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## Softball

HASKELL

JV Maidens vs Albany  
Sat., April 11, 11 a.m.  
at Haskell  
JV Maidens vs Seymour  
Mon., April 13, TBA  
at Seymour  
V Maidens vs Trent  
Tues. April 14, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell

## Baseball

HASKELL

Indians vs Knox City  
Sat., April 11, 11 a.m.  
at Haskell  
Indians vs Seymour  
Tues., April 14, 7 p.m.  
at Seymour

## Track

HASKELL

HS District meet at Roscoe  
Thurs., April 9  
PAINT CREEK  
JH District meet at Knox City  
Thurs., April 9  
HS District meet at Jayton  
Fri., April 10  
RULE  
JH District meet at Knox City  
Thurs., April 9  
HS District meet at Jayton  
Fri., April 10

## Golf

HASKELL

Indians & Maidens  
District 13-A  
Maxwell Golf Club  
Abilene  
Mon., April 13, 9 a.m.

## Calendar

### Doughnut sale

Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be for sale Sat., April 11 beginning at 7 a.m. on the square in Haskell benefitting the Haskell County All Night Party. Pre-order by calling 940-864-2376, 940-256-1090 or 940-256-0685, if no answer, leave a message. Pre-orders may be picked up at the gazebo on the square beginning at 7 a.m. Cost is \$7 per dozen. Proceeds will go to the All Night Party scheduled for Fri., May 29, for all Haskell, Rule and Paint Creek High School students.

### Men's breakfast

A men's prayer breakfast will be held Sat., April 11 at 7 a.m. at Cornerstone Baptist Church. John Godfrey, All-State in basketball his high school sophomore year, will give his testimony. Godfrey set records at the state tournament that remain unbroken to this day. He is the only All-American basketball player who played for ACU. He was invited to the U.S. Olympic trials for men's basketball.

### Meeting moved

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court will meet Tues., April 14, a change from the Monday meeting date. County Government Week will be observed and local 4-H Club members plan to attend.

### Revival

East Side Baptist Church will begin Children's Church Easter Sunday at 11 a.m. If you need a ride, call the church office at 864-2738 in advance.

### Study Club

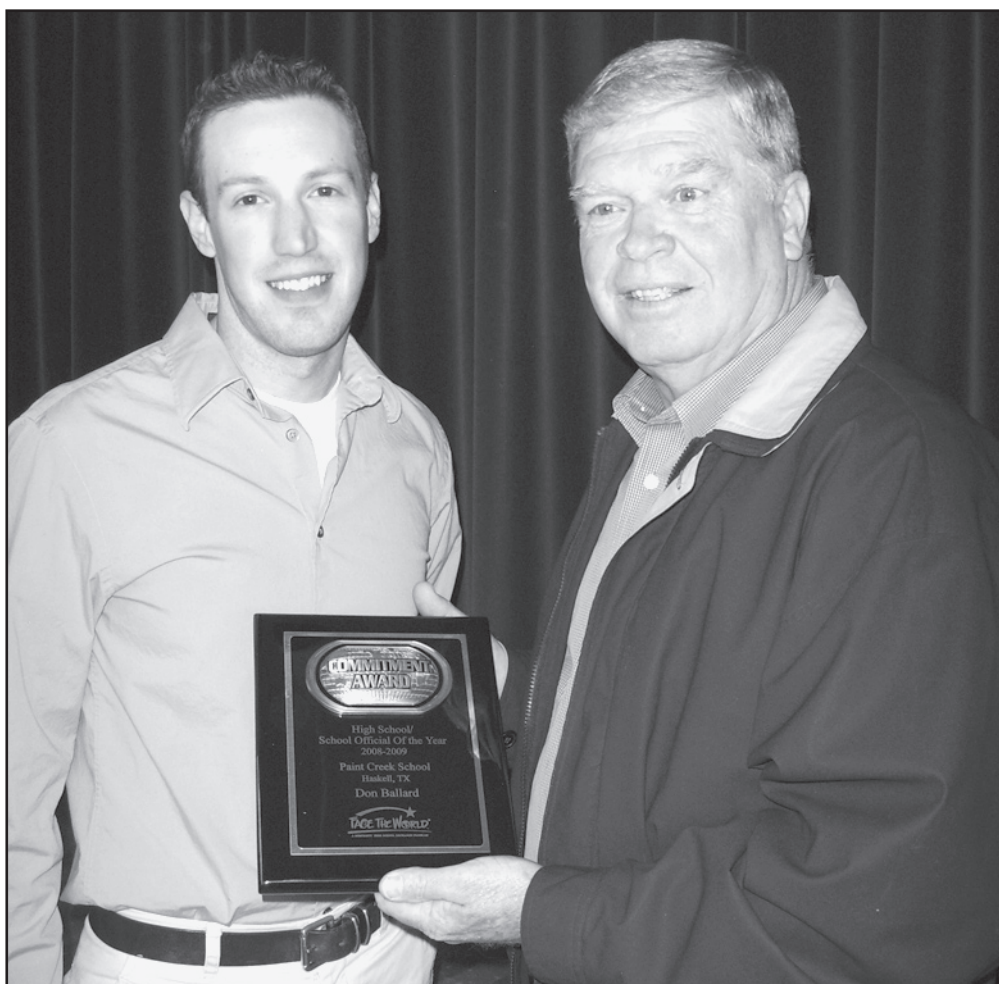
The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell County Library for a tour of the library and a program on Federation Day and education. New equipment for genealogy research will be displayed.

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## Don Ballard receives Face The World honor

by Caron Yates School Superintendent, was 31, when he was presented  
Don Ballard, Paint Creek caught by surprise Tues., Mar. "The World Foundation School



**TOP SCHOOL OFFICIAL—Don Ballard, right, Paint Creek School Superintendent, was honored Tues., March 31 by the Face The World organization during a ceremony presenting him a plaque for his outstanding commitment to the exchange student program. The School Official of the Year Award is given to the top school official in the entire country. Making the presentation was Jason Thompson, left, East Texas Regional Director for Face The World.**

Official of the Year Award." Ballard was recognized by the Face The World organization for his great leadership qualities and for opening the school doors to receive foreign exchange students.

Mary Kass, Face The World Foundation President stated, "It is very important that we have wonderful administrators like Mr. Ballard, who will open up their school to our students so that they might have this wonderful experience. He has not only helped by providing a school for our students to attend, but he also has gone the extra mile and made a difference in their lives."

With the entire student body in attendance, the award was presented by Jason Thompson, East Texas Regional Director, and Deborah Thompson, Texas Developmental Director of Face The World. Thompson said, "Mr. Ballard has graciously extended his hand in welcoming foreign exchange students to Paint Creek School, while going above and beyond the requirements to show his support for their success and well-being both in school and in the community."

Paint Creek ISD has two exchange students this year.

Jens Schoemaker from The Netherlands is a senior, and Sina Lasere is a junior from Germany. Haskell County has a total of eight exchange students this school year placed with host families.

Face The World Foundation is a nonprofit educational and cultural exchange organization. It offers students between the ages of fifteen and eighteen the opportunity to study in the United States. The academic year program is designed to provide an international cultural experience that will expand the normal scope of world understanding.

Host families in this area are being sought for the coming school year. The organization places students with volunteer host families who provide the students with a stable and secure home environment. Host families can experience firsthand the joy of sharing in a new friendship and learning about a new culture, while enabling a student to have an experience that will last them a lifetime.

If you are interested in hosting a student or for more information, contact local representative Martye Williams at 940-256-1672.

## Haskell Pre-K, Head Start and Kindergarten to register

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for Prekindergarten and Head Start classes for the 2009-10 school year Wed., April 22. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Haskell Elementary library.

To be eligible for enrollment in Prekindergarten, a child must be 4 years of age on Sept. 1, 2009 and must be unable to

speak and comprehend the English language; or qualify for free or reduced lunches; or be homeless; or be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States; or the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or has ever been in foster care.

However, we are hoping to offer Prekindergarten for all 4 year olds. If you are interested in this program for your child, be sure to register Wed., April 22.

To qualify for Head Start, a child must be 3 or 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2009 and meet income guidelines.

PPCD (Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities)

is for children ages 3-5 that may be developmentally delayed in areas such as learning, speech and/or emotional skills. If your child turns 3 during the 2009-10 school year, call the elementary office at 864-2654 at that time to schedule an appointment to have your child screened.

Parents should bring their driver license and income verification (for Head Start) and their child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration. It is not necessary for your child to attend registration.

It is possible for some children to qualify for more than one of these programs. Call Peggy Adams at 864-2654 if you have any questions.

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Haskell Elementary School will have Kindergarten registration and screening for the 2009-10 school year Fri., April 24. To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2009.

Students who are not currently enrolled at Haskell

Elementary will register and be screened between 9 and 10 a.m. or between 1 and 2 p.m. Please bring your child to the elementary office.

Students who are currently enrolled in Prekindergarten, Early Childhood or Head Start will be screened during their class time. Parents of these students do not need to attend registration.

Each child needs to bring his/her birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration. Parents need to bring their driver license. Immunization requirements which must be met before the first day of Kindergarten are: three doses polio vaccine including one received on or after the 4th birthday, four doses DTP/DtaP vaccine including one received on or after the 4th birthday, two doses MMR vaccine, three doses hepatitis B vaccine, two doses varicella vaccine or documentation of having had chicken pox and 2 doses Hepatitis A.

Call Peggy Adams at 864-2654 if you have any questions.

## Haskell City-Wide Clean Up Week set April 25-May 2

The Haskell City Wide Clean Up week will be held Sat., April 25 through Sat., May 2.

The landfill will be open Sat., April 25 and Sat., May 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Landfill hours April 27-30 will be 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fri., May 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Two trailers will be available for a half day only to those who do not have

their own trailer. Personal trailers and trucks hauling loose trash must have a tarp. Bulky items, lumber, tin and etc. must be tied down.

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

Chemicals, tires, batteries, anything containing Freon,

asbestos, roofing materials and paint will not be accepted during clean up week.

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

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




**AUTISM SPEAKS! Haskell Heroes had a great day at the Walk for Autism Sat., April 4 at the Abilene Zoo. Haskell made a great showing with over 100 registered. Donations raised have topped**


**\$24,000 with more coming in. Organizers Melissa Burson, Tamara Swinney and Jennifer Bridges remarked that Haskell shows great support and thanked everyone for helping to make a difference.**

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D.L. LOWRIE

## Rule FBC sets revival

Rule First Baptist Church will hold revival April 26-29. Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Services Monday through Wednesday will be at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. D.L. Lowrie will be the evangelist. Music minister will be Clay Jacobs.

Russell Stanley is the church's pastor.

## Cinco de Mayo event set in Haskell

Two Haskell churches have partnered together to host a Christian based Cinco De Mayo Celebration for May 2. First Baptist Church and Iglesia Bautista El Calvario (Calvary Baptist Church) will host the event to be held in the north parking lot of First Baptist Church.

Activities will begin at 11 a.m. with a cook-off for salsa, tortillas and menudo. There is no fee for the cook-off, but a donation is appreciated.

Music by area performers will be all day, along with food booths and activities. Enchiladas will be available for purchase at noon at the FBC Activity Building with all proceeds going to mission trips to Mexico.

Also, a Little Mr. and Misses Cinco De Mayo Pageant will be held with the best dressed costumes being judged in two age groups 0-6 and 7 to 12.

For more information, call First Baptist Church at 940-864-2581.



**QUALIFIES FOR STATE**—The Paint Creek Dairy Food team qualified to attend the State CDE at Tarleton State University to be held Thurs., April 23. Paint Creek Agriculture teacher Dustin Moore, far right, says, "I am very proud of Paint Creek FFA this year. The students have worked very hard and have put in many hours of practice. Good job, students." The team has placed second in the Double Mountain District, fifth in Area II and seventh overall at the Texas Tech University CDE. Team members are, l-r, Amber Gilbreath, Lacey Stephens and Caleb Whitfield.

# Obituaries

## Ouida Holmesly White



OIDUA WHITE

Funeral services for Ouida Holmesly White, 90, of Plainview were held Fri., April 3 at Lemons Memorial Chapel in Plainview. Interment was at Parklawn Memorial Gardens under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mrs. White passed away Tues., March 31 in Amarillo.

Born July 1, 1918 in Haskell, she was the daughter of James Edward Holmesly and Ida Pearl Kreger Holmesly. She attended Haskell High graduating in 1936. She also attended John Tarleton State College. She married John Byron White Dec. 19, 1937 in Walters, Oklahoma. They were blessed with two daughters, Patty and Kay. They made their home in Knox City, Borger, Pampa, Halfway, Hale Center and Lubbock. She worked for 15 years as a department manager at Dunlap's Department Store in Pampa. She was a Girl Scout leader and a Sunday School teacher at Pampa First Baptist Church. She was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed gardening.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, John White in 1987.

Survivors include her daughters, Patty Black and husband Jerry of Grand Junction, Colorado and Kay Neslage and husband Tom of Rochester, Michigan; five grandchildren, Scott Furr, April Newton, Regina Irvin, Stephen and Scott Neslage; four great grandchildren; one brother, Sterlin Holmesly of San Antonio; two sisters, Frances Bookout of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Doris Alexander of Amarillo; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, 2304 34th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79411; or the Humane Society of West Texas, P.O. Box 65645, Lubbock, Texas 79415.

PD. NOTICE

## Norma June Biffle



JUNE BIFFLE

Funeral services for Norma June Biffle, 86, of Rule were held Sat., April 4 at First Baptist Church in Rule. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mrs. Biffle died Thurs., April 2 at Good Tree Retirement Center in Stephenville.

Born June 29, 1922 in Eastland, she was the daughter of the late Viola and Charlie Brown. She married Roy Leon

Biffle in 1939. He preceded her in death April 24, 1994. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Rule.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Cooper and Anna Busek; four grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Biffle Scholarship, 1100 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas 79547. Condolences may be emailed to Donna Cooper at kuperkat@aol.com.

PD. NOTICE

## 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. 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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# Clear Fork Crime Stoppers pays first \$1,000 award

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The board of directors determines the amount of rewards based on a point system that considers the severity of the crime, the amount of property recovered,

number of people arrested and the charges filed. "Paying this large a reward was justified because of the number of cases solved and the amount of property recovered," stated board chairman, Dudley Cockerell.

In the past, Clear Fork Crime Stoppers has paid rewards ranging from \$50 to \$500 to tipsters from the six counties served by the group. Those tips helped solve crimes such as theft, burglary, possession of illegal substances, manufacture and sale of controlled substances and vandalism.

Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Stonewall and Shackelford County residents are encouraged to call the toll free number 1-800-222-TIPS anytime they have information about any crimes or criminal activity. Tips can also be text to CFCS at CRIMES. As always, crime stoppers wants your information, not your name.

Anyone wanting more information about Clear Fork Crime Stoppers or to schedule a presentation to a civic club or community organization may call 940-256-0787. To make a tax deductible donation to Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, mail your check to CFCS, P.O. Box 426, Stamford, Texas 79553.

## Congressman Mac Thornberry

will have a member of his staff available in Stamford to assist area residents with questions or concerns related to federal issues.



**Thursday, April 16, 2009**  
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**60 YEAR MEMBER-T.J. Brueggeman, center, received a pin in recognition of 60 years of membership to the Hermann Sons Lodge. Presenting the award to him were Lee Vogel, left, Grand Vice-President Fraternal. Right is Lodge president Jerry Don Klose.**



**LODGE MEETING-Attending the April meeting of the Hermann Sons Lodge #241 were front row, l-r, Dorothea Monroe, Leona Seelig, Evelyn Moeller and Pauline Dick; middle row, Ruth Klose, Doris Brueggeman, Thula Perry, T.J. Brueggeman, Jerry Don Klose and J.R. Merchant; back row, Wilton Weise, Eunice Koehler, Elton Klose, Harry Koehler and Phyllis Klose. Not pictured is Inez Merchant.**

## Lodge holds April meeting

Nineteen members and guests were in attendance for the April meeting of Hermann Sons Lodge #241. Following regular opening and welcomes extended, the business meeting went into session.

New applications of transfer from Gonzales Lodge #175-2, were Glenn Brzozowski, Jenny Brzozowski, Maggie Brzozowski, Corie Brzozowski Bishop and Brian Brzozowski.

Sixty year pins have been earned by Alfon Peiser, Carl Moeller and T.J. Brueggeman. Peiser became a member on Jan. 2, 1949, Moeller joined Jan. 7, 1949 and Brueggeman became a member May 04, 1949.

Grand Vice-President Fraternal, Lee Vogel brought a message to the group encouraging participation in lodge activities reminding the members of the benefits to the lodge. Members were encouraged to re-submit applications to the Hermann Sons Summer Camp, as due to a glitch in the mail system, many applications did not reach the intended destination. Vogel presented the 60 year pin to T.J. Brueggeman.

Vogel announced that Jean Merchant, wife of our member, Cleo Merchant, had recently become an active agent, receiving honors for outstanding performance in new memberships.

A time of fellowship with games of dominoes and visiting followed the meeting.

Doris Brueggeman was recognized as the birthday person of the month. Thula Perry was recognized for having been the recipient of the Outstanding Club Woman Volunteer of the Year by Mesquite District of the Texas Federation of Women's Club. Perry encourages members to

be active in the city, schools and community activities.

Pauline Dick is embarking on a new phase of her life. She will be moving to Wisteria Place, an assisted living facility, in Abilene. We wish her well, and hope she can come back to some of our meetings and play dominoes with

her friends here.

The lodge will not meet in months May through September. All are encouraged to stay active in the community and meet at the Pit 'n Grill Sun., Oct. 4 for games at 2 p.m., meeting at 3 p.m. with more games and evening meal to follow.



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## Newly formed quilters guild meets

The newly formed Willow Creek Quilters Guild met at the Haskell Church of Christ annex recently.

The program on choosing colors for quilts was presented by Mary Jennings. She said light, medium and dark colors should be used and for a more interesting look, to select two different fabrics in each color that was chosen. She brought pieces of fabric that she planned to use for a quilt. It was interesting to see how such different fabrics could meld into a pleasing color

palette.

Several members brought quilt projects for show and tell. Some of the quilts had been entered in the Munday Cotton Picking Quilt Show and were works of art.

The Guild has members from Haskell, Paint Creek, Rule, Old Glory and Aspermont. For more information, contact Geraldine Baker, Mary Jennings or Jane Powers or attend the next meeting April 20 at 6 p.m. at the Church of Christ annex.

The April program will

present information on the proper way to cut quilt blocks presented by quilt maker, Judie Whitten of Paint Creek.

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  - You can reduce your intake to this level simply by not salting your food during cooking or before eating.
- Tips for reducing salt intake:*
- Read labels on medications and foods.
  - Put away your salt shaker, or, if you must use salt, use 'light salt' that contains half the sodium of ordinary table salt.
  - Buy fresh meats, fruits, and vegetables instead of canned, processed and convenience foods.
  - Substitute spices and lemon juice for salt.
  - Watch out for sources of hidden sodium, for example, carbonated beverages, non dairy creamers, cookies and cakes.
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# OPINION

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

#### Senate budget proposal moves to House for consideration

AUSTIN—A \$182.2 billion state budget proposal for fiscal years 2010-2011 on April 1 earned passage in the Texas Senate.

The Senate proposal, now called Committee Substitute SB 1, includes \$11 billion in federal stimulus money. CSSB1 must be reconciled with HB 1, the House version to be rolled out later this month.

Lawmakers will have until the end of May to deliver the finished product to Gov. Rick Perry, who may sign or veto it.

The governor repeatedly has said that he will reject a state budget proposal if it includes federal stimulus funding that requires the state to adhere to future spending obligations.

CSSB 1 includes a provision restricting the use of federal stimulus funds. It directs state agencies to prioritize one-time expenditures and authorizes the Legislative Budget Board and governor to prevent expenditures that would result in future fiscal obligations to the state.

The 10-member Legislative Budget Board is composed of the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House, the chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate Finance Committee, plus two House members appointed by the speaker, and three Senate members appointed by the lieutenant governor.

Not counting the federal stimulus money, the Senate version is a modest increase over the current state budget.

Here are a few estimates of the larger appropriations in CSSB 1, based on a chart of all funds published by the Legislative Budget Board:

- \$75 billion for public education;
- \$60 billion for health and human services, including Medicaid;
- \$20 billion for economic development; and
- \$11 billion for criminal justice.

#### Bill would expand CHIP eligibility

Texas families currently ineligible for children's health insurance sponsored by the state could buy into the program under SB 841, a bill now under consideration by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

The Children's Health Insurance Program now covers almost half a million children

from low-income families, but Texas still leads the nation in uninsured children.

Families currently eligible for CHIP make 200 percent of the federal poverty level or about \$44,000 annual income for a family of four. SB 841 features a graduated buy-in program for families earning 200 to 300 percent of the federal poverty level, and would cover a family of four with an annual income up to approximately \$66,000.

To control costs, SB 841 limits enrollment to 2,500 children the first year and 5,000 the second year, but has no cap in the third year and beyond.

SB 841 author is Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco, and coauthors, Sens. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler, Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, Royce West, D-Dallas, and Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands.

#### Sobriety checkpoint bill moves

The Senate on March 31 approved legislation creating guidelines for law enforcement to use in operating a temporary checkpoint on a highway or street to stop motorists and test their breath, blood or urine to determine if they were driving while intoxicated.

Law enforcement that could conduct a sobriety checkpoint would include the Texas Department of Public Safety, the sheriff's department of a county with a population of 250,000 or more and the police department of a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more.

Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, author of SB 298, said his bill addresses the fact that Texas leads the nation in alcohol-related traffic fatalities and is one of only 11 states that does not allow law enforcement officials to conduct sobriety checkpoints due to a lack of established guidelines.

The bill will be assigned to a House committee for further consideration.

#### Bill requires live ERCOT hearings

The House State Affairs Committee approved committee substitute to HB 1783 by Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton.

The bill would require the Public Utility Commission and the Electricity Reliability Council of Texas to broadcast their public hearings and open meetings via live Internet video.

The bill now moves to the full House for further consideration.



## Tags to be ordered

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 Co. 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, Co. Extension Agent—Ag at 940-864-2658 or come by the Haskell Co. 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 Co. Extension office.

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago April 15, 1999

Don and Gracie Griffis purchased the Weinert Gin.

With a record of 12-6, 4-3 in district, the Maidens softball team will make their first appearance in the playoffs after only two years of playing high school softball.

Bill Steele of Haskell was named firefighter of the year. Eleven area girls entered to compete for the title of 1999 Prairie Days Queen were Bree Burgess, Tiffany Cadenhead, Kerre Cole, J.J. Comedy, Jacki Davis, Amber Futch, Paige Hagadone, Misti Henson, Brandie Smith, Halee Walton and Casey Williams.

#### 20 Years Ago April 13, 1989

Haskell Maiden, Joy McKeever, won first in the low hurdles, triple jump and high jump at the Double Mountain Relays in Aspermont.

William H. Stewart assumed duties as Haskell ISD Superintendent.

The Haskell Horse Club presented belt buckles to Kelly Moeller, Zack Hudson, Mitchell Cox, Bryan Gray, Jodi Pope, Robin Harrell, Shawn Jordan and Shannon Jordan at their annual meeting.

The Weinert Extension Homemakers met in the home of Faye Jetton.

E.W. "Pluto" Pruet,

communications technician for GTE Southwest in Haskell, was honored for achieving forty years of service with the company.

Kayce Nemir, Haskell High School senior, won the district tennis championship in girls' singles for the second year in a row.

#### 30 Years Ago April 12, 1979

Haskell Lions Club held their annual mop and broom sale.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Landess celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Darrell Feemster accepted the call to pastor at East Side Baptist Church.

The Brazos West Art Association sponsored Cora Proctor of Haskell as the Artist of the Month.

The Haskell FFA Ag Mechanics team won first at the district judging contest. Members were John Andrada, Mark Wallace, Frankie Moeller and Jeff Frierson.

#### 40 Years Ago April 10, 1969

Allen Strickland of Haskell was presented the Fort Worth Press Conservation of the Year plaque by the Haskell Lion's Club.

The 1969-70 Haskell High School cheerleaders were Diane Thomas, Anita Thigpen, Paula Mayfield, Penny Darnell and Marilyn

Fischer.

More than 300 persons registered during "open house" at Bassing Jewelry.

The Haskell County Library received 100 books on a three-month loan from the Abilene Public Library.

Pvt. James D. Hobbs, grandson of Mrs. Luther Butler of Haskell, completed basic training at Fort Bliss.

Doug Durham, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Durham of Levelland, visited with friends, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Killion and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maiville, all of Haskell.

#### 50 Years Ago April 9, 1959

Tommy Coston, junior at Haskell High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Coston, was selected as Haskell's representative at the American Legion Boys State.

Troveta Posey, 11-year-old sixth grader at Rochester, won the County Spelling Bee.

Mrs. Frank Cadenhead was elected president of the Haskell Parent-Teacher Association.

Madalin Hunt, teacher at Haskell Elementary School, was guest speaker for the Ranger Classroom Teachers Association.

New members added to the Chamber of Commerce were Haskell Courts, Arrowhead

Motel, Cook Service Station, Wolfe Equipment Co., Dr. Robert A. Middleton, Lottie's Beauty Shop, M.C. Wilfong Service Station, O.L. Johnson and the Dad and Lad Shop.

Supt. William R. Baker reported twenty-three students were listed on the honor roll of Mattson Rural High School.

Bill Overton, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Overton of Paint Creek and North Texas State College sophomore, was lead in the production of the Wesley Players' "The Second Look."

#### 100 Years Ago April 10, 1909

F. Baker resigned his position as assistant at the Haskell Post Office and returned to Lockney.

E.A. Chambers and W.M. Stephens were elected Aldermen in the city election.

The Methodist Church purchased three lots west of D.M. Winn's place and hired an architect to prepare plans and specifications for the new church building.

B. Ivey of Navasota sent an advertisement stating that he desired to purchase 500 young prairie dogs and will pay \$2.50 per dozen.

McNeil & Smith Hardware Co. featured a beautiful art exhibit in their show windows.

## Feral hog population is cause for concern

by Caron Yates

If you are a farmer or rancher, you are already aware of the feral hog population explosion. If you are a motorist, it would also benefit you to be very aware of the dangers they pose for drivers.

The feral hog population is expected to reach two million statewide, with Haskell and the surrounding counties being invaded by their share of the creatures.

These hogs are really bad news for farmers and ranchers. They can and certainly do extensive damage to crops, fields and fences. Although the hogs are omnivorous, they especially like to feast on local field crops such as milo, watermelon, peanuts, hay and wheat. Their rooting and wallowing activities also cause serious erosion to river banks and areas along creeks and streams.

The feral hogs we are contending with today are most likely a mix of the hogs introduced in Texas by the early Spanish explorers and the European wild hogs introduced in the 1930s. When grown they can reach a shoulder height of thirty-six inches and weigh between one and four hundred plus pounds. They can begin reproducing as early as six months old, average four to six piglets a

litter and frequently have two litters each year.

Feral hogs are smart animals and with the exception of a few young piglets killed by predators, they have few enemies to help control their populations.

Although they are not considered dangerous, extreme caution should be taken when encountering wounded hogs, trapping hogs, or meeting females with young. A local citizen found this to be true "the hard way." He came upon a group of people who were investigating a wounded hog on the side of the road. As he got near the hog, it jumped up, knocked him down, gored him in the leg and ran several yards away before falling to the ground. Because these animals tend to carry germs and disease, he developed an infection in the wound and had to be hospitalized for a few days.

At this point hogs are primarily being controlled by trapping and hunting with either guns or dogs. Although there are many people involved, the results are hardly making a "dent" in the number of hogs. Two different local trappers said that in recent years they caught close to two hundred hogs per year. Once trapped, they are taken to a local buying station, then sold

to a wild game slaughter house and finally shipped to overseas markets. Unfortunately what was a lucrative endeavor in past years with good prices being paid, has succumbed to the worldwide downturn in the economy. Trappers say the price being offered now won't pay for the fuel to haul the hogs, consequently many aren't trapping at this time.

Hunting hogs on land other than your own has also caused problems. While having the hogs gone from the field is certainly a positive, land owners report that sometimes hunters are running through fences and gates, which in turn allow cattle to get out.

Another possible solution to controlling the growing hog population, is hunting from a helicopter. One rancher in northern Haskell County gave this method a try after futile attempts to keep the hogs out with electric fences, and losing an estimated \$14,000 worth of maize. He reported shooting seventy-five to one hundred hogs in about two hours.

Another farmer said he would estimate that as much as one million dollars in damage a year to crops and fields in Haskell County is being caused by the feral hogs. The consensus of many is that a county wide effort will have

to be made in order to solve this problem. Individually done, the hogs are just moving from one farm to the next and are not being controlled. Organized county wide helicopter hunts are presently being considered. There has also been reports of significant damage caused at local and area golf courses.

The hogs and other wildlife pose a problem for motorists as well. Hogs that have been hit by a vehicle can often be seen at the side of the road. According to Dr. Billy Higginbotham, AgriLife Extension fisheries and wildlife specialist, feral hogs lack the "eye shine" that reflects the light from headlights that deer and many other vertebrates have. Because they move around more at cooler times of the day, it is especially important to watch for them in the early morning hours and at dusk, as well as after the sun goes down. A local body shop owner said that while they repair many more vehicles damaged by deer than hogs, the damage caused by collisions with hogs is usually extensive.

This is a problem that is of concern to everyone. It's true that what affects the livelihood of one group of people, will ripple through the community affecting other groups.

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Indians vs Knox City  
Sat., April 11, 11 a.m.  
at Haskell

Indians vs Seymour  
Tues., Apr. 14, 7 p.m.  
at Seymour



HASKELL INDIANS—Members of the Haskell Indians varsity baseball team are, front row, l-r, Tyler Rodriquez, 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, Shelbey Hagle, Haley Chavez, Brooke Bullinger, Sara Weise and Claire Isbell; back row, Kimie Hutchinson, Aubrey Bassett, Ashton Rutkowski, Lynette Ortiz, Brittny Martinez and Claire Carmichael.

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**ATTENDS CONFERENCE—Five members of the Haskell County EEA attended the Club's District 3 Spring Conference March 25. The conference was held at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center in Weatherford. In conjunction with the Spring Conference was the club's annual cultural arts judging. Voting delegates were Sue McGee, Alice Ballard and Geraldine Baker. The Doss Cultural Center had many displays, including the stage pictured above. A musical, narrative program was given by Judy James, a Texas Balladeer and Historian. James spoke on the Goodnight-Loving Trail and its connection with the Weatherford area. Guests were also entertained with ballads sung and played by James. Members were welcomed to Weatherford by Joe Brinkley, Parker County Commissioner, Precinct 1. Club members are, l-r, Sue McGee, Alice Yates, Jane Rowan, Alice Ballard and Geraldine Baker.**

## Haskell EEA Club plans April activities and events

The EEA Club met March 12 with eleven members and one guest present. Members answered roll call with "a woman I admire."

Sue McGee read the minutes. A treasurer's report was given by Kathryn Schonstedt. The scholarship committee reported application forms had been mailed to senior 4-H'ers.

Jane Rowan reported on 4-H and FCS activities. There were ninety 4-H entries in the photography contest held in Rochester March 8 and 75 adults participated in the Food Handler's Course March 9.

The District Spring Conference and Cultural Arts judging will be in Weatherford Wed., March 25, at the Doss Heritage & Culture Center. The theme for this year's conference will be "Wings of Spring." Members who would be taking cultural art entries are Geraldine Baker,

Mary Jenkins, McGee, Muriel Nanny, Judie Whitten and Alice Yates. Delegates to the conference would be Baker, Alice Ballard and McGee.

In other business, nominations were taken and voted on for this year's recipients of the club's monetary gifts.

Tri-County Rally Day was discussed, as Haskell County will be the host county. Tri-County Rally Day will be held in Haskell Tues., April 28. The theme this year will be "Women on the Texas FORTS Trail." Margaret Hoogstra, Regional Coordinator for Texas FORTS Trail will be the guest speaker.

A program was given by McGee on medication management. This program was a program at the state convention in Corpus Christi. Prior to the program members took a medication quiz. The answers were a

learning experience and some a surprise. Members realized the need for education when prescription medications are taken, as well as over the counter drugs and vitamins. McGee gave a very informative program complete with handouts. Some of the topics discussed were Statins and Grapefruit, Drug Interaction, Prescription Abbreviations and Medication Management. Members were given charts for personal medications, recording blood sugar and blood pressure readings and a list of questions to ask your doctor about prescriptions.

Refreshments were served by Jane Smith and Schonstedt.

The next EEA meeting will be on Thurs., April 9.

TEEA meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Meetings are held at the County Extension Office

## Retirement seminar set for public school employees

A retirement seminar for all public school employees that intend to retire within the next five years will be held Sat., April 18 at Region XIV Education Service Center in Abilene, located at 1850 Hwy. 351 (the Albany Highway). Registration will be held from 8:30 to 9 a.m. with coffee and donuts provided. The seminar begins at 9 a.m. and will conclude no later than 2 p.m.

Lunch will be provided complements of District XIV TRTA.

All administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, cafeteria workers, custodians,

bus drivers or any public school employee that pays into the Texas Teacher Retirement System (TRS) is encouraged to attend.

Tom Guerin from TRS will conduct the seminar which will include a power point presentation, a question and answer session that does not conclude until all questions are answered, and a packet from TRS that will contain all the information needed to help take some of the anxiety out of going into retirement.

TRTA presenters will be Tom Pritchard, past president of TRTA, Reford Schmittou, current president of District

XIV TRTA, Don Bridges, TRTA lobbyist representing District XIV and Tom Massey representing AMBA who can give assistance in answering insurance questions regarding retirement.

Preregistration is required. The seminar is limited to 150 attendees. To pre-register, send your name, school district, and email or phone number to Brenda Kraatz, bkraatz@esc14.net or call 325-675-8672.

The seminar is sponsored by Region XIV Education Service Center and District XIV Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA).

## Diagnosing autism is a lengthy process

Autism spectrum disorders cover a wide span of conditions and symptoms, from severe mental retardation to mild social impairment, making a quick definitive diagnosis difficult. It wasn't until 1980 that autism became an official clinical diagnosis, separate from childhood schizophrenia or retardation.

Dr. Catherine Karni, associate professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical

Center and medical director of outpatient services at the Center for Pediatric Psychiatry at Children's Medical Center Dallas, says patients often display a distinctive pattern of symptoms rather than just one. The main characteristics include impairments in social interaction, impairments in communication, restricted interests and repetitive behavior. Parents are usually the first to notice the unusual behaviors, while pediatricians

initially hear their concerns.

"Autism cannot be diagnosed with a simple diagnostic test," Dr. Karni says. "Having a team of specialists conduct specific assessments means there is a better chance for children to be diagnosed correctly and for the right treatments to be enacted. Many parents take their child to a pediatrician because the child is not talking. But there are many possibilities for this behavior. Autism is only one."

## Deadline to register for food training 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.

## Health camps scheduled

The Big Country Area Health Education will host two summer camps for high school students interested in a future health career.

The Abilene Health Matters Summer Camp will be held June 8-12. Campers will stay in the dorms at McMurry University and will tour Cisco Junior College Respiratory Therapy Program, Texas Tech School of Pharmacy, Hardin Simmons University Physical Therapy Program, Abilene Christian University Exercise Science Program, New Horizons Audrey Grace House, Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing, and attend the Abilene Ruff Riders indoor football team practice and meet with the athletic trainers. In addition, a day will be spent in Lubbock touring the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

The Stephenville Health Matters Summer Camp will be held June 23-25. Campers will stay in the dorms at Tarleton State University and tour

the pre-health programs at TSU and visit with health care professionals at several rural clinics and hospitals. A day will be spent touring the University of Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth.

Not only will the campers get a first hand look at the health sciences programs each of these institutions offers but they will also see the benefits of continuing their education in and around their home community. Both camps are designed to enlighten campers to the future health careers that await them.

The cost for each camp is \$50 which includes dorm fees, meals and transportation. Scholarships are available. To obtain a camp brochure, application and teacher recommendation form, go to [http://wctcog.org/wctcog/ahec\\_activities.php](http://wctcog.org/wctcog/ahec_activities.php) or contact us at 325-793-8484 or at [hlierman@wctcog.org](mailto:hlierman@wctcog.org).

The mission of the Health

Matters Summer Camp mirrors that of Big Country AHEC to address the health care provider shortage and improve health care access in the North and West Central Texas through education and development of the health care workforce.

The Health Matters Summer Camp is made possible through the support of the Hodges Foundation, the Allensworth-Kenner Family and Junior League of Abilene. Opportunities like the Health Matters Summer Camp are the result of partnerships with communities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and the Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC). The Big Country AHEC is a service of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health and the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

## Adult Protective Services busts financial predators

After 2½ years of collaborating to protect seniors from financial exploitation, Cindy Chumley and Bruce Friar are hard to shock. Some cases, however, still have the power to blow even their hard-bitten old pros' minds.

"We were following up on evidence that a paid caregiver for a 96-year-old man had been making unauthorized purchases with his credit card," recalls Friar, a detective for the Austin Police Department. "In the process of tracking down card charges, we called an auto dealer for information about a car that had been bought in the gentleman's name.

"The person on the other end checked some records, then got back on the phone and asked, 'Do you want info on just that one car in his name—or all three?'"

The financial exploitation investigation—which originally focused on \$1,300 worth of charges—quickly turned into a major case that uncovered more than \$40,000 of fraudulent purchases and led to grand theft charges.

Chumley, an Adult Protective Services Specialist for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), says this case was more extreme than most she and Friar encounter in their unique team approach. However, it fit several classic patterns: The elderly victim had considered the caregiver a good friend; the victim was targeted more for his vulnerability than his modest assets; and a bank helped bring the crime to light.

Adult Protective Services (APS) has recognized financial institutions' value as partners by providing banks and credit unions all over Texas with posters listing common signs of

exploitation.

Chumley and Friar, who met while assigned to the same case in 2007, quickly found that their working styles and concern for vulnerable older people made them a great team. A major strength of the collaboration, both say, is the fusion of Friar's hardcore criminal investigation background with Chumley's deep knowledge and instincts in the area of adult abuse and exploitation.

Statistics bear them out. In roughly 30 months of partnering with Chumley, Friar has issued more than 30 felony arrest warrants on APS-related cases. Other cities, they say, could obtain similar results by following their model of direct police-APS teamwork.

Skills, Personalities Mesh Although Chumley is more boisterous than her reserved, buttoned-down collaborator, their working styles are similar mixes of pure deductive skills and what Chumley describes as "a sixth sense you develop on this job."

"Sometimes you can just feel when something's not right about a situation," Chumley says. "For example, theft sometimes is disguised in records as gifts to an individual or charity. It may or may not be legit. But if you know the older person has relatively modest income and assets, and the records indicate \$60,000 supposedly gifted to a caregiver or 'charity'—no way!"

Another trait that Chumley and Friar share is compassion. Although both are vehement about the need to protect the vulnerable, they also know that not every crime of exploitation is inspired by greed and amorality.

In one recent case, Friar said, an elderly client's daughter with severe

substance abuse problems used her mother's debit card to make \$1,600 in "nickel-and-dime" purchases and cash withdrawals. Friar and Chumley intervened as usual, but they also monitored the daughter's life after her release from custody. They found themselves impressed by her sincere remorse and her strict dedication to her rehab and recovery process.

With the mother's approval, and under Chumley and Friar's close scrutiny, the daughter has been allowed to return home on a make-good basis.

"The daughter's been sticking to AA, making an honest effort to help and redeem herself," Chumley said. "So, for now, her problems in the past don't matter. No matter what the circumstances are, the final outcome is the key for us."

Ways You Can Spot and Fight Financial Exploitation of the Elderly

Friends, neighbors and family often provide the tips that APS workers and police use to crack financial exploitation cases. Here are a few signs that may indicate abuse.

A caregiver tries to discourage people from calling or visiting the older person.

The caregiver often speaks for the older person, even when he or she is present.

The older person is reluctant to discuss matters that were once routine.

The caregiver seems to have no means of support other than the client's income.

The older person has no obvious source of good financial advice.

If you suspect exploitation, immediately call 1-800-252-5400 and file a report so APS and law enforcement can investigate.

## 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. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

### 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.

### VBS

First Baptist Church of Haskell will hold vacation Bible School June 7-11 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., April 18 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

## DCP and ACRE program deadline extended by USDA

Glenn R. Brzozowski, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Haskell, has announced that USDA has extended the sign-up deadline from June 1, to Aug. 14, 2009, for both the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the forthcoming Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. This action extends the sign-up deadline by 10 weeks to give producers ample time to decide whether to participate in ACRE or remain in DCP.

"Extending the sign-up deadline for both these programs ensure that America's farmers have enough information and time needed to determine if ACRE is the right program for their operational needs," said Brzozowski. "The DCP and ACRE programs play a

### Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Red Rooster restaurant, 1006 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Wed., April 15 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

### Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Ginger Test, well-known artist of Novice, will give a demonstration. All guests are welcome.

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., April 16 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

### City wide clean up

The Haskell City Wide Clean Up week will be held Sat., April 25 through Sat., May 2. The landfill will be open Sat., April 25 and Sat., May 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Landfill hours April 27-30 will be 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fri., May 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Revival

Rule First Baptist Church will hold revival April 26-29. Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Services Monday through Wednesday will be at 7:30 p.m. Dr. D.L. Lowrie will be the evangelist. Music minister will be Clay Jacobs.

## Relay for Life set April 25

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

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

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

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

## Co-op to meet

Big Country Electric Cooperative will hold its 10th annual meeting of the membership Sat., April 18 at the Coliseum in Snyder, located at 900 E. Coliseum Drive.

Member registration begins at 4 p.m. At that time, members and guests are invited to enjoy a Texas barbecue meal.

Entertainment will be provided by Revolution, a violin troupe composed of Abilene and Cooper High School students. Local artists will also have their works on display.

The business meeting will convene at 5 p.m.

Member-owners of Big Country Electric Cooperative are encouraged to attend and take an active role in the director elections and business of their cooperative.

state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price. ACRE payments are made when both state and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments, receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates. The decision to elect ACRE binds the farm to the program through the 2012 crop year, the last crop year covered by the 2008 Act.

For more information about ACRE, DCP and other price support programs, please visit your local USDA Service Center or the Haskell County FSA Office or call 940-864-2617, ext. 2 for an appointment. You can also obtain information on-line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Untreated cotton must be destroyed to comply with law

The lack of soil moisture has presented many challenges

## Wildfire prevention

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

Texans face severe danger of wildfire. Be extremely cautious about any outdoor activities that might cause sparks or fires.

Sparks can easily escape from burning trash.

Avoid use of welding or grinding equipment near weeds or grass.

Avoid parking vehicles in tall, dry grass and weeds that could be ignited by hot catalytic converters.

When in your vehicle, crush smoking materials in your ashtray and make sure they are really out.

for farmers, and now some producers are dealing with more than 20,000 acres of late-germinating cotton seeds that will soon grow cotton plants in fields where other crops have been planted. These plants, which are grown in fields not normally scheduled for treatment by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF), pose a threat to boll weevil eradication efforts since the plants act as hosts for the pests.

In an effort to protect Texas' \$2.1 billion cotton industry, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is requesting that all non-commercial cotton be destroyed immediately in order to reduce the risk of boll weevil infestation and spread.

"Texas leads the nation in cotton production, and we want to keep it that way," Commissioner Staples said.

"Our state has invested millions in successful boll weevil eradication efforts, but we must eliminate non-commercial cotton as it can become a major breeding ground for this harmful pest."

Texas law prohibits the growth of non-commercial cotton in any boll weevil eradication zone except under a special permit issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Permits are only given for cotton grown for research, demonstrations or education. Commercial cotton fields, however, are monitored and treated when necessary.

Producers can destroy non-commercial cotton through cultivation or with herbicides. For more information, contact Robert Crocker, TDA coordinator for pest management programs, at 512-463-6332.

## March sales tax receipts show local ups and downs

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has announced state sales tax revenue in February totaled \$1.74 billion, down 2.6 percent compared to February 2008.

"State sales tax collections declined in February as important sectors such as retail trade and construction continue to struggle," Combs said. "While state sales tax revenue has grown 2.8 percent through the first half of fiscal 2009, further declines are expected as the economy continues to weaken."

Combs delivered \$433.4 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts. Local sales tax allocations are down 0.6 percent compared to March 2008. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations remain up 2.2 percent compared to the first three months of 2008.

State sales tax revenue for February and March payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in January.

Combs sent March sales tax payments of \$291.1 million to Texas cities, down 0.7 percent compared to March 2008.

## Tips to safely clean out your medicine cabinet

According to the Poison Prevention Council, more than two million poisonings are reported each year to the nation's 61 Poison Control Centers. To highlight the dangers posed by poisonings and provide poison prevention information, the Texas Panhandle Poison Center offers these tips to help you clean out your medicine cabinet.

PPC says the majority of non-fatal poisonings occur in children younger than six years old and poisonings are one of the leading causes of death among adults. Poison educators are taking an opportunity to remind the public of the dangers of unintentional poisonings and to demonstrate ways in which homes and communities can become "Poison Safe."

The Texas Panhandle Poison Center serves residents within the 71 counties that comprise Texas Public Health Regions I and II and includes the cities of Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene and Wichita Falls. Ronica Farrar, who has been the educator for TPPC since 2000, says unused and old medicines are a common source for poisonings and should be cleaned out at least

## Public safety telecommunicators week is April 12-18

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week has been proclaimed April 12-18 by Governor Rick Perry.

The week honors the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators for their invaluable dedication to saving lives and responding to Texans in hours of great need.

Throughout Texas the Commission on State Emergency Communications works with local and state governments to ensure reliable access to emergency telecommunications services. Highlighting the invaluable role of 9-1-1 operators and dispatchers, the campaign offers an opportunity to bring awareness to the public.

Perry extends his appreciation to these public servants in their diligent efforts to ensure that help is on the way when Texans need it most.

Since Jan. 1, city sales tax allocations are 1.5 percent higher than the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$27.5 million, up 2.5 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 7.2 percent higher than last year.

The 150 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$17.3 million in sales tax revenue, up 21.6 percent compared to last March. Ten local transit systems received \$97.4 million, down 4.3 percent.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Fri., April 10.

Haskell County had a .92 percent decrease for March 2009 of \$29,428.04 in comparison to \$29,702.02 for March 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$97,801.11 reflect a 3.22 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$101,063.13.

The City of Haskell had a .68 percent increase for March 2009 of \$27,396.04 in comparison to \$27,208.75 for March 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$90,377.53 reflect a 2.76 percent decrease over

2008 payments to date of \$92,946.73.

The City of O'Brien had a 45.66 percent increase for March 2009 of \$63.57 in comparison to \$43.64 for March 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$267.92 reflect a 17.89 percent increase over 2008 payments to date of \$227.25.

The City of Rochester had a 3.37 percent increase for March 2009 of \$470.75 in comparison to \$455.38 for March 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$1,676.21 reflect a 4.10 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$1,748.00.

The City of Rule had a 23.47 percent decrease for March 2009 of \$1,312.26 in comparison to \$1,714.71 for March 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$4,502.47 reflect a 12.49 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$5,145.60.

The City of Weinert had a 33.66 percent decrease for March 2009 of \$185.42 in comparison to \$279.54 for March 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$976.98 reflect a 1.86 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$995.55.

once a year.

"Out of all of the calls that we get, the ones that involve exposure to medicines can be the most frightening," Farrar says. "Just one tablet or capsule of some medications can be extremely dangerous if it is taken by a child or by an adult for which it was not prescribed."

To clean out a medicine cabinet, Farrar says the goal should be to remove and safely dispose of any old or leftover medicines, whether prescription or over-the-counter. "If you have questions about whether a medicine is still good or not, contact your pharmacist. Otherwise, when in doubt, clean it out."

She suggests cleaning out medicine supplies once a year at a time when interruptions are less likely to occur. "You don't want to take medicines out and have them accessible to children or pets while you're cleaning the medicine cabinet."

Farrar says flushing medications can be hazardous for the environment and that some communities have household waste disposal

programs in place to help people safely discard outdated or unused medicines. If no local programs are available she suggests placing solid medications in a one-gallon zip-lock baggie and crushing them. Next, add water to the baggie to dissolve the crushed medication and then add kitty litter or a solid kitchen substance like flour to the mixture. Finally, the baggie should be sealed and placed directly into an outdoor trash collection container or a secure indoor trash receptacle.

For added safety, Farrar says the entire baggie can be placed in a sealable container such as a small bucket with a lid or an old coffee can. She said liquid medications should also be placed in a sealable bag with water and kitty litter.

For more information about poison prevention or to obtain a free packet of poison prevention material, call 1-800-222-1222 or write to Texas Panhandle Poison Center, 1501 S. Coulter, Amarillo, Texas 79106. To subscribe to the Texas Poison Center Network newsletter, visit [www.poisoncontrol.org](http://www.poisoncontrol.org).

## THOMAS PARKS

School Board Candidate

Precinct 7



\*Raised in Haskell County and graduated from Rochester High School

\*Received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a Minor in Finance from Angelo State University

\*Currently employed by Arm Tech Insurance as a crop adjuster and manages family ranching operation

\*Married eleven years to Wendi, who was raised in Stamford and graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Texas Tech University

\*Father of Kellen, a 4th grader at Haskell Elementary and two year old daughter Kelbi

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## Paint Creek School Menu

**April 13-17 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Oatmeal and toast  
**Tuesday:** Waffles  
**Wednesday:** Biscuits and gravy  
**Thursday:** Pigs in a blanket  
**Friday:** Donuts  
**Lunch**  
Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Chicken fajitas, rice, broccoli, salad, fruit  
**Tuesday:** Pigs in blanket, beans, fries, pudding  
**Wednesday:** Taco salad, corn, cake  
**Thursday:** Teriyaki chicken, rice, peas, rolls, fruit  
**Friday:** Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, chips, rice krispies

## ECC Menu

**Mon., April 13**  
Lunch—Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, salsa, Coke cake, tea or coffee  
**Wed., April 15**  
Lunch—Ham and beans, onions, pickles, creamy coleslaw, cornbread, jello, cookie, tea or coffee  
**Fri., April 17**  
Lunch—Beef stew, tuna and pimento sandwiches, onion slice, chips, pickles, pears, cookie, tea or coffee  
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## Haskell School Menu

**April 13-17 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Muffin, Chex mix  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, energy ball  
**Thursday:** Sausage, biscuit  
**Friday:** French 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:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot roll, mandarin orange salad  
**Wednesday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, grapes  
**Thursday:** Chicken fajitas, salsa, cheese, grilled peppers and onions, garden salad, banana pudding  
**Friday:** Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, apple

## 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 Co. Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, contact Wes Utley, Haskell Co. Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

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## This Week's Devotional Message:



### HE IS RISEN

'Christ is Risen!' And once again on Easter morning, the miracle of His resurrection brings joy and inspiration, as we gather together in the house of the Lord, with our families and friends, to worship, to

rejoice, to give thanks for His gift of life everlasting. May this Eastertide bless each of us with infinite trust in the goodness of life, hope for the future and faith in the spiritual truths that sustain us.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—  
**East Side Baptist Church**  
Ronnie Gibson, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell  
**Christian Church**  
Richard Barr, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell  
**Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell  
**Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Tom Long, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.  
Wed. 6 p.m.  
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell  
**First Assembly of God**  
Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**St. George Catholic Church**  
Father George Roney  
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell  
**Church of Christ**  
Philip Sims, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**Trinity Baptist Church**  
Larry White, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 :30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell  
**Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

**Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell  
**New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell  
**Mission Revival Center**  
Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell  
**First Baptist Church**  
Greg Gasaway, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**Church in the Wind**  
C.C. Curran, pastor  
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.  
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.  
203 S. 1st East, Haskell  
**Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Morris R. Johnson, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell  
—WEINERT—  
**First Baptist Church**  
Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
Weinert  
**Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert  
—ROCHESTER—  
**Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester  
**First Baptist Church**  
Joseph Barrett, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester  
**Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester

**Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester  
—SAGERTON—  
**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Stephania Gilkey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton  
**Faith Lutheran Church**  
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton  
—RULE—  
**First Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule  
**Primitive Baptist Church**  
Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule  
**Church of Christ**  
John Greeson, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Tom Long, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule  
**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Alfa y Omegas  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule  
**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Larry Neal, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;  
Gladstone Ave., Rule  
**West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule  
—PAINT CREEK—  
**Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek  
—O'BRIEN—  
**O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
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Written By  
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



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First, review your current paycheck deductions. Are your federal, state, and local tax withholdings on target? Significant life changes in 2009 could result in tax underpayment penalties unless you adjust your withholdings.

Are you taking full advantage of your employer's retirement plan match? If not, you're leaving money on the table. Contribution limits on 401(k) and SIMPLE plans have gone up as well, so consider telling your employer to increase your retirement withholding. And while on the subject, ask your employer if the company offers the Roth 401(k). It might fit nicely in your overall retirement plan.

Maximum use of your flexible spending account is also a tax-smart move. A review of your 2008 medical deductions may shed light on how much you'll use in 2009. Remember that IRS rules let you buy over-the-counter medications out of your flexible spending account, so factor that into your calculations.

You might actually save taxes in 2009 by spending money. How? You can invest in qualified, energy-efficient equipment, such as hybrid vehicles and home improvements. Such purchases may be eligible for tax credits in 2009. So what's good for the environment could also be good for your wallet.

If you meet the requirements, you might also qualify for tax breaks for buying a first home or a new car in 2009.

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INVITATION TO SUBMIT QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SERVICES HASKELL I.S.D. ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS

Notice is hereby given that Haskell C.I.S.D. will utilize a two step selection process for construction manager at risk services. As part of step one, the District will receive sealed, written qualifications from interested companies for Construction Manager at Risk Services until April 14, 2009, at the office of the District's Superintendent, at which time the District will publicly open and read aloud the names of the offerors for the 2009 Haskell I.S.D. Additions and Renovations Project which may consist of the following proposed projects:

- Renovations of classroom wing
  - New construction of a science classroom wing
- Estimated cost of construction, including construction manager at risk fees, site supervision, general conditions, bonds, and permits, is \$2,000,000.

In step two, the District may request that five or fewer offerors, selected solely on the basis of qualifications, provide additional information, including the construction manager at risk's proposed fee and its (estimated) price for fulfilling the general conditions.

Request for Qualification specifications may be obtained, beginning Thursday, April 2, 2009, from Haskell C.I.S.D. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. 14-15c

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tendrá matrícula para Prekindergarten, y las clases Tempranas de Niñez para el 2009-2010 año escolar el miércoles, abril 22. La matrícula se tendrá de las 9:00 de la mañana hasta la 1:00 de la tarde en Haskell en la biblioteca Elemental.

Para ser elegible para la inscripción en Prekindergarten, un niño debe ser 4 años de edad en septiembre 1 de 2009 y debe no poder hablar y comprender la lengua inglesa; o califique para los alimentos libres o reducidos; o sea sin hogar; o sea el niño de un miembro del servicio activo de las fuerzas armadas de los Estados Unidos; o el niño de un miembro de las fuerzas armadas de los Estados Unidos que fueron dañados o mataron mientras que servían en servicio activo; o ha estado siempre en cuidado foster. Sin embargo, estamos esperando ofrecer Prekindergarten para los 4 años. Si usted está interesado en este programa para su niño, este por favor seguro de registrarse el miércoles, de abril el 22.

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Los padres deben traer su licencia conducir e ingresos (para la ventaja) y certificado de nacimiento del niño, el registro de la inmunización y tarjeta de seguridad social a la matrícula. No es necesario que su niño asista matrícula.

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6032-85-001 for REMOVE/REPLACE RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on April 29, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$296,780.51.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
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State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.

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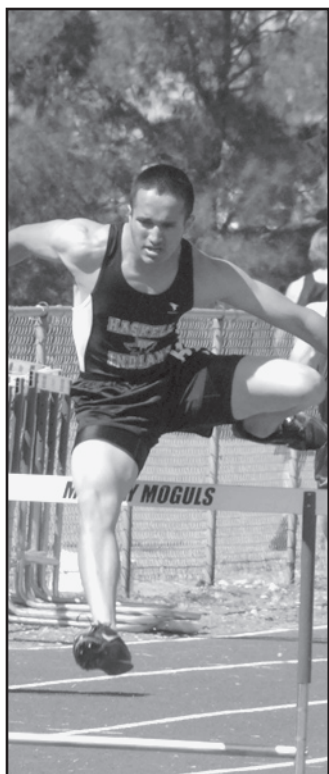
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300 meter hurdles  
Second place, 40:40



**STEVEN FILLMON**  
800 meter relay  
Second place, 1:35.15

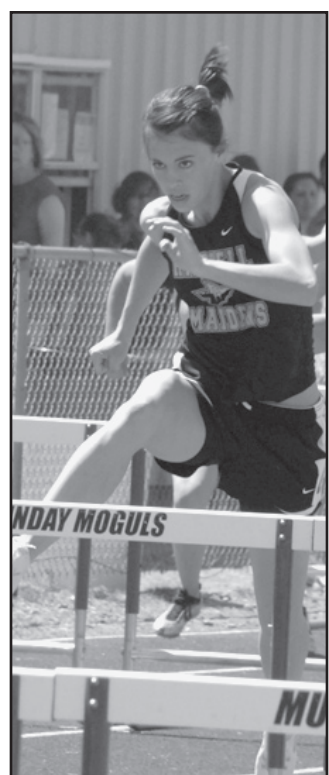


**AUBREY BASSETT**  
400 meter  
First place, 1:04.54



**CLAIRE CARMICHAEL**  
100 meter dash  
Third place, 13:02

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Bill Blankenship



**HANNA WALLACE**  
100 hurdles  
Second place, 15:66



**1600 METER RELAY-**  
Winning first place at the Munday relays on Saturday was the Haskell Indian 1600 meter relay team with a time of 3:32.30. Team members are, l-r, Austin Marshall, Tyler Rodriquez, Jonathan Martinez and Steven Fillmon.

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**1600 METER RELAY-**  
Winning first place at the Munday relays on Saturday was the Haskell Maiden 1600 meter relay team with a time of 4:19.07. Team members are, l-r, Hope Reid, Hanna Wallace, Cheslee Hearn and Aubrey Bassett.

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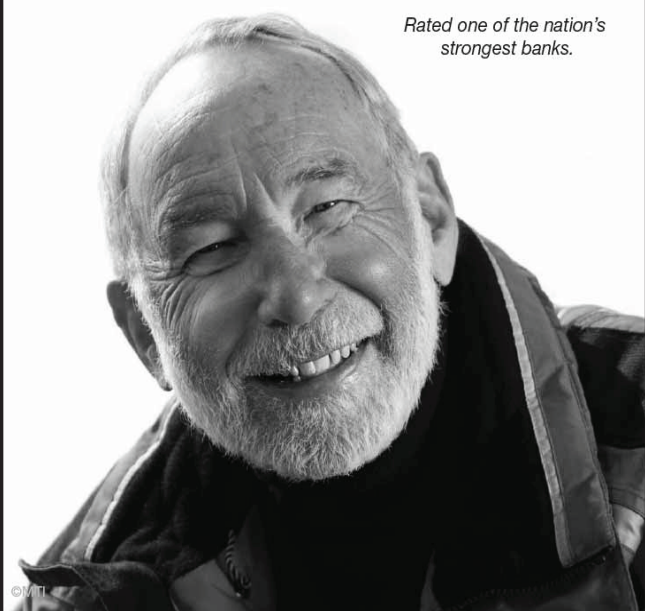
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