

Softball

HASKELL
V vs Stamford
Fri., March 25, 4:30 p.m.
at Haskell
V-JV vs Albany
Tues., March 29, 4:30 p.m.
at Haskell

Baseball

HASKELL
V-JV vs Seymour
Fri., March 25, 2 p.m.
at Haskell
JV vs Hamlin
Sat., March 26, 10 a.m.
at Haskell
V-JV vs Hamlin
Tues., March 29, 5 p.m.
at Hamlin

Track

HASKELL
JH at Merkel
Thurs., March 24 at Merkel
V at Roby Invitational
Sat., March 26 at Roby
PAINT CREEK
JH at Jayton Relays
Thurs., March 24 at Jayton
V at Rolling Plains Relays
Fri., March 25 at Jayton
RULE
JH at Roby
Thurs., March 24 at Roby
V at Jayton
Fri., March 25 at Jayton

Golf

HASKELL
B/G at Haskell Invitational
Wed., March 30, 9 a.m.
at Haskell Country Club
in Haskell

Calendar

Spring Fling

The Noah Project-North's annual "Spring Fling" will be held Sat., March 26, at the Haskell Civic Center. This is the Noah Project-North's main fund-raiser of the year. A ham dinner with all of the trimmings and the famous homemade desserts will be served. The program will be emceed by Brian Burgess. A quartet from McMurry University called the "McMurry Sounds" and the McMurry trumpets of seven people called the "Trumpet Choir" will entertain those attending. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and \$5.00 for children 10 years and under and may be purchased from any Advisory Committee member or at the door. To donate an item for the silent auction, call 864-2551.

Mom prom

Ladies, drag out your old prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses, wedding dresses or borrow one and come to the Camo Chicks Relay for Life fund-raiser Mom Prom, Sat., March 26, 8 p.m. at the Haskell Country Club. Ladies only, no date needed. Come dance the night away to music from the decades, enjoy reminiscing, laughs, snacks and maybe even some prizes. Cost is \$10 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Haskell-Knox County Relay for Life Cancer Walk which is scheduled April 1. For more information, contact Terri Fillmon 940-256-0259.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Homecoming will be held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2011.

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Noah Project Spring Fling Saturday 6 p.m.

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LUMINARIAS-Haskell fifth graders, Riley Hardin, left, and Tyler Johnson are shown with some of the luminarias prepared by the Haskell third and fifth grade students. The luminarias, honoring people who have been touched by cancer and remembering loved ones lost to the disease, will be used during a special ceremony at the Relay for Life event to be held April 1. Luminarias may be purchased for a minimum donation of \$5 by contacting any of the relay teams or from Delight Jones in Haskell. They will also be for sale at the event.

Texas Trash-Off needs volunteers

Fed up with roadside litter and fired up to do something about it? If so, join the thousands of volunteers who will fan out across Texas on April 2 to participate in the state's largest one-day cleanup.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is Texas' largest one-day cleanup event that occurs annually. It is a partnership between the Texas Department of Transportation and Keep Texas Beautiful.

"There is still plenty of

time to register and top the more than 74,000 volunteers we had last year," said TxDOT Travel Information Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "One of the best ways to show your Texas pride is to participate."

Research shows there are approximately 1.1 billion pieces of litter on Texas highways.

The number of people and the amount of traffic continue to rise in Texas so more volunteers are needed to help pick up litter and

debris. Help showcase Texas roadsides and take part in this event.

"Trash-Off continues to grow each year, and we couldn't be more excited about this year's program," said Cathie Gail, Executive Director of Keep Texas Beautiful. "In addition to beautifying our great state, Trash-Off helps educate and change the attitudes and behavior of would-be litterers. The impact of the events has a lasting effect on everyone involved and the state."

Local Adopt-a-Highway groups are being encouraged to sign up their organization through the Abilene District AAH coordinator, Mary Beth Kilgore. She can be contacted at 325-676-6806.

Other interested Trash-Off volunteers can sign up online at www.ktb.org or call 1-800-CLEAN-TX. The registration deadline is March 25.

Last year, 74,100 volunteers collected 8 million pounds of trash and cleaned a total of 6,219 miles of highways.

Emerson attends TMCN workshop

Economic and community development representatives from throughout the region met in Eastland March 16 to sharpen their development skills.

A workshop entitled "Secrets of Economic

Development Unveiled" offered presentations by several E.D. specialists. Topics included economic development programs and assistance available through the Governor's Office; what's new in economic

development; legislative update; prospecting for prospects and how to respond; and legalities that E.D. organization must follow.

The workshop was open to members and guests of the Texas Midwest Economic Development Alliance. The Alliance was formed in 1999 to provide educational and networking support to TMCN cities actively engaged in economic development. The E.D. Alliance is one of

several programs conducted by Texas Midwest Community Network, an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." The regional organization sponsors a number of networking events during the year as well as projects to market the region for business and tourism development.

For more information about TMCN visit the website texasmidwest.org.

April 14 is last day to register to vote for the May 14 elections

April 14 will be the last day to register to vote in the May city election.

To register, you can go by the Tax Assessor/Collector's office located on the first floor of the Haskell County courthouse.

Because there are no contested races for city council in Rule, Rochester, or Weinert, there will be no elections held. The same is true for the Haskell CISD and Rule school districts, no election will be necessary.

Although there are no challengers for the three who have filed for city

council in Haskell, the city of Haskell will still hold an election.

The purpose of the election, is to present propositions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, relating to the Development Corporation of Haskell. The DCOH is seeking a change from a 4A corporation to a Type B corporation, which will expand their scope and allow them more options and opportunities in their efforts for the city.

Early voting begins May 2 and continues through May 10, with the election set for Sat., May 14.



TMCN WORKSHOP-Attendees at the economic development workshop sponsored by Texas Midwest Economic Development Alliance included, l-r, Ken Becker of Sweetwater, Sue Young of Colorado City, Kirstin Smith of Sweetwater, Gary Robinett of Abilene, Wallace Emerson of Haskell and Martha Jones of Aspermont.

City Wide Clean Up May 7-14

The Haskell City Wide Clean Up week will be held Sat., May 7 through Sat., May 14.

The landfill will be open Sat., May 7 and Sat., May 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Landfill hours May 9-12 will be 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fri., May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The City does not have trailers. Personal trailers and trucks hauling loose trash must have a tarp. Bulky items, lumber, tin, etc. must be tied down.

Trailers and loads will be weighed at the landfill on the scales. There will be no charge, but the landfill must record the weight in compliance with TCEQ rules.

Chemicals, tires, batteries, anything containing Freon, asbestos, roofing materials and paint will not be accepted during clean up week.

Bulky items will be picked up if they are by the dumpster, only if arrangements have been made by calling City Hall at 864-2333.

This is a service for the citizens of Haskell who live in the city limits. Those using the service may be asked for proof of residence, such as a water bill.

Landfill to be open Sat., April 2

The City of Haskell Landfill will be open Sat., April 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On the recommendation of the Betterment Committee of Haskell, the City will be opening the landfill for City of Haskell residents periodically throughout the year on Saturdays to allow residents more available weekend hours to clean up. Future dates will be published at a later time.

The annual Clean Up Week will be May 7-14 this year.

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

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

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686

Calendar

Fund-raiser

To raise money for Relay for Life, gourmet coffee and a doughnut will be available for \$1 at the CitiBank lobby in Haskell each Friday through March 25.

Lions Club

The Haskell Lions Club meets at noon on Tuesdays at the Red Rooster. A program is scheduled for Tues., March 29. Potential members are invited to attend.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Deadlines

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

Teamkid

The First Baptist Church of Haskell will host Teamkid "Jumping the Hurdles" for ages four years through sixth grade on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Family Activity Center. If a child needs a ride, parents should call the church office at 864-2581.

Dinner, auction

The Noah Project-North will have their dinner and silent auction Sat., March 26 at the Haskell Civic Center. Those interested in making a donation or providing something for the silent auction should contact Pat at 864-5841, Coleta at 864-8036 or Jeri at 864-3467. An advisory member will collect items around town.

Autism walk

The seventh annual West Texas Walk for Autism will be held April 2 at the Abilene Zoo. Haskell Heroes would love your support. Register on line at www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/westtexas. For more information or to donate, contact Melissa Burson, Tamara Swinney or Jennifer Bridges.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., March 24 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building, 1 N. Ave. N in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 3:30 p.m. by appointment. Please call 325-773-5681 for an appointment.

Josselet reunion

The descendents of Victor J. and Catherine Josselet will meet Sat., April 23 in the Haskell Civic Center. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. for visiting and sharing. If you have had additions or other changes in your family since last reunion(2009), send them to Julia Harrell by April 15 at tti@valornet.com. Meat and beans will be furnished. Salads, vegetables and desserts need to be brought by relatives. This year the auction is planned, so bring goodies of all shapes and sizes. An Easter egg hunt will be held for the children. If you have any questions, contact Gary Thomas, president, Sandy Sanford, vice president, Robbie Harris, or Cathy Bartley.

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

Obituaries

Otilia B. Gonzales



OTILIA GONZALES
Funeral services for Otilia B. Gonzales, 89, of Haskell were held Sat., March 19 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell. Rosary was read

Friday evening. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Gonzales passed away Tues., March 15 in Abilene.

Born Oct. 27, 1921 in Alice, she was the daughter of the late Jose Borjas and Angelita Carron. She married Jose Gonzales Nov. 28, 1942 in Beeville. She was a longtime resident of Haskell and a member of St. George Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jose M. Gonzales and daughter Isabel Alvarado.

Survivors include twelve

children, Andrea Estrada of Weinert, Angie Castillo of Weinert, Jose Gonzales of Indiana, Adam Gonzales of Haskell, Janie Rodriguez of Haskell, Dominga Ozuna of Denton, Virginia Rojas of Denton, Manuel Gonzales of California, Gilbert Gonzales of Wylie, Mary Gonzales of Lavon, David Gonzales of Dallas, and Marla Trevino of Mineral Wells; two sisters, Tomasa Naranjo and Beatrice Gonzales; three brothers, Larry Borjas, Jose Borjas and Eugene Borjas; 31 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren and 16 great great grandchildren.

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Community banks are the lifeblood of small towns

In the past decade, the total number of banks in the U.S. has shrunk by 25%; 50% from two decades ago. Not only are mergers and acquisitions eating away at the industry, new charters are not being sought. When this decade began, we had over 10,000 banks and 57% had assets of \$100 million or less. These small community banks have been hit the hardest with consolidation and now represent just 34% of the much smaller industry.

These are the banks that take the time for your children and grandchildren. In fact, many of us had our first savings accounts in a community bank. They're the banks that sponsor the little league teams and town gatherings. For millions of Americans community banks are much more than a place to cash your paycheck. In fact, based on Sept. 30, 2010 financial data, these smallest banks had 290,000 small business loans on their books. Another 850,000 small businesses hold loans from banks with assets between \$100 million and \$500 million. That's over a million business owners that may not have gotten the help they needed from a larger

bank. Small banks tend to know their customers, the local business community, when to grant a loan...and when not to grant one. They don't need to be squeezed with over-regulation. The fact is, they have better balance sheets than their larger counterparts. The average leverage capital ratio at the smallest banks (assets less than \$100 million) was over 11.5% at Sept. 30, much higher than the 9% industry average. Their risk-based capital ratios are just as impressive as are their nonperforming asset ratios. These are clearly not the banks that threaten our economic well-being. On the contrary, they are the lifeblood of it.

Haskell School Menu

March 28-April 1 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Blueberry muffin, Teddy grahams
Tuesday: Hormel breakfast bar
Wednesday: Cereal, buttered toast
Thursday: Sausage, biscuit
Friday: Donut

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the high school and junior high campuses. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato with cheese and ham. High School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.

Monday: Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, hot roll, rosy applesauce
Tuesday: Lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, garden salad, breadstick, peaches
Wednesday: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, baby carrots, ranch dressing, orange slices
Thursday: Taco salad, cheese, salsa, pinto beans, banana pudding
Friday: Choice: Burger or tuna fish sandwich, baked fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, cookie

Rule School Menu

March 28-31 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Cereal or yogurt, banana
Tuesday: Poptarts
Wednesday: Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, strawberry jam or grape jelly
Thursday: Oatmeal, buttered toast

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Hamburger, oven fries, burger salad, chocolate chip cookie
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, brown gravy, hot roll
Wednesday: Tiny meat loaves, sweet peas, corn cobbette, diced peaches with cherries
Thursday: Baked pork roast, potato salad, ranch style beans, brown gravy, rolls

Paint Creek School Menu

March 28-April 1 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: French toast
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Toast, cereal
Friday: Breakfast pockets

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken fajitas, beans, salad, cobbler
Tuesday: Tacos, refried beans, salad, oranges
Wednesday: Lasagna, green beans, salad, strawberries, peaches, bananas
Thursday: Baked potatoes, ham, salad, jello
Friday: Hamburgers, cheese, pickles, salad, fries, rice krispies

ECC Menu

Mon., March 28

Chicken spaghetti, mixed veggies, garden salad, garlic bread, cherry cobbler, tea or coffee

Wed., March 30

Kraut and wieners, au gratin potatoes, blackeyed peas, cornbread, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

Fri., April 1

BBQ, sausage, onions, pickles, scalloped potatoes, northern beans, white cake, tea or coffee

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

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Brazos West Art Club

Ruth Jackson, accomplished Abilene artist, presented the program for the Brazos West Art Assn. at their March 14 meeting in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Working with pastels, Jackson brought to life a painting depicting the circus. This painting was a preliminary effort prior to creating a very large circus-themed painting. Her work, as well as other artists' works, are in preparation for the upcoming event this spring featuring a combined effort of the Philharmonic, Center for Contemporary Arts, and the Grace Museum. The event is titled "Under The Big Top."

Jackson, and other artists at work will be shown (via video) while various circus music is presented by the Philharmonic Orchestra. This will be held in Grace Museum.

Paintings were also brought depicting her trip to Jordan and Israel. Attendees saw scenes of the Crusaders Castle, Going Down The King's Highway, Rock City, and the Aida Camp-Key City

in Bethlehem. The Key City was a refugee camp where all the women wore their house key around their neck, in hopes of going back home to Jerusalem. In 1949, a huge key was mounted above the city gate in remembrance of all those keys.

Jackson goes weekly to the Abilene jail to encourage the prisoners artistic endeavors. Most are in the 20-30 year range and several are very good portrait artists. Members viewed many examples of their work, which was most impressive. She was coming to Haskell this week, also, to encourage prisoners creating Easter cards. It was a treat to have her come to our club. She is so mission minded, and gives so much of her artistic expertise back to her community, through children as well as adults.

Attending were Martha Spitzer, Betty Berry, Newlyn Beakley, Pansy Harris, Betty Sanders, Jerry Bowers, Joyce Ivy, Peggy Middlebrook, Betty Hook, Laura Bowers and artist, Ruth Jackson.

Hostesses were Sanders and Jerry Bowers.

Long-term care seminar scheduled

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
Planning for your long-term care may seem like a discouraging task, but it doesn't have to be. You can secure your future by knowing your options, planning wisely, and taking action.

A seminar to assist people in planning for long-term care will be held Thurs., March 24 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building. The seminar is free of charge.

Long-term care refers to a variety of services and supports that help you with health or personal care needs over an extended period of time. You may need long-term care if you develop a prolonged or chronic illness, or sustain a serious injury or disability. Long-term care may also be needed if you develop a cognitive impairment that causes memory loss or disorientation, or if you just need assistance due to the normal frailties of aging.

Long-term care services are designed to help you maintain your current lifestyle as much as possible at a time when you may not be able to be fully independent. Most of us think of long-term care as being only for the elderly and those in nursing homes, but that's only part of the story. Forty percent of people currently receiving long-term care services are

adults aged 64 and under. And, most people receive long-term care services either in their own home or in the home of a family member—not in a nursing home.

Determining how you will pay for your long-term care expenses is a crucial part of creating your long-term care plan, but it's just one of many elements to consider. To create a truly comprehensive plan, you also need to consider other things, such as your personal situation, housing, and legal issues. These planning steps can help you make sure you're creating a well-rounded plan of action.

Addressing these issues at the March 24 Long-Term Care seminar will be W.O. Elmore, Senior Care Paralegal. Elmore was a caseworker, supervisor and program manager for 25 years with the Texas Dept. of Human Services Long Term Care Services Medicaid Eligibility program. For the past seven years he has served as the Senior Care Paralegal with The Ladyman Law Office for Senior Planning Services in Abilene.

The program is being sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension-Haskell County, and the Haskell County Memorial Hospital. For more information you may contact Jane Rowan - County Extension Agent/FCS at 940-864-2546 or Charlotte Welch, Director of Nurses at 940-864-2621.

Haskell retired teachers learn gardening tips

The Haskell County Texas Retired Teachers Association met Mar. 16, at the Red Rooster Restaurant.

President Tommye Jo Clark, called the meeting to order. After the minutes were read and approved, Nancy Toliver gave the financial report. She also reminded members that it is time to pay yearly dues. These dues not only help in providing written materials which keep members informed on matters of concern, but they also help provide a voice in Austin for teachers.

The "Health Minute" was presented by Toliver, who stated that with the coming of Spring, we should think fresh fruits and vegetables for the healthiest choice, when planning our meals. She suggested going for color and variety such as dark green, yellow, orange and red fruits and vegetables.

Clark encouraged members to be thinking of ways or causes our local TRTA can give back to the

community. A discussion will be held at the April meeting on this topic.

The program was presented by Debbie Earles of ABC Greenhouse. She not only gave ideas for container planting, but also demonstrated the techniques of planting. She emphasized the importance of the "thriller, spiller, filler" practice when planting in containers. Earles shared the many advantages to planting flowers in containers, as well as essential steps to ensure success with your planting.

The next meeting will be Wed., April 20 at the Red Rooster Restaurant, beginning at 11:30. Don Bridges and Tommie Jo Lindsey will report on the State Convention, as well as updating everyone on the latest developments in the legislative session.

All retired school personnel living in Haskell County are encouraged to come join the local TRTA.

Video contest deadline nears

Big Country Electric Cooperative, in conjunction with Texas Co-op Power magazine, announces the launch of the 2011 Co-op Teens Power Texas video contest, that began Mon., Jan. 31. Texas Co-op Power magazine, distributed to 1.2 million electric cooperative members in Texas, is offering a total of \$4,000 in cash prizes for eligible candidates.

The competition is open to high school students residing with a parent or legal guardian who belongs to an electric cooperative in Texas, such as Big Country EC. Participating students, either working alone or in a group, will create a one- to three-minute video about electricity.

The grand prizewinner will receive \$1,500. If the grand prizewinner's school sponsors the project, the school will receive \$1,000. The second-place winner will receive \$500. Four runners-up will each receive \$250 for exemplary achievement in one

of the four judging categories: creativity, educational value, youth appeal and technical quality.

Deadline for entries is Fri., April 1. Winners will be announced Fri., April 22.

For rules, entry forms and information on how to submit a video, go to www.TexasCoopPower.com and click the Contests link, and then the Co-op Teens Power Texas link.

To see the 2010 winning video submitted by Bryan Texas Utilities member Timothy Jones, go to Texas Co-op Power magazine's YouTube page: <http://www.youtube.com/user/TXCOOPOWER>.

For ongoing updates about the contest, become a fan of Texas Co-op Power magazine on Facebook.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Top officials agree on plan to fix current budget

AUSTIN—A proposal to handle the state's immediate problem—insufficient revenue to meet current obligations—emerged from the Capitol last week.

Gov. Rick Perry's office on March 15 announced that Gov. Perry, House Speaker Joe Straus and Comptroller Susan Combs now agree to close out fiscal year 2011 by taking these actions:

- Moving forward with \$800 million in spending cuts, plus using:
- \$300 million from increased sales tax collections over the last few months, plus using:
- A one-time draw not to exceed \$3.2 billion from the state's \$9.4 billion Economic Stabilization Fund, widely referred to as the "Rainy Day" fund.

Of course, debates and votes on this proposal would need to take place at committee level and then by the full House and Senate.

Now Perry, to emphasize that budget writers won't be able to turn right around and dip into the fund for an instant replay, said he remains "steadfastly committed to protecting the remaining balance" of the fund and will not sign a 2012-2013 state budget that uses the fund. (That budget has a projected revenue deficit of \$27 billion.)

Speaker Straus, said, "Now that most agencies have made substantial cuts from their current budgets, using part of the Rainy Day Fund to pay for the rest of our bills—even as we continue to look for more savings—is the conservative and fiscally responsible way to meet our constitutional duty to balance the budget."

"The Rainy Day Fund was created to help manage just such unexpected declines in state revenue. We will do so while preserving more than \$6 billion in the fund to cover unexpected emergencies in the future," Straus said.

And Combs said, "Sales tax revenue has done well in recent months because of increased business and consumer activity, which will help close the 2011 deficit. And as I mentioned in recent testimony, it is also important to keep the state's future budget needs in mind in our decision making of today."

By resolving the current shortfall, Texas leaders can focus on completing the 2012-2013 budget without raising taxes, Perry's office said.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, applauded recent budget-cutting efforts by the House Appropriations Committee and said he has asked the Senate Finance Committee to reduce

state spending up to \$10 billion in 2012-2013 without raising taxes.

And, on March 17, Dewhurst announced the formation of a new Senate Subcommittee on Fiscal Matters "to find up to \$5 billion in savings and non-tax revenue to balance the budget." The panel will be chaired by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock.

Education funding cuts proposed

The budget-writing House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance Committee have been working on ways to cut the biggest slice of the state budget pie: education.

The Senate panel's proposal would cut about \$4 billion from current levels while the House panel is proposing some \$8 billion in education cuts.

Among many cost-reducing suggestions on the table are increasing the student-teacher ratio, layoffs, unpaid furloughs, discontinuation of various administrative reports and the limiting of high-stakes testing.

Vehicle screening system begins

The Texas Department of Public Safety on March 15 announced it is equipping five of its truck inspection facilities at three separate locations with new commercial vehicle safety technology starting this summer.

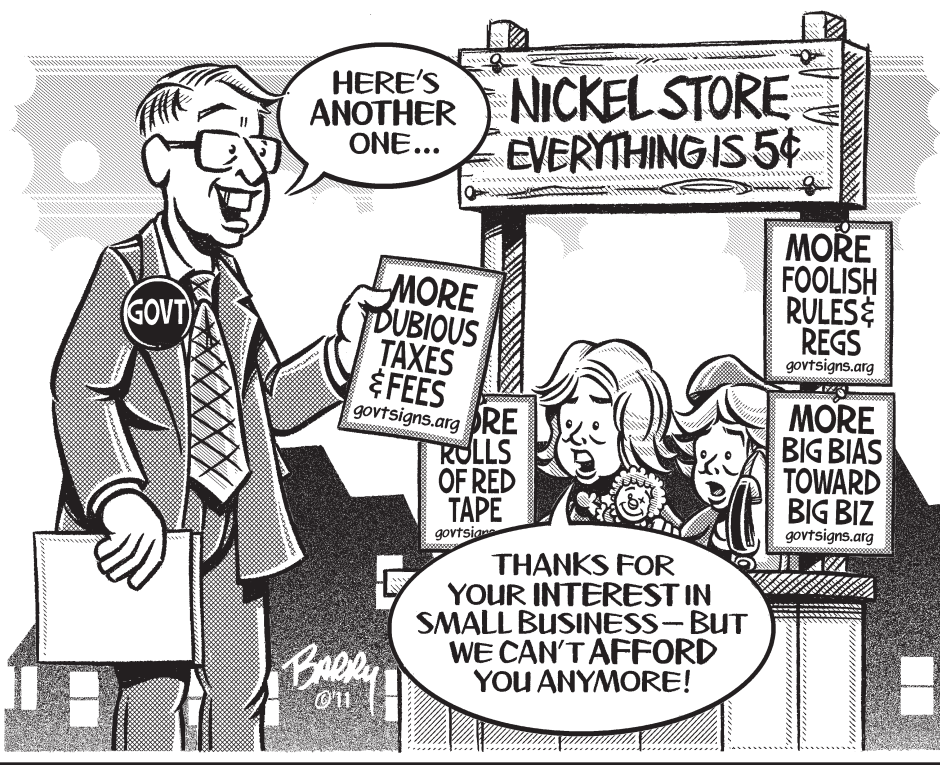
"PrePass," the new technology, enables qualified commercial trucks equipped with transponders to be screened at designated weigh stations. Cleared vehicles can then bypass the inspection facility while traveling at highway speed, according to an agency news release.

DPS Director Steve McCraw said, "By screening commercial vehicles at highway speeds for compliance with Texas safety and credential requirements, we can help our troopers and inspectors focus on those commercial vehicles most in need of inspections."

GOP sets 10th Amendment bills

House Concurrent Resolution 50 was voted favorably from the House Select Committee on State Sovereignty on March 11. There is an identical Senate version, SCR 14. Both resolutions assert a "states' rights" philosophy, which pushes back against federal mandates, such as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed by Congress in 2010.

According to the governor's office, "the resolutions claim sovereignty for Texas under the 10th Amendment, and assert that the 10th Amendment limits the scope of federal power to the powers specifically granted by the U.S. Constitution."



AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

In wake of the earthquake and resulting tsunami that has caused widespread disaster in Japan and some areas of the United States, the Office of the Attorney General is cautioning generous Texans to carefully vet relief organizations before making any charitable contributions.

By doing a little research, well-meaning Texans can ensure their dollars actually help the recovery effort and aid victims—rather than funding fraudulent scams set up to capitalize on a tragedy.

Texans who are solicited for charitable contributions to relief efforts by telephone, text message, e-mail, mail, social networking sites or otherwise should consider the following:

- Ensure the relief organization is legitimate. Ask for credentials, including the soliciting entity's exact name and telephone number, particularly if the purported relief organization is not well known.

- Call the charity directly and confirm that the solicitor is actually working for that organization.

- Watch for questionable charities using names that closely resemble the names of well-known charities.

- Find out how the donation will be used.

- Be wary of appeals that are long on emotion and short on descriptions about how charitable contributions will aid the recovery effort.

- Don't succumb to high-pressure tactics and demands for an immediate decision. A legitimate charity welcomes background checks on their operations.

- Never give a credit card or bank account number to an unknown solicitor.

- Never give cash and never agree to give money to a courier. Write a check to the charity directly—not the soliciting individual—and get a receipt.

For information about specific relief operations currently underway, Texans should contact the American Institute of Philanthropy (AIP). AIP is a national charity watchdog service that assists donors with identifying reliable charitable organizations. Texans should visit their Web site at www.charitywatch.org.

Texans who wish to file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General regarding suspicious e-mail charity solicitations may call the Consumer Complaint Hotline at 800-252-8011 or file a complaint online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 22, 2001

Jacky Sanders of Aledo, was awarded Best of Show for his turquoise two-door 1957 Chevy hardtop, in the 5th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department's Classic Car Show.

Marci Elmore, daughter of W.O. and Mendi Elmore, will travel to Romania, where she will serve on a team of interns with Buckner Orphan Care International.

Elected as Rule High School junior class favorites are Kami Baitz and Kyle Falkner, while Janae Smith and Tony Navarrete were chosen senior class favorites.

20 Years Ago March 21, 1991

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Cadenhead were recognized as the Citizens of the Year, during the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Rusty Stocks, son of Jerry and Betty Stocks, was chosen as a member of the All-Area basketball team. He averaged 22.1 points and 10.8 rebounds per game.

Tamra Burnett, a senior fashion merchandising major at Tarleton State University, has been chosen for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

30 Years Ago March 19, 1981

Two Texas A & M University students from Rule, were recognized as recipients of the Distinguished Student

honor. They are Joseph Brass, a senior aerospace engineering major, and Collen Townsend, a senior health education major.

It was stated in his recent obituary, the organization of the first consolidated rural school in Haskell County was largely due to the efforts of Matt N. Graham, former Haskell County school superintendent. The school, Mattson, was named for Graham and Elmer Watson.

Marsha Whittemore, director of the Experienced Citizens Center, recognized volunteers Viola Tidwell, Slover Bledsoe and Marie Bartley, each with 1000 hours of volunteer service to the center.

40 Years Ago March 25, 1971

Iron Pearsey celebrated his 96th birthday as friends honored him with a come and go party held at the City Floral.

Gery Walters, Kenneth Hilliard and Gerald McDonald, members of the Haskell High School FFA Range and Pasture team, have qualified for the state contest to be held at Tarleton State College.

Eric Whitaker was high pointer for Haskell in the Knox City Relays, by earning 16 points, as well as breaking the meet record for the 880 yard dash.

Weldon Norman of Rule, represented the Haskell County Farm Bureau as a participant in a three day study tour of feedlots and

livestock marketing facilities in the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma.

50 Years Ago March 23, 1961

Jennabeth Weaver, talented junior at Haskell High School, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlos Weaver, has been selected as Haskell's representative at the Bluebonnet Girl's State in Austin.

Officers elected by the Junior High PTA to serve for the coming year are Mrs. Fred Brown, president; Mrs. John Hisey, vice-president; Mrs. Buster Gholson, secretary; and Mrs. Raymond Stiewert, treasurer.

Shelby Jack Harris, native of Haskell, has been promoted to the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

100 Years Ago March 25, 1911

RFD Carrier George Foster bought a new 1911 Wagner motorcycle from local dealer E.E. Marvin. He will use the machine in carrying mail on his route.

W.A. Black, J.A. Bailey and M.S. Shook left for San Antonio to take in the Cattlemen's Convention.

Dr. H.N. Robertson bought a nice drug store at Cleburne. He will move the entire stock and soda fountain to this city.

Quite a crowd of Haskell young people went to Stamford on the 6:40 train Sunday evening, returning the same evening on the 10 o'clock train.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Spring break has come and gone and all of the teachers and students must surely feel rejuvenated and ready to make that final push until school is out. Speaking of school, I noticed in the Abilene Reporter-News that the legislature is considering using some of the money in the Rainy Day Fund to help out with our budget deficit. Hopefully that will alleviate some of the pain that many of our schools were fearing. As we all know, the legislative picture is almost always painted to be much worse than what is written into the final state budget. We'll keep our fingers crossed.

I hope that you are all aware that our HHS girls' softball team is currently ranked fourth in state in class IA. Congratulations to the players, the coaches and everyone else involved in their program. We all need to go to their games and cheer them on. To find their game schedule, go to www.haskellelsc14.net, click on Departments and then Athletics and there you will find the schedules

for Varsity and JV Baseball, Varsity and JV Softball plus RJH and HHS Track. These young men and women and their coaches work hard on a daily basis to be at their peak performance. If possible, we should make every effort to go to their games and track meets and cheer them on to victory for 'Good Ole HHS'!

I am also extremely proud of our band—they won sweepstakes in their competition. That means they earned a #1 rating in marching, sight reading and concert. Having been in the band way back when, I know how much hard work it takes to win sweepstakes. I can remember having to go to marching practice at some totally unreasonable hour in the morning when it was at least -20F (or at least it felt that way) and practicing marching and playing. I'm sure that it wasn't as bad as I seem to remember, but it sure does make a good story for the grandkids.

Now that Spring is upon us, most folks start thinking about cleaning up.

The City of Haskell Landfill will be open Sat., April 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On the recommendation of the Betterment Committee of Haskell, the City will be opening the landfill for City of Haskell residents periodically throughout the year on Saturdays to allow residents more available weekend hours to clean up. Future dates of weekend openings will be posted in the newspapers and in this column. Our annual clean-up week will be May 7-14 this year. Things that will not be accepted at the landfill are chemicals, tires, batteries, anything with Freon, asbestos, any roofing materials and paint. The dates and times for the City Wide Clean-up Week are as follows:

Sat., May 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mon., May 9 through Thurs., May 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fri., May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sat., May 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The city no longer has

trailers for you to borrow. So when you load your trailers and pickup with trash and head to the landfill, they will have to be weighed when you get there, but there will be no charge. The reason that we have to weigh your trailers and pickups before and after dumping is because it is a requirement of the TCEQ. Bulky items will be picked up if they are placed by the dumpster and only if you have made previous arrangements by contracting City Hall at 864-2333. We are only able to provide this service to the citizens in the city limits of Haskell. We in Haskell are very lucky to have a landfill, because none of the towns in the surrounding area have one.

This weather is so tempting—makes me want to go buy some garden and ornamental plants and put them in the ground. However, I'm reminded of the almost always Easter cold snap so guess I better delay for a while longer. (But Easter is later than usual this year).

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March sales tax numbers released

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state's sales tax revenue in February was \$1.75 billion, an increase of 9.7 percent compared to February 2010.

"This is the eleventh straight month that sales tax revenue has increased," said Combs. "Much like in recent months, there were increases across all major sectors including oil and gas activity, manufacturing and retail trade. We will continue to monitor current economic conditions and gauge the effects on consumer and business spending."

Combs delivered \$433.1 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts. Local sales tax allocations are up 7.1 percent compared to March 2010. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are up 7.9 percent compared to the first three months of 2010.

Combs sent March sales tax payments of \$289.4 million to Texas cities, up 6.7 percent compared to March 2010. So far this year, sales tax allocations to cities are up 7.1 percent compared to the same point in 2010. Texas counties received March sales tax payments of \$27.1 million, up 11.1 percent compared to one year ago. County sales tax allocations so far this year are up 13.7 percent compared to a year ago.

The 174 special purpose taxing districts around the state got \$18.2 million in sales tax revenue, up 15 percent compared to last March. Ten local transit systems received \$98 million, up 5.9 percent.

State sales tax revenue for February and March payments made to local governments represent sales

that occurred in January.

The Comptroller's April sales tax allocation will be made Fri., April 8.

Haskell County had a 24.69 percent increase for March 2011 of \$34,837.39 in comparison to \$27,937.22 for March 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$128,070.55 reflect a 33.37 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$96,022.70.

The City of Haskell had a 25.05 percent increase for March 2011 of \$31,608.95 in comparison to \$25,275.50 for March 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$110,707.00 reflect a 26.29 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$87,660.81.

The City of O'Brien had a 32.39 percent decrease for March 2011 of \$333.27 in comparison to \$492.98 for March 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$1,313.22 reflect a 64.55 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$798.06.

The City of Rochester had a 18.5 percent increase for March 2011 of \$397.71 in comparison to \$335.62 for March 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$1,492.52 reflect a 6.00 percent decrease over 2010 payments to date of \$1,587.79.

The City of Rule had a 40.05 percent increase for March 2011 of \$2,344.35 in comparison to \$1,673.82 for March 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$13,943.67 reflect a 157.48 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$5,415.37.

The City of Weinert had a 3.88 percent decrease for March 2011 of \$153.11 in comparison to \$159.30 for March 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$614.14 reflect a 9.53 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$560.67.

ASBDC to help with energy assistance

Local residents facing higher utility bills in the wake of a major cold snap could soon receive some extra help through \$103.7 million in federal energy assistance funds released today by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The funds are expected to help thousands of low income families pay their utility bills and save money for other necessities such as housing, food, and healthcare.

Assistance will be provided to eligible low income households through TDHCA's Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) and its network of 48 local service providers that collectively serve all 254 counties in the state.

Locally, TDHCA contracts with Aspermont Small Business Development Center to provide CEAP services in Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties. TDHCA has notified the agency that it is slated to receive \$780,191 in new utility assistance funds, bringing to \$1.1 million the total amount of funding available to help area low income households meet their energy needs.

"Our energy assistance programs help tens of thousands of our state's neediest households every year, and these new funds will help even more families cope with expected increases in home energy costs throughout the coming months," said Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director. "The Department is committed to continuing our strong relationship with our CEAP network and working to ensure the health and safety

of Texas' most vulnerable residents."

In addition to TDHCA's annual allocation of utility assistance program funds, today's release also included an additional \$2.5 million in emergency supplemental assistance funds. This brings to \$155 million the total amount of CEAP funds available in the state.

The Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program helps eligible households meet their immediate energy needs while learning how to control future energy use through consumer education. In addition to direct financial assistance to help pay the family's highest utility bills, CEAP may also assist with the repair or replacement of inefficient heating and cooling systems, water heaters, and refrigerators.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the funding source for CEAP. Eligible households must earn an income equal to or less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines to qualify for CEAP assistance. To put these income guidelines in context, this amount equals an annual income of \$21,660 for an individual or \$44,100 for a family of four.

For more information regarding utility assistance from TDHCA, call toll free at 877-399-8939 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Callers will be directly connected with the local CEAP service provider serving their community. However, please use a land-based phone when dialing the toll free number; cell telephones will not make this automatic connection.

CRG loan helps Sagerton complete water project

The Sagerton Water Corporation is the recipient of an \$80,000 loan from Community Resource Group (CRG), Inc., a nonprofit community development organization located in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The funds will be used to supplement the cost of a system repair project, and to install two new pressure tanks.

The Sagerton Water Corporation purchases its water from the city of Stamford and has been providing water to the small community of Sagerton for almost 50 years.

"This system was originally constructed with a loan from the Federal Home Administration (FHA) but in 1998 the system board realized that the pump stations and the asbestos water lines needed to be replaced," says Mary Baiza, who is the state coordinator for CRG in Texas. Baiza says the system applied for several grants to make the repairs but didn't receive any outside funding until 2008 when they received a grant

from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA). "Even then," she says, "40 percent of the project had to be completed with volunteer labor and the system's own equipment."

TDRA funds paid for 10 miles of new line, new meters, six borings under the highways and two new fiberglass storage tanks. It also paid for new pumps and motors, electrical system, controls and a disinfection system for the system's two pump stations.

"While the TDRA funds have paid for most of the project costs, the system did have a cost overrun on the project and still needed two new pressure tanks, so I helped them apply for a loan through our organization to cover those costs," says Baiza, whose role is to serve as a technical service adviser and to assist water systems in finding funding for projects like this.

Community Resource Group is a private, 501 (c) 3 nonprofit community development organization headquartered in

Fayetteville, Ark., and is one of six regional organizations around the nation providing technical and loan assistance to rural water/wastewater systems under the national Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP). The mission of RCAP (www.rcap.org) is to help small, rural communities develop or preserve safe, affordable drinking water and wastewater services.

CRG receives funding from various state and federal government contracts to provide technical assistance, at no charge, to rural water/wastewater systems throughout its seven-state service area, which includes Texas. Assistance is focused on improving community and environmental health, complying with state and federal health standards, providing sustainable water and waste disposal services, and improving the capabilities of local leadership to address current and future needs of the water system.

In addition to technical

assistance, CRG provides emergency funding to small, rural water systems through its Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). "Loans like the one to the Sagerton Water Corporation are exactly why our loan fund exists," says Bruce Darr, CRG lending director. "Many times the small systems we work with have special situations like this where either traditional financing isn't available, or doesn't completely cover all project costs."

CRG has been making low-interest loans to small, rural water system projects since 1992. In 2001 CRG became a certified nonprofit lender through the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), as designated by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Since creating its loan fund in 1992, CRG has closed over 320 water and wastewater loans for small communities totaling more than \$23.3 million dollars.

For more information on all of CRG programs visit www.crg.org.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith is the bridge between hope and despair

At times we have all undergone some period of despair, during which our outlook could not have seemed more dismal. It could have come from any number of causes: the loss of a job, a severe financial setback, a protracted illness, the end of a romance, and so on. Some have even contemplated suicide as the only way out of the abyss. Of all times, this is when faith is most important, to

teach us that there is always hope as long as the sun will rise tomorrow morning. Every day should be looked upon as a brand new adventure, where some blessing may await us right around the next corner. Learn this lesson at your house of worship, where God's love and guidance will show you that there is no hopeless situation. Receive hope, all ye that enter here.

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. 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., 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**
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

Mission Revival Center
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

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

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—

First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
Cloviss Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
- 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
Russell Stanley, 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., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Alfa y Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—

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

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Public Notices

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT RENEWAL FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER TPDES PERMIT
NO. WQ0000963000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. AEP Texas North Company, P.O. Box 660164, Dallas, Texas, 75266-0164, which operates Paint Creek Power Station, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0000963000, which authorizes the discharge of once-through cooling water and previously monitored effluent (cooling tower blowdown via Outfall 101) at a daily average flow not to exceed 253,800,000 gallons per day via Outfall 001 and low volume wastewater on a flow variable basis via Outfall 002. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on August 23, 2010.

The facility is located approximately two miles south

of the east end of Farm-to-Market Road 2082, on the northeast side of Lake Stamford, Haskell County, Texas 79521. The effluent is discharged directly to Lake Stamford in Segment No. 1235 of the Brazos River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 1235 are high aquatic life use, contact recreation, and public water supply.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Haskell County Library, 300 North Avenue E, Haskell, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application.**

If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address; phone; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/We] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the propose facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to

the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be added to: (1) the permanent list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.TCEQ.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from AEP Texas North Company at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Emily McCord at 214-777-1381.

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Comisión De Calidad Ambiental Del Estado De Texas

AVISO DE LA SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR PARA EL

PERMISO DEL SISTEMA DE ELIMINACION DE DESCARGAS DE CONTAMINANTES DE TEXAS (TPDES) PARA AGUAS RESIDUALES INDUSTRIALES RENOVACION PERMISO

NO. WQ0000963000 SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR. AEP Texas

Compañía del Norte, P.O. Caja 660164, Dallas, Texas, 75266-0164, que opera Paint Creek Power Station, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) para una renovación del Permiso N ° TPDES WQ0000963000, que autoriza la descarga de agua de enfriamiento (una vez-a través) y efluentes previamente controlados (torre de enfriamiento de la purga a través del Emisario 101) con un caudal medio diario que no exceda de 253,8 millones de galones por día a través del Emisario de aguas residuales 001 y agua de bajo volumen de forma variable a través del Emisario 002. Esta solicitud se presentó a la TCEQ el 23 de agosto de 2010.

La instalación se encuentra aproximadamente a dos millas al sur del extremo oriental de el camino Farm-to-Market 2082, en el lado noreste del Lago de Stamford, en el Condado de Haskell, Texas 79521. El efluente se descarga directamente al Lago de Stamford en el segmento N ° 1235 de la Cuenca del Río Brazos. Los usos designados para el Segmento No. 1235 son el uso de alta vida acuática, recreación de contacto, y el suministro público de agua.

El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha completado la revisión técnica de la solicitud y ha preparado un borrador del permiso. El borrador del permiso, si es aprobado, establecerá las condiciones bajo las cuales la instalación debe operar. El Director Ejecutivo ha tomado una decisión preliminar que si este permiso es emitido, cumple con todos los requisitos normativos y legales. La solicitud del permiso, la decisión preliminar del Director Ejecutivo y el borrador del permiso están disponibles para leer y copiar en en la Biblioteca de Condado de Haskell, 300 North Avenue E, Haskell, Texas.

COMENTARIO PUBLICO / REUNION PUBLICA. Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud.

El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

O P O R T U N I D A D DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO. Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. **A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviados por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso. Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.**

P A R A P E D I R UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU PEDIDO LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS: su nombre; dirección; teléfono; nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y la distancia de su propiedad/actividad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción específica de la forma como usted sería afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; y la declaración "[Yo/nosotros] solicito/solicitamos un/a audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso". Si presenta por parte de un grupo o asociación el pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, debe identificar el nombre y la dirección de una persona que representa al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; debe identificar un miembro del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; debe proveer la información ya indicada anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y la distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; debe explicar como y porqué el miembro sería afectado y como los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

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NOTICE HASKELL COUNTY DEPOSITORY CONTRACT APPLICATION

In accordance with the Local Government Code, Title 4, Chapters 116 and 117, sealed applications from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in Haskell County desiring to enter into a contract as Depository for the public funds of Haskell County will be received in the office of the Haskell County Judge-addressed to David C. Davis, County Judge, Haskell County Courthouse, 1 Ave. D, Haskell, Texas 79521 until 10:00 a.m. April 7, 2011. Any

períodos para los pedidos y comentarios, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y los pedidos para reconsideración o por una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

La Comisión otorgará solamente una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los hechos reales disputados del caso que son pertinentes y esenciales para la decisión de la Comisión sobre la solicitud. Además, la Comisión sólo otorgará una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los asuntos que fueron presentados antes del plazo de vencimiento y que no fueron retirados posteriormente. **Si ciertos criterios se cumplen, la TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso para descargar aguas residuales sin proveer una oportunidad de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.**

ACCIÓN DEL DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO. El Director Ejecutivo puede emitir una aprobación final de la solicitud a menos que exista un pedido antes del plazo de vencimiento de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o se ha presentado un pedido de reconsideración. Si un pedido ha llegado antes del plazo de vencimiento de la audiencia o el pedido de reconsideración ha sido presentado, el Director Ejecutivo no emitirá una aprobación final sobre el permiso y enviará la solicitud y el pedido a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

LISTA DE CORREO. Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o mas de las listas de correo siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos de el solicitante indicado por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico. Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envía por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

Todos los comentarios escritos del público y los pedidos una reunión deben ser presentados durante los 30 días después de la publicación del aviso a la Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or por el internet a HYPERLINK "http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html"

C O N T A C T O S E INFORMACIÓN DE LA TCEQ. Si necesita más información en Español sobre esta solicitud para un permiso o el proceso del permiso, por favor llame a la oficina de Asistencia al Público de la TCEQ, sin cobro, al 1-800-687-4040. La información general sobre la TCEQ puede ser encontrada en nuestro sitio de la red: **HYPERLINK <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us>**

También se puede obtener información adicional del AEP Texas North Company a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando a Emily McCord al (214) 777-1381.

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application received after 10:00 a.m. cannot be considered. Applications timely received will be opened immediately after 10:00 a.m. that morning in the County Judge's office and the depository or depositories will be selected on Monday April 11, 2011 or shortly thereafter. Each application must be accompanied by a statement of the capital stock and permanent surplus of the bank and a statement showing the financial condition of the bank at the date of said application, in addition to all information required by the County's official application form. Applications will include the Trust Funds held by the County and District Clerks of Haskell County. Each application must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$20,195.99, payable to the order of David C. Davis, County Judge, as required by law for a good-faith guarantee that a successful applicant will within 15 days of selection, provide security for the funds to be deposited with the bank. Official application forms will be available in the County Judge's office.

David C. Davis
County Judge
Haskell County, Texas 12c

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HASKELL §

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 2nd day of March, 2011, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 11,629. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District V. Perez, Pete George. Legal description, 1. Lot Six (6), Block Thirty-two (32), Original Town Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 11,632. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District V. Scheets, Minnie, Ind/Heir of Melvin H. Kregger, Deceased, Et Al. Legal description, 2. Lot Six (6), Block Fourteen (14), Brown & Roberts, Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 11,706. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District V. Westmoreland T.E., Et Ux. Legal description, 3. Lot one (1) and two (2) in Block twenty-three (23) of the South Side Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 11,707. Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District V. Kirkland, B.D. Sr. Legal description, 4. A Lot, Tract or Parcel of land lying and being situated in Haskell County, Texas, and being a (80x140) part of Outlot Number Twelve (12) Tract 19, of the Brown & Roberts Addition to the town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. 5. All that certain tract or parcel of land in Haskell County, Texas, and being a (130x140) part of Outlot Number Twelve (12) Tract 18, of the Brown & Roberts Addition to the town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on the 5th day of April, 2011, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 3rd day of March, 2011, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

"All bidders must now display proof of compliance with 34.015 or Texas Tax Code."


Given under my hand this 3rd day of March, 2011.

David Halliburton,
Sheriff,
Haskell County, Texas
10-12c

NOTICE The City of Rule will be accepting sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., April 6, 2011 for the following properties to be sold separately: 405 Union Ave. (old City Hall) and 404 Union Ave. (old Fire Dept.).

For more information, please call Rule City Hall, 940-996-2214. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 10-13c

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Public Notices

SEQ CHAPTER 171 TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT PROPOSED PERMIT NO. WQ0014997001 APPLICATION.

City of Rochester, P.O. Box 186, Rochester, Texas 79544, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed wastewater disposal Permit No. WQ0014997001 to authorize the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 75,000 gallons per day via evaporation. The facility and disposal area are located approximately 3,000 feet north of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 617 and State Highway 6 in Haskell County, Texas 79544. Authorization for disposal was previously permitted by expired Permit No. WQ0011636001. TCEQ received this application on December 8, 2010. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Rochester City Hall, 214 Carothers Avenue, Rochester, Texas.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested**

case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

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4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Rochester at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Greg Hearn at (940) 742-3411.

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Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas AVISO DE RECIBO DE LA SOLICITUD E INTENCION DE OBTENER PERMISO PARA LA CALIDAD DEL AGUA PERMISO PROPUESTO NO. WQ0014997001 SOLICITUD.

Ciudad de Rochester, P.O. Box 186, Rochester, Texas 79544 ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ) para el propuesto Permiso No. WQ0014997001 de disposición de aguas residuales para autorizar la disposición de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no sobrepasa un flujo promedio diario de 75,000 galones por día por medio de evaporación. La planta de tratamiento de aguas domésticos residuales y el área de disposición están ubicados en aproximadamente 3,000 feet del norte de intersección de Mercado de Granja de Calle 617 y Carretera de Estado 6 en el Condado de Haskell, Texas. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el día 8 de diciembre, 2010. La solicitud para el permiso está disponible para leer y copiar en 214 Carothers de Avenue, Rochester, Texas.

AVISO ADICIONAL. El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud es administrativamente completa y conducirá una revisión técnica de la solicitud. Después de completar la revisión técnica, el Director Ejecutivo puede preparar un borrador del permiso y emitirá una Decisión Preliminar sobre la solicitud. El aviso de la solicitud y la decisión preliminar serán publicados y enviado a los que están en la lista de correo de las personas a lo largo del condado que desean recibir los avisos y los que están en la lista de correo que desean recibir avisos de esta solicitud. El aviso dará la fecha límite para presentar comentarios públicos.

COMENTARIO PUBLICO/REUNION PUBLICA. Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO. Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todo los comentarios públicos esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia

administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviados por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso. Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

PARA PEDIR UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU PEDIDO LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS: su nombre; dirección; teléfono; nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y la distancia de su propiedad/actividad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción específica de la forma cómo usted sería afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; y la declaración "[Yo/nosotros] solicitamos una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso". Si presenta por parte de un grupo o asociación el pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, debe identificar el nombre y la dirección de una persona que representa al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; debe identificar un miembro del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; debe proveer la

información ya indicada anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y la distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; debe explicar como y porqué el miembro sería afectado y como los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

Después del cierre de los periodos para los pedidos y comentarios, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y los pedidos para reconsideración o por una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

La Comisión otorgará solamente una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los hechos reales disputados del caso que son pertinentes y esenciales para la decisión de la Comisión sobre la solicitud. Además, la Comisión sólo otorgará una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los asuntos que fueron presentados antes del plazo de vencimiento y que no fueron retirados posteriormente.

LISTA DE CORREO. Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o más de las listas de correos siguientes: (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos de el solicitante indicado por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico.

Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envíe por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA TCEQ. Todos los comentarios escritos del público y los pedidos para una reunión deben ser presentados a la Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 o por el internet at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html o www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html. Si necesita más información en Español sobre esta solicitud para un permiso o el proceso del permiso, por favor llame a la oficina de Asistencia al Público de la TCEQ, sin cobro, al 1-800-687-4040. La información

general sobre la TCEQ puede ser encontrada en nuestro sitio de la red: www.tceq.state.tx.us

También se puede obtener información adicional del Ciudad de Rochester a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando a Senior Gregg Hearn al 940-742-3411.

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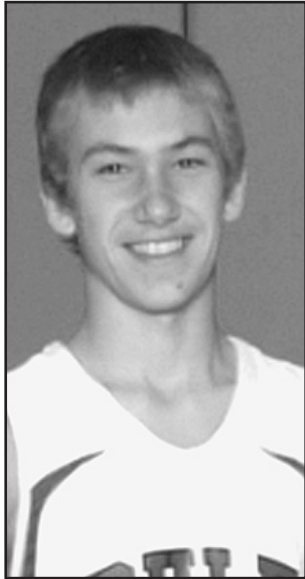
Rule athletes win honors

Five Rule Bobcats and Lady Cats were recently named to the All-District 14-A Division II selections.

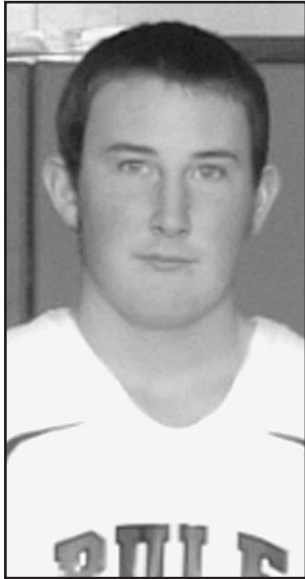
Jenny Dudensing was selected as second team, Amber Polk was selected as first team and Allison Petty was honorable mention All-District for the Lady Cats.

Cade Brown was District 14-A Offensive MVP and Daniel Turner was honorable mention for the Bobcats.

Brown was also selected to the TABC Class A Division II All-Region Basketball team as well as the Texas Six Man Coaches Association Region 3 1st team All-Region squad.



CADE BROWN
Rule Bobcats
All-District Offensive MVP



DANIEL TURNER
Rule Bobcats
All-Dist. Honorable Mention



JENNY DUDENSING
Rule Lady Cats
All-District Second Team



AMBER POLK
Rule Lady Cats
All-District First Team



ALLISON PETTY
Rule Lady Cats
All-Dist. Honorable Mention

Hee Haw starts tonight

The Sagerton Community has begun making preparations for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw, which will be held on March 24-26 beginning at 8 p.m. each evening. Music and singing will begin an hour before the Hee Haw program begins.

The program for Thurs., March 24, is especially for groups. Reservations for group tickets may be made by calling 940-997-2688.

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances may be ordered by calling 940-997-2688 or by coming to 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton,

for tickets.

Plate lunches, sandwiches, and pies will be on sale in the cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sandwiches and pies will be sold on Thursday night.

The price of the tickets is \$5.00 each.

Cancer Support Group offered

Cancer Services Network will offer a six-week educational support group for those interested in learning to live beyond a diagnosis of cancer. Sessions are set for 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursdays beginning March 31 at the Hinds Square Classroom located at 100 Chestnut, Suite 112, in Abilene.

This group is designed for patients, caregivers, family and friends affected by cancer in anyway. In a supportive and interactive environment, this group will focus on the practical, emotional and physical aspects of living with cancer. Topics will vary each week. Week 1: Telling your Story; Week 2: Dealing with Emotions, Thoughts and Feelings; Week 3: Using Spirituality to Cope with a Cancer Diagnosis; Week 4: Communicating with your Family and Loved Ones; Week 5: Communicating with your Medical Team; and Week 6: Coping with the Side Effects of Cancer Treatment.

Aimee Colley, LMSW, social worker at Cancer Services Network, will facilitate the groups. Colley has fourteen years' experience in the area of oncology. There is no charge associated with the support groups. Register by calling 325-672-0040 or via e-mail acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org. This program is made possible by a grant from the Discretionary Grant Cycle of the Community Foundation of Abilene.

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