

## Calendar

### Paint Creek set 8th graduation

Paint Creek School will hold eighth grade graduation and the junior high awards program Thurs., May 29 at 7 p.m. in the Paint Creek School gymnasium.

### Dance May 31 at American Legion

A fund-raiser dance will be held Sat., May 31 from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Tickets are \$10 per person. For advance tickets, call 864-2363. Parris and the Pride and Tear Stained Eye will perform. A silent auction is also being held. Proceeds benefit the American Legion.

### WHPD parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Parade Committee would like to encourage businesses, clubs and individuals to participate this year in the 2014 WHPD Parade June 6. The parade will start at 5:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd or in the County Judge's office in the County Courthouse. For more information call 940-864-2851.

### Rule VBS

#### June 2-5

Rule First Baptist Church will hold VBS June 2-5 from 4 to 6 p.m. for children ages 3 years old-completed fifth grade. Call 940-997-2321 or 940-200-0241 for more information.

### Children's ministry

The Haskell Church of Christ Wednesday night Children's Ministry will continue throughout the summer. The regular schedule is: Sunday Bible classes 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., service groups and children's Bible hour 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday classes for all ages at 7:00 p.m. VBS 2014 will be June 8-11, for children who have completed 4 year old Pre-K through the fifth grade.

### Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will begin having quarterly meetings in 2014. The meetings will be the first Monday of June, September and December at 6:00 p.m. in the Haskell County Library.

### Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at 11:30 a.m. on Fridays, weather permitting.

### Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage three of the Drought Contingency Plan of the City of Haskell Water Conservation Plan. Stage three calls for a mandatory 25% 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. For more information or a copy of the water conservation plan, contact Haskell City Hall.

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## Congratulations graduates

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## Fifty-nine seniors to graduate in Haskell County



**MADISON HOMEYER**  
VALEDICTORIAN  
HASKELL

Haskell County will have fifty-nine seniors receiving diplomas during graduation ceremonies.

Haskell High School will graduate forty-two seniors during commencement exercises at Indian Stadium on Fri., May 30, beginning at 8 p.m.

Those graduating are Zierra Alexander, Braeden Alves, Marlee Andrada, Kelby Bell, Emmett Benton, Destiny Billington, April Brown.

Lucy Carmichael, Daniel



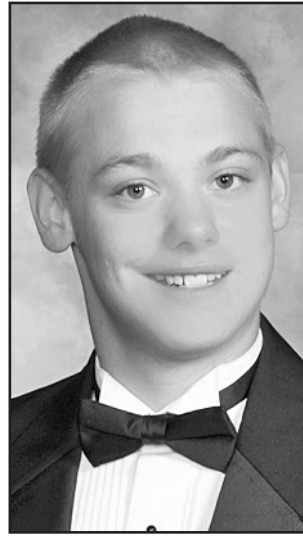
**KADIE McCORD**  
VALEDICTORIAN  
PAINT CREEK

Contreras, Kelly Crain, Austin Curran, Maddison Davis, Jasmine Dever, Nathaniel Dever.

Jarett Earle, Jarred Escobedo, Gus Estrada, Anna Flores, Emily Fouts, Joshua Frame, Morgan Garcia.

Meghan Glover, Maegan Hearn, Alex Hutson-Murdock, Madison Homeyer, Kyle Kimbrough, Jacob Kreger, Matthew Martinez.

Kaley Mathis, Kiefer McNelly, Silvia Mexicano



**BRANDON COOPER**  
VALEDICTORIAN  
RULE

Ramirez, Scotty Reid, Johnathon Schmegner, Dakota Silvas, Camden Smith.

Zachary Tatum, Micah Thomas, Austin Trussell, Aaron Urich, Christina Villa, Aaron Waggoner and Max Weise.

Valedictorian is Madison Homeyer, daughter of Carl and Sheila Homeyer. Salutatorian is Emily Fouts, daughter of Mike and Kris Fouts.

**Paint Creek**  
Thirteen Paint Creek



**EMILY FOUTS**  
SALUTATORIAN  
HASKELL

seniors will receive diplomas during exercises to be held Fri., May 30 at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Graduating seniors include Justin Bailey, Samantha Barnett, Hunter Hollingsworth, Anselmo Ipinia, Haley Jackson, Baleigh Lopez, Marco Martinez.

Cody Mayfield, Kadie McCord, Caitlin Medford, Shawn Myers, Dalinne Reed and Tarah Trotter.

Paint Creek valedictorian is Kadie McCord, daughter of Sarah McCord and Joey



**CODY MAYFIELD**  
SALUTATORIAN  
PAINT CREEK

McCord. Salutatorian is Cody Mayfield, grandson of Steve and Anita Bean of Stamford Lake.

#### Rule

Four Rule High School seniors will receive diplomas at commencement exercises held in the school auditorium Fri., May 30 at 7 p.m.

Graduates are Brandon Cooper, Gloria Gonzalez, Michael Perez and Selena Rojas.

Class valedictorian is Brandon Cooper, son of John and Terrie Cooper.

## Round up the family for Wild Horse Prairie Days

by **Caron Yates**

Nineteen years ago, after much planning and significant hours of labor from many different people, the first Wild Horse Prairie Days was deemed a huge success. It has continued each year since, even growing as new activities have been added.

In 1998 the John Wallace Memorial Roping was added

to the lineup of events. John Wallace was known far and wide as a cattleman. When he wasn't buying and selling cattle for himself and others, he was roping them, competing all across Texas and Oklahoma. After Wallace's death, Howard Hopkins, another well-known figure around the roping arena, came up with the idea of a calf roping in conjunction with

the WHPD to memorialize Wallace.

It is now the "kick-off" event for the WHPD activities. This year, it is scheduled for Sunday, June 1 at the Howard Hopkins Memorial Arena. For entry information contact J.W. Wallace at 864-3509 or Carl Hopkins at 864-5299.

The weekend of June 6-8 will be filled with activity, beginning with the Sam "Snakey" Graves Memorial Cutting at 9 a.m. on Friday. At 5 p.m., everyone is encouraged to gather around the square for the WHPD parade. Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd or in the County Judge's office in the County Courthouse. For more

information call 940-864-2851.

On both Friday and Saturday, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., inside the Civic Center, a Craft and Trade Show will be held. A chuck wagon meal will be served from 5-7 p.m. each night, inside the Civic Center for more comfortable dining.

The main event, the rodeo, will begin at 7 p.m. both nights.

A ranch horse competition will be held at 9 a.m. on Sat., and the always exciting Jr. Ranch Rodeo with "Pokey" the clown will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday's activities will conclude with a dance from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. featuring the Cadillac Jack band.

It takes many hands to put on a successful event of

this magnitude. Any and all volunteers are needed and appreciated. Contact Sammy Larned for more information or to volunteer your services at 864-2749.

On Sunday, popular cowboy preacher Jeff Gore will conduct church services beginning at 10 a.m. at the God Loves You Ministries building on the west side of the square.

On Sunday, June 8, beginning at 1 p.m. a WTBRA Barrel Race competition will be held.

You won't want to miss any of these activities. So round up your family and friends and come be a part of the fun at the nineteenth annual Wild Horse Prairie Days.

## WHPD scholarship applications offered

It's the time of year for the Wild Horse Prairie Days! With that comes the WHPD scholarship contest. The contest will be a little different this year, because young men and young ladies will be included.

Anyone that attends a Haskell County high school or is associated with one of the participating ranches is eligible to apply for this year's scholarship. If those winning are not graduating seniors, the scholarship money will be held by their high school.

Those applying will fill out an application and go through an interview process held Thurs., June 5 at the Haskell Civic Center at 4:00 p.m. The sponsor meal will be held the same evening, the applicants will be introduced and winners announced at that time.

Winners will ride in the WHPD Parade and be introduced at both performances of the rodeo.

Attire for this event is western or something appropriate for the occasion of a ranch rodeo. Each contestant will need a sponsor, which can be parents, grandparents or a business.

Applications may be picked up from the school counselor's

offices or in the Haskell County Judge's office on the second floor of the county courthouse. The deadline for applications is June 3 at 5:00 p.m.



**PROM 2014-Attending the Haskell High School prom were, front row, l-r, J.T. Schmegner, Jacob Kreger, Matthew Martinez, Kiefer McNelly, Daniel Contreras, Jarred Escobedo, Micah Thomas and Nate Dever; middle row, Camden Smith, Christina Villa, Maddison Davis, Zierra Alexander, Madison Homeyer, Marlee Andrada, Morgan Garcia, Meghan Glover, April Brown and Silvia Mexicano; back row,**

**Jarett Earle, Zac Tatum, Aaron Waggoner, Aaron Urich, Scotty Reid, Kyle Kimbrough, Max Weise, Emily Fouts, Austin Trussell, Kaley Mathis, Lucy Carmichael, Kelly Crain and Maegan Hearn. Not pictured are Braeden Alves, Kelby Bell, Austin Curran, Jasmine Dever, Gus Estrada, Elizabeth Flores, Joshua Frame, Alexander Hutson-Murdock and Dakota Silvas.**

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# Two new wheat varieties to be released next year

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Texas A&M AgriLife Research and the TAM Wheat Improvement Program have announced the pending release of two new wheat varieties, each with unique qualities, according to Dr. Jackie Rudd, AgriLife Research wheat breeder at Amarillo.

The announcement was made during the Rolling Plains Spring Field Day and Hardeman County Wheat Field Tour recently at Chillicothe.

"TAM 114 and TAM 204 each have unique characteristics and offer things to producers that we really haven't had before," Rudd said.

TAM 114, a hard red winter wheat developed from a cross between TAM 111 and an experimental breeding line, has excellent milling and baking quality, he said.

"It is one of the best bread-making wheats we've had in a long time," Rudd said. "It has a high test weight, so it is good for the milling side, and for the bakers it has extra strong gluten or dough strength—it makes a nice loaf of bread."

"Over the past 10 years, the milling and baking quality of Texas wheat varieties have been increasing and TAM 114 is another step up," he said.

For the producers, Rudd said TAM 114 offers resistance to leaf rust, stripe rust and stem rust. It is a high yielding wheat under both dryland and irrigated environments in the High Plains of Texas, but also does well in the Rolling Plains, the Blacklands and

as far south as the Waco/Hillsboro area in the southern Blacklands.

"It is exciting to see the strong reputation of Texas wheat: that's better for the millers, the bakers, the consumers, the entire Texas wheat industry," Rudd said.

TAM 204 is an awnless hard red winter wheat that was developed for grazing, but in addition to high forage yields it also has a great grain yield throughout Texas, he said.

The seed heads of most hard winter wheat varieties have awns or beards that are typically about an inch long, Rudd said. In awnless wheat varieties, the awns are very short or non-existent.

"Cattle grazing wheat after the seed heads have emerged are 'annoyed' by the bristly awns in their face and generally prefer awnless wheat," he said. "The awnless trait makes it a lot more valuable for those wanting to graze it out."

The parentage of TAM 204 includes the popular drought-tolerant TAM 112 and Jagger, which was well known for excellent fall grazing, he said.

"TAM 204 also has one of the better insect resistance packages we've ever had: it's resistant to greenbugs, Hessian fly and it also has wheat curl mite resistance. That wheat curl mite resistance is important, because the mite is the vector for wheat streak mosaic virus."

He said because wheat planted for grazing often is planted early, greenbug and Hessian fly pressure increases, along with leaf rust and stripe rust sometimes, and "definitely

early planted wheat is more vulnerable to the wheat streak mosaic virus.

"Having built-in resistance is a real good thing for the grazing wheat," Rudd said, adding TAM 204 is resistant to stripe and stem rust, and has intermediate resistance to leaf rust.

"Also the acid soil tolerance and soil-borne mosaic virus resistance of TAM 204 allow it to be grown in areas of North Texas and South Central Oklahoma where these production constraints exist."

Steve Brown, Texas Foundation Seed Service manager in Vernon, said the two varieties have been submitted to the State Seed Plant Board, an appointed board that oversees the seed certification program in Texas. This board will meet in mid-June to review the varieties.

"Once these are accepted into the program, the licensing process will be started for both varieties," Brown said.

He emphasized how important the TAM 204 grain-yielding capabilities were, saying many producers in the Rolling Plains graze Weathermaster 135.

"It's kind of an old standard, and the yield differential is as much as 20 bushels per acre," Brown said.

Both varieties are being grown in the first Foundation seed increase this year and they are looking very good in the field, he said. Foundation seed is the first step in the commercial process to produce the Certified seed that is sold to growers.

"This step is designed to assure seed purity and variety integrity during the commercial life of the variety," he said.

"We will start the licensing process as soon as we get seed in the bin," Brown said. "There has been a fair amount of interest in these varieties, and once they are licensed, we will tell where they will be available. But I would not expect to see any certified seed available until next year."

# Obituaries

## Iola June Muse



JUNE MUSE

Memorial services for Iola June Muse, 75, of Haskell were held Fri., May 23 at First Assembly of God Church in Haskell with Bro. J.C. Amburn officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Muse passed away at her home Friday morning, May 16.

Iola June Brown was born Jan. 11, 1939 in Haskell, the daughter of Ola Eudora (Gibbs) and George Thomas Brown. She married Elvin Carl (Ken) Muse in 1967 and the couple moved to Dallas. June worked for many years for First Federal Bank in Dallas and later, with her sister's business, Cowboy Fire Extinguisher of Dallas.

June was a caregiver for many years to her husband until his death in 1987, a sister, and finally, to her brother-in-law. She enjoyed playing dominoes and loved to cook. She attended East Side Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; George

Thomas and Ola Brown; five sisters, Ova Lee Chastant, Billie Louise Beggs, Annie Doris Tidrow, Lola Belle Smetak and Wanda Faye Chavis; two brothers, Sonny Alton Brown and Bennie Joe Brown.

Survivors include eight nephews, Roy Beggs of Eules, Denny Tidrow of Navasota, J.T. Tidrow of Haskell, Bobby Hopper of Garland, Joseph Smetak of Garland, James Brown and Larry Brown, both of Red Oak; two nieces, Linda Martinez of Haskell and Melanie Hatfield of Abilene; and numerous great nieces and nephews and cousins.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.smithfamilyfh.com](http://www.smithfamilyfh.com).

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## Doris Catherine Brueggeman



DORIS BRUEGEMAN

Funeral services for Doris Catherine Brueggeman, 82, of Haskell were held Wed., May 28 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Interment was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Brueggeman passed away peacefully May 25, while in a Fort Worth hospice

facility.

Born in Weinert April 13, 1932, she graduated from Weinert High School and lived her life in Haskell. Family and friends enjoyed her quick wit, friendly and funny personality and her delicious cooking. She loved folk art painting, counted cross-stitching, and winning at cards. She and T.J. had good times with friends on RV camping and fishing trips, but her greatest joy was having all her family home—especially at Christmas—her favorite holiday. Without her, life on earth will never be the same for her family, and they all look forward to celebrating Christmas everyday together in heaven.

She is preceded in death by her parents, V.R. and Bess Anderson; her brothers Vernon, Jimmy and Billy Anderson; and her first husband, Cogdell Mayfield, who was killed in an accident at the age of 22.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, T.J. Brueggeman; her children, Paula Myers and husband Harlan, Gary Mayfield and wife Cindy, Forrest Mayfield and wife Margaret, and Terry Brueggeman and wife Debora. MeMe Doris will be dearly missed by her grandchildren, John Paul Weaver, Marcus Weaver, Jay Mayfield, Stacy Mayfield, Melissa Mayfield, Nicholas Mayfield, Christopher Brown, Cyle Brown and Caleb Whitfield; her great grandchildren Jack Weaver, Sam Weaver, Max Weaver, Anna Weaver, Zachary Mayfield, McKenzie Gemilli, Ellen Mayfield, Hunter Jervis, Jace Mayfield, Shyler Mayfield, Rilee Mayfield, Travis Mayfield, Jonathan Brown, Nathaniel Brown, Zachary Campbell and Brooklyn Brown; and her many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. PD. NOTICE

## Wilma Naron

Funeral services for Wilma Naron, 81, of Quanah were held Wed., May 21 at First Baptist Church in Quanah with Rev. Eric Brooks and Rev. J.C. Amburn officiating. Interment was in Quanah Memorial Park under the direction of Smith Funeral Home of Quanah.

Mrs. Naron passed away Mon., May 19 in Wichita Falls.

Born April 5, 1933 in Bakersfield, California, she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Lena Soloman Crane. She married Billy Naron July 14, 1984 in Haskell. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church. She worked at Turner Child Development Center in Quanah.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sandra McFadden and one brother, Jimmie Crane.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Naron of Quanah; two sons, Sonny West of Haskell and Wayne Davis of Quanah; four daughters, Mae Robinson of Quanah, Debra Gibbs of Haskell, Delores Honea of Quanah and Diane Litsch of Grapevine; two stepdaughters, Thresa Naron of Rule and Kathy Gilbreath of Lubbock; 18 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Memorials may be sent to St. Jude's Children Hospital or Convoy of Hope.

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And handing out

**Weather**

by Kim Hutto  
 National Weather Service  
 Volunteer Co-op Observer

**Temperature**

Mon., May 19	68°/80°
Tues., May 20	64°/98°
Wed., May 21	67°/97°
Thurs., May 22	68°/92°
Fri., May 23	70°/84°
Sat., May 24	65°/80°
Sun., May 25	66°/72°

**Precipitation**

Fri., May 23	.53" rain
Sat., May 24	.43" rain
Sun., May 25	1.63" rain

**City wide cleanup rescheduled**

The City of Haskell has rescheduled the city-wide clean up. The landfill will be open Sat., June 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Things that will not be accepted during clean-up week include chemicals, tires, batteries, anything with Freon, asbestos, any roofing materials and paint.

This service is provided for citizens in the city limits of Haskell only. Citizens may be asked for proof of residence, such as a water bill.

If you have any questions contact City Hall at 940-864-2333.

## TEEA Club news

On May 8, the Haskell County TEEA meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathryn Schonerstedt. Several members answered roll call by "Name something you are thankful for that your mother taught you."

Opening exercise was "A Mother's Arms," by Joetta Burnett.

Sue McGee read the minutes in the absence of secretary Dolores Medford. No treasurer report was given.

Two 4-H members turning in reports for 4-H scholarships were Emily Fouts and Kaylee Mathis.

Schonerstedt read remarks from Dalinda Black, agent, who was absent. Three 4-H girls attended the Fashion Show in Newcastle. Emily Fouts won first place and will complete at the State 4-H Round Up in June. Shalee Dunnam and Madilyn Moore did well for their first time to compete.

A 4-H Youth Development meeting was held April 16. Fund-raising for a scholarship, District Round Up, State Round Up, Shooting Sports were discussed. A generous donation was received.

Chocolate covered strawberries for Mother's Day was held for a money raising event.

District 4-H Round Up was Tues., May 13. Two volunteers going to help judge were Dolores Medford and Pat Jenkins. The club is excited to have Haskell TEEA at 4-H Round Up.

## 4-H clubs to offer salsa for Father's Day

by DaLinda Black  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Haskell County 4-Hers are having a fund-raiser to help the youth of Haskell that would like to become 4-Hers in the fall, when the new 4-H year enrollment begins.

The fund-raiser proceeds will go toward the youth that cannot afford the enrollment fee to join 4-H. The youth will have to apply for the scholarships when school starts in the fall. The funds raised during the Mother's Day fund-raiser is to be used for the same purpose. Enough money was raised from that fund-raiser for

## Rule FBC Bible School to be held June 2-5

First Baptist Church of Rule invites all children ages 3 years old-completed fifth grade to Vacation Bible School. Explore and experience God's welcoming love at VBS. The fun begins June 2-5 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule, 1001 Union Ave.

The adventures include interactive Bible fun and great music, cool crafts, snow cones, and more. If you have questions or need more information, call the church at 940-997-2321 or pastor Scott Hensley's cell

## Sagerton FD receives check from Farm Bureau

The Sagerton Department received a check for \$150 recently from Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies as an expression of thanks for the department's work on the property of Kraig Kupatt.

The money will be used for their loss prevention program.

The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies pay fire departments this amount

Haskell 4-H truly does have a lot of talent, and Medford and Jenkins will get to see it firsthand.

The first FCS Outcome (several weeks) program was started on May 1-Step Up and Scale Down. Nine attended last week and a few more joined this week. It is held at 5:30 at Better Bodies Gym. A discussion on nutrition and the gym's workout classes-including a Senior Fitness Class was given.

Nutritional info will be given once a week for the kids who attend the summer lunch program. ECC meals will be attended where information will be distributed for a small grant base program.

Training for the staff and employees at the local daycare was held May 19.

Plans are being made to work with the lower grades at school starting in September.

The County Agents were invited to speak to the seventh graders who participated in Leadership in Haskell. They will travel to Austin on May 12.

The State Conference will be held in Wichita Falls Sept. 9-10 at Multi-Purpose Event Center.

The Webpage has been updated. If you have Facebook, "like" Haskell County Extension. Updates, food recalls, events, etc. will be listed.

Refreshments were served by Joetta Burnett.

The next meeting will be held June 12 at 2:00 p.m.

seven eligible enrollments.

Father's Day, 4-Hers will be taking orders for homemade salsa. To order salsa, come by the Haskell Extension Office and fill out a form no later than Thurs., June 12. Orders will be ready to pick-up at the Haskell Extension Office Sat., June 14.

Please contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546, or e-mail DaLinda Black at Black-dalinda.black@ag.tamu.edu or Extension office at haskell@ag.tamu.edu if you have any questions or to receive a form. Help support future 4-Hers.

940-200-0241.

Kids, come ride the Rule Volunteer Fire Department's fire trucks Sun., June 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule for our VBS Parade. They will take us to the Rule City Park where we will have hot dogs, snow cones and a bounce play house for the kids. Parents bring your children to ride the trucks and to register for Vacation Bible School at the Rule City Park. Bring your own chairs to join us for the cookout and fun. Everyone is invited to join us.

when the department works at a fire in rural areas, involving property insured by them.

The insurance company believes fire departments have contributed to reduce the amount of loss involved by fire and more importantly, to prevent fires. It is their hope this money will help the Sagerton Fire Department in their program.

## Multi-tasking while driving is dangerous

by DaLinda Black  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Most of us incorrectly assure ourselves that we can multi-task! After all, we can walk and chew gum at the same time! Right? When we stop and think about those activities-chewing gum and walking, we have to admit that walking is one of those things we do that requires very little brain power; in fact, it's subconscious and nearly automatic. Unlike walking and chewing gum, both driving and using a cell phone require higher cognitive thinking. Your brain simply cannot perform two higher cognitive tasks at the same time. Instead, it must switch between the tasks, and that's where we get into problems! With technology at their fingertips, drivers are constantly faced with distractions, such as talking or texting, which places their safety and that of others at serious risk.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is striving to raise awareness of the dangers associated with distracted driving and to encourage Texans to put down their cell phones while driving.

Distracted driving is becoming increasingly common and dangerous, causing traffic crashes and fatalities. "The statistics in Texas are sobering," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "One in five traffic crashes in Texas is caused by a distracted driver, and last year 459 people were killed as a result." In 2013, the number of Texas crashes involving distracted driving totaled 94,943, up 4

percent from the previous year.

Drivers can be distracted by conversing with other passengers, eating, smoking, manipulating dashboard controls, reaching for something in the vehicle, and talking or texting on a cell phone. Among the many distractions drivers face on the road, cell phone use is one of the most common and a major cause of distracted driving traffic accidents and fatalities.

While distractions affect drivers of all ages, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has found that hand-held cell phone use is highest among 16- to 24- year-olds. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted. In Texas, 46 percent of urban teens and 52 percent of rural teens talk on a cell phone while driving, and nearly the same percentage text while driving. (Texas A&M Transportation Institute).

Text messaging is particularly dangerous. New research conducted last year by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute showed reaction times double when drivers are distracted by text messaging. Additionally, sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes away from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. At 55 mph, that's the equivalent of driving the length of a football field while blindfolded.

TxDOT aims to reduce distracted driving throughout the year. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent, DaLinda

Black, from Haskell County reminds drivers to put away their cell phones and wait until they arrive at their destination to use their phone. Although cell

phone use is the most easily recognized distraction, all in-vehicle distractions are unsafe and can cause crashes or fatalities. Keep your eyes on the road and arrive alive!

## Pokey the Clown to host Jr. Rodeo

Pokey the Clown will be on hand to host the Wild Horse Prairie Days Junior Ranch Rodeo June 7 in Haskell.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo is the creation of Doug 'Pokey the Clown' Smith of Panhandle. This event is mirrored after the adult ranch rodeo, but geared to involve young people ages four through sixteen.

Under the National WRCA circuit, with which the Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo is affiliated, the Junior Ranch Rodeo is designed for the entertainment of children and to enable them to experience some of the skills used by real working ranch cowboys. The activities encourage the youngsters to work together in teams to accomplish competitive goals.

The event will be held



POKEY THE CLOWN

on the grassy area by the Haskell Rodeo Arena at 11 a.m., Sat., June 7.

Fans will be able to cheer on their teams from the comfort of their own, personal folding chairs in close proximity to the competition.

## GIFTS for GRADUATES

Selections for:

- April Brown
- Lucy Carmichael
- Kelly Crain
- Emily Fouts
- Kaley Mathis
- Morgan Garcia
- Meghan Glover
- Meagan Hearn
- Madison Homeyer
- Camden Smith

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South Side of Square

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## Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of May 19-25:

Gilbert Valencia, failure to appear, Oklahoma Co. charge.

Lenardo Edward Villarreal, motion to

revoke.

James Darrin Cheek, driving while license invalid, possession of drug paraphernalia, open container driver.

Richard M. DeLaCruz, motion to revoke.

Fifty-seven calls were made to 911.

## Protect your property from wildfire danger

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Whether you live in a rural or suburban area, you can protect your home from the dangers of wildfire.

Protect your property by clearing brush and grass away from your home and buildings.

Clear brush from areas

between the trees. Prune lower branches.

Make sure areas under utility lines are clear of brush, tall grass and trees so that utility service will continue.

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### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

#### Big posts at stake in primary runoffs

AUSTIN—Early voting ended May 23 and Tuesday, May 27, was state primary election runoff day.

Voting records available to the public at the Office of the Secretary of State show that turnout is historically low for mid-term primaries and even lower for primary runoff elections. But what's different about this set of runoffs—and something that should stimulate voter turnout—were the powerful offices at stake.

Tops in that regard was the race for lieutenant governor, the state's second-highest-ranking executive post. Three of the lieutenant governor's many important duties are picking committee chairs and members, controlling the flow of legislation and shepherding the state budget as a member of the Legislative Budget Board.

Republicans voting in the runoff for lieutenant governor chose between incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst of Houston and challenger Dan Patrick, a state senator representing northwest Houston. Dewhurst, as lieutenant governor, has presided over the Senate since 2003. Patrick, first elected in 2007, served as chair of the Senate Committee on Education in the 2013 regular session of the Legislature.

The winner will face Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio, a state senator who ran unopposed in the March Democratic primary. Van de Putte served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1990 to 1999 and has been a member of the Senate since 1999. She joins fellow state Sen. Wendy R. Davis, candidate for governor, on the Democratic ticket. Davis will face Republican candidate for governor Greg Abbott, current Texas attorney general, in November.

In the Republican runoff for attorney general, the choices were lawyer-legislators Dan Branch of Dallas, a state representative, and Ken Paxton of McKinney, a state senator.

For agriculture commissioner, Republicans chose between former state representatives Sid Miller of Stephenville and Tommy Merritt of Longview.

And, in the race for railroad commissioner, GOP voters chose between former State Rep. Wayne Christian of Center and Ryan Sitton, a Pasadena oil, gas and petrochemical industry consultant.

Democratic voters chose between runoff opponents Dr. David M. Alameel of Dallas and Kesha Rogers of Houston, who are vying to face incumbent

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn on the November ballot. And, for agriculture commissioner, Democrats chose between author-musician-humorist Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman of Medina and farmer-rancher-insurance agent Jim Hogan of Cleburne.

#### Duncan is Tech's finalist

Texas Tech Board of Regents on May 19 announced state Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, as the sole finalist for chancellor of the Texas Tech University System. He is expected to resign from the Texas Senate and start in his new capacity on July 1.

As chancellor, Duncan will serve as chief executive officer and will report to the system's board of regents. Current Chancellor Kent Hance reportedly will become chancellor emeritus at that time.

Duncan, 60, was born in Lubbock, grew up in Vernon, and earned his bachelor's degree and law degree from Texas Tech. He was elected to the House in 1992 and in 1996 won a special election to the Senate.

#### Perry writes to president

Gov. Rick Perry, who ran for president in 2012 and may run for president again in 2016, on May 19 posted an 873-word letter he signed and sent to President Obama about energy and the economy.

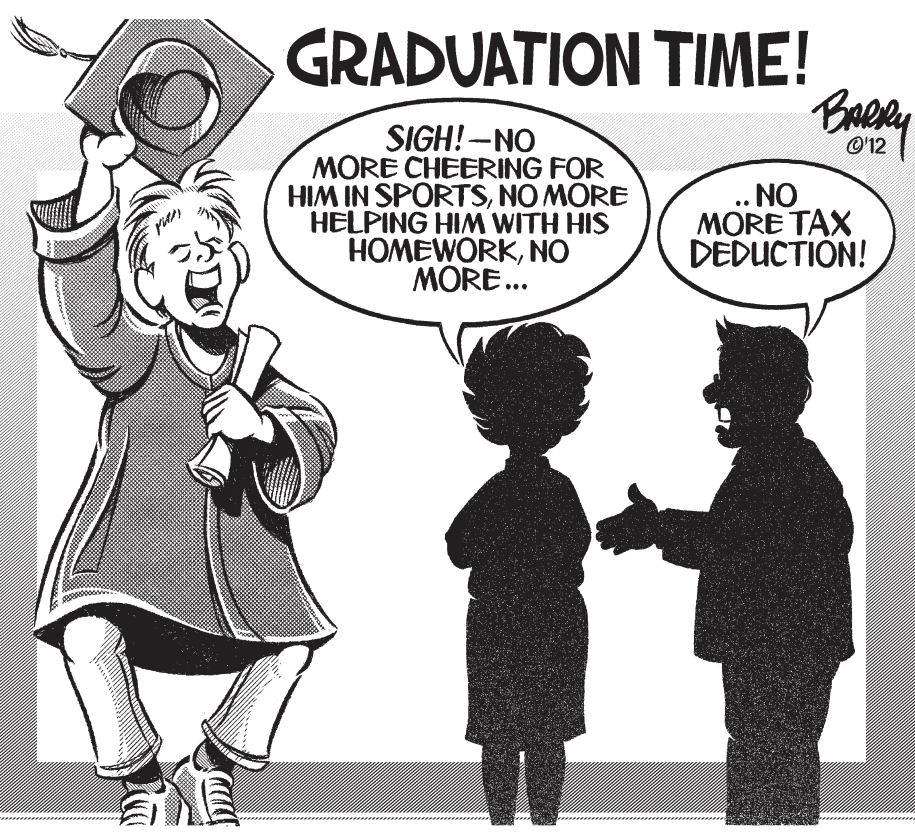
"You reassured the American people of your commitment to an all-of-the-above energy strategy to bring our nation closer to energy independence while creating needed jobs," Perry wrote, and then suggested that the president take a "Texas approach" to create jobs and stimulate the nation's economy by switching to a less-regulated strategy. That strategy would include such actions as stepping up coal-burning power plant capacities, opening the Keystone XL pipeline and increasing oil and gas operations on land and offshore.

#### Hurricane season nears

Texas Department of Public Safety on May 19 drew attention to the upcoming hurricane season, June 1 through Nov. 30, and urged Texans to assemble an emergency kit.

An emergency kit, the DPS suggested, should include essential documents, supplies and provisions. And, Texans should:

- Review hurricane evacuation maps and pick routes to safe locations;
- Plan how all family members and pets will evacuate safely and consider any special needs for individuals with disabilities or older persons; and
- Stay informed about changing weather conditions.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago May 27, 2004

Seventy-five students graduated this week in Haskell County. Highest ranking students are Brittany Rutkowski and Ross Hairgrove, Haskell HS; Courtney Buerger and Bonnie Emert, Paint Creek HS; Amy Turner and Hayley Herode, Rochester HS; and M'Lynn Lehrmann and Kristen Hertel, Rule HS.

Approximately 100 youth from the Rolling Plains District 3, which includes twenty-four counties, competed in the District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest held in Vernon. Taking first place honors in the junior division were Brooke Bullinger, Jordan Burson and Aubrey Bassett.

Rena Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harris of Haskell, received a degree in Communications from McMurry University during spring commencement exercises.

#### 20 Years Ago June 2, 1994

Haskell High School's yearbook, "The Chieftain," was dedicated to former principal and science teacher Gerald McCoy, in a ceremony. Editor-in-chief Andrea Bridwell, flanked by the yearbook staff, made the official presentation.

Inducted as new members into the National Honor Society of Haskell High School were Natonia Anderson, Andrea Bridwell, Cynthia Rodriguez, Brandi Briles, Christy Cadenhead, Jennifer Comedy, Amy Cunningham, Heather Hobgood, Katy Martin,

Tara Moeller, Tonya Burson, Heather Guess, Charissa Huff, Melanie Michaels, Carol Thornhill and Rebecca Unger.

Vanessa Miller and Kaki Stapleton will compete in the State 4-H Roundup after winning first place in the Senior Foods and Nutrition Educational Activity.

#### 30 Years Ago May 31, 1984

Listed on the honor roll at Haskell High School are senior, Kathy Kemp; juniors, Joey Kimbrough and Randy Roewe; sophomore, Stephanie Browning; and freshmen, Patricia Henry, Julie Roewe and Robin Struve.

Chris Colbert, son of Dr. and Mrs. R.E. Colbert of Haskell, received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree from the University of Texas.

Haskell County 4-H members competing at the State 4-H Roundup include Jerry Davis, entomology demonstration; Mindy Smith and Kelly Strickland, landscape demonstration; Jill Jennings, foods and nutrition demonstration; Traci O'Neal, Debbie Quade, Kim Jones, Richard Shaver, Chad Ballard, John Mark Wyatt and Scott O'Neal, share-the-fun act.

#### 40 Years Ago May 30, 1974

Haskell High School students Kyle Wilfong, David Parker, Tommy Watson and Adam Sanchez have been selected to attend the 1974 session of Texas American Legion Boys State.

Lelia Jones Hix, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Jones

of Haskell, graduated summa cum laude from Midwestern University with a Bachelor of Science in Education.

Alexia Mayfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mayfield of Weinert, has been selected to perform in "The Zoo World Playhouse" this summer in Abilene. She is a junior music major at HSU.

#### 50 Years Ago May 28, 1964

Jesse Priest and Waymon McBrown have been declared co-holders of the title of "Jaycee of the Month" for their exemplary work in staging the Rice Springs Roundup and Rodeo.

Ray Overton, Jr., amiable and personable head football coach of the Haskell High School Indians for the past seven years, has resigned to take a position on the coaching staff of Cooper High School in Abilene.

Awards presented at the Weinert High School commencement exercises include Best All Around Girl, Shirley Sanders; Best All Around Boy, Johnny Cunningham; Best Female Athlete, Dorothy Raynes; Best Male Athlete, Cunningham; "W" Merit Awards, Linda Davis, Dale Carroll and Cunningham.

#### 100 Years Ago May 27, 1914

Allene Couch has returned from Baylor University. She came by Dallas, where she visited with friends.

Mrs. A.V. Branch of Munday, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Chamberlain of this city.

## USDA announces rule changes

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced fruit, vegetable and wild rice provisions that affect producers who intend to participate in certain programs authorized by the Agricultural Act of 2014.

"Similar to previous programs that we've administered, planting fruits, vegetables or wild rice on base acres on a farm can result in a payment reduction for program participants," said Judith A. Canales, State Executive Director for the Texas FSA.

Producers who intend to participate in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs are subject to an acre-for-acre payment reduction when fruits and nuts, vegetables or wild rice are planted on the payment acres of a farm. Payment reductions do not apply to mung beans, dry peas, lentils or chickpeas. Planting fruits, vegetables or wild rice on acres that are not considered payment acres will not result in a payment reduction. Farms that are eligible to participate in ARC/PLC but are not enrolled for a particular year may plant unlimited fruits, vegetables and wild rice for that year but will not receive ARC/PLC payments for that year. Eligibility for succeeding years is not affected.

Planting and harvesting fruits, vegetables and wild rice on ARC/PLC acreage is subject to the acre-for-acre payment reduction when those crops are planted on either more than 15 percent of the base acres of a farm enrolled in ARC using the county coverage or PLC, or more than 35 percent of the base acres of a farm enrolled in ARC using the individual coverage.

Fruits, vegetables and wild rice that are planted in a double-cropping practice will not cause a payment reduction if the farm is in a double-cropping region as designated by the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation.

For additional information on fruit, vegetable and wild rice rules, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) or contact your local USDA Service Center.

## USDA to support biomass energy programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced support for agriculture producers and energy facilities working to turn renewable biomass materials into clean energy. The support comes through the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP), which was reauthorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and will resume this summer.

The Farm Bill authorizes \$25 million annually for BCAP, requiring between 10 and 50 percent of the total funding to be used for harvest and transportation of biomass residues. Traditional food and feed crops are ineligible for assistance. The

2014 Farm Bill also enacted several modifications for BCAP, including higher incentives for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, and narrower biomass qualifications for matching payments, among other changes.

"This initiative helps farmers and ranchers manage the financial risk of growing and harvesting energy biomass at commercial scale," said Farm Service Agency Administrator, Juan M. Garcia. "Investing in agricultural and forestry producers who cultivate energy biomass and supporting next-generation biofuels facilities make

America more energy independent, help combat climate change and create jobs in rural America."

BCAP employs three types of biomass assistance. For growing new biomass, BCAP provides financial assistance with 50 percent of the cost of establishing a perennial crop. To maintain the crop as it matures until harvest, BCAP provides an annual payment for up to five years for herbaceous crops, or up to 15 years for woody crops. To collect existing agriculture or forest residues that are not economically retrievable, BCAP provides matching payments for mitigating the cost of harvesting and transporting the materials to the end-use facility.

"For forest residues, this year's matching payments are targeted for energy generation while reducing fire, insect and disease threats on Forest

Service and Bureau of Land Management lands," said Garcia. "Agriculture residues for energy are also eligible for matching payments."

"The potential to achieve transformational progress on biomass energy in rural America and generate tremendous economic opportunities is very promising," added Garcia. "Energy crops occupy the space between production and conservation, providing opportunities for marginal land, crop diversity and more energy feedstock choices."

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), which administers BCAP, will coordinate BCAP enrollments. Information on funding availability will be published in an upcoming Federal Register notice. For more information on BCAP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA office or go online to [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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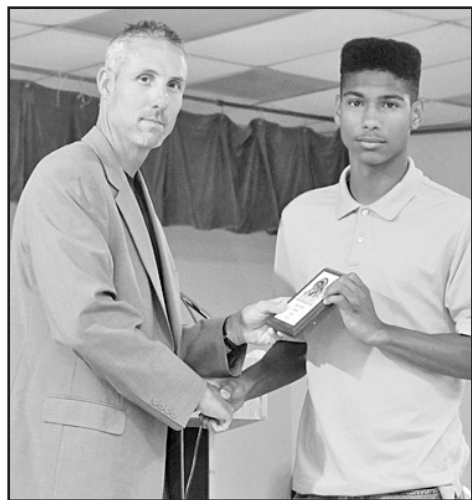
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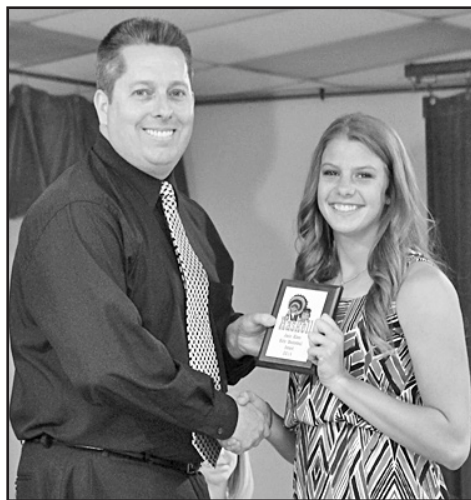


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# Haskell athletes receive awards at All-Sports banquet



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Football Award



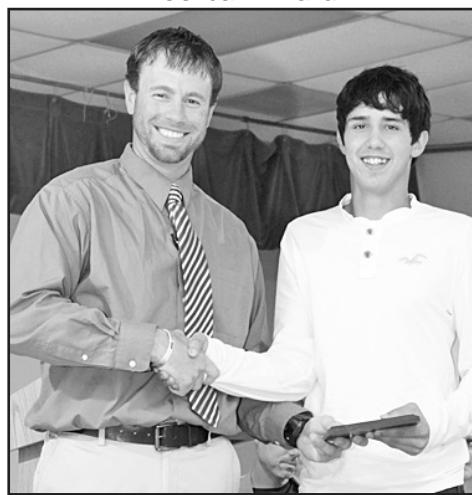
**JACIE KLOSE**  
Co-recipient Girls' Basketball Award



**REAGAN HADAWAY**  
Co-recipient Girls' Basketball Award



**KELBY BELL**  
Co-recipient Boys' Basketball Award



**DAKOTA SILVAS**  
Co-recipient Boys' Basketball Award



**MATTHEW MARTINEZ**  
Co-recipient Boys' Basketball Award



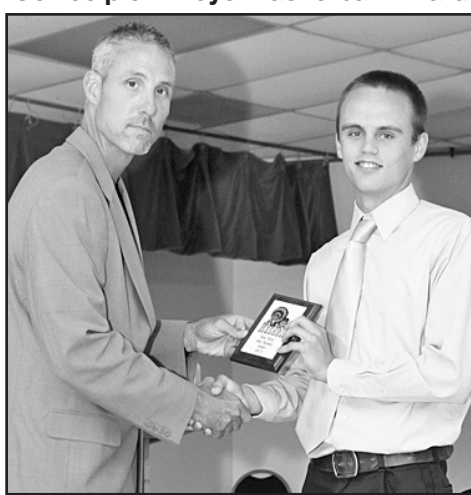
**SEAN WEISER**  
Boys' Golf Award



**SHADY DUNLAP**  
Girls' Golf Award



**MADISON HOMEYER**  
Softball Award



**KADE COLLEY**  
Baseball Award



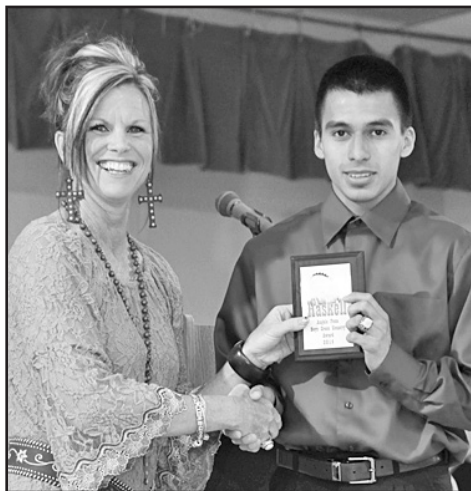
**JACIE KLOSE**  
All-Around Female Athlete Award



**DYLAN HANSON**  
All-Around Male Athlete Award



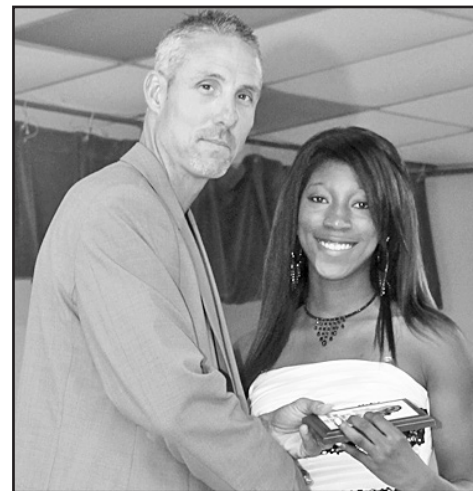
**ABBY HOMEYER**  
Girls' Cross Country Award



**ANGELO PENNA**  
Boys' Cross Country Award



**HAYLEY HOLLAND**  
Female Track Award



**HAYLEY HOLLAND**  
Most Conscientious Female Athlete Award

## Help for carpal tunnel syndrome

Are you experiencing numbness in your hands? If so, chances are you're beginning to experience the symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome, and changing the way you work most likely can reduce or eliminate these symptoms.

If not, the good news is surgery to correct the condition is 90 percent successful according to Jerome Congleton, Ph.D., professor at the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health.

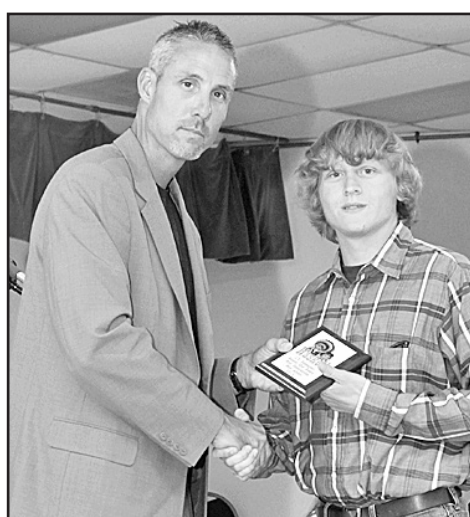
"Carpal tunnel syndrome is a compression of the median nerve as it passes through the carpal tunnel in the wrist, and women are more likely to develop the condition than men," Dr. Congleton said. "Size of wrist, strength, repetition, percent of maximum force, duration and retention of fluid from menstrual cycles, pregnancies, birth control and estrogen can all contribute to carpal tunnel syndrome."

When fluid goes to joints, this also puts pressure on the nerves, producing additional symptoms.

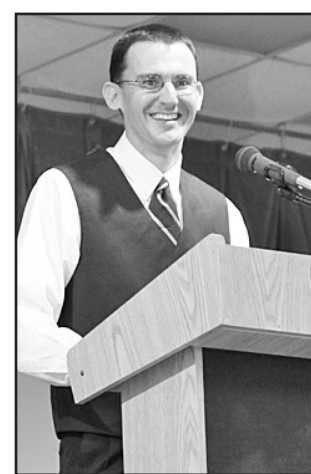
Before considering surgery, Dr. Congleton strongly recommends a nerve conduction velocity test. This test confirms carpal tunnel syndrome through the degradation in hand movement and touch.



**HENRY SMITH**  
Boys' Track Award



**J.T. SCHMEGNER**  
Most Conscientious Male Athlete Award



**JAMES RIKE**  
All-Sports Banquet guest speaker

Sunday, June 1, 2014 - John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping

Friday, June 6, 2014

- 8am/8pm - Craft & Trade Show Haskell Civic Center
- 9am - Sam "Snakey Graves" Memorial Cutting
- 5pm - Wild Horse Prairie Days Parade
- 5-7pm - Chuck Wagon Meal
- 7pm - Wild Horse Prairie Days "WRCA" Ranch Rodeo

Saturday, June 7, 2014

- 8am/8pm - Craft & Trade Show in the Civic Center
- 9am - Ranch Horse Competition
- 11am - Jr Ranch Rodeo w/"Pokey" the Clown
- 5-7pm - Chuck Wagon Meal
- 7pm - Wild Horse Prairie Days "WRCA" Ranch Rodeo
- 10pm - Ranch Horse Competition Finals
- 9am/1am - Dance Under the Stars w/Cadillac Jack

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# New foster care safety rules approved

The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Council has approved a set of new safety-related rules designed to more thoroughly screen potential foster parents and other caregivers and more adequately protect foster children.

The rules for new and existing foster homes apply to the state's 220 foster child-placing agencies (CPAs), which are licensed by DFPS to operate networks of foster homes and to recruit, screen, train, and monitor the homes. It is the first substantive revision of CPA rules since 2007.

The rules approved today are expected to take effect Sept. 1 after a public comment period.

"These rules significantly strengthen protections for our foster children," said Judge John Specia, DFPS Commissioner. "Our focus is

ensuring that we know who is in these homes and who may be around these children that could pose an unacceptable risk. These children deserve complete protection and safety."

For new foster homes, in addition to existing requirements (for example, interviews and criminal background checks of all adult family members and a safety assessment of the home) the rules require:

- An additional interview of a family member not living in the home.
- Two additional interviews of neighbors, clergy, school employees, and/or other community members.
- Interviews of all adult children of foster parents.
- An assessment of personal relationships of foster parents, and review of household finances.
- Review of any law

enforcement agency calls to the foster home for the past two years.

• Verification of identity and background checks for any person designated as an emergency caregiver.

The new rules also require CPAs to more closely monitor existing foster homes for major changes in the household, including job losses, marriages, divorces, or the addition of any household members or frequent visitors.

The new rules are the result of a close collaboration between DFPS and foster care providers following an alarming increase in the number of abuse/neglect fatalities among foster children in Fiscal Year 2013. In FY 2013, eight foster children died from abuse/neglect in homes, compared to just two in FY 2012.

So far in FY 2014, which began Sept. 1, 2013, one child has died from abuse/neglect in foster care.

For more information about efforts to increase child safety, visit: [http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child\\_Protection/Child\\_Safety/default.asp](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Child_Safety/default.asp).

# Cotton agronomy—soil and water salinity

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

As a result of the continued drought conditions, some producers in the Southern High Plains region have decreased emergence and/or cotton yield due to soil and irrigation water salinity. Cotton is considered a salt tolerant row crop. However, there are soil and water thresholds that when reached or exceeded can result in significant emergence reductions and/or cotton lint and seed yields. If producers suspect a salinity issue in their fields or irrigation water, samples should be taken and sent to a soil and water testing facility for detailed "Salinity" analyses.

Some general signs of saline soil can include white crusting at the soil surface in the furrow, side of seed bed, or top of seed bed, and/or decreased seed emergence or poor vigor. We suggest that soil samples be taken prior to planting from the 0-3", 3-6, and 6-12" depths to determine severity of salinity if present. By definition a saline soil is a soil containing sufficient soluble salt to adversely affect the growth of most crop plants with a lower limit of electrical conductivity of the saturated extract (Ece) being 4 deciSiemens/meter (dS/m), which is equivalent

to a value of 4 mmhos/cm (or 4,000 µmhos/cm), and sodium adsorption ratio (SARe), another parameter measured from the soil extract, below 13.

Cotton seedlings, although somewhat susceptible to salts, in general will survive higher levels than 4 dS/m (mmhos/cm). When ECe levels reach 15.5 dS/m, a 50% reduction in emergence may be observed. However, if a normal (3-4 seed/row ft.) stand is established, cotton can tolerate soil salinity up to a level of 7.7 dS/m before significant yield reductions are observed. At 17.0 dS/m, a 50% yield reduction may occur, and at levels greater than 25 dS/m, crop development may cease with a 100% cotton yield reduction observed.

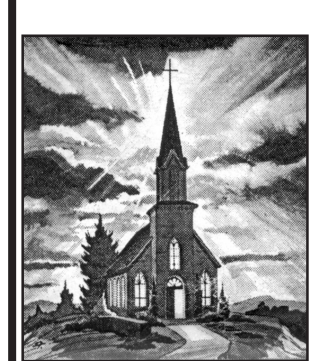
Irrigation water quality can also influence the level of soil salinity and thereby cotton crop performance. Salts are naturally occurring in groundwater, and they can accumulate in soil, especially when there is insufficient rainfall to aid in diluting or leaching of salts from the root zone. Several sources have indicated that irrigation water quality, in terms of salinity, should be closely monitored. One of these sources, 'Irrigation Management with Saline Water' by Dr. Dana Porter and Thomas Merek, is available at <http://>

[cotton.tamu.edu/Irrigation/IrrigationwithSalineWater.pdf](http://cotton.tamu.edu/Irrigation/IrrigationwithSalineWater.pdf). This paper suggests that cotton performance is not negatively impacted by salinity in irrigation water up to an electrical conductivity of water (ECw) threshold of 5.1 dS/m. However, when the ECw reaches 12.0 dS/m, a yield reduction of 50% may be observed. Other sources of information on salinity and irrigation water quality are available to producers at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/programs/disciplines/irrigation-water/salinity-and-irrigation-water-quality/>.

If drought conditions persist, areas of the Texas High Plains may experience increased levels of soil and water salinity which can significantly impact cotton emergence and productivity. Due to space constraints, not all information is available in this article. The statements above should be used as a general guideline, or starting point, as other factors, such as soil type, fertility level, and irrigation practices can influence salinity levels in the soil. If a producer does determine that a saline soil/water situation is present, they can contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service personnel for more information.

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## This Week's Devotional Message:



It's almost graduation time. Whether you are a young adult just starting out in life or a more mature person who returned to the halls of learning either for pleasure or to acquire new skills, the joy of accomplishment is the same. However, it should be remembered that graduation is not the end of something, but the beginning. Every day of our lives is spent in learning something new, wherever we are, and we are constantly adding to our store of knowledge; if only by observing the world around us with an open mind during our daily travels. We also learn about life and the Creator who gave us this world in which to live, by our regular attendance at our house of worship. There is no graduation from this kind of learning, and that is the way it should be, for as long as we live.

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Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor  
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- First Presbyterian Church**  
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
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306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**  
Larry White, pastor  
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200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**  
Rev. Jim McCurley  
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
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301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
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Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.  
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- Faith Lutheran Church**  
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## Putting the 'fair' in Fair Housing

The idea behind Fair Housing is to ensure that prohibited discrimination does not serve as an obstacle to choice in housing. Now is a good time to ensure your knowledge of the federal Fair Housing Act.

Promoting awareness of fair housing and educating people on their rights and responsibilities is essential to ensuring that we each have what the Fair Housing Act is there to provide—a choice as to where we live.

In short, the law prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of dwellings, as well as in other housing-related transactions based on:

- Race
- Color
- National origin
- Religion
- Sex (gender)
- Handicap (disability)
- Familial status

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, it is a violation of the Fair Housing Act for real estate professionals to take any of the following actions based on any of the above protected classes:

- Refuse to rent or sell a home
- Refuse to negotiate for a home
- Make a home unavailable
- Falsely deny that a home is available for inspection, sale,

or lease

- Persuade an owner to sell or rent to a particular buyer
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for the sale or lease of a home
- Steering families with children or people with disabilities to the first floor

While on the subject of children, do you know exactly what "familial status" means? Unless a development or community qualifies as housing for older persons, it may not discriminate because a household includes children under age 18 living with a parent or legal guardian, a person who has legal custody or seeking legal custody of a child or children, or a woman who is pregnant.

Here are just a few examples of this type of discrimination: "No Children" policies (except in the case of housing that qualifies as housing for older persons)

- Requiring families to live in specific buildings of an apartment complex or on specific floors of a building
- Refusing to rent to households with children based on perceived risks and dangers of the property (such as lead paint, steep steps, location near train tracks)

- Not allowing children access to age appropriate apartment amenities
- Charging extra for children

What about persons with disabilities? What steps could a landlord take to meet both the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Act with respect to this protected class?

- A rental property with a first-come, first-served parking policy makes an exception by creating a reserved parking space for a tenant who, because of her disability, needs to park close to the building

• The monthly tenants' or owners' association meeting, usually held in an inaccessible building, is moved to a building that is accessible

- A landlord permits a tenant with mobility impairment to move from a third-floor unit to the first floor

• A rental property makes an exception to the building's "no pets" rule for people with disabilities who use guide dogs or other service animals

Still have questions about these or any other protected classes? More details are available at [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp/FHLaws/yourrights](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/FHLaws/yourrights).

It's important to know your rights. Even though others can also be held accountable for Fair Housing violations, it's also fair to say that the person in the best position to prevent it is you.

## Hantavirus precautions

The Texas Department of State Health Services offers precaution information after a Texas Panhandle resident recently developed hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, or HPS.

The person is a resident of Swisher County and has recovered from the infection. Exposure most likely occurred in a rodent-infested barn when dust was stirred up. This is the first confirmed case of HPS in Texas this year. One case was reported in the state last year.

Hantavirus is carried by certain species of rats and mice. The illness is rare. Infected rodents shed the virus in their urine, droppings and saliva. The virus can be transmitted to people when infected rat or mouse urine, saliva, droppings or nesting materials are stirred up,

temporarily aerosolizing the virus, which can be breathed in by humans. HPS cases are frequently associated with spring cleaning.

DSHS recommends the following precautions:

- Seal openings that may allow rats and mice to enter homes and workplaces.
- Remove brush, woodpiles, trash and other items that may attract rats and mice.
- Tightly close garbage cans, pet food containers and other food sources.
- Wear protective gloves to handle dead mice and rats or to clean up nesting areas, urine or droppings.
- Before cleaning up nests or droppings found inside, open windows and doors to ventilate the area for at least 30 minutes.
- Do not stir up nests by

sweeping or vacuuming. Dampen areas before cleanup.

- Use a disinfectant or 1-to-10 bleach-water mixture to clean up dead rodents, nests, urine and droppings.

Early symptoms of hantavirus infection include fatigue, fever and muscle aches. These symptoms may be accompanied by headaches, dizziness, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain. Later symptoms include coughing and shortness of breath. If hantavirus is suspected, people should contact their health care provider immediately.

A total of 39 HPS cases have been confirmed in Texas since 1993, the first year it was reported, and 14 of those cases resulted in death.

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# Zebra Mussel rules now expanded statewide

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has approved a new regulation requiring that all boats operating on public fresh water anywhere in Texas be drained before leaving or approaching a lake or river to help combat the further spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species.

The rapidly reproducing mussels, originally from Eurasia, can have a serious economic, environmental and recreational impact on Texas reservoirs. Zebra mussels can clog public-water intake pipes, harm boats and motors left in infested waters by covering boat hulls, block water-cooling systems, annoy lake property owners by completely covering anything left under water, and make water recreation hazardous because of their sharp edges.

With the destructive invasive species having spread to Lake Belton, conservation officials and water-supply agencies are very concerned that zebra mussels could expand their range throughout the state, including Lake Travis and the other Highland Lakes. "Zebra mussels have been

moving steadily deeper into Texas since they were first found in Lake Texoma in 2009," says Brian Van Zee, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Inland Fisheries Division regional director who has spearheaded the agency's response to zebra mussels in Texas. "Now that they are in Lake Belton, the Highland Lakes are in the cross hairs as are many of the public waters in Central Texas."

David Cowan, Lower Colorado Authority senior water quality coordinator, says the LCRA routinely monitors the Highland Lakes.

"So far we haven't seen any evidence of zebra mussels," Cowan said. "We will continue working closely with Texas Parks and Wildlife in urging the public to help us keep zebra mussels out of the Highland Lakes. The mussels not only are a nuisance, but they could pose serious operational problems for the dams, water intake structures and the general health of the lakes."

TPWD, along with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and state partner agencies, held a press conference at

Temple Lake Park on Lake Belton to provide an update on the continuing spread of the invasive mussel, explain how the new zebra mussel regulation will impact boaters statewide and provide a boat-cleaning demonstration.

While the new measure won't take effect until July 1, TPWD urges all boaters to begin the preventative practice immediately since microscopic larvae (called veligers) hiding in your boat can travel to another water body and cause a new zebra mussel infestation.

Currently in effect in 47 North and Central Texas counties, the new rule requires persons leaving or approaching public water to drain all water from their vessels and on-board receptacles. This applies to all types and sizes of boats whether powered or not, personal watercraft, sailboats, kayaks/canoes, or any other vessel used on public waters.

"The way to comply with this requirement is simple," Van Zee said. "All you have to do is clean, drain and dry your boat. This is critical, because in their initial state, zebra mussels are invisible to

the naked eye."

The soon-to-be statewide rule, which is similar to those in other states impacted by zebra mussels, is based on the fact that trailered boats tend to be the most likely way zebra mussels get from one water body to another. Since boaters in Texas travel throughout the state to engage in various forms of recreational activity, from skiing to fishing, the rule has been made statewide.

The regulation also requires the draining of live wells, bilges, motors, and any other receptacles or water-intake systems coming into contact with public waters.

Live fish, including personally caught live bait, cannot be transported in a vessel in water that comes from the water body where they were caught. Personally caught live bait can be used in the water body where it was caught.

Anglers are allowed to transport and use commercially purchased live bait provided persons in possession of the bait have a receipt that identifies the source of the bait. Any live bait purchased from a location on

or adjacent to a public water body that is transported in water from that water body could only be used as bait on that same water body.

The rules allow anglers participating in a fishing tournament confined to one water body to transport live fish in water from that single water body to an identified off-site weigh-in location, provided all water is drained and properly disposed of before leaving that location. Anglers are required to possess documentation provided by tournament organizers that would identify them as participants in the tournament.

Movement from one access point to another on the same lake during the same day does not require draining and there is an exception for governmental activities and emergencies. Marine sanitary systems are not covered by these regulations.

"The BRA supports the efforts of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and will continue to assist them in preventing the spread of mussels to our system reservoirs," said Phil Ford,

general manager and chief executive officer for the Brazos River Authority.

Zebra mussels became established in Texas in Lake Texoma in 2009. In 2012, they were found in Lake Ray Roberts and the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. Last year, zebra mussels spread to Lakes Bridgeport, Lavon, Lewisville, and Belton. From an environmental perspective, zebra mussels are filter feeders that compete with baitfish such as shad for available forage. Any impact on baitfish in turn can affect their predators—game fish such as bass, striped bass and catfish. Zebra mussels also threaten native mussel populations because they colonize on their shells and essentially suffocate them.

"Zebra mussel infestations may also be related to blooms of toxic blue-green algae," Van Zee said. "In 2011, Lake Texoma was closed to swimming for a time because of an outbreak of blue-green algae. The bottom line about zebra mussels is that they are bad news for Texas and we need to do everything we can to stop their spread."

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# Economics of using mesquite for electricity dependent on outside factors

by Jason Westbrook  
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Using mesquite biomass for electricity generation may become economically feasible if ecological and agricultural factors are considered, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Research paper being published in the BioEnergy Research journal.

"Economic Feasibility of Mesquite Biomass for Electricity Production: Projections of the Long-term Sustainability of Two Harvest Options" appeared in the April issue of the journal.

The paper was written by AgriLife Research personnel Dr. Jaesung Cho, postdoctoral associate; Dr. Seong Park, economist; Dr. Jim Ansley, rangeland ecologist; and Dr. Mustafa Mirik, associate research scientist, all in Vernon.

Their study estimated the long-term economic feasibility of mesquite biomass in electricity production under five different harvest scenarios, Park said. They examined variations in rates of standing biomass accumulation and tree density re-establishment after harvest using an above-ground-only or whole-plant harvest option.

Other work by Ansley has shown the heating value of mesquite is nearly equal to low grade coal.

The ecological and agricultural benefits of harvesting mesquite for bioenergy make it a potentially viable alternative to coal, Park said. More traditional income from these lands, such as livestock grazing and hunting, would be enhanced, and mesquite control costs would be reduced.

Current control methods of mesquite include herbicide sprays, mechanical treatments and prescribed fire, Ansley said. Herbicides and mechanical treatments can be costly for landowners. And prescribed fire, the least expensive option, has limited use due to the smoke distribution and higher risk of damage to non-target areas, especially during drought.

Increased grass production would lead directly to

increased agricultural income through grazing by cattle, and leaving patches or strips of unharvested mesquite among harvested areas would increase wildlife habitat, he said. Mesquite reduction also could lower soil erosion due to the increased grass cover and increase off-site water yields into rivers and streams.

However, the researchers found some drawbacks to using mesquite as a bioenergy feedstock for electricity production. Re-growth and harvesting costs vary greatly, depending on the harvesting methods, rainfall and soil type. This can disrupt the supply of mesquite biomass for a power plant.

A previous study showed the re-establishment of mesquite biomass from emerging seedlings following whole-plant harvest would take considerably longer than regrowth from a plant with above-ground only harvest, Park said. The whole-plant harvest technique is considered to be less expensive compared to the above-ground harvest due to the difference in harvesting procedures.

However, the much greater re-establishment rate that occurs with the above-ground harvest options makes this more economically viable than the whole-plant harvest option, he said.

Mesquite also has a low applicability in existing power plants due to the high lignin content and its fibrous structure, Ansley said. Due to this structural limitation, mesquite biomass cannot be burned completely in the conventional firebox of existing power plants because coal mills cannot effectively produce a powder from the woody biomass.

The study determined pretreatment techniques, such as torrefaction, which is a roasting of the wood to dry it down, and pelletization, may be required to increase the grindability, combustibility, uniformity, density, handling ability and energy efficiency of mesquite biomass during the electricity generation process, he said. This generates additional production costs.

Park said they concluded that, given the regrowth characteristic of mesquite and structural limitation of the biomass, a cost-effective processing method must be determined before recommending mesquite as a potential bioenergy feedstock.

Overall, he said, the study determined the above-ground harvest method, with 17 years of rotation length before re-harvest of the brushy regrowth, generated the largest economic returns to a power plant. It was more economically viable than a whole-plant harvest plan because of the much faster re-establishment rate before the next harvest. Frequency in the whole-plant harvest option could be as long as 40-50 years.

In addition, the above-ground harvest option was more viable because tree density would never decline—essentially all trees would re-establish shoots immediately after harvest—whereas, in the whole-plant option, the tree density level would have to be re-established from new seedlings, Ansley said.

"Regarding the economically optimum 17-year rotation for re-harvest in the above-ground scenario, this might be too long for ranchers interested in livestock grazing," he said. "Typically, grass used for grazing will flourish for seven to eight years after mesquite is harvested, but at about 10 years, mesquite regrowth begins to out-compete grasses for water and light."

So from a livestock production standpoint—and a selling point for ranchers to commit their pastures to periodic mesquite harvest in the above-ground scenario—harvesting every 10-12 years would be more attractive, he said.

Therefore, a biomass operation based on the above-ground harvest scenario may have to settle for a less-than-optimum harvest cycle to meet the needs of other income streams on a particular property, but would still be better in the long run economically than the whole-plant harvest option, Ansley said.

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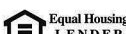
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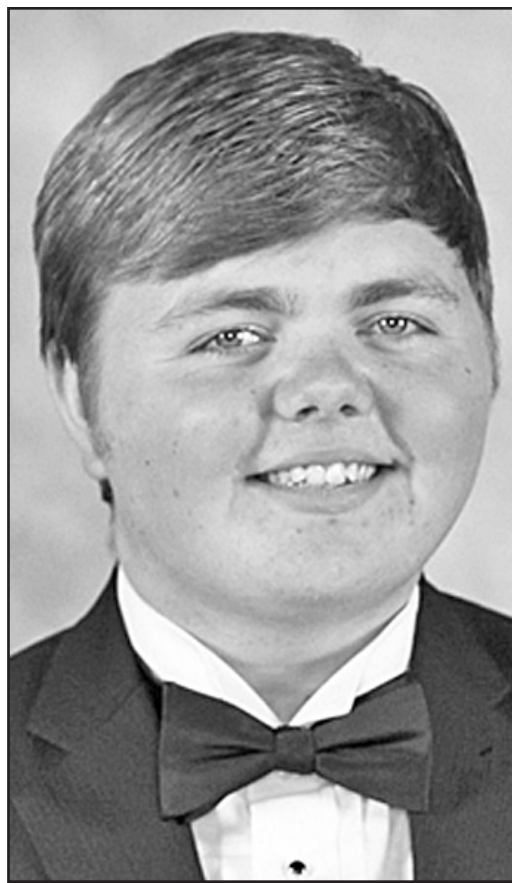


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# Texas drivers urged to buckle up

Motorists who don't buckle up in compliance with state seat belt laws face fines and court costs up to \$200 as stepped up enforcement gets underway this month during the Texas Department of Transportation's 13th annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign through June 1.

"Seat belts save lives," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "That's a fact. Buckling up will keep you from getting a ticket, and more importantly, it could save your life. Whether you're the driver or a passenger, everyone in the vehicle is required by law to wear a seat

belt for every trip. The cost of not using one just isn't worth it."


The "Click It or Ticket" campaign is credited with motivating millions of motorists to always use their seat belts. Only 76 percent of Texans used seat belts when the campaign began in 2002. Today, 9 out of 10 Texans buckle up. The National Highway Traffic Safety estimates that since its inception, the "Click It or Ticket" campaign in Texas has resulted in 3,962 fewer traffic fatalities while preventing 66,823 serious injuries and saving more than \$15 billion in related economic costs.

In 2013, there were 943 fatalities and 5,383 serious injuries in Texas resulting from crashes in which drivers or passengers were not wearing seat belts. Wearing a seat belt increases the chances of surviving a serious crash by 45 percent. In pickup trucks, that number jumps to 60 percent as those vehicles are more likely than cars to roll over in a crash. In roll-over crashes, seat belts help keep occupants from being ejected from the vehicle.

Texas law requires everyone in a vehicle to be buckled up, including back seat passengers.




**TREATS FOR FACTS**—Third grade math students at Haskell Elementary start memorizing multiplication facts in October to be awarded at the end of the year with an ice cream party. Students earn various flavors, and toppings such as whipped cream, chocolate syrup, bananas and a cherry according to the facts that they have memorized. The ice cream treats were served up Fri., May 23 by, I-r, Justin Cox, Brad West, Brodie Moore, Mickey Dunnam, Dusty Rowden and Roy Wright. The ice cream and bananas were donated to the classes by Modern Way.



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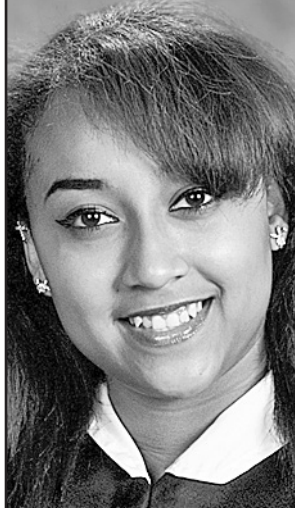
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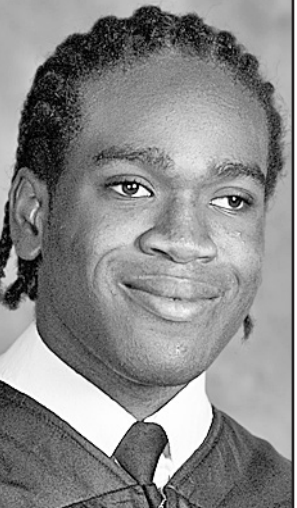
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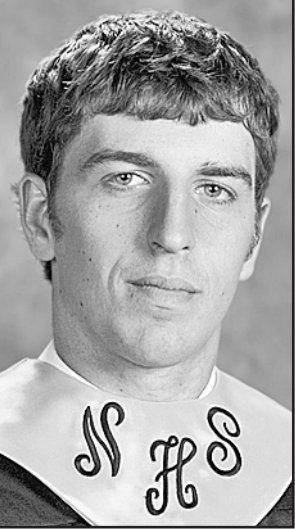
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# Paying for college—options for families to consider

The price of earning a college degree has increased dramatically over the past decade. The amount of student loans now surpasses credit card debt in the U.S., having reached more than \$1 trillion in 2013. Furthermore, for students and their parents, the complicated logistics of financing college can be overwhelming. Below are tips to consider when navigating the maze of financial options.

**Eligibility for grants and loans.** When applying to colleges, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine their eligibility. Students must have access to their parents' most recent tax returns in order to complete the form. Be sure to click on the .gov link when searching for the FAFSA online, as private companies that advertise online charge a fee for filing.

Once the form is completed, the federal government uses a formula to determine the Cost of Attendance (COA) and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) at the school selected. The government then bases the award determination on family income. In the case of divorced parents, only the custodial parent's income

is considered. The student will then receive an "award" letter advising them of their financial aid award.

When reviewing the information, families should consider whether the award is a grant or a loan. Subsidized loans do not accrue interest until the students complete their degrees, and unsubsidized loans begin accruing interest when the money is awarded.

**Types of student loans and grants.** Students can apply for loans and grants to attend colleges that are state-supported, private, or for-profit educational institutions. Families who demonstrate financial need may qualify for Pell Grants, Stafford Direct Subsidized Loans, or Federal Perkins Loans with a fixed annual interest rate of five percent. Families who do not demonstrate financial need may still qualify for Stafford Direct Unsubsidized Loans or Direct PLUS Loans. The government also offers Direct Consolidation Loans that combine several loans into one monthly payment.

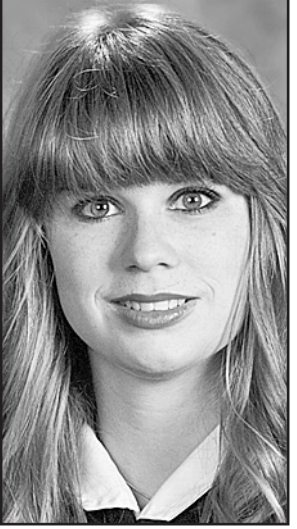


**Paying back the loans.** Generally, students are expected to begin paying loans back six months after graduation or withdrawal from their college or university. Basic plans use a ten-year payback system,

which often puts significant strain on a new graduate's budget or, even worse, adds to the financial stress of those who cannot find jobs in today's competitive market.

**Other income sources.** To help lessen future debts, students should first try to plan ahead early by earning good grades in high school and applying for scholarships. Students can then save money during college by working part time and avoiding any extravagant spending. Students who receive Pell Grants qualify for on-campus part-time jobs through the Work Study Program. Colleges also often hire students to work as tutors or lab assistants, whether or not those students qualify for the Work Study Program. Additionally, students can apply to serve as resident assistants in dormitories, which usually provide free room and board as well as compensation. Finally, finding a paid internship in the student's profession of choice will not only help save money, but also increase the likelihood of obtaining a full-time position after graduation.

*By Teresa Cage Beasley, who teaches communication and humanities at Panola College and works as a freelance writer and photographer.*

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# Don't leave children unattended in vehicles—use ACT

by DaLinda Black  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

As we approach summer in Texas, the danger of children dying from being left unattended in vehicles increases, warns DaLinda Black, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent, Haskell County. Safe Kids USA has launched a campaign titled, ACT. ACT stands for: Avoid heatstroke-related injury, Create reminders, and Take action. The campaign is designed to link together these simple heatstroke prevention steps.

The problem is that temperatures in parked vehicles rise very quickly. According to figures from San Francisco State University's Department of Geosciences, in just 10 minutes, the temperature inside of a vehicle can increase by almost 20 degrees.

A child's body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult's, making children more vulnerable to a deadly condition known as hyperthermia, or heatstroke. Heatstroke can occur at body temperatures above 104 degrees. Even mild outside temperatures can pose a threat, but with Texas temperatures climbing into the upper 90s each day, the danger becomes even greater.

Statistics from San Francisco State University show that Texas leads the nation with the highest number of vehicle heatstroke deaths during the years 1998-2013, with 92 deaths during that time. Nationally, there have already been two deaths due to heatstroke so far in 2014, with one having occurred in Texas. Last year in Texas, there were five vehicle heat-related deaths. Nationally, there were 44, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In more than half of the cases during that time period, the death was due to the child being 'forgotten' by the caregiver. Such deaths are preventable when parents take precautions to make sure that children are not left alone in vehicles and cannot gain access to unlocked vehicles.

According to Safe Kids, one-third of the heat-related deaths in 2000 were due to children becoming trapped in a vehicle they had crawled into.

Although many parents may think that this will never happen to them, it is a tragedy that can and has happened to many families. It is important that parents talk to their babysitters, grandparents, and others who care for their children to make them aware of the dangers of hyperthermia deaths.

Look for the ACT and Never Leave Your Child Alone in a Car campaign promotions, and follow these safety tips from National Safe

- Kids:
- Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death.
  - Never leave your child alone in the car, even for a minute.
  - Consistently lock unattended vehicle doors and trunks.
  - Create reminders and habits that give you and your child's caregiver a safety net.
  - Establish a peace-of-mind plan. When you drop off your child, make a habit of calling or texting all other caregivers, so all of you know where your child is at all times.
  - Place a purse, briefcase, gym bag, cell phone, or another item in a back seat that will be needed at your

- next stop.
- Set the alarm on your cell phone or computer calendar as a reminder to drop your child off at childcare.
  - Take action if you see an unattended child in a vehicle.
  - Dial 911 immediately, and follow the instructions provided by emergency personnel—they are trained to determine if a child is in danger.


Remember, children should never be left alone around cars. In addition to heat risks, there are other safety concerns with children in and around cars including backovers, the risk of children releasing the gear shift or engaging electric windows, or becoming trapped inside vehicles or trunks. According to the Insurance

Institute of Highway Safety, approximately 39 percent of backover deaths occurred at home in the driveway, an apartment parking lot, or in a townhome complex. Drivers in backover and frontover deaths are often family members or family friends of the injured child. For more information, visit the website <http://nlyca.safekidsweb.org/resources/>.




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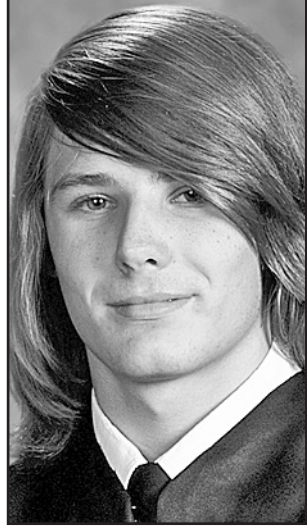
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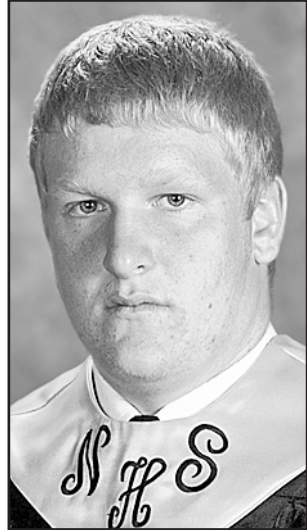
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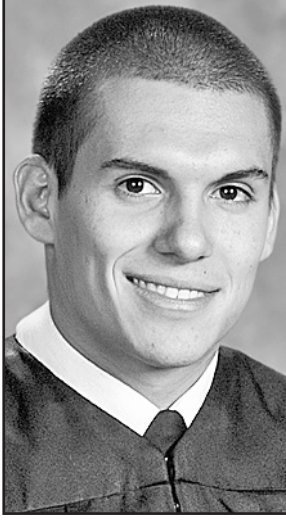
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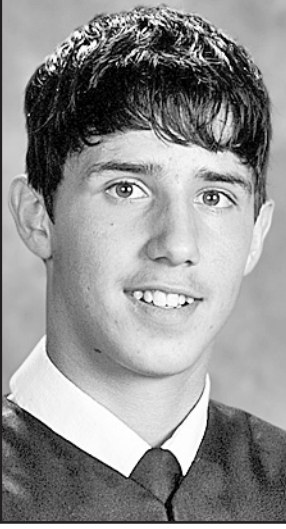
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## Student in the News

Madison Homeyer of Haskell High School was designated an outstanding Texas high school student and has been named a recipient of a SPJST scholarship for 2014.

SPJST scholarship winners are selected on the basis of academic achievement, leadership and their demonstrated commitment to helping others. As a group, the honorees possess excellent standardized test scores and an impressive array of personal recommendations ranging from business and civic leaders to educators and clergy.

The SPJST is a fraternal organization founded in 1897 by Texas pioneers of Czech descent upon the principle that every individual is his brother's keeper.



**TOP READERS TREATED**—Rule Elementary students who met their Accelerated Reader goal went on a field trip to Castaway Cove at Wichita Falls May 21. Castaway Cove visitors were, l-r, Timothy Moore, Eric Perkins, Jysela Martinez, Astrid Guzman, Jaella Martinez, Abigail Ortiz, Taaron Scrogum, Kurt Leek, Christian Speck, Fette Jackson and Cory Mathis.

## TxDOT urges motorists to 'Look Twice for Motorcycles'

In an effort to reverse a 5-percent year-over-year increase in motorcycle

crash fatalities, the Texas Department of Transportation reminds motorists to "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles."

"Drivers who hit motorcyclists often say they never saw them," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "Our roads in Texas are crowded, so we all have to stay alert and be on the lookout for motorcyclists. For those driving cars and trucks, we urge you to check your mirrors, leaving extra room and use turn signals in order to prevent crashes and save lives."

In Texas last year, crashes killed 494 motorcyclists. That is up from 470 motorcycle-related deaths in 2012. Because 4,339 motorcycle crashes in Texas last year involved at least one other vehicle, TxDOT is asking drivers to look twice, leave plenty of space and use signals before making lane changes. About one-third of these deadly crashes

happen at intersections where cars and motorcycles meet.

To help raise awareness, TxDOT is hosting dramatic motorcycle processions across the state featuring the Texas Patriot Guard Riders, who will carry eye-catching, yellow-and-black flags emblazoned with specific safety messages. The volunteer riders usually attach American flags to their motorcycles while taking part in funeral processions for fallen soldiers, law enforcement officers and emergency workers. Additionally, TxDOT has added a new request to drivers—"Look Twice for Motorcycles" and count them. This strategy for saving lives is based on travel games like "Slug Bug." People who have played Slug Bug still take notice when they see a Volkswagen Beetle on the road. In the same way, counting motorcycles will condition Texans to look out for drivers on two wheels.

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# Texas Bluebonnet Award readers recognized at Haskell Elementary

The annual Texas Bluebonnet breakfast was held Tues., May 6, in the Haskell Elementary cafeteria. This breakfast is held each year in May to recognize those students who have read the current year's Bluebonnet Award books and passed the required number of Accelerated Reading tests on those books.

The Texas Bluebonnet Award is a state-wide children's choice reading program for

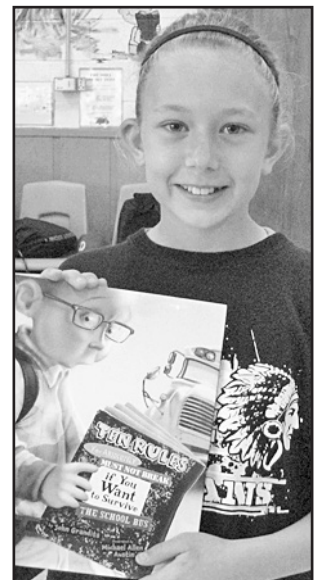
students in grades 3-6. Each year, 20 books are chosen as the "master list" by the TBA selection committee. If students read a minimum of five books from the current master list (or have the books read aloud to them) they have the opportunity to vote for their favorite title during the month of January. The author of the book receiving the most votes statewide is declared the winner of the Texas Bluebonnet

Award. This year's winner is *Ten Rules You Absolutely Must Not Break If You Want to Survive the School Bus* by John Gandits, illustrated by Michael Allen Austin.

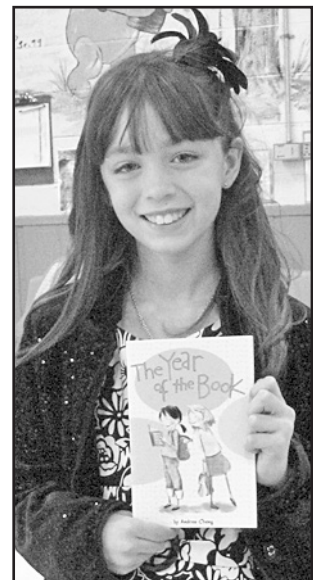
This year 99 students from third through sixth grade attended the breakfast. Also in attendance were Jimmy Lisle, Haskell Elementary Principal, Kent Colley, Haskell Junior High Principal, teacher representatives from the four grades, and elementary and junior high library staff. The delicious breakfast included blueberry pancake sausage-on-a-stick and blueberry muffins provided by the Haskell Elementary food service; assorted fresh fruits provided by Fonda Newton and her culinary arts students; and milk and orange juice.

Ten Bluebonnet books were given away, and the top readers from each grade were recognized and presented with a book from the 2014/15 Bluebonnet list. The top Bluebonnet AR readers for each grade were Madilyn Moore, third grade; Ashlyn Payne, fifth grade; Landry Hanson, sixth grade, and top overall reader Tess Homeyer, fourth grade. All students in attendance were given an official Texas Bluebonnet Award certificate and pencil.

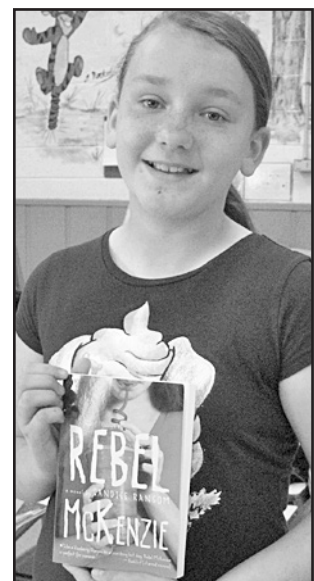
We want to thank everyone who helped with this breakfast, including those who provided the great food; the teachers who helped during the breakfast; the sixth grade students who helped set up, serve and clean up; and the principals who support this program. We especially thank all the third through sixth grade teachers who participate in the Texas Bluebonnet program and encourage their students to read these fine books each year.



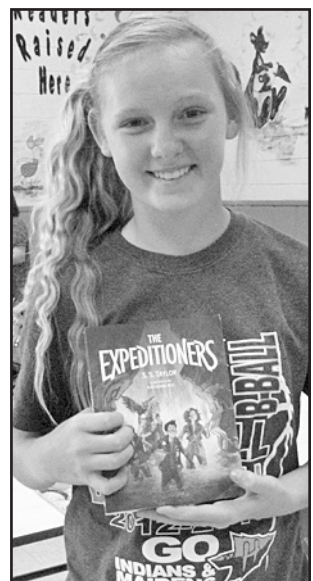
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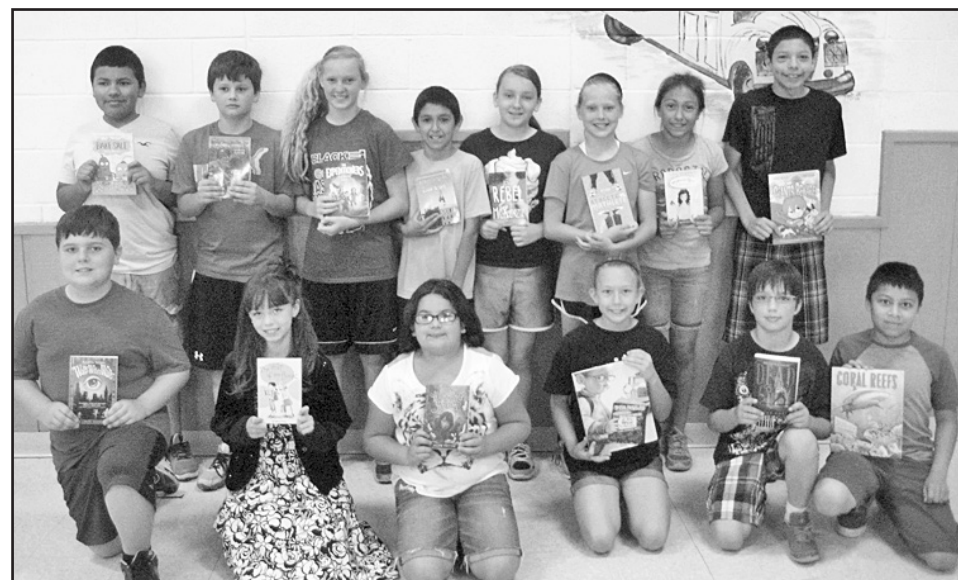
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**BOOK WINNERS**—Students winning books at the Haskell Bluebonnet Breakfast were, front row, l-r, Garret Dutton, Madilyn Moore, Mya Hernandez, Tess Homeyer, Grayson Cloud and Martin Hernandez; back row, Andrew Zavala, Hadley Sloan, Landry Hanson, J.J. Fuentes, Ashlyn Payne, Calie Everett, Jazlyn Rodela and J.J. Rubio.



**JORDAN SORRELLS**

## Sorrells graduates from Tech

Jordan Sorrells graduated from Texas Tech University, Sat., May 17 with a bachelor of science degree in Agriculture Science and Economics. In addition to her cap and gown, she wore a green cord symbolizing her membership in Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society for the Department of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Sorrells is the daughter of Clayton and Darla Sorrells of Arlington, Jan and Steve Lefevre of Avoca, the granddaughter of Amy Sorrells of Rule and Billie McKeever of Haskell. A large group of family and friends attended graduation and joined Sorrells in celebrating over lunch and cake at Cagel's Steakhouse.

A 2011 graduate of Stamford High School, Sorrells works at United Market Street and United Medical Center as a pharmacy technician. She plans on attending nursing school and becoming a registered nurse.

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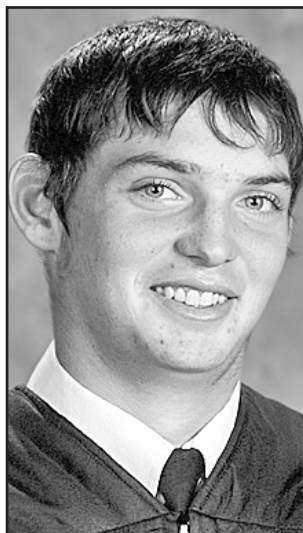
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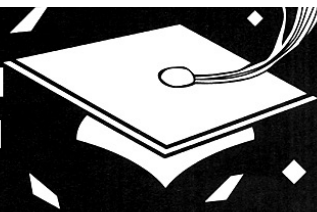
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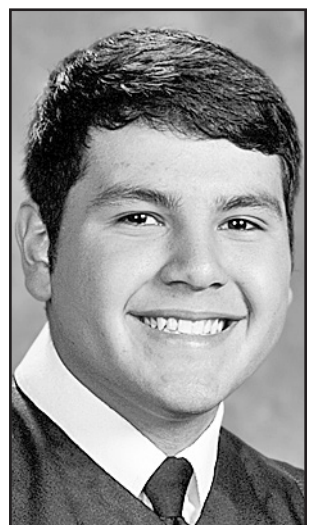


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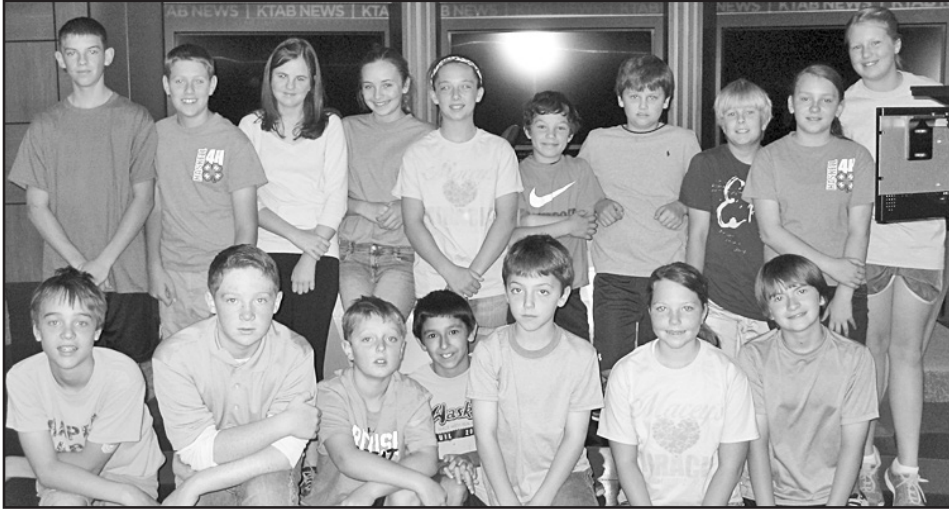
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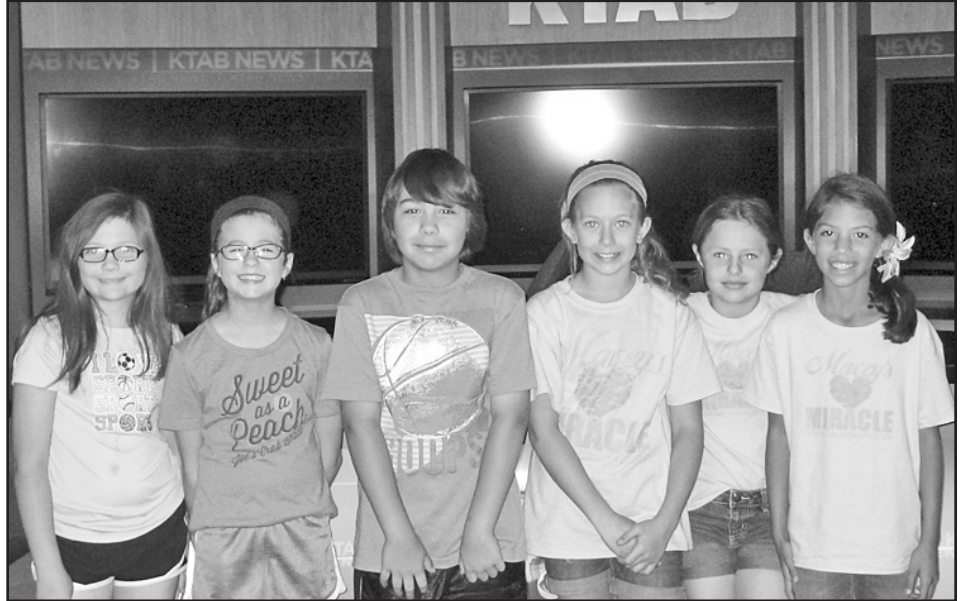
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# Haskell Elementary top readers treated to trip to Abilene

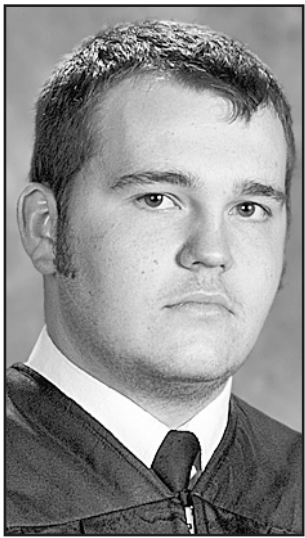


**TOP READERS**—Top readers in Haskell Elementary fifth grade treated to a trip to Abilene were, front row, l-r, Brice Bridges, Nathan King, Eddie McBroom, Jeremy Fuentes, Ethan Drager, Lauren Coleman and Spencer Simmons; back row, Brody Frierson, Shane Stanfield, Addisyn Decker, Victoria Hollingsworth, Kacie Easterling, Cash Bassett, Hadley Sloan, Cade Anderson, Ashlyn Payne and Hannah Andrews.



**TOP READERS**—Top readers in Haskell Elementary fourth grade treated to a trip to Abilene were, l-r, Breanna Johnson, Emily Turner, Brayden Brzozowski, Tess Homeyer, Kailee Benton and Melody Martinez.

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Top readers from third, fourth and fifth grades at Haskell Elementary were treated to a trip to Abilene Fri., May 16. Thirty-four girls and boys were taken on a tour of the KTAB/KRBC studios followed by lunch and games at Mr. Gatti's. This was a reward for their overall performance on Accelerated Reading during the 2013-2014 school year.

The students and four faculty members first toured the KTAB station. They were introduced to Victor Sotelo and Ron Rosseau in the newsroom, where news anchors work on their stories and listen to the scanners. The group was able to see some preparation for the noon news and have pictures taken on the KTAB set.

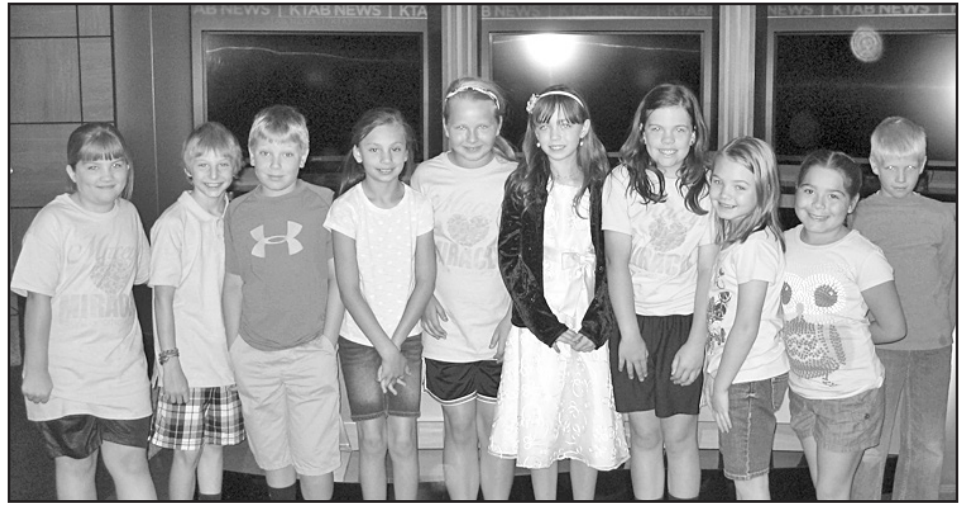
They continued their tour through the KRBC side of the building. Students were especially interested in the green wall where the First Alert Weather screen

is projected. Many of the students wore green and had a chance to stand in front of the wall with the monitors on to see how they "disappeared" into the green wall. Students were able to

see meteorologist Adrian Castellano at work and ask him questions about his career. Everyone seemed to enjoy being guests at the KTAB/KRBC studios. After their tour the group

proceeded to Mr. Gatti's for a fun afternoon of pizza, games and rides.

These students have had a great year with reading and earned a well-deserved reward.



**TOP READERS**—Top readers in Haskell Elementary third grade treated to a trip to Abilene were, l-r, Cassidy Phemister, Micah Fudge, Eli Peacock, Madison McGhee, Shalee Dunnam, Madilyn Moore, Alyssa Stocks, Zoe Shiplett, Olivia Camacho and Brayden Tidrow.



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**GREEN WALL**—Haskell Elementary top reading students try out the green wall in the KRBC studio.



**METEOROLOGIST AT WORK**—Haskell Elementary students on the AR trip listen to Adrian Castellano, KRBC meteorologist.

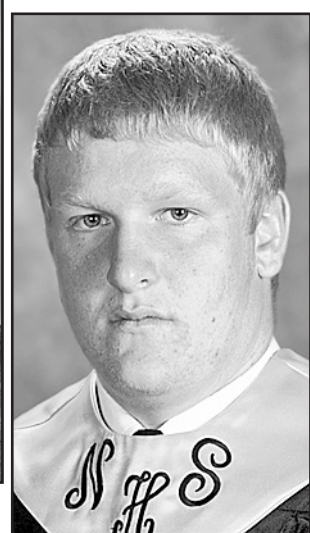
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# Personal finance principles every child should know

Research shows that only one-third of parents discuss financial issues with their children, and only one out of seven parents believes their children have a solid understanding of financial matters. In addition, the majority of children determine their attitudes about money by the time they finish fifth grade. As a result, many states are beginning to emphasize the need for personal finance education for children. Below are ten personal finance principles that every child should know.

**Determine want versus need.** Children often want more than they need. They, and their parents, are also susceptible to peer pressure. However, constantly giving in to a child's wants and desires can make it difficult for them to set limits for themselves as adults, which can ultimately lead to financial problems.

**Think about consequences.** Unless an expense is critical, think carefully about it before buying. If you aren't sure whether you should buy something, try waiting a day or two before you decide. If you still want it after waiting, then you likely won't regret buying it later. Most importantly, never use shopping as personal therapy.

**Remember that the government gets part of your pay.** Once you start working, you start paying taxes. Gross pay refers to pay before taxes, and net pay refers to what's left. Always base your budgeting and spending on net pay, and remember that income taxes are not always returned to students—the return amount is dependent on the total earned from all jobs during the year.

**Pay yourself first.** For young people, time is their most valuable asset. Start saving early for big purchases and retirement, even if it seems impossible. Deferred gratification is a sign of maturity.

**Make a budget.** Think of budgets as a spending plan and not as a burden. Prioritizing values makes planning much simpler. When determining your budget, always consider your needs first, and then decide what is left for your desires. A common mistake teens make is buying a relatively expensive automobile. Then, when they begin paying more of their own bills, the cost may become too large a burden to maintain.

**Use credit wisely.** Credit is important, especially when considering student loans—often the first debt a child may have. Never put clothes, food, gas, etc. on a credit card that isn't paid off at the end of the month. How you handle your credit determines your credit rating, which is needed to rent an apartment, or buy or lease a car and is often considered as

part of the screening process for job applications. Credit reports also determine the amount charged for utility deposits and, of course, the rate of interest charged on loans.

**Treat your money like a business.** Keep records, balance your checkbook and

## Stay alert during road trips

With 88 percent of Texas Highways magazine readers planning to drive to their summer vacation destinations and events this year, the Texas Department of Transportation reminds motorists to stay alert and well-rested as they travel.

"Family road trips are a great way to make memories, but driving long distances on our busy roadways requires focus and responsibility," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "We remind drivers to pull over and stretch, minimize distractions, buckle up everyone in the car and always obey all traffic laws. Don't wreck your summer vacation."

Across the state, TxDOT operates 12 Travel Information Centers where visitors can rest, get directions and stretch their legs. The centers are staffed by professional travel

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counselors who welcome visitors, help with routings and provide information on points of interest, events and road conditions. Internet access, restrooms and picnic tables also are available. TxDOT reminds drivers also to carefully inspect their cars before hitting the road this summer. Simple steps such as checking your tire pressure and getting your car tuned up on schedule can reduce tailpipe emissions, improve fuel economy and save money at the pump. Proper vehicle maintenance also helps prevent your vehicle from breaking down and leaving you stranded on the side of the road. For more tips on keeping the air clean and saving money on gas, visit the Drive Clean Across Texas website at [drivecleanacrosstexas.org](http://drivecleanacrosstexas.org).

attempt to solve a problem, the more likely it will have a successful resolution.

**Don't forget about interest.** Interest is the amount paid for the use of someone else's money. The bank pays you when you deposit savings, and you pay the lender when you borrow money. Look for the highest rate when you save and the lowest rate when you borrow. Remember

that interest costs on loans and credit can significantly increase the overall price.

**Protect yourself.** Insurance is intended to keep you from incurring substantial financial losses. When determining your insurance needs, consider the cost versus the potential loss. In any case, never expect 100% replacement value. Depreciation and deductibles are often involved, and too

many claims can increase insurance premiums.

**Don't be afraid to ask for help.** Successful personal financial management is a skill often learned through mistakes. Ask a parent, teacher, banker or trusted friend for advice or help if you begin to struggle. It will often take work or sacrifice to achieve stability again, but it can always be done.

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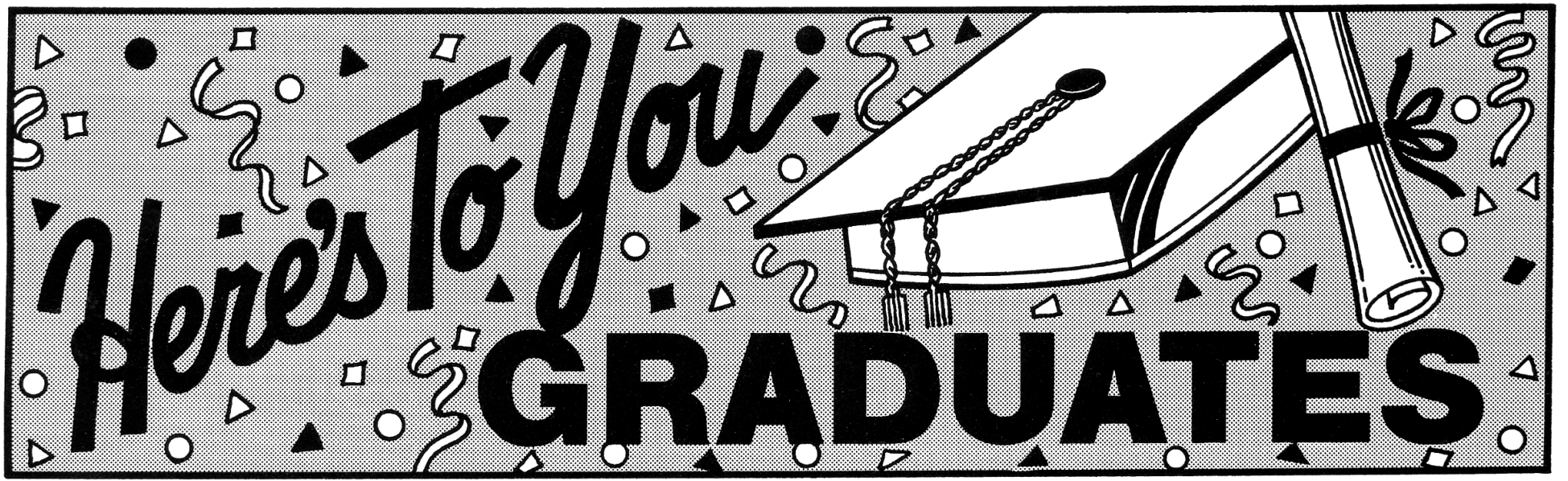
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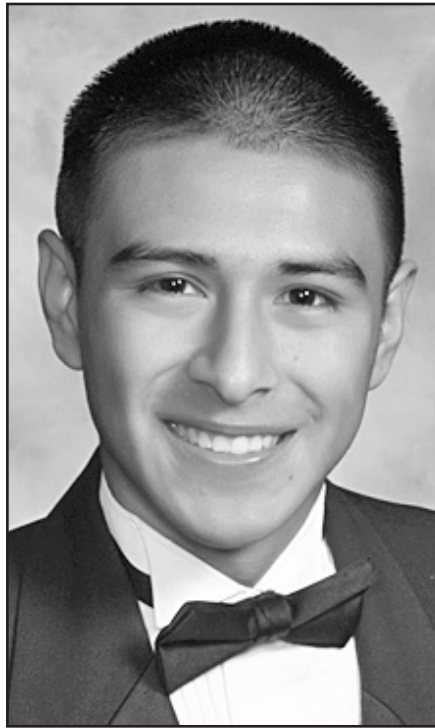
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