

Softball

**Maidens
Area Playoff Series
Maidens vs Marfa
Thurs., May 2, 7:30 p.m.
in Midland at Mugs Field
at Ulmer Park
Games 2 & 3 Fri., May 3
beginning at noon**

Calendar

Day of Prayer

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

War Paint 5K Run

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

Garage sale

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., May 4. Deadline to register was Wed., May 1. Maps may be picked up at the gazebo on the square at 7:30 a.m. Sat., May 4.

Bake sale/hot dog lunch

The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group will be hold another bake sale in front of Modern Way Grocery and breakfast burritos for sale on the square for our city wide garage sale Sat., May 4. For lunch, hot dogs will be sold on the square. All proceeds will benefit local cancer patients. Donations of baked goods and monetary donations to help Teresa and other local patients with no insurance is desperately needed. Please help us help them. It could mean life to them! For more information, please call Kim at 325-864-4466.

Lunch

East Side Baptist Church will host a youth fund-raiser Sun., May 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A meal of pulled pork sandwiches, beans, potato salad and dessert will be served. Donations will be accepted. Take-outs are available. Proceeds will help send youth to summer camp.

Historical Society

Larry Beauchamp, former Rochester resident, will speak at the Mon., May 6 meeting of the Haskell County Historical Society. Beauchamp will be speaking about the Bush and Burnett Ranch located in western Haskell and Knox Counties. He grew up on the ranch and recalls many childhood memories. Anyone interested in Haskell County history is invited to attend. The meeting is at 6:00 p.m. in the Haskell County Library conference room. The society still has copies of R.E. Sherrill's History of Haskell County and is still selling calendars featuring historic county photographs.

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War Paint 5K Run Saturday in Haskell

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RELAY FOR LIFE-Lots of folks worked to raise money for the Haskell/Knox County Relay for Life event held Fri., April 26 at Indian Stadium in Haskell. Over \$15,000 was raised to add to existing fund-

raising monies to make the current total \$35,000 raised for the fight against cancer. Fund-raising continues as the group strives to reach their \$50,000 goal for the year.

Mynea Short is new Chamber manager

by Caron Yates

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce welcomed last week, its new manager, Mynea Short. Sally Rueffer, who has served as manager of the Chamber since Nov. 2007, officially concluded her duties.

Rueffer and her husband Jack, are moving south to help her parents run a family business.

Short, the daughter of Delight Jones and the late Leon Jones, was born and raised in Haskell. She is a 1982 graduate of Haskell High School. She attended Tarleton State University, later transferring to Devry in Arlington to study respiratory therapy.

She worked as a respiratory therapist at Hendricks Medical Center for two years, and then later worked at Stamford

Hospital.

After she and her husband Clifford married in 1986, they chose to remain in their hometown to work and raise their family. Short has spent eleven years working for Bill Wilson Motor Company in Haskell, and almost thirteen years working at Haskell National Bank. She is also a local independent consultant for Ambit Energy.

They have two children. Cameron, a wind turbine technician, lives and works in Abilene with the Buffalo Gap Wind Farm. Daughter Ashley, is finishing her second year at Mary Hardin Baylor University, and will be transferring next fall to Angelo State University.

Short is excited about the possibilities this new endeavor holds for her. Always enjoying

a challenge, she says, "After my children were grown, I started looking for other pursuits. I asked myself, 'What can I do to help my hometown?' When this opportunity arose, I knew it was a way to do just that."

She acknowledges that it will take a little while to learn what needs to be done. She plans to continue many of the current activities sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, while looking for new events that will help bring people to Haskell, and thus support our local businesses.

Short says she has already been receiving ideas from townspeople, and encourages anyone with a positive suggestion to contact her.

The Chamber has in the past worked with other entities in town to sponsor

events and activities, and she envisions continuing that also.

Short hopes to increase the Chamber membership, find ways to feature businesses and engage all ages in the community through various events.

Her goal is to help make Haskell a place where people want to come shop with us, visit a while and maybe even stay.



MYNEA SHORT

Maidens are Bi-District Champs, to play for Area title

The Haskell Maidens traveled to Tuscola Saturday afternoon to face the Ira Lady Bulldogs in the Bi-District Playoff Series.

In game 1, the Maidens scored an early one run lead thanks to Senior Morgan Frierson's walk, aggressive base-running, and fearless head-first diving back. The Lady Bulldogs battled, taking the lead, scoring their only two runs in the third. Frierson got on base with a "hit by pitch" in the bottom of the third and, again, scored, tying up the game. Maidens scored two more runs in the fifth, but it was a seven-run explosion in the sixth inning that carried the Maidens to an 11-2 victory in Game #1.

Maiden offense highlights included 14 hits, 2 Ks, 3 BBs, 2 HP. Defensively, the Maidens played "clean" with one error. Senior "southpaw",

Cailey Foster was in the circle for the Maidens with 9 strikeouts, 1 walk and 7 hits.

In Game #2, both teams came out with fresh pitchers. This time the Maidens took the lead early, scoring nine runs in three innings. Ira scored their only three runs in the bottom of the second. Maiden defense held tight with one error. Senior Maci Colley had a nice backhand stop at second. Sophomore Breezy Gibbs was a "brick wall" as catcher with only one passed ball the entire series. Junior "southpaw" Madison Homeyer took the circle with 6 strikeouts, 1 walk and 8 hits.

Offensively, the Maidens had 2K's, 5 BBs, 1 HP and 19 hits, winning game #2 and the series, 18-3, making the Haskell Maidens the Bi-district Champs for the fifth year in a row.

Individual "shout outs" for

the series go to the Maidens, as 10 players reached base on a hit, and scored runs. Four Maidens hit over .500, including Maegan Gonzales 5/8, Caitlan Johnson 5/6, Delecia Garcia 2/3 and Reagan Hadaway 3/4 who just returned to the lineup after missing several games due to a broken nose. Johnson led the team with 4 steals, Garcia had 3. Gonzales had 7 RBIs followed by Cailey Foster and Jacie Klose, each with 4. Johnson bunted for a hit reaching home on a 3 base error. Extra base hits included 2 doubles for Gonzales, Homeyer and Foster. Gonzales also had 2 triples.

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Indians, Bobcats advance to state track meet

The Haskell High School boys' track team has advanced three to the State Track Meet, which will be held in Austin.

At the Region II-IA Division 1 meet, held at Abilene Christian University's Elmer Gray Stadium in Abilene, Haskell had a team total of 30 points, putting them in sixth place. Individually however, Henry Smith placed second in the 800 with a time of 2:02.28.

In the 110 hurdles, Warren Flye came in second with a time of 15.35, while Ryan Markey, with a time of 50.83, ran to second place

Early voting underway

by Caron Yates

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

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

Early voting by personal appearance is now underway and will continue through Tues., May 7. The last day to receive an application for a ballot to vote by mail is May 3.

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

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

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

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

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

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Vet office now open

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

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Paint Creek School lists honor rolls

Paint Creek School had released the names of students appearing on the A and A-B honor rolls for the fifth six weeks of school. Included are:

First grade: A honor roll, Cowan Rogers; A-B honor roll, Ethan Arendall, Krissie Booe, Andrew Castorena, Roland Cisneros, Chasidee Daniels, Madison Dawson, Daneli Salinas and Phaiden Spikes.

Second grade: A honor roll, Levi Rhoads and Damian Salinas; A-B honor roll, Gus Blair, Steelyn Blair, Brennan Jordan, Autumn Mlenak, Mason Webb and Addi Yarbrough.

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Chris Acosta, Joshua Blake, Ivy Cumby, Dakota Daniels, Tyler Dawson and Ethan Jenkins.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Ashton Grand and Isidro Salinas; A-B honor roll, William Bogle, Jasmine Boyd, Randy Coplan, Steven Crain, Zak Elkins, Gracie Oliver, Dylan Souther and Corbin Waggoner.

Fifth grade: A honor roll, Desiree Acosta; A-B honor roll, Tanner Booe, Kayla Bosnjak and Jaclyn Snelling.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Garrett Arendall and Jr. Bogle.

Seventh grade: A honor roll, Felicity Hannsz; A-B honor roll, Katelyn Jenkins.

Eighth grade: A-B honor roll, Catherine Lemond, Corey Mengwasser and Buddy Trotter.

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Caitlyn Mengwasser.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Kadie McCord; A-B honor roll, Hunter Hollingsworth, Cody Mayfield, Caitlin Medford, Shawn Myers and Tarah Trotter.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Katie Jones; A-B honor roll, Cheyenne Buerger, Hunter Jordan, River McTasney, Jamie Todd and Charitie Winterstein.

Quilting class

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

Homecoming

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

Rule Clean Up

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



HOUSE FIRE—The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to a house fire in the 200 block of North Avenue I Saturday night, April 27. The house was a total loss and was a danger to citizens. City crews demolished the building for safety reasons.

Child safety seat to be inspected Tues., May 14 by certified technicians

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Securing your children properly in age- and size-appropriate child safety seats—in the back seat of your vehicle—is the most effective thing you can do to protect them in the event of a crash. In fact, in motor vehicle crashes, child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers.

That's why Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agent, Jane Rowan, is urging all parents and caregivers to attend the child safety seat checkup event on Tues., May 14. Certified technicians will be available to provide on-site child safety seat inspections and education from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will be held at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church located at 1600 N. 1st Street in Haskell.

Among child passengers under age 5, child restraints saved the lives of an estimated

309 children in 2009 alone. Over the period 1975 through 2010 an estimated 9,611 lives were saved by child restraints (child safety seats or adult seat belts). Unfortunately, 41% of children killed in crashes are found to be unrestrained. Because child safety seats do save lives, every state requires their use. Even so, motor vehicle traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death for children ages 14 and under.

Even though the majority of parents buckle up their children in child safety seats, booster seats, or seat belts, most do not use them correctly. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly 3 out of 4 child safety seats are not used properly, which is a grave risk when traveling.

For a child safety seat to do its job right, it has to be:

- Appropriate for your child's age and size;
- Installed properly in

your vehicle; and

- Adjusted to fit your child securely.

If you're a parent or caregiver, don't miss this opportunity to have a free child safety seat inspection by a certified child passenger safety technician. Technicians can provide hands-on advice and instruction. Make sure your children are safe and you are in compliance with the current child safety seat law in Texas. The law, which took effect Sept. 1, 2009, requires all children under 8, unless taller than 4'9", to be in a child safety seat system which includes traditional child safety seats with harnesses and booster seats.

Remember: All child passengers under age 13 should ride securely restrained in the back seat, where they are safest—every trip, every time. To locate a certified child passenger safety technician in Texas visit <http://buckleup.tamu.edu>.

TxDOT announces seal coat repairs for Haskell Co.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Abilene District will begin a project on May 6 to increase the life of our existing pavement structures. More than 257 miles of state maintained roadways are part of the district's 2013 seal coat program. Roadways in Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Taylor, Callahan, Haskell, Jones, Stonewall and Shackelford will receive \$7.9 million worth of preventive maintenance seal coat work.

"Maintenance and system preservation is our largest expenditure, and seal coating provides a variety of benefits to the roadway," said Mike Molter, P.E., Snyder Area Engineer, "including a waterproof surface that prevents moisture from entering and weakening

the roadbed. Seal coating also reduces deterioration and cracking of the asphalt surface, which will prolong the life of the pavement."

Seal coat operations to begin on May 6 and weather permitting, will take three weeks to complete. Roadways included in the 2013 seal coat program in Haskell County are FM 618, US 380, US 277 and BU 277.

"Safety is the top priority at TxDOT and the basis for planning, building, and maintaining our transportation system. The system that allows all of that requires constant maintenance and preservation," said Molter. "The public depends on transportation every day and TxDOT is responsible to Texas drivers, our partners and others to be responsible

stewards of our state's resources."

Motorists can expect lane closures and a pilot car to guide traffic through the work zone, and are asked to drive with caution through the work zones, be on the lookout for workers and avoid distractions for their own safety and the safety of the workers.

Water conservation

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



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BUNCO FOR BACKPACKS—Approximately 28 ladies participated in the Bunco game to benefit the Backpack for Kids program Sun., April 28 at DixieBz.

Bunco party raises money for Backpack for Kids items

The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) of Haskell Elementary School sponsored a Bunco Party Benefit Sun., April 28, at the DixieBz on the south side of the square in Haskell, to benefit the Backpack For Kids Program.

This program is designed to send child-friendly food home to hungry children over the weekends, that have little or no food at home. Many of these children are in the free school lunch program and their parents rely on the school cafeteria as their main source of food for their child. On Fridays or the last day of each school week, the school coordinator sees that the child discreetly receives a free bag of food items in their backpack before the school day ends.

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Food Bank contributes to this program as well as the SHAC of Haskell Elementary School. However, as the cost of everything is going up, there is always a need for more funds and the Bunco Party Benefit was one way ladies of the community could contribute and have a good time doing it. Fourteen small items of food are placed in the backpacks: chocolate and strawberry milk, snack crackers, peanut butter log, cereal, pudding, snack stick, animal cookies, trail mix, applesauce, vienna sausage, beef ravioli and peach slices. They also have Adopt A Box with hygiene items: shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, brush, soap and lotion, provided by (SHAC) if needed.

Co-chairmen of the

School Health Advisory Council are Tiffany Thomas and Frieda Ivy. Serving on the council are Susan Blanks, Mollie Moeller, Michelle Moore, Kris Fouts, Lana Chumney, Creora Scheets, Jacklyn Wheatley, Jamie Davis and Carmel Pace.

Approximately 28 ladies participated in the Bunco Game for a fun filled afternoon with door prizes being given and refreshments being served. DixieBz owners, Michelle and Eric Fellenbaun, generously donated their place of business for the afternoon and provided the refreshments, being helped by Betty McDermott. Caller for the Bunco game was Pat Bivins, helping those who had never played before which was the majority of the ladies.

All ladies attending stated they enjoyed the afternoon and were ready for another Bunco Party anytime. Door prizes of donated items were received by the lucky winners and winning two of the big prizes was Kay Smith and Margaret Tatum, lovely hanging baskets of flowers. A wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon and help a good cause.



BACKPACK PROGRAM—Just a glimpse of the items included in backpacks for kids provided by the School Health Advisory Council of Haskell Elementary School.



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I ask for your vote
on May 11th for
Haskell City Council.

Sue Wilkinson
Medford

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Woman's Club of Rochester

The Woman's Club of Rochester met Wed., April 3 for a regular meeting. Club members met at the bank building. Those attending were Jane Short, Betty Ruth White, Mary Johnston, Verlene Stegemoeller, Linda Parsons, Elaine Glover, Sammie Loper, Teresa Scoggins, Shirley Sloan, Susan Turner and Mary Jenkins. The club was pleased to have as their guests, Sandra Fry and Carol Trueblood.

The meeting was opened by Verlene Stegemoeller in the absence of president, Gerri Newberry.

The club was also pleased to have as their guest speaker Joe Harold Cloud of Rule. Cloud entertained the group with a slide show collection of photographs of wild flowers. All of the sliced were taken in Haskell County. They are truly beautiful. Cloud informed us as to the name of each wild flowers as it appeared. This is truly

a delightful slide show to watch. There are so many beautiful wild flowers in Haskell County.

After the meeting, refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held May 1 at the bank building. This is the last meeting of the club's year. We hope that all of our members will be able to attend.

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,
Mom Prom was created in Canton, Michigan in 2006 at St. Thomas a’Becket Catholic Church. It is a ladies night out for charity in which women wear their old prom gowns, bridesmaids dresses, or wedding gowns. It is a real prom with a DJ, contests, and a Prom Queen. This is a wonderful, hilarious night in which women can dance the night away, have fun with friends, and help a worthy cause...you do not need to be a Mom to participate.

There is a line from a poem...” dance like no one is watching”...which is exactly what the participants did at the Camo Chicks’ Mom Prom on April 6, which was their major fund-raiser for the 2013 Haskell-Knox Relay for Life event to be held on April 26 at the Haskell High School football field.

Much needs to be said in thanks to people for supporting events as important as this. To begin with, it takes volunteers to make something happen and to see it through fruition...so each of you team members need to pat yourselves on the back for donating your time and money to prepare for this event, to decorate, for providing fabulous nibbles, fun door prizes, photography to memorialize the event, and cleaning up afterwards.

Additionally, it takes a venue...namely someone who understands what we, as any volunteer group participating in a non-profit event are trying to do, and who has the heart, will and ability to donate a place to make it happen. It is extremely difficult to find a venue for an event such as this. Most places are for profit and are simply too expensive to rent, and there are no concessions allowed for non-profit organizations that are trying to raise money for a worthy cause. On this note, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Joe Macias, who truly understands...for making the use of his Macias Ballroom available for the 2013 Mom Prom! And we want to extend special thanks to Ann Sanchez as manager

for Macias Ballroom for her kind words and gracious assistance in our making this event a possibility.

We had so much fun! In addition to the quirky prizes awarded to attendees, we also had a drawing for very nice door prizes. Team members donated several items purchased from local businesses, and we also had donations of gift certificates from Mi Familia and Camacho & Charlie’s. We extend our heartfelt thanks to those donors! \$780.00 was donated to our team’s fund-raiser for Relay. We could not have made this substantial contribution had we had to pay for security (as if these women could be wild and dangerous), food, décor or door prizes.

And finally, thank you to all attendees! This fund-raiser would not have been possible without you! We appreciate your spending \$20.00 to let your hair down, or up or faked as some did...to have a good time...without any men around, to “dance like no one is watching”...to “celebrate, remember and fight back” for the cause!

The Camo Chicks

Dear editor:
I want to take a moment to say thank you to all that participated in the 2013 Haskell/Knox County Relay For Life event that occurred on April 26. We raised over \$15,000 on the night of the event, bringing the current total to over \$35,000! Everyone involved, from the volunteers to our sponsors, are the reason we had such a successful event. We look forward to many more activities planned throughout the year and hope you will be generous to help us get towards our goal of \$50,000.

I’m proud to be part of a small community that pulls together to make a difference in the lives of so many affected by cancer. We have pride, we have fight and together, we help celebrate more birthdays.

Sincerely,
Luis A. Olivarez
Chairman

Specific use permit request explained

Haskell City Administrator, Brandon Anderson, offers the following clarification concerning the specific use permit request by Haskell CISD.

Some of you may have read the notice in the paper of the Haskell CISD requesting a specific use permit on their land to the east of the track field. I want to offer an explanation and plan of why this request has

been made.

The school still owns the land, however about five years ago the city and the school did a long term land lease with this property to the east of the track and with the property where the high school softball and baseball fields are located so that the school would be able to make needed upgrades on their facilities and feel confident that

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago May 1, 2003

Randy Hise, Executive Vice-President of Haskell National Bank, was named “Citizen of the Year” by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce. As president of the Development Corporation, he was instrumental in easing the recent transition of contract for the Rolling Plains Regional Jail & Detention Center.

Haskell CISD basketball coach, Mark Adams, has been selected as “Assistant Coach of the Year” by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. He was nominated for the honor by fellow Haskell coach, Toby Villa, because of his contribution and hard work for the Indian basketball program.

Haskell native, Geoffrey Phemister of Canyon, won third place in the Class 3A, Region I golf tournament. He will represent Canyon High School at the Class 3A state golf tournament. He is the son of Lisa and Carl Milburn of Haskell and Randy and Lori Phemister of Canyon.

20 Years Ago May 6, 1993

Haskell Jr. High students won state championship

honors with their calculator and math teams, at the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association State Meet. Team members are Casey Burgess, Amy Burson, Wendy Dulaney and Lyle Fouts, calculator team; Sarah Cothron, Dulaney, Fouts and Marci McSmith, math team.

Newly elected members of the National Honor Society at Haskell High School include Michelle Espinoza, Claudia Payne and Bonnie Silvas, seniors; Trece Burson, Teresa Diaz, Cynthia Halliburton, Blake Henshaw, Wayne Hodgins, Robert Huff, Janeen Jordan, Kelly Nanny, Shelly Stewart and Jason Torres, juniors.

30 Years Ago May 5, 1983

Burl Darnell was honored with a retirement party. He is retiring from the State Department of Highways and Transportation Maintenance Headquarters in Haskell, after 25 years and seven months of service.

Winning at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Roundup, held at Midwestern State University, were Rebecca Holt and Jill Jennings, 1st place Senior Division Foods and Nutrition Educational Activity; Jerry Davis, 2nd

place Senior Division Entomology Demonstration; and Dalyn Gilly and Penny Peden, 1st place Junior Division Foods and Nutrition Educational Activity.

40 Years Ago May 3, 1973

Bill Blakley, Haskell High School principal, announced Frank Paul Jircik as valedictorian and Deanna Frierson as salutatorian of the graduating class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jircik and she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Frierson.

Melissa Roberson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.O. Roberson of Rochester, won first place in the State 4-H competition held at Texas A&M University.

Haskell High School graduate Jim Bob Mickler, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Mickler, has been selected to serve as Guide-On-Bearer, for the next year at Texas A&M University. This honor is given to an outstanding freshman. His squadron was also honored for having the highest scholastic average in the corps.

50 Years Ago May 2, 1963

Frank Porter, Haskell High School band director

since 1957, has resigned effective at the close of the current school term. He is leaving here to associate himself with his mother and brother in the family grain business and ranching operations.

Three Haskell students are among 397 candidates up for degrees at West Texas State University. They are Gail Ratliff Jones, Bachelor of Arts; Lewis M. Jones, Bachelor of Science; and Barbara Elliott Brock, Bachelor of Science.

Mrs. H.H. Hines was elected president of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church in Rule for the coming activity year, at a meeting held in the home of Mrs. Rex Murray.

100 Years Ago May 2, 1913

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Dunwoody left Saturday for Anson, where he has purchased a job printing plant. For the past two years, he has been in the mechanical department of the Haskell Free Press.

The “Podunk Limited,” a big hometown talent play, that has made such a hit in other towns, is being put on in Thomason’s Opera House Friday night.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

This week proved to be a very interesting and fun week! Our Leadership Haskell group of seventh graders made three presentations to your City Council members and the members of the Development Corporation of Haskell. I am pleased to tell you that there is lots of potential when it comes to leadership in this group of students. I told you a week or so ago I would divulge the three goals this group set for the city. The first one was for an Activity Center. They proposed converting the American Legion Hall into this center. Another goal concerned Public Transportation—their

reasons for needing this were interesting and very thoughtful. The goal for which there was the most student support surprised me—it was to Clean Up The Town and Clean Up The Creek. They plan to kick-off this goal during May when the City has its cleanup day. They want to be very involved in this activity. This group of students is good, very good. Our next activity with them is to travel to Austin on Monday with a departure time of 4:30 a.m. They have a photo opp with the Governor, tour the Capitol, have lunch in the Capitol dining room and then meet with some of our legislators. It will be a long day, but it should be very interesting. Brandon Anderson and I will be accompanying the group but we’ve opted to drive in a comfortable automobile as opposed to the Yellow Dog school buses. (That’s what we called them in my day). There is a limit as to how much pain and suffering an old aching back can take.

There are numerous leadership programs developed by schools and cities around the state and Mary Drury researched many of them. Her decision to focus ours on the seventh graders was an excellent decision. Students at this age are still open to discussing new ideas; they have not been tarnished by all the reasons why things cannot be done. They are a smart and interesting group, and I look forward to interacting with them even more.

Got an interesting phone call from Harlan Weinert who now lives in Houston near his sister because of medical reasons. He just called to tell me how much he enjoyed reading this column. I find it interesting that much of the positive feedback I get comes from the folks who live away from Haskell. I suppose it’s because those of us who live here see what is going on everyday while those who live away don’t. Anyway, thanks Harlan—you

made my day.

With the election almost upon us, I certainly hope that you talk to the candidates who are seeking to be re-elected or elected to the City Council. I know there are some folks who feel that your City Council members and I don’t do anything but try to find ways to make life miserable for you. Nothing could be further from the truth. These council members make some unbelievably tough decisions, but I can guarantee you that every decision they make is for the betterment of Haskell and its citizens. I have been told on more than one occasion that ‘this is my property and I can do what I d---- well please.’ If that were true, then why would we even have any form of government, city or federal. There are ordinances and state statutes by which we all must abide. When you are told that you are doing something that you shouldn’t because of an ordinance or state statute, you are wasting your energy and anger by being mad at us—we are only upholding the law. Put that energy and anger to use in a positive way—make an effort to get the ordinance or statute changed and if your efforts do not get it changed, just accept the fact that you gave it your best and comply.

What I am suggesting is that you as a voter visit with these candidates and see what their goals and agendas are for you and our city. I certainly hope each candidate you visit has an agenda that is positive for all of us—positive in the sense that it will move our city forward and not let us become mired in vengeful actions. There is a city to the south and east of Haskell that stays in a constant state of turmoil—they argue and squabble over anything and everything. I saw their sample ballot for the upcoming election. If each voter doesn’t have at least 30 minutes to vote: it is that involved and that negative. If we ever get in a similar situation, we will

be moving in a backward direction faster than you can imagine. It’s been said, “You get the government you deserve.” With that in mind, may I suggest that Haskell deserves the very best.

There will be several very important issues coming before the City Council within the next couple of years with water at the top of the list. It is in your best interest to make certain your City Council is primed and ready to deal with these issues as they are brought forward.

Report in Wednesday’s paper reported that Seymour Aquifer usually has a depth of about 45 feet—now only 8 feet! I knew we were in a bad way concerning our water for drinking and irrigation, but I certainly did not realize it was this bad. With spring at hand, yards greening up, new landscaping being put in—it is very tempting to go ahead and use water as though it is in a never-ending supply.

We went to Relay for Life Friday night and were somewhat disappointed at the turnout. I don’t think it was lack of interest, there were just lots of other things going on. I did get a report that the project raised a very significant amount of money which is excellent. Anything and everything that can be done to help find a cure for cancer is time, effort and money well spent.

The Community Calendar is an attempt to keep fund-raisers and projects from being on the same date and keep things from competing with each other. Lately, we’ve had conflicting functions and this hurts the attendance of all. I encourage you to consult the community calendar when planning your events.

Get out and vote! Pray for rain! Volunteer for Haskell Homecoming—Sept. 27-28!

Al-Anon

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

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HASKELL MAIDENS BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



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

Maidens vs Marfa

Area Playoff Series in a best 2 of 3 series.

Game 1 will be played Thurs., May 2, at 7:30 p.m.
at the Mugs Field at Ulmer Park in Midland.

Games 2 & 3 will be played
Fri., May 3 beginning at noon



IT'S A STEAL—Caitlan Johnson steals second for the Maidens.



HOME PLATE BATTLE—Morgan Frierson slides in at home for the Haskell Maidens.



SWINGS THE BAT—Haskell Maiden Maci Colley at bat during the bi-district matchup against Ira this past Saturday in Tuscola.



TRIES THE TAG—Haskell Maiden Madison Homeyer attempts to tag the Ira runner back at first base.



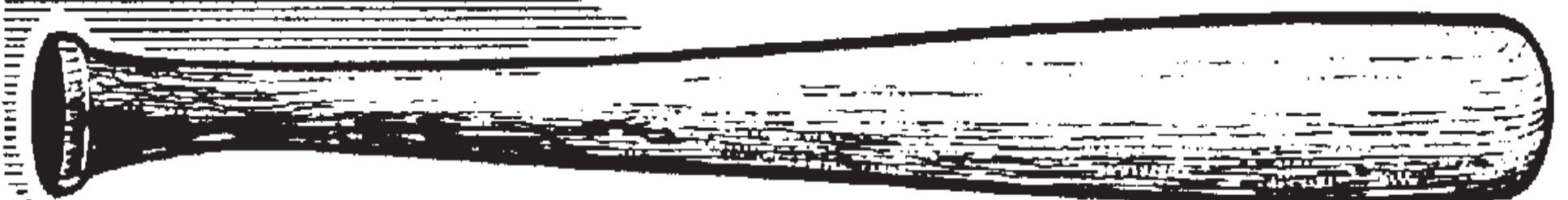
SAFE! Haskell Maiden Jacie Klose beats the throw to first.

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Haskell represented TMCN at meeting

Haskell has been represented at three of the six network luncheons held around the region sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network. That says a lot for the local leadership's commitment to bring valuable information to the community and county. Susan Cockerell and Lynn Dodson attended

the network luncheon held at the Tye Community Center Wed., April 10. The topic of discussion at all luncheons has focused on "Capturing the Wealth of Your Community." An informational program was presented by Katie Alford, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Abilene. She explained

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

The difference between community foundations and endowment funds was explained. Many rural communities and individuals are tapping into administrative and investing services from regional community foundations

such as the Community Foundation of Abilene (CFA) so that local efforts can focus on fund raising and where to direct the funds without the burden of administrative expense and required reporting to state and federal agencies. Some examples of partnering with CFA were the community of Coleman, Nolan County and Winters Area Foundation.

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



RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP—Madison Mayfield, a 2013 graduate of Haskell High School FFA, received a scholarship from West Texas Ford and Ford Motor Company. The certificate was presented by Eddie Connally, left.

Mayfield receives Ford scholarship

Madison Mayfield, a 2013 graduate of Haskell CISD FFA, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by West Texas Ford and Ford Motor Company. Mayfield's parents are Mondy Mayfield and Deborah Mayfield of Haskell. Mayfield plans to study at West Texas A&M University.

The Built Ford Tough-FFA Scholarship Program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their future academic achievements.

The scholarship is one of 530 scholarships awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and Ford Dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2013, or current collegiate students. This program is a part of Ford's overall commitment to the National FFA Foundation.

Additionally, five National \$1,000 BFT-FFA Scholarships are being awarded on behalf of Ford Trucks as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Ford has supported the National FFA Foundation since the first F-Series truck was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997. To date, the program has awarded \$7,645,000 in scholarships

to 7,645 FFA members throughout the country. Ford knows the value of hard work, and believes that hard work should be rewarded. Educating aspiring young people to become the leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.

The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 557,318 student members as part of 7,498 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st United States Congress and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to the state and local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online (www.FFA.org), on Facebook (www.facebook.com/nationalFFA), on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/nationalFFA>) and FFA Nation (<http://FFAnation.FFA.org>).



ATTEND MEETING—From left, Susan Cockerell of Haskell County, Gary Robinett of Abilene Industrial Foundation, Martha Jones of Aspermont EDC and Lynn Dodson of Haskell County attended the Tye network luncheon.

Fund created for West

Recognizing the need for financial assistance as the people of West work to rebuild their lives, homes and businesses, the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) is extending a helping hand to the small farming community. Through TFB's Education and Research Foundation, the West Relief Fund is designed to facilitate the delivery of funds to those in need.

"One of the great things about Farm Bureau families is their willingness to help one another in their time of need," Charles Gibson Haskell County Farm Bureau president, said. "When we heard about the events in West and their impact on the community, we knew we needed to do something to help out. West is a small rural community, and we're hoping

that through this fund we can help them rebuild their lives."

One hundred percent of donations made to the fund will benefit those in the West community affected by the fertilizer plant explosion.

"County Farm Bureaus and people from across the state have been looking for ways to help the people of West," Gibson said. "Right now, we're being told that the collection of monetary donations is the best way to help out. We want to help them during this difficult time."

Tax-deductible monetary donations may be made to: Texas Farm Bureau Education and Research Foundation—West Relief and mailed to P.O. Box 2689, Waco, Texas, 76702-2689, Attn: Cyndi Gerik.

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Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of April 22-28:

Reba Kelly Coplin, driving while intoxicated.
Stacie Lynn Sorrells, burglary of habitation, second degree felony.
Gregory Stephen Andrada, assault family violence.
Charles Casillas, assault

causing bodily injury.
Jose Perez, assault causing bodily injury, family violence, also immigration hold.
Faith Silvas, DWI 1st.
Alvino Alvarez Jr., theft of service.
Ricky Kade Powers, failure to appear/disorderly conduct, City of Stamford charge.
Thirteen calls were made to 911.

Rule School Menu

May 6-10 Breakfast
Milk, juice and fruit are served daily.
Monday: Pancakes, syrup
Tuesday: Cereal bowl, toast and jelly
Wednesday: Biscuits with jelly
Thursday: Cinnamon roll
Friday: No school

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Beef and bean burrito, broccoli bites, salad, orange

Tuesday: Hot dog, sweet potato fries, cucumber, dippers, fruit
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, roll
Thursday: Pork chops, salad, green beans, peaches, bread stick
Friday: No school

Deadlines

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

Paint Creek School Menu

May 6-10 Breakfast
Milk, juice and fruit are served daily.
Monday: French toast
Tuesday: Cereal or toast
Wednesday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Donuts
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Steakfingers,

mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, applesauce
Tuesday: Tangerine chicken, rice, broccoli, baby carrots, snowball salad
Wednesday: Spaghetti, green beans, breadsticks, salad, apples
Thursday: Hot dogs, fries, peaches
Friday: Ham sandwiches, chips, cookies

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Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
May 2, 2013
City of Rochester
P.O. Box 186
Rochester, TX 79544
(940) 742-3411

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
On or about May 20, 2013, City of Rochester will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)/Office of Rural Affairs (ORA) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of the Title I Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as sewer improvements #712321, for the purpose of improving the wastewater ponds to bring the City into compliance with TCEQ. The contractor shall reconstruct approximately 321,000 square feet of pond liner, make berm improvements, piping, and associated appurtenances. Construction shall take place at the City's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) located approximately 2,000 feet north of the City of Rochester on Highway 6 in Haskell County, Texas.

Grant Funds from TDA/ORA: \$275,000.00; Other funds: \$13,750.00
Conditions & Mitigations: Soil Erosion: Best Management Practices (BMP's) should be in place to prevent soil erosion; Storm & Surface Sewer: A pollution prevention plan should be in place to prevent sedimentation and soil runoff into the surface sewer; Nuisances & Site Safety Issues: Safety precautions to secure construction equipment and any hazardous materials would need to be implemented while the project is being constructed and flammable/hazardous utility lines should be located prior to construction. Any particulate emissions should be controlled by using standard dust mitigation techniques and debris or waste disposal should be at an appropriately authorized facility.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
City of Rochester has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not

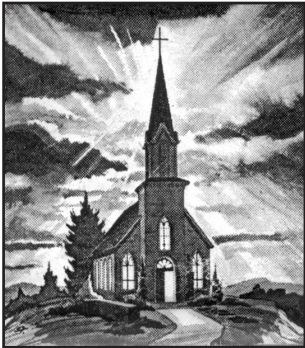
required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Rochester City Hall at 214 Carothers St, Rochester, Texas and may be examined or copied weekdays during regular business hours.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to City of Rochester, P.O. Box 186, 214 Carothers St, Rochester, Texas 79343. All comments received by May 17, 2013 will be considered by the City of Rochester prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS
City of Rochester certifies to TDA that Marvin Stegemoeller in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. TDA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows City of Rochester to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
TDA will consider objections to its release of funds and City of Rochester certification received by June 5, 2013 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of City of Rochester approved by TDA; (b) City of Rochester has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by TDA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to TDA, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711. Potential objectors should contact TDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.
Marvin Stegemoeller,
City of Rochester 18c

This Week's Devotional Message: Let faith be your light in the roadway



In the eternal conflict between light and darkness, remember that light is a positive force, while darkness is merely the absence of light, without power of its own. Therefore, it takes but a small amount of light to carry you through the darkest hours of your life; if faith is the

source of it. By living one day at a time, you will allow this ray of light to cast its protective beam far enough ahead on the roadway to guide your footsteps. Then follow it to church where you will learn to walk in the light of faith and banish the darkness forever.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church

Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God

Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church

Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church

Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ

Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church

Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church

Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Morris R. Johnson, pastor
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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

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West on Main Street, Rochester

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Bishop Helsley, pastor
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Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Faith Chapel of Rochester

Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

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Manuel Marin, pastor
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500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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A request has been received from Tim Shelton to change the following described property: Block 3, Lot #1 ex N. 20; McConnell Addition, address, 900 N. 4th, from residential zoning district to specific use zoning district. If zoning is achieved, the applicant proposes to use the property for temporary RV parking.
The planning and zoning commission of the City of Haskell, Texas, will hold a public hearing pursuant to this request on May 10, 2013 at 12 noon in the City Hall Meeting Room. 17-18c

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A request has been received from Tribco LLC to change the following described property: Block 3, Lots 5 & 6, Highland Addition, address, 704 S. Ave. E. If zoning is achieved, the applicant proposes to use the property for specific use permit for RV spaces.
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The Turnbow family would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for the outpouring of concern, telephone calls, cards, food, and your thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Bob would be gratefully humbled for the sincerity offered to Mayree and his family.
Our friends and extended family of Haskell County have once again proven to be exceptional beyond measure and we wish to warmly thank each and every one of you for your kindness and friendship.
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On behalf of the Committee for Survivorship for the Relay for Life, we would like to take this opportunity to thank ATMOS Energy for sponsoring the Survivor meal this past weekend for all the Survivors and their caregivers. Without this generous donation we would not have been able to have such a wonderful offering to those who we celebrated. We would also like to thank Felix Rodriguez and the men from ATMOS who donated their time to come and cook. To the ladies of the Progressive Study Club, it would not have been complete without your delicious dessert.
Another big thank you to Haskell Independent School District for the use of the facilities, to John Foster for setting up the sound system for our guest speaker, to the student volunteers, Emily Fouts, Sam Fouts, Hayden Leach, Sarah Fouts, Gus Estrada and Jared Escobedo, that served our honored guests and the adult volunteers who took the time from their busy lives to stop long enough to make our Survivors and their caregivers know that they are the reason we Relay.
Ag teacher Kenny Cockerell and his students set up the Survivor area with tables and all the items needed for the Relay at the football field. This would have been impossible for the chairperson to do without the help that was offered. Ice chests of bottled water from The Drug Store, were available to Survivors as they walked along with canned drinks from ATMOS.
Again, we want to thank everyone that volunteered to help make this year's Survivor Meal a huge success.
Susan Cockerell
Lynn Dodson



MAIDENS CONTINUE THE TRADITION—Thanks to the Rodriquez family and Paula Everett, the Maiden dugout got a new paint job, inside and out, early this year. These girls spend a lot of time each day inside “their home away from home” as they see these words painted on the wall: “Continue the Maiden tradition...FAITH....FIGHT....FINISH....2 Timothy 4:7.” All the little girls who play league softball use the same dugout, and they get to dream about “being a Haskell Maiden” someday, when they see that same motto on the back wall. These young ladies continue to represent Haskell well, on and off the field. Let’s cheer the Maidens on as they advance to the Area Playoff Round this weekend.

Sales tax for April reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said that state sales tax revenue in March was \$1.98 billion, up 5.5 percent compared to March 2012.

“Sales tax revenue growth was seen in both the business and consumer sectors of the economy,” Combs said. “Collections grew in sectors such as manufacturing and retail trade. Sales tax revenue has now increased for 36 consecutive months.”

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their April local sales tax allocations totaling \$521.9 million, up 6.8 percent compared to April 2012.

The sales tax figures represent February sales made by monthly tax filers.

Haskell County had a 20.96 percent increase for April 2013 of \$46,076.90 in comparison to \$38,091.98 for April 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$180,029.57 reflect a 1.34 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$177,642.55.

The City of Haskell had a 21.93 percent increase for

April 2013 of \$43,606.80 in comparison to \$35,763.31 for April 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$168,854.00 reflect a 1.20 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$166,835.66.

The City of O’Brien had a 79.07 percent increase for April 2013 of \$470.37 in comparison to \$262.66 for April 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$1,415.29 reflect a 37.39 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$1,030.06.

The City of Rochester had a 16.05 percent decrease for April 2013 of \$339.43 in comparison to \$404.36 for April 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$1,764.10 reflect a 1.70 percent decrease over 2012 payments to date of \$1,794.77.

The City of Rule had a .36 percent increase for April 2013 of \$1,525.77 in comparison to \$1,520.19 for April 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$7,178.86 reflect a .64 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$7,133.18.

The City of Weinert had

a 4.89 percent decrease for April 2013 of \$134.53 in comparison to \$141.46 for April 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$817.32 reflect a 3.71 percent decrease over 2012 payments to date of \$848.88.

Gonzales named to Big Country Top 10 list

Haskell Maiden Maegan Gonzales was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Top 10 list on Tues., April 30,

The senior softball infielder has a combined 5 for 8 with three doubles, a triple and seven RBIs through two games.

Gonzales was also flawless in the field, which is significant at third base, given the rockets that are hit to that position and the long throws that follow afterward.

Piano students to present recital May 19

Piano students of Pam Gibson will present their spring recital Sun., May 19, at 2:00 p.m. in the Haskell First Baptist Church Chapel.

Students performing are Zoe Shiplett, Michael and Eddie McBroom, Emma Roewe, Kourtney Gibson, Garrett Waggoner, Grace Colley, Dalton Meinzer, Sarah and Sam Fouts, Alye Stewart, Kylie Adams, Katie Newberry, and Jacee Guess.

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701 NORTH AVENUE K
BEDROOMS: 2
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Lot Dimensions: 127.5x170

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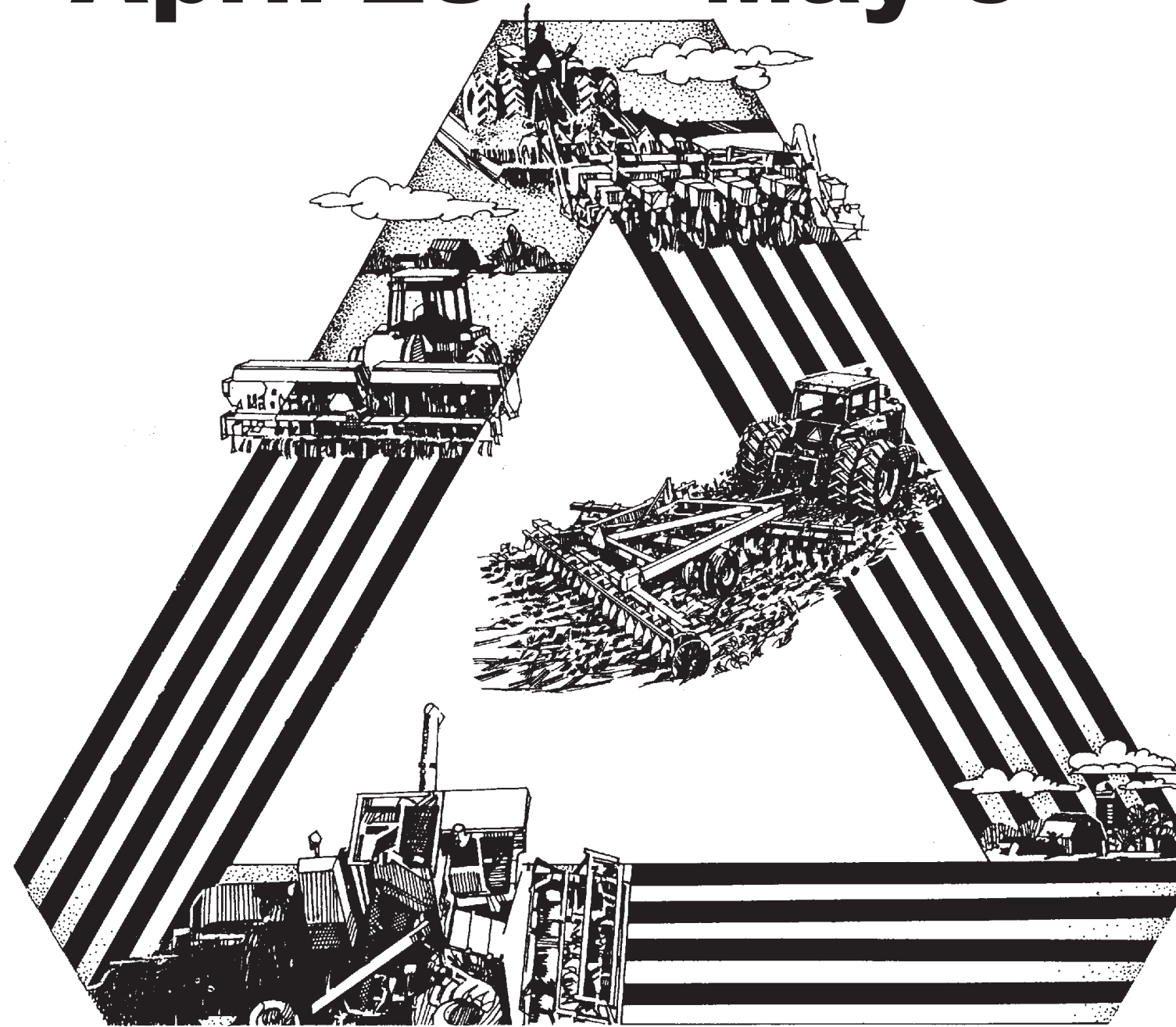
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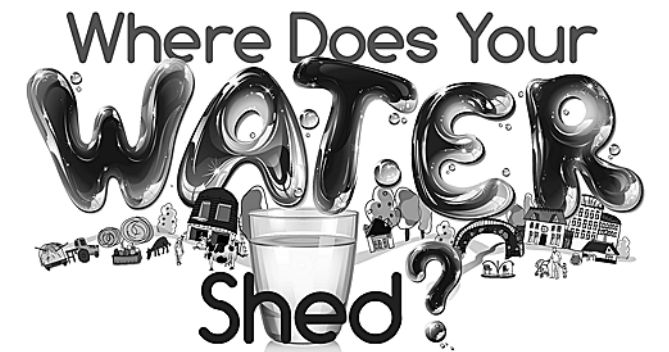
"Where does your water shed?" is the theme of Soil Stewardship Week observed April 28-May 5

As a part of Haskell County the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District wants to remind you that each of us has a connection to natural resources. The National Association of Conservation

Districts (NACD) is celebrating the 58th year of Stewardship week April 28-May 5. The 2013 Stewardship Week is themed, "Where does your water shed?"

Kenneth Sanders acts as the

chairman for Haskell SWCD. The District was formed to assist people in Haskell County. During Stewardship Week the District will be distributing educational materials to the area schools. The



Poster contest winners named

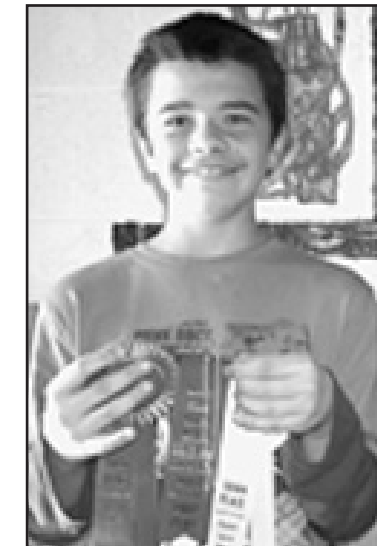
Winning the Haskell SWCD district poster contest were: 1. Casey Arendall, fifth grade student at Haskell Elementary School; 2. Kourtney Gibson, fifth grade student at Haskell Elementary School; and, 3. Brittany Yanez, sixth grade student at Paint Creek School.

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Kindergarden: 1. Colt Moore.
Second grade: Mrs. Waggoner's class, 1. Madilyn Moore.
Second Grade: Mrs. Hanson's class, 1. Shalee Dunnam; 2. Zoe Shiplett.
Overall second grade: 1. Shalee Dunnam; 2. Zoe Shiplett; 3.

Madilyn Moore.

Third grade: Mrs. Shiplett's class, 1. Braden Brzozowski; 2. Taylor King; 3. Octavia Pryor.
Third grade: Mrs. Cypert's class, 1. Sarah Stout; 2. Kaylee Kinney; 3. Breannah Luce.
Third grade: Mrs. Bredthauer's continued on page 2



**DISTRICT WINNER
FIRST PLACE
Casey Arendall
Haskell fifth grade**



**DISTRICT WINNER
SECOND PLACE
Kourtney Gibson
Haskell fifth grade**



**DISTRICT WINNER
THIRD PLACE
Brittany Yanez
Paint Creek sixth grade**

District also sponsors the Annual Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest and Essay Contest. This year the district sponsored a little league baseball team as well.

"Clean water is important to everyone," says National Association of Conservation Districts President Earl Garber. "Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes. They cross county, state and national boundaries. Every inch of the land on planet Earth is part of a watershed. In the continental U.S., there are 2,100 watersheds; if we include Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico, the count rises to 2,267. No matter where you are right now, you are in a watershed."

Less than one-percent of all of the water on our planet is fresh water. The average citizen in the United States uses 70 gallons of water every day; and this does not include the water it takes to manufacture the automobiles, clothing, and food we depend on each and every day. Take time to learn about your local

community water supply sources, and volunteer for river, stream or beach clean-up days. You can make a difference.

To find out more about your local watershed, including an app for your computer and smart phone, visit: www.epa.gov/mywaterway.

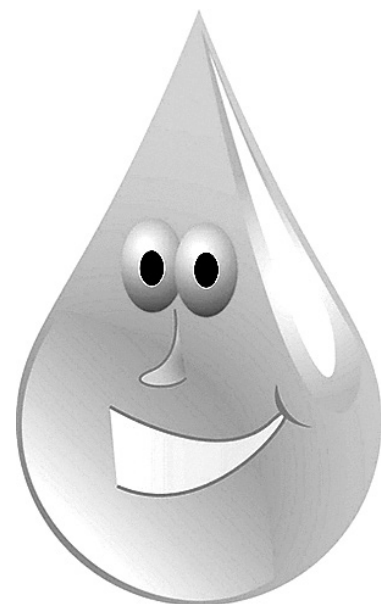
Haskell SWCD is a member of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) which oversees the Stewardship Week program. Stewardship Week is one of the largest national annual programs to promote conservation. NACD represents the nation's 3,000 conservation districts, which were established to encourage resource conservation across the country.

For more information about Stewardship Week and conservation, contact Haskell SWCD at 940-864-8516 ext. 4. Additional information about the "Where does your watershed?" program and other natural resource education materials is available on the NACD website at www.nacdnet.org/education.

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The circle of water

When I was a young girl one of my favorite past times was to go fishing with me



dad and little sister. We would load the back of my dad's truck with our colorful fishing poles, dirty tackle box, and a cooler of refreshments before heading to our favorite fishing tank. I used to love splashing around on the banks of our small watering hole and chasing the frogs down the shore. Back then I never would have believed that one day I wouldn't be able to go fishing at that watering hole, but due to a two-year drought throughout our area, that is exactly what has happened. That once full tank is nonexistent. Once green and moist pastures quickly

turned to a dry, cracking landscape that looked like a scene straight from “The Lion King.” Of course, our city wasn’t always low on water. Used to we could run our sprinklers for as long as we wanted, take extended showers and not even have to worry about conservation of the water supply, until now.

Although about 70 percent of our world is made up of water, less than one percent of that water is drinkable or available to us (Matt Murphy 1). The rest of this water exists in oceans, polar ice caps and glaciers, rivers and lakes, and in the form of

evaporation and precipitation (“Water Resources”). Due to the predicted increase in population, water demand is expected to increase by at least 40 percent over the next 20 years (Admin 1). This shows just how important and controversial water is to this world. Even though most of Earth is water, not all of it is available or usable. Water is one of those resources that people don’t really feel like they need to worry about until it’s almost gone. Even Thomas Fuller said, “ never know the worth of water ‘til the well is dry.” Living in a rural community, I grew up

knowing that water is one of the most important aspects of a farming community. Without water, we would have much more than just thirst to worry about. We depend on rain to help our crops and plants grow so that we can harvest and sell them throughout the state. Actually, 70 percent of fresh water is used towards agriculture globally every year. Leonardo da Vinci said once that “Water is the driving force of nature,” and I think that statement is extremely true. Without water, there would be no nature.

Whether the water is being used for agricultural reasons, drinking, or for fun activities, it is evident that water is extremely vital and important to this world. If we want to continue to use this valuable resource for the things that we want to use it for, some serious changes have to be made. Water conservation doesn't just involve those that are in drought; it includes and requires help from everybody. When it comes to the immense circle of water, there is no such thing as too much conservation.

Down the drain

As a young girl, I often spent the days at my grandparents' house, and much to my dismay, I had to help with chores. By far, the strangest chore I had was to take the water leftover from washing dishes and to pour the dirty liquid into the garden bed. After doing this odd job several times, I finally asked, "Gram, why don't you just let the water go down the drain and use the water hose for the garden bed?" In my mind, doing the task my way seemed to be a superior idea and far easier. However, Gram explained to me how when she was younger, one had to make good use of the available water. She taught me not to let water go down the drain if the liquid

About seventy percent of the Earth is covered in water, and only two and one-half percent of all water is fresh. When broken down more, two thirds of the fresh water is frozen, around one third is groundwater and a little over one percent is surface water that is accessible to drink (Perlman 1). The amount of water on Earth stays constant, but in Texas we have been losing water yearly, and we're not the only state either. Thirty-six states are facing water shortages ("Water Conservation" 1). The water supply in areas could be lower due to watersheds being removed to make space for new developments.

Studies have shown that watersheds are disappearing due to construction for buildings, parking lots, and highways. Graphs show that from 1982 to 2003, four thousand acres of watersheds were lost per day to developments. Twenty-three million acres are projected to be lost by 2050 ("Forest Facts" 1). With these alarming rates, the fact that the water shortages are

becoming common comes as no surprise. If watersheds are disappearing, rainwater will not travel to the normal location. Water will then become spread across land more sparsely, also making the liquid more prone to evaporation.

Not much can be done about the destroyed water sheds, so instead; measures need to be taken to conserve

the freshwater still in our possession. Conserving water can be as simple as reusing the water one uses for washing plates to dampen the garden. Cutting shower time by two or three minutes can save quite a bit of water over time. With the many ways to conserve water, picking any of the numerous methods is better than letting the water go down the drain.

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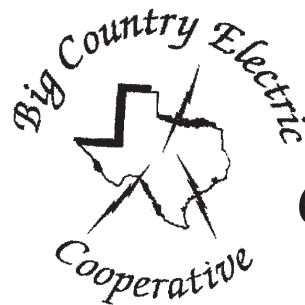
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Our globe’s gold

by Cailey Foster

I was practically raised in the water. My mom tells me that as soon as the last spring cold spell ended, I lived in my swimsuit, and would only

Haskell SWCD holds annual essay contest

Each year the Haskell SWCD holds a Scholarship Essay Contest. The district offers two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors in Haskell County who write an essay on the Soil Stewardship Week theme of the year.

The essays are judged by area judges who have interest in and know about soil conservation.

change out of my two piece suit for church on Sunday mornings. When I was hot, I went swimming. When I was bored, I made sand castles. Water was an enormous part of my life and still is today. However, as I have grown older, I have better grasped the vitality of this liquid in my life.

Looking back, I realize that water was important to me because of the source of fun and entertainment it gave me. Now I realize the necessity of water for my survival, and for the survival of our hurting town. Because of the drought that has plagued our state, and the lack of rain on our watersheds, we are struggling to produce and prosper. Haskell County has begun to take steps to encourage our citizens to take part in water conservation. However, these suggested cut-backs

don’t seem to be producing the desired outcome. We are on the brink of substantial restrains that will change our normal routines, but they are necessary for our town’s continued existence. A person can survive a month without food, but only five to seven days without water. (“Water Conservation.” 1) Our bodies are seventy-five percent water (“Water Conservation.” 1), and this life-sustaining liquid should be treated like gold, not taken for granted. Leonardo da Vinci understood how important water is to our Earth when he said, “Water is the driving force of all nature.” Without water, nothing could

even possibly survive. Our top priority should be finding ways to conserve and preserve our quickly depleting water supply.

Many factors can contribute to our loss of water. Some of these reasons cannot be controlled by humans; such as evaporation, drought, and erosion. Other causes can be controlled and regulated simply by cutting back or making an appointment with the local plumber. Simply shutting off the faucet while brushing teeth can save twenty-five gallons a month. (“Celebrate Earth Day.” 1) Fixing a leaky faucet can save approximately 1,000 to 2,000 gallons of water each year. (Huffstetler 1) These are simple mistakes that can be easily fixed and will contribute enormously to conserving our water supply.

As I reminisce about childhood, I am reminded how important water was to me. I feel sorry for the children who won’t be able to fill their swimming pools or have the opportunity to play in the sprinklers. I hurt for the farmers in our area, including my grandpa, who have to claim crop failure and are receiving minimal insurance rebates. When I see the suffering around me, I realize how truly blessed I was to not have the water worries that are present today. These thoughts help drive me to do my part as a citizen of Haskell County to help preserve our globe’s gold: water.

Leaky dreams

by Maci Colley

Tubing, knee boarding, and swimming at the lake were some of my favorite activities when I was younger. I remember how smooth the water would be on calm days and not wanting to ever leave. I also remember dreaming about how when I was older, my friends and I would spend countless summer days on the lake and how, one day I would take my children to swim in the refreshing water. Water conservation and drought problems never crossed my mind in those carefree, youthful days. I thought water was an abundant resource that would always be plentiful. I now realize how childish and naive my thoughts were. Sadly, one can now walk through the entire

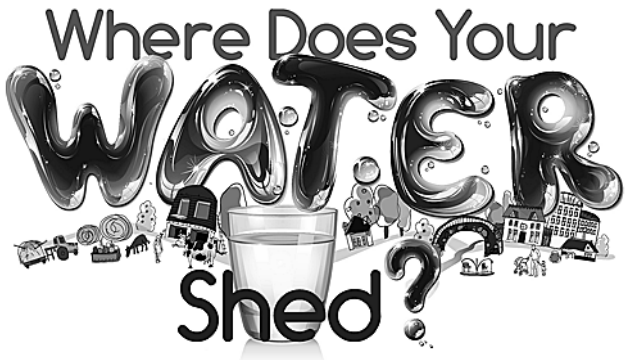
lake where I spent countless summer days. This painful truth is one of many reasons we need to appreciate every precious drop of water we have and learn the many ways we can conserve.

The United States’ population has doubled over the past fifty years, and our thirst for water has tripled (Greening EPA 1). These statistics coupled with our current drought and high temperatures show the crisis that we as a community, state, nation, and world are now facing. Undeveloped countries are not the only ones who have to fight the water war. The lack of liquid is affecting the United States in transportation, industry, agriculture, and our water sheds (Lallanilla 1). Coming from a family that has owned a herd

of cattle for the past four years, I know how important water is to the farming industry. Due to our current drought and not being able to produce our hay anymore, we have had to sell our cows. Thankfully, both of my parents have a full time job and we didn’t have to rely solely on income from our farm. Many others in our community are not as lucky and continue to struggle to stay afloat in the dust. I feel as if I owe every farmer of America my pledge to conserve water. Tiny actions such as shortening my shower by one to two minutes can save up to 700 gallons of water month (“Water Conservation 1). This amount is astonishing but not as surprising as the fact that to produce one pound of

bread requires 500 gallons of water (“Water Conservation” 3). If we as a nation want to end our dilemma, every citizen will need to be conscious users of our sacred fluid.

I dream about taking my future children to a lake one day. I dream about pulling them around on a tube, and watching them cannon ball off the side of the boat. The haunting reality that I might not ever be able to show them the wonderful joy the lake gives, pains me. Imagining a world without water is like imagining a baseball game without a baseball. Water is essential. We need to kick our survival skills into action and prepare to play the game of our lives. We must protect our dreams of swimming into the sunset from slipping away.



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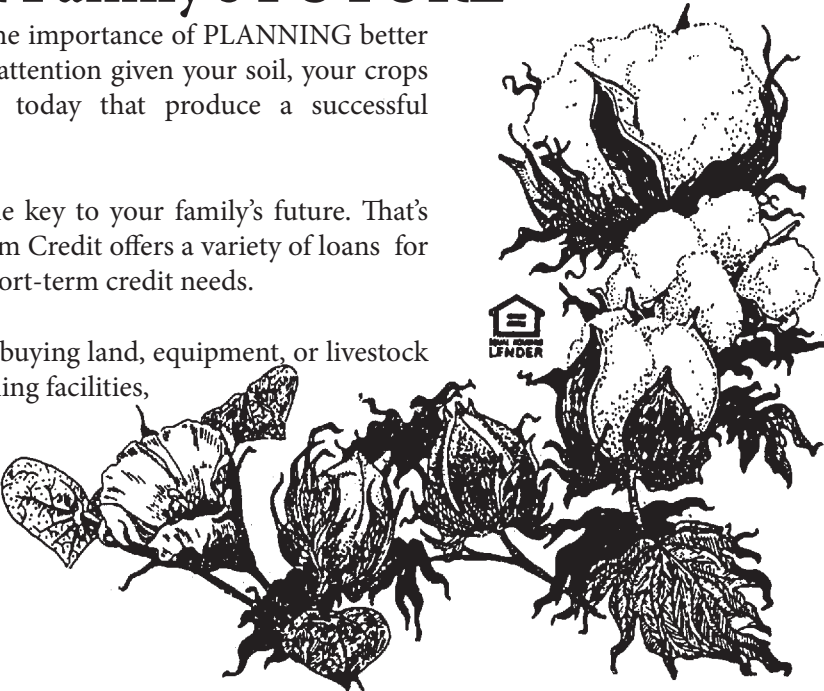
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Trading luxury for necessity

by **Madison Mayfield**

Scorching summer days are best spent poolside with friends and an ice-cold glass of lemonade from the city pool concession stand. Many memories of summer vacation begin in the wringing-wet setting of the city pool. However, droughts have deterred the use of water for luxuries, such as full swimming pools on sweltering days. Water use for leisure is being superseded by water use for sustaining life. With population growth, the need for more food, and what seems to be a never-ending drought, water is becoming more vital to the health and growth of Earth's population.

Along with the decrease in the use of water for swimming pools, many counties are taking other measures to reduce water usage, such as shortening the amount of time spent in the shower. Such measures must be taken, because the amount of water needed to grow enough

food to feed the population is rapidly increasing. Earth's population is growing by approximately eighty million people per year ("Water Consumption" 1). Therefore, each year, the world gains roughly eighty million more mouths to feed, making the need for more water enormous. Seventy percent of water consumption worldwide is used for agricultural purposes ("Water Consumption" 1). Many do not consider the amount of water needed to produce food for families. About 6,800 gallons of water is required to grow a day's worth of food for a family of four ("11 Surprising Facts" 1). Many families consider breakfast to be the most important meal of the day. Two main beverages of the fuel-filled meal usually include coffee and milk. Thirty-seven gallons of water are needed to grow enough coffee beans to produce one cup of coffee,

while fifty-two gallons of water are required to produce one glass of pasteurized milk ("11 Surprising Facts" 1). Since a tremendous amount of water is required to produce healthy meals, the world must focus on preserving the resource by taking conservation measures and being aware of water locations and amounts.

Locating water and knowing the amount on hand are two important aspects to know when considering water conservation. Watersheds are known as "the area of land where all of the water that is under it or drains off of it goes into the same place" ("Watershed" 1). The importance of watersheds is unknown by many. Across the United States and Puerto Rico, 2,267 watersheds are in use ("Watershed" 1). With over two thousand sheds being used, the locations and amounts of water in the locations are crucial. Without the knowledge of the amount of water being stored in watersheds, conservation would be practically nonexistent.

Although many of the best summer memories are made by the pool, water usage should be decreased. Whether conservation means not filling the pool or shortening the time spent in the shower or watering the lawn, measures must be taken in order to conserve Earth's most valuable resource. If the population is to have enough water, people must trade the luxury of poolside for the necessity of overflowing watersheds.

Poster contest winners

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class, 1. Piper Smith; 2. Jacey Rodriquez; 3. Melody Martinez.

Overall third grade: 1. Piper Smith; 2. Jacey Rodriquez; 3. Sarah Stout.

Fourth grade: Mrs. Homeyer's class, 1. Makayla Arendall.

Fourth grade: Mrs. Sloan's class, 1. Skyler Rhoads.

Fourth grade: Mrs. Parks' class, 1. Abby Andress.

Overall fourth grade: 1. Makayla Arendall; 2. Skyler Rhoads; 3. Abby Andress.

Fifth grade: Mrs. Wallace's class, 1. Kourtney Gibson; 2. Caleb Wright; 3. Andrew Casillas.

Fifth grade: Mrs. Roewe's class, 1. Casey Arendall; 2. Tori Rodriquez; 3. Madison Moore.

Fifth grade: Mrs. Gibson's class, 1. Heavenly Perez; 2. Halee Alsabrook; 3. Landry Hanson.

Overall fifth grade: 1. Kourtney Gibson; 2. Caleb Wright; 3. Casey Arendall.

Sixth grade: Mrs. Shelton's class, 1. Ernie Homeyer; 2. Tristen Swinney; 3. Allie Andress.

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Fifth grade: 1. Billy Jones; 2. Desiree Acosta; 3. Augi Moreno.

Sixth grade: 1. Bailey Hawkins; 2. Brittany Yanez; 3. Angelique Steele.

Overused and underappreciated

by **Carson Hadaway**

Think of a favorite personal possession, some item or keepsake that would be difficult to live without. For some, the item might be a ring from a grandmother or a cell phone with Facebook capabilities. For me, I feel like I cannot go on in my life without my fluffy moose Pillow Pet, Jorge. However, there is one particular item every individual in the world simply cannot live without. Water, a precious source of hydration and nourishment, is often taken for granted in our everyday life. Because of

overuse, restrictions are being put in place in our city to urge citizens to educate themselves about water conservation and usage.

Rachel Carson, an American marine biologist and conservationist, said, "In an age when man has forgotten his origins and is blind even to his most essential needs for survival, water along with other resources has become the victim of his indifference." Most of us pay no attention to where our water sheds, and the amount of water we use each day—on average between

80-100 gallons a day. When the modern toilet was invented, who knew that one day this technology would account for the majority of water used each day by humans. Most of us do not think that the water we use today is the same water used when the earth was created. However, if we stop and study the water cycle, we know that "new" water is not produced each day. The life of each molecule of water is continuously revolving in the cycle.

Haskell sits between Lake Stamford and Miller Creek

Reservoir. Although Lake Stamford is closer, the city of Haskell receives water form Miller Creek Reservoir. At this point in time, Miller Creek Reservoir is severely low, prompting City of Haskell officials to implement Stage 2 Watering Restrictions and alerting citizens that Stage 3 Watering Restrictions will be in force soon if our area does not receive a substantial amount of rain. Many people think that rain is needed in the town of Haskell to solve the water problems our rural community is facing. A plentiful amount of rain does help farmers, water wells, yards, and our local creek. However, this source of water does not help supply

Miller Creek with resources needed for the city of Haskell and the towns affected by the drought. For that purpose, we need rain farther to the north and northwest in the creeks and rivers that supply Miller Creek.

My family has tried to do our part to conserve the use of water in our household. If the way the citizens of Haskell use water continues, the water supply in Miller Creek will soon run dry, and drastic measures will need to be taken. Water is a gift from God, often overused and taken for granted. People need to realize the true value and worth that a simple drop of water has to offer, and the dire need West Texans have for this precious source of life.

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