

Basketball

HASKELL
JVG-VG, JVB-VB vs Stamford
 Fri., Feb. 6, 4 p.m.
 at Stamford
JVB-VB vs Rotan
 Tues., Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
 at Rotan
PAINT CREEK
VG-VB vs Rule
 Fri., Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule
VG-VB vs Woodson
 Tues., Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
RULE
JVB vs Seymour
 Thurs., Feb. 5, 7 p.m.
 at Rule
VG-VB vs Paint Creek
 Fri., Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule
VG-VB vs Lueders-Avooca
 Tues., Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.
 at Lueders-Avooca

Softball

HASKELL
JV-V vs Merkel (Scrimmage)
 Mon., Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
 at Haskell

Calendar

Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Talent show

A talent show is set for Thurs., Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Haskell High School auditorium. To register your talent, contact Melissa Burson at 256-2509 or pick up a form at the Elementary, Junior High or High School offices. Deadline to enter is Feb. 16. Prizes will be awarded to Most Talented (adult 20 years and up); Most Talented (youth up to 19 years); Most Original and Most Crowd Pleaser. The event is sponsored by Haskell Heroes and all proceeds will benefit Autism Speaks. Admission is \$3.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Paul Friske, a noted pastel artist of Abilene, will present a demonstration. All guests are welcome.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell Hospital Education Building, for a program on Home Life & Women's Health. Topics will be shingles, Parkinson, MRSA, osteoporosis and rehab in Haskell County.

After school program

YHQ after school program presents Project Runway, designed for middle and high school students. To register, contact Jesse Medford at 325-733-2879.

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Burn ban in effect

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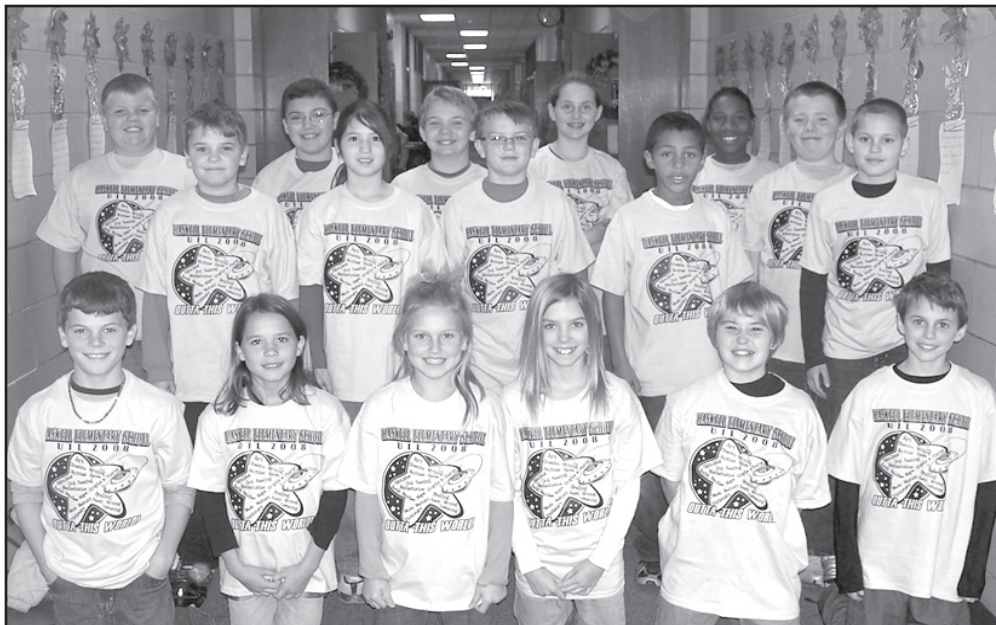
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FIFTH GRADE UIL PARTICIPANTS—Haskell Elementary fifth grade students who participated in UIL events recently include, front row, l-r, Garret Tatum, Nate Hernandez, Andrea Aguliar and Kyra Salas; middle row, Katie McLemore, Taylor Buchanan, Dylan Hanson, Anthony Lerma and Hannah Foster; back row, Morgan Nava-Munoz, Toby Salazar, Kourtney Howard, Pryce Stewart and Jolene Navarette. Not pictured is Harley Foreman.



FOURTH GRADE UIL PARTICIPANTS—Haskell Elementary fourth grade students who participated in UIL events recently include, front row, l-r, Alec Roewe, Kasie Isbell, Ashlyn Bevel, Jacee Guess, Jonathan Primm and Sam Fouts; middle row, Payton Thomas, Briana Rodriguez, Lane Burson, Devon Barrios and Hayden Hudson; and back row, Chase Gibson, Rudy Espinosa, Hayden Leach, Alye Stewart, Tiesha Babcock and Colton Wright.



THIRD GRADE UIL PARTICIPANTS—Haskell Elementary third grade students who participated in UIL events recently include, front row, l-r, Tanner Thomas, Moriah Gasaway, Ariel Martinez, Ariel Wolf, Sarah Fouts and Riley Sloan; back row, Kameryn Mathis, Hollyn Hadaway, Lori Beth Rodgers, Kyler Hoover, Cody Dutton, Dalton Meinzer and Marina Salinas.



SECOND GRADE UIL PARTICIPANTS—Haskell Elementary second grade students who participated in UIL events recently include, front row, l-r, Leann Manske, Daniel Salinas and Tristen Swinney; back row, Grace Colley, Katelyn Hudson, and Whitney Masias.

Elementary students win second at UIL

Haskell Elementary hosted the 2008-09 UIL academic meet for District 13A Zone 1 Thurs., Dec. 11. Approximately 350 second through sixth grade students from Haskell/Rochester Jr. High, Hamlin, Roscoe, Rotan, Stamford and Albany competed in numerous UIL events.

Albany won first place with a total of 548 points, followed by Haskell with 509 points, Stamford with 489 points, Roscoe with 285 points, Hamlin with 240 points, and Rotan with 232 points. "The students, coaches, and parents are to be commended for their hard work preparing for this meet. They represented our school well. Also, the Haskell Elementary staff and PTO did an amazing job hosting the meet. Thank you to everyone for helping make this meet a great success," commented Tonya Cypert, UIL director.

Results include:

Second grade
 Creative Writing: Katelyn Hudson, Daniel Salinas and Leann Manske participated.

Oral Reading: Katelyn Hudson, Grace Colley and Tristen Swinney participated. Whitney Masias was alternate.

Third grade
 Music Memory: 1. Sarah Fouts; 2. Hollyn Hadaway; 3. Moriah Gasaway; 4. Dalton Meinzer; 5. Kyler Hoover. The team placed first.

Oral Reading: 1. Kameryn Mathis. Other participants were Riley Sloan and Lori Beth Rodgers. Cody Dutton was an alternate.

Ready Writing: 4. Ariel Martinez. Other participants were Marina Salinas and Ariel Wolf.

Spelling: 1. Kyler Hoover; 4. Kameryn Mathis; 5. Tanner Thomas. Dalton Meinzer was an alternate. The team placed first.

Fourth grade
 Art: 6. Chase Gibson. Jacee Guess, Colton Wright, Briana Rodriguez and Lane

Burson also participated. Rudy Espinoza served as alternate. The team placed third.

Music Memory: 1. (tie) Chase Gibson and Hayden Hudson; 3. Alec Roewe; 4. Sam Fouts. Ashlyn Bevel also participated. Hayden Leach was an alternate. The team placed first.

Number Sense: 2. Payton Thomas; 3. Chase Gibson; 6. Devon Barrios. Alye Stewart was an alternate. The team placed first.

Oral Reading: 6. Ashlyn Bevel. Also participating were Alye Stewart and Lane Burson. Jonathan Primm was an alternate.

Ready Writing: 2. Hayden Hudson; 4. Alye Stewart; 6. Sam Fouts. Chase Gibson was the alternate.

Spelling: 1. Payton Thomas; 4. Sam Fouts. Kasie Isbell participated. Tiesha Babcock was the alternate. The team placed second.

Fifth grade
 Art: Taylor Buchanan, Anthony Lerma, Harley Foreman and Morgan Nava-Munoz participated.

Dictionary: 3. Hannah Foster; 6. (tie) Garrett Tatum. Harley Foreman also participated. The team placed third.

Listening: 5. Garrett Tatum. Dylan Hanson and Taylor Buchanan also participated. The team placed third.

Maps, Graphs, and Charts: Kyra Salas, Jolene Navarette and Nate Hernandez participated.

Music Memory: 1. Hannah Foster.

Number Sense: 5. Hannah Foster. Kyra Salas and Pryce Stewart also participated. Morgan Nava-Munoz was alternate.

Oral Reading: Dylan Hanson, Katie McLemore, and Pryce Stewart participated. Kourtney Howard was alternate.

Ready Writing: Dylan Hanson, Pryce Stewart and continued on page 6

Pair arrested for drugs in traffic stop

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton reports that on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 29, officers of the Haskell Sheriff's Office and Haskell Police Department and the Haskell County Constable were involved in a traffic stop which resulted in two suspects being arrested for possession of a controlled substance—crystal meth.

The suspects, Jennifer Alexander and Santana Guzman, both of Haskell, were arrested and transported to Haskell County Jail. This is the second time the pair have been arrested and charged with possession. Their first arrest was in Jones County about two months ago. They were out on bond on that charge.

Law enforcement in Haskell County is working

to catch all of the persons dealing in drugs in Haskell or using illegal drugs, according to Halliburton.

Officers request that all citizens of Haskell County report any information concerning illegal activity in the county.

If you have information on the break in that occurred at Sport>About in Haskell or The Belfry in Weinert, contact the Haskell County Sheriff's Office or the Crime Stoppers hot line at 1-800-222-TIPS. The information will be used, not the caller's name.

Halliburton also recognizes Haskell Police Department officer Scott Kennedy for catching a suspect, Richey Colley, who tried to break in to Sport>About early Friday morning, Jan. 30.

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Area basketball scores

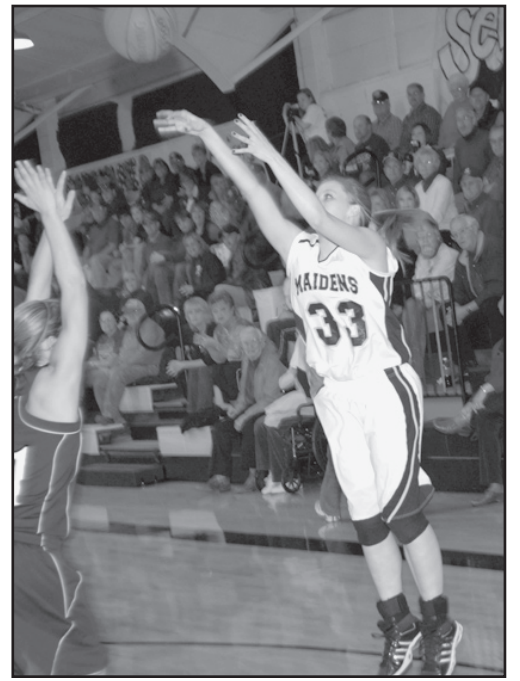
Varsity Girls	Varsity Boys
Haskell 27, Seymour 26	Seymour 39, Haskell 33
Scoring for Haskell: Bassett 10, Rodgers 10, Wallace 5, Rutkowski 2.	Scoring for Haskell: English 11, Marshall 11.
Rule 44, Woodson 36	Rule 53, Woodson 29
Scoring for Rule: M. 14, Sorley 13, Clark 8, Hall Dudensing 18, Muniz 13, J. Dudensing 9, Rowan 4.	Scoring for Rule: Hertel 6, Perales 6, Petty 3, Maran 2, Brown 1.

Players of the week

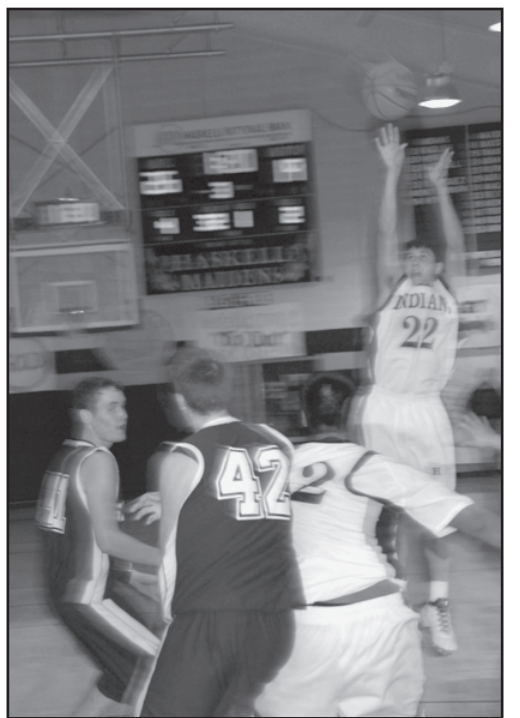
John English, Haskell Indian senior guard, was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Top 10 list again last week.

English scored a combined 42 points in wins over Stamford and Rotan with 13 assists, seven steals, six 3-pointers and a 14-of-18 effort from the foul line.

Austin Marshall, Indian junior guard, was named on the honorable mention list. He had a combined 13 points, 14 boards, six steals, 25 pass deflections in games against Stamford and Rotan.



MAIDEN VICTORY—The Haskell Maidens were victorious over Seymour in a game played Jan. 28. Maiden #15, left, Aerial Thane and #33 Hope Reid, right, send shots toward the basket to help with the win. The score was Haskell 27, Seymour 26. Photos by Bill Blankenship



INDIANS IN BATTLE—The Haskell Indians lost in a game against Seymour played Jan. 28. Indian #32 Simon Rodriguez, left, and Indian #22 Austin Marshall jump to add points to the Indians' tally. The score was Haskell 33 and Seymour 39. Photos by Bill Blankenship

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Quilt show
 Deadline for entries in the Knox Prairie Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show is Fri., Feb. 6. Entry fee is \$2 for each quilt. Entry forms are available from the Munday Chamber office, P.O. Drawer L, Munday, Texas 76371 or by calling 940-422-4540.

Cancer support
 The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the First Assembly of God Church. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Noah Project
 The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee has rescheduled their Dinner/Silent Auction from Feb. 14 to April 4. All donations that have been received will be included in the April 'Spring Fling.' Donations of monetary and other items will continue to be accepted until April 4.

Garage sale
 A community wide garage sale for Autism research will be held Sat., Feb. 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. All treasures are needed. Start cleaning out and donate your items for the sale. Call Melissa Burson 256-2509 for pick up or drop off.

Immunizations
 The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Fri., Feb. 13 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Krispy Kreme
 The Rule Prom Committee will have the pre-ordered Krispy Kreme donuts available to pick up Fri., Feb. 6 at the Rule Gym. Extra donuts will be for sale on a first come, first served basis for \$6 per dozen.

Blood drive
 The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., Feb. 10 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the Haskell National Bank. Call 325-670-2798 for more information.

Obituaries

Alfred E. Green



ALFRED E. GREEN
 Funeral services for Alfred E. Green, 87, of Cisco were held Sat., Jan. 17 at Summers-Chambers Funeral Home

Chapel in Cisco with Ed Watts officiating. Interment was in Nimrod Cemetery under the direction of Summers-Chambers Funeral Home of Cisco. Mr. Green died Wed., Jan. 14. Born July 30, 1921 in Clifton, he was the son of Louella Hanna Green and John Dee Green. He was an auctioneer, rancher, horse trader and trailer dealer for many years. He served in the military during World War II and Korea. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He will

be missed by all that knew him. Survivors include his wife, Doris Ingram Green of Cisco; two daughters, Kay Green of Cisco and Joann Walter and husband John of San Angelo; one son, Michael A. Green of Angleton; two grandchildren, Laci Jo Walter of San Angelo and Paul Green and wife Susan of Idalou; two great granddaughters, Kendi Kay Green and Cassidy Rae Green of Idalou; and two sisters, Margie Fannin and husband Melvin of Rule and Jean Hammer and husband James of Bowie. PD. NOTICE

Elvira Emma Brzozowski



ELVIRA EMMA BRZOZOWSKI
 Memorial services for Elvira Emma Brzozowski, 82, of Gonzales were held Tues., Jan. 27 at the First Lutheran Church of Gonzales with

Rev. Ildiko Rigney officiating. Services were under the direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home of Gonzales. Mrs. Brzozowski went to be with her Lord Sat., Jan. 24. Born Nov. 21, 1926 in Gonzales County, she was the daughter of Herbert and Emma Tuch Voges. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Gonzales, the Morning Circle of the Lutheran, the Gonzales Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Grand Lodge Order Sons of Hermann, Gonzales Elks, and the Pilot's Club of Gonzales. She worked many years for a land and title company. She was preceded in death

by her parents, and a brother, Hubert Voges. Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Laverne Brzozowski of Gonzales and Glenn and Janis Brzozowski of Haskell; six grandchildren, Kenna Lucas, Lea Wyant, Corie Bishop, Brian Brzozowski, Jenny Brzozowski and Maggie Brzozowski; and seven great grandchildren, Vance Lucas, Rudy Espinoza, Gavin Brzozowski, Brayden Brzozowski, Jaxson Bishop, Isabella Brzozowski and Gaige Strickland. Memorials may be made to the First Lutheran Church of Gonzales.

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Haskell group works to help Autism Speaks

by Caron Yates

Unless you have direct ties to an autistic child or perhaps work in the public schools, you may have only a vague recognition of the term autism. However, today one in every one hundred fifty children is diagnosed with autism.

According to Autism Speaks, this disorder was first identified in 1943 by Dr. Leo Kanner of Johns Hopkins Hospital. There are actually five developmental disorders that fall under the spectrum of autism. All of these disorders are characterized by mild to severe degrees of impairment in communication skills and social abilities, and also by

repetitive behaviors. As of now, there are no effective means to prevent autism, no fully effective treatments, and no cure. Autism is a life-long brain disorder and boys are four times more likely to be diagnosed with it than girls.

Finding the cause or causes of autism is one of the most challenging areas for medical science. Because we don't have a clear understanding about what causes autism, finding effective therapies is very difficult.

Research shows that levels of autism appear to be rising, but that may be the result of improved detection, identification and diagnosis.

Some studies indicate there may be a genetic predisposition to autism. Research is also taking place to establish the part played, if any, by environmental factors either prenatally or after a child is born.

Because it is a part of human nature to want to help and protect children, you may be asking, "What can I do?" Here is your opportunity to help. The 5th Annual West Texas Walk for Autism Research fund-raising campaign has been kicked off. An upcoming community garage sale will be held Sat., Feb. 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Donations of merchandise as well as shoppers are needed.

This year Taylor's Team, Will's Walkers and Brice's Buddies have combined to become "Haskell Heroes." According to Melissa Burson, chairperson for the fund-raising, there are several ways you can help. You can join "Haskell Heroes" which includes helping to raise money for the team, getting a team T-shirt and trying to attend the Walk for Autism on April 4. You can also simply give a donation of any amount, or become a team sponsor which starts at \$250. This could be great advertising for you or your business.

Last year's West Texas Walk for Autism, held at the Abilene Zoo, saw an increase in participation of 373% including 2,000 people who walked for the cause. The combined West Texas effort raised \$120,000 for autism research.

As has been proven the case with other diseases and disorders, research is the key to finding effective help for children diagnosed with autism and their families.

Won't you get on board and be a part of the Haskell Heroes team? Burson says, "Any amount of help will be appreciated. We will have several upcoming fund-raisers. This is such a great cause." For more information on how you can help locally, contact Melissa Burson at 256-2509, Tamara Swinney at 256-3584 or Jennifer Bridges at 207-0505. All money raised goes to Autism Speaks, the largest non-profit organization dedicated to autism in the nation.

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Rule 4-H Club collects T-shirts

Texas Clothing Advisory Board members and District 3 4-H are collecting men's heavy weight t-shirts in support of the "Sew Much Comfort" organization.

Last year 4-H collected boxer shorts for the same organization but due to outstanding response, they have plenty of boxer shorts and are in need of t-shirts this year.

"Sew Much Comfort" provides adaptive clothing free of charge to support the unique needs of our injured service members from all branches of the military and National Guard. The needs for adaptive clothing continues to grow as American military members are injured serving their country.

Each week, many wounded military members arrive in the

States from Germany for extensive medical treatment for bullet and shrapnel wounds, burns, head and limb injuries and amputations, while tens of thousands are still in the recovery process. These medical conditions require large fixator, prosthetics and casts that are too bulky to fit under ordinary clothing or underwear.

"Sew Much Comfort" is the only organization providing adaptive clothing in large volumes to attempt to meet those special needs.

Since volunteers have to pay for all their supplies with their own money, the Texas Clothing Advisory Board and District 3 4-H has decided to collect and donate heavy weight t-shirts to "Sew Much Comfort." Volunteers will adapt the shirts to make

them easier for injured service members to wear.

Although this is a 4-H community service project, others who are interested are encouraged to participate.

Plain, heavy weight t-shirts for men of any size will be accepted and delivered to "Sew Much Comfort."

Drop off boxes are located at the County Extension Office in Haskell and at Rule High School. All donations will be delivered to the District Office at the District Fashion Show on April 4. Please deliver your donations by Fri., April 3.

For further information, contact Molly Dudensing, Clothing Advisory Board member, or Jenny Dudensing, District 3 4-H officer at 996-2738 or Jane Rowan, FCS Extension Agent, at 864-2658.

4-H Clubs to meet

The Jr./Sr. 4-H Club meeting will be held Sun., Feb. 8 at the Haskell County Extension Office from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. with a fun lesson in photography. Club members should bring a digital camera, if possible.

Members will go out and take a couple of pictures, and return to the office, put them on the computer and critique them.

The County 4-H Photography project is coming up with a deadline for pictures of March 2. The County 4-H Photography public viewing will begin at 2 p.m. and Awards Program at 3 p.m. on March 8 at the Rochester School Cafeteria.

For more information call the Extension Office at 940-864-2658.

Students in the News

Caleb J. Hudgens, a resident of Haskell, has been named to the fall 2008 Dean's List at Texas State University-San Marcos. To be named to the

Dean's List, a student must earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.50 while carrying a class load of at least 12 semester hours.

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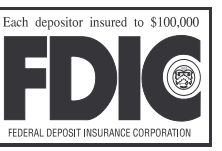
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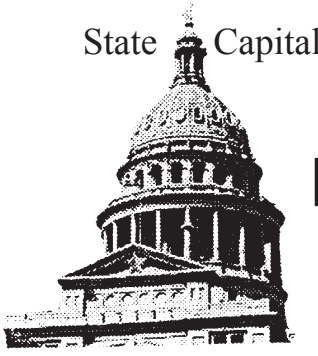
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State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Perry gives lawmakers his list of priorities for next budget cycle

AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry delivered his biannual “state of the state” address Jan. 27 in the House Chamber of the state capitol, during a joint session of the House and Senate.

Despite a sobering revenue estimate, Perry said, the state can still invest in priorities that will help Texans weather the economic downturn.

The governor said his policy objectives include:

- Freezing college tuition for four years at the rate a student pays as an entering freshman.
- Revisiting the business margins tax and to consider raising the small business exemption to \$1 million in an effort to protect small businesses in Texas.
- Emphasizing student performance accountability and funding of teacher incentive and dropout prevention programs like the Texas High School Project.
- Tapping the Rainy Day Fund to pay for critical water needs outlined in the state’s Water Plan.
- Diversifying the state’s energy sources.
- Passing a constitutional amendment limiting the government’s eminent domain authority to traditional public uses.
- Combating transnational gangs.
- Establishing a fund to help local communities prepare for and respond to disasters, such as hurricanes Ike and Dolly, which struck the state last year.

Perry also presented his budget ideas for 2010-11. He suggested:

- Replenishing the state’s economic incentive funds with \$260 million to the Texas Enterprise Fund and \$203.5 million to the Emerging Technology Fund—the state’s most powerful tools for job creation and research and commercialization funding—and \$60 million to the Texas Film Incentive Program, a growing economic resource for the state, which contributed \$102.4 million to the state’s economy in 2008.
- Allocating \$622.5 million to continue and expand teacher incentive and reward programs, including the District Award for Teacher Excellence and Texas Educator Excellence Grant programs.
- Increasing funding for higher education incentives and funding for nursing education.
- Increasing student financial aid with \$110 million for

the TEXAS Grant program; tripling funding for community college financial aid through the Texas Education Opportunity Grant; expanding the Skills Development Fund program to \$60 million for the next biennium; and funding \$10 million for the hospital-based nursing program that leverages partnerships between hospitals and academic institutions to graduate more nurses.

- Allocating \$150 million for a disaster contingency fund for essential needs prior to and following natural disasters, including assisting local communities in recovery efforts.
- Improving border security with \$135 million to continue the state-led border security strategy and to combat the growing threat of transnational gang activity across the state.

Bill links property taxes to pay

Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, filed HB 866, a step toward linking property taxes to a homeowner’s ability to pay.

Villarreal’s bill directs the state comptroller to study and make recommendations for establishing a “circuit breaker” program in Texas to limit the amount of property taxes that may be imposed on a residence based on the owner’s annual income.

HB 866 also instructs the state comptroller to set up a panel of school districts, real estate agents and organizations to make recommendations on establishing the circuit breaker program.

At least 18 other states have circuit breaker programs that limit property taxes on homeowners for whom the tax payments represent a significant portion of their family’s income, Villarreal said.

Bill would expand CHIP coverage

Rep. Ellen Cohen, D-Houston, filed HB 787 to expand the Children’s Health Insurance Program to cover more children.

“Clearly, this expansion isn’t just money well spent; it is a needed investment in the health of Texas children,” Cohen said.

CHIP provides a federal match of \$2.52 for every dollar invested in the program by the State of Texas.

Texas leads the nation in the number of uninsured children and to date has turned away almost \$1 billion in matching funds. In Harris County—Cohen’s home county—one out of every three people do not have insurance coverage.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
February 11, 1999

Dalyn Davon Griffith graduated from Abilene Christian University with a Master of Education degree in School Counseling.

Cub Scout Bears winners of the Pinewood Derby were Weston Rutkowski, first place and Will Brueggeman, second place.

Stephen Kent Holt received a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise and Sports Studies and Mindy Lynn Ballard of Rochester, earned her BSN in Nursing.

George Fouts, a 50 year member of the Haskell Lion’s Club, was honored by the club with a surprise celebration in his honor.

J.J. Comedy and Trey Cheyne were named Basketball Sweetheart and Beau during the Haskell-Electra game.

Haskell students, Rosalinda Gonzales, Shayne McKenzie, Stephen Middleton and Jason Hobgood, visited the Rotary Club.

The family of the late Roberta Williams High of Haskell, accepted the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy Professional Achievement Award in her honor during the school’s annual honors convocation in the Sybil B. Harrington Lecture Center at the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy in Amarillo.

20 Years Ago
February 9, 1989

State Rep. Rick Perry of Haskell announced he had signed as a co-author of House Bill 1, the Worker’s Compensation Reform Act of 1989.

Diana Michelle Jarred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jarred of Haskell, was named to the Dean’s Honor Roll at Wayland Baptist University.

Sharon Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Gray of Haskell and 1987 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, went to Nice, France, as one of the school’s famous six White Horse riders.

Top winners in the Haskell

Bass Club tournament were Charles Adress, Brad Dubert and Mike Martindale.

Jimmy Bilbrey of the Rule 4-H Club exhibited the reserve champion rabbit at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show.

Shannon Wayne Forehand, son of Chesley and Jeannie Forehand of Weinert, was accepted and enrolled in his first semester at Southwestern Oklahoma State University of Pharmacy in Weatherford.

30 Years Ago
February 8, 1979

Kendall Larned was presented a 10 speed bicycle for collecting the third largest amount during Colonial’s Rehab Ranger Contest.

No injuries and only slight damage were reported when a vehicle driven by Nancy Morales slid out of control on icy roads and overturned. Several other minor accidents were reported during the siege of ice.

Dr. Barry L. O’Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy O’Neal, was elected chairman of the Medicine Department of Irving Community Hospital.

Mrs. Wallace Cox was named to the nominating committee, 1979-81, for the West Texas Girl Scout Council.

40 Years Ago
February 6, 1969

Dr. and Mrs. William J. Kemp and Dr. and Mrs. J.G. Vaughtner, all of Haskell, attended a mid-winter dental clinic held at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Dallas.

F.A. Lollar of Anson was the guest speaker at the Haskell County Farmers Union meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vanderworth of Old Glory celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

James Robert Brown of Haskell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Brown, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University.

50 Years Ago

February 5, 1959

Dedication services for the new E.B. Evans School, which replaced the former Central Ward Colored School, were held in the High School Auditorium.

The world’s largest kennel of Bull-Mastiff dogs arrived in Haskell to take up residence in their new quarters on the property owned by Peter Chandor, the kennel’s founder.

Student Youth Council of Haskell High School elected officers were John Sam Rike, president; Joe Bruce, vice president; Bobby Gibson, treasurer and Rebecca Griffin, secretary.

With Wayne Ammons leading the attack, the Haskell High School Indians tripped the Stamford Bulldogs, 50-49, to hand Stamford its first District 6AA cage loss of the season.

The Chamber of Commerce announced six new residents of Haskell were Ira L. Reed, John K. Watson, T.J. Rasco, Glenn Cook, Jack Williams and W.E. Parsons.

100 Years Ago
February 6, 1909

Gene Hickerson of McGregor visited in the home of the G.R. Couch family.

C.L. Jacks made considerable improvement on his restaurant having added cold drinks and confections.

Thomas Sowell accepted a position as bookkeeper for C.M. Hunt & Co.

G.A. Vincent sold his interest in the City Grocery to M.H. Portwood.

F.G. Alexander left for Saint Louis and Chicago to purchase spring and summer dry goods for his stores in Haskell and Munday.

Hardy Grissom left for Saint Louis to purchase the spring and summer goods for the firm of C.D. Grissom and Son. Eva Fields accompanied him and assisted in buying for the women’s department of the store.

Farm Bureau sets Check-Out Week

The week after Valentine’s Day, Feb. 15-21, join the Haskell County Farm Bureau in the celebration of America’s true love—food. Based on Agriculture Department statistics, Farm Bureau’s Food Check-Out Week—seven weeks into the year—marks the date when average Americans will have earned enough income to pay for their entire year’s food supply.

In recognition of this, Haskell County Farm Bureau is commemorating the fact that America’s food supply is the safest and most affordable in the world.

“Even when our economy is feeling pressure, our farmers and ranchers have made possible for all Americans to stretch their grocery dollars and still afford healthy, nutritious food,” said Haskell County Farm Bureau President Charles Gibson. “While costs on most everything we need have risen, our food is still the most affordable anywhere in the world and it is because of the dedication of our country’s farm producers.”

To mark this success, Haskell County Farm Bureau is holding a Food Check-Out event on Feb. 20.

“We remain concerned that some Americans cannot afford to buy the food that they need, but we are proud of the role Texas farmers play in producing the most affordable food in the world,” said Gibson.

There are 21.3 million farms in the nation and about 99 percent of farms are operated by individuals, family partnerships or family corporations.

“I am proud of what we do and hope Americans will join us in celebration of our agricultural success.”

Watch your local newspapers and listen on the radio for the upcoming “Food Check-out Event,” said Gibson.

ECC receives money

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture has awarded approximately \$10 million to almost 200 agencies that serve meals to homebound elderly and disabled Texans. The grants are provided through TDA’s Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program and are funded by the Texas Legislature.

Haskell’s Experienced Citizens Center received \$166,571.

“In these tough economic times, this program makes it possible for home-delivered meal providers to expand their services and feed more hungry Texans,” Commissioner Staples said. “Texas ranks third in the nation for food insecurity, meaning one in five adults and one in four children in our state are hungry, and that is simply unacceptable. With an ever-growing number of seniors and a challenging economy, we must take care of those who spent much of their lives taking care of us.”

The Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program is a result of House Bill 407, passed during the 80th Session of the Texas Legislature. The bill was created to give extra funding to home-delivered meal providers for 2008 and 2009. The grants, based partly on the number of meals eligible applicants served the year prior to applying, can only be used to supplement and expand existing services related to the delivery of meals.

High wildfire danger alert for all of state of Texas

The Texas Forest Service (TFS) is urging citizens across the state to be aware of heightened wildfire danger due to a low pressure front that will drop humidity levels and produce high winds.

Tom Spencer, TFS predictive services department head, said these conditions could lead to wildfires that spread quickly, pose containment problems and

endanger public safety.

Though the state saw some precipitation last week, prolonged drought conditions have not improved. In fact, the freezing temperatures only caused drought-cured grasses to become even drier.

TFS Predictive Services Department forecasts that through the month of February, fuels, such as grasses and trees, are expected to remain critically dry.

Over the past seven days, TFS has reported to five wildfires for 371 acres. According to an online database managed by TFS,

fire departments have reported 163 wildfires for 7,899 acres since Fri., Jan. 30.

Gin Report

Feb. 2, 2009

Haskell

Haskell Co. Gin...8,103 final
Haskell Co-op Gin .12,552 final

O’Brien

O’Brien Co-op ..18,670 final

Rule

Rule Co-op Gin.....8,260

Weinert

Griff’s Gin.....3,700 final
Weinert Gin.....8,301

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BASKETBALL INDIANS MAIDENS



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Christian Myers, John English and Austin Marshall; back row, Simon Rodriguez, Ross Wittenborn, Cody Wyrick and Clint Howard.

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GO INDIANS

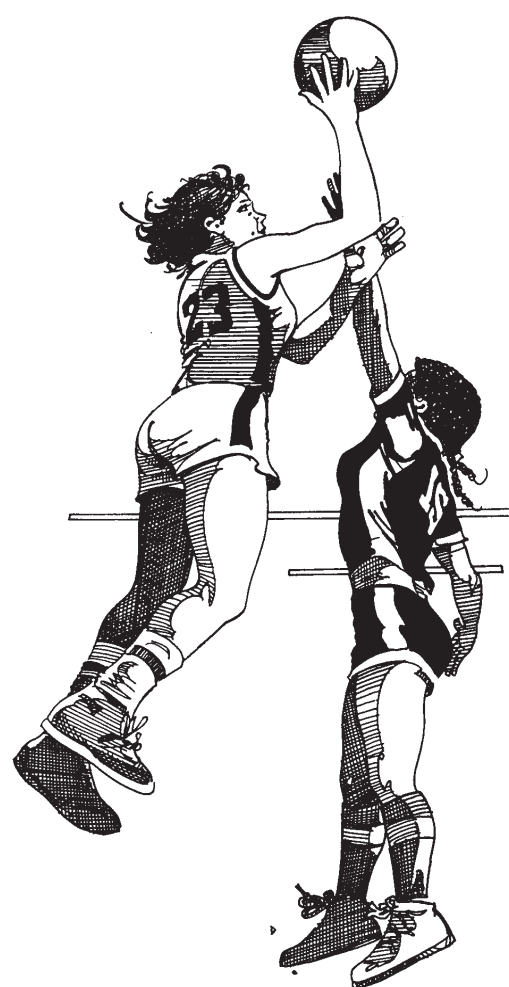
**Fri., Feb. 6, 4 p.m.
JV & Varsity Boys
vs Stamford
at Stamford**

**Tues., Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
JV & Varsity Boys
vs Rotan
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HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, Lauren Newton, Aubrey Bassett, Hope Reid, Aerial Thane and Paige Adams; back row, Briè Torres, Molly Agraz, Miranda Johnson, Lisa Rodgers, Hannah Wallace and Ashton Rutkowski.

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UIL

from on page 1
Hannah Foster participated.
Kyra Salas was an alternate.

Social Studies: 1. Dylan Hanson. Jolene Navarette and Katie McLemore also participated.

Spelling: Kyra Salas, Andrea Aguilar and Pryce Stewart participated. Toby Salazar was an alternate. The team placed third.

Sixth grade
Art: Crissy Bassett, Destiny Billington, Gloria de los Santos and Alannah Luce participated. The team placed second.

Calculator: 2. Crissy Bassett. Hayley Holland and Reagan Hadaway also participated. Reed Lee was an alternate.

Dictionary: Destiny Billington and Shawnee Hill participated.

Listening: 2. (tie) Gloria de los Santos; 4. Rhett Lampe. Abbi Alsbrook participated. Warren Flye was an alternate. The team placed second.

Maps, Graphs, & Charts: 6. Reagan Hadaway. Gloria de los Santos and Breezy Gibbs also participated. Dakota Baumbach was alternate.

Mathematics: 5. (tie) Kade Colley. Alyssa Abila and Reed Lee also participated.

Music Memory: 1. Riley Meinzer; 2. Crissy Bassett; 3. Hayley Holland; 4. (tie) Jacie Klose and Reagan Hadaway. The team placed first.

Number Sense: 4. Alyssa Abila. Kade Colley and Dakota Baumbach also participated. The team placed first.

Oral Reading: Jacie Klose, Destiny Billington and Shawnee Hill participated.

Ready Writing: 1. Alyssa Abila; 4. Breezy Gibbs. Alannah Luce also participated. Crissy Bassett was an alternate.

Social Studies: 2. Kade Colley. Rhett Lampe and Reed Lee also participated. The team placed first.

Spelling: 5. Breezy Gibbs. Riley Meinzer and Jonathan Pedroza participated. Amie Munoz was an alternate.

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 9-13 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Smucker's PBJ
Tuesday: Pretzel roll with egg and cheese

Wednesday: Cereal, animal crackers

Thursday: Breakfast on a stick

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: Frito pie (chili, chips, cheese), pinto beans, salsa, sliced peaches

Tuesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, applesauce

Wednesday: Pepperoni hot pocket, corn, garden salad, fresh fruit

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, green beans, breadstick, mashed potatoes, Valentine cake

Friday: BBQ on a bun, pickle spears, onions, curly fries, ice cream

Rule School Menu

Feb. 9-13 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Cereal

Tuesday: Cinnamon roll, graham crackers

Wednesday: Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, grape and strawberry jam

Thursday: Sausage roll, waffle syrup cup

Friday: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Hot dog with chili, baked beans, pineapple tidbits

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll

Wednesday: Frito pie, lettuce and tomato salad, whole kernel corn, orange smile

Thursday: Salisbury steak, carrots, green peas, warmed bread

Friday: BBQ on a bun, ranch style beans, rosy applesauce

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 9-13 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Pancake on a stick

Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy

Wednesday: French toast

Thursday: Pigs in blanket

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken nuggets,

mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, fruit

Tuesday: Nachos, salad, refried beans, brownies

Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, cobbler

Thursday: Fish, mac and cheese, salad, corn, bread, apples

Friday: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, tater tots, chocolate cake

ECC Menu

Mon., Feb. 9

Lunch—Porkie meatballs and tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, lemon cake, tea or coffee

Wed., Feb. 11

Lunch—Goulash and rice, turnip greens, buttered corn, yeast rolls, jello, cookies, tea

or coffee

Fri., Feb. 13

Lunch—Sauerkraut and sausage, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, sliced onion, choco cake, tea or coffee

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



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to BUY it has never been much trouble. The real problem lies in getting them to take the time to READ it. If you don't already own a copy of this priceless work, obtain one that is appropriate to your faith and start reading it, a little at a time. It will give you a better understanding of your faith; and as a result, your entire life will be a much more rewarding experience.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—
- East Side Baptist Church**
Dr. Jim Heflin, interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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., 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., 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**
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**
Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**
C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, 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
- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.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**
Clovis 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**
Stephania 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., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**
Tom Long, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.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.
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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Rick Rodgers, CPA



WHO MUST FILE A 2008 INCOME TAX RETURN?

Strange as it may seem, the IRS doesn't want everybody to file an income tax return. The reason is simple: Processing tax returns takes time and money. The IRS doesn't want to use its resources handling returns that weren't necessary in the first place.

Who should file a return? The rules for filing 2008 tax returns are straightforward for most people.

Single taxpayers (including those who are divorced or legally separated): If you're under 65 and had gross income of at least \$8,950 in 2008, you must file. If you're 65 or older, the cutoff is \$10,300.

"Head of household" taxpayers (generally, unmarried people who provide a home to a child or other dependent): If you're under 65 and had income of at least \$11,500, you'll need to file. If you're 65 or older, the cutoff is \$12,850.

Married taxpayers filing jointly: Filing is required if both spouses are under 65 and income is at least \$17,900. If one spouse is 65 or older, the cutoff is \$18,950. If both spouses are 65 or older, gross income must be at least \$20,000 to require filing. If you were married but not living with your spouse at the end of 2008, filing is required if you have income of \$3,500 or more, regardless of your age.

Married taxpayers filing separately: If you made at least \$3,500, you must file, regardless of your age.

Different IRS rules govern filing for certain widows and widowers, dependents, those who owe special taxes (e.g., self-employment tax), children under age 19, and aliens.

It's worth looking into your filing requirements. This year you may not have to file at all. If you have a refund coming, you will want to file regardless of your income level. If you need more information or assistance with tax filing, please call our office.

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BIG MOVING SALE Inside: Dining room set, china cabinet, sofa, table, patio set, dishes, decorative items, linens, curtains, too much to list. Starts at 8:30. Friday and Saturday. 1412 N. Ave. K, Haskell. 6p

YARD SALE: 604 N. 3rd St. Apt. 2A. Sat. 8 to 7. Towels, kids clothing, sheets, jewelry, scrubs, VCR tapes, other items. 6p

Real Estate

FOR SALE: Office building, 70'x74' available in March. New roof, AC/heating, handicap accessible, large parking area. Located at 1101 E. Main St., Knox City, Texas. Telephone 940-658-3526 ext. 3. 6-8c

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THE CITY of Haskell is looking for applicants for the following job: Street Laborer. For job description and application, please come by Haskell City Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any weekday. CDL license preferred. The City of Haskell is an equal opportunity employer. Any questions about this job opening can be asked to Brandon Anderson, City Administrator at 940-864-2333. Applications will be taken until an acceptable applicant has been located. 6-7c

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NOTICE

The City of Haskell will be accepting sealed bids for the following 3 properties until February 20, 2009 at noon. All properties shall be bid separate.

H.C.A.D. Property I.D. R03490, Frisco Addition Haskell, Block 42, Lots 10-12 (West Part), acres. 1926 Property Site Address 1400 Block of N Ave A East;

H.C.A.D. Property I.D. R00818, Frisco Addition Haskell, Block 42, Lots 2-3 Property Site Address 1400 Block of N Ave A East;

H.C.A.D. Property I.D. R12184, Brown & Roberts Addition Haskell, Block 29, Lot West 40' by 300' of 1-4 Property Site Address North 7th.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 12:00 noon, February 20, 2009. Bids will be opened at this time and presented and reviewed by the City Council at their Regular City Council Meeting on February 23, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 5-6c

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 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. 5-6c

NOTICE

Haskell County Commissioners' Court will be accepting sealed bids on the following items: Pct. #1: 1981 Cat Dozier D6D with 10 ft. blade, rippers, A/C. See at County

Barn on FM 2407. Pct. #2: 1991 Fruehauf End Dump trailer (34 ft.), decent tires, tarp. See at County Barn in Weinert.

Bids will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. on February 24, 2009 in the County Judge's office in the County Courthouse. 6-7c

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ERNESTINE C. HERREN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ernestine C. Herren were issued on September 30, 2008, in Cause No. 4,381, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: Louisa Herren Archibald.

The address of the Independent Executrix is: Louisa Herren Archibald, 7955 San Gregorio Road,

Atascadero, California 93422.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 2nd day of February, 2009.

Bobby D. Burnett
P.O. Drawer 390
Munday, TX 76371
940-422-4525
940-422-5544 FAX
Attorney for the Estate 6p

PUBLIC HEARING

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