

## Softball

### HASKELL

JV-V Maidens vs Roby  
Fri., March 27, 5 p.m.  
at Roby

JV Maidens vs Albany  
Mon., March 30, 6:30 p.m.  
at Haskell

V Maidens vs Loraine  
Tues., March 31, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell

## Baseball

### HASKELL

Indians vs Rotan  
Fri., March 27, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell

Indians vs Roby  
Tues., March 31, 5 p.m.  
at Roby

## Track

### HASKELL

JH Throckmorton meet  
Thurs., March 26

V Throckmorton meet  
Sat., March 28

### PAINT CREEK

JH Knox City meet  
Thurs., March 26

V Knox City meet  
Fri., March 27

### RULE

JH Knox City meet  
Thurs., March 26

V Knox City meet  
Fri., March 27

## Golf

### HASKELL

Indians & Maidens  
Hamlin Invitational  
Hamlin Country Club  
Wed., April 1, 9 a.m.

## Calendar

### Tournament

A Little Dribbler's tournament to benefit Haskell Heroes and Autism Speaks will be held Sat., March 28 at the Haskell High School gym. Games will begin at 10 a.m. and continue all day. Grades Pre-K through adult will be playing. Admission is \$2. Final games begin at 7 p.m. with high school girls vs. "The Classics" (the old folks), followed by the high school boys vs. "The Classics." A full concession stand will be available all day featuring the Indian Meal Deal consisting of hamburger, chips, candy, drink for \$5.

### Softball sign up

Haskell Girls Softball Association (HGSA) is holding registration for girls ages 5-14 this week only. Forms have been sent home from school and can be returned to school or dropped off Saturday at the Little Dribblers tournament. Deadline is Sat., March 28. Call Cindy at 864-8011 for information.

### Easter cantata

An Easter cantata will be presented Sun., March 29 at 7 p.m. at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

### Cowboy breakfast

The annual Cowboy Breakfast will be held by First United Methodist Church of Haskell Palm Sunday, April 5. Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. with Pastor Cody Cochran of Anson speaking at 8 a.m. For more information, call 864-3202.

### 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. Contact Emily Fouts at Rochester Junior High for more information.

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## Go Indians Go Maidens

# The Haskell Free Press

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"The People's Choice"

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## 64 show cars dressed up Haskell's square Saturday

Sixty-four classic cars dressed the Haskell courthouse square Sat., March 21 during the Haskell Fire Department's 13th annual Classic Car Show.

Best of Show honors went to Charles Patterson of Breckenridge with his 1970 Chevrolet pickup.

People's Choice was a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air belonging to Robert Spalding of Hamlin.

Ron Bohnstedt of Lake Havasu, Arizona, with a 1977 GMC pickup, drove the farthest distance to attend the annual show. Gerald Melton of Panhandle was the second farthest driver showing a 1941 Ford delivery truck.

Special interest winners were Rick Turner of Olney showing a blue 2005 Shelby Mustang, Parker Nevil of Fairview with a 1963 Ford Ranchero and Ben Ensmirer of McCauley showing a 1964 Studebaker Hawk.

Cars were judged on presentation, cleanliness, paint quality and interior quality.

Classes and winners included:

Cars Pre-'64: 1. Robert Spalding of Hamlin, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air; 2. Laurie Williams of Vernon, 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air; 3. Pat Wilson of Abilene, 1964 Ford Mustang.

Cars '65 to '75: 1. John McLean of Vernon, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro; 2. David Craft of Wichita Falls, 1966 Shelby GT350; 3. A.C. Moreau of Throckmorton, 1968 Chevrolet Impala.



**HOT WHEELS RACE WINNERS—Lauryn Crane of Haskell, left, took second place honors at the Hot Wheels Race held in conjunction with the 13th annual Haskell Fire Department's Car Show last Saturday. Tyresse Thomas of Choctaw, Oklahoma, right, was the first place winner. Presenting the trophies to the youngsters were firemen, l-r, Kris Isbell, James Martin and Weldon Gillispie.**

Cars '75 and up: 1. Brenda and David Maul of Coahoma, 2008 Chevrolet Corvette; 2. Dale and Linda Green of Levelland, 1986 Chevrolet Corvette; 3. Chad Brownlow of Vernon, 1978 Chevrolet Corvette.

Antique Cars, Trucks thru '50: 1. Gladys Patterson of Breckenridge, 1926 Chevrolet

Coupe; 2. Glen Large of Knox City, 1957 Ford Fairlane; 3. David Guadalacazar of Hamlin, 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air.

Street Rods Pre-'49: 1. Cecil Fain of Abilene, 1934 Chevrolet Coupe; 2. Don Rodges of Krugerville, 1933 Chevrolet 3-window Coupe; 3. Rodger Johnson of Munday,

1923 Ford Roadster.

Older Pickups Pre-'84: 1. Charles Patterson of Breckenridge, 1970 Chevrolet pickup; 2. Gerald Melton of Panhandle, 1941 Ford Delivery; 3. Gary Paschell of Wichita Falls, 1953 Ford pickup.

Pickups '85 and up: 1. Lupe Angel Morales of

Abilene, 1988 Chevrolet S-10; 2. Rodger Johnson of Munday, 1990 Chevrolet 454SS pickup.

Motorcycles: 1. Ron Hall of Hamlin, 2008 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic; 2. Dewey Hall of Merkel, 2004 Harley Davidson Electraglide; 3. Sandra Beggs of Abilene, 2002 Harley Davidson Fatboy.

Restoration in Progress: 1. James Beggs of Abilene, 1985 Chevrolet S-10 pickup; 2. Allen Moffett of Sylvester, 1951 Chevrolet 3100; 3. Kaden Hancock of Sweetwater, 1975 AMC Pacer.

Antique farm equipment: 1. Shane Stout of Haskell, 1955 John Deere 60; 2. Casey Moeller of Haskell, 1940 John Deere H; 3. Casey Moeller of Haskell, 1949 John Deere.

Hot Wheels races were a hit with the younger crowd. Tyresse Thomas of Choctaw, Oklahoma was the first place winner, followed by second place winner, Lauryn Crane of Haskell.

## Cornelius, Baiza honored in Rule

Rule Chamber of Commerce held the 55th annual banquet Tuesday night. The Man and Woman of the Year was revealed.

Named Man of the Year was Santo Baiza, a Rule resident who was born in the former Medical Clinic in Rule that is now the present funeral home. He has lived in Rule all his life and graduated from Rule High School. When he participated in Little League baseball the coach called him his Babe Ruth as he usually hit the ball over the fence and went into his Babe Ruth trot around the bases.

During his high school years, he worked for a number of residents of Rule and in 1986 began working for the former Allison Farm Supply in Rule for 15 years. He then became self-employed as a plumber and handyman. In 2006 he began working for the Post Office in Rule as a relief mail courier and trained to work as a postal clerk which he does now.

Married to his sweetheart, Theresa, they will observe their 24th anniversary this December. They have one son, Gabriel and a daughter Sirena. Baiza is truly a servant of the people. He always has a pleasant smile and gives of himself to the community in many ways. Between working at the Post Office, helping with various activities in Rule, and spending time with his family,

he enjoys a good game of golf when time permits.

Selected as Woman Citizen of the Year was Oleta Cornelius. She was born in the northern part of Oklahoma and later moved to the southern part to Velma, Oklahoma, where she attended her last year of high school. There she caught the eye of a young man, J.N. Cornelius, when she was football queen. He was employed with Skelly Oil Company as was her father. Married in 1949, they will celebrate their 60th anniversary in June of 2009.

Her life has been a busy one what with taking care of her husband and raising three sons, Paul, Richard and Tommy. She also cares for others and reaches out to neighbors. She has always served in what ways she could.

She was employed by the Rule School as a bus driver for 21 years, serves as area correspondent for the Abilene Reporter-News and has also been correspondent for some local newspapers. She is a charter member of the Haskell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary where she and her husband work weekly. She is on the board of the Friends of the Haskell County Library, member of the Rule Chamber of Commerce, has worked with the Texas Mid-West Community Network, was a member of the former Rule Philadelphian Club and is a member of the Progressive

Study Club of Haskell where she received TFWC Mesquite District Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer of the Year in 2001, an active member of Rule Chapter #989 Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Methodist Church in Rule where she has held various offices and is a certified Lay Speaker. She has always loved to help her neighbors and checks on the widows who live alone, helping put trash cans out and other things that are needed.

Serving as Master of Ceremonies was chamber

president, David Parr.

Presentation of awards was made by Kenny Tanner.

Other officers announced were Derrell Sorrells, vice president; and Orheana Greeson, secretary and treasurer.

Board of Directors for terms expiring in 2010 are Barbara Pratt, Malcolm Hertenberger, Kenny Tanner and Marsha Simpson. Terms expiring in 2012 are Melinda Hisey, Maxine Hertenberger, Margie and Sonja Parr.

Following the program, the Rule ISD One Act Play cast presented their play.



**BEST OF SHOW—This 1970 Chevrolet pickup belonging to Charles Patterson of Breckenridge took Best of Show honors and first place in the Older Pickups Pre-'84 division at the 13th annual Haskell Fire Department Car Show last weekend.**

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**RECYCLING LEADER**—Haskell fourth grader, Rudy Espinoza, has enlisted his whole family into a recycling project. Together with his family and friends at The Drug Store, Rudy collected a coffee can and large Ziploc bag full of soda can tabs. The tabs will be sent to the Ronald McDonald House to allow families to stay there free when their children are in the hospital. Several sixth graders started the project last May. The elementary has sent a five-gallon aquarium full of tabs to the sixth graders earlier this year. If you would like to start recycling soda can tabs, soup can tabs, canned meat tabs, etc., to the project just bring them by the elementary office, or give them to Espinoza. He'll gladly send them in for you. Haskell CISD supports service learning projects such as these. Program coordinators are Debbie Miller and Paula Everett.

## Deadline for food class is April 17

A two-day Food Protection Management training for food service managers in the Big County area will be held May 4 and 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension Office in Abilene.

The training will allow food establishments permitted by Texas Department of Health to meet their certification requirements if they pass the state exam. Food service establishments permitted by Environmental Health Section of the City of Abilene are also invited to attend. The class covers twelve food safety concepts related to personal hygiene, cross contamination, time and temperature, sanitation, pest management, food borne illness and related areas.

The course is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Nolan and Jones Counties, the Environmental Section of the City of Abilene and Texas Department of Health.

Registration deadline is April 17. Registration information is available by calling the Taylor county Extension Office at 325-672-6048, the Jones County Extension Office at 325-823-2432 or the Nolan County Extension Office at 325-235-3184. The next classes will be held July 13 and 20.



**HAMLIN TRACK MEET**—The Haskell Maidens competed at the Hamlin track meet Sat., March 21. Ashlee Short, left, competed in the shot put event. Hanna Wallace, right, ran the hurdles.



**HAMLIN TRACK MEET**—The Haskell Maidens competed at the Hamlin track meet Sat., March 21. Hope Reid, left, ran in the sprint and Kacey Wilcox, right, was a member of the 400 relay team.



You are cordially invited to  
**Open House at**  
**The Alternatives Program**  
**Tues., March 31**  
**3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**  
**Stonewall County Memorial Hospital**  
 821 North Broadway • Aspermont  
 940-989-3551 ext. 264

## Crime of the Week

Sometime over the weekend of March 14-15, the Haskell Country Club was burglarized. Several golf clubs and other items were stolen.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Haskell Police Department, is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information about this crime.

Anyone with information about the person or persons involved is encouraged to call the crime stopper tip line 1-800-222-TIPS or text CRIMES CFCS. All tipsters remain anonymous.

Remember—We want your information, not your name.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 6, 2009, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos Energy" or "the Company"), filed a Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") filing to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders. This filing is applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division, with the exception of the City of Dallas. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is July 20, 2009. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,186,634 residential, 97,855 commercial, and 790 industrial and transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the affected incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$9,735,814, or 0.67% percent, including gas costs, or 3.40 percent, excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

Based on the proposed rate design, the typical monthly bill for each customer class within the affected incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percentage shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
Residential	\$85.97*	\$86.51*	\$0.54	0.63%	2.49%
Commercial	\$363.79*	\$364.88*	\$1.09	0.30%	2.39%
Industrial	\$3,724.55*	\$3,738.82*	\$14.27	0.38%	2.65%
Transportation	\$631.86	\$646.13	\$14.27	2.26%	2.65%

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.

\* Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$9.48 per Mcf.

\*\*The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30

Mcf for commercial and 300 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, other proposed tariff changes include updates to factors included in Rider WNA and revisions to the Rider GCR to allow the recovery of gains and losses, as well as transaction costs associated with financial hedging transactions.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Rate Review Mechanism, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos Energy's offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our Web site at [www.atmosenergy.com/RRM](http://www.atmosenergy.com/RRM). In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex Division de Atmos Energy Corporation (la Compañía) que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes en las áreas incorporadas y servidas por Mid-Tex Division excepto la Ciudad de Dallas. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.



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## Obituaries

### William 'Bill' Nelson Mercer Jr.

Funeral services for William 'Bill' Nelson Mercer Jr., 58, of Eules were held Thurs., March 20 at Kings Highway Baptist Church in Eules. Graveside services were held Thurs., March 20 in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Mount Olivet Funeral Home of Fort Worth.

Mr. Mercer passed away Mon., March 16 at a Eules hospital.

Born Oct. 26, 1950 in Haskell, he was the son of Evelyn and William Mercer Sr. He

served his country in the U.S. Army. He was an independent Baptist minister and evangelist.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Mercer; children, Matthias Mercer, Mark Mercer, William Nelson Mercer III and wife, Tiffany Vera, Charlotte Anne Mercer, Michelle Rene Mercer and Christiana Evelyn Mercer; grandchildren, Silvia Nicole Mercer and William Nelson Mercer IV; and several cousins, uncles and aunts. PD NOTICE

## Relay for Life event needs teams

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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MR. AND MRS. PHIL SIMMONS

## Simmons celebrate 69th anniversary

Phil and Georgianne Simmons of Weatherford, former Rochester residents, celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary in January.

Phil and Georgianne grew up in Weatherford and met each other at a school party when she was in the eighth grade.

Both are graduates of Weatherford High and attended Weatherford College. He graduated with a Masters degree from Hardin-Simmons and she graduated from HSU with a BS degree. They dated off and on for seven years before their Jan. 13, 1940 marriage.

Both taught school in Rochester. She taught

fifth grade and he coached basketball, football and track for both boys and girls. They retired after 31 years of service with the district. He served as superintendent the last 18 years of his service.

The Simmons Auditorium in Rochester bears the couple's name.

They are members of the Courts Methodist Church in Weatherford and reside at Autumn Hill Manor.

They have three children, Becky Freeman of Kerrville, Phil R. Jr. of Weatherford and Beth Baker of Albuquerque. They have nine grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.

## Tubbs demonstrates recycling of old art to art club members

Becky Tubbs was the visiting artist for the Brazos West Art Association meeting Mon., March 8 held in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Tubbs, a former hometown girl, gave a very interesting and informative demonstration recreating an undesirable, 'throw-away' watercolor painting. With an ingenious technique using opaque watercolors, Tubbs gave new life to an old painting.

A whimsical design was drawn directly over the old painting and with vivid opaque watercolors applied in desirable places. Portions of the old painting was still there 'peeping through.' But, the whimsical design coupled with vivid opaque colors created a wonderful, colorful

abstract painting.

Tubbs demonstrated on two different undesirable paintings and had several others completed and framed. The demonstration opened the eyes of the attending artists to the possibilities of a new experience in painting.

One does not have to paint, only to experience the joy and relaxation in the club's meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Attending were Marsha Whittemore, Betty Hook, Nelwyn Beakley, Peggy Middlebrook, Martha Spitzer, Gayle White, Betty Sanders, Barbara Fouts, Bobbie Harrison, Florence Larned, Jerry Bowers, Ann Strand, Jennie Lyckman, Adaline Laird and Tubbs.



MR. AND MRS. J.T. THOMPSON

## Couple weds in San Antonio

Katie (Katherine Ann) and J.T. (Christopher Jeremiah) Thompson were married Sat., Feb. 21, by Rev. Richard Kannwischer and Chaplain Craig Combs at the First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio.

Steve Thompson, father of the groom, read scripture.

The bride and groom entered the reception to the Texas Tech Fight Song.

The bride is the daughter of Kenny and Wanda Thompson of Paint Creek. Parents of the groom are Debbie and Dennis Chance of Lubbock and Steve and Barbara Thompson of Irving.

The bride's attendants included Alexis Burson of Midland who served as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Jessica Gomez of Houston, Jessica Rieger of Albany, Leanne Terwilliger of Washington, D.C. and Erin Thompson of Arlington, sister-in-law of the bride.

The bride's niece, Kendall Thompson, was her flower girl.

The groom's attendants included Kyle Jacobs of Dallas who served as best man.

Groomsmen were James Crewse of Dallas, Grant Baldwin of Dallas, Nic Ray of Round Rock and David Chance of Lubbock, brother of the groom.

Ushers were Brett Underwood of Lubbock, Spencer Musselman of St.

Louis, Austin Sims of Austin, Justin Steinbach of Dallas and Casey Thompson of Arlington, brother of the bride.

The bride carried a bouquet of white roses on the Bible that her grandmother, Mary Ann Schubert Thompson, carried on her wedding day in 1951. Her bridal garter was sewn by her mother made from lace from her own wedding dress worn in 1976.

Following the ceremony, dinner and dancing were enjoyed at The International Center on the San Antonio River Walk.

After graduating from Haskell High School in 2002, the bride attended Texas Tech University and received a Bachelor of Arts in advertising in 2006. She is employed as a freelance copywriter and is working towards her teaching certification.

Immediately following his 1996 graduation from Coronado High School in Lubbock, the bridegroom served in the U.S. Army and later returned to Lubbock to attend Texas Tech University. He received a Bachelor of Business administration in finance, accounting, and business economics in 2006. He works for the Texas Department of Banking and is a soldier in the Texas National Guard.

The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas and resides in San Antonio.

## Book Fair set at Haskell Elementary March 30-April 3

A Scholastic Book Fair will be held at Haskell Elementary School beginning Mon., March 30 through Fri., April 3. The book fair will be in the Haskell Elementary library each day from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and until noon on Friday. The fair will be for students in prekindergarten through eighth grade and for families, teachers, and the public. The theme of this year's fair is "Lights! Camera! Book Fair!

Reading Makes You a Star!" Everyone is invited to the "Family Event" Thurs. evening, April 2, from 4:30 through 6 p.m. Families will have a chance to shop together and enjoy refreshments, and there will be student drawings for book fair merchandise.

See how "Reading Makes You a Star" at the Scholastic book fair. For more information call 864-2654, ext. 309.

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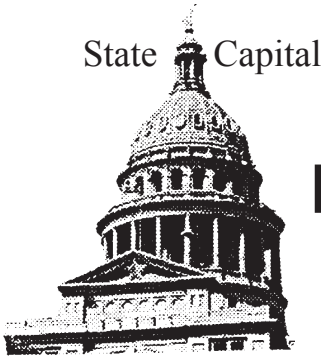




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# OPINION

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



### HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

#### Economic conditions makes budget bill crafting tough

AUSTIN—Some Texans prefer swift action by the state Legislature because they want to see progress.

Then there are those who don't mind a slow pace and maybe want lawmakers to create as few new laws as possible.

We're now half way through the 140-day 81st regular session of the Texas Legislature and no substantive legislation has been debated on the House floor, although lawmakers filed a record number of bills before the March 13 bill-filing deadline.

Bills that have passed in the Senate and are waiting for House approval are in a waiting line.

There's a reason for it. It's a complicated puzzle to create a budget with the state economy slowing down and disagreement about how, where or if the \$16 billion in federal stimulus dollars should be spent.

One also could factor in that there's an extra learning curve with a new speaker, new committee chairs and new members learning to work as a unit.

Lawmakers want to be sure they understand exactly what is on the table before they offer up a 2010-2011 budget that could cost taxpayers \$170 billion. That is the work of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees.

The House Committee on Ways and Means will have to figure out where the money will come from to fund the budget. That's a rough task when sales and use taxes won't be nearly as high as projected, property values have decreased and the state business activity tax is not producing as anticipated because it is based on businesses' profit margins.

There's a superstition that it's not a good idea to mention the possibility of a special session because it increases chances that the governor will call one, and that kind of talk is percolating.

But Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, chair of House Appropriations, and Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, chair of House County Affairs, seemed to deliver a different message when they talked to reporters March 20 about the progress of the session. Coleman expressed confidence that the House can and will pass a budget during the regular session.

However Gov. Rick Perry stated publicly he would veto an appropriations bill that doesn't meet his standards. And that

seems to mean the bill had better not include language that translates to an acceptance of federal stimulus money for unemployment compensation.

#### Voter ID bill passes in Senate

The Texas Senate on March 18 passed Horseshoe Bay Sen. Troy Fraser's voter ID bill on a 19-12 party line vote, with Republicans in favor and Democrats against.

If the House approves SB 362 in its present form, in order to cast a ballot, voters would present their current voter registration certificate and driver's license. A state or U.S. military-issued ID card could be used to substitute for a driver's license.

For those who don't have a driver's license or other government-issued ID, they could use two other forms of identification, such as a library card and a utility bill.

#### Austin growth faster than most

When Texans visit their capital and sense that it's grown recently, there are new statistics to back up the sensation.

The U.S. Census Bureau on March 19 reported Raleigh-Cary, N.C., and Austin-Round Rock, Texas, were the nation's fastest-growing metro areas between 2007 and 2008, based on July 1, 2008, population estimates for the nation's metropolitan and "micropolitan" statistical areas and counties.

Raleigh-Cary saw its population climb 4.3 percent between July 1, 2007, and July 1, 2008, to 1.1 million. Austin-Round Rock experienced a 3.8 percent increase, to 1.7 million.

#### Stiffer penalties for violators

SB 52 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, was approved by the Senate on March 18. The legislation ratchets up penalties for illegally parking in a spot marked for disabled drivers. The fine for a first offense would increase from a maximum of \$500 to a maximum of \$750. Penalties would increase for subsequent offenses, up to \$1,100 and 50 hours of community service for a fourth offense.

#### Needle exchange bill advances

SB 188 by Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, was approved by the Senate on March 19. The bill would legalize needle-exchange programs. Deuell said his bill would allow non-profits to offer one-to-one syringe exchanges, plus drug abuse counseling and education programs for prevention of communicable diseases.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago April 1, 1999

Dr. William Kemp received the Rinehart Medallion from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry as one of fifty persons named Alumni of the Year for each of the last fifty years.

Shayne McKenzie was named to the Abilene Reporter-News All-Big Country Super Team for her outstanding play during the 1998-99 basketball season.

Krystal Wilson received an iMac computer donated by the Make a Wish Foundation of Lubbock.

Edward and Melba Moeller celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Cody Josselet, son of Danny and Vicky Josselet of Haskell, graduated from the Abilene Police Academy.

Brandy Gardner of Haskell received the United States National Student Council Award.

#### 20 Years Ago March 30, 1989

Timothy C. Molsant, son of Janice M. Hudgins of Haskell, received the silver wings of an Army aviator and appointed as warrant officer upon completion of the rotary wing aviator course at the U.S. Army Aviation School in Fort Rucker, Alaska.

Dusty Meeks of Haskell was selected to play in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches all-star basketball game.

Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Kinney of Rochester were honored at a reception in observance of their 69th wedding anniversary.

One hundred and sixty-eight descendants of the late Victor J. and Catherine Josselet gathered at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center for a reunion.

#### 30 Years Ago March 29, 1979

Larry Beauchamp resigned his position as Investigator for the District Attorney's office.

The Jaycee's Bass Tournament winners were Bill Miller, first; Cleo Merchant, second and big fish winner and Paul Clayton, third.

Maxine Hertzberger was named Rule Outstanding Woman for 1978 during the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Archie and Virginia Jones, formerly of Haskell, were presented Texas Flying Farmer Man and Woman of the Year awards at the Flying Farmers state convention in Corpus Christi.

Joe Holland was named manager of JRB Supermarket in Haskell.

Two staff members promoted at Fiona State Bank were Patrick Pace, vice president and Ted Procter, assistant vice president.

#### 40 Years Ago March 27, 1969

Danny Tollison, agency manager for Haskell County Farm Bureau, announced the appointment of George Perry, Jr. as an agent.

An open house was held by Bassing Jewelry for their relocation to the southeast corner of the square.

Better than 500 parents visited the Haskell Elementary School during an open house sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association.

Suzie Montgomery, Haskell High School senior, was chosen as the Abilene hometown sweetheart and named Duchess to the 35th Annual Cotton Pageant at the Bryan Civic Auditorium in College Station.

Mrs. Hubert Bell, piano teacher with studios in the local schools, presented twenty-

five high school and junior high students in a program of secular music.

Dennis K. Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie B. Chapman of Haskell, was one of five yell leaders selected by the student body at Texas A&M University for 1969-70.

#### 50 Years Ago March 26, 1959

Haskell High School won first place in the Interscholastic League District VI one-act play competition.

Sara Sue Roberson, Texas Christian University student of Haskell, was named on the Dean's List.

Jerry McAnney of Haskell and Edward Roye Dye of Weinert were selected to pledge national social fraternities at North Texas State College.

Mrs. Truett Cobb returned home after an extended visit with her daughters and families in California and Utah.

#### 100 Years Ago March 27, 1909

T.C. Cahill was in the hospital after a surgical operation made necessary by a wisdom tooth.

O.H. Remmert of McGregor purchased stock in the McNeil & Smith Hardware Co. and associated with the concern in the future.

While A.S. Bullock was cleaning a garment in a pan of gasoline, the atmosphere filled with gas and an explosion resulted when the gas ignited from an open charcoal furnace in his tailor shop. Bullock and his son were burned about the face and arms. At the time the explosion occurred, the wind was very high, but the alarm was given and the fire was confined to one room, burning everything.

S.W. Scott of Haskell purchased one of the most beautiful and powerful touring cars.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear editor:

April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month in Texas and across the nation. The Haskell County Child Welfare Board is hoping to inform and educate people in our community about child abuse and neglect and ways to prevent it.

"It's Up to You: Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect" is the theme for April. This month—and throughout the year—our attention is focused on efforts that create healthier environments for children and encourage confident, positive parenting. We believe that preventing child abuse is the responsibility of every caring community member.

During the month of April, Haskell County schools will participate in a different activity each week to promote awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month. "Blue Ribbon Week," April 6-10, will open the month of activities with cash prizes for selected students who are wearing their Child Abuse Prevention blue ribbons. Poster contests with ice cream coupons for the winning classes will follow during the second week; bookmarks will be distributed to all students during the third week; and pencils and activity sheets will be available during the fourth and final week of April. With these activities we hope to make our students a part of preventing child abuse.

Child abuse is a community issue and every person can help make sure the children of our community have a brighter future. Child abuse prevention means stopping child abuse and neglect before it happens.

For more information, go to [www.itsuptoyou.org](http://www.itsuptoyou.org) or contact your local Department of Family and Protective Services office. We can all play a role in supporting children and families and helping prevent child abuse.

Sincerely,  
Betsy McManamon  
Haskell County  
Child Welfare Board  
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Dear editor:

The Easter Bunnies have again arrived in our yard this year. All you kids are invited to come to see them. Just don't forget to hold the grownups hand so they don't fall and hurt themselves.

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

## Steer tags to be ordered for 2009-10 stock shows

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

All county steer projects, whether 4-H or FFA, must have their steer(s) validated for the 2009-10 stock show season.

The Haskell County Extension Office will be collecting the tag orders. If you plan on having a steer project and you are not currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA, contact your local Ag Science Teacher or Wes Utley, County Extension Agent—Ag at 940-864-2658 or come by the Haskell County Extension Office at 101 S. Ave. D. in Haskell.

The deadline to order the steer validation tags is Thurs., April 9 by 5 p.m. in the Haskell County Extension Office.

For more information, call the Haskell County Extension office.

## USDA grants workshop to be held March 27

USDA Rural Development will host a workshop highlighting renewable energy and energy efficiency grant and loan programs and the Value-Added Producer Grant Program Fri., March 27. The purpose of this workshop is to provide information that will assist with the application process and provide answers to any questions applicants may have. The workshop will be held at the Taylor County Extension Service Center, Corner of E.S. 11th (Hwy. 36) and Loop 322, in the Southeast

Corner of the Taylor Co. Fair Grounds in Abilene, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Entrepreneurship plays a vital role in the economic stability of rural Texas. With USDA Rural Development's Business and Cooperative Programs, rural businesses can gain access to funds that normally would not be available to them. The Section 9007 Renewable Energy System and Energy Efficiency Improvement grant and guaranteed loan program may assist eligible agriculture

producers and rural small businesses with financing to install renewable energy projects or make energy efficiency improvements to existing operations.

The Value-Added Producer Grant Program provides competitive grant funds for one of the two following activities: (1) to support the planning activities needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for an agricultural product or (2) to acquire working capital to operate a value-added business venture that will allow producers to better compete in domestic and international markets.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Abilene Area Office at 325-690-6162, ext. 4 or visit [www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/).

## Hog eradication meeting

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Landowners interested in participating in aerial eradication of feral hogs will be meeting March 31 at the

Haskell Co. Extension office at 1 p.m.

If you need more information, call Wes at the Extension office at 940-864-2658.

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## HASKELL INDIANS

Indians vs Rotan  
Fri., March 27, 5 p.m  
at Haskell

Indians vs Roby  
Tues., Mar. 31, 5 p.m.  
at Roby



HASKELL INDIANS—Members of the Haskell Indians varsity baseball team are, front row, l-r, Tyler Rodriguez, Christian Myers, John English, Steven Fillmon and Jonathan Martinez; back row, Ethan Frierson, Scottie Rodriguez, James Williams, A.J. Benton, Garrett Miller and Simon Rodriguez.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



HASKELL MAIDENS—Team members of the Haskell Maidens varsity softball team are, front row, l-r, Codi Foster, Shelby Hagle, Haley Chavez, Brooke Bullinger, Sara Weise and Claire Isbell; back row, Kimie Hutchinson, Aubrey Bassett, Ashton Rutkowski, Lynette Ortiz, Brittney Martinez and Claire Carmichael.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## HASKELL MAIDENS

JU-U Maidens vs Roby  
Fri., March 27, U-5 p.m  
JU-7 p.m., at Roby

JU Maidens vs Albany  
Mon., Mar. 30, 6:30 p.m.  
at Haskell

U Maidens vs Loraine  
Tues., March 31, 5 p.m  
at Haskell

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**MAIDENS SOFTBALL**—The Haskell Maidens defeated Trent 17-0 Fri., March 20. Haley Chavez, left, delivers a pitch during the game. Claire Isbell slides home in the center picture and Kimie Hutchinson, right, makes an out at first base. The Maidens' district record stands at 3-0.



**MAIDENS WIN**—Softball action for the Haskell Maidens against Trent Fri., March 20 produced a tally in the win category for the Maidens. Left, is Ashton Rutkowski at bat. Center is Shelby Hagle in right field and right, is Brittany Martinez on base. The Maidens scored 17-0 on the Trent team.

## Thula Perry receives Mesquite District award

by Caron Yates

Longtime Haskell resident Thula Perry has been chosen as Outstanding Club Woman Volunteer of the Year by the Mesquite District of The Texas Federation of Women's Club.

Perry, along with husband Howard, and their two small sons moved from Dallas to Haskell in 1951. They bought a car dealership and a house and became a vital part of the community.

In 1953, she was invited to a meeting of the Progressive Study Club and soon became a leading force for the organization.

Fifty-five years later she has quite a list of accomplishments to show for her involvement. She has served the club as president three terms, served as chairman of various committees at both local and district levels, promoted membership drives and for the past fifteen years served as chairman of the telephone committee. Perry has also been an active part of the fundraising efforts for the club.

With a special interest in Federation, she attended both district and state conventions. Always eager to share her knowledge with members, she has taught them much about heritage, conservation and preservation of the future.

Perry encourages members to not only attend local and district club meetings, but to also be an active part of the city, schools and community activities.



**THULA PERRY**

"She has had a monumental impact on the movements of this club," states Dorothy Hartsfield, club president. "To show our love and appreciation for all her contributions, she was made an Honorary Life Member."

Perry is a member of the First Presbyterian Church where she serves as an Elder. She has taught Sunday School for various ages and is always willing to help with the activities of the church.

Perry spent many years active in Boy Scouts of America, serving as a Den Mother and assisting her late husband Howard, as Scout Master. She is still a strong supporter and encourages the club to donate to the Boy Scouts.

Perry states, "It (the club) has been a pleasure in my life. It is good to remember all the projects and events our club has sponsored over these past fifty-five years."

## Mesquite District holds spring convention

Texas Federated Womens Clubs of Mesquite District met for their spring convention in Hamlin, Sat., March 14, with clubs from Albany, Hamlin, Haskell, Merkel, Moran, Stamford and Winters participating. President of the Mesquite District, Elaine Coleman of Winters presided. Guest speaker for the day was Lynn Long of Decatur, TFWC Pioneer District President.

Long spoke of TFWC and the influence they had made in Texas. They were influential in the starting of M.D. Anderson Hospital, the naming of Texas state flower, tree and bird, and responsible for the white

stripe down the highways of Texas, among many other things. She stressed members should have goals to work toward, to let the people in the community know of TFWC and the work they do in the community, statewide and nationwide as well; and of the various projects they have and the scholarships they provide to graduating seniors.

During the meeting, awards were presented to the various clubs for work done last year. Albany received the most with 13 first places and nine second places. Progressive Study Club of Haskell was second with 11 first places

and seven second places.

Thula Perry of Progressive Study Club of Haskell was recognized and presented a certificate for 50 years service.

Perry had in fact, participated in her club for 56 years. She was given a standing ovation. Also from Haskell was guest Duste M. Wolf, a senior student from Haskell High School and the recipient of the Mesquite District academic award. She was escorted by Jill Druessedow, Haskell CISD English teacher. Wolf plans to attend Western Texas College in Snyder for two years and then transfer to University of North Texas to pursue a degree in psychology. She participates in journalism at HHS and has received awards in ILPC competition and plans to compete in the UIL district meet this spring. She also was given a standing

ovation.

Officers of the TFWC Mesquite District were recognized and Callie Sherman of Stamford was elected 2nd Vice President of the District. Members were reminded of the summer workshop to be held in Moran Sat., July 25. The State Convention will be held in Westlake, April 29, through May 2.

A salad luncheon was held at noon and tables were decorated in a spring theme. Following the luncheon, the business meeting continued with several reports being given. Attendance report was 38.

Attending from the Progressive Study Club of Haskell were Dorothy Hartsfield, Janoma Stephens, Nancy Toliver, Kathryn Schonerstedt, Oleta Cornelius, Thula Perry and Jill Druessedow.

## Wolf receives award

Duste M. Wolf has been chosen to receive an academic award from the Mesquite District of the Texas Federation of Women's Club to be used towards college tuition and fees next fall.

Wolf attended a luncheon for the members of the Mesquite District held in Hamlin. She was introduced by Carolyn Waller, the District Scholarship Chairman as the award recipient.

Wolf is a most worthy student. She is creative, smart and plans to attend Western Texas College for general studies and transfer to North Texas University to major in psychology.

An avid reader, she is a curious student and an artist with both imagination and words. Besides a rigorous high school curriculum, Wolf has taken 12 hours of college English and earned a 4.0 average.



**DUSTE M. WOLF**

She participates in UIL and has worked on the school newspaper staff for three years. As feature editor and photographer, she earned three state UIL publication awards for writing and photography. She enjoys books, art, poetry, pets, school and writing is her passion. She is the youngest daughter of Bobby and Sheila Wolf of Haskell.

## Free college fair

The world's largest college fair—online or offline, www.CollegeWeekLive.com will be held March 25-26.

CollegeWeekLive is free for students, parents and guidance counselors. The next CollegeWeekLive event

will be held from 10 a.m. EST to 10 p.m. EST. Visit www.collegeweeklive.com to register and log in to the event. Attendees can even get their questions, which they text in, answered in real-time by expert speakers.

### TAX PLANNING

Written By  
**Rick Rodgers, CPA**

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**NEED MORE TIME TO FILE YOUR RETURN?**  
If you need more time to file your 2008 income tax return, you can get an extension—and no explanation is necessary. You may have a very good reason for wanting more time to file your 2008 individual income tax return. For instance, you might want to hold off funding a retirement plan such as a Keogh or SEP until you can save more money. Perhaps you're waiting for a tax form from a trust, a partnership, or an S corporation. Or maybe you've just been busy. It doesn't matter. Whatever the cause or motivation, you can usually put off filing for up to six months beyond April 15. That means you could have until October 15, 2009, to finalize your return—assuming you follow the rules. Here's what you need to do:  
Estimate your total tax liability for 2008, subtract what you've already paid in withholding or estimated payments and remit most or all of the balance by April 15, and  
File an extension request form (generally Form 4868 for an individual return) by April 15.  
You can file the extension request form electronically, by phone, or by mailing it to the IRS. If you owe taxes, you can pay with an electronic funds transfer, your credit card, or a check.  
Requesting an extension for your personal return also gives you additional time to file a gift tax return for 2008. The gift tax return extension is automatically included. You don't even have to check a box. But if you owe gift tax (or generation skipping transfer tax), or are requesting an extension only for a gift tax return, you'll need to use Form 8892.  
One more quirk: If you live and work outside the United States, you may qualify for an automatic two-month extension of time to file without having to send in a form. Other rules apply for special circumstances (such as military service). For more information or filing assistance, please contact our office.

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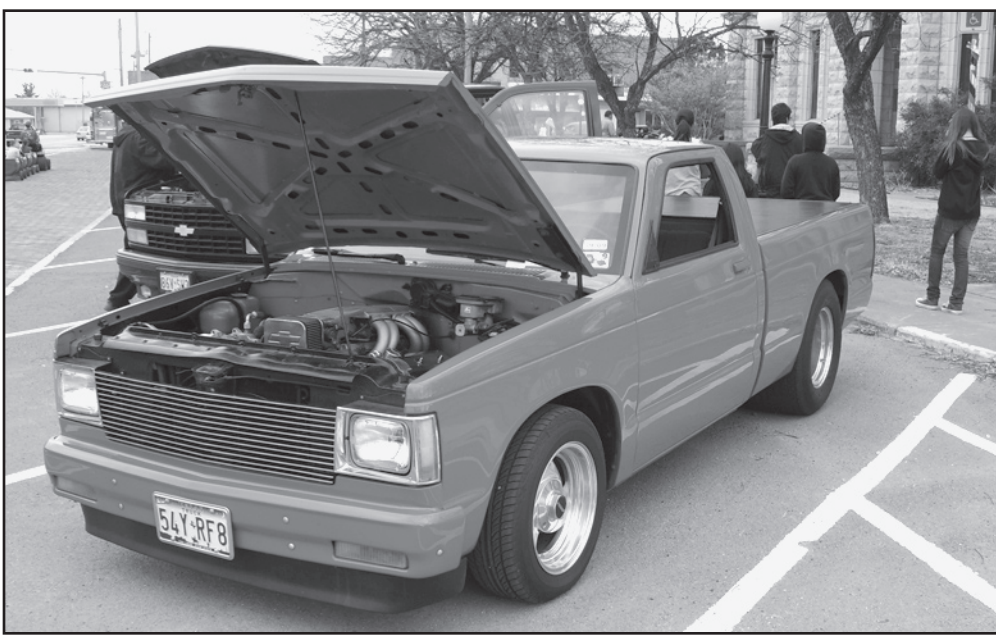
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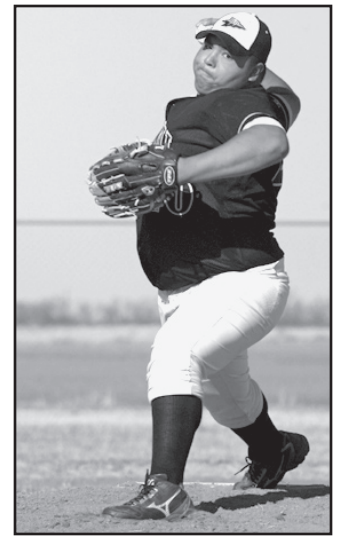


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**INDIAN VICTORY**—The Haskell Indians defeated Seymour Fri., March 20, 9 to 5. Left is catcher, James Williams, prepared to receive a pitch. Center is Simon Rodriguez, ready to make a hit. Right is Christian Myers, waiting to score from third base. Haskell's record is 7-3, 3-0.

**INDIAN WIN**—The Haskell Indians defeated the Knox City Greyhounds Tues., March 17 with an 18-6 score to claim their second district win bringing the Indians' district record to 2-0. Catching, left, is Garrett Miller. Pitching are, center, Ethan Frierson; and left, Scottie Rodriguez.

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## 4-H Fashion Show results

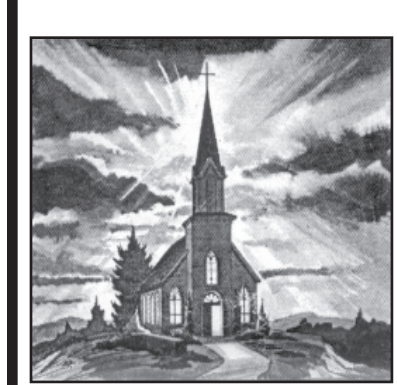
by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

The 2009 Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show was held Sun., March 8 at the Rochester CLISD School in Rochester. The Haskell Jr. 4-H Club hosted the annual event under the leadership of Terri Klose. Brooke Bullinger, mistress of ceremonies, welcomed the 4-H members, parents and guests to the annual event. Kylie Adams and Jacie Klose led everyone in the American Pledge and the 4-H Motto and

Pledge. Reed Lee gave the invocation. Special guests and judges for the fashion show were introduced by Laycee Tullos. Serving as judges were Renee Dudensing of Sagerton and Valiene Bullinger of Haskell. Tullos also recognized members of the Haskell County TEEA club for sponsoring the 2009 fashion show awards. Recognition of project leaders was presented by County Extension Agent/FCS—Jane Rowan. Assisting Rowan in presenting the tokens of appreciation to the leaders were Victoria Hertel and Zhenia McTasney. Receiving recognition were Tina Adams, Valiene Bullinger, Scott Burgess, Renee Dudensing, Mary Duggan, Kim Hertel, Linda Messick, Leiza Morales, Julie Petty and Jane Rowan. Results of the fashion show competition were announced by Rowan. Helping pass out ribbons and awards were Crissy Bassett and Crow Parham.

Categories:  
Casual Wear: Zhenia McTasney, Haskell, first place; Pop-Over Skirt; Sarah Fouts, Sagerton, first place; Speciality Wear: Sarah Campbell, Rule, first place.  
Junior Buying Categories:  
Casual Wear: Kylie Adams, Haskell, first place; Dressy Wear: Victoria Hertel, Haskell, first place.  
Intermediate Construction Categories:  
Casual Wear: Emily Fouts, Sagerton, first place.  
Senior Construction Categories:  
Casual Wear: Jenny Dudensing, Sagerton, first place; Dressy Wear: Molly Dudensing, Sagerton, first place.  
Senior Buying Categories:  
Casual Wear: Brooke Bullinger, Haskell, first place; Dressy Wear: Allison Petty, Rule, first place; Formal Wear: Kate Rowan, O'Brien, first place.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



During our childhood, we were often so carried away with April Fool jokes that we continued them the next day. Then, someone would admonish us with the little two-liner, "April Fool is past; you're the biggest fool at last!" However, after we grew up, we learned that fools are not hard to find, and that we don't have to wait for a special occasion but can see them all the year 'round. They are the ones who consider attending their house of worship a waste of time, because things are going well for them at the moment. So don't be a fool, but start now—if you haven't already—to seek God's help and guidance. Then, when something does go wrong, you'll be better prepared to solve it or cope with it. It's the wise thing to do.

### 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 Renniegarbe, 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.  
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- 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.  
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- SAGERTON—
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester
- 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  
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- Church of Christ**  
John Greeson, minister  
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811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**  
Tom Long, pastor  
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1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
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- O'BRIEN—
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Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

All first place winners will advance to the District 4-H Fashion Show April 4, hosted by Hardeman County 4-H in Chillicothe. Refreshments were served by the Haskell Jr. 4-H Club.

For more information about the 4-H Clothing project and/or the Fashion Show, contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS, in the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or call 940-864-2546.

## Sheep tags to be ordered

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

Time is fast approaching to order the 2009 sheep validation tags for the upcoming 2009 State Fair of Texas show. If you plan to show this year at the State Fair of Texas, that animal must have an official Texas State Validation Ear Tag. The deadline to order the validation ear tags for sheep if showing through 4-H is

Thurs., April 9 at 5 p.m. in the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. If you have any questions concerning this matter, contact Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546. All sheep must be validated with a State Fair of Texas validation tag to be legal in their show.

## Haskell School Menu

**March 30-April 3 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Glazed french toast  
**Tuesday:** Sausage, biscuit  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, Cheez-its  
**Thursday:** Little Chorrito bites  
**Friday:** Cheese omelet, toast  
**Lunch**  
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of

entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.  
**Monday:** Pepperoni pizza, corn, coleslaw, applesauce  
**Tuesday:** Chicken spaghetti, green beans, garden salad, breadstick, ice cream  
**Wednesday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, apple  
**Thursday:** Chicken quesadillas, salsa, pinto beans, chips, queso, garden salad, brownie  
**Friday:** Choice: Tuna sandwich or chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, Gogurt

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Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Pancakes on a stick  
**Tuesday:** Muffins  
**Wednesday:** Waffles  
**Thursday:** Biscuits and gravy  
**Friday:** Toast or cereal  
**Lunch**  
Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Chicken patty sandwiches, salad, chips, pudding  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti, green beans, salad, bread, cake  
**Wednesday:** Carne guisada, refried beans, corn, salad, tortillas, apple crisp  
**Thursday:** Pork roast, rice, broccoli, salad, rolls, jell-o  
**Friday:** Chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit

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### BURN BAN IN EFFECT

### Miscellaneous

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### Help Wanted

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### Public Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HASKELL §

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County on the 5th day of March, 2009, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 11,381. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District, et al v. H & J Mechanical Inc. Legal description: 1. Lots 10-13, and South 75° of Lot 8, Lot 9, Block 29, Original Town Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,390. Styling: Knox County Appraisal District, et al v. W.E. Smith. Legal description: 2. 100 acres more or less out of the H&TC RR Co. Survey #20, Block 14, Abstract 1092, Haskell County Texas.

Cause No. 11,424. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District, et al v. Petra Villarreal. Legal description: 3. Lot 2, Block 26, Brown and Roberts Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County,

### Public Notices

Texas. Cause No. 11,457. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District, et al v Gloria Martinez Sosa. Legal description: 4. Lot 1, Block 22, A.B. Carothers Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,460. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District, et al v. George Overcash. Legal description: 5. Lot 11, and West Half of Lot 10, Block 16, Highland Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on the 7th day of April, 2009, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 5th day of March, 2009, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

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

Given under my hand this 5th day of March, 2009.

David Halliburton Sheriff Haskell County, Texas By: Winston Stephens Deputy. 11-13c

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We, the family of Bernice Hilliard, express our sincere thanks for the outpouring of love during our time of great loss. Thank you for all your prayers, cards, flowers, food, visits and memorials. Thank you for sharing your memories of Mom. A special thank you to Pastor Tom Long. Your thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness are sincerely appreciated. God bless you all.

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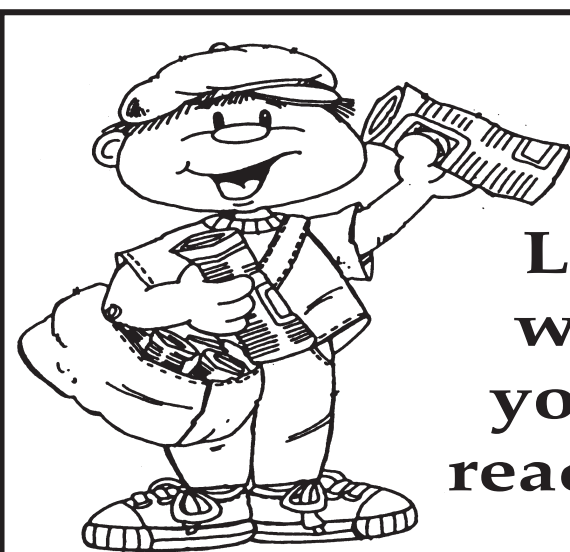
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# Burgess to retire

by Caron Yates

Brian Burgess, local State Farm Insurance Agent, will be retiring at the end of March, after thirty-two years of service to his customers.

In 1976, while Burgess was teaching school at Lueders-Avoca, State Farm area manager Clifford Floeck approached him about becoming an insurance agent and taking over the office in Munday. It seems, State Farm Agent Leo Fetsch was considering retirement after twenty years in business.

Circumstances changed however, and State Farm opened an office in Haskell instead. Equipped with a two-drawer filing cabinet from college, a desk borrowed from Floeck, chairs and a manual typewriter borrowed from his in-laws and a porch swing purchased for \$56 from Sears, Burgess opened his office on April 1, 1977.

That first State Farm office, located on the south side of Pogue's Grocery Store, incurred monthly expenses of about one hundred dollars. Starting from scratch, and seeing the need to "fill those two cabinet drawers" with customers, Burgess hit the streets. In his friendly, outgoing manner, he went door to door, introducing himself and asking if he could help people with their insurance needs. At the same time wife, Jennifer, was calling through the phone book, telling people of the new business and inviting them to stop by the office.

He recalls one of the "perks" of that particular location was getting to visit with the out of town husbands parked on the curb, waiting while their wives spent the day in Lane-Felker.

As the business grew, Burgess bought the building across the street and remodeled it. He set up office in the north side and rented out the south side to the Soil Conservation Service. Later while remodeling their present home, they moved their family, which now included two small children, into the south side of the office building. This "home" consisted of a kitchen, equipped with a two burner hot plate on a table, a used tub installed in the hall and a kitchen sink also located in the hall. Jennifer remembers, "Since the SCS had previously been located in the building, on more than one occasion a farmer would walk in and freeze in his tracks upon seeing the beds, babies and baby bottles."

In 1982, Burgess moved his office to his home on N. Ave.



**BRIAN AND JENNIFER BURGESS**

E. Since it was attached to the house, a knock on the wall alerted Burgess when he was needed in the house.

The office was moved to its present location in 1988, when Burgess bought the apartments north of his house. Having his office so close has made helping people after hours more convenient.

Through the years, in the business of insurance, change has been constant. From the early days of rate books, formulas and pencils to high tech computers and software, Burgess has learned his business well. He is proud to have worked for State Farm, a strong company that has remained the largest homeowner and auto insurer, as well as the fastest growing bank.

He is also thankful for loyal employees through the years such as Dannette Smith who worked fifteen years, Sue Reese who has worked more than nine years, and of course, wife Jennifer, who has been a part of the business for the entire thirty-two years.

They are grateful for having raised their family here in Haskell. Son Casey graduated from Haskell High in 1997, A&M University in 2001 and now works for State Farm in Dallas. Bree graduated high school in 1999 and graduated from A&M in 2003. After working in the commodities market for a while, she is currently back in school studying to become a physical therapist. Youngest son, Ryan, graduated from high school in 2003, finished at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2007 and is now a Lt. in the Port of

Charleston.

Burgess has not only sold insurance, but has been a very active and involved member of the community. He has been a long time member of the Lions Club, having served as president, served as president of the Haskell school board, been a member of the Haskell County Child Welfare Board, served on the board of the Haskell Chamber and coached Little Dribblers for ten years. He has enjoyed many civic activities including, participating in the Christmas and Wild Horse Prairie Days parades each year. He has exceeded numerous civic events, worked with various choirs and drama presentations as well as blessed and ministered to many with his beautiful singing voice.

Close to his heart, is the church ministry in which he has been involved. He has served at several local churches as music and youth minister, interim music minister and as pastor. In fact, he feels this may be where his immediate future is leading. He has completed about half of the required classes toward a Master's Degree in Theology, and after retirement he plans to work full time toward this goal. He has served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Peacock for six years and is eager to see the ministry God has in store for him in the future.

Burgess and his family want to express their love and appreciation to the people of Haskell and the surrounding area for their support. They feel truly blessed to share their lives with you.

# 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

"Elvis," also known as Rick Campbell, will be singing live from the Haskell Civic Center for the Noah Project-North's fund-raiser Sat. April 4. The Noah Project-North's annual Dinner/Silent Auction will start at 6 p.m. when the doors open. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by "A Tribute To Elvis." Mike Fouts will be the emcee for the night. Many great auction items will be available this year, including motel stays, gift certificates, and items that have been donated by the public. Tickets are available from any advisory committee member, The Stamford Star, or by calling 940-864-2551 or at the door. Tickets are \$12.50 each. The funds raised will be used to help victims of family violence in the five county area including the counties of Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton.

## Talent show

The talent show to benefit Haskell Heroes and Autism Speaks will be held Mon., March 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell High School Auditorium. Individual or group acts may perform with singing, dancing, comedy, magic, drama or anything 'clean.' Prizes will be awarded for Most Talented for two divisions, Most Original and Most Crowd Pleaser. Contact Melissa Burson at 256-2509 for information or to register. Registration forms are available at the Elementary, Junior High and High School offices.

## 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.

## Skywarn class

The National Weather Service will present a Skywarn class Mon., April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Fire Station. All who are interested in weather

watching are invited to attend.

## Baseball

Haskell Youth Baseball will hold sign-ups for spring baseball until Fri., April 3. Fee is \$25 per child or \$40 for two in the same family. Age divisions are 6-7 years old, 8-9 years old, 10 years old, 11-12 year old. Forms are available at Sport-About or at Haskell Elementary.

## 4-H meeting

The Haskell Jr. and Sr. 4-H Club will meet Sun., March 29 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Haskell Co. Extension office. The group will hold a short business meeting and the program will be a community service project. Treat bags will be filled to be distributed in food boxes at the Haskell County Food Bank in April. For more information, call 940-864-2658.

# English named to All-Region team

John English, senior point guard of the Haskell Indians, was named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches all-region team.

English averaged 19.7 points per game, shot 77% from the free

throw line, averaged 3.7 rebounds per game, averaged 3.4 steals per game and averaged 4.6 assists per game.

English led the Indians to 19 wins and a playoff berth.

**Cowboy Breakfast**  
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