

## Baseball games

Haskell JV vs Merkel  
Mon., March 10, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell  
Haskell V vs Coahoma  
Tues., March 11, 4:30 p.m.  
at Haskell

## Softball games

Haskell JV-V vs Merkel  
Thurs., March 6, 6 p.m.  
at Eula  
Haskell V in Eula Classic  
Tournament March 6-8  
at Eula  
Haskell JV-V vs Coahoma  
Tues., March 11, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell

## Track

Rochester JH  
Double Mountain Relays  
Thurs., March 6 at Rotan  
Indians and Maidens  
Double Mountain Relays  
Fri., March 7 at Rotan

## Calendar

### Vendors needed

Vendors are being sought for the 12th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show set Sat., March 15 in downtown Haskell. Cost of vendor spaces is \$15. Call Randy or Lisa Shaw at 864-2023 evenings or Randy at 325-721-0674 or Lisa at 325-721-0441 anytime.

### TCR Old Timers

A general business meeting will be held Mon., March 10 at 5 p.m. at the TCR Bunkhouse in Stamford. All members of the TCR Old Timers Association should attend.

### Seed meeting

A seed meeting will be held March 7 at the Bobcat Den in Rule, located at the Rule City Park beginning at noon with lunch followed by the program. The meeting is hosted by Extension and All-Tex Seed. RSVP to the Haskell County Extension Office by March 3 by calling 940-864-2658.

### Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Bobbie Harrison of Knox City will give a demonstration. Guests are welcome.

### Softball registration

Haskell Girls Softball Association (HGSA) is holding registration for girls ages 5-14. Forms have been sent home from school and can be returned to school or dropped off at Sport-About. Deadline is Fri., March 7. Call Cindy at 864-8011 for more information. Games will begin after Little Dribblers season is over, but forms are due now.

### FBC youth lunch

The Youth of the Haskell First Baptist Church will host a baked potato fund-raiser lunch Sun., March 9 at noon in the Activity Center. Donations will be accepted.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 15 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

### Storytime

Storytime at Haskell County Library is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Stories, crafts and snacks are offered.

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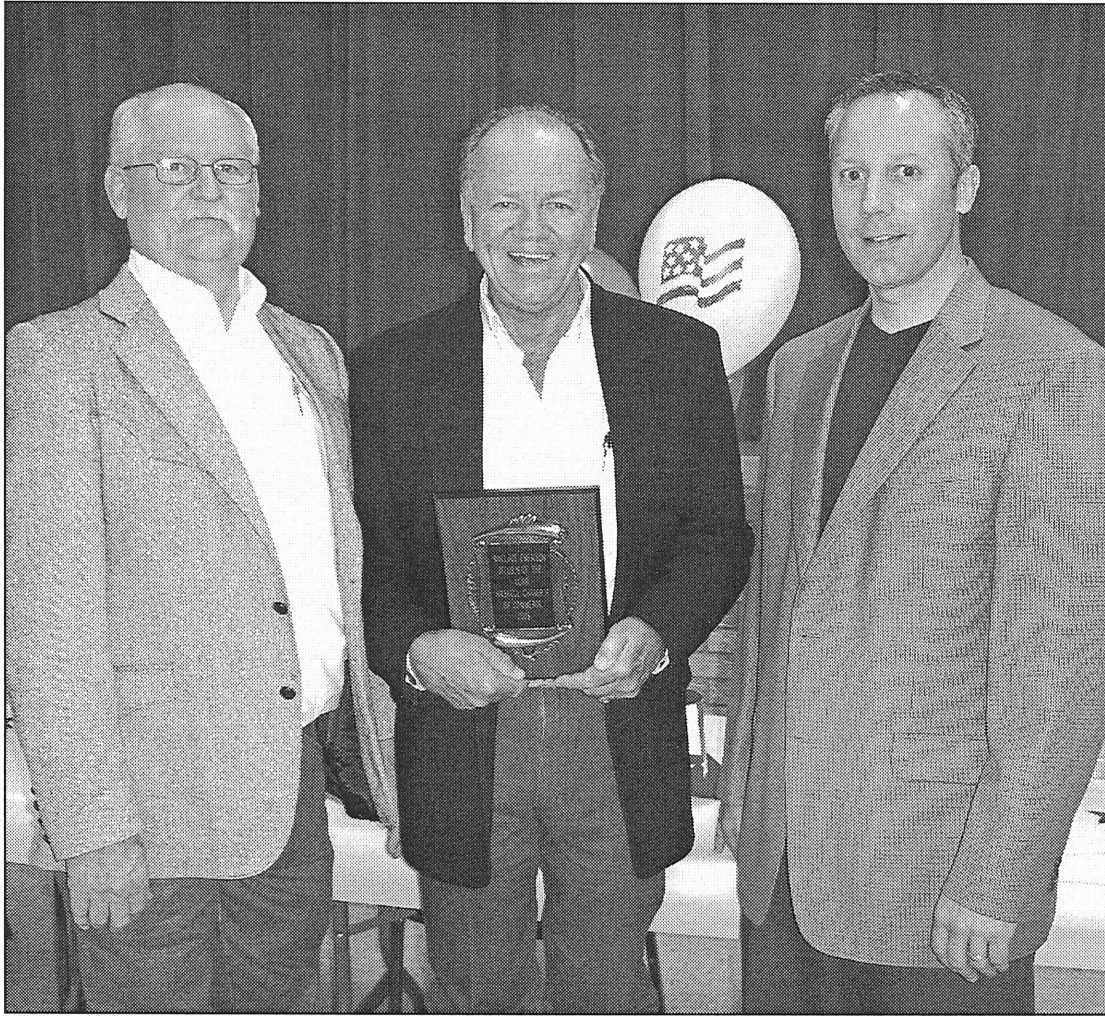
## Good Luck, Rule Bobcats

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"The People's Choice"

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**HASKELL'S OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR—Wallace Emerson, center, was named Haskell's outstanding citizen of the year during the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet held Thurs., Feb. 28. Emerson, who was named President and Director of First National Bank—**

**Haskell, in 2002, is known for lending a helping hand for many of Haskell's activities. He is a special friend to the Wild Horse Prairie Days event. Sammy Larned, left, introduced Emerson. Carl Milburn, right, is the Chamber president.**

## Classic Car Show set March 15

The 12th annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. Car Show will be held Sat., March 15 in downtown Haskell around the Haskell County Courthouse square.

With its widespread reputation for being a major show, featuring something of fun and interest for everyone in the family, the

popular event is expected to again bring numbers of entries and visitors to the city. As in previous years, entries are coming in from around the country.

Along with the ten classes of vehicles in the show, other activities will include the Kids Tractor Pull and Hot Wheels Races for Kids (with an entry fee

of \$1 per car).

Hamburgers and french fries will be served on the southeast corner of the square during the noon hour by members of the fire department.

Vendor spaces will be located around the square in front of business for \$15 each. Vendor information is available by contacting Lisa Shaw at 864-2686, 864-2023 or 325-721-0441.

Classes for this year's car show are: Cars Pre-'64; Cars '65 and up; Cars '76 and up; Antique Cars, Trucks thru '50; Street Rods Pre-'49; Older Pickups Pre-'84; Pickups '85 and up; Sport

Compact; Motorcycles; and Restoration in Progress.

First, second and third places in each class will receive a trophy. Entries are \$20 each. Judging will be held at 12:30 p.m., with a trophy presentation at 3:30. Trophy and cash will be given for Best of Show and People's Choice, and a trophy will be given for Farthest Distance Traveled.

Registration forms for the show or vendors may be obtained from any Haskell Volunteer Fireman. For more information, call Randy Shaw at 940-864-2023, 325-721-0674 or e-mail [haskellfdcarshow@hotmail.com](mailto:haskellfdcarshow@hotmail.com).

## Bobcats advance to state game

The Rule Bobcats defeated May 40 to 28 Sat., March 1 in Fort Worth to advance to the state tournament in Austin.

The Bobcats met May after defeating the Ira Bulldogs 49-31 in the Class A Division II semifinal game on Friday.

After a slow start, the Bobcats had the first layup with a score by Stephen Pace at the 3:27 mark in the first quarter.

The Bobcats lead the Bulldogs 8-6 at the end of the first quarter.

Opening the second quarter fired-up, guard James Wolfe scored 10 of his 17 points in the second quarter. The Bobcats led 26-11 at the half.

Rule guard Jay T. Spitzer put the Bobcats up by 14 points to end the Bulldogs rally.

Scoring included 17 points by Wolfe, 12 points by Spitzer and 11 points by Pace.

Continuing their tournament showing on Saturday, the Bobcats had three field goals and eight points in the first quarter against May.

Rule lead the game 18-11 at halftime.

Stephen Pace had five third-quarter points. The Bobcats outscored May 16-7 during the stretch and led by 17 points at the beginning of the final quarter.

Scoring for Rule were Pace with 9 points, Spitzer with 8 points, and Jonathon Rincon and Wolfe both scored six points.

Rule improved their record to 20-3 on the season.

They will play Fri., March 7 at 7 p.m. at Erwin Center at UT in Austin against Laneville.

## Maidens named to All-District

The Haskell Maidens had four players selected to the District 5-2A All-District first and second teams.

Named to the first team was Lacey Peiser, senior, post.

Second team nominees were Hope Reid, junior, guard; Hanna Wallace, junior, wing; and Lisa Rodgers, sophomore, post.

## Election filing ends Mar. 10

The City of Haskell and Haskell CISD will conduct elections on Sat., May 10.

Filing deadline for both elections ends March 10.

Those wishing to file with the city may do so at City Hall. The school trustee candidates may file at the school's administration office.

Positions up for election for the City include the Mayor's term, currently held by Ken Lane; and two places for councilman at large. Jason Hall and Bob Smith currently hold those positions.

School board positions up for election include two single member districts, 3 year term positions. Single member district #2 is currently held by Donnie Rieger; single member district #3 is held by Mynea Short.

Early voting begins April 28 and ends May 6.

For voting to be counted, a voter must present their voter certificate; or drivers license or personal identification; or a form of identification containing a photograph; or a birth certificate; or a copy of an utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

## Indians named to All-District

D.J. McCulloch, 6'2", Haskell Indian senior, was chosen MVP for the District 5-AA All-District Boys basketball team.

Toby Villa, Indian's coach, was named Coach of the Year for the district.

First team members selected include: John English, 5'9", junior; Travis Adams, 5'7", senior; and, Weston Rutkowski, 5'11", senior.

Named honorable mention were Derek Agraz, 6'2", senior and Greg Guzman, 5'9", senior.



**VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR—Leaders of Haskell Boy Scouting organizations, including Pack 136, Troop 136 and Crew 136, were honored as Volunteers of the Year during the annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet held Thurs., Feb. 28. Leaders representing the organizations are, I-r, Leland Terry, Leiza Morales, Deanna Jordan, Wallar Overton, Bo Tatum, Craig McCormick, Sherri Morrow, Jim McTasney, Allen Morrow, Sam Pace and Randy Waggoner.**

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**WEINERT HOUSE FIRE**—Haskell Volunteer Fire Department members were called to this house fire in Weinert Mon., Feb. 25 at about 8:30 p.m. A house and barn, owned by Fred Horan, were destroyed in the blaze. Haskell assisted the Weinert and Munday Fire Departments bring the blaze under control.

# Obituaries

## Sarah Guess



**SARAH GUESS**

Funeral services for Sarah Guess, 73, of Weinert were held Fri., Feb. 29 at First Baptist Church in Weinert with Bro. Dan Bullock and Bro. Donnie Harbers officiating. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of

Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Guess died Mon., Feb. 25.

Born April 5, 1934 in Deport, she was the daughter of the late Bruce Young and Billie Williams Young. She married H.L. Guess Aug. 17, 1951 in Haskell They were lifelong residents of Haskell County, where they raised their three children. Sarah taught the Sunday School Nursery class at First Baptist Church of Weinert for many years and worked in the Weinert School Cafeteria for over 20 years. She was affectionately known as Granny by all. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Her servant's heart was evidenced by her many acts of kindness towards others and

was a testament of her Christian faith. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, H.L. Guess, of the home; son, Hal Guess Jr., and wife, Cindy of Weinert; daughters, Caron Yates and husband, Joe of Weinert and Cristi Little and Bill of Olney; one of her greatest joys in life, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren; brother, Bill Young of San Angelo; sisters, Kayla Daniel of Fort Worth, Modena Thorp of Boyd, Nancy Gunter of Clovis, New Mexico and Laquita Liles of Haskell.

Memorials may be made to Weinert First Baptist Church, 100 W. McConnell St., Weinert, Texas 76388. PD. NOTICE

## Calendar

### Taylor's Team

Taylor's Team will walk April 5 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Abilene Zoo in the fourth annual West Texas Walk benefiting Autism Speaks. To join, register at [www.autismwalk.org](http://www.autismwalk.org), click on join a team and select Taylor's Team to register. Donations or information may be handled by Melissa Burson by calling 864-8161 or 256-2509.

### 'Changing' lives!

Jugs to collect change are located on the Haskell Elementary, Haskell Jr. High and Haskell High campuses and around town. Help 'Taylor's Team' and 'Will's Walkers' collect coins to benefit Autism Speaks. They will be walking to raise money April 5 at the Abilene Zoo during the 4th annual West Texas Walk for Autism.

### Will's Walkers

Will Swinney of Haskell will have a team participating in the West Texas Walk Now for Autism April 5 at the Abilene Zoo beginning at 10 a.m. The walk benefits Autism Speaks, an organization that raises money and awareness for autism research. To join Will's Walkers, t-shirts are available for a \$20 donation.

### Silent auction

Taylor's Team will host a silent auction in March. If you would like to donate items for the auction, contact Melissa Burson at 256-2509. The auction will benefit Autism Speaks.

### 100th anniversary

First Baptist Church of Weinert will celebrate its 100th anniversary April 5-6. Those with addresses of non-residents, former members or others who might be interested may contact Wanda Hester, anniversary chairman at 940-673-8262 or Mary Murphy at 940-673-8269.

### Cowboy breakfast

First United Methodist Church of Haskell will host their annual Cowboy Breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 16 from 7 to 8 a.m. Donations will be accepted. Special guest, Cody Cochran of Anson will present the message at 8 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Flag programs

The Haskell Rotary Club provides the placement of the American flag in residential yards on five recognized holidays. For information, call Nelda Lane at 864-2597. The Haskell Fire Department provides the placement of flags on commercial property during the year. Call Randy Shaw at 325-721-0674 for details.

### Storm sirens

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## Doris Marie Roberts



**DORIS ROBERTS**

Funeral services for Doris Marie Roberts, 86, of Haskell were held Fri., Feb. 29 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Helfin officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Roberts died Wed., Feb. 27 in Haskell.

Born Sept. 7, 1921 in Los Angeles, California, she was the daughter of the late Raymond Banks and Lillian Reaves Banks. She married G.W. Roberts Oct. 9, 1937 in Haskell and was a lifelong resident of the community. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, G.W. Roberts; sons, Bobby Ray Roberts and Albert Lee Roberts, Sr.; six year old daughter, Alta Mae Roberts; two sisters, Edna Mae Grubbs and Jenny Daniels and husband, Jack; and two grandsons Mark Mires and Joseph Phemister.

Survivors include her daughters, Doris Jean McMeans and husband, Max of Haskell, daughter by affection, Linda Lindsey Bass of Maui, Hawaii; daughter-in-law, Barbara Roberts; sister, Melba Mower of Jacksboro; eight grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

## Bonnell Dorene 'Bonnie' Jircik



**BONNIE JIRCIK**

Funeral services for Bonnell Dorene 'Bonnie' Jircik, 89, of Haskell were held Sat., March 1 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Greg Gassaway officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mrs. Jircik went home to be with her Lord and savior Wed.,

Feb. 27 in a Rochester Care Center.

Born April 10, 1918 in Clarkson Jones Prairie Community in Milam County, she was the daughter of William Edgar 'Bill' and Myrtle Anderson Bailey. She graduated from Calvert High School. She married Frank Paul 'Sarge' Jircik July 4, 1939 and they moved to Haskell in 1957. She was very active in the Hillsboro and Haskell First Baptist Church where she worked in the Nursery department for over 30 years. She enjoyed all her friends meeting on Thursdays.

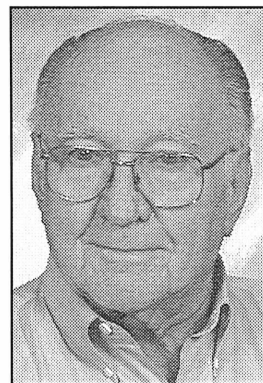
She was preceded in death by her husband; two sisters, Winnie Senkle and Billie Kerns; and a very special long time neighbor, Anita Herren.

Survivors include one daughter, Carol Hickman and husband, Tom III of Stamford; one son, Frank Paul Jircik Jr., M.D. and wife, Sheri of Burleson;

five grandchildren, Jennefer Snider and husband Ray, Tom Hickman IV, Dallas Hickman and wife, Jennifer, Justin Jircik and Courtney Jircik; three great grandchildren, Raegan Snider, Kelsey Hickman and Braleigh Hickman; one foster son, Herbert E. Polgue and wife, Betsy; one foster granddaughter, Holly Kurth and husband, Daniel; one foster great grandson, Jakeb Kurth; one brother, Joe E. Bailey and wife, Ann; a very dear friend Rubye Wooten; five sisters-in-law, Ann Jircik, Dixie Jircik and Betty Jircik, all of Houston, Marie Jircik Strahan of Oklahoma and Martha Jircik of California; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Scottish Rite Hospital, 2222 Welborn Street, Dallas, Texas 79519 or First Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

## Marvin Letz



**MARVIN LETZ**

Funeral services for Marvin Letz, 91, lifetime resident of Haskell and Stonewall counties, were held Mon., March 3 at the Haskell Church of Christ. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Letz passed from this life to be with God Fri., Feb. 29.

Born Feb. 7, 1917 in Stonewall County, he was the son of Herman and Lizzie Letz of Old Glory. He lived on the family farm near Old Glory, and graduated from Old Glory High School as valedictorian. In the late 1930's, he attended barber training school in Fort Worth, and owned and operated Letz Barber Shop in Haskell for a few years. He also had a lifelong career in farming in the Old Glory community. In the early 1950's, he began an additional career as a homebuilder and developed another business as a heating and air conditioning specialist. He owned Letz Builders Supply in Haskell until his retirement in 2002. He was a member of the Haskell Church of Christ for more than 50 years. He was also active in many civic activities in

both communities.

He married Ruby Lee Hisey of Haskell Jan. 22, 1939. Prior to her death in 1999, they celebrated 60 years of marriage.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Lizzie Letz; and two sons, Marvin Lynn and Dale.

Survivors include his children, Marlene Denton and her husband, Kent of Garland, Sandra Parker and her husband, Mike of Norman, Oklahoma, and Fred Letz and his wife, Linda of Colleyville; seven grandchildren, Todd Denton, Chad Denton, Carylee Cheatham, Micalynn Barker, Ryan Letz, Dana Letz and Eric Letz; and eight great grandchildren, Davis Denton, Reed Denton, Boone Denton, Alayne Denton, Grant Denton, Claire Denton, Parker Cheatham, Lisanne Cheatham and Brady Letz. PD. NOTICE

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**TAX PLANNING**

Written By  
**James E. Rodgers, CPA**



**USE THE "SAVER'S CREDIT" TO CUT YOUR 2007 TAX BILL**

Would you like to shave \$1,000 off your income tax bill? Would your spouse like to join in the tax savings of up to \$2,000 on a joint return? This potential savings comes in the form of a tax credit called the "retirement savings contributions credit" or "saver's credit." Unlike a tax deduction, a tax credit is a dollar for dollar reduction of the taxes you owe.

How do you qualify for this credit? By contributing to a retirement plan, you could be eligible for the saver's credit. This includes contributions to both Roth and traditional IRAs. It also includes salary deferrals into SEP, SIMPLE, 401(k), 403(b), and 457 plans.

How much is the credit? The credit ranges from 10% to 50% of the first \$2,000 contributed to a retirement plan. In other words, the maximum credit is \$1,000 for an individual. If you and your spouse both contribute at least \$2,000 to your retirement accounts, you could qualify for up to a \$2,000 credit on a joint return.

Are there limitations? Like many tax breaks, this credit decreases or phases out entirely once your income reaches certain levels. The 2007 income phase-out range is \$15,500 to \$26,000 for individuals, \$23,250 to \$39,000 for heads of household, and \$31,000 to \$52,000 for married couples filing a joint return. (Income limits are adjusted annually for inflation.) In addition, you cannot take the credit if you are under age 18, a full-time student, or someone else's dependent.

Here's an example. Say you put \$3,000 into an IRA and you qualify for the maximum \$1,000 saver's credit. You can deduct your \$3,000 contribution for a tax savings of \$450 (\$3,000 x 15% tax rate). Add this \$450 tax savings to the \$1,000 saver's credit, and your total tax savings equals \$1,450. That's the equivalent of earning 48% on your \$3,000 investment in one year.

If you haven't been contributing to a retirement plan, this tax credit adds yet another incentive to do so. You have until April 15, 2008, to make a 2007 IRA contribution that could reduce your 2007 taxes. For more information about the saver's credit or about retirement accounts, contact our office.

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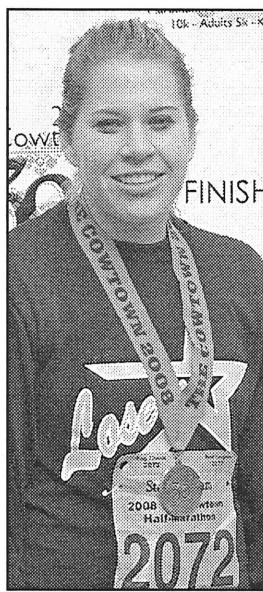
**LOCK-IN**—Haskell County 4-H'ers participating in a Clothing & Textiles project lock-in were, front row, l-r, kneeling, Victoria Hertel, Sarah Campbell, Samantha Lewis, Shady Dunlap and Zhenia McTasney; back row, Allison Petty, Jenny Dudensing, Destini Raynes, Carlie Rowan, Emily Fouts, Kate Rowan, Mati Ledesma, Molly Dudensing and America Shelton.

## 4-H members enjoy lock-in

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell County  
Haskell County 4-H members with an interest in Clothing & Textiles enjoyed a six hour lock-in on Saturday evening, Feb. 23. The purpose of the lock-in was to provide a variety of learning activities related to the 4-H Clothing project. The evening began at the Rule School with a pizza party. The first session, presented by Lynn Dodson, was "Improvement In Your Movement" which focused on modeling. Then older 4-H members worked with younger members in making "Hug Me Teddy Bears." Through this sewing project the participants made teddy bears which will be

donated to Emergency Medical Services to carry on ambulances to give to children after an accident. Everyone's senses came alive when Jenny Dudensing gave a presentation on "Aroma Therapy." The benefits of aroma therapy in relaxing the body and relieving stress were discussed. To put their new knowledge into practice, everyone tried their hand at making scented "bath bombs." County Extension Agent—Jane Rowan shared several opportunities for the group to participate in various 4-H Clothing project contests prior to teaching the basics of sewing on a button. The 4-H'ers used their new skill in making bean bag hearts.

To round out the evening, Molly Dudensing demonstrated the process of "Computer Makeovers" using the internet. This will be a fun tool for the participants to experiment with during their 4-H Clothing project. To sweeten the evening, 4-H'ers enjoyed being the first group in Haskell County to taste the new Blue Bell Ice Cream, "Centennial Cupcake." Blue Bell Creameries has just introduced this ice cream in honor of the Texas 4-H organization's 100th birthday. The weary but happy group concluded the full evening at midnight. 4-H members will now be working on their clothing projects in preparation for the annual 4-H Fashion Show scheduled for March 30.



**RIEGER COMPETES**—Jessica Rieger participated in the 30th annual Cowtown Marathon Sat., Feb. 23 in Fort Worth. A record 13,739 people ran in the event which consisted of marathon, ultra marathon, half marathon, 10k and 5k runs. Rieger, a math teacher at Albany High School, completed the half marathon which is 13.1 miles.

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## Lodge #241 meets for Sunday lunch

Haskell Lodge #241, Hermann Sons of Texas met Sun., March 2 with fourteen in attendance. Following the regular opening of session, a period of silence was held in memoriam of members who have passed away lately: Wayne Peiser, a member since 1949; and Mildred Stubbs, a member since 1980. Those in attendance having birthdays this month are Dorothea Monroe, Harry Koehler and T.J. Brueggeman. Our anniversary couple for March is J.R. and Inez Merchant. This year will mark the 100th anniversary of the local organization, having formed one

lodge in 1908 with other lodges merging later and name changes until arriving at the current name of Haskell Lodge #241. Next month presentations of 60 year and 70 year membership pins will be conducted. Games of dominoes and chicken foot were enjoyed by members, both before and following the meeting session. Some come early to enjoy dominoes before the regular meeting. The next meeting will be held April 6 at 3 p.m. at Pit 'n Grill, with chicken and vegetables combo and cobbler being the meal for the day.

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# OPINION

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Record voter turnout predicted in primary

AUSTIN—Turnout for the March 4 primary elections likely will reach a record number.

Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson, the state's chief elections officer, on Feb. 27 projected an overall turnout of 26 percent of the registered voters in Texas. That is 3.3 million voters.

The previous record came 20 years ago in the 1988 presidential primaries, with 2.7 million Texas voters casting ballots.

To predict turnout, the secretary of state's office factors in early voting from Texas' 15 most populous counties: Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, Travis, Collin, El Paso, Denton, Hidalgo, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Williamson, Nueces, Galveston and Cameron. About 60 percent of all voters in Texas are registered in those counties.

### Candidates push hard for Texas

Texas continued to prove itself a battleground state for presidential candidates in the last few days leading up to the March 4 primaries.

Polls pointed toward a close finish in the race between U.S. Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination.

U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, vying for the Republican presidential nomination, spent time and energy in delegate-rich Texas.

Candidates seesawed back and forth between Texas and Ohio, a state sharing the March 4 date for its primaries.

### Senate panel hears 'Gaps' update

The Senate Education Committee met Feb. 27 to hear from state education officials about the implementation of reforms passed by the Legislature last session.

Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Raymond Paredes reported on the "Closing the Gaps" initiative, a program to increase college enrollment and graduation rates for all Texas high school students.

Paredes said the state is on track to meet its enrollment goals by 2015, adding 235,000 more college enrollees as of 2007. Also, he said, minority enrollment is up since 2000, with an increase of 49 percent for Hispanics and 38 percent for African-Americans.

College completion rates were also up, said Paredes, increasing by 152,000 degrees in the last seven years. Again, the largest percentages of growth were

among minorities, with a 67 percent increase in college graduation for Hispanics, and 44 percent for African Americans.

### DPS gives details of cocaine bust

The Texas Department of Public Safety announced Feb. 27 it seized 360 pounds of cocaine after DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers stopped a flatbed tractor trailer for a routine inspection.

The cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$3 million, was discovered in 142 individual packages in a secret compartment in a flatbed trailer.

The stop and seizure occurred Feb. 24 on U.S. 90 about 18 miles west of Brackettville at the Kinney County and Val Verde County line, a DPS spokesperson said.

A Piedras Negras, Mexico, resident was arraigned Feb. 26 in Del Rio on federal drug charges in connection with the seizure.

DPS Narcotics investigators are continuing the investigation.

### On the job injury report released

The Texas Department of Insurance on Feb. 26 released statistics for on-the-job injuries in 2006.

According to the report, the number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work in private industry in Texas increased by nearly 5 percent compared to 2005.

Although 3,230 more of these types of injuries and illnesses were reported in 2006 compared to 2005, the 2006 total is less than the numbers reported in 2004 and 2003, the agency said.

### Plenty of flu to go around

The Texas Department of State Health Services' latest flu report, for the week ending Feb. 23, classifies flu activity in Texas as "widespread."

The classification applies when there are increases in flu-like illnesses and recent lab-confirmed flu cases in at least half of the state's regions.

DSHS reported "widespread" flu activity for the same week last year.

### Disaster proclamation renewed

Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 29 renewed a disaster proclamation, originally issued Jan. 29, to address the threat of wildfires across the state. He identified 32 additional counties as threatened or impacted by wildfires, making a total of 216 counties at risk. To date, fires have destroyed homes and burned more than 500,000 acres.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago March 5, 1998

Jaime Palacios and Chris McSmith visited the Rotary Club. Hersel and Lois Johnson of Alva, Oklahoma visited with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Merchant and friends.

Visiting Joyce Hawkins were her brother and his wife, Dolan and Karen Vaughn of Panhandle.

Ryan Eugene Olson, a Texas Tech student, majoring in Agricultural Economics, was recognized by the University for qualifying for the Dean's Honor List.

Sherry Dever received the Beall's Associate of the quarter award for outstanding performance. The award was presented at a storewide meeting.

Missy Burson and Kent Carroll received \$500.00 mini-grants for enhancement of academics in their classrooms in Haskell. Dolye High, Haskell CISD Educational Foundation president, made the presentation.

Haskell Elementary students who earned over 100 reading points in the Accelerated Reading program were Ross Hairgrove, Meagan Wallace, William Baxter, Debbie Long, Drew Garison, Otis Thomas, Bryan Richardson, and Jennifer Farber.

### 20 Years Ago March 10, 1988

Lighting caused more than 3,000 acres of Haskell County rangeland to be burned.

Larry McMillin was promoted to senior vice president of Haskell National Bank. Carolyn Everett and Wilda D. Medford are new directors.

Brad Bevel and Mark Young were named to the all tournament team in Big Spring at the regional tournament.

Poster winners in the Haskell Young Homemakers' "Don't Mess With Texas" poster contest

were Jessica Thompson, Aaron Kirk (also selected best overall), and Justin Arendall.

Bob Walker of Plano and Erma Standlee of Seymour were in Weinert to finalize the sale of their parents home (Milton and Lillian Walker) to Fred and Daisy Horan.

### 30 Years Ago March 9, 1978

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cornelson of Lewisville visited with Mr. and Mrs. August Balzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stegemoeller of Duncan, Oklahoma visited with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Stegemoeller.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Clark and Mrs. John Clark visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith in Henrietta.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. E.G. Graham were two of her brothers and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ammons and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ammons of Pampa.

### 40 Years Ago March 7, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Ben McGee, Frank Jenkins and Billy Jack Ray, attended the Rattlesnake Round-Up in Sweetwater.

Linda Steele and Patricia Toliver, Haskell High Speech students presented their speeches at the Lions Club meeting.

Mrs. Elsie McGee, Librarian, announced that the Haskell County Library is now open from 9:00 to 5:00 on Saturdays. The library, is located in the Commodity Building just east of the Haskell Free Press, and is also open Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 5:00.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor and children visited in the home of Clarence Taylors.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oman returned home from a visit with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Oman and children of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Hertel and

## Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

February 28, 2008

Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade closed at a four-year high Tuesday for the second consecutive day on continued fund buying and support from the surging U.S. grain market.

"Ten years from now, someone looking at the cotton trading charts will ask, 'What happened?' and expect to blame a flood somewhere, or a freeze, or some huge business," a trader said. "Of course, none of that took place this week; it was simply the influence of corn, soybeans and wheat, in alphabetical order."

The market was completely unimpressed this week by U.S. cotton use data as there were no surprises. The National Cotton Council (NCC) reported U.S. textile mills used cotton at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 4.68 million bales in January, down from 4.96 million one year ago. January cotton consumption was down from the new December 2007 figure of 4.74 million bales, an upward revision from the 4.70 million bale figure contained in last month's report.

A report from a USDA attaché showed Turkish domestic consumption is expected to decline to 6.5 million bales in the upcoming year due to adverse effects of the strong Turkish Lira on exports. While Turkish exporters are facing difficulties exporting goods, cheap yarn and textile imports from CIS and Asian countries are hurting the domestic consumption of cotton. The end of Chinese textile export quotas in 2008 is expected to have an adverse effect on Turkish textile exports as well. Approximately 35 Turkish mills are reported to be closed or have ceased operations until conditions become favorable.

Turkey still is expected to import 3.3 million bales of cotton during the 2007 marketing year, down from previous estimates of 4 million, according to USDA sources. Imports of U.S. cotton should remain at about 2.3 million bales due to short supplies in other cotton producing countries such as Syria and Greece.

In other news, USDA reported net export sales of 196,300 bales in the week ended Feb. 21 were down 59 percent from the previous week and 36 percent from the four-week average. Primary buyers were Mexico, China, Indonesia and Turkey. Net sales of 11,500 bales for delivery in 2008-09 were for Turkey, Mexico and Indonesia.

Export shipments of 162,000 bales were down 22 percent from the previous week and 16 percent lower than the four-week average. Major destinations were China, Mexico, Indonesia and Turkey.

In spot cotton news, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 87,807 bales in the week ended Feb. 28 compared to 67,852 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 63.34 to 69.14 cents per pound versus 49.39 to 65.13 cents per pound one week earlier.

Despite the fact that some Texas cotton gins have not yet completed ginning, planting of the 2008-09 cotton crop will begin soon in the southern portion of the state. Planting of grain and corn crops in the Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV) have begun, and farmers are expected to start planting cotton as soon as they finish with grains.

Only between 80,000 and 90,000 acres are expected to be planted in the LRGV to cotton in the region, and mostly all of the acres dedicated to cotton will be dryland. At the moment, drought conditions prevail, and timely rains will be needed throughout the growing season to ensure optimal plant development.

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## Crime of the Week

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Hamlin Fire Department, is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for setting any or all of 21 suspicious fires during the last four weeks.

These include ten fires set Feb. 23-25 along with four on the Old Glory highway and eight on Hwy.

83. Anyone with information on any of these fires is encouraged to call Clear Fork Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or the Hamlin Police Department at 325-576-3633. All callers will remain anonymous.

Remember: Crime Stoppers wants your information, not your name.

## Wildfire prevention

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Texans face severe danger of wildfire. Be extremely cautious about any outdoor activities that might cause sparks or fires.

Sparks can easily escape from burning trash.

Avoid use of welding or

grinding equipment near weeds and grass.

Avoid parking vehicles in tall, dry grass and weeds that could be ignited by hot catalytic converters.

When in your vehicle, crush smoking materials in your ashtray and make sure they are really out.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

The Easter bunnies have moved into our yard and are ready to be visited by all the children.

Children need to remember to hold an adult's hand so that they don't fall and hurt themselves.

Bob and Darlene Smith  
1801 N. 1st St.  
Haskell

# IRS stimulus payment facts

Stimulus payments start in May, and that's a fact. There's no need to wonder about answers to stimulus payment questions when you can visit the official Internal Revenue Service Web site. The IRS has placed a special link there devoted to stimulus payment information.

"IRS.gov is the best source to separate stimulus payment fact from fiction," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "The Web site has answers to frequently-asked questions, fact sheets and examples. It's updated as soon as new information becomes available."

**FICTION:** The Stimulus Payment will reduce next year's refund.

**FACT:** The payment will NOT reduce refunds or increase the amount owed when a 2008 return is filed.

**FICTION:** The Stimulus Payment is taxable.

**FACT:** It is NOT taxable, but taxpayers are encouraged to keep a copy of the IRS notice they will receive later this year listing the amount of payment. In the event a taxpayer does not qualify to receive the full amount this year but does next year, the notice will be a record of the previous amount received.

**FICTION:** Taxpayers needn't do anything in order to receive a Stimulus Payment.

**FACT:** Taxpayers must file a 2007 tax return in order to be eligible for a payment. After filing a 2007 return, however, the taxpayer is set and the IRS will do the rest.

**FICTION:** Everybody is eligible for a check.

**FACT:** At the minimum, a taxpayer must have at least \$3,000 of "qualifying income" to receive either \$300 (Single) or \$600 (Married Filing Joint). Qualifying income includes Social Security benefits, certain Railroad Retirement benefits, certain veterans' benefits and earned income, such as income from wages, salaries, tips and self-employment. For taxpayers filing joint tax returns, only a total of \$3,000 of qualifying income from both spouses is required to be eligible. Also, for those who don't normally file, a tax return (Form 1040A) will be needed this year to get a check. People with incomes above the phase-out amounts (Payments to higher income taxpayers will be reduced by 5 percent of the amount of adjusted gross income above \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for those filing jointly.), individuals not otherwise

required to file a 2007 tax return with less than \$3,000 in qualifying income, nonresident aliens, persons who do not have a valid Social Security number, individuals who can be claimed as dependents on someone else's return, and individuals who file Form 1040NR, Form 1040PR or Form 1040SS are not eligible for the stimulus payments.

**FICTION:** Only paper checks will be issued.

**FACT:** Direct Deposit is the best way to receive the payment. Eligible taxpayers who choose direct deposit for their 2007 tax year refund will receive their Stimulus Payment the same way.

**FICTION:** The IRS will contact taxpayers either by phone or e-mail about their payments.

**FACT:** Watch for scams! IRS will not contact taxpayers by phone or e-mail about Stimulus Payments or refunds.

The IRS reminds those who don't have any other requirement to file a tax return that submitting a tax return to qualify for the economic stimulus payments does not create any additional tax or trigger a tax bill. In addition, the stimulus payments will not have any effect on eligibility for federal benefits. Complete details are available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).



**PLEASE PARDON OUR MESS—**Haskell City Administrator Brandon Anderson has asked the citizens of Haskell to please bear with workers while they are in the various stages of cleaning up areas in the creek that runs through town. The City has leased this large piece of equipment and is spot cleaning and removing dirt from problem areas in the creek. Included in the plans is to use some of the removed dirt to smooth out the bank for grass seeding, making the area easier to mow and maintain. The City expects to begin repairs on the weirs to increase the water levels, helping with the over all look of the creek. A maintenance program is planned to clean out these areas every three to four years making the look of the creek more pleasing, while helping to prevent flooding during heavy rain events.

## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

### Law Enforcement Update Keeping The Pressure On MySpace

Earlier this year, nearly every state attorney general entered into a cyber safety agreement with MySpace.com, a well-known social networking Web site. Under the agreement, MySpace and the signing states promised to protect children from online predators by working together. Forty-nine states entered into the agreement. Texas was the lone state to abstain.

As Attorney General, I declined to join the agreement with MySpace because we believe it inadequately protects Texas children. Although the agreement marks a step in the right direction, merely promising to work together is not enough. After spending five years investigating, arresting, and prosecuting cyber criminals, we believe that certain concrete measures are necessary to ensure young Texans are protected online.

Protecting Texas children is our top priority. With help from state, federal and local law enforcement officials, we have arrested hundreds of sex offenders. Many of these cases involved criminals who used the Internet to prey on children. Over the last six years, as social networking websites have grown in popularity, dangerous sexual predators have increasingly utilized these sites to pursue their victims.

With more and more young users establishing identifying online profiles on MySpace.com and similar Web sites, we grew concerned that their safety might be at risk. As a result, we pressured Myspace.com and its competitors to employ measures that would protect children from online predators. Those efforts yielded results when

MySpace.com eventually provided our Cyber Crimes Unit a list of Texas sex offenders who established profiles on the social networking Web site. Thanks to valuable assistance from local police and sheriff's departments, we have arrested 23 convicted sex offenders who violated their parole by using MySpace.com.

MySpace.com undoubtedly aided our cyber predator crackdown by providing their data to our Cyber Crimes Unit. But that alone is not enough. Nor, in our view, are the remedial measures outlined in the states' agreement with MySpace.com. The agreement merely memorializes the social networking site's obligation to work cooperatively with law enforcement, but does not delineate any specific steps that MySpace.com must take to protect children.

We do not believe that MySpace.com—or any other social networking site—can adequately protect minors until an age verification system is effectively developed and implemented. While the agreement calls for the creation of an Internet Safety Technical Task Force to explore and develop age and identity verification tools, it does require that MySpace.com institute real age verification. Children can still falsify their profiles, input an inaccurate age and easily become

targets for online predators.

To understand the danger these cyber predators pose to our children, consider John David Payne, a former City of Brenham Water Department employee who was recently the subject of two Cyber Crimes Unit investigations. In the first instance, Payne chatted online with someone he thought was a 13-year-old girl he met on MySpace.com, engaging in graphic sexual conversations with what turned out to be an undercover Cyber Crimes investigator. After Payne's arrest, while out on bond awaiting trial, he used another Internet chat room to sexually proposition yet another undercover investigator posing as an underage girl. And Payne is just one of many sex offenders we have arrested for using the Internet to prey on children. Fortunately, parents need not worry about John David Payne for the time being; he is currently serving a 12-year sentence for his crimes.

Law enforcement must continue pressuring MySpace.com and other social networking sites to improve safeguards that protect children from dangerous predators and inappropriate sexual content online. As Attorney General, and as a parent, I am committed to a Texas that promises a safe, just, and prosperous future for our youngest generation.

## Wildfire evacuations

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co. Texans face extreme danger of wildfire. Wildfire propelled by strong winds can move as fast as 60 miles per hour.

When told to evacuate leave the area immediately. Choose a route that leads away from the fire.

Stay alert to changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke. If you have time to get prepared, shut gas off at the meter and turn off propane tanks.

Wet down your roof and shrubbery within 15 feet of your residence. Park your vehicle facing in the direction of escape.

## Paint Creek ISD honor roll

Paint Creek ISD has released the names of students included on the A and A-B honor rolls for the fourth sixth weeks.

**First grade:** A honor roll, Jr. Bogle, Bailey Hawkins, Dakota Hearn, Natividad Ipinia, Logan Escamilla, Cequin McIlwain, Kyler Rainey, Chase Thompson, Antonio Yanez and Brittany Yanez.

**Second grade:** A honor roll, Cheyenne Elias, Felicity Gentry, Clayton Richardson and Caleb White; A-B honor roll, Audrey Cochran, Chance Hobert and Devery Reed.

**Third grade:** A honor roll, Catherine Lemond; A-B honor roll, Eugenia McTasney and Buddy Trotter.

**Fourth grade:** A honor roll, Destiny Carson; A-B honor roll, Paige Ramirez.

**Fifth grade:** A honor roll, Joey Bosnjak; A-B honor roll, Bryant Booe and Micah Waggoner.

**Sixth grade:** A honor roll, Kadie McCord and Shawn Myers; A-B honor roll, Justin Bailey, Ben Groves, Cody Mayfield, Caitlin Medford, David Powell and Chris Richardson.

**Seventh grade:** A honor roll, Katie Jones; A-B honor roll, Matt Booe, Cheyenne Buerger, River McTasney, Danielle Oliver and Krista Powell.

**Eighth grade:** A honor roll, Caleb McCord; A-B honor roll, Dalton Barnett, Katie Bosnjak, Katrina Buerger, Haley Myers,

Victoria Reid, and Felysha Walker.

**Ninth grade:** A honor roll, Shana Armstrong and Curtis Bishop; A-B honor roll, Briana Wigley.

**Tenth grade:** A-B honor roll, LaCresha Escaila, Britney Martinez, Jeremy McDonalds, Brennan Medford and Brittany Waggoner.

**Eleventh grade:** A honor roll, Lacey Stephens and Caleb Whitfield; A-B honor roll, Cidney Jordan.

**Twelfth grade:** A honor roll, Charlie Myers, Miranda Powell and Rusty Rogers; A-B honor roll, Chandra Ingram and Hali Wolsch.

## Livestock risk management workshop to be held April 14

Texas cattle and forage producers have faced many frustrating conditions over the past ten years. Drought, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) incidents, volatile markets, and rising input costs such as fuel and fertilizer have combined to increase risk levels in the cattle industry. Now, with the cost of corn and feedstuffs, producers are yet again faced with unparalleled input costs. Although cattle prices have stayed relatively high, never has the importance for risk management been higher in the cattle industry.

To assist cattlemen with their risk management skills, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is partnering with the Risk Management Agency of the USDA and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to offer a one-day Livestock Risk Management Workshop. The objective of this workshop is to provide cattlemen an overview of the current market situation and risk management tools approved by the Risk Management Agency and that are available through local crop insurance agents as well as other risk management

programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service. The speakers for this workshop include specialists from both agencies and will cover the current market situation and outlook, the use of the Livestock Risk Protection for Feeder Cattle as a tool for cow-calf operators, and an update on the Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Insurance. Anyone involved in the cattle industry would benefit by attending this workshop.

The workshop is scheduled for April 14 and will begin at 9 a.m. and will end at 3:30 p.m. The location of the workshop will be the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center located 6 miles southwest of Vernon on Highway 70. There is no registration fee for this workshop; however, interested participants do need to reserve a spot. To reserve a spot, you can call either Stan Bevers at 940-552-9941, extension 231 or Janet Case at 940-552-9941, extension 238. You can also reserve a spot by emailing either at [s-bevers@tamu.edu](mailto:s-bevers@tamu.edu) or [jcase@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jcase@ag.tamu.edu) or by going on-line at <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>.

## Don't drive into smoke on the road

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Texans face severe wildfire danger. Monitor TV and radio broadcasts before you get on the highway and check fire and weather conditions as you travel. Watch for highway signs, traffic control personnel and fire fighters.

Slow down and be prepared to stop if they signal you to do so. If you see dense smoke on the road, do not drive into it. Slow down, prepare to stop and turn around. Activate your emergency flashers to warn vehicles behind you. Check for oncoming traffic and make sure you can turn around safely.

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**PRESENT COLORS**—Star Scout Tyler Reese, left, and Life Scout Tucker McCormick presented the colors before the Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday evening, Feb. 28. Both are members of Haskell's Boy Scout Troop 136.

## Students in the News

Ross Bullinger of Haskell graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville during fall commencement exercises held in December with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Animal Production.

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Texas Tech University presented degrees to approximately 1,800 graduated students the fall 2007 commencement in the United Spirit Arena on campus on Sat., Dec. 15 and approximately 5,100 students qualified for either the President's List or the Dean's List in the spring semester.

To make the President's List, a student has to take at least 12 qualifying credit hours and have a 4.0 grade-point average (GPA). Students qualifying for the Dean's List also must take at least 12 qualifying hours and have a GPA of 3.5 to 3.9.

Graduates include Brittany Bird of Haskell, an Exercise & Sport Sciences major, earning a Bachelor of Science degree; James Jeanes of Haskell, a History major, earning a

Bachelor of Arts degree; and, Joshua Webb of Haskell, an Exercise & Sport Sciences major, earning a Bachelor of Science degree.

Named to the President's List was Ross Short of Rochester, a junior, majoring in Interdisciplinary Agriculture.

Named to the Dean's List were:

Teddy Harris of Rochester, a freshman, majoring in Early Childhood and Multidisciplinary Studies;

Morgan Cox of Haskell, a senior, majoring in Exercise & Sport Sciences;

Stephanie Grand of Haskell, a freshman, majoring in Exercise & Sport Sciences;

Lynzie Harlan, a senior, majoring in Multidisciplinary Studies;

Kortney Kupatt of Sagerton, a freshman, majoring in Interdisciplinary Agriculture;

Joanna Lehrmann of Sagerton, a sophomore, Pre-Dental major; and,

Kristen Martinez of Rule, a freshman, Electronic Media & Communications major.

# Haskell CISD receives awards

Claims Administrative Services (CAS) has announced that Haskell CISD, one of more than 470 school districts participating in the CAS workers' compensation Association Plan, recently received the Lowest Loss Ratio Award for maintaining a loss ratio of 0% over the past plan year.

Haskell CISD also received an award for the Best 3-Year Loss Ratio Award for achieving an average loss ratio of 0%.

Haskell CISD was recognized by CAS at its 17th Annual TASA Mid-Winter Luncheon on Jan. 28 in Austin. The district received two \$500 academic awards that can be assigned to two worthy students, presented for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. The CAS workers' compensation

program has assisted Texas Schools in preventing over 22,200 employee injuries since 1991, and CAS estimates that participating districts have saved more than \$288 million in claim costs during that time.

CAS President, Bill Costanza, commented, "Haskell CISD should be congratulated for their commitment to workplace safety and cost control. We at CAS are truly thrilled that clients like this who have participated in our program have seen such a dramatic reduction in injuries and claims cost. At CAS, our number one priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum. Every dollar that a district saves is a dollar that can be used to improve a campus or enrich the learning experience in a classroom."

# Rule ISD receives recognition

Claims Administrative Services (CAS) has announced that Rule ISD, one of more than 470 school districts participating in the CAS workers' compensation Association Plan, has been recognized for maintaining a safe working environment.

"Rule ISD has demonstrated success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace" said CAS President, Bill Costanza. "District leaders should be congratulated for their commitment to workplace safety and cost control. We at CAS are truly thrilled that many clients participating in our program have

seen a reduction in injuries and claims cost. Our number one priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum. Every dollar that a district saves is a dollar that can be used to improve a campus or enrich the learning experience in a classroom."

The CAS workers' compensation program has assisted Texas Schools in preventing over 22,200 employee injuries since 1991, and CAS estimates that participating districts have saved more than \$288 million in claim costs over the past 17 years.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### FAITH DEMONSTRATES THE FUTILITY OF ENVY

Of all the human emotions in our repertoire, envy is perhaps the most destructive of our happiness and spiritual well-being, and is just as unnecessary. The very time we waste in resentment over another's good fortune could be far better spent in counting our own blessings and increasing our own accomplishments. The good Lord endowed each of us with different abilities, and it is

up to us to make the most of them. Wealth can evaporate and good luck reverse itself; however, real peace of mind depends not on transient things but on the knowledge that God loves us equally and asks only that we do our best. Learn this at the church of your choice, and think of the person you have envied as just an example of what you yourself can do.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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Dr. Jim Hefflin, interim pastor  
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600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
Richard Barr, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.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**  
Ron Rennegarbe, 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.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Tom Long, 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.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**  
Father George Roney  
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**  
Phillip Sims, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**  
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**  
Larry White, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

#### Greater Independent Baptist Church

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

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Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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C.C. Curran, pastor  
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Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.  
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Morris R. Johnson, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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#### First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

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Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

#### ROCHESTER

#### Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
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Fred Garvin, pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
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#### Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
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Sagerton

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Curtis Baker, pastor  
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811 Union, Rule

#### First United Methodist Church

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Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;  
Gladstone Ave., Rule

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Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
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#### PAINT CREEK

#### Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek

#### O'BRIEN

#### O'Brien Baptist Church

Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p. Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

## Haskell School Menu

#### March 10-14

#### Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Smucker's PB & J  
**Tuesday:** Lil' chorito bites  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, pop tart  
**Thursday:** Pig in a blanket  
**Friday:** Cinnamon roll

#### Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.

#### Monday:

Pepperoni pizza, corn, baby carrots, ranch, peaches

#### Tuesday:

Beef enchiladas, salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, Spanish rice, tortilla chips, pineapple

#### Wednesday:

Corndogs, macaroni and cheese, baby carrots, ranch dressing, ranch style beans, brownie

#### Thursday:

Sliced turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fruit salad

#### Friday:

Ham sandwich, assorted chips, pickle spears, strawberry or raspberry yogurt

## Paint Creek School Menu

#### March 10-14

#### Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Toast and cereal  
**Tuesday:** Biscuits, gravy  
**Wednesday:** Pancakes  
**Thursday:** Muffins  
**Friday:** Breakfast burritos

#### Lunch

Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, chocolate cake

#### Tuesday:

Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, corn, salad, chips, fruit cups

#### Wednesday:

Ham with mac and cheese, squash, salad, peach cobbler

#### Thursday:

BBQ sandwiches, tater tots, ranch style beans, carrots, rice krispy bars

#### Friday:

Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cheese, chips, pudding

## ECC Calendar and Menu

#### Mon., March 10

Lunch—Chicken spaghetti, English peas, sliced onions, corn, garlic toast, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee

#### Wed., March 12

Lunch—Ham slice, cream potatoes, mixed veggies, cranberries, sliced onions, yeast

#### rolls, orange cake, milk, tea, or coffee

#### Fri., March 14

Lunch—Goulash over rice, sliced onions, blackeyed peas, club spinach, cornbread, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee

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

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**PAINT CREEK ISD BOARD ELECTION INFORMATION**  
The Paint Creek Independent School District is complying with Senate Bill 670, Chapter 17, 80th Legislature, File No. 2007-3398, and Texas Attorney General Opinion No. GA-0535 (2007).

The Paint Creek Independent School District is not in the boundaries with a municipality. The Paint Creek Independent School District currently is scheduled to hold trustee elections jointly with Haskell County Election Administration on the general election for state and county officers, on the November uniform election date in even-numbered years, which was implemented to comply with House Bill I passed in the 3rd called session of the 79th Texas Legislature.

Presently, the trustees are elected to staggered three-year terms in annual elections. In order to comply with Texas Education Code section 11.0581, Texas Attorney General Opinion GA-0535 (2007), and Texas Education



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The Paint Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 907, authorizing changes to trustee election cycles and trustee terms of office for trustee elections of the Paint Creek Independent School District, at a regular school board meeting held on the 18th of February, 2008. 10c

### NOTICE

The City of Haskell is seeking proposals from interested individuals to take over management of the City Pool. This will be a contract management agreement pursuant to a written operating agreement. Please respond with a written proposal to Brandon Anderson, City Administrator, City of Haskell, P.O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521 on or before March 28, 2008. 10-11c

### NOTICE

The City of Haskell will be accepting applications for summer help. We will hire 2-3 young people who will work mainly in the Parks department with mowing and weed eating as well as other maintenance and beautification projects. Interested applicants can pick up an application at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on any weekday. Applications will be set for early April. Starting date and ending dates of employment are negotiable. Applications are due by March 28, 2008. 10-11c

### NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for the Renewal of Private Club Registration Permit and Private Club Beer and Wine Permit by The Belfry Private Club, Inc., located

### Public Notices

at 369 County Road 251, Weinert, Haskell County, Texas.

Officers of said corporation are **David Charles Earle, Director/President; Sandra Mathison Earle, Director/Secretary; and Daniel Martin Earle, Director.** 9-10p

### NOTICE

The City of Weinert will be taking bids on a used Compaq Presario 2256 desktop PC beginning March 10 through Apr. 10, 2008. Mail bids to City of Weinert, Box 248, Weinert, Texas 76388. PC can be seen at City Hall in the North end of Weinert School Building. 940-673-8223. 10c

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS

On March 14, 2008 at 2 p.m., the Board of Commissioners for the Haskell Housing Authority will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Housing Authority's Five-Year Plan and Annual Plan. The meeting will take place in the Community Center located at the Haskell Housing Authority at 702 S. Avenue H, Haskell, Texas.

The draft Plans and all supporting documentation are available to the public for viewing at the administration office of the Housing Authority located at 702 S. Avenue H, on weekdays during the hours of 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

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We would like to thank everyone who brought food, sent flowers and also for those who came to see the family during the loss of Francis. Special thanks to the Haskell Healthcare Center for taking great care of her during her stay there. Special thanks to the Haskell Memorial Hospital nurses and to Dr. Sheets during her stay at the hospital. Special thanks to Doris Walker, Alton Sanders and Marc Thane for the special music. Thanks to Bro. Dan Bullock and Bro. Rob Harrison for the comforting words. Thanks to Holden-McCauley Funeral Home. We appreciate all of you.

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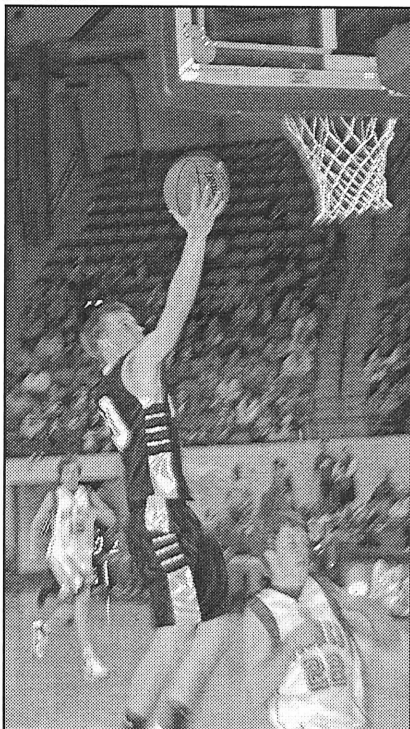
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**THREE POINTS**—Haskell Indian #42 D.J. McCulloch puts up a three pointer in the Region I quarterfinal game against Jim Ned. McCulloch scored 15 points in the Indians' final game of the season.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



**TWO POINTS**—Haskell Indian #20 Travis Adams puts up two points in the last game of the season for the Indians. Jim Ned defeated Haskell 57-45 at ACU. Adams scored 11 points during the game.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## McCulloch named Player of the week

Haskell Indian senior D.J. McCulloch was named honorable mention player of the week by the Abilene Reporter-News on Feb. 26.

McCulloch, post, scored 26 points in the area round game against Brady.

## Indians place fourth at Hamlin

The Haskell Indians competed in the Hamlin baseball tournament held last weekend and finished in fourth place.

They first defeated Hermleigh 13-2 on Thursday. On Friday, the Indians lost 8-1 to Hamlin. Saturday, the Indians lost a close game to Anson, 8-9.

Three Indians were named All-Tournament: pitcher/left fielder, Steven Fillmon; pitcher/third baseman, Clyde Frierson; and designated hitter/pitcher/first baseman, Scottie Rodriguez.

## Jail receives accreditation

Robert Garvey, Chairperson of the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections (CAC), has announced the accreditation of the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center, Emerald Management. The award was presented in conjunction with the American Correctional Association Winter Conference in

Grapevine on Jan. 14. In presenting the award, Garvey, and Gary Maynard, President of the American Correctional Association (ACA), complimented the facility on their professional level of operation and their success in completing the accreditation process. The agency is one of over 1,500

correctional organizations currently involved in accreditation across the nation.

The accreditation program is a professional peer review process based on national standards that have evolved since the founding of the Association in 1870. The standards were developed by national leaders from the field of corrections, law, architecture, health care, and other groups who are interested in sound correctional management.

ACA standards address services, programs, and operations essential to effective correctional management. Through accreditation, an agency is able to maintain a balance between protecting the public and providing an environment that safeguards the life, health and safety of staff and offenders. Standards set by ACA reflect practical up-to-date policies and procedures and function as a management tool for agencies and facilities throughout the world.

The three-year accreditation award granted to the Rolling Plains Jail and Detention Center does not signal the end of their involvement in the accreditation progress. During the award period, staff will work to improve any deficiencies identified during the audit and maintain continuous compliance with the standards.

## Indians end season

The stunning, fast paced Haskell Indians season came to an end slowed by Jim Ned Tues., Feb. 26 in Abilene.

Jim Ned claimed a 57-45 victory over the District 5-2A Champs in the Region I quarterfinal game played at Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum.

D.J. McCulloch scored 15 points and Travis Adams added 11.

## McCulloch to play with All-Stars

D.J. McCulloch, a senior at Haskell High School, has been selected as one of the top basketball players in Texas and invited to participate in the 9th Texas Roundup All-Star game to be held March 22 in Maypearl.

The Texas Roundup, considered one of the state's most prestigious events, selects the state's top 24 boys and 24 girls from Class 1A, 2A and 3A schools. Players selected are

Haskell managed only ten steals during the competition.

Haskell will lose nine seniors with the May graduation including McCulloch, Adams, Derek Agraz, Weston Rutkowski, A.J. Alvarez, Greg Guzman, Stephen Guevara, Aaron Rodriguez and Samuel Bitner.

Haskell posted 30 wins, three losses and tied the best record the school has ever had. Haskell drops to Class A next year.

chosen from hundreds of nominations statewide. Recruiters across the state participate as advisors in the Texas Roundup selection process.

The girls game is scheduled for 3 p.m. followed by the boys game at 5 p.m. Admission to the games is \$5.

Maypearl is located on FM 66, approximately 10 miles west of Waxahachie and 15 miles north of Hillsboro.

## Wildfire tips for farm and ranch

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

Texans face extreme danger of wildfire. Honor the burn ban by prohibiting fires out of doors.

Postpone outdoor burning as long as brush and foliage remain dry.

Keep a fire extinguisher and water handy when working outdoors with equipment that gets hot.

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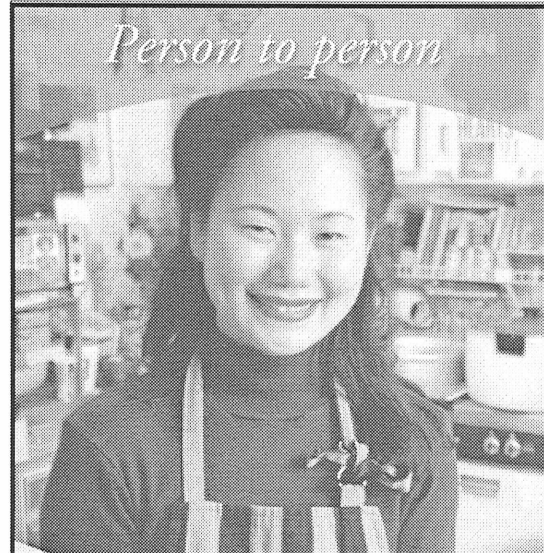
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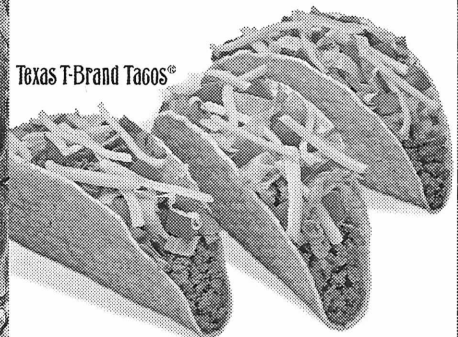
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