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Calendar

Prayer, fellowship

A prayer and fellowship meeting will be held Sat., Feb. 28 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room beginning at 6 p.m. for a stew and chili meal followed by a prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. Worship in music and prayer for the community, churches and the Round Robin Revival to be held beginning Sun., March 1 will be held.

Round Robin revival

The Haskell Round Robin revival will be held March 1-5 sponsored by the Haskell Ministerial Alliance.

Haskell Heroes

Haskell Heroes will be taking donations and handing out information on Autism at the Haskell Sonic Sat., Feb. 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donations benefits Autism Speaks.

Baskets

Baskets, handwoven in the USA, wrought iron items including furniture and Vitrified Pottery in lots of color choices will be for sale Thurs., Feb. 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the First National Bank meeting room. All proceeds benefit Haskell Heroes and Autism Speaks.

Krispy Kreme

Haskell Heroes will sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts Sat., Feb. 28 at the gazebo on the Haskell square from 7 a.m. until they are gone. Cost is \$6 per dozen. Proceeds benefit Autism Speaks. The West Texas Walk will be held Sat., April 4 at the Abilene Zoo.

Talent show

To enter the talent show to benefit Autism Speaks, call Melissa Burson at 256-2509.

Little Dribblers

Haskell Little Dribblers will kick off their season Thurs., Feb. 26 in the new Elementary gym. Games are on Monday, Tuesday and Friday beginning at 5:45 p.m. Admission is free.

Revival

Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell, will host a revival March 10-13 beginning at 7 p.m. each night. Dr. James Webb, formerly of Haskell, pastor of the New Fellowship Baptist Church in Abilene, will be the revivalist.

One act plays

The Haskell Memorial Civic Center will host a night of One Act Plays Mon., March 9 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. High school students from several area schools will perform. Admission is \$3 per person. A concession stand will be available during intermission of each play. Door prizes will be given away.

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Round Robin Revival set March 1-5

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Local Scouts compete in Pinewood Derby



PINEWOOD DERBY—Cub Scout Pack 136 of Haskell conducted their annual pinewood derby races Sun., Feb. 22. Scouts and adults participating include, front row, l-r, Chris Hall, Payton Thomas, Kyler Hoover, Rudy Espinoza, Dalton Meinzer and Tanner Thomas; back row, Tyke Meinzer Bear leader, Sherri Morrow Cubmaster, Riley Meinzer Boy Scout, Preston Morrow Boy Scout and Joey Thomas Bear leader.

Haskell Cub Scouts Pack 136 held their annual pinewood derby races Sun., Feb. 22.

Overall winner of the race was Dalton Meinzer. Meinzer also had the First Place win in the Bear Division, the Most Aerodynamic Car and the Best Dragster.

Kyler Hoover was the Second Place winner in the Bear division and also had the Most Artistic Car and the Coolest Paint Job.

Tanner Thomas won Third Place in the Bear division and had the Most Unique car and the Most Futuristic Car.

Chris Hall won Fourth Place in the Bear division and had the Most Fuel Efficient car and the Best Block Car.

In the Webelos division, Payton Thomas was First Place winner and had the Best Design and the Most Realistic car.

Rudy Espinoza was Second Place winner in the Webelos division and had the Best Workmanship and Best Theme car.

Helping the Cub Scouts with the races were Boy Scouts Preston Morrow and Riley Meinzer.

Entities now accepting applications for elections

by Caron Yates

Although it seems like such a simple thing, voting gives a voice to each individual citizen. From local to national elections, your vote counts. In just a couple of months, Haskell County citizens will have an opportunity to have their voice heard.

City and school board elections for the county have been set for May 9. Filing applications for city elections in Haskell, Rule and Rochester are currently being accepted, as well as applications for school board positions in Haskell and Rule. No elections are scheduled for Weinert or Paint Creek.

Feb. 7 was the first day to apply for a place on the ballot and March 9 at 5 p.m. will be the last day to file. Early voting by personal appearance begins on April 27 and ends on May 5.

The City of Rochester will have three seats on the city council and the position of mayor up for election. At this time incumbents Malinda Teague, Betty Ruth White, John Hicks and Mayor Marvin Stegemoeller have filed for reelection. Applications may be picked up at Rochester City Hall.

In the Haskell city election the three two-year term council seats of Chan Guess, Randy Bowers and Sue Medford are open for election. Early voting will take place at City Hall during regular office hours. In addition, extended hours of 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on April 28 and 29 will be available for early voting.

Voting on election day will also take place at Haskell City Hall.

The Haskell CISD has three positions up for reelection. Voting on May 9, for single member district #4 currently held by Susan Turner, will be in Rochester. Voting for single member districts #5, held by Terri Klose, and #7, held by Steve McGuire, will be at City Hall in Haskell. All three positions will be for three year terms. Filing applications, as well as early voting will be received at the

Haskell school administration office. In order to vote in the Haskell CISD school board election, you must live in the single member district for which you are voting. Information as to which member district you are eligible to vote in, is found on your individual voter registration card. Additional information for voters and their corresponding single member districts is available at the school administration office.

In the Rule city election, there are three council

seats open, including the councilman which oversees the fire department, one which oversees roads and streets and the seat which oversees the sewer plant.

Two full term places will be up for election on the Rule school board. Places held by Rod Petty and Ray Don Campbell will expire.

Voting on election day for the city council and school board will take place at Rule City Hall and applications may be picked up at the Rule Superintendent's office.

To vote in the election,

voters must present their voter certificate, driver's license, personal identification or form of ID containing one of the following: a photograph, birth certificate, a copy of a utility bill, a bank statement, a government check, paycheck or government document that shows the name and address of voter.

Voting is a privilege that many Americans take for granted, but it is also a responsibility we should all take seriously. Be sure to cast your vote this election.



AREA CHAMPS—The Haskell Maidens took the Area Championship title by defeating Cross Plains 29-26 Fri., Feb. 20. Team members are front, l-r, Lauren Newton, Reagan Hadaway and Hannah Wallace; back row, Coach David Middleton, Paige Adams, Miranda Johnson, Brië Torres, Molly Agraz, Lisa Rodgers, Ariel Thane, Hope Reid, Ashton Rutkowski, Aubrey Bassett and Coach Nikki Thompson. The Maidens faced Roscoe for the Regional Quarterfinal title Tues., Feb. 24. Results of the game were not available at press time.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

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AREA TITLE WIN—The Haskell Maidens advanced to the Regional Quarterfinal level of play after taking the Area Championship title by defeating Cross Plains 29-26 Fri., Feb. 20. Haskell Maiden #33 Hope Reid, left, and Maiden #45 Lisa Rodgers, right, are shown adding points to the Maidens' total. The Maidens faced Roscoe in the Regional Quarterfinal bid Tues., Feb. 24. Results of the game were not available at press time.

Photos by Bill Blankenship

Haskell CISD lists honor rolls

Haskell CISD has released the names of the students listed on the A and A-B honor rolls for the fourth six weeks of school. Included are:

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Garrett Brueggeman, Lisa Hibbitts and Krista McLemore; A-B honor roll, Ryan Baumbach, Lynna Billington, Claire Carmicheal, Manuel DeLeon, Sara Duncan, Jamie Flye, Shelby Glover, Adrian Hernandez, Jasmine Klose, Kymbree Kupatt, Andrew Rodriguez, Mackenzie Thomas, Laycee Tullos, Sasha Walker and Zach Wyrick.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Leslie Crosson, Codi Foster, Arabella Garcia, Angelica Gonzalez, Cheslee Hearn, Denise Hibbitts, Meagan Kimbrough, Marissa

McGhee, Nathan Meredith, Ricky Molina, Jessica Rodriguez, Ashlee Short, James Wittenborn and Crystal Wright; A-B honor roll, Kelsie Adams, Amber Allen, Bailey Fillmon, Candice Hill, Harley James, Garrett Miller, Christian Myers, Rebeca Ortega, Dawn Skinner, Pamela Walker and Sara Weise.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Lealonnie Alvarez, Aubrey Bassett, Veronica Benton, Brooke Bullinger, Jordan Burson, Ethan Frierson, Miranda Johnson and Lisa Rodgers; A-B honor roll, Dustin Andersen, Andrew Benton, Sonya Camacho, Gideon Carmichael, Kimberley Glass, Tsz Ling Kong, Cody McLemore, Ashley Meier, Fabio Meier, Tyler

Reese, Scottie Rodriquez, Shambrie Rodriquez, Denise Schonberger Shelby Still, Saphron Torres, Kayce Wilcox., James Williams and Lasse Windeck.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Paige Adams, Molly Agraz, Jordan Bartlett, Kimie Hutchinson, Lauren Newton, Samantha Rodriguez, Thomas Rodriguez, Ashton Rutkowski, Shayla Session and Aerial Thane; A-B honor roll, Miranda Ashley, Pedro Castillo, Haley Chavez, Seth Chavez, Tsz Nga Chueng, John English, Laura Garcia, Shelby Hagle, Claire Isbell, Brittney Martinez, Jonathan Martinez, Michael Moore, Hope Reid, Rocio Reyes, Ruben Robledo, Jacob Rodriguez, Selina Rodriguez and Hanna Wallace.

Jordan Davis.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Joey Bosnjak and Micah Waggoner.

Seventh grade: A honor roll, Kadie McCord; A-B honor roll, Justin Bailey, Cody Mayfield, Shawn Myers and Seth Rock.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Katie Jones; A-B honor roll, Cheyenne Buerger, Travis Cox and Danielle Oliver.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Katrina Buerger, Caleb McCord and Haley Myers; A-B honor roll, Dalton Barnett, Katie Bosnjak, Daren Johnson and Felysha Walker.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Shana Armstrong; A-B honor roll, Curtis Bishop and Denton Reed.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Sina Lafere; A-B honor roll, Brittany Waggoner.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Samantha Lopez, Jens Schoemaker, Lacey Stephens and Caleb Whitfield; A-B honor roll, Ariel Blair, Amber Gilbreath, Cidney Jordan and Brett Siegfried.

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Obituaries

Gene Leon Wells



GENE WELLS

Funeral services for Gene Leon Wells, 85, of Paint Creek were held Fri., Feb. 20 at the Haskell Church of Christ with Rev. Jacob

West officiating. Burial was in Howard Cemetery in Haskell County under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mr. Wells died Tues., Feb. 17 in Rochester.

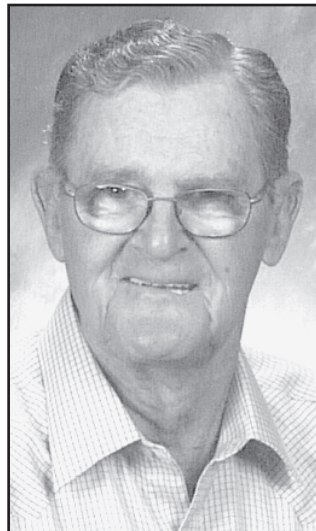
Born June 1, 1923 in Haskell County on the family farm, he was the son of the late W.F. and Ola Windsor Wells. He was a lifetime resident of the Paint Creek area and graduated high school in Paint Creek in 1942. He served in World War II in the Philippines and Luzon and took part in the occupation of Japan. He was a member of the American Legion Post 221 in Haskell and the Veterans of Foreign

Wars Post 9179 in Stamford. Gene was a Staff Sergeant in the 11th Airborne Division. He was a farmer and member of the Haskell Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Layne Wells and Windsor Wells; and one sister, Oleta Bailey.

Survivors include his son, Charlie Wells of Haskell; one brother, Wayne Wells of Haskell; one sister, Christine Bruton of Haskell; special friends, David and Diana Simmons of Haskell, Steve Simmons of Peacock and Crystal Trotter of Haskell; three nieces, two nephews, two great nephews and one great niece. PD. NOTICE

Clois Kirby Thomas



CLOIS THOMAS

Funeral services for Clois Kirby Thomas of Haskell, 77, were held Tues., Feb. 24 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Bro. Greg Gasaway and Bro. Tom Long officiating. Burial was in

Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Born July 17, 1931 in Haskell, he was the son of the late Mary Ethel Kirby Thomas and John Judson Thomas. He married Donna Ruth Grimsley Nov. 25, 1950 in Weinert. He worked as a farmer for 60 years. He was a member of the Oddfellows IWOFF, was on the Board of Directors of Haskell Co-op Gin, was a Haskell County Precinct 2 Election Judge, a member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Donna Thomas of Haskell; daughters, Vicki Diane Pittman and husband Roy of Lubbock, Teresa Karen Hudsbeth and husband Paul

of Weatherford; son, Gary John Thomas and wife Reda of Haskell; grandchildren, Eric Allen Pittman and wife Brooke, Jensen Cole Pittman, Andrew Thomas Hudsbeth, Amy Renee Hudsbeth, Jillian Hope Thomas, Eden Brooke Thomas and Micah James Thomas; brother, Clyde Thomas of Pasadena; sister, Christine DuBois of Magnolia; many extended family and a host of dear friends.

Memorials may be made to the Ben Ritchie Boys Ranch of Abilene, 501 Executive Drive, Abilene, Texas 79602; First Baptist Church, 301 North Avenue E, Haskell, Texas 79521; First United Methodist Church, 201 North Avenue F, Haskell, Texas 79521 or the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Mildred Irene Bean



MILDRED BEAN

Funeral services for Mildred Irene Bean, 83, of Levelland were held Tues., Feb. 24 at First Assembly of God in Levelland with Pastor Robert Burns and Rev. Leland Lewis of Pampa officiating. Burial was in City of Levelland Cemetery under the direction of George Price

Funeral Home, Levelland.

Mrs. Bean went to be with her Lord and Savior Sat., Feb. 21 in Levelland.

Born April 8, 1925 in Hugo, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Bert and Florence Baze. She was raised in Paris, Texas and then later moved to the West Texas area. She married Albert Bean March 27, 1943. She was an active member of the Assemblies of God wherever she resided, serving as Sunday School teacher, Missionettes leader, Women's Ministries Director and as the church secretary-treasurer. She was a hairdresser by occupation and owned her own shop called Bean's Beauty Bar in Levelland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bert and Florence Baze; a daughter,

Charlotte Ann Bean; brother, Curtis Baze and sister, Oneata Hicks.

Survivors include her husband, Albert Bean of the home; three daughters, Darlene Lewis and husband Leland of Pampa, Mary Stucks and husband, R.C. and Brenda Hubbard and husband James, all of Odessa; son, Steve Bean and wife Anita of Haskell; two sisters, Ruth Hicks and husband Loyce of Paris, Emma Chumley of Maybank; brother, Ira Base and wife, Georgia of Seminole; seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Vista Care Hospice, 1717 Norfolk, Lubbock, Texas 79416 or the First Assembly of God, P.O. Box 1054, Levelland, Texas 79336. PD. NOTICE

Julia Dávila Galindo

Celebration services for Julia Dávila Galindo, 91, of Arlington were held Wed., Feb. 25 at Iglesia Bautista El Calvario, Haskell with Rev. Arturo Flores and Rev. Domingo Ozuna officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery.

Mrs. Galindo died in the early hours of Feb. 21 in Arlington.

Born Jan. 6, 1918 in Hondo, she was one of twelve children born to Francisco and Ramona Davila. She married Martin Felix Galindo May 18, 1934 in Sinton. The couple had seven children. For a number of years, they worked and traveled throughout the state of Texas and surrounding states as migrant workers. In the late 1940s, they settled in Haskell where along with her sister, Matilde Sotelo and other members of the community established and organized Iglesia Bautista El Calvario in the early 1950s. She never waived from her basic belief in God and her everlasting faith in what she believed as a Christian. She instilled in her

sons and daughters a strong sense of individual responsibility, work ethic and community participation through the church. She spent her last years in Denton and Sanger.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and siblings, Manuel, Juan, Hilario, Eugenia, Martin, Fabián, Matilde, Lupe, Herineo, Hipolita and Alejandro.

Survivors include three daughters, four sons and spouses, Martha Rodriguez, Yolanda Gonzalez, Joann Galindo and Francisco Basilio, Guillermo and Maria Galindo, Armando and Candelaria Galindo, Almo and Marta Galindo and Joe Henry and Christina Galindo, all of Dallas and Denton; 26 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Gavino Sotelo, Sam Sanchez, Randy Rodriguez, Danny Rodriguez, Fernando Contreras and Francisco Basilio. PD. NOTICE

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Students in the News

L.J. McCulloch and Matthew Bowers, both Haskell natives, received honors at Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

McCulloch and Bowers were named to the Honor Roll List for the fall semester of 2008.

Students must earn a 3.5-3.64 grade point average to be named to the Honor Roll.

Food Handlers' Course Set March 9

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County
Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

at risk include young children, pregnant women, the elderly, and the chronically ill. That is why it is important to follow the safety guidelines. Texas AgriLife Extension-Haskell County will be conducting a Food Handler's Course Mon., March 9. The course is targeted at non-profit groups that prepare and serve food to the public. This would include groups such as churches, school organizations that operate concession stands, or an organization that is a one-time, seasonal, or non-profit that serves food. The March 9 course will be held at

the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building at 2 p.m. and repeated at 6 p.m. Individuals or groups who prepare and serve food to the public will want to attend this two hour class. The course will be a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure you serve

safe food. The course is free of charge. To pre-register or for more information contact Jane Rowan-County Extension Agent/FCS at the Haskell County Extension Office, 940-864-2546. You may also register on-site the day of the course.

T-shirts sought to benefit wounded military members

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.

Sagerton's annual Hee Haw set March 26-28

The Sagerton Community is preparing for the thirty-ninth production of the Sagerton Hee Haw to be held March 26, 27 and 28, beginning at 8 p.m. each evening. Music and singing will begin about 7 p.m. each evening. Larry LeFevre is the director and Dickie Greenwood is in charge of the music. The whole community is involved in some capacity for the evenings' entertainment. Proceeds from the Hee Haw go for scholarships for each graduating senior on the Sagerton mail route, upkeep of the community center and community projects. The Hee Haw program for Thurs., March 26 is especially

for groups. If a group is interested in tickets on group night, call 940-997-2688 for more information. Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances will go on sale Sat., March 10, at 9 a.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. After the completion of ticket sales at the Community Center on March 10, orders may be placed by calling 940-997-2688 or at 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton. Sale of tickets is limited to 10 tickets per person sold on March 10. Tickets are \$5 each. Plate lunches, sandwiches, and pies will be available in the cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. when the cafeteria will be closed.

Art Club hosts artist Paul Friske

The Brazos West Art Association met Feb. 9 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Paul Friske, noted Abilene artist, gave the demonstration. Friske has received many awards in the art community and has many paintings in several art galleries. Using pastels, he painted a handsome rooster in a garden setting. Roho, the rooster, looked so handsome one could almost hear the hens a-clucking. Being the regal ruler of the henyard, he exhibited a royal air. Hostesses Bobbie Harrison and Barbara Fouts served delicious refreshments to Betty Berry, Adaline Laird,

Doris Reeves, Marsha Whittemore, Henrietta Strauss, Nelwyn Beakley, Betty Hook, Gayle White, Peggy Middlebrook, Jennie Lyckman, Friske, the guest artist, and Cynthia White. The Brazos West is one of the best known secrets of the area. The club endeavors to expose the townspeople to well known artists and their works. You only have to have an interest in the arts and do not have to "draw a straight line" as we are often told. Not many towns the size of Haskell have an opportunity like this. All guests, young and old, are welcome to come for a relaxing event and experience some amazing talent.

Quilt Show set Feb. 28

The 14th annual Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show is set Sat., Feb. 28 at the Munday Elementary School Gym from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Munday. The theme is "Grandma's Attic Treasures." Lots of quilts will be on display, vendor

booths, door prizes and more. The Cotton Pickin' Cafe will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. serving chicken spaghetti. The show is sponsored by the Munday Chamber of Commerce.

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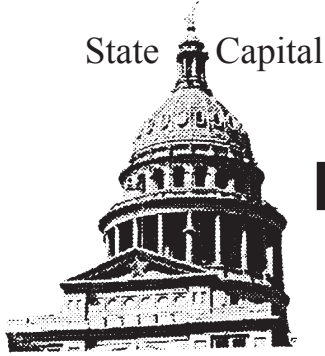
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State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Lawmakers, executives must decide how to spend federal stimulus dollars

AUSTIN—President Barack Obama on Feb. 17 signed H.R. 1, the economic stimulus package, and Gov. Perry took pen in hand to write the president a letter that made it clear he was against the stimulus before he was for it.

Other Republican governors expressed misgivings about accepting the money, but it appears most state chief executives will accept their states' share of the \$787 billion package after all.

Texas' share is estimated at \$17 billion, which includes about \$5 billion for Medicaid and almost \$4 billion for public and higher education.

"On behalf of the people of Texas," Perry wrote, "please allow this letter to certify that we will accept the funds in H.R. 1 and use them to promote economic growth and create jobs in a fiscally responsible manner that is in the best interest of Texas taxpayers. I remain opposed to using these funds to expand existing government programs, burdening the state with ongoing expenditures long after the funding has dried up."

Perry went on to express pleasure in meeting President Barack Obama in Philadelphia, and said, "I appreciate your concern for the Texans displaced by Hurricane Ike."

On the subject of Hurricane Ike recovery, Perry on Feb. 17 announced he asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to waive or extend for 180 days the deadline to file proof of loss requirements for flood insurance policyholders whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Ike.

Perry said that currently, policyholders are required to file proof of loss by March 12, but an extension would allow Texans the same amount of time to file their claims as was allowed following Hurricane Rita in late summer 2005.

"With so many Texas homes suffering flood damage related to Hurricane Ike and so many families who have not yet been able to rebuild, a deadline of March 12 is unrealistic," Gov. Perry said. "I urge FEMA to waive or extend the deadline so that Texans with flood insurance have adequate time to file their claims."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Feb. 18 said he and his staff have started looking at the federal economic stimulus bill, a 1,100 page document. He said lawmakers should be

wary about relying on one-time payments from the federal government.

Speaker Joe Straus appointed a House Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding.

Child protection bills are filed

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith on Feb. 19 joined forces to advance state and federal legislative efforts to protect young Texans from child predators.

"With sexual predators increasingly using new technology to prey upon children, it is critical that law enforcement stay ahead of the criminals," Abbott said.

"Innovative legislative responses to high tech crimes are vital to the ongoing success of our crackdown on cyber predators and online child pornographers. Thanks to creative legislative initiatives at both the state and federal levels, law enforcement will have the legal tools we need to help protect Texas children."

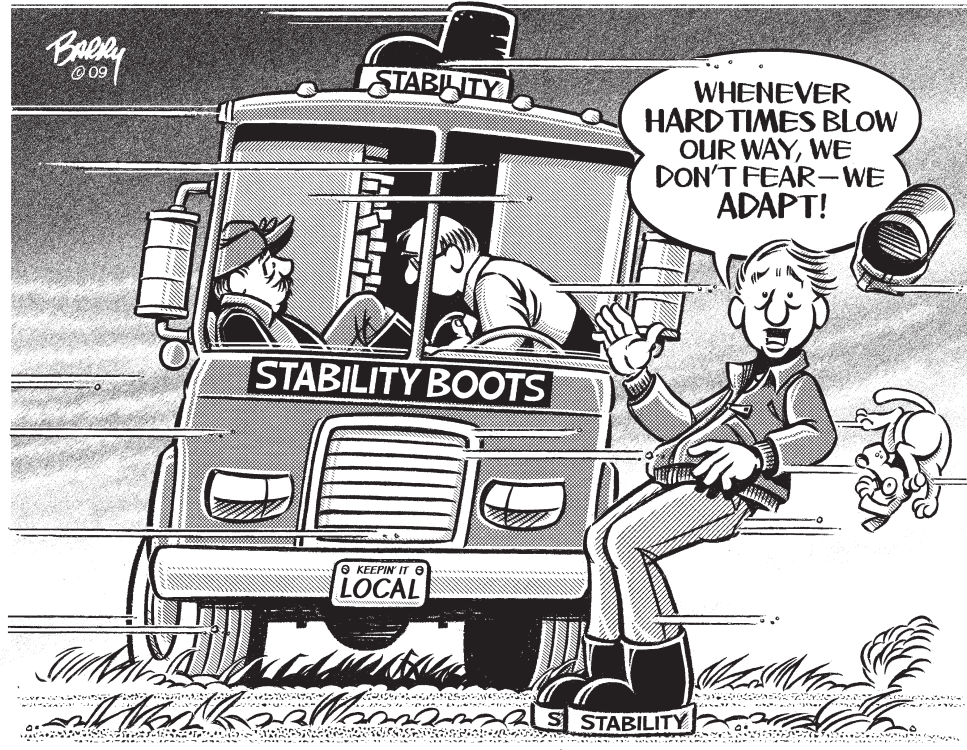
Abbott expressed support for SB 689 by state Sen. Florence Shapiro and HB 1239 state Rep. Aaron Peña, legislation embodying recommendations he made last fall. The bills would require that convicted sex offenders provide their e-mail addresses, mobile telephone numbers, social networking aliases and other electronic identification information to the Department of Public Safety's sex offender registry.

Cornyn, Abbott's predecessor as attorney general, sponsored the Internet Stopping Adults Facilitating the Exploitation of Today's Youth (SAFETY) Act of 2009 in the U.S. Senate and Smith, a former Texas legislator, sponsored companion legislation in the U.S. House.

Health agency takes over recall

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Feb. 20 announced would take over the recall of products shipped from Peanut Corporation of America's Plainview plant after getting no response from the company to a Feb. 12 recall order.

Manufacturers, distributors and retailers believed to have received products from the company in 2008 are being notified of the recall by DSHS food safety personnel and asked to take appropriate action to protect consumers. DSHS is hoping to find additional customer lists from prior years in the company's records.



Crime of the Week

An arson fire set during the night of Feb. 22 caused over \$200,000 damage to Anson City Park.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Anson Police Department, is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons involved. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the crime stopper tip line at 800-222-TIPS or text CRIMES TIPS630.

All calls are anonymous. Remember—We want your information, not your name.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 4, 1999

Ken and Nelda Lane were named Citizens of the Year at the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Jason Hobgood signed the offer of acceptance to attend West Point Military Academy.

The Haskell Girls Golf Team won first place in the Anson tournament.

Eunice Amonett celebrated her 92nd birthday.

Boys named to District 23-A All-District First team were Michael Hertel, Cody Tibbets and Josh Smith of Rule; Michael Adkins, Cody Byrd and Eric Aguilar of Rochester; Jodie Reel and Blayne Davis of Paint Creek and Tyler Carroll of Benjamin.

20 Years Ago March 2, 1989

Trina Fry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fry of Rochester, was named to the Class A Academic all-state volleyball team.

The Texas Chief's Model Airplane Club held the first fun fly of 1989 with loops for time were Jim Cottingham, first; Brandon Cottingham and Kip Nemir, tied for second and Mark Bailey, fourth.

Holli High, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle High,

graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish with an English minor.

E.L. and Bernice Hilliard were in Odessa where they attended the 25th annual Permian Basin Square and Round Dance Festival.

In the bi-district game, the Indians crushed the Early Longhorns, 86-44, to vault into the area playoffs.

30 Years Ago March 1, 1979

Charles Thornhill was congratulated by incoming Chamber of Commerce President, J.A. Carroll, after Thornhill was named the outstanding citizen of 1978 by the Chamber.

Doyle High of The Drug Store participated as a working cowboy during the 11th annual trail drive sponsored by the Haskell Livestock Auction.

Jackie Tomlinson of Corpus Christi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beauchamp of Haskell, was one of the six hygienist selected to serve on the Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee.

County Extension Agent Joan James and Carol Weatherly, observed the solar eclipse in Haskell. It was the last eclipse visible on this continent until 2017.

Marvin Phemister burned his Lazy P Brand into the Haskell County oak panel of the Kleberg Center at Texas A&M University during special ceremonies held for Texas Farm Bureau officials.

Horrace Whitfield was among forty-five volunteers who attended the Red River Red Cross Bloodmobile in Haskell.

40 Years Ago February 27, 1969

Mrs. Gene Tonn retired as secretary of the Haskell County Farm Bureau.

Mike Abbott was announced minister of Haskell Christian Church.

Troop 36 members receiving Eagle badges were Walton Wooten, Jackie Young, Jr., David Dodson, Mike Warren, Pat Dulaney, Robin Medford, James McCoy, Danny Smith, Vernon Pruett, Ed Walling and Bobby Cobb.

Diann Cadenhead, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J.F. Cadenhead of Haskell, was among sixty-four students from twenty-nine college campuses selected to serve as Baptist summer missionaries.

50 Years Ago February 26, 1959

Robert R. King, superintendent of Haskell, was unopposed as nominee for

District Governor of Rotary International, District 579.

New member of the staff of the local work unit of the soil conservation service was Travis W. Herring of Lometa, soil conservationist. He succeeded John Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. W.B. McMillin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Oma Jones, pastor of the Weinert Foursquare Church, returned from the 36th International Church of the Foursquare Gospel held in Los Angeles.

100 Years Ago February 27, 1909

The Haskell Board of Trade had meetings and prepared to send a committee to confer with Rock Island Railroad officials in regard to making a contract on the extension of the railway from Jacksboro to Haskell.

H.M. Rike, vice president of the Farmers National Bank, attended the banker's convention in Fort Worth.

J.J. Jenkins of Shreveport, Louisiana visited Haskell for several months with his wife and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt of Merkel are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Hunt.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Beware Dietary Supplement Scams and 'Miracle' Health Claims

Since the frontier days, when popular legend has it that so-called snake oil salesmen roamed Texas in covered wagons, slick scam artists have tried to make a living selling "miracle" cures to common ailments. Aided by the Internet and direct marketing schemes, that timeless profession still thrives today. So Texans should keep an old adage in mind before they open their wallets: if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Texans hoping to lose weight without good nutritional habits and exercise, or cure an ailment without a doctor should think twice before spending their hard-earned money on unproven products, treatments or devices. The odds are that their shortcut will cost more and deliver less than a conventional method.

Products that promise a

quick fix to problems such as weight loss, diseases or perceived body imperfections are particularly popular among scam artists. To avoid wasting their money, Texans should seek advice from healthcare professionals.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), health fraud scams often target individuals who are overweight or have serious, incurable conditions such as cancer, AIDS or arthritis. Unfortunately, desperate customers are most likely to fall prey to marketers that boast of products with sophisticated-sounding ingredients like enzymes, amino acids and even common herbs.

One well-known defendant sold 15 products nationwide with names such as Altovis, Enzyte, Mioplex, Numovil, and Suvaril. The company used advertising gimmicks like the "Smiling Bob" Enzyte

commercial and others that resembled advertisements for genuine, FDA-approved drugs. "Free product trials" were offered to get customers' private information, which it later used to ship products and bill consumers without their consent. After investigating the situation, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) filed an enforcement action and the company agreed to stop the deceptive trial offers.

Any weight-loss product that purports to shave off pounds while customers eat excessively is false and misleading. Losing weight requires taking in fewer calories or burning more calories through exercise (or both). The same applies for supplements—none can cure arthritis or cancer, and certainly not in five days. Texans should be cautious of any claims stating that dietary supplements can shrink tumors, cure insomnia or prevent memory loss. For companies to legitimately make such claims, they must follow the FDA's pre-market testing and review process required for new drugs.

In other cases, over zealous marketing companies will overstate an otherwise legitimate product's ability to cure a common ailment. For example, Airborne Health, Inc., marketed its dietary supplements as over-the-counter remedies for

illnesses. But, the FDA, which is charged with approving and regulating drugs—including over-the-counter products—has not recognized any Airborne product as a drug. The OAG joined with more than 30 other states and pursued Airborne for improperly marketing its products and overstating their medicinal qualities. The states reached an agreement with Airborne, and the company agreed to refrain from claiming that its dietary supplements cure or prevent diseases.

Texans may be throwing away hard-earned money, or in some cases exposing themselves to health risks by using unregulated, unproven, non-FDA-approved products and supplements. Consumers should also be aware that some vitamins and minerals, if consumed in excessive quantities, can also cause health problems. To actually protect their health and well-being, customers should read all labels and package inserts, follow directions, check with healthcare professionals and exercise regularly.

To report a health product that Texas consumers believe is being advertised falsely, contact the FTC toll-free at 877-382-4357 or online at www.ftc.gov and click on "File a Complaint Online." Texans can also file a complaint with the OAG by calling 800-252-8011 or visiting www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

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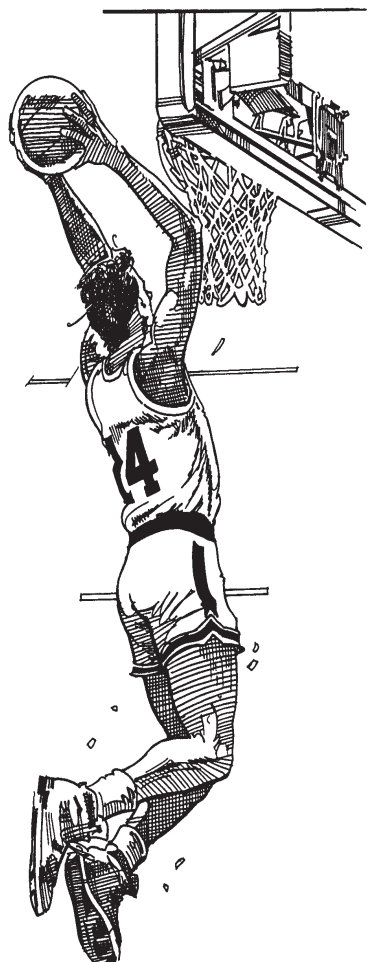
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BASKETBALL MAIDENS INDIANS



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

GO INDIANS

Congratulations!

**District 9-A Third Place Champions
Indians played Lindsay for Bi-District Title
Tues., Feb. 24**

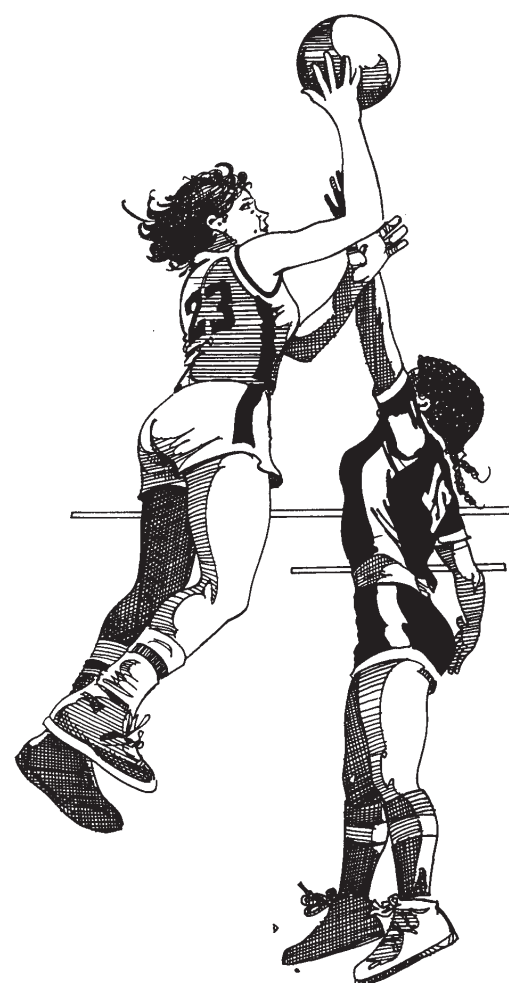


HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, Lauren Newton, Aubrey Bassett, Hope Reid, Aerial Thane and Paige Adams; back row, Briè Torres, Molly Agraz, Miranda Johnson, Lisa Rodgers, Hannah Wallace and Ashton Rutkowski.
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GO MAIDENS

Area Champions

**Maidens played Roscoe for Regional Quarterfinal Title
Tues., Feb. 24**



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KEYBOARDING LEADERS—Reagan Hadaway, left, a sixth grader at Rochester Junior High, is leading the sixth grade class with 28 words per minute on a Mavis Speed keyboarding test. Meg Glover, a seventh grader at Rochester Junior High, is leading all the junior high classes with 64 words per minute on the Mavis Speed test and 223 keys per minute on a Mavis Keypad Speed test. Sixth and seventh grade students started the Mavis Beacon Keyboarding program this year. Eighth graders began the program as seventh graders.

Check Out Week is successful

Haskell County Farm Bureau promoted the Food Check Out Week held Fri., Feb. 20 at the Haskell Dairy Queen with the sale of 651 sausage biscuits to those who stopped by on their way to work, school or other places of interest.

At times, lines of cars were backed up to the highway and early risers were at the door before 7 a.m. to be the first one served.

Farm Bureau Field Staff Person Jana Middleton, Agency Manager Kenny Tanner, Agent Tanya Miller, and Board Members divided into three shifts to help meet and greet customers inside and outside of the building with

brochures and applications. Questions were answered and comments made about the need to promote agriculture and how effective and powerful Farm Bureau is both on state and national levels of government.

The staff of Dairy Queen was very efficient and diligent in efforts to serve all those who came by.

Based on Agriculture Department statistics, Farm Bureau Food Check-Out Week, held seven weeks into the year, marks the time when average Americans have earned enough income to pay for their entire year's food supply.

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.

Noah Project

Noah Project-North will host "Spring Fling," a fund-raiser, set Sat., April 4 at the Civic Center. The entertainment will be "A Tribute to Elvis" by Rick Campbell of Stamford. Mike Fouts will be the emcee. Auction items will be available. To make a monetary donation or to donate items, call 940-864-2551 or mail to P.O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521. The doors will open at 6 p.m., the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and may be purchased at the door, by

calling the number above or from any advisory board member.

Vendors needed

Vendors are being sought for the 13th annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show set Sat., March 21 in downtown Haskell. Cost of vendor spaces is \$15. No food vendors will be accepted. Call Randy or Lisa Shaw at 864-2023 evenings or Randy at 325-721-0674 or Lisa at 325-721-0441.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group will meet Mon., March 9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the First Assembly of God Church. The regular Tuesday meeting was changed to allow members to attend the Round Robin Revival. The meetings will resume on Tuesday nights with the next meeting. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Rule banquet

The annual Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Tues., March 10 at 6 p.m. at the Rule ISD. The Junior class will serve the meal. Tickets are \$8 and are available in advance from any Chamber member or at the door. Entertainment will be presented by the Rule One Act Play, "Foreigner."



FIRST BUCK—Colton Wright, age 10 of Haskell, bagged his first buck at his Granny and Pawpaw's house in Johnson City. The buck was a beautiful 8 point. He was accompanied by his guide, father Steven Wright and little brother Caleb, who watched eagerly for the day it will be his turn to hunt. Grandparents are Jim and Kay Wright of Johnson City and Connie Cothron of Haskell.

February sales tax figures released

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state collected \$1.92 billion in sales tax revenue in January, up 3.9 percent compared to January 2008.

"Growth in state sales tax collections remains modest," Combs said. "While overall growth has continued for the first five months of fiscal 2009, collections from important sectors such as retail trade and construction have decreased."

Combs sent \$665.5 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 3.9 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2008.

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations represent sales made in December, but also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or

annual basis.

The Comptroller sent \$445.2 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 2.5 percent compared to February 2008 payments. Texas counties received February sales tax payments of \$41.4 million, up 9.9 percent compared to last February.

The 148 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$26.7 million in sales tax, up 24 percent compared to February 2008. Ten local transit systems received \$152.1 million in February sales tax payments, up 3.3 percent compared to a year ago.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made Fri., March 13.

Haskell County had a 9.69 percent increase for February 2009 of \$44,019.83 in comparison to \$40,130.96 for February 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$68,373.07 reflect a 4.18 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of

\$71,361.11.

The City of Haskell had a 9.22 percent increase for February 2009 of \$39,948.75 in comparison to \$36,573.51 for February 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$62,981.49 reflect a 4.19 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$65,737.98.

The City of O'Brien had a 18.55 percent increase for February 2009 of \$155.99 in comparison to \$131.58 for February 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$204.35 reflect a 11.29 percent increase over 2008 payments to date of \$183.61.

The City of Rochester had a 2.38 percent increase for February 2009 of \$914.17 in comparison to \$892.86 for

February 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$1,205.46 reflect a 6.74 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$1,292.62.

The City of Rule had a 15.25 percent increase for February 2009 of \$2,399.73 in comparison to \$2,082.02 for February 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$3,190.21 reflect a 7.01 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$3,430.89.

The City of Weinert had a 33.30 percent increase for February 2009 of \$601.19 in comparison to \$450.99 for February 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$791.56 reflect a 10.55 percent increase over 2008 payments to date of \$716.01.

Now is the time for wheat management

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

This is the time for wheat producers to be in the field fertilizing and controlling winter annual weeds, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist, said producers need to apply top-dressed nitrogen prior to wheat jointing, which is usually around March 15 in the High Plains and South Plains.

"Jointing may be earlier this year because of the warm February we've had," Bean said.

Just prior to jointing is when the wheat spike or grain head forms and kernels in the head develop, he said. In addition, applying fertilizer now could promote late tillering or at least prevent aborting of tillers already present.

Bean said he typically recommends 1.5 pounds of nitrogen per bushel of anticipated yield, so 60-bushel wheat would require 90 pounds of nitrogen.

"If a soil test has not been done, you should assume you have 25 pounds of residual nitrogen in the soil," he said. "This residual nitrogen should be subtracted from the amount you think you need for your yield goal."

Either dry or liquid fertilizer

can be used, Bean said. And as long as temperatures are mild (less than 80 degrees), nitrogen loss due to volatility will be minimal.

"Ideally, you should watch the forecast and fertilize just prior to a rain," he said.

Bean also said this is shaping up to be a very bad year for winter weeds, and producers might consider applying herbicide as they go over the field applying the fertilizer.

"Keep in mind that when mustard weeds are small and in the rosette stage they are much easier to control than after they bolt," he said. "Also, the longer the weeds are there, the more soil water they are using."

Many herbicides will control the most common mustards in wheat, Bean said. But the tougher-to-control weeds like prickly lettuce and kochia will require special attention when it comes to herbicide selection.

"In general, choose a herbicide based on how long you want it to last in the soil," he said. "For example, 2,4-D will generally do a good job of controlling small mustard weeds but has no soil residual. Other weeds can emerge after the application that will not be controlled."

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TAX PLANNING
Written By
Rick Rodgers, CPA

MASSIVE STIMULUS LAW INCLUDES TAX BREAKS
The new American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 contains numerous tax breaks for individuals and businesses. Here's a brief summary.
You may claim a "Making Work Pay" credit of 6.2% of earned income or \$400 (\$800 for joint filers), whichever is less, in 2009 and 2010. The credit phases out for singles with income over \$75,000 (\$150,000 for couples).
The new law provides relief from the alternative minimum tax (AMT) in 2009 by extending use of certain credit offsets and increasing exemption amounts to \$46,700 for singles and \$70,950 for couples.
The law includes a first-time homebuyer's credit of up to \$8,000 for 2009 purchases completed before December 1. Repayment isn't required if the taxpayer remains in the home at least three years, but income phase-out rules still apply.
If you buy a new vehicle in 2009 after February 16, you may deduct sales and excise taxes on the first \$49,500 of the price. This new deduction phases out for incomes over \$125,000 single and \$250,000 joint.
For 2009 and 2010, the maximum Hope Education Credit (renamed the American Opportunity Tax Credit) increases to \$2,500 and may be claimed for all four years of study. Income phase-out thresholds remain.
The new law reinstates 50% bonus depreciation and the maximum Section 179 "expensing" deduction of \$250,000 for assets placed in service in 2009.
A qualified small business can carry back net operating losses for five years for tax years beginning or ending in 2008.
The ten-year holding period for assets subject to the built-in gains tax on S corporation conversions is reduced to seven years for tax years beginning in 2009 and 2010.
Energy incentives in the new law include an increase in the residential energy credit to 30% and an increase in the dollar caps for installations in 2009 and 2010.
The \$789 billion law includes many other provisions that could affect you. For guidance in your planning, give us a call.

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Relay for Life set in Knox City Sat., April 25

The Relay for Life event will be held in Knox City April 25 from 3 p.m. to 3 a.m. to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

Teams will walk on the track for 12 hours in shifts to help raise money for the organization. Teams may consist of office teams, a family, a church organization or just a group of friends.

Teams will get sponsors and donate the proceeds to the American Cancer Society. The money will be used for research, diagnostics and treatment of different kinds of cancer.

For information contact Dana West at KP's Lunch Bar in Haskell or Betty Johnston at the City of Knox City at 658-3313.

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2009 Haskell, Paint Creek and District Soil & Water Conservation District Poster Contest Winners



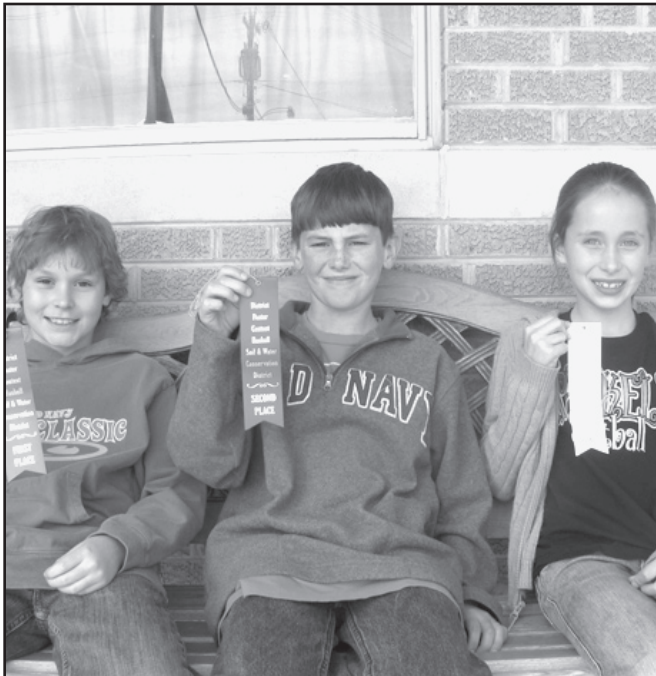
DISTRICT WINNER-
Felicity Gentry, a third grade student at Paint Creek School, was the first place district poster contest winner.



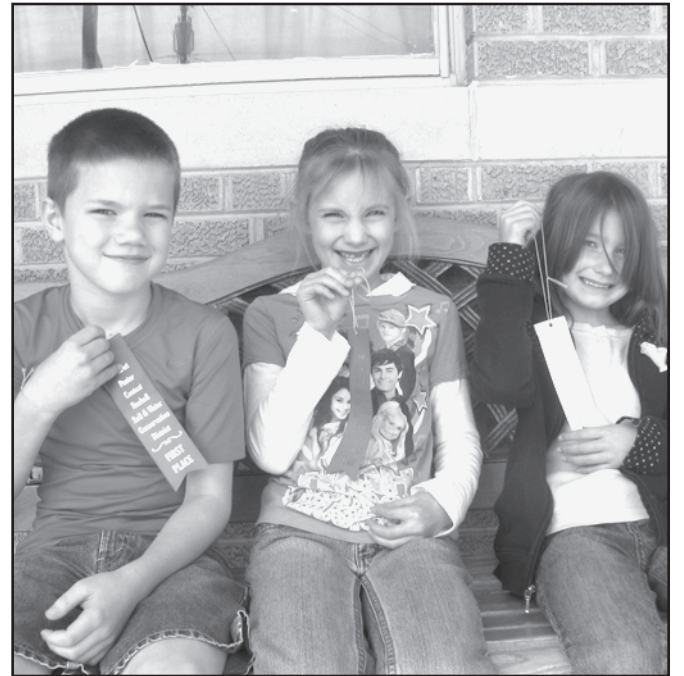
DISTRICT WINNERS-I-r, Kyra Salas, left, was second place district poster contest winner and Destiny Pierce, right, was the third place winner. Both are fifth grade students at Haskell Elementary School.



HASKELL OVERALL THIRD GRADE-I-r, Dalton Meinzer, first place; Hagen Isbell, second place; and Chris Hall, third place.



MRS. WAGGONER'S THIRD GRADE, HASKELL-I-r, Dalton Meinzer, first place; Chris Hall, second place; and Hollyn Hadaway, third place.



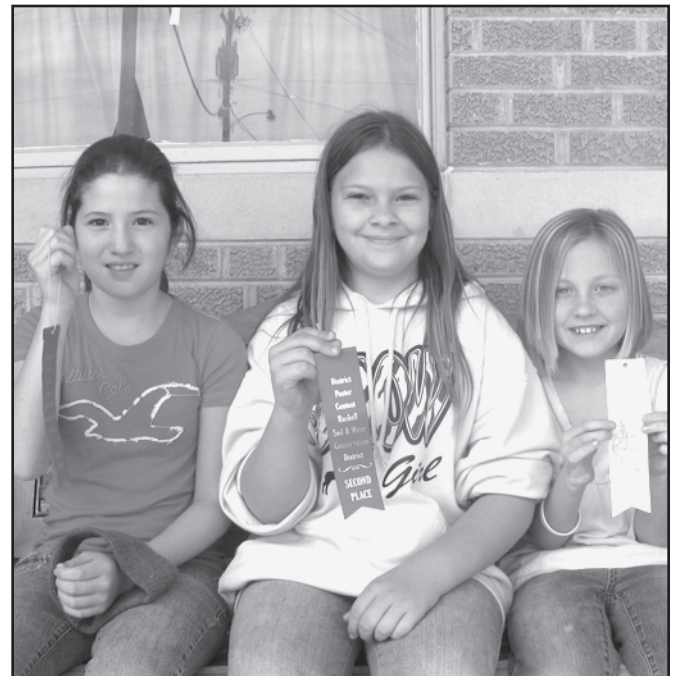
MRS. CYPERT'S THIRD GRADE, HASKELL-I-r, Moriah Gasaway, second place; Hagen Isbell, first place; and Ariel Wolfe, third place.



HASKELL OVERALL FOURTH GRADE-I-r, Briana Rodriguez, first place; Hannah Grand, second place; and Victoria Hertel, third place.



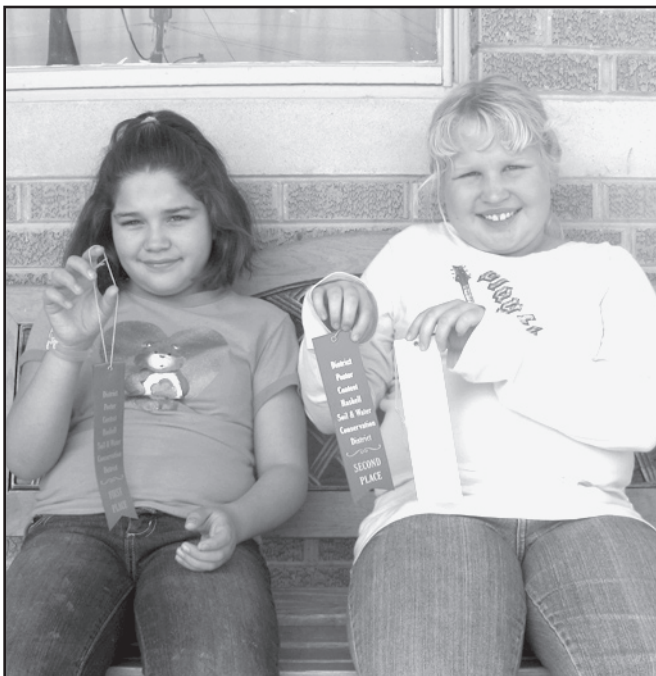
MRS. ROEWE'S FOURTH GRADE, HASKELL-I-r, Hannah Grand, first place; Kasie Isbell, second place; and Jacee Guess, third place.



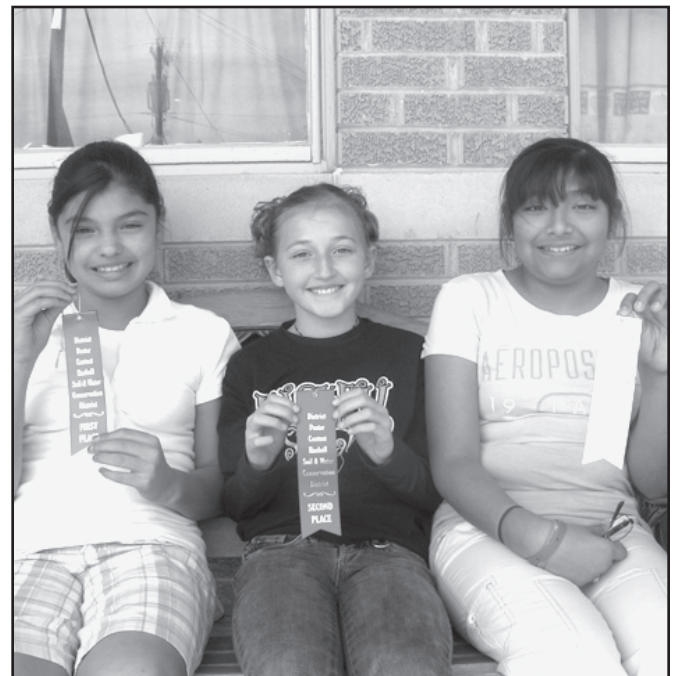
MRS. SLOAN'S FOURTH GRADE, HASKELL-I-r, Briana Rodriguez, first place; Victoria Hertel, second place; and Kylie Adams, third place.



HASKELL OVERALL FIFTH GRADE-I-r, Kyra Salas, first place; Destiny Pierce, second place; and Hannah Foster, third place.



MRS. ADAMS' FIFTH GRADE, HASKELL-I-r, Kyra Salas, first place; Matt Rice, second place, not pictured; and Katie McLemore, third place.



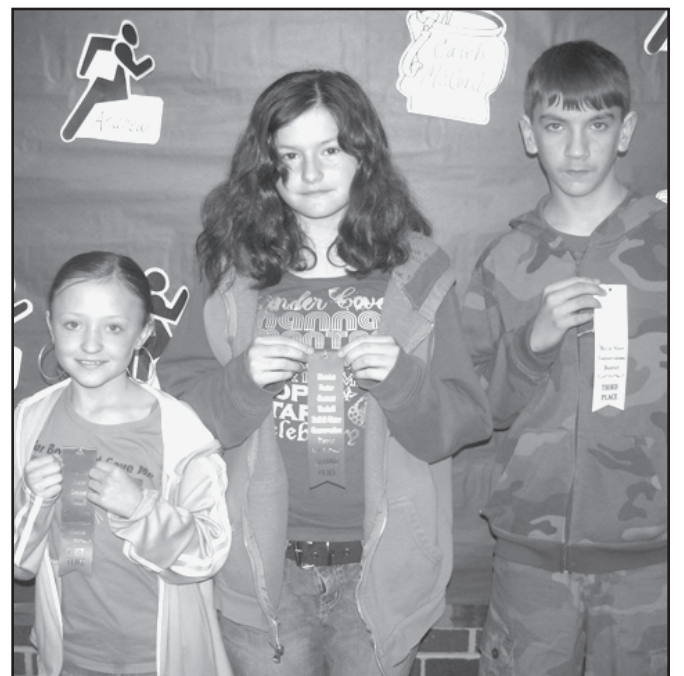
MRS. FOUTS' FIFTH GRADE, HASKELL-I-r, Destiny Pierce, first place; Hannah Foster, second place; and Morgan Nava-Munoz, third place.



PAINT CREEK THIRD GRADE-I-r, Felicity Gentry, first place; and Clay Richardson, second place.



PAINT CREEK FOURTH GRADE-I-r, Landon Meadows, first place; Zhenia McTasney, second place; and Kierstyn Pringle, third place.



PAINT CREEK FIFTH GRADE-I-r, Sara Edwards, first place; Paige Ramirez, second place; and Dalton Einhaus, third place.



VALENTINE MUSICAL— Haskell Elementary first graders were busy singing Valentine songs and giving Valentine sacks to care home residents and singing Valentine songs for the Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell Mon., Feb. 9. First graders also sang their songs to the students in the cafeteria Tues., Feb. 10. Teachers are April Colley, Marijane Cunningham, Susan Lefevre and Pam Gibson, music teacher. Students pictured are, bottom left, K'Lee Pace, Kara Stout, Krislyn Tatum, Luis Hermasillo, P.J. Pryor, Eathen Reid, Garrett Waggoner, Faith Jordan, Braelyn Bevel, J.R. Brown, Mason Craig, Naomi Larned, Kiannah Luce, Tommy Gonzalez and Steven Crain; middle left, Skylar Layman, Caleb Wright, Eva Guenter, Autum Gibbs, Lauren Alexander, Jordan Martinez, Kourtney Gibson, Kelsea Tidrow, Jacari Holland, Marina Wagner, James Robledo, Landry Hanson, Brody Frierson, Ramiro Olvera, Aubri Masias, Larissa Villarreal and Andrew Zavala; back left, Kobie Walker, Tori Rodriguez, Logan Burson, Halee Alsabrook, Vanessa Gongalez, Heavenly Perez, Laurny Crane, Braxton Jackson, Fernando Torres, Blessing Jordan, Christian Cardenas, Andrew Matura, J.J. Rubio and Tyler Williams.

Haskell School Menu

March 2-6 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Mon.: Banana nut muffin, Cheez-its
Tues.: Egg and sausage burrito
Wed.: Cereal, graham crackers
Thursday: Sausage, biscuit
Friday: Funnel cake

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: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot roll, sliced peaches
Tues.: Sack lunch for high school TAKS, submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, baby carrots, ranch dressing, assorted chips, fruit roll-up
Wednesday: Ham and cheese Hot Pocket, corn, garden salad, sliced pears
Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, oriental vegetables, bread stick, Mandarin orange salad
Friday: Choice: cheeseburger or tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, cookie

Students visit Rotary Club



PAIGE ADAMS

Paige Adams is the daughter of Micheal and Peggy Adams of Haskell.

She attends First Baptist Church in Haskell.

At Haskell High School, she is involved in FFA, UIL, National Honor Society and plays basketball. Her awards include Who's Who Among American High School Students, All-American Scholar, National Honor Roll and Presidential Award of Excellence.

She enjoys working with her livestock project and spending time with her family and friends.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University and receive a degree in education.

Kitty Cheung is an exchange student living with Phoi and Steve McGuire of Haskell.

She attends First Baptist Church in Haskell.

At Haskell High School, she is involved in Fellowship of Christian Students, UIL, FCCLA and Yearbook. Her awards include an improvement award of the school result, volunteer awards, and fourth place at the junior livestock show with her rabbit project.

She plans to attend college in the United States or Hong



KITTY CHEUNG



ASHTON RUTKOWSKI
 Kong and major in nutrition.

Ashton Rutkowski is the daughter of John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski of Haskell.

She attends First Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, she plays basketball, softball and is a cheerleader. She participates in high school rodeo. Her awards include first team All District Center Field, All-American Cheerleader and was third overall in barrel racing in Texas High School Rodeo Region 3.

She enjoys riding horses and reading books.

She plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in animal science.

This Week's Devotional Message:

God gives us the strength to do his bidding



There was many a thing you attempted to do,
 Then discovered it couldn't be done;
 Like a worthless vocation you tried to pursue,
 Or some foolish adventure for fun.
 With your mission abandoned, in only one way
 could you learn it was not in accord
 With your temple of worship, where lessons convey
 That your life's in the hands of the Lord.
 Let's obey His commands and remember at length
 It will help us in getting along.
 If we heed His advice He will give us the strength
 That we need, and we'll never go wrong.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—**
- East Side Baptist Church**
 Ronnie Gibson, 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.
 O'Brien

Paint Creek School Menu

March 2-6 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Biscuits, sausage, eggs, gravy
Wednesday: Cinnamon toast
Thursday: Waffles
Friday: Muffins

Lunch
 Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, gravy, rolls, apple crisp
Tuesday: Corndogs, fries, pork-n-beans, fruit
Wednesday: Tacos, salad, refried beans, cake
Thursday: Ham, mac and cheese, green beans, bread, apples
Friday: Pizza corn, salad, jello

Rule ISD lists honor students

Rule ISD has released the names of students listed on the A and A-B honor rolls for the fourth sixth weeks of school. Included on the lists are:

First grade: A honor roll, Kennedy Fritzier, Fabian Hollingsworth, Madalyn Navarrette and Paul Weidler; A-B honor roll, Darian Bruce, Danny Kregar, Alex Nino, Jessica Ramos and L.J. Sanchez.

Second grade: A honor roll, Kourtney Hertel and Avery Tanner; A-B honor roll, Del Fritzier, Angel Navarrette, Melana Quiroga and Desiree Weidler.

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Alexzandra Roberts.

Fourth grade: A-B honor roll, Alysia Hollabaugh, Ian Mauro, America Shelton and Hunter Threet.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Gabriel Baiza, Sarah Campbell, Kylie DeVille, Chris Holder, Samantha Lewis, Kade Lowack, Chase

Potter and Braden Tanner.

Sixth grade: A honor roll, Ryan Pace. A-B honor roll, Daniel Campos, Stormie Hollabaugh and Colton Rogers.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Marissa Holder and Chris Lewis.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Josh Quintero and Darryl Williams; A-B honor roll, Daniel Turner.

Ninth grade: A-B honor roll, Alex Lyon, Dennise Salas and James Shelton.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Jenny Dudensing; A-B honor roll, Grace Burgess and Shelby Starr.

Eleventh grade: A-B honor roll, Joseph Turner and Nils Weigeldt.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Molly Dudensing, Andrew Hertel, Kelsie Miller and Rance Sorley; A-B honor roll, Steven Anderson, Tate Clark, Marty Hall and Adam Hollingsworth.

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NOTICE
Applications Open for Place on Ballot for Rule School Board Election To be held May 9th
The Rule ISD will be holding School Board Trustee election on Saturday, May 9th from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Rule City Hall.

The deadline to apply for a place on the ballot is Tuesday, March 9th. Two full term places will be up for election on the Rule School Board. Places held by Rod Petty and Ray Don Campbell will expire.

Anyone interested in running for these places should come by the Rule ISD Superintendent's office at 1100 Union Avenue between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to sign up for a place on the ballot.

David Parr
Superintendent
Rule ISD 9c

Help Wanted

THE NEW SONIC Drive In in Haskell is now taking applications for all positions. Apply in person. 44tfc

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THE 2010 CENSUS Bureau is going to start testing for job opportunities in Haskell County. Anyone interested can call 1-866-861-2010 for more information. 8-9c

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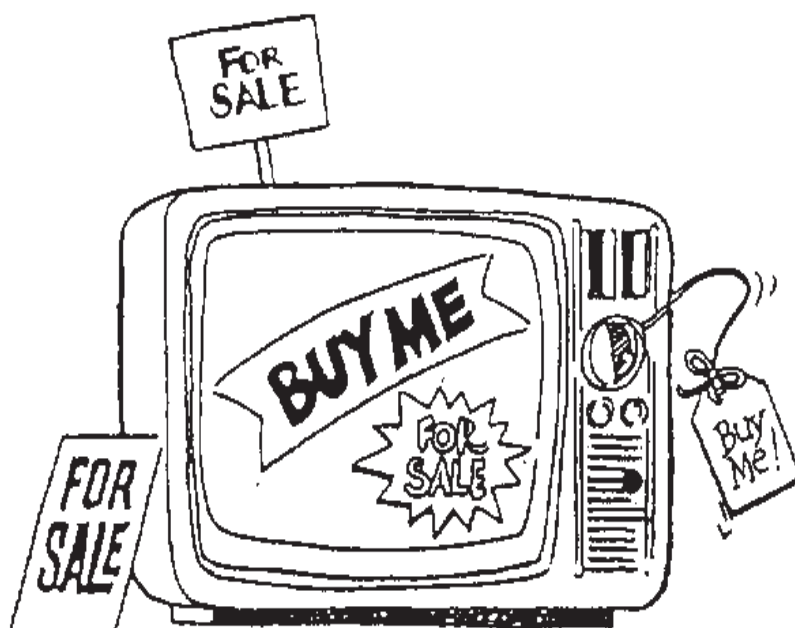
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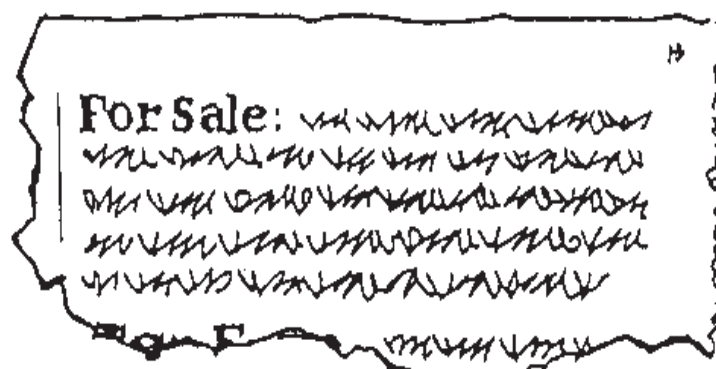
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TASER CLASS—Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton, right, and Darwin Huston, Chief of Police of Stamford and taser instructor, left, discuss the use of tasers as another option for use as a non-lethal weapon in law enforcement in Haskell County. Officers of Haskell County, City of Haskell, City of Rule and City of Rochester attended the mandatory 8 hour certification course for the use and carrying of tasers. Tasers were bought with funds from the city's drug fund and the county's seizure fund.

Taser class held for Haskell County law enforcement officers

The Haskell Police Department hosted a two-day Search Warrant School at City Hall Jan. 22-23. An out-of-town instructor conducted the training. Seventeen officers from surrounding towns attended the school.

The Haskell Police Department hosted a one-day school at City Hall Feb. 17 on Taser Handling and Deployment. Darwin Huston, Chief of Police of Stamford, was the instructor.

"The taser is an additional police tool and is not intended to replace verbal problem solving skills, self-defense

techniques, or firearms. The taser shall be deployed only in circumstances where it be deemed reasonably necessary to control a dangerous, non-compliant or violent subject. The taser shall be deployed when deadly force does not appear to be justified and/or necessary, and attempts to subdue the subject by other conventional tactics have been, or will likely, be ineffective in the situation at hand; or there is a reasonable expectation that it will be unsafe for officers that approach within contact range of the subject.

Those attending the taser

school were Haskell Chief of Police Steven Grand, Haskell Police Officers, Jeff Caparoon and Bill Glass, Haskell County Constable Kim Bassett, Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton, Haskell County Sheriff's Deputy Winston Stephens, Rule Chief of Police Allen Beard and Rochester Chief of Police Greg Hearn.

The purchase of taser equipment for the Haskell Police Department was from proceeds of the drug fund and not the taxpayer dollar.

Haskell County purchased tasers with funds from the seizure fund.

Haskell Ministerial Alliance sets Round Robin Revival March 1-5

The community-wide Round Robin Revival services, brought each year by the Haskell County Ministerial Alliance, has been scheduled for 7 p.m. nightly March 1-5. The theme of the revival is "Stones of Life."

The Sun., March 1 services will be held at First Baptist Church, with Rev. Morris Johnson of Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church bringing the message.

Mon., March 2, services

will be held at East Side Baptist Church with Rev. Art Flores of Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Church bringing the message.

Tues., March 3, services will be held at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church with Rev. Greg Gasaway of First Baptist Church bringing the message.

Wed., March 4, services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Tom Long of First United

Methodist Church bringing the message.

Thurs., March 5, services will be held at First Assembly of God Church with Rev. William Hodge of Mission Revival Center bringing the message.

Each night a love offering will be taken for the benevolence ministry of the Ministerial Alliance.

Big Dream Gathering set March 5 in San Angelo

The first Big Dream Gathering to be held in Texas will take place on March 5 at the McNease Convention Center in San Angelo from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Big Dream Gathering is a safe and fun way to anonymously share your dreams with one another and connect with others who support your purpose or can assist in making your dream come true. No dream is too big or too small.

BDG originated in Iowa, and is the brainchild of Mitch Matthews. As he was pursuing his own big dream and encountering road blocks, he wanted to know how others got past these challenges. Matthews

reasoned, "Everybody has big dreams, and everybody comes up against obstacles, challenges and road blocks in pursuit of their dreams. So, why not bring everybody together to dream, connect and see what happens?"

Powerful things happened. As people admitted to their dreams and shared with others, they found ways to fund mission trips, discovered business opportunities and established new partnerships. Results from these gatherings are continuing to pour in, so Texas Midwest Community Network recognized the importance of bringing this event to Texas.

The Big Dream Gathering provides a proactive approach

in today's atmosphere of economic downturn. It is a way of finding entrepreneurs, home grown businesses, creating jobs and stimulating local economies.

Haskell Chamber of Commerce executive director, Sally Rueffer, encourages anyone and everyone from our area, regardless of their dream, to make plans to attend this event. Jimi Coplen, event organizer, says, "It's a fun way to connect the communities because people can just come, think about their big dreams and then possibly get the help they need to do something. Maybe through an encouraging word or maybe through a connection or some other support. You just never know."

Sheriffs' Association seeks membership

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff David Halliburton announced that Haskell County citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership invitations will go out in the mail over the next several weeks. Associate Member funding allows the Sheriffs' Association of Texas to provide critical training, technical resources, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues to law enforcement officers across the state.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions to the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are tax-deductible.

"The Associate Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," said Sheriff Halliburton.

The Association Membership Program was created to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their

support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"During these economic times, the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships continues to escalate, and programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Halliburton. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can contact

the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741, www.txsheriffs.org.

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Steve M. Westbrook serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses the Sheriffs' Association of Texas name, report it to your local Sheriff or County/District Attorney.



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Advice about lowering cholesterol

- Avoid foods that are high in cholesterol and limit your cholesterol consumption to less than 300 mg. daily.
- Avoid foods containing tropical oils (palm, palm kernel or coconut). These are highly saturated, and with the exception of milk fat, have been shown to raise serum cholesterol levels more than any other fat.
- Reduce consumption of fat, particularly saturated fats. Saturated fats are hard at room temperature and are found mainly (but not exclusively) in animal products. The total daily intake of fat should be less than 30 percent of total calories, and 10 percent or less should come from saturated fat.
- Reduce intake of animal protein. Limit total intake of meat, fish or poultry to 6 ounces or less. Buy lean cuts of red meat, and remove the skin from chicken, turkey and other poultry.
- Trim visible fat from meat and poultry before cooking. Before serving foods, drain off as much fat as possible. Chill soups and stews after cooking and then skim off the congealed fat that forms on the top before reheating.
- When cooking, emphasize low-fat preparation methods such as steaming, baking, broiling, boiling or grilling rather than frying. Use a microwave oven or a nonstick pan without added fat.
- Substitute skim or 1 percent-fat milk; or fish such as salmon, halibut or cod high in omega 3 fatty acids, which may help lower cholesterol.

WARNING! Some people have a serious inherited disease called familial hypercholesterolemia, which causes extraordinarily high levels of serum cholesterol (usually more than 300 mg/Dl). People with this disease often have a heart attack at an early age, even in childhood. If there is a history of early heart attacks (before the age of 50), testing for familial hypercholesterolemia is indicated. Anyone with this disease should be put on an intensive cholesterol-lowering regimen.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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