

## Softball

**HASKELL**  
Maidens  
Albany JV Tournament  
Thurs., March 5, 6:30 p.m.  
Maidens  
Seymour Varsity Tournament  
March 5-7  
Maidens vs Westbrook  
Tues., March 10, 5 p.m.  
at Westbrook

## Baseball

**HASKELL**  
Indians  
Merkel Tournament  
March 5, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
March 6, 3 p.m.  
March 7, 8 a.m.  
Indians vs Hamlin  
Tues., March 10, 4 p.m.  
at Haskell

## Track

**HASKELL**  
Cisco meet • Sat., March 7  
RULE  
Jr. High meet at Spur  
Thurs., March 5  
Bobcats at Spur meet  
Fri., March 6

## Golf

**HASKELL**  
Indians & Maidens  
Baird Invitational  
Shady Oaks Country Club  
Wed., March 11, 9 a.m.

## Calendar

### 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.

### Bass Club

The Haskell Bass Club will hold its first meeting of the year Thurs., March 5 at 7 p.m. at the meeting room of First National Bank in Haskell. For more information, call Brad Dubert at 940-200-0481.

### Bake sale

A bake sale will be held Sat., March 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Drug Store in Haskell and at Walmart in Stamford. 1 in 150 shirts will be sold for \$10 each. Information will be available on autism and the West Texas Walk for Autism. All proceeds benefit Haskell Heroes and Autism Speaks!

### 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.

### Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., March 9 at 6:30 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room with Becky Tubbs, a former Haskellite and well-known artist of Anson bringing a program demonstrating the use of a water medium. All guests and friends of Tubbs are welcome.

### 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 meetings will resume on Tuesday nights with the next meeting. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

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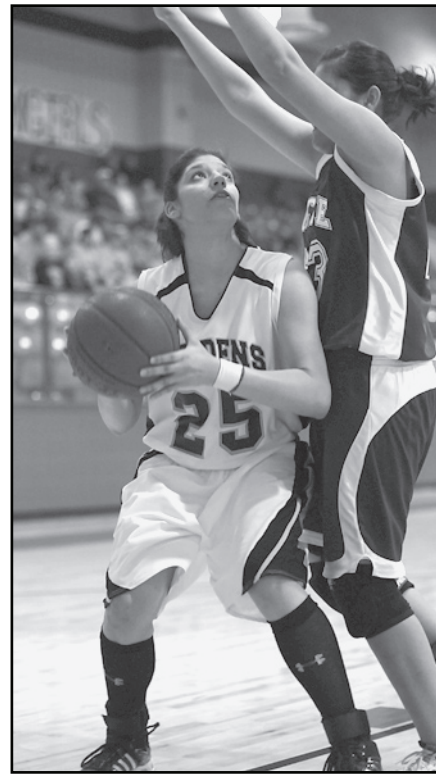
# Daylight Savings time starts this weekend

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**MAIDENS PLAYOFF BID**—The Haskell Maidens lost their playoff bid Tues., Feb. 24 against a game with Roscoe. The score was Roscoe 35 and Haskell 34. Haskell Maiden #31 Hanna Wallace, left, is shown making a pass as she brings the ball down court.

Maiden #33 Hope Reid, center, dribbles the ball down court and Maiden #25 Molly Agraz, is under the basket attempting a shot against a Roscoe defender. Agraz scored six points, Reid posted four points and Wallace had two points in the season ending game.

## Maidens named to All-District teams

District 9-A released the names of the athletes listed on the All District girls basketball teams. Haskell Maidens on the roster include:

Aubrey Bassett, Junior, was named MVP.

Lisa Rodgers, Junior, was named Offensive Player.

David Middleton was named Coach of the Year.

First team picks were: Hope Reid, Senior; Molly Agraz, Senior; and Hanna Wallace, Senior.

Ashton Rutkowski, Senior, was named to the second team.

Maidens listed on the Academic All District team were Aubrey Bassett, Aerial Thane, Paige Adams, Ashton Rutkowski, Hanna Wallace, Hope Reid, Lauren Newton, Briè Torres, Lisa Rodgers and Miranda Johnson.

## Veterans outreach meeting set

A Veterans benefits and health care outreach meeting to discuss eligibility for Veterans benefits and medical services will be held Sat., March 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Hamlin High School Cafeteria in Hamlin.

Valuable personal assistance for questions and claims will be available from experts from the County Veterans Service Officers and Texas Veterans Commission, VA Benefit Counselors—bring your VA correspondence, Big Spring VA Veterans Health Care System, Texas Veterans Land Board and other organizations service veterans.

The event is sponsored by the Veteran services officers of Jones, Haskell and Fisher counties, VFW Posts #6014, #8929 and #9179 and American Legion Post #661.

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.

## Haskell Elementary recognized for outstanding academic performance

by Caron Yates

Haskell CISD superintendent Bill Alcorn was recently notified that Haskell Elementary has been recognized by the Division of NCLB Program Coordination at the Texas Education Agency for outstanding academic performance.

Only three hundred twelve of the more than eighty-one hundred campuses in the state of Texas received the Distinguished Performance Schools Award for 2008-09.

To be eligible for this prestigious award the campus must be a Title I, Part A campus, have 40% or more low-income in 2008-09, have met Adequate Yearly Progress in 2007 and 2008, been rated Exemplary for spring 2008, been rated Exemplary or Recognized for spring 2006 and 2007.

According to the Texas

Education Agency, Haskell Elementary has received four Exemplary ratings and five Recognized accountability ratings in nine of the last fourteen years. In addition the school has been presented the Texas Business Education Coalition-Just for the Kids Honor Roll award for three years and have also received several Gold Star Performance Awards from TEA.

Principal Jim Lisle says, "It is a team effort. Administrators, teachers, staff, parents and students must all work together to achieve our goals." Acting Associate Commissioner of Standards and Programs, Anita Givens, states, "To achieve and maintain such high standards is an accomplishment that serves as a model for other schools in the state to emulate."

This spring, Region 14 Education Service Center will hold the official recognition award ceremony.

## Hee Haw tickets go on sale

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.

Lary 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

How rewarding it is to be recognized for the effort and dedication that goes in to educating the children of our community.

## Food handler's course to be held Monday

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell County  
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 by Fri., March 6. You may also register on-site the day of the course.



**INDIANS END SEASON**—The Haskell Indians ended their basketball season with a playoff loss to Lindsay by a score of Haskell 26 and Lindsay 39. Haskell Indian Christian Meyers #24, left, puts up a ball to score against a Lindsay defender. Right, Indian #12 John English attempts a three pointer. Photos by Bill Blankenship

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## Calendar

### Burn ban issued Rule banquet

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

NoahProject-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.

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., March 12 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

### 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.

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."

### Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., March 12 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a program on International Affairs and Heifer Project International presented by Sandi Conway of Albany, second vice president of Texas Federation Women's Club.

### Josselet reunion

The descendants of Victor and Catherine Josselet will gather Sat., April 11 in Haskell at the Civic Center for fellowship, fun and food. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Bring salads, vegetables or desserts to share. An Easter egg hunt will be held for the children and the famous auction for the adults. A large group picture is planned. To add changes or additions to the family, contact Julia Harrell at juwlstex@netscape.net or call 940-864-8017 by March 25. Send the number attending the reunion and the number of children hunting eggs.

### Walkathon

A walkathon benefitting medical expenses for Dora and Ralph Torres will be held Fri., March 27 at the Haskell Track by Haskell CISD students. Teams of six will gather pledges and walk all day to raise money for the couple. Contact Emily Fouts at Rochester Junior High for more information.

### Talent show

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



**STATE BOUND TEAM—Kenisha Harris, formerly of Rule, and now a junior at Brock High School scored 23 points and had 17 rebounds as the Brock Lady Eagles beat #1 ranked Winnsboro Lady Raiders in a highly contested battle in Stephenville at the Regional Tournament to advance to State Tournament in Austin at the Drum next week. The final score was 41 to 39. Harris made the last two free throws to seal the victory. Winnsboro had only lost one game all year to 3-A Bullard. Brock had more losses on their record but had played a pre-season schedule that included 5-A state ranked Mesquite Joe Horn, Euless Trinity, North Crowley, and 4-A ranked Amarillo Palo Duro. Brock only had one loss to a 2-A team this year. Harris has scored 28, 22, 22, 12, and 23 points in the playoffs and has been a major contributor to her team's success, but the whole team has stepped up and seem to be peaking at the right time. Their coach is Skip Townsend who has won over 800 games and several state championships. Harris is the daughter of Jim Harris and Evett Harris and the granddaughter of Jerry and Jerry Ann Harris of Haskell.**

## Utility bill help

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs announced the release of \$123.9 million in energy assistance funds designed to help qualifying households pay their energy bills while providing the consumer education needed to reduce their dependence on future government assistance.

The funds were awarded to 51 cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations through the Department's Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP), a utility assistance program that helps eligible households better manage their energy consumption for a safe, affordable environment.

"Helping low income households with their energy needs is a key component of the Department's mission of ensuring that all Texans have an affordable, healthy place to call home," according to Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director. "The cost of heating or cooling a home significantly impacts the household's ability to afford their home. Our goal is to help these households with their utility bills in the short-term while helping them to achieve self-sufficiency for the long term."

The Department annually assists more than 68,000 low income Texans through CEAP services, helping low income households meet their immediate energy needs and to encourage consumers to control future

energy costs through case management and consumer education. In addition, some households may qualify for the repair or replacement of inefficient heating and cooling equipment.

Gerber explained that services are provided at the local level by 51 contract organizations serving all 254 counties in Texas and target households earning an annual income of less than \$26,500 for a family of four. CEAP service providers include Community Action Agencies or other qualifying nonprofit organizations, Councils of Government, and local city or county governments.

Local service providers accept applications for assistance and determine eligibility, placing a priority on households with elderly persons, very young children, persons with disabilities, and the greatest energy burden.

To find the nearest CEAP provider, call toll free at 877-399-8939 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The toll free number will directly connect you with the CEAP service provider in your county; however, callers must use a land-based phone when dialing the toll free number. Cell phones will not make this automatic connection.

Haskell and surrounding counties are served by Aspermont Small Business Development Center in Aspermont and may be reached at 940-989-3538 or 800-722-0137.

## Dudensing is BCEC contest winner

Big Country Electric Cooperative announces the winners of the annual Youth Tour Speech Contest held Feb. 23 at the Roby High School Auditorium.

Three winners, Molly Dudensing of Sagerton, Nirav Patel of Snyder, and M'Kenzie Patton of Stamford will join approximately 1500 other teens across the country for a nine-day all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June.

Along with the trip to D.C., the students will each receive a \$1,500 academic award. Shalaina Lakey of Hamlin receives a \$1,500 academic award and will serve as alternate in the event one of the students is unable to go on the trip.

The purpose of this tour is to provide an opportunity for youth to visit monuments, government buildings and cooperative related organizations in order to become familiar with the historical and political

environment of our nation's capital. They will enjoy the best of Washington, D.C., tour the Smithsonian Institute, Ford's Theatre, the FBI Building, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Mount Vernon and countless other points of interest. The students will experience the sight of Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial, and the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They will visit their Congressman's office and find out face to face what's going on in national government. Their Congressman will meet with the students and answer questions about current governmental issues.

Big Country Electric Cooperative is excited to offer area youth a chance for such an experience. Other contestants were P.J. Prewitt of Avoca, Logan Leschper of Anson, Claire Isbell of Haskell, Paige Adams of Haskell, Kelsey Daniel of Rotan, and Miranda Jones of Stamford.

## Mammograms save lives

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Mammograms can cut breast cancer deaths as much as 1/3. That is why the American Cancer Society recommends women aged 40 and older be screened for breast cancer with a mammogram once a year. A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast. It is the best method used to detect breast cancer early and prevent death since the cancer is easier to treat at that point. Using a mammogram for breast cancer screening can reduce death from breast cancer by about 20-35% in women aged 50-69 years old.

Due to education about breast cancer, more women are getting mammograms, and the death rate has gone down. However, low income, rural women are at greater risk for dying from breast cancer since fewer of them get mammograms. There are a variety of reasons why low income, rural women may not be getting mammograms. Among them is the fact that they may not have easy access to mammogram screening facilities. Another reason is the cost keeps them away. Others may just want to avoid the chance they may find out that they have breast cancer.

Unfortunately, as women get older, their chance of developing breast cancer increases. With increasing age, it becomes even more important to be screened regularly. While screenings may not be as readily available in some rural areas, it is often available in nearby medical centers. Find out if a local hospital does breast screenings. If not, contact a larger urban hospital and inquire if they have mobile mammography units that go out into your rural community, and when and where they will be in your area.

For individuals who may not have transportation to medical services, check to see if your area might have a service to transport rural citizens to urban locations that provide more services. There may be a fee for their service, but that fee may be waived for persons who meet certain income requirements.

If cost is a factor, check with your local clinic and inquire if they offer the Breast and Cervical Cancer Service (BCCS) program. This is a program the Centers for Disease Control funds to assist low income women. To qualify for the program, a woman must be low-income as defined by BCCS policy, uninsured, under age 65, a Texas resident, and a U.S. citizen or qualified alien. To find out if you qualify for a free or low-cost mammogram and Pap test and where to get screened in your area, call 1-512-458-7796. For women over age 65 and some who may be specially qualified, know that screening mammograms are covered once every 12 months.

If you are an individual who just does not want to know if you have breast cancer, remember that early detection does save lives. The death rate for breast cancer is greater among low-income, rural women as a whole because they are the ones not getting mammograms.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas are working together to inform Texas women about breast cancer prevention. For more information on how to access resources and to schedule a mammogram in your area, contact Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agent—Family & Consumer Sciences at 940-864-2546.



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- Pagando una noticia de expulsión o desconector?
- Determinando metas a realizar autosuficiencia de energia o triunfar pobreza?
- Está Viejo o tiene inhabilitación, probando a vivir en unos ingresos fijados?

Si contesta si a uno de las preguntas y vive en los condados de Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall o Throckmorton, es possible usted puede elegible para ayuda del **Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. El Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)** y los fondos del **Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)** están usado por ASBDC, INC. para suministrar servicios a las familias con ingresos bajos. Hay un proceso de aplicación a determinar elegibilidad para ayuda. Llame usted ASBDC, INC. para mas información o si tiene preguntas.

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**CASEY CELEBRATES**—Cleo Williams Casey, Rochester High School graduate and long time Haskell County resident, left, celebrated her 70th birthday at Disneyland California with her sister, Sammie Williams Clay of Richardson, second from left, and her grandchildren, l-r, Christina Stokes of California, Nina Dobbs of Seattle, Washington and in the stroller, Nicolas Stokes of California.

## 4-H'ers collecting t-shirts to help injured personnel

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.

## Cherries may reduce disease risk factors

Cherries are good for much more than making cherry pie or dipping in chocolate. The latest super fruit may also reduce factors associated with heart disease and diabetes.

Lona Sandon, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association, says the fruit's fiery hue is a cue to its anti-oxidant and health benefits.

"Cherries are particularly high in quercetin (pronounced kwur-si-ten), a natural antihistamine and anti-inflammatory compound,"

she says. "While apples are the top source of quercetin in the typical American diet, gram for gram, cherries pack just as much of this valuable nutrient."

Fresh cherries or apples have about 3 milligrams of quercetin per 7-ounce serving. Because processing actually serves to concentrate quercetin, there's about twice the amount of the compound in juices and other processed offerings.

As cherries are available year-round in dried, frozen and juice form, they're easy to incorporate into your daily diet, Sandon says.

## Student in the News



JENNIFER MURRAY

Jennifer Murray of Rule completed six months of the nursing program at Western Texas College.

She has reached the halfway mark in the nursing course.

She was pinned in ceremonies held Feb. 26 at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder followed by a reception at Wesley Hall.

## Student visits Rotary Club



AERIAL THANE

Aerial Thane is the daughter of Marc Thane of Haskell. She is a Christian.

At Haskell High School, she is involved in basketball and athletics, UIL, National Honor Society and FFA. She placed eighth in Public Relations at the State FFA meet, received the mathematics and English awards, and was a Top Junior from Hardin-Simmons University.

She enjoys movies and organizing.

After high school, she plans to complete college at Midwestern State University, find a successful job and start a family.

## Study Club meets

Ladies dressed in red to represent Heart Month when the Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Feb. 12, in the Haskell Hospital Education Building for a program on women's health.

President Dorothy Hartsfield welcomed guests and reminded members of the TFWC District Spring Convention to be held in Hamlin, March 14, at the Hamlin Methodist Church.

Giving the Federation Counselor Report was Janoma Stephens who encouraged members to subscribe to the TFWC magazine which gives information on various activities of the Texas Federation of Womens Club.

In other business, the nominating committee for the 2009-10 year was selected by club members. They are Chairman, Susan Cockerell; Linda Lane-

Bloise, Bettie Wainscott, Nancy Toliver and Lynn Dodson.

Recognized for 50 years membership in Progressive Study Club were Thula Perry, Nancy Toliver and Ruby Turner.

Topics of health discussed were Shingles and Parkinson presented by Dorothy Hartsfield, Methicillin Resistance Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) pertaining to hospital attained infection was given by Pam Norton as well as allergies. Osteoporosis was discussed by the group and Jeanie Richards spoke of rehab at the Haskell Memorial Hospital and the excellent work they were doing. Others commented also on the rehab program of the hospital.

Following the program, refreshments were served by hostesses Toliver, Turner and Stephens.

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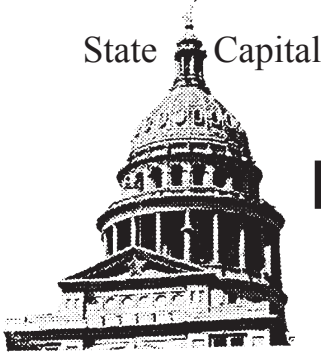
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# OPINION

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### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

#### Federal stimulus, state budget puzzle must interlock

AUSTIN—The Texas House's Select Committee on the Federal Economic Stabilization Funding and the House Appropriations subcommittee on the Stimulus have met day after day, getting input from state agency chiefs and staffers and others invited to testify on budgetary needs.

These committees must figure out how much funding state agencies need to carry out their missions over the next two years and exactly where federal stimulus dollars may be spent.

The biggest questions have to do with where federal stimulus spending starts and where normal state funding stops. About \$16 billion in federal stimulus funding will be at the state's disposal, but the legality of where and how the spending must be done is requiring a huge outlay of legislative time.

The Legislature's main job is to produce a budget, and that is sure to take longer than usual because of complexities. Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, chair of the House Appropriations Committee, during the House session on Feb. 25 said the appropriations bill may not hit the House floor until Easter time.

After Pitts spoke, Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, warned that an Easter deadline might stand in the way of the Legislature "getting it right" and if the House doesn't get it right, it would be a disservice to his constituents and to Texans in general.

#### Border security looms as issue

Gov. Rick Perry visited El Paso last week, and while there made a plea for the Texas Legislature to appropriate \$135 million for continued border security funding to combat transnational gangs.

In a Feb. 24 news release, the governor's office said, "A porous border allows international terrorists, organized crime cartels and transnational gangs to put Texas and the nation at risk."

"Until the federal government fulfills its responsibility to this effort, Texas needs continued leadership and funding from the Legislature to support the state's current border security strategy, which involves putting more boots on the ground and providing increased law enforcement resources along

the border," Perry said.

In El Paso, Perry met with retired U.S. Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, former director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, local leaders and law enforcement to discuss border security issues and the escalating, drug-related violence in Mexico.

The governor's office said more than 5,700 homicides occurred in Mexico in 2008, with about 1,600 in Ciudad Juárez, across the Rio Grande from El Paso. And, the U.S. State Department estimates, more than 200 Americans have been killed in Mexico since 2004.

#### Ike aid extension is granted

U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas announced Feb. 23 that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has extended the "Proof of Loss" submission deadline an additional 90 days to June 8 for residents who have suffered damage to flood insured property as a result of Hurricane Ike.

Cornyn and Hutchison sent FEMA a letter urging a waiver of the Proof of Loss requirement or an extension of the "POL" submission deadline. This effort by the senators followed up on a similar request lodged by Gov. Perry.

Hutchison called the 90-day extension a step in the right direction, but she also expressed hope that the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees FEMA, "will consider additional time, if needed."

#### Bill pile grows and grows

House members have filed nearly 3,000 legislative bills and senators have filed more than 1,500 since early bill filing began in November.

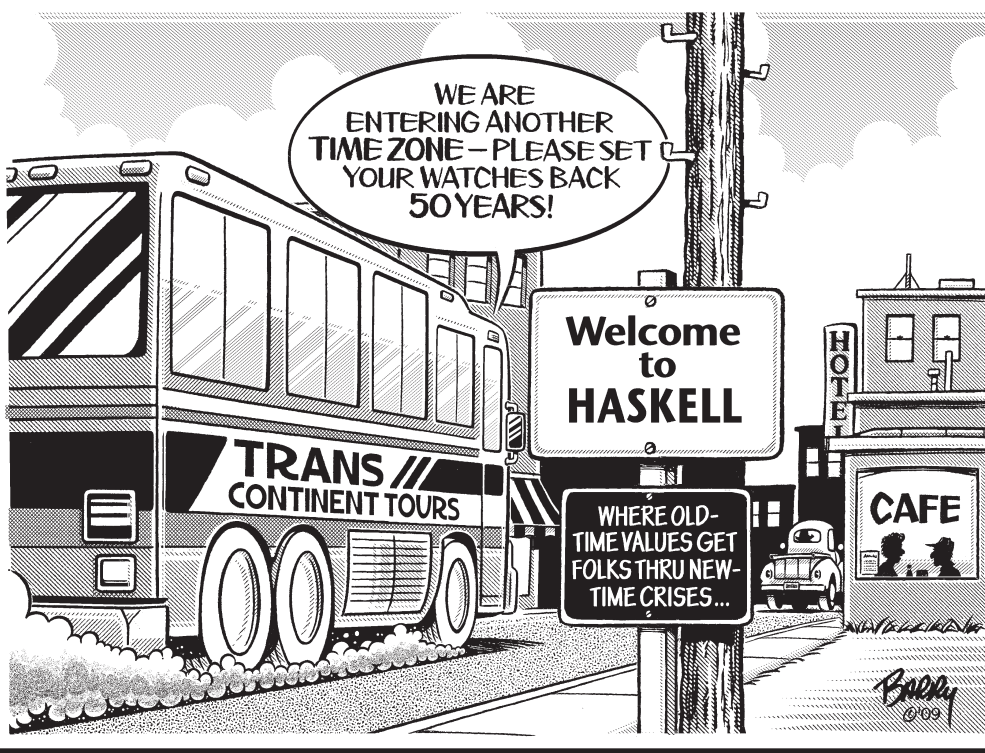
The bill count likely will double between now and March 13, the deadline for filing major legislation.

Here are a few of them:

House Bill 836 would allow the hunting of feral hogs from a helicopter.

HB 2003 deals with online harassment, making it a criminal offense to use another person's name or persona to create a Web page on or post one or more messages on a commercial social networking site.

SB 1164 would allow a concealed handgun permit holder to carry a concealed handgun while on the campus of a public or private institution of higher education.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago March 11, 1999

Partners for Children hosted a pajama party read-a-long for parents and children in the Haskell Elementary library to celebrate "Read Across America."

Haskell CISD Computer Independent Study students Amy Aycok, Cy McGuire, Lee Christian, Angela Aycok and Bree Burgess designed a school website under the direction of computer teacher, Amanda Hadaway.

Haskell Elementary second grade students visited the Morgan Jones Planetarium in Abilene.

During the annual "Big Switch" day at Tarleton State University, Nicole McCullough of Haskell, assumed the role of Dean of Students in a half-day trade with Dean of Students, Rusty Jergins.

Haskell students, Ethan Brown, Cy McGuire, T. Nichols, Billy Bible and Erik Everett, visited the Rotary Club.

#### 20 Years Ago March 9, 1989

Vicky Chavez and Patrick Perez of Haskell have been inducted into the Western Texas College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor fraternity for students in junior and community colleges.

The Haskell Young Homemakers met for their monthly meeting in the First United Methodist Church.

Dusty Meeks was named District 7-AA most valuable basketball player. Brad Bevel, James Rike and Chan Guess were also named to the all-district team.

Buster Gholson sold his family interest in grocery

to Bill Swinney, former employee.

Clarence E. Butler, son of Doris and Gene Butler of Haskell, was chosen as a member of Outstanding High School Students of America.

Erica Hollingsworth, granddaughter of Jo Campbell of Haskell, won photogenic, glamour girl and the "Our Diamond Miss" title at the "Our Diamond Miss" pageant in Abilene.

#### 30 Years Ago March 8, 1979

The Haskell Indian Band received a I in concert playing and sight reading at the Sweetwater Band Festival.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Crow of Hico were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cook and other relatives of Haskell and Rule.

Haskell High School honor roll students were D'anne Burris, Terry Kuykendall, Joseph Browning, Janet Wallace, Giles Kemp, Nancy Kimbrough, Richard Vincent, Todd Bragg, Sharon Gray, Vicky Hill and Kerry Kemp.

#### 40 Years Ago March 6, 1969

The Stamford district, which includes Haskell, was the recipient of the West Texas Utilities President Award as the best district in the WTU area at the manager's conference banquet.

Kent Tooley, grandson of O.W. Tooley of Haskell and Allie Mae Anderson of Rule, accepted a second place trophy at the Optimist's Annual Oratorical Contest.

Winners of the Haskell Free Press subscription campaign were Mrs. Eron Jenkins of Weinert, first; Mrs. Herman Lacey of Haskell, second; Mrs.

Bobby L. Howard of Haskell, third; Mrs. Madgie Kimbrough of Rule, fourth and Mrs. E.C. Collins of Haskell, fifth.

The Haskell County Sheriff's Posse made a grand entry at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo.

#### 50 Years Ago March 5, 1959

Robert Barth of Stamford accepted a position as manager of Perry Bros.

Hooper T. Wilkinson, Principal of Haskell Elementary School, succeeded Tom Barfield as president of the Rotary Club.

Students, faculty and patrons of Mattson Rural High School observed "Public School Week" with a special program and open house.

Bobby Lusk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lusk of Haskell, was promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant in the ROTC at John Tarleton College.

The Hannah Sunday School class of the East Side Baptist Church complimented Mrs. John McGuire and Sallie Ammons with a surprise birthday party.

#### 100 Years Ago March 6, 1909

Rev. C.B. Meador and F.G. Alexander of Haskell were appointed members of the Board of Missions of the Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist Church.

S.W. Scott took the northbound train for northern points.

E. Sutherland and N.T. Smith purchased a business lot on the north side of the square from H.R. Jones. A part of the building was used as a market, while Mr. Sutherland's barber shop occupied the remainder.

## Therapeutic class offered for cancer patients

Cancer Services Network will offer Therapeutic Massage Therapy for Cancer Patients and Caregivers, an educational session from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tues., March 12, 2009 at the Cancer Services Network office located at 240 Cypress Street. This class will explore how massage may help cancer patients and caregivers, both physically and emotionally. Massage therapy is a complementary care modality that may be used in conjunction with conventional cancer treatment.

Participants will learn how massage services can enhance the quality of life for cancer patients and caregivers. Throughout the diagnosis, treatment and recovery; the nurturing touch of massage allows the body to relax, release stress, anxiety, tensions, stiffness, improves sleep and increases mobility and energy which helps to improve the patient's health and well being.

Grace Rothermel, LMT, will facilitate the course. Rothermel has recently completed training in lymphedema, a chronic swelling caused by the accumulation of lymph fluid in the body, usually in an arm or leg. She will also share techniques for caregivers to help their loved one to relax and cope with pain. Register by calling 325-672-0040 or via e-mail acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org; however walk-ins are welcome. This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas.

Cancer Services Network is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides emotional and financial support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county area of West Central Texas, including: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

#### Protecting Teen-age Texans from Dating Violence

Dating violence is far too common among teenagers across the nation. According to a recent survey, one in five teens who have been in a serious relationship say they have been hit, slapped or pushed by their partner. Even more disturbing: 30 percent of all murders involving females ages 15 to 19 are committed by their romantic interest.

This month, the Office of Attorney General (OAG) is joining with crime victim advocates across the country to observe the fourth annual National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week. The week-long observance is intended to educate teens about the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships. It is also intended to help adults and teens recognize when a friend or loved one is being abused.

The National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline provides many tips for recognizing

and responding to teen dating violence, as does its Web site, www.loveisrespect.org. Abuse most likely exists if teens' dating partners:

- Look at them or act in ways that scare them
- Seem jealous or possessive
- Criticize them
- Try to control where they go, what they wear or what they do
- Text or IM them excessively
- Threaten to kill or hurt themselves or their partners if they leave
- Try to stop them from seeing or talking to friends and family
- Hit, slap, push or kick them

Young Texans who find themselves in abusive relationships should first consider talking to a friend or an adult about the situation. Anyone who does not feel safe should avoid being alone with their boyfriend or girlfriend.

Teenagers who have witnessed or experienced

potential dating violence are encouraged to call the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline at 866-331-9474. The helpline offers real-time, one-on-one support 24 hours a day. Through the helpline, trained volunteers advise teenagers to recognize unhealthy behavior and explain how to leave abusive relationships in the safest way possible.

Parental involvement can be a powerful tool that prevents teen dating violence. By talking with their teenage children and staying aware of developments in their child's life, parents can show that they care—and are approachable when problems arise. Setting boundaries and simultaneously entrusting kids to conduct themselves responsibly may feel like a balancing act, but it can really help protect teens from harmful relationships.

The OAG has long been involved in the fight against domestic violence. Recently, the OAG joined the Texas Council on Family Violence to launch the "LOVE" campaign,

which was created to heighten public awareness about teen dating violence.

The OAG Web site, www.texasattorneygeneral.gov, contains information about victims' rights, protective orders, and the OAG's Address Confidentiality Program, which provides a post office box and mail forwarding at no charge to victims who want to prevent an abuser from knowing where to find them. Abuse victims seeking information about the OAG's Crime Victims' Compensation Program, which reimburses out-of-pocket expenses to victims of violent crime and their families, can also find it on the Web site.

All Texans have the right to live violence-free lives, but some may need help getting out of violent relationships. The OAG is committed to working with victim groups and others to ensure that Texas teenagers have access to the resources they need to end a dangerous or harmful relationship.

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# Texas Cattle Trichomoniasis program adopted

## In-State Rules Effective Jan. 1, 2010

Beginning April 1, 2009, breeding bulls entering Texas from any other state must be either 24 months of age or younger and certified as a virgin, or be tested negative for cattle trichomoniasis within 30 days prior to entry. The entry requirements are part of a regulatory package adopted by the commissioners for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) Feb. 24 to address trichomoniasis, a venereal disease of cattle that causes infertility and abortions, and results in extended breeding seasons and diminished calf crops, which costs livestock producers valuable income. Cattle trichomoniasis is not a human health issue. The second phase of the program, which will address in-state movement of Texas breeding bulls, will go into effect Jan. 1, 2010.

"Industry members had significant input into the development of these regulations," said TAHC Commissioner Coleman Locke, who represents the beef industry on the commission and headed the Trichomoniasis Working Group, comprised of producers, market operators, veterinarians, laboratory representatives and educators. "The 74 comments we received from associations and individuals regarding the proposed regulations were reviewed carefully, and adaptations to the proposed rules were made in the adopted regulations to make the program workable for the producers."

"We have worked for months with industry members, veterinarians and

the working group, to gather information, develop the proposed regulations, and following the conclusion of the comment period, considered all comments to develop a viable, cost-effective program to address this disease that can drain a cattle producer's profits," said Dr. Bob Hillman, executive director of the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "Industry associations and producers asked us to work with them to develop a program that would stop the introduction and unchecked spread of this protozoal disease. At least 15 other states in the western half of the United States have developed similar trichomoniasis programs to address the disease in their states."

"The regulatory components of the Texas' Cattle Trichomoniasis Program will focus only on breeding bulls, which, even when infected, continue to appear and act normally. Under the new regulations, Trichomoniasis also becomes a reportable disease in Texas, which will give us more information on where and how much infection already is in the state," explained Dr. Hillman. "There is no effective treatment or vaccine for bulls, and as they age, the surface of their organs becomes more hospitable to the protozoa, perpetuating the infection."

"Although the primary impact of the disease is on cows, which can become infected during breeding and lose the fetus, the cow herd is not included in the regulations. The majority of infected cows will clear the infection, if they are given 120-150 days

of sexual rest. A vaccine also can be administered to infected cows to help control the disease in the cow herd. The majority of producers who commented on the proposed rule and members of the working group recommended that the disease in the cow herd be managed through information and education efforts. Producers with infected herds should consult with their veterinarian to determine the most appropriate measures to employ to eliminate the disease from their herds."

Dr. Hillman explained that the interstate, or state-to-state movement, phase of the trichomoniasis regulations will begin April 1, 2009. Breeding bulls entering Texas must be officially identified, and may come certified as virgins, provided they are 24 months of age or younger, and have not commingled with female cattle. A breeder's certificate must accompany the virgin breeding bull, signed by the breeder, and the information also must be included on the certificate of veterinary inspection. Routine documents also are required, including the certificate of veterinary inspection, and other applicable tuberculosis or brucellosis entry requirements must be met, depending on the state of origin, or if the bull is a beef or dairy animal.

Non-virgin breeding bulls or bulls older than 24 months of age entering Texas on and after April 1 must be tested negative for trichomoniasis within 30 days prior to entry. During the test period and prior to shipment, the bulls must have no contact with female cattle. Like virgin bulls, the non-virgin bulls

must be officially identified with a breed registry tattoo or brand, a USDA metal ear tag, official RFID tag, official trichomoniasis ear tag from the state of origin, or other official identification. The animal must be accompanied by a completed trichomoniasis test document, certificate of veterinary inspection and other routine health documents.

## In-State Breeding Bull Regulations Begin Jan. 1, 2010

The second phase of the Texas Cattle Trichomoniasis Program will begin Jan. 1, 2010, and will require that Texas breeding bulls offered for sale, lease, exchange or otherwise change possession for breeding within the state be certified as virgin bulls or be tested negative prior to selling, loaning, exchanging, giving or otherwise changing the possession of a breeding bull. (No test or certification is required for bulls shipped or sold directly to slaughter.)

"The TAHC Commissioners delayed the implementation of the intrastate, or in-state movement requirements, to Jan. 1, 2010, to provide time to certify veterinarians to perform all components of the Trichomoniasis program, and to ensure producers are familiar with the disease, its implication to herd health, and the requirements for testing or certifying the virgin status of Texas breeding bulls undergoing change of possession," noted Dr. Hillman. "We will be working closely with cattle industry organizations, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the Texas Veterinary Medical Association and the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratories to develop and deliver an effective information and education effort for cattle producers in Texas. We will be attending and making presentations at local, area and state producer and veterinary meetings to review the requirements and to ensure that producers are aware of the disease program."

When the program is implemented, Texas breeding bulls undergoing change of possession must be officially identified with a USDA ear tag, official RFID tag, or breed registry tattoo or brand. The animals may be certified by the breeder to be virgins until the age of 24 months, as indicated by the presence of the animal's two permanent central incisors in wear, or more simply, by the birth date recorded on the animals' breed registry papers. The bull's virgin status can be extended to 30 months, which was requested by commenters, provided

the breeder and the herd's accredited veterinarian certify on a breeder's certificate that the bull facility is sufficient to prevent contact with female cattle.

"After carefully considering the comments on the proposed regulations and discussions with the Trichomoniasis Working Group, the testing requirements for non-virgin bulls in Texas were revised to require only one PCR (Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction test) on the non-virgin bull undergoing a change of possession, or alternatively, three consecutive culture tests, each conducted not less than seven days apart.

Dr. Hillman noted that samples for testing must be collected by accredited veterinarians certified to conduct cattle trichomoniasis work, and tests will be run at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL). "Seminars will be offered around Texas for accredited veterinarians to become certified, to ensure that the collection methods, paperwork completion, sample submission, disease reporting and management of infected bull herds are uniform throughout the state," said Dr. Hillman.

"Payment for sample collection and laboratory costs will be the responsibility of the producer," explained Dr. Hillman. Bulls of unknown status may be sold for breeding with one negative RT-PCR test or three negative culture tests, each conducted not less than one week apart. The breeding bulls must remain separated from female cattle during the testing. Negative test results will be valid for 30 days, but only if the tested breeding bulls continue to be separated from heifers or cows.

"Infected bulls will be

restricted to movement for slaughter only, as there is no effective treatment for this disease," said Dr. Hillman. "The remaining bulls in the herd will be held, isolated from female cattle, until they are tested, at least once more by PCR test, or twice more by culture, each culture conducted at least a week apart. If the remaining bulls test negative (each non-virgin bull in an infected herd must have at least two consecutive negative RT-PCR tests or at least three consecutive negative culture tests in order to be classified as negative), they are free to move."

"Producers who have encountered cattle trichomoniasis in their herd know how devastating this disease can be to their calf crop and production," stressed Dr. Hillman. "This program is directly in response to producer and association requests for help to stop the spread of this insidious disease, and to stop the importation of infected bulls into the state. It is important to note that since this is an industry-requested program, input from the cattle industry is critical to the effective functioning of the program. To this end the rules contain provisions for the program to be reviewed annually by a broad-based Trichomoniasis Review Working Group, which can make recommendations on changes or even abolishment of the program."

"By enacting the interstate requirements now, we can address the importation of disease immediately," he said. "Delaying the intrastate regulations until the first of next year will ensure that everyone can be 'on board' to attack this disease and protect their herds."



**PINK TEAM WINS THE BLUE**—The Haskell Sixth Pink Team won the fifth/sixth division of the Benjamin Little Dribblers Tournament Feb. 21. They defeated the Benjamin team and the Lueders-Avoca all boys team. Team members are, front row, l-r, Jacie Klose and Breianna Bell; back row, Crissy Bassett, Reagan Hadaway, Kenzie Shelton, Destiny Billington, Hayley Holland, and Breezy Gibbs. Team coach is Kim Bassett.

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## TAX PLANNING

Written By  
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



### RECOVERY REBATE CREDIT AVAILABLE TO SOME THIS YEAR

Do you recall the "economic stimulus" payment that you received last year after you filed your tax return? Many single taxpayers received \$600, and married taxpayers received \$1,200. If you had children, your payment was even greater. But some taxpayers received a reduced payment or no payment whatsoever. Why? Primarily because their income was too high (or too low), or they had been claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return.

If you were denied some or all of a stimulus payment last year, you have a second chance when preparing your 2008 tax return by claiming the "recovery rebate credit." And more importantly, even if you did receive your full stimulus payment last year, you might receive an additional rebate credit if your circumstances have changed. The most common situations that might make you eligible for the recovery rebate credit include:

- Your 2008 income changed (either up or down).
- You had or adopted a child in 2008.
- You were claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer in 2007, but are filing on your own for 2008.

If your tax situation changed in 2008 and you are afraid that you might have to give back some of the stimulus payment, don't worry. The recovery rebate credit is a one way street. You will not have to return any "excess" stimulus payment that you previously received. Nor is that stimulus payment subject to tax on your 2008 return. If you think that you may be eligible for the credit, you'll want to review the recovery rebate worksheet included with your 1040EZ, 1040A, or 1040 tax package. If your return is prepared by a tax professional, they will check your eligibility for you. Just remember to provide your tax preparer with the amount of the economic stimulus payment that you received in 2008.

For any filing assistance you need, contact our office.

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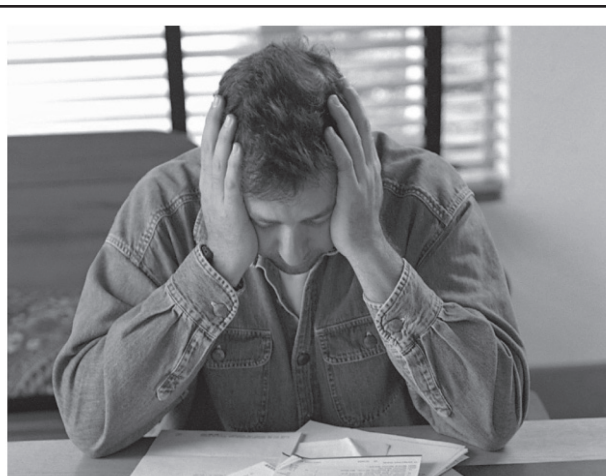
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# Know the "banking" differences

Never before has the difference between your local community bank and the Wall Street and non-traditional financial institutions been more apparent than in today's financial services marketplace.

Remember the good old days when you could easily identify a bank. Today, there are several different types of "banks":

**•Community Banks** are locally owned and managed by a local board of directors and characterized by local lending decisions, local investment and civic involvement in their communities. Community banks are chartered in your state, or may have "national" or "N.A" in their name, which connotes a federal charter. They are, in most cases, small businesses. The vast majority of banks in the United States are "community banks."

**•Mega-Banks** could be defined as those multi-billion dollar banks that are "too big to fail." They operate across multiple state lines, and are engaged in a multitude of financial services related businesses.

**•Investment Banks** work with companies or other entities who want to raise capital. These

banks generally do not accept customer deposits.

**•Central Banks** are responsible for managing monetary policy. In the United States, the Federal Reserve is the central bank empowered to conduct monetary policy and enforce regulations of financial institutions.

**•Savings Banks** were originally created to promote affordable home ownership. While the number of thrift charters has declined since the 1980s, many still exist throughout the United States and are effectively traditional banks. They are insured by the FDIC as are commercial banks. Generally, these entities are distinguishable only with the addition of the initials "SSB"—state savings bank, or "FSB"—federal savings bank.

**•"Offshore" Banks** are chartered outside of the United States, and frequently in the Caribbean. While many of these entities are perfectly legitimate, you should use caution prior to investing or depositing your money into any entity with a "deal that is too good to be true."

During the past few years, the lines have become blurred

when talking about financial institutions. Many people confuse other types of financial institutions with banks because of some of the services they provide.

**•Online banks** are a relatively new banking concept. They are driven strictly by the Internet with no brick and mortar buildings. While there is no personal touch, some prefer the convenience and speed of the Internet. Don't confuse "online banks" with "online banking." Most traditional banks offer online banking services for their customers, but should a problem arise, you can go to a brick and mortar building to talk to a bank representative.

**•Payday lenders** provide small, short-term loans, usually \$500 or less, intended to cover a borrower's expenses until the next payday. According to Wikipedia, finance charges on payday loans are typically in the range of 15 to 30 percent of the amount for the two-week period, which translates to rates ranging from 390 percent to 780 percent when expressed as an annual percentage rate.

**•Credit unions** like to position themselves as banks. However, they are not subject

to some of the strict banking regulations of traditional banks and are not required to adhere to the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), which requires banks to serve the needs of the communities in which they are located. Additionally, credit unions are not subject to federal income tax or a number of state and local taxes.

Consumers should remember that banks and other financial institutions are not public utilities, but rather private businesses with shareholders expecting a return on their investments. Dramatic developments over the past months have created some concerns and many questions as several of the largest institutions in the country have received substantial government assistance. This is a rapidly changing world; however, the bottom line is that the FDIC insurance fund is backed by the United States government, and your deposits are safe.

More information is available at [www.fdic.gov](http://www.fdic.gov). Your local community banker is a great resource for any questions you may have regarding your financial needs, and is a source of stability in these turbulent times.

## Haskell School Menu

**March 9-13 Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** Breakfast pizza

**Tuesday:** Pig in a blanket

**Wednesday:** Cereal, strawberry Poptart

**Thursday:** Cheese omelet, buttered toast

**Friday:** Breakfast on a stick

**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:** Chicken strips,

gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread stick, fruit salad

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

**Wednesday:** Pepperoni pizza, corn, coleslaw, baby carrots, ranch dressing, choice: chocolate or vanilla pudding cups

**Thursday:** Beefy nachos, pinto beans, garden salad, pears

**Friday:** Elem. and Jr. High choice: Steak on a bun or tuna sandwich, french fries, ice cream; High school only, ham and cheese sandwich, chips, Gogurt. All students will have lettuce, tomato, pickles

## Paint Creek School Menu

**March 9-13 Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** French toast

**Tuesday:** Toast or Cereal

**Wednesday:** Biscuits, gravy

**Thursday:** Breakfast burritos

**Friday:** Donuts

**Lunch**

Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Burritos, Spanish rice, salad, cobbler

**Tuesday:** Spaghetti, green beans, salad, bread, cookies

**Wednesday:** Baked potatoes, ham, salad, bread, jello

**Thursday:** BBQ on bun, fries, pickle spears, corn on cob, oranges

**Friday:** Sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, chips, pickles, fruits

## ECC Menu

**Mon., March 9**

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

**Wed., March 11**

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

or coffee

**Fri., March 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.

# This Week's Devotional Message:



## When it's time for a change, God helps you make it

Once in a while, we all have to make a change of some kind. It might be the retirement from a job of long standing, a move to a different area, or any number of other things. Whatever it is, you will be starting a new chapter in your life, and you must adopt a cheerful and constructive attitude about it. There is no better time than this to start or continue to attend your house

of worship, or if the change is geographical, to find a new one. The comforting word of God will help you bring order and serenity into the present chaos of your life, and point you in some positive directions. You are always where God wants you to be, and He will move you when the time comes. Thus, an apparent catastrophe can prove to be a blessing in the long run.

## ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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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
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901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**  
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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  
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- 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, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
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**  
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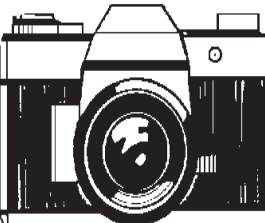
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**TOURNAMENT WINNERS**—The sixth girls team from Haskell won the 5th/6th grade division of the Paint Creek Little Dribblers Tournament Sat., Feb. 28. The team defeated Paint Creek and Benjamin. Team members are, front row, l-r, Kenzie Shelton, Reagan Hadaway, Breezy Gibbs and Destiny Billington; back row, Jacie Klose, Hayley Holland, Crissy Bassett and Breianna Bell. The team is coached by Kim Bassett.



**PLACES SECOND**—The Haskell Maidens took second place in the Small School Division of the Wichita Falls Sunrise Optimist Invitational Tournament over the weekend. On Thursday the Maidens were defeated by a very strong 2A Henrietta team. The Maidens defeated Olney on Friday 12-0; followed by a forfeit by the Electra team. The Maidens defeated Holliday, 9-7 to claim the second place trophy. Team members are, front row, l-r, Claire Isbell, Codi Foster, Sara Weise, Brooke Bullinger, Haley Chavez and Shelby Hagle; back row, Brittney Martinez, Kimie Hutchinson, Claire Carmichael, Aubrey Bassett and Lynette Ortiz. Not pictured is Ashton Rutkowski. The Maidens met Windthorst Mon., Feb. 23 and were defeated 11-1. The Maidens stand 10-3 for the season.

## City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Feb. 23 with Mayor Bob Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford and Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers, Robert Tribbey and Jason Hall present.

Smith called the meeting to order followed by the invocation given by Medford.

Jeff Gregg of Castagna & Gregg gave the 2007-08 fiscal year audit report which was approved.

A three year commitment with Castagna & Gregg was approved.

The council approved the request made by Haskell CISD Superintendent Bill Alcorn to allow the school to close North Avenue D between North 6th and 7th Streets during regular school hours. The school will purchase the barricades and be responsible for setting them up and removing them only during school hours.

A bid from David Davis for

the west 40'x300' of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Block 29 of the Brown & Roberts Division of the City of Haskell for \$51 per lot was approved. The other items of land were tabled.

Steven Grand, Haskell Police Chief reported on the purchase of taser equipment for officers and reviewed the use of force policy and taser deployment guidelines. He reported on the search warrant and taser schools hosted by the City. A follow up report on racial profiling was made along with the January activity report.

In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson reported:

- The Assisted Living Board has recommended postponing the project indefinitely. While the project looked very promising 4-1/2 years ago, the current economic situation does not look promising for the project and the board feels that it would not be fiscally

responsible to move forward with the project. The City will be out the expenses incurred to date; however, the board feels that would be better than risking a higher amount.

- A senior officials workshop will be held April 2 in Munday. Those who would like to attend should contact Judge Floyd in Knox County.

- The Texas Midwest Community Network will host a Big Dream Gathering in San Angelo March 5.

- Letters have been sent to owners of the creek bottom on west of Avenue L. Jerry Stocks has requested that the City clean out that area; however, the City's easement to the creek does not go west of Avenue L. The City is waiting on responses from those owners before proceeding.

- The deadline to file for the three openings on the City Council is March 9.

A motion to approve the bills passed.

## Area basketball scores

### Varsity Girls

Roscoe 35, Haskell 34  
Scoring for Haskell: Rodgers 13, Bassett 6, Agraz 6, Reid 4, Thane 3, Wallace 2.

### Varsity Boys

Highland 43, Rule 35  
Scoring for Rule: Hall, 10, Perales 7, Clark 7, Petty 6, Sorley 5.

## IRS won't email you about your refund

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Sanford said if the IRS needs to contact you, they will generally send a notice or letter through the U. S. Mail. Delete bogus IRS e-mails or forward them to phishing@irs.gov.

## Commissioners' Court report

The Commissioners Court met in a special meeting Feb. 24. All members were present except Commissioner Bobby Smith.

A motion to pay all bills was approved. A motion to pay for the refrigerator for the Experienced Citizens Center in the amount of \$3,550 when it comes in was approved.

## Relay for Life event set Apr. 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.

**Burn Ban in effect**

Sheriff David Halliburton reported that he had purchased six taser guns out of the seizure fund. Three were purchased for the Sheriff's Office, one for the Constable, one each for the Cities of Rule and Rochester Law Enforcement officers.

The Racial Profiling Report presented by Sheriff Halliburton was approved.

The burn ban was left in effect.

No action was taken on a bid from Karr Tuckpointing Repair proposal for the courthouse.

A motion to advertise for the sale of the Hassen building that was used as the old library was approved.

The internet router was tabled.

The mass public notification system was tabled.

The interlocal agreement

with the Texas Association of Counties regarding the intergrated justice information system was approved. The county's part will be \$2,025.20.

The motion to not purchase burn ban signs for the county was approved.

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The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special called meeting Feb. 27. All members were present except Commissioner Bobby Smith.

The meeting concerned equipment bids.

A bid from Wade Raynes, in the amount of \$5,000 for the dump bed trailer, was approved.

The bid from Brueggeman Brothers in the amount of \$30,500 for the D6 Cat Dozer was accepted.

## Congressman Mac Thornberry

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Nominee – Mark Ross (Incumbent)

Report on 2008 operations  
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