than in the past three years. One letter said, “It’s been a 20 year battle and nothing has been done...I’m hoping you can do something.” I’m thinking that the number of written complaints received is indicative of citizens’ belief that finally something will be done. So, let the word go out...you hoarders better be prepared, we’re coming after you. It’s not that you can’t do what you want on your own land...it is you can’t stockpile junk to the point it becomes a fire hazard, a health hazard or a home to vermin. That’s when you’ve overstepped your rights and are stepping on others’ rights. Have any of you seen the TV program, “Buried Alive”? It’s all about hoarders and the health hazard they present not only to themselves but to their neighbors. Once again, let me reiterate: we aren’t interested in fining you or stomping on your personal property rights. Call City Hall, explain your situation and we will try and figure out

if there is some way, some how, somebody(ies) can help you.

I knew buzzards and hummingbirds migrated south for the winter, but I was not aware that flamingos did the same. Came home the other day and noticed a flock of them in my front yard. Also noticed they were all wearing neck ties so I went out to get a closer look—couldn’t find a tie that was my style. After reading the signs that accompanied the birds, I realized this was part of the fundraiser for Relay for Life. I called and left a message for them to be forwarded to their new home, but no one has removed them yet. They look thirsty to me; if they’re not gone in the a.m. I’ll water them.

Between funerals, this is the week much like 9-11 that we were glued to our TVs watching the horror of the Boston Marathon unravel. We didn’t want to watch but were so afraid we’d miss something. All I will say is that it indeed was a horror and thank God it’s over. I was especially struck by the statement that the injured runners many of them amputees now can only participate in a wheelchair marathon. Our hearts go out to all those who lost loved ones and the injured ones. And we cannot forget the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas. And at last report there were still about 60 people unaccounted for—I can’t imagine the horror. They must all be remembered in our prayers.

April 21st and it’s Aggie Muster time, Sunday night at the park in Rule. It’s a tradition all Aggies hold dear to their hearts. If you are an Aggie you understand, if not, I don’t have enough space to explain it to you.

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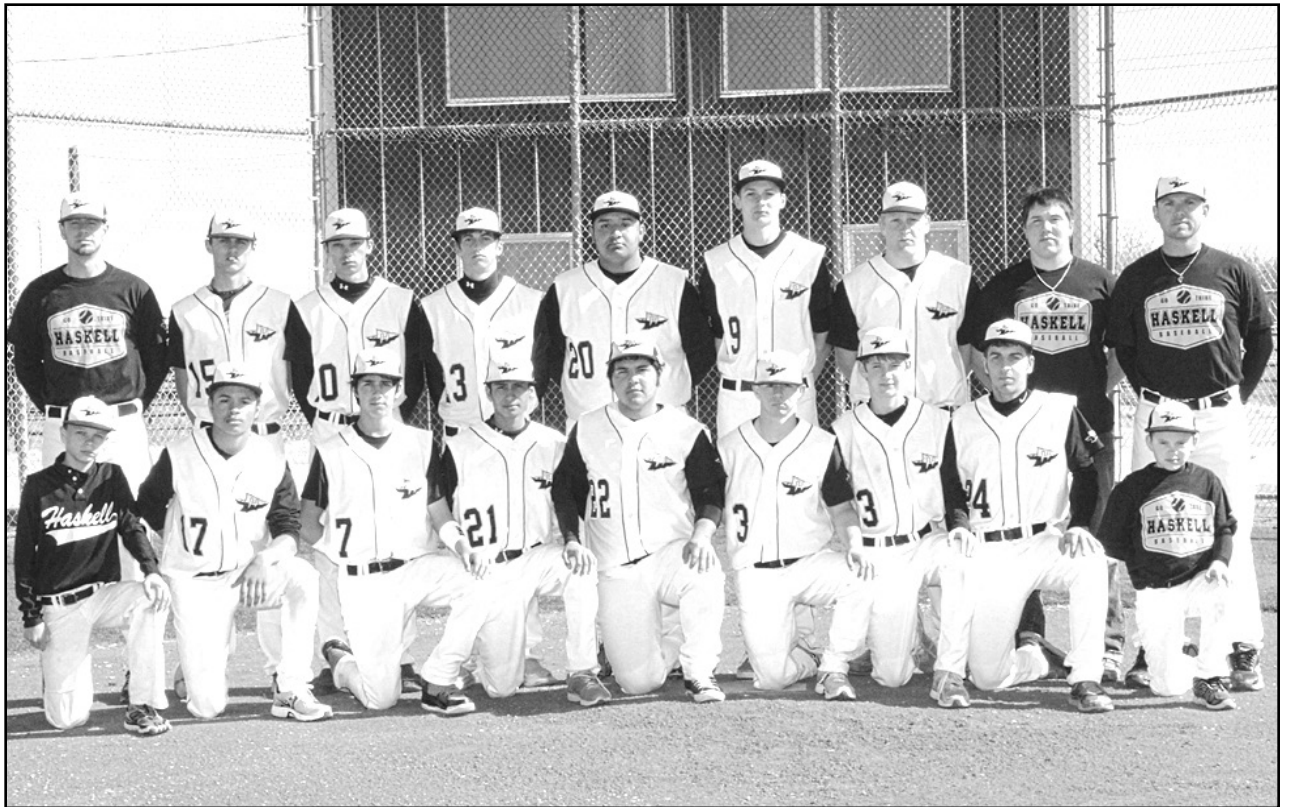
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HASKELL INDIANS

Indians Tied for Third in the District

Will play the winner of the Thursday game between Hamlin and Seymour to determine the third place seed in the district playoffs



HASKELL INDIANS—Team members of the 2013 Haskell Indians baseball team are, front row, l-r, Tye Coleman, Warren Flye, Dakota Silvas, Gus Estrada, Jarred Escobedo, Matthew Martinez, Dylan Hanson, Aaron Waggoner and Waylan Damron; back row, Coach Tate Thompson, Kade Colley, Cannon Edwards, Kyle Kimbrough, Daniel Contreras, Henry Smith, Max Weise, Drake Everett and Coach Josh Damron.

HASKELL MAIDENS



HASKELL MAIDENS—Team members of the 2013 Haskell Maidens softball team are, l-r, front row, #6 Reagan Hadaway, #12 Morgan Garcia, #1 Hannah Foster, #20 Breezy Gibbs, #5 Jacie Klose and #14 Destiny Pierce; back row, Asst. Coach Rick Gammon, #21 Camden Smith, #13 Morgan Frierson, #2 Maci Colley, #3 Cailey Foster, #33 Maegan Gonzales, #0 Delecia Garcia, #10 Caitlan Johnson, #11 Madison Homeyer and Coach John Foster.

Maidens District Runnerup

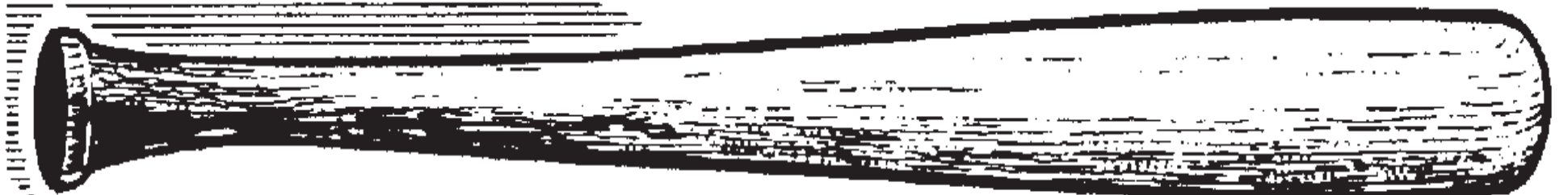
Will play Ira for the Bi-District playoff series in a best 2 of 3 series. Two games will be played Sat., April 27, at 6/8 p.m. at the Jim Ned Field in Tuscola. The 'if' game will be played Mon., April 29 at 6 p.m., if necessary

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Maidens softball report

Homeyer leads Maidens past Stamford 10-0

A superb effort by Madison Homeyer spurred the Haskell Maidens to a 10-0 win in seven innings over Stamford on Friday at Stamford.

Homeyer baffled Stamford, striking out 13 batters. The Maidens pitcher tossed seven innings of shutout ball and allowed only one hit.

The Maidens blew out Stamford thanks to 16 hits, including eight extra base hits. The Maidens scored three runs in the sixth on an RBI double by Maci Colley, an RBI double by Cailey Foster, and an RBI double by Homeyer.

Colley had two extra-base hits for the Maidens.

Foster, Maegan Gonzales, Colley, Homeyer, and Delecia Garcia helped lead the Maidens. They combined for twelve hits and six RBIs.

Maidens surrender in 8th inning to Albany, securing second place in district

Last week, the Maidens played their final two district games. Tuesday the Maidens faced the dominate Lady Lions from Albany who were currently undefeated in district play. Albany had been defeating their opponents easily under the mercy rule of 10 runs by the fifth inning. But not today against the Maidens.

The Maidens held the Lady Lions to five runs by the bottom of the seventh inning. The Maidens stepped up to the plate in the bottom of the seventh with one run under their belt, and went to work, batting through the entire lineup.

The Maidens put the fear into the Lady Lions in the seventh inning tying up the score, 5-5, on 4 hits and 3 walks. Albany's All American Kelli Schkade, who scored 4 of their 6 runs, was in scoring position on third, and easily traveled home on a sacrifice fly by Katherine Hamilton in the top of the eighth. The Maidens could not answer in the bottom with the final

score, Albany 6, Haskell 5.

Highlights of the game included good pitch selection for the Maidens resulting in 8 walks, 8 hits, and 5 strikeouts offensively. Madison Homeyer got on base every at bat with 2 hits and 2 walks. Maiden pitchers, Cailey Foster and Homeyer shared the circle. Albany got 4 hits off Foster, and 9 off Homeyer, but Maiden defense caused Albany to leave 14 runners stranded.

The result of this game secured the district championship for Albany, and the district runner-up for Haskell.

Friday, the Maidens traveled to Hamlin for their final district matchup. The Maidens maintained an early lead winning 16 to 2.

Highlights of the game included a centerfield, out of the park, homerun by Jacie Klose, who was 2 for 3 with 1 double and 1 RBI. Morgan Frierson and Maegan Gonzales were each 2 for 4, and Hannah Foster came off the bench to hit 3 for 3 with 2 RBIs. Foster was in the circle for the Maidens with 6 strikeouts, 2 walks, and 6 hits in 57 pitches with one 4 pitch inning.

The Maidens plan to play this weekend in the Bi-district round of playoffs against Ira, playing a "best 2 of 3" series. As of press time, this series is scheduled to be played under the lights on the Jim Ned softball field in Tuscola, with two games Saturday night April 27, starting at 6 p.m., and the third "if" game on Monday, if necessary, at the same location. Game dates and times subject to change.

Area 9/10-1A track results

The Haskell Indians and Maidens participated in the District 9/10-1A Area Meet recently.

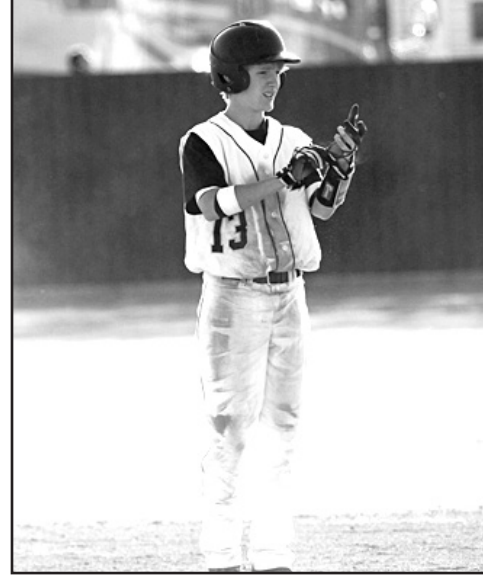
- Indians: Team total 90.
 3,200: 1. Angelo Pena, 11:06.27; 3. Gus Estrada, 11:15.04.
 800: 1. Kelby Bell, 2:07.16; 2. Henry Smith, 2:07.37.
 110 hurdles: 1. Warren Flye, 16:57; 3. Pdraig Pace, 17.54.
 400: 2. Garrett Markey, 52.21.
 300 hurdles: 3. Justice Dever, 42.59.
 1,600: 1. Pena, 5:04.87; 4. Estrada, 5:12.79.
 1,600 relay: 3. Haskell 3:34.08.
 Maidens: Team total 24.
 3,200: 3. Shawnee Hill, 13:59.27.
 300 hurdles: 4. Brittany Amos, 50.30.
 1,600: 4. Hill, 6:10.08.



PITCHING—Aaron Waggoner on the mound for the Indians in the second round of district play against Seymour. Haskell was victorious on their home field, securing a third place post district play.



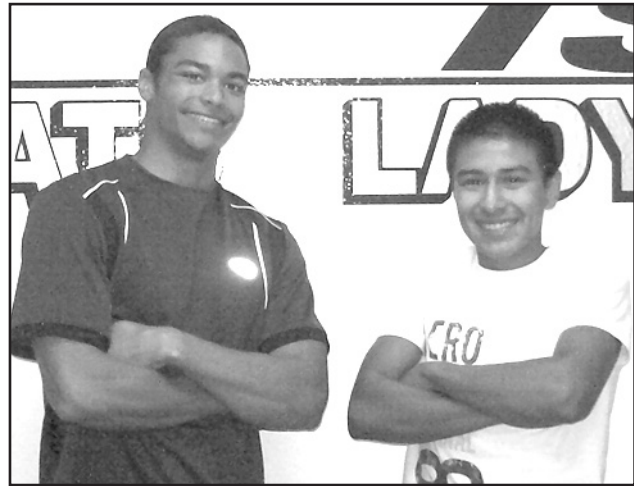
GOT IT—Haskell Indian Jarred Escobedo sticks the pitch for a strike.



IT'S A DIRTY JOB—Haskell Indian Dylan Hanson wears plenty of Indian fly after stealing second base.



IT'S AN OUT—Haskell Indian Warren Flye secures the fly ball in left field for an out.



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS—Rule Bobcat Senior Darryl Williams, left, qualified in the 100 with a time of 10.75 and 200 with a time of 23.4. Junior Michael Perez advanced in the 3,200 with a time of 10 minutes and 43 seconds and in the 1,600 with a time of 5 minutes and 8 seconds. Both will compete in San Angelo April 26-27.

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the square at 7:30 a.m. Sat., May 4.

Lunch

East Side Baptist Church will host a youth fundraiser Sun., May 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the

Fellowship Hall. A meal of pulled pork sandwiches, beans, potato salad and dessert will be served. Donations will be accepted. Take-outs are available. Proceeds will help send youth to summer camp.

Community garage sale

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., May 4. Deadline to register is Wed., May 1 at noon. Application forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd St., by calling 864-2477 or email haskellcc@srcaccess.net. Maps may be picked up at the gazebo on

Student in the News

Calina Kendall of Rule, was awarded the Nathan Myerson Memorial Endowed Scholarship at the 2013 Irvin School of Education reception on the Hardin-Simmons University campus, April 8.

Students receiving the scholarships are preparing for careers in teaching, athletic training and sports medicine, and fitness and sports sciences.

A total of \$121,375 in scholarships was awarded to 69 students in the Irvin School of Education. Approximately \$12,000.00 is given annually to students attending the various colleges and schools that make up HSU.



INDIAN TEAM—Haskell Indians Aaron Waggoner and Daniel Contreras team up to put the Seymour runner out at first during the second round of district play.



CLOSE CALL—Haskell Indian Dakota Silvas looks to tag the runner at second base.

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Bill Alcorn, Haskell CISD Superintendent

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Trailer park info clarified

Haskell City Administrator, Brandon Anderson, offers the following clarification concerning the trailer park information printed in the April 18 issue of the Haskell Free Press.

The article discussed in last week's paper concerning single wide trailer homes and smaller including RVs or RV

parcs with multiple RVs is only pertinent if this is the sole use that you will be using the lot for.

As long as there is another residence on the property, then landowners or tenants are allowed to also own and park their own RV on their lot. It would be consistent with allowing other out buildings or structures on

your property, as long as you are not renting the space.

If you are using it to allow as a rentable RV space then the Specific Use permit is required, however if you are only parking the RV on your lot the permit is not required.

Sorry for the confusion, if you have any questions please contact Anderson at 940-864-2333 or 940-256-0777.

Rule to register Pre-K, K

On Wed., May 1, registration for pre-k and kindergarten will be from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the elementary workroom of Rule ISD.

Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 may attend kindergarten in the fall, while pre-k students must be four years old by that time. This registration is to complete paperwork, so it is not necessary that prospective students attend with their parents. Parents of students already enrolled in Rule ISD do not have to attend.

For each student, these items are needed:

1. An up-to-date immunization record
2. Social security card
3. Official birth certificate from the court

house, and
4. The parent's drivers license.

If you cannot bring these, please attend anyway, but all four things will be needed before the child starts to school in August.

If you cannot attend, and

your child will be attending Rule ISD in the fall, contact the school at 997-2115, 997-2246 or 997-2521 so arrangements can be made to meet with you another time. It is important that this is done before school dismisses in May, if possible.

Haskell to register Pre-K, K April 26

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for Prekindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year on Fri., April 26 from 9:00 to 1:00 in the elementary library.

To be eligible for enrollment in Prekindergarten, a child

must be 3 or 4 years old on Sept. 1, 2013 and must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or qualify for free or reduced lunches; or be homeless; or be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States; or be the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or has ever been in foster care. However, we are hoping to offer Prekindergarten for all 4 year olds. If you are interested in this program for your child, please be sure to register on Fri., April 26.

Parents should bring their driver license and their child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration.

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

Spring has arrived, and the warmer temperatures signal the start of another season—construction season.

Any driver traveling in Texas is likely to encounter orange construction barrels during the spring and summer, when weather is best for many kinds of road work. With 80,000 miles of state-maintained roads, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) can have more than 1,000 highway projects in progress at any given time. It is estimated that motorists are likely to encounter a TxDOT work zone, on average, every 70-80 miles while driving in the state.

In 2012, 16,691 crashes occurred in roadway construction and maintenance zones, resulting in 134 fatalities. Since 1938, 271 TxDOT employees have been killed in work zones, including nine from the Abilene District.

To remember victims and raise safety awareness for workers and motorists, TxDOT joined the Federal Highway Administration and other transportation partners the week of April 15-19 to observe National Work Zone Awareness Week. Throughout the week, TxDOT encouraged schools, businesses, families and citizens to participate by choosing one day to wear orange to show support for highway workers. Participants were asked to take group pictures and email them to darah.waldrip@txdot.gov for posting on TxDOT's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Here are some work zone facts that may surprise you:

- Four out of five fatalities in work zones are motorists. Speeding and inattention are the most common causes cited for these incidents.
- Rear-end collisions account for one in three crashes.
- Of the 134 work zone fatalities in Texas in 2012, 49 were drug or alcohol related.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of April 15-21:

Derrick Cooper, motion to revoke burglary of a building.

Heath L. Livingston, motion to revoke battery, Kansas charge.

Raul Basillo Moreno, motion to revoke theft by check.

Zebelin Andrew Jennings, aggravated assault deadly weapon family member, also deadly conduct.

Thirty-five calls were made to 911.

•In 2012, 75 percent of people killed in work zones were male.

•43 percent of all people killed in work zones last year were younger than 35 years old.

TxDOT funds work zone research projects, such as advance warning system studies, to find ways to improve driving conditions and reduce injuries and fatalities in highway work zones. These efforts have led to great improvements over the years, such as crashworthy construction drums, signs and barricades designed to reduce both vehicle damage and potential driver injury when hit by a vehicle. However, the most important factor in making work zones safer is alert, skilled and knowledgeable drivers.

TxDOT urges motorists to remember the following driving tips to ensure that the minor inconvenience of highway maintenance and construction doesn't turn into a tragedy.

•Slow down and follow posted speed limits. At 80 mph, a vehicle travels 117 feet per second. Even slowing to 60 mph, a vehicle will cover more than 88 feet per second. Because work zones provide little room for maneuvering and virtually no margin for error, it is critical that drivers observe the posted speed limits and observe all warning signs. If the speed limit sign is white with black numbers, the speed limit has been established by the Texas Transportation Commission and is enforceable regardless of whether there is any construction activity or not. And remember, traffic fines double in work zones when workers are present, even if you cannot see them.

•Pay attention. Workers are often close to traffic. Highway workers and heavy equipment will often be only a few feet from the vehicles passing through the work zone. Always be alert to changing road and traffic conditions, take note of warning devices and flaggers' directions, and prepare for the unexpected. Don't take driving conditions for granted. Remember that work zone conditions are fluid and can change from day to day. Don't assume that because there wasn't construction in an area yesterday, there won't be one there today.

•Don't text and drive. Driver distraction is a major contributor to work zone crashes.

•Be patient. Delays can be frustrating, but it only takes a few minutes to slow down in a work zone. Aggressive driving makes the situation more dangerous for everyone. Road construction and repair are necessary

activities to ensure a safe, efficient highway system and to protect the investment of your tax dollars. At 50 mph instead of 60 mph, it takes less than one minute longer to get through a work zone two miles long; and less than 4½ minutes longer if the work zone is 10 miles long. Saving a few extra minutes is not worth risking injury or death.

•Plan ahead. If you know you will encounter a work zone, leave early to reach your destination on time. Stay alert and be ready to respond quickly. Remember that a trip through a work zone may take longer and can vary from day to day. Construction zone information is available on TxDOT's road conditions website at www.drivetexas.org.

Dear editor,
Regarding the Relay for Life 'Mom Prom'

I would like to give a big shout out to those who were involved in the third Mom Prom held April 6 at Macias Ballroom. This is the third year that we have attended this celebration.

I call it a celebration because this is when my girls, my sister and I celebrate another year with my mom: Mrs. Raymond (Tommie) Andrada.

This is her sixth year of being cancer free. We look forward to this every year. I took a special guest with me this year. She is a co-worker from Hendrick Hospice Care, but she is originally from New York.

Her name is Kim Tower. She too is a cancer survivor. It was such an honor to invite her to join us in this celebration.

When one goes through cancer, every day is a blessing. I have seen my friend, my mom, right before and after another checkup—the tears of relief that everything is ok—for one more year. Family and friends are so important.

Thanks to all the great ladies that make this event happen in our blessed little town! And, to all the great businesses or individuals that donated gifts and gift certificates for the event.

Thanks and God bless,
Eliza Abila

Dear editor,
We would like to express our thanks to everyone who helped with the Noah Project—North Spring Fling held last Saturday night.

Thanks to those who donated and brought auction items and food; to those who provided the wonderful entertainment; to those who bought auction items; to those who donated in any way; and, to everyone who took time to attend.

Sincerely,
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Early voting starts Monday

by Caron Yates

Haskell city council and Rule school board elections have been scheduled for Sat., May 11.

There were no other contested races in Haskell County, consequently all other city and school board elections have been canceled.

The first day of early voting for both of the contested races, will be Mon., April 29. The last day for early voting by personal appearance is Tues., May 7. The last day to receive an application for a ballot to vote by mail is May 3.

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

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

In the Haskell city election, three at-large aldermen will be chosen. Incumbents Randy Bowers and Sue Medford, along with challengers Shane Whitt, Ernest Frye, Allen Morrow and Wes Strickland have all

placed their names on the ballot.

Rule ISD will be filling 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 are Terry Threet, Jeffrey Murray, Robert Saffel and Wade Gomillion.

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

Relay for Life Days proclaimed

In conjunction with the Haskell/Knox County Relay for Life event, Haskell County Judge David Davis has proclaimed April 26-27 as Relay for Life Days.

The Relay for Life is the signature activity of the American Cancer Society and celebrates cancer survivors and caregivers, remembers loved ones lost to the disease, and empowers

individuals and communities to fight back against cancer.

Money raised during the Relay for Life, supports the American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives and creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays. They do this by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures for cancer, and by fighting back.

Relay for Life helped fund more than \$150 million in cancer research last year, with more than \$107,000 coming from Haskell and Knox County based teams over the past two years.

All citizens are encouraged to participate in the Relay for Life event at the Haskell High School football field on Fri., April 26, beginning at 7 p.m.

Fall prevention series to begin

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Falls can be catastrophic for seniors. A broken bone may not be a big deal for a ten year-old, but for a senior it can be an immense setback. Fortunately, with the right precautions, most falls can be avoided.

"A Matter of Balance" is an 8-part series designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling.

Participants will learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable; set realistic goals for increasing activity;

change their environment to reduce fall risk factors; and promote exercise to increase strength and balance. This award winning program will be offered in Haskell during the month of May. Participants must be at least 60 years old to participate and must pre-register for the series of classes by April 26.

The "Matter of Balance" series classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for four weeks (8 total classes). The course will begin May 7 and continue through May 30. Classes will be held at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building in Haskell.

The program series is free of charge but enrollment is limited. To register for the course or for more information contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS, Haskell County, 940-864-2546, 1-rowan@tamu.edu, 101 S. Ave. D, Haskell.

Food manager's training

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is hosting a Food Manager two day Certification training May 20-21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Extension Office, 1982 Lytle Way, Abilene. Cost is \$125. This is a two day course (16 hours) including the ANSI-CFP Accredited Professional Food Manager examination (CPFM).

Persons must bring an acceptable photo ID, such as your driver's license, ID card, military ID or passport. If you do not have an acceptable form of ID,

you will not be able to take the exam.

Topics will include Food Safety and Sanitation, Food Flow and HACCP, and Managing the Operation. Instructors will be Debbie Hailey, Jane Rowan, and Sandy Taylor.

Registration deadline is May 6. Those wishing more information may contact Debbie Hailey CEA-FCS, Jones County, 325-823-2432; Jane Rowan CEA-FCS, Haskell County, 940-864-2546, or Sandy Taylor CEA-FCS, Runnels County, 325-365-2219.

Davis attends TMCN luncheon



DAVID DAVIS

Haskell County Judge David Davis attended one of six network luncheons sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network this spring. The luncheon was held at the Myrtle Wilks Community Center last Friday. Topic of discussion focused on "Capturing the Wealth of Your Community."

An informational program was presented by Katie Alford, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Abilene. She

explained ways to establish and leverage local funding efforts for programs and specific projects. She also explained how individuals can set up a "legacy gift" to the community in the form of offering scholarships for local students or financial assistance to non-profit groups. She pointed out the importance of educating local citizens about considering their community as one of their heirs when writing wills or working with investors and notifying high school alumni of the opportunity to support hometown projects.

The difference between community foundations and endowment funds was explained. Many rural communities and individuals are tapping into administrative and investing services from regional community foundations such as the Community Foundation of Abilene (CFA) so that local efforts can focus on fund-raising and where to direct the

funds without the burden of administrative expense and required reporting to state and federal agencies. Some examples of partnering with CFA were the community of Coleman, Nolan County and Winters Area Foundation.

Cities represented at the luncheon included Baird, Clyde, Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, Albany, Breckenridge, Haskell, Early and Throckmorton.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a one-of-a-kind regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism awareness and promotion, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

For more information about TMCN visit www.texasmidwest.org or the Texas Midwest Facebook page.

HNB receives 5-Star award

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trust in." Financial strength has been the priority for Haskell National Bank since its inception in 1890. Through its two conveniently located branch offices in Abilene

and Haskell, Haskell National Bank has been a source of pride for its local community for 123 years. Haskell National Bank is a member of the FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.

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.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

Water conservation

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

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.

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.

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CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY—The Tex-Mex Cafe, 704 13th Street in Rule, celebrated their one year anniversary Tues., April 9. Pictured are staff Nancy Peters, owner Marie Marin, Gloria Diaz and Amanda Wilson.



HASKELL MATH TEAM—HHS Math Team members, l-r, are Cailey Foster, Madison Mayfield, Madison Homeyer, Aaron Waggoner, Dylan Hanson, Henry Smith, Maci Colley and Kade Colley.

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HHS math teams compete at state TMSCA meet

Haskell High School UIL math teams competed in the 2013 State Texas Math and Science Coaches Association meet in San Antonio over spring break. Students compete in all four events: Number Sense, Calculator Applications, Mathematics, and Science. Individual placings were as follows:
Maci Colley: Twelfth

grade, fourth High Individual in Calculator and ninth High Individual in Mathematics;
Madison Mayfield: Twelfth grade, fifth High Individual in Mathematics;
Madison Homeyer:

Eleventh grade, second High Individual in Number Sense, third High Individual in Calculator and sixth High Individual in Mathematics;
Henry Smith: Tenth grade, sixth High Individual in Science.

Rule news

The City of Rule will hold a Community Wide Clean Up May 4-12. Dumpsters will be located at the Rule Fire Department for citizens' convenience. Please do not leave or throw garbage, appliances, tires or furniture, etc., on the ground outside these dumpsters. The City asks that anyone witnessing such action to please report it to City Hall. Appliances with freon cannot be dumped in the dumpster. Freon must be removed.

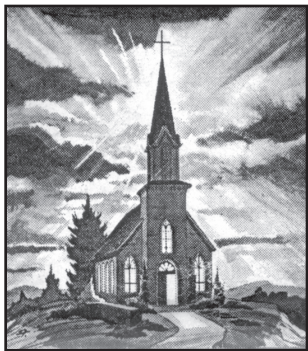
Rule Chapter #989 Order of the Eastern Star will meet Thurs., May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rule Masonic Lodge hall for a memorial program.
Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. All members are asked to be present.

Rule Chapter #989 Order of the Eastern Star honored the Masons of Rule Lodge

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This Week's Devotional Message:

Faith will provide you with strength



For some time, we have been regaled with dire predictions of recession, depression and other ominous terms that depict a general worsening of our economic situation; all of which must cause many of us to wonder if our own source of life's basic needs might soon be in jeopardy. The fancy words would indeed appear to forecast a grim future

when translated into terms of next week's groceries or next month's rent. Throughout history, in time of trouble man has always turned to religion as a last resort, even when it should have been his first. There is no better time than now to go to your church and pray to God for His ever-present help and guidance.

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.
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- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
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- 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

Haskell School Menu

April 29-May 3
Breakfast
1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always available at every meal.
Monday: Breakfast muffin, apple juice
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick, orange juice
Wednesday: Pancakes, syrup, fruit punch juice
Thursday: Pigs in a blanket, apple juice
Friday: No school

Lunch
1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk always

available at every meal.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, carrot coins, strawberries and banana, roll
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches
Wednesday: Crispy tacos, salsa, garden salad, charro beans, cinnamon applesauce
Thursday: Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli bites, garden salad, baked potato chips, orange smiles
Friday: No school

Rule School Menu

April 29-May 3
Breakfast
Milk, juice and fruit are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Cereal bowl, toast and jelly, sausage
Wednesday: Biscuit, sausage, gravy
Thursday: Pigs n blanket
Friday: No school

Lunch
Milk is served daily.

Monday: Hamburger, burger salad, potato rounds, western beans, diced pears
Tuesday: Pigs n blanket, carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple tidbits
Wednesday: Tex Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, salad, salsa, hot cinnamon apples
Thursday: Pizza, salad, green beans, apple
Friday: No school

Paint Creek School Menu

April 29-May 3
Breakfast
Milk, juice and fruit are served daily.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy
Thursday: Pigs n blanket
Friday: Waffles

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Corndogs, baked beans, fries, pineapples
Wednesday: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, peaches
Thursday: Baked potatoes, ham, salad, fruit
Friday: Pizza, corn, salad, pears

ECC Menu

Mon., April 29
Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

Wed., May 1

Ham, butter beans, coleslaw, cornbread, peaches, brownie, tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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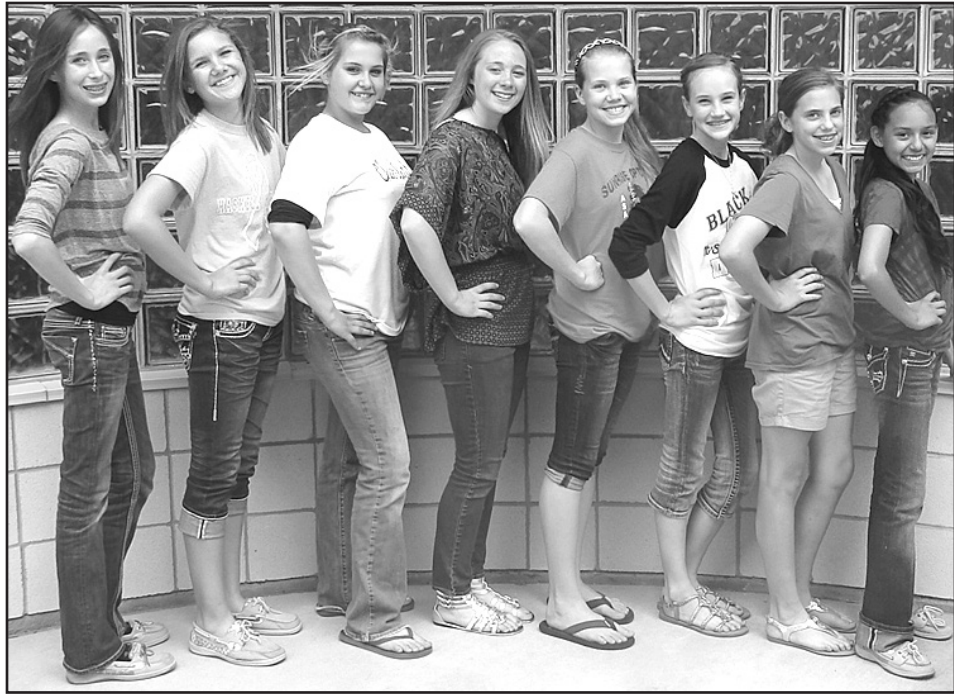
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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., April 8 with all members present.

Bills were approved. Councilmen Randy Bowers and Stacy Bridges abstained.

Randy Teague with Air Evac Lifeteam gave a presentation.

A bid from Bobby Howeth was accepted for the land east of the softball field. The lease is for ten years.

The Master Contract for Professional Services with Jacob and Martin, LTD, for landfill expansion was approved.

The status of the current RV park and potential of a new RV park and a truck parking area east of the high school track was discussed.

Budget amendments were approved as presented.

Options available to members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department concerning discounted water services were discussed.

The public works and safety report was given by Matthew Duran.

In the City Administrator's report Brandon Anderson stated:

•The Housing and Building Forum was well attended and the issues facing Haskell were discussed. About thirty attended.

•Just as a clarification, the city will send council meeting minutes to the paper after they become official, meaning that the city council has read and approved them. The unapproved draft version was being sent to newspapers and, under the advice of counsel, it was recommended to only send official minutes. A public information request could be made to attain the draft minutes, if requested, however, they are not official until the Council has had an opportunity to read, approve, and make necessary changes.

•Anderson is getting all of the deeds together on the land that will be considered to be located in the Haskell Expo Center, to allow the City to make the name change of the area around the Civic Center, show barn and

rodeo grounds.

•The annual City-wide Clean-Up will be held in May. The date will be set after the completion of the C&D pit at the landfill.

•The City is advertising for summer help.

•Price quotes on a new pump and card reading system to be used at the airport are being obtained.

•Leadership Haskell is going well and Haskell seventh grade students have been great to work with. Thanks to Mary Drury, John Gannaway and all school personnel who have been instrumental in planning and assisting with this worthwhile endeavor.

•The homes grant will be withdrawn and resubmitted to allow for the city to use A&J Howco Service, Inc. for the implementation of the grant. The City will work with the County to help attain funding to assist as many as possible to improve their homes, as needed and allowed under this program.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Mon., April 8 with all members present.

A motion to accept the monthly and quarterly reports from the County Treasurer passed.

No burn ban is in effect.

A motion to proclaim

Paint Creek ISD to register Pre-K, K

Paint Creek School will hold registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten students for the 2013-2014 school year Thurs., May 2.

Pre-K students currently enrolled at Paint Creek need not enroll until fall registration. Please come by the school office between 12:00 noon and 3:30 p.m. to complete needed paperwork.

To attend Kindergarten a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2013. To attend Pre-K a child must be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2013.

Parents should bring their driver's license, and their child's immunization record, birth certificate, and social security card to registration.

If you cannot attend registration, but have a Pre-K or Kindergarten student, call the school at 940-864-2868 and make arrangements to come at another time.

Deadlines

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

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers
1-800-222-TIPS

April as Fair Housing Month passed.

A motion to enter into a contract with the Home Program passed.

A motion to adopt the resolution in conjunction with the County's HOME Program from the Dept. or Housing and Urban Development passed.

A motion to designate Susan Cockerell as the Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity/

Section 504 Standards Officer for the County passed.

A motion to accept the bid from Yellowhouse Machinery for a used 2010 John Deere excavator passed.

A motion passed to contribute one third of the annual fee to air Evac on a yearly basis, on the condition that if the City of Haskell and Haskell Memorial Hospital do not pay their part, the contribution is null and void.

CITIZENS OF HASKELL:

Serving the citizens of Haskell is a privilege, and I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me over the recent years, allowing me to serve as Alderman for the City of Haskell. The leadership of elected officials is critical to the growth of our community. If re-elected, I will continue to work for you and listen to you. I encourage the input of all citizens and together we will work for the continued growth and prosperity of Haskell.

I ask for your vote on May 4th for Haskell City Council.

Sue Wilkinson Medford

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