

## Calendar

### ECC dinner

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will host a fund-raising dinner Sun., May 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the center. The menu will be chicken and dressing, savory green beans, cranberries, candied yams, hot yeast rolls, peach/apricot cobbler and ice cream. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Children 13 and under will eat free.

### First Responders to be honored

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church is honoring all First Responders (everyone involved in the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, Haskell County Sheriff's Department, City of Haskell Police Department, Department of Public Safety in Haskell, Haskell Ambulance Service personnel, Haskell Hospital personnel, utility emergency crews personnel and their families) Sunday evening, May 31 at 6 p.m. The church is located at 1600 North First Street, Haskell.

### Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., June 2 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square. Call 325-670-2798 for more information or visit [www.meekbloodcenter.org](http://www.meekbloodcenter.org).

### VBS

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

### Vintage photos

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society is compiling a photographic history of Haskell County and is looking for historic images of Haskell County and the stories to accompany them to include in a book to be published soon. To share your photos and stories, contact Susan Turner at 940-742-3347 or [s57\\_turner@hotmail.com](mailto:s57_turner@hotmail.com) by June 8.

### Trail ride

Official entry forms for the fourth annual Haskell County Trail Ride are available from Susan Cockerell at the County Judge's office in the courthouse or by calling 940-864-2851.

### Medical fund

A medical fund to benefit Felix Cassidy of Haskell has been established at Haskell National Bank.

### PC VBS

Paint Creek Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 1-5 for ages preschool and completed sixth grade, and Teens May 31-June 4 beginning at 7 p.m. with outback guide Steve Russell. Registration and reception will be held Mon., May 25 at 7 p.m. Family night and program will be Fri., June 5 at 7 p.m. For information call 940-864-3318.

### Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

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# Congratulations Graduates

# The Haskell Free Press

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## Haskell County schools to graduate 68 students

A total of 68 high school seniors will receive diplomas in graduation ceremonies Fri., May 29 from the three Haskell County schools and one from the Rolling Plains Christian Academy.

In Haskell, 43 seniors will graduate during the school's commencement exercises at Indian Stadium, Fri., May 29 at 8 p.m.

Those graduating are: Paige Adams, Molly Agraz, Raymon Aguilar, Miranda Ashley, Jordan Bartlett, Pedro Castillo, Haley Chavez.

Seth Chavez, Kitty Cheung, John English, Steven Fillmon, Tyler Ford, Laura Garcia, Shelbey Hagle.

Leandro Hernandez, Taylor Hull, Kimie Hutchinson, Claire Isbell, Brittney Martinez, Jonathan Martinez, Douglas Moore.

Donald Morris, Lauren Newton, Ryan Pierce, Hope Reid, Rocio Reyes, Ruben Robledo, Jacob Rodriguez.

Samantha Rodriguez, Selina Rodriguez, Tommy Rodriguez, Ashton Rutkowski, Shayla Session, Luke Terry, Aerial Thane, Jerica Ticer, Shalea Trevino.

Zach Trussell, Hanna Wallace, Ronnie Weeaks, Duste Wolf, Cody Wyrick and

Virginia Zavala.

Valedictorian is Paige Adams, daughter of Michael and Peggy Adams. Salutatorian is Aerial Thane, daughter of Marc Thane.

### Paint Creek

Eleven seniors will receive diplomas during commencement exercises at the Paint Creek High School Auditorium, May 29 at 8 p.m.

Graduates are Ariel Blair, Amber Gilbreath, James Groves, Cidney Jordan, Samantha Lopez, Josh Ramirez.

Jens Shoemaker, Brett Siegfried, Lacy Stephens, Bretton Vickers and Caleb Whitfield.

Valedictorian is Caleb Whitfield, son of Di Whitfield and Terry Joe Brueggeman of Haskell and Danny Whitfield of Odenton, Maryland. Salutatorian is Lacey Stephens, daughter of Winston and Sharon Stephens of Rule.

### Rule

Thirteen seniors will receive diplomas at commencement exercises at Rule High School auditorium Fri., May 29 at 8 p.m.

Graduates are Steven Anderson, Tate Clark, Molly Dudensing, Marty

Hall, Andrew Hertel, Adam Hollingsworth, Kelsie Miller.

Vinnie Perales, Zeb Petty, Tiffany Rios, Richie Rogers, Chris Salinas, Rance Sorley.

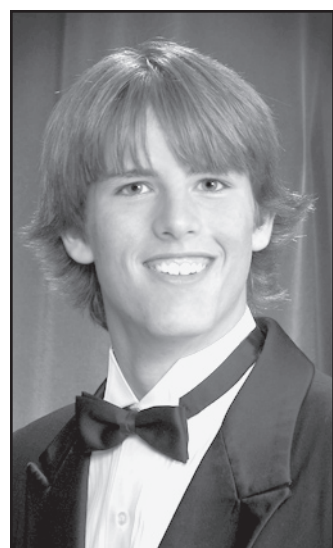
Valedictorian is Molly Dudensing, daughter of Lynn Dale and Renee Dudensing. Salutatorian is Andrew Hertel, son of Mike and Cheryl Hertel.

### Rolling Plains Christian Academy

Graduating from the Rolling Plains Christian Academy is home school graduate Laura Bowers.



PAIGE ADAMS  
VALEDICTORIAN  
HASKELL



CALEB WHITFIELD  
VALEDICTORIAN  
PAINT CREEK



MOLLY DUDENSING  
VALEDICTORIAN  
RULE



AERIAL THANE  
SALUTATORIAN  
HASKELL



LACEY STEPHENS  
SALUTATORIAN  
PAINT CREEK



ANDREW HERTEL  
SALUTATORIAN  
RULE

## Graduation issue inside

Appearing in this edition of the *Haskell Free Press* is our annual graduation section.

Our thanks to all who helped provide senior's pictures for use in this traditional edition

featuring photos of Haskell County graduates.

A special thanks to all our advertisers who make this section complete and this edition possible.

## Citizens urged to help stop local thefts and break-ins

Summer is on the horizon, but the usual summertime burglaries and break-ins have already made a mark on Haskell, according to Haskell's Chief of Police Steven Grand.

Citizens are encouraged to use a little common sense when it comes to securing valuables at home, in vehicles and at business locations.

We all know the tips—we just need to remember to put

them to use.

At home, lock your doors. Most burglaries are not break-ins—just walk-ins. Don't make it easy. Criminals are looking for the easiest entry—if it's hard, they will go to the next house.

Cut shrubbery to eliminate hiding places. Don't hide your extra key around the door—criminals know all the locations. Install dead bolts—and then, use them.

Light up areas around your home—darkness is a criminal's best friend.

Secure your tools and yard machines, like chain saws. Mark items with your identification. Engraved names allow law enforcement to return items to the owner, if found in an investigation. Bicycles are also popular items. Store in a locked shed or use a bicycle chain and lock.

For vehicles, just lock your

doors—don't make it easy. Don't leave purses, cash, cell phones, iPods, laptops, prescription drugs, guns, checkbooks or any item of value in your vehicle. These are popular items for criminals.

Pickup owners should secure their tools and tool boxes. Bolt or chain items like air compressors to the bed of the truck. Coolers are also taken from pickup beds. Mark these items with your ID. Make items hard to remove.

Business owners are reminded to remove money from the business at night. Bank daily. Increase lighting in the building at night to allow night patrols to 'see' inside the windows. Information and advice about the installation of security systems is available by contacting Chief Grand. Many of these systems are available for a low cost and are very useful in case of a break-in.

Grand says that citizens should call if they observe unusual activity in their neighborhood. Neighbors looking out for neighbors helps keep criminal activity down. Calling immediately—rather than later—helps law enforcement check out activity promptly and make arrests.

Citizens are the first line of defense to help law enforcement stop these summertime burglaries. Some arrests have been made, but the activity has not stopped.

Help law enforcement curb burglaries—be their partner in stopping this criminal activity by taking the steps to secure your belongings.

Call in your information or tips about thefts to the Haskell Police Department at 864-2323 or the Haskell Sheriff's Office at 864-2345. Anonymous information may be left with the Cleak Fork Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS.

## WHPD rides into town June 5-6

The annual Wild Horse Prairie Days are set June 5-6 in Haskell.

Events begin Sun., May 31 with a cowboy match roping event at 1:30 p.m. followed by the annual John Wallace Memorial calf roping at 3 p.m. at the Haskell Arena.

Fri., June 5 begins with the Snakey Graves Memorial Cutting at the Haskell Arena at 8 a.m. The fourth annual Wild Horse Knob Trail Ride gets underway at 10 a.m.

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Art Contest will conduct check in from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday at the Civic Center. The art show will have items on display Friday and Saturday. Many divisions span three categories of entries. No admission is charged to view the display.

Inside the Civic Center, a craft and trade show will be held Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m.

to 8 p.m.

The WHPD parade will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday in downtown Haskell. Entries must register at Larned Sales Center. Entries will line up at the post office with all paperwork in order.

Chuck wagon meals will be served on Friday and Saturday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$8.

The Wild Horse Prairie Days WRCA Ranch Rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.

Saturday's events begin with a ranch horse competition at 8 a.m.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo, hosted by Pokey the Clown, begins at 11 a.m. in the grassy area near the Civic Center. The event is mirrored after the adult ranch rodeo but geared to involve young people ages four through

sixteen. Young cowboys will participate in a Pony Express Race, Steer Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking and Calf Branding. Winners advance to the National WRCA Junior Rodeo in Amarillo in November.

A horse sale will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Saturday evening's activities will conclude with a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with Jerry Audley. Audley has received Texas Music Awards nominations for Male Vocalist of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Live Band of the Year and was the 2009 winner of the Record of the Year, "Lucky Me, Lonely You." Jerrod Medulla of Abilene will open for Audley. Cost is \$10.

On Sunday, popular cowboy preacher Jeff Gore will conduct church services beginning at 10 a.m. at the God Loves You Ministries building on the west side of the square.

## All Night Party set

Haskell County parents will host the All Night Party Fri., May 29 from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. The alcohol free and drug free activity will provide a safe environment for students on graduation night. A dance, inflatable outdoor games and table games are planned. Generous businesses, individuals and clubs in

Haskell and Jones counties and around the Abilene area make the event possible.

All students who attended high school during 2008-09 and college students are invited. Dress code will be enforced according to school guidelines.

Admission for senior students is free. Admission for all other students is \$5.

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# Indians win Area title over Follett by a score of 2-1



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**CHRISTIAN MYERS**  
Making the winning run



**STEVEN FILLMON**  
Pitches games against Follett



**A.J. BENTON**  
Pitching against Clarendon

# Indians end season against Clarendon

Haskell's Indian baseball team of the Class 1A regional quarterfinals Friday after a

seven run lead in the second inning to the Clarendon Broncos, by a score 9-7.

The game was played at Lubbock Christian High School.

A.J. Benton pitched into the fifth inning for the Indians before being relieved by Ricky Barrett, who took the loss for the game.

In game two played Saturday, Haskell lost to Clarendon 10-5, ending the Indian's playoff bid.

Scottie Rodriguez and Steven Fillmon pitched for the game.

The Indians finished with a 16-8 season.

# Indians vs. Clarendon



**TWIG RODRIQUEZ**  
Slides to second base



**JAMES WILLIAMS**  
Slides to home



**JOHN ENGLISH**  
Slides to second base



**STEVEN FILLMON**  
Makes a catch in left field

## Obituaries

### Betty A. Long



**BETTY A. LONG**

Graveside services for Betty A. Long, 73, of La Plata, New Mexico were held Tues., May 19 at Greenlawn

Cemetery in Farmington, New Mexico under the direction of Brewer, Lee & Larkin Funeral Home of Farmington.

Mrs. Long went home to her heavenly Father on Sat., May 16.

Born Nov. 2, 1935 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Floyd M. and Nellie Rogers. We will miss our beloved bride, sister, mom, granny, great granny, friend and inspirational leader.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and by several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Pete Long; five children, Pat

Sword (Steve) of Aztec, Robert Long of Cortez, Bill Long (Loydeen) of La Plata, Marilyn Shorter (Ronnie) of Flora Vista, Cheryl Pearson (Randy) of Bloomfield and one adopted daughter, Natalie Hubbard (Johnathon) of La Plata; 11 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; brother, Floyd Rogers of Texas; and one sister, Donna Dunkhorst of Farmington.

Pallbearers were Floyd Sword, Marty Long, Kenneth Sword, Donnie Shorter, Samuel Andrew Jr. and Aaron Maurer. Honorary pallbearers were her grand kids and great grand kids. PD. NOTICE

## Central Texas Farm Credit holds annual meeting

Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA recently held area stockholders' meetings in Brownwood, Coleman, Haskell, San Angelo and Brady. Voting stockholders of the Association elected Philip W. Hinds and Brent M. Heinze to serve three-year terms on the board of directors. Current board members, in addition to those elected, include Cody

Richmond, Chris West, Larry Damron, Mickey Dillard, Mike Finlay, A. Wayland Shurley, Jerry Don Klose, Robby Halfmann and Glenn T. Miller.

The stockholders also elected the nominating committee to serve in 2010. Those elected were Henry W. Dodson, Cody B. Norris, John Bill Oman, John Thomas Beach and Shannon Ray Hoffman. The alternate members are Keith Phillips, Dawn Geron, Dale Spurgin, Stuart P. Gully and David L. Siler.

The association expressed appreciation to Richard L. Johnson of Coleman for his service as a board member for the past nineteen years. He was awarded a plaque and watch from the association at the end of 2008 upon his retirement from the board.

James Isenhower, CEO, informed the stockholders of the association's financial condition. Central Texas Farm Credit has worked to keep the interest rates as low as possible for the borrowers. The association closed 232

loans for \$57.7 million during 2008 and returned a patronage in the amount of \$2.5 million the stockholders for 2008.

With the restructuring of the association in 2006 to an Agricultural Credit Association or ACA, the association is able to fund short term loans for intermediate and short-term operating loans secured by livestock, equipment, or other collateral. Having the ability to provide credit to our stockholders for all of their agricultural needs not only provides the association with expanded opportunities for growth and diversification, but also provides the stockholders with an additional premier source of stable and competitive financing. During 2008 the association closed 80 short term loans for \$13.2 million.

Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA consists of branch offices in Coleman, Brownwood, Comanche, Haskell, San Angelo and Brady with 22 employees to serve approximately 2,800 customers in 20 counties in West and Central Texas.

E-mail your news and photos to The Haskell Free Press at [hfp@valornet.com](mailto:hfp@valornet.com)

### TAX PLANNING

Written By Gerald Rodgers, CPA



#### RECENT LAW BOOSTS EDUCATION TAX CREDIT

One provision in the recent economic recovery law may help defray the cost of sending your children to college. Under this law, the "Hope credit" has been renamed the "American Opportunity Tax Credit" and temporarily broadened to include more families. However, the credit remains off-limits to taxpayers in the higher income levels.

Here's some background information: There are actually two tax credits available for qualified higher education expenses. Prior to the new law, the Hope credit could be claimed for each of the first two years of college. The inflation-indexed maximum credit for 2009 was \$1,800.

Alternatively, a taxpayer may claim a "lifetime learning credit" of up to \$2,000 for every year of college or graduate school. But the maximum credit applies to each return. In contrast, you could claim the maximum Hope credit for each qualified student. Both credits are phased out for high-income taxpayers. The phase-out for 2009 was set to begin at \$50,000 of adjusted gross income (AGI) for single filers and \$100,000 for joint filers.

Now the new law has revamped and renamed the Hope credit for 2009 and 2010. The maximum for the new American Opportunity Tax Credit is increased to \$2,500 per year and 40% of the credit is treated as being refundable. Moreover, the credit is available for all four years of college, not just two. Finally, the phase-out threshold for the credit is hiked to \$80,000 of AGI for single filers and \$160,000 for joint filers.

Note that the changes only affect expenses paid or incurred after 2008. If you paid tuition in 2008 for a semester beginning in 2009, the old rules still apply.

Coordinate this new law provision with other tax benefits for higher education. For assistance in your planning, give us a call.

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**ACCELERATED READER TRIP**—Twenty-seven third through fifth grade students and four teachers from Haskell Elementary enjoyed an educational and fun trip to Abilene Fri., May 15. These top AR students were treated to art and pizza as a reward for their overall performance on Accelerated Reading during the 2008-09 school year. The group visited the Center for Contemporary Arts on Cypress Street, where they were guided through four galleries featuring exhibitions of artwork by contemporary artists working in a variety of media. In the last gallery, students were able to walk into some of the artists' studios and learn more about how their art was created. The students enjoyed seeing some beautiful and unusual pieces of local artwork as well as art from around the country. The grand finale of the trip was an afternoon of pizza and games at Mr. Gatti's. Making the trip were, front row, l-r, Tanner Thomas, Cody Dutton, Ariel Wolf, Riley Sloan, Ariel Martinez, Sarah Fouts, Dalton Meinzer and John Anderson; second row, Amy Sloan, Sam Fouts, Frankie Masias, Kameryn Mathis, Hollyn Hadaway, Hannah Foster, Garret Tatum and Chris Hall; third row, Payton Thomas, Hayden Hudson, Dylan Hanson, Nate Hernandez, Kyler Hoover, LoriBeth Rodgers and Sherry Adams; back row, Donna Waggoner, Pryce Stewart, Chase Gibson, Alye Stewart, Corey Mengwasser, Rudy Espinosa and Laura Brown.

## Gifts for the Graduate

These graduates have made selections.

Paige Adams	Selina Rodriguez
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Laura Garcia	Aerial Thane
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Lauren Newton	Hanna Wallace
Hope Reid	Duste Wolf

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## Passports needed to travel to Mexico, Canada, Caribbean

As you begin to make your summer travel plans, there will be several things that you need to add to your checklist before heading to Mexico, Canada, or the Caribbean. On June 1, 2009, the U.S. government will implement the full requirements of the land and sea phase of the Western Hemisphere

Travel Initiative (WHTI). The proposed rules under the WHTI will require U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry to have a passport.

Currently, all U.S. citizens must show proof of identity and proof of U.S. citizenship when entering the United States from Canada, Mexico,

Bermuda, and the Caribbean by land or sea. All persons travelling by air are required to show a passport to enter or re-enter the U.S. However, on June 1, all air, land, and sea passengers will be required to show a passport or other approved document. For a list of documents approved by the Department of Homeland Security, visit [http://www.getyouhome.gov/html/lang\\_eng/index.html](http://www.getyouhome.gov/html/lang_eng/index.html).

The State Department is encouraging people to seek

passports now to avoid a backlog of applications, and the Department of Homeland Security is stepping up publicity along U.S. border towns about the new policy. The policy aims to keep terrorists out of the country and our borders safe. If you have not already done so, you are encouraged to apply or renew your passport soon.

Visit <http://travel.state.gov/passport> for more information about obtaining a passport.

## Weinert VBS set

Vacation Bible School is set at First Baptist Church of Weinert for children age three through those finishing sixth grade June 8-12, from 5:30-8 p.m.

In this one-week adventure, Bible stories, cool crafts, motivating music, great snacks and fun games will be offered with Bro. Dan at Recreation Rock.

During the same week, teenagers can experience the Rock and Reef Tour led by Shanna White with Bible study and special activities planned just for

them. This week of fun, food, and exciting learning opportunities is free of charge and open to everyone.

Hop on board the Boomerang Express and travel to the Land Down Under for a week of nonstop action as you learn how it all comes back to Jesus. Each day's Bible study will help kids discover how to have a relationship with Jesus and learn to live through Him.

For more information call the church at 940-673-8310 or VBS Director Mary Murphy at 940-673-8269.

## Food management course set June 5

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Texas AgriLife Extension Staff in Kent and Haskell counties are offering a food manager certification training course for area food service managers. The program will be offered Tues., June 23, in the central location of Aspermont. Anyone planning to participate must pre-register by Fri., June 5.

The program is designed to not only prepare food service managers to pass the certification examination,

but will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food.

For a registration form and more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas AgriLife Extension, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," contact Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agent at 940-864-2546 or email [j-rowan@tamu.edu](mailto:j-rowan@tamu.edu) or Shirley Long, Kent County Extension Agent at 806-237-3345 or email [s-long@tamu.edu](mailto:s-long@tamu.edu).

## Powers presents quilters' program

The Willow Creek Quilting Guild met for their regular monthly meeting Monday evening, May 18, at the Haskell Church of Christ Annex building.

Jane Powers presented a very informative program on the steps in constructing a denim log cabin placemat using only one cut strip of fabric.

Following the program, show and tell time was held. Members showed the group various quilts they had made. One was made from antique crayon colored blocks, another digitized with an embroidery

machine, a baby quilt, denim tote bags, and beautiful blue and red Redwork items.

Next month an interesting project, Deconstruction to Reconstruction, will be done.

The group meets each third Monday night of the month at 6 p.m. in the Church of Christ Annex building. Anyone interested in quilting (experienced or a beginner) is invited to come.

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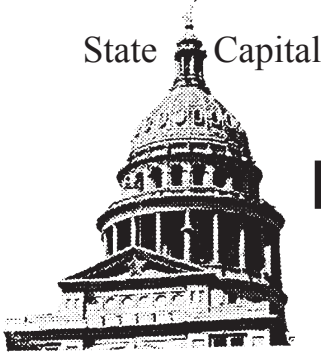
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# OPINION

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### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

#### Senate bill would put brakes on TxDOT's toll road promoting

AUSTIN—The Texas House tentatively approved HB 2142, legislation to prevent the Texas Department of Transportation from promoting toll roads.

Now the bill, by Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio, moves to the Senate for consideration. An identical bill, SB 384 by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, gained Senate approval and has moved to the House for consideration.

Either bill, if passed, would put a clamp on TxDOT's practice of using various means to influence public opinion in favor of toll road construction.

Under the legislation, TxDOT no longer would be authorized to engage in marketing, advertising, or other activities for the purpose of influencing public opinion about the use of toll roads or the use of tolls as a financial mechanism.

"TxDOT needs to be committed to the goals of the public, not just promoting its own goals," McClendon said.

TxDOT would continue to have the authority to conduct marketing and advertising activities to inform the public in regard to the status of pending and ongoing toll projects.

#### Senate passes campus guns bill

The Texas Senate on May 19 approved a bill that would allow students who possess a concealed handgun permit to carry a firearm on college and university classrooms, dormitories and other public buildings on campus.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, author of SB 1164, said shootings at colleges in other states inspired his bill.

"They were picked off like sitting ducks in the classroom in Virginia," he said. "I just think we ought to be able to defend ourselves from that kind of situation. It happens very rarely, but when it does happen, it's catastrophic."

#### Show helps in appraisal protest

The Texas Comptroller's Office Internet site, www.cpa.state.tx.us, features a new slide show to help homeowners who are protesting their property tax appraisals.

"How to Present Your Case at an Appraisal Review Board Hearing: A Guide for Homeowners" makes the property tax process more transparent by providing easy-

to-understand information about what to expect at a property appraisal protest hearing.

"Homeowners are empowered by understanding the protest process, knowing what information to present to the local Appraisal Review Board and how to present it," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "It helps homeowners make convincing appeals and helps the review boards make better decisions."

Appraisal review boards generally hear property appraisal protests between May 15 and July 25, except in major urban areas with extended protest periods.

#### AG joins in 'false charity' sweep

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on May 20 joined 33 state attorneys general and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission in an effort to stamp out fraudulent charitable solicitations nationwide.

Abbott launched an online portal that gives Texans greater access to information about law enforcement organizations that rely upon telemarketing to raise funds from the general public: [http://www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/charitysearch\\_info.shtml](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/charitysearch_info.shtml).

"Operation False Charity" targets solicitors that mislead Texas donors into believing their contributions will directly benefit law enforcement, firefighters, veterans groups, military personnel and organizations that serve them.

#### DPS is on buckle-up campaign

The Texas Department of Public Safety is conducting its eighth statewide "Click It or Ticket" enforcement campaign, May 18-31.

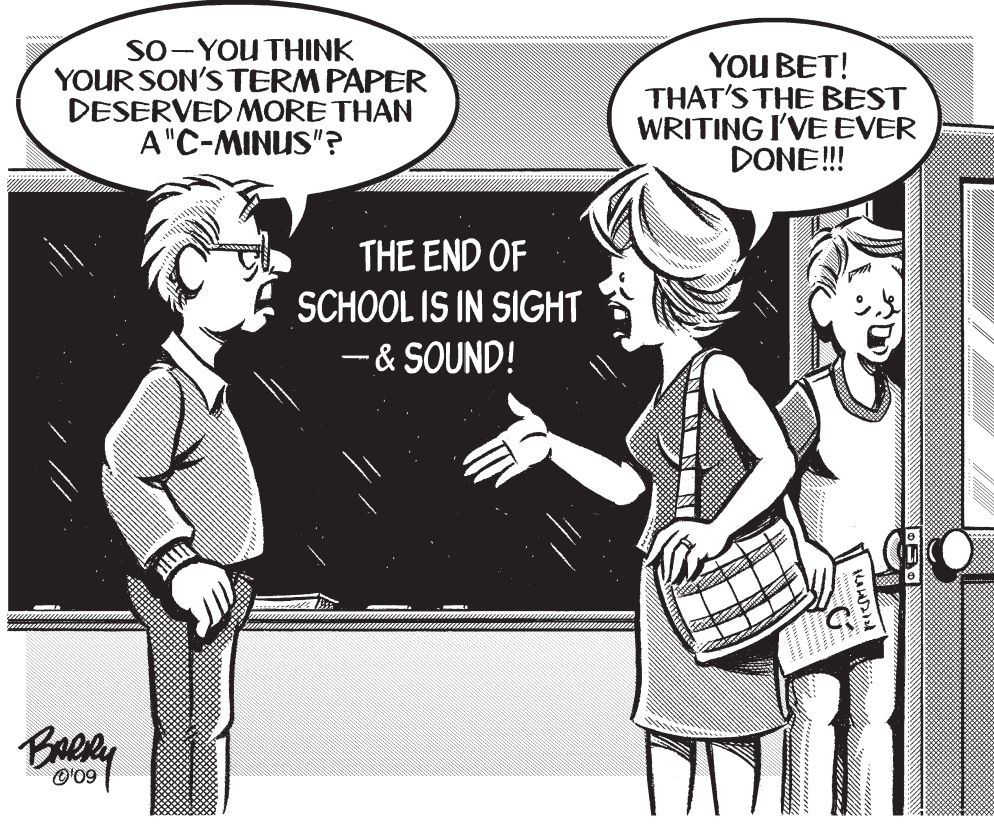
Nine percent of Texans are not buckling up, Texas Highway Patrol chief David Baker said.

Drivers who are pulled over for seat belt and child safety seat violations by troopers will receive tickets for those violations.

#### Senate approves stem cell bill

Scientists working on adult stem cell research would be able to collaborate more easily under a bill approved by the Senate May 20.

SB 73 by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, creates a framework to promote cooperation among organizations involved in finding medical cures through adult stem cell treatments.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago June 3, 1999

Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Cornelius celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Wayne Hodgin, son of Lonnie and Sara Hodgin and senior journalism and English major at Texas Tech University, was named 1999-2000 editor of the University Daily.

A silent witness to the 1898 third Annual Cowboys Reunion in Haskell surfaced after spending 100 years lost in a cow lot near Gorman.

State Representative, Rick Hardcastle, was the Grand Marshal of the Wild Horse Prairie Days parade and rodeo.

#### 20 Years Ago June 1, 1989

Dusty Meeks signed a letter of intent to attend Midwestern State University where he completed in both basketball and track.

Shawn Brue took over duties as youth minister of the First Baptist Church.

Kerry Kemp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giles M. Kemp, graduated from Texas Tech University School of Law with a doctor of jurisprudence.

#### 30 Years Ago May 31, 1979

Representing the Haskell Indian Band in the state UIL solo and ensemble contest in Austin was the twirling quartet consisting of Patricia Arredondo, Terri Gideon, Sonja Tidrow and Karon Gray.

Cris Love, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Love of Haskell, graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety Recruit School.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Biard were honored with an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary.

#### 40 Years Ago May 29, 1969

Deborah Darnell and Rhonda Woodard represented Haskell at the Miss Texas Pageant.

Jackie Young, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie H. Young and Paula Middleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gentry Middleton, were the recipients of the coveted American Legion Awards presented during the Junior High Assembly program.

First load of wheat from the 1969 crop was received by Roy Wiseman.

Denise Roberson was chosen as Drum Major of Haskell High School Band for 1969-70. Selected as twirlers were Lynda Lane, Bonnie Adkins, Karen Felker, Linda Hartsfield and Lugene Lane.

Twenty-two Haskell High School students completed the American Red Cross course. Sue Hager and Joan Caddell won first place with their demonstrations at the District 3 4-H elimination contests at Midwestern University in Wichita Falls.

#### 50 Years Ago May 28, 1959

A Rule man was caught

with seventeen cases of beer in his car and was fined \$200.

Long distance telephone service out of Haskell was disrupted for about forty-five minutes when a small piece of equipment in the microwave installation at Seymour burned out. Service to over sixty-eight toll circuits between Haskell and Seymour were interrupted as a result.

Martha Decker, Barbara Elliott, Suzanne Weaver, Jane Frierson, Kay Culbertson and Gail Ratliff attended Girl's State in Austin as representatives of Haskell.

Wilda Medford received the coveted Chrysler Motors "Quality Dealer Award."

The Haskell High School graduating class of 1959 along with their sponsors, W.P. McCollum, Mrs. Brooks Middleton, Mrs. McCollum and Coach Overton, returned from a trip to New Orleans.

#### 100 Years Ago May 29, 1909

Bryon Wright spent several days at Fort Worth and Dallas this week.

Jack Eads, assistant manager of the cotton oil mill, has returned from a business trip to Oklahoma.

Pete Moeller and Annie Zelisko were married at Rhineland by the Catholic Priest.

Miss Louis McConnell returned home from Sherman, where she had been attending Kidd Key College.

## Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by drought, above normal temperatures and associated wildfires that occurred on Jan. 1, 2009 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, acting FLM Brand Cude said Tues., May 19.

Stonewall County, one of 70 primary counties and Haskell, Throckmorton and Young Counties are three of 100 contiguous counties that have been designated as disaster counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack eligible for loans to cover

part of actual damages and losses caused by drought, above normal temperatures and associated wildfires that occurred on Jan. 1, 2009 and continuing.

Cude said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Cude

said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Application for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Dec. 28, 2009, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Cude said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Haskell is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## May sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced the state collected \$1.65 billion in sales tax revenue in April, down 3.1 percent compared to April 2008.

"State sales tax revenue declined in April as most major sectors of the economy continue to struggle," Combs said. "Although year-to-date revenue is up 1.3 percent for fiscal 2009, decreases in monthly collections are expected to continue this year."

Combs said local governments will receive \$541.8 million in May sales tax allocations, down 2.3 percent compared to May 2008. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts are up 0.5 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Combs sent May sales tax allocations of \$367.1 million to Texas cities, down 2.8 percent compared to May 2008. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are down 0.03 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$32.5 million, up 0.2 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 4.5 percent higher than last year.

In addition, \$21.4 million went to 149 special purpose taxing districts throughout the state, up 15.2 percent compared to last May. Ten local transit systems received \$120.8 million in sales tax allocations, down 3.8 percent compared to a year ago.

May's sales tax allocations to local governments represent March sales that were reported to the Comptroller in April by monthly tax filers and January, February and March sales reported to the Comptroller in April by quarterly tax filers.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Fri., June 12.

Haskell County had a 1.41 percent decrease for May 2009 of \$41,555.18 in comparison to \$42,152.98 for May 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$168,618.70 reflect a 3.17 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$174,142.57.

The City of Haskell had a 1.64 percent decrease for May 2009 of \$37,580.88 in comparison to \$38,208.17 for May 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$155,215.52 reflect a 2.98 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$159,988.26.

The City of O'Brien had a 22.65 percent increase for May 2009 of \$231.85 in comparison to \$189.03 for May 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$562.70 reflect a 21.46 percent increase over 2008 payments to date of \$463.25.

The City of Rochester had a 8.5 percent increase for May 2009 of \$854.88 in comparison to \$787.85 for May 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$2,869.86 reflect a 1.70 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$2,919.78.

The City of Rule had a 1.23 percent decrease for May 2009 of \$2,444.59 in comparison to \$2,475.21 for May 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$8,394.42 reflect a 7.12 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$9,038.12.

The City of Weinert had a 10.09 percent decrease for May 2009 of \$442.98 in comparison to \$492.72 for May 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$1,576.20 reflect a 9.05 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$1,733.16.

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## 2009 AREA CHAMPIONS



HASKELL INDIANS—Team members of the Area Champs Haskell Indians varsity baseball team are, front row, l-r, John English, Steven Fillmon, James Williams and Twig Rodriguez; back row, Simon Rodriguez, Ethan Frierson, Christian Myers, Garrett Miller, A.J. Benton, Ricky Barrett, Jonathan Martinez, Austin Nanny and Scottie Rodriguez.



HASKELL MAIDENS— Team members of the Area Champs Haskell Maidens varsity softball team are, front row, l-r, Jessica Rodriguez, Sara Weise, Claire Isbell, Haley Chavez, Codi Foster, Kimie Hutchinson, Brooke Bullinger and Alyssa Fraga; back row, Jasmine Klose, Laycee Tullos, Harley James, Claire Carmichael, Ashton Rutkowski, Lynette Ortiz and Brittany Martinez.

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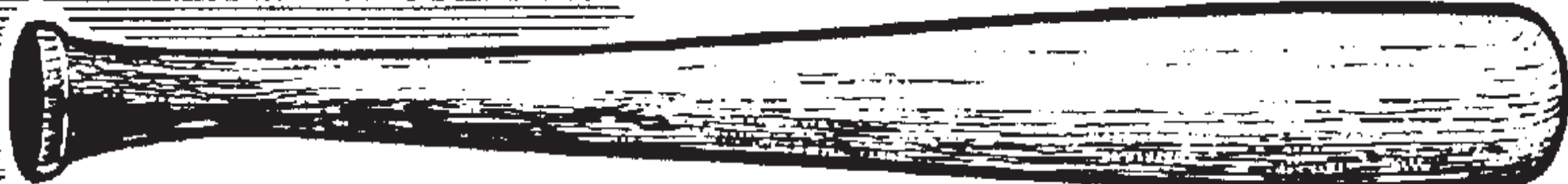
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# Boaters reminded about registration

Boaters gearing up for summer fun on the water in Texas are reminded about the need for boat registration and boat and outboard motor titling. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has a new Web service that started in March which allows boat owners to renew online.

Boat owners can now eliminate the drive and renew an existing boat registration listed in their name using a credit card online. They can also update their address and order additional ID cards when renewing online. This service is available to boats titled and registered through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, but is not available to boats documented (titled) through the United States Coast Guard, as they must provide proof of current documentation for registration.

Boat owners can also register by providing all forms and supporting documents, any required application fees, and any boat/outboard motor taxes at TPWD headquarters in Austin or any of the 27 TPWD law enforcement (game warden) field offices throughout the state or at

participating county Tax Assessor-Collector Offices. To find participating offices, check the TPWD Web site.

Most boats are required by law to have current registration when on Texas public water, including vessels that are docked or moored. Texas registration is required for motorized boats of any length (including those with trolling motors), sailboats 14 feet in length or longer or sailboats with auxiliary engines, plus U.S. Coast Guard documented vessels.

Exempted boats that are not required to register include all non-motorized canoes, kayaks, rubber rafts (regardless of length) and similar craft if they are paddled, poled, or oared; as well as sailboats under 14 feet in length when windblown; U.S. Coast Guard documented commercial vessels used in coastal shipping; and USCG documented vessels exceeding 115 feet in length.

Most boats are also required to be titled in Texas, including all motorized boats of any length and all sailboats 14 feet in length or longer or any sailboat with auxiliary engines. All internal combustion

(gasoline/diesel powered) outboard boat motors must also be titled.

Current boat registration fees range from \$30-to-\$90 per vessel, with higher fees for longer vessels. Registration and titling fees are proposed to increase, but the change wouldn't take effect until Sept. 1.

Here are few helpful reminders that may prevent problems for boat owners:

- Purchasing a boat from an individual? Check the ownership information first, it's easy to do and free. You can see whether the boat has a title and determine who is listed as the owner and if that matches to the person (or their legal representative) that you are buying the boat from. Avoid buying a boat with existing problems by determining if a lien exists and whether it has been released by the bank. Avoid situations noted on the record where an issue exists that will prevent a smooth transfer of ownership. Remember, when a title has been issued, you'll need the seller to provide the title with the purchaser's name and address listed on the back

of the title and a bill of sale to complete the transfer into your name.

- Didn't get your registration renewal notice? Check the ownership information to see if you need to update your address. Providing an updated address is free and easy by using TPWD form PWD 143-M (boats) or PWD 144-M (outboard motors). All forms may be downloaded online or picked up at a registration office.

- Texas experiences all kind of weather events—did a boat wash up on your property during the most recent hurricane or flood? Use the ownership information to connect with the owners.

- Check the documents before making the trip—Just moved to Texas? Inherited a boat? Selling as a result of divorce? Won a boat in a raffle? Titling a homemade boat? And the list goes on. Before making a drive to one of the offices, you can check to see what documents are needed by viewing the "Requirements for Specific Transactions for Vessels and Outboard Motors."



**NEW WEATHER STATION**—In cooperation with the West Texas Mesonet, the National Weather Service in San Angelo and Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District, a weather station has been erected one mile northwest of Haskell to provide continuously updated weather information. The station is connected to the internet and provides updated information every five minutes. The station provides information on temperature, humidity, wind speed and direction, peak wind gusts, rainfall, max and minimum temperatures, frost durations and solar radiation. These readings will be invaluable in weather forecasting and in management of the Seymour Aquifer. The weather data may be accessed anytime at [www.mesonet.ttu.edu](http://www.mesonet.ttu.edu). The West Texas Mesonet website also has available surface maps and radar loops. Another interesting feature is a meteogram, which is a graphic representation of the weather and its changes in the last 24 hours. The website also provides access to 56 other weather stations in West Texas.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### The learning process is a lifetime curriculum

Your education began the day you were able to notice all the shapes, colors and sounds of the world which you had just recently entered. It continued through school, and culminated during a ceremony when someone handed you a sheepskin scroll which proclaimed that you were ready to step out into the world on your own. However, there is much more to education

than just the skills of your everyday life, as you will learn at your house of worship. It also means a study of the faith we live by and the word of God, who put us here and endowed us with the intelligence to wonder about these things. There is no graduation from this course, because it continues throughout our lives and enriches them in the process.

### 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  
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—ROCHESTER—

**Church of Christ**

Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester

**First Baptist Church**

Joseph Barrett, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.

500 Main, Rochester

**Union Chapel Baptist Church**

Clovis Dever  
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.

—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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## Elder abuse prevention is everybody's business

May is Elder Abuse Prevention month and Older Americans Month, and Adult Protective Services (APS) is reminding Texans that stopping elder abuse is truly everyone's responsibility.

No one knows exactly how many older Texans are being abused, neglected, or financially exploited. Many victims are too embarrassed to ask for help, and their suffering can be shrouded by secrecy.

As our population ages, statistics show the problem is a growing concern: nationwide studies estimate that three to five million seniors age 65 and older have experienced abuse, with only one in five cases reported.

In 2008, Texas APS, a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), completed almost 70,000 investigations of abuse, neglect or exploitation involving adults living at home. Of those, more than 48,000 cases were confirmed, with most cases including physical or medical neglect.

In these cases, it was often family members—adult children, spouses or grandchildren—who were the perpetrators.

"Everyone needs to be diligent to ensure vulnerable adults are free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation," said Karl Urban, APS Assistant Commissioner. "Isolation places vulnerable adults at risk. That's why elder abuse prevention is everyone's business."

This marks the fourth year of APS' It's Everyone's Business campaign. It's a statewide effort to educate Texans about the pervasive problem of abuse, neglect and

exploitation of the elderly and adults with disabilities, and to encourage citizens to get involved in making a positive difference.

Throughout May, APS employees across Texas will distribute brochures and information kits, as well as participate in conferences, information fairs, and ceremonies honoring those who work on behalf of vulnerable adults.

The message is simple but important. If you believe an elderly person is being abused, neglected, or exploited, report it by calling 1-800-252-5400.

For more information about preventing elder abuse, and to download public awareness materials, visit [EveryonesBusiness.org](http://EveryonesBusiness.org).

The mission of APS is to protect the elderly and adults with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by investigating, and providing or arranging for services necessary to alleviate or prevent further maltreatment.

Texas has more than 2.3 million residents 65 or older. Nearly one out of five people have a disability, and almost half of those older than 65 have a disability.

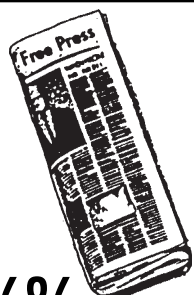
In 2008, APS investigations completed 68,683 investigations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation involving adults living at home. Of these, more than 48,380 were confirmed. As a comparison, in 2007 APS completed 64,459 investigations and confirmed in 45,934 cases.

In the last decade, the number of in-home cases investigated by APS has more than doubled.

APS serves those 65 or older, and those 18 to 64 with a disabling condition.

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## Public Notices

### NOTICE

Haskell Police Department is now taking sealed bids for the sale of a seized vehicle.

Description: White 1993 Pontiac Grand Am, 4 door, VIN #1G2WH54T1PF230582, complete overhaul and 4 new tires.

Minimum bid of \$1,000.00.

Haskell Police Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bids can be mailed in starting Wed., May 20, 2009. Deadline is 12 noon on Fri., June 5, 2009. Vehicle can be viewed at Haskell Police Department at 200 North Avenue E in Haskell.

For more information contact Chief of Police Steven Grand at 940-864-2323.

Mail bids to Haskell Police Department, P.O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521. 21-22c

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL PERMIT NO. WQ0010265001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Rule, P.O. Box 607, Rule, Texas 79547, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TCEQ Permit No. WQ0010265001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 110,000 gallons per day via evaporation and surface irrigation of 20 acres of non-public access pastureland. This permit will not authorize a discharge of

pollutants into waters in the State. TCEQ received this application on September 3, 2008.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located approximately two miles southwest of Rule, approximately 1.5 miles south of U.S. Highway 380 and approximately two miles west of State Highway 6 in Haskell County, Texas. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Lake Stamford in Segment No. 1241 of the Brazos River Basin.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Rule City Hall, 701 Union Street, Rule, Texas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state

district court. **TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.**

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commissioner's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

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may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html) within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.TECQ.state.tx.us](http://www.TECQ.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from City of Rule at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Teresa Stryker, City of Rule at 940-996-2214.

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# Pokey the Clown to host Junior Ranch Rodeo

Pokey the Clown will be on hand to host the Wild Horse Prairie Days Junior Ranch Rodeo June 6 in Haskell.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo is the creation of Doug 'Pokey the Clown' Smith of Panhandle. This event is mirrored after the adult ranch rodeo, but geared to involve young people ages four through sixteen. The Drug Store and Modern Way are co-sponsors of this year's event.

Under the National WRCA circuit, with which the Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo is affiliated, the Junior Ranch Rodeo is designed for the entertainment of children and to enable them to experience some of the skills used by real working ranch cowboys. The activities encourage the youngsters to work together in teams to accomplish competitive goals.

Team events for the Junior Rodeo will include

a Pony Express Race, Steer Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking and Calf Branding. All events will involve the use of custom made wooden 'livestock.' The three age divisions will be Pee Wee (4-7), Junior (8-11), and Senior (12-16).

Participating cowboys will receive a t-shirt.

The young cowboys will compete on beautiful, handmade stickhorses.

Entry fees is \$20 per team with four people on each team. Participants will receive a t-shirt.

Medals will be awarded to the winning team in each age division, along with an invitation to compete in the National WRCA Junior Rodeo in Amarillo in November.

The event will be held on the grassy area by the Haskell Rodeo Arena at 11 a.m., Sat., June 6.

Fans will be able to cheer on their teams from the comfort



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For more information, entry blank and a copy of the rules for each event, call Larned Sales Center at 864-2749, check in the office of each county school or check the Haskell Chamber of Commerce website.

# WHPD Calendar of Events

## Cowboy match roping

A Cowboy Match Roping will be held Sun., May 31 at 1:30 p.m. at the Haskell Arena.

## John Wallace roping

The John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping will be held Sun., May 31 at 3 p.m. at the Haskell Arena.

## Snakey Graves cutting

The Sam 'Snakey' Graves Memorial Cutting will be held Fri., June 5 at 8 a.m. at the Haskell Arena.

## Trail ride

The 4th annual Haskell County Trail Ride will be held Fri., June 5 beginning at 10 a.m. For entry forms and more information, call Susan Cockerell at the Haskell County Judge's office 940-864-2851.

## Craft/trade show

A Craft and Trade Show will be held Fri., June 5 and Sat., June 6 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Haskell Civic Center.

## Art Show/Contest

The Wild Horse Prairie

Days art competition will receive entries Thurs., June 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Fri., June 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. Art will be on display at the Haskell Civic Center. For information, call Betty Berry at 864-3122.

## WHPD parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held Fri., June 5 at 5 p.m. Parade entries will need to be lined up by 4:30. Line up will be at the Civic Center. To enter, call or go by Larned Sales Center, 806 S. Ave. E in Haskell, 864-2749 for information on entering.

## Chuck Wagon meal

A chuck wagon meal will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Fri., June 5 and Sat., June 6 at the Civic Center pavilion. Tickets are \$8.

## Ranch rodeo

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo will be held June 5-6 beginning at 7 p.m. A dance will be held Sat., June 6 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with the Jerry Audley band providing the music,

opened by Jerrod Medulla of Abilene. Tickets for the dance are \$10.

## Ranch horse competition

The Wild Horse Prairie Days ranch horse competition will be held Sat., June 6 at 8 a.m. at the Haskell Arena.

## Kid's rodeo

The Wild Horse Prairie Days children's rodeo with Pokey the Clown will be held at 11 a.m. Sat., June 6 in the grassy area by the rodeo arena.

## Horse sale

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Horse Sale will be held Sat., June 6 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell Expo Center.

## Church service

A cowboy church service with Jeff Gore serving as speaker will be held Sun., June 7 beginning at 10 a.m. at the God Loves You Ministries building on the west side of the square, sponsored by Kisco.

# Contestants sought for WHPD Queen pageant

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen's Pageant will be held Thurs., June 4 at 4 p.m. in the Haskell Civic Center. Contestants must be a student in one of the high schools in Haskell County or a high school aged representative of one of the ranches entered in the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo.

Each contestant will need a sponsor (merchant, family member or participating ranch) to pay the \$25 entry fee. This year the contestants will dress in Western attire. They will interview with a judge and then will be invited along with their parents and sponsor to attend the Sponsors' Party and dinner. The winner will be

announced during the meal.

The winner will receive a \$750 academic award, ride in the WHPD Parade Fri., June 5 and be introduced at both performances of the rodeo. Entries need to be turned in to Susan Cockerell in the County Judge's office by June 1.

For more information, call 940-864-2851.

# Entries for WHPD Art Show to be accepted June 4-5

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Art Show will be held at the Haskell Civic Center.

Entries will be accepted Thurs., June 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Fri., June 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Entries will be judged at 12 noon. Pickup

time for entries is 6 p.m. Saturday.

Divisions are Portrait, Still Life, Landscape, Class Work, Miniatures, Youth Division (18 and under), Sculptures/Carvings and Photography.

Fees are \$3 for youth and

miniatures; \$6 for all other.

Awards will be Best of Show \$50; first place \$15; second place \$10; third place \$5 and a ribbon for honorable mention.

For more information, call 940-864-3122.

# Cowboy match roping to be held May 31

A Cowboy Match Roping event will be held Sun., May 31 at 1:30 p.m. at the Haskell Arena.

Sixteen ropers, in groups of four, in four heats will compete for the title.

Four ropers will rope and tie down three calves from a pen of twelve using one rope and three strings.

All three calves must remain tied up until the cowboy crosses the finish

line. The winner of each heat will move to the final heat.

Billy Lamb, who is in charge of the event, invites everyone to come watch. It's a lot of fun, he says.

# Horse sale set June 6

The Wild Horse Prairie Days horse sale will be held Sat., June 6 beginning at 2 p.m. at the Haskell Expo Center.

Yearlings, 2 year olds, geldings, riding horses, stallions and mares will be featured at the sale which follows a demonstration and showing.

Ten area ranches will be consigning animals to the sale.

For more information, call Larned Sales Center at 864-2749.

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# Calendar

## Homecoming

The Sagerton Homecoming will be held Sat., June 20 at the Sagerton Community Center with registration beginning at 10 a.m. Coffee and cookies will be available at this time. A catered lunch will be served beginning at 12 noon. Call Dorothy Toney, 940-997-2688 or Joyce LeFevre, 940-997-2103 by June 10 for lunch reservations. Homecoming this year will be a one-day event. This will be the sixteenth homecoming; the first homecoming was held July 4, 1954, and the last homecoming was in May, 2006. Displays and entertainment will be available in the afternoon.

## VBS

Trinity Lutheran Church will host Vacation Bible School June 21-25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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**Friday, June 5:**  
8am - Sam "Snakey" Graves Memorial Cutting  
10am - 4th annual "WildHorse" Knob Trail Ride  
8am - 8pm - Craft & Trade Show/Civic Center  
9am-11am - Check in for WHPD Art Competition  
5pm - WHPD Parade  
5pm - 7pm - Chuck Wagon Meal  
7pm - WHPD "WRCA" Ranch Rodeo

**Saturday, June 6:**  
8am-8pm - Craft & Trade Show / Civic Center  
8am - Ranch Horse Competition  
11am - Jr Ranch Rodeo w/"Pokey" the Clown  
2pm - WHPD Horse Sale  
5pm-7pm - Chuck Wagon Meal  
7pm - WHPD "WRCA" Ranch Rodeo  
10pm - Ranch Horse Competition Finals

**"Dance Under The Stars" with Jerry Audley**  
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**Sunday, June 7 @ 10am Cowboy Church**  
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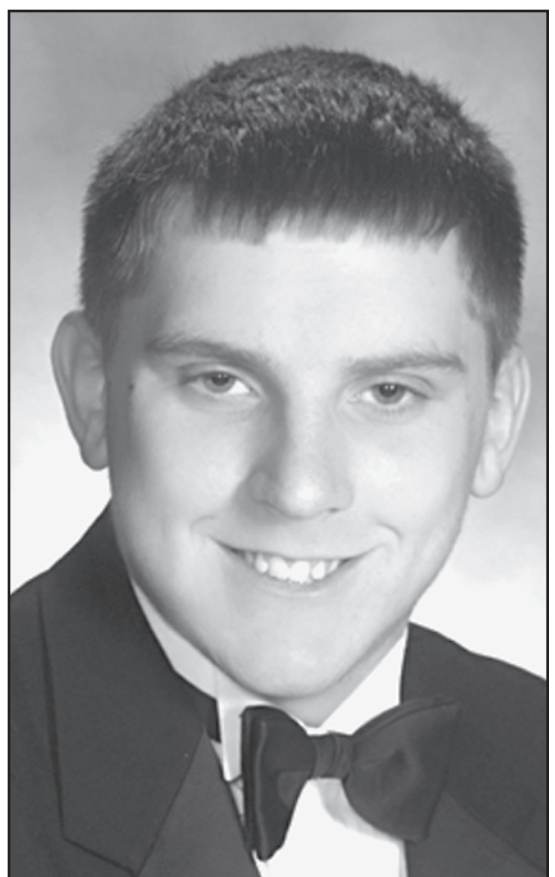
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# Elementary readers attend Bluebonnet breakfast

A Texas Bluebonnet breakfast was held Tues. May 5, in the Haskell Elementary library. The breakfast was attended by forty-six students, five teachers and Jim Lisle, the Haskell Elementary principal.

This event is held each May to recognize third through sixth grade students who have read the current year's Bluebonnet Award books and passed the required amount of Accelerated Reading tests on these books. The Texas Bluebonnet Award reading program was established in 1979 to encourage Texas

children to read more books, explore a variety of current books, develop powers of discrimination, and identify their favorite books. In this children's choice reading award program, third through sixth grade students in participating schools throughout Texas are encouraged to read at least five of the twenty nominated books each year to be able to vote for their favorite book in January.

Nearly 152,000 Texas readers participated in this year's Bluebonnet Program, and the winning book for 2008-09 was One Potato,

Two Potato by author Cynthia DeFelice and illustrator Andrea U'Ren.

The students were treated to a breakfast of blueberry pancake sausage-on-a-stick, blueberry muffins, assorted fresh fruits and dip, milk and juice, provided by the Haskell Elementary food service.

Table teams of students competed with each other in a game of "character" questions over the 2008-09 Bluebonnet books, conducted by the sixth graders in attendance.

Four Bluebonnet books were given away and top readers for each grade were recognized and presented a Bluebonnet book.

The top Bluebonnet/AR reader for each grade includes Kameryn Mathis, third grade; Payton Thomas, fourth grade; Hannah Foster, fifth grade; and Reagan Hadaway, sixth grade. Hadaway was the overall top reader, having read all twenty Bluebonnets and passed all twenty AR quizzes. She was presented with a copy of this year's state winning book, and a Bluebonnet book for the coming year of 2009-10.

All students were congratulated for their good reading and hard work this year. An extra thank-you goes to the participating sixth grade students who helped set up the breakfast, furnished Bluebonnet book report place mats for the tables, provided the entertainment, and cleaned up afterward.

A special thanks goes to all the third through sixth grade teachers who continue to support and encourage their students in the Bluebonnet Reading Program.



**BLUEBONNET TOP READERS**—Top Bluebonnet Award readers at Haskell Elementary in each grade and book winners include, l-r, Jacie Klose, Sarah Fouts, Hannah Foster, Tanner Thomas, Peyton Thomas, Ariel Martinez, Reagan Hadaway and Kameryn Mathis.



**BLUEBONNET HEAD TABLE**—Seated at the head table during the Haskell Elementary Bluebonnet Awards program were sixth grade students, l-r, Jonathan Pedroza, Dakota Baumbach, Riley Meinzer, Kade Colley, Reagan Hadaway, Jacie Klose, Justice Dever and Reed Lee.

## Indian, Maidens on Player of the Week lists

Jonathan Martinez, Haskell Indian senior hurdler, was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Player of the week list on May 19 for his performance during the Region I track meet. He took first place in the 300 hurdles in a time of 40.54 to qualify for the state in Austin. He also qualified with the second place 1,600 relay team, and earned a bronze medal in the 800 relay


squad. Listed in the Honorable Mention team were:

Haskell Maiden Codi Foster, sophomore pitcher, who was 5-for-9 in two playoff wins over Junction, with two doubles. She earned a win on the mound in game 2; and,

Haskell Maiden Haley Chavez, senior pitcher, who tossed a five-hitter against Junction allowing one earned run with 15 strikeouts.

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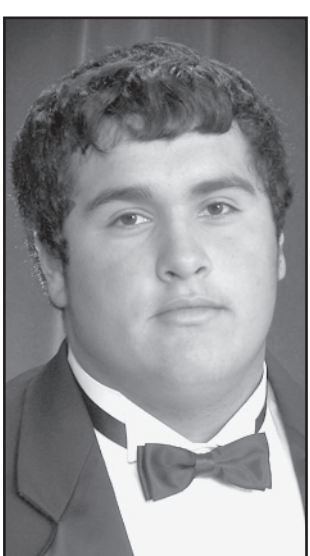


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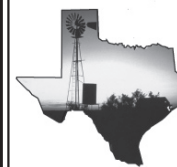


**CLASS OF 2013**—Members of the Rochester Junior High Class of 2013 include, front row, l-r, Jasmine Wilson, Madison Mayfield, Leslie Villarreal, Cannon Edwards and David Newton; second row, Caitlan Johnson, Morgan Frierson, Maci Colley, Xzavier Bulliner, Brett Shelton, Cole Hutchinson, Isaiah Llewellyn and Preston Morrow; third row, Ashley Adams, Cassidy Rios, Cailey Foster, L.J. Hammond, Jamie Todd, Josh Naylor, Nicole Smith, Sidney Cassidy, Delecia Garcia, Myra Rodriguez, Veronica Robledo, Allison Rodriguez, Kalyn Wheatley; fourth row, Taylor Burson, Drake Bevel, Shawn Duncan, Gabriel Torres, Phillip Coleman, Megan Martinez, Maegan Chavez and Tyrone Neskorik; back row, Cole Casey, Adrian Alexander, Steven Schmegner, Trevor Reese, Tillie McGuire and Cynthia Gillispie. Not pictured are Shelby Dunnam and Norma Camacho.

*Our Sincere Congratulations to all of the Seniors - Wishing You a Great Future!*



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# Time to treat pecan trees for pests is approaching

by Wes Utley  
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The pecan crop last year was poor over much of the Rolling Plains. This was due in part to the hot, dry conditions that prevailed during much of the spring and summer. Since pecans are alternate bearing, especially when the trees are older, this could be a good pecan year. However, the spring and summer rains will be needed and now much of the area is in need of a good rain. Trees should be inspected to determine the probability of producing an economic crop and to determine if pecan nut casebearer control is needed. The catkins or male blooms are very apparent on many trees and the female blooms or small nutlets have been or soon will be set on the end of the new growth.

The pecan nut casebearer and the pecan weevil are the two pest that cause most of the damage to the developing pecan crop. Pecan nut casebearers are most damaging during the first generation which occurs from late May through June. Pecan weevil adults do not emerge from the soil until mid-August or later and often are delayed because they emerge after a rain or when the orchard is irrigated. The eggs of pecan weevils that develop in the pecans as larvae, are deposited in pecans from the pecan gel stage until the shell is too hard for the weevils to gnaw through.

The time to control the pecan nut casebearer is usually from May 25 to June 5, however last year control measures were needed 5 to 10 days earlier in Parker and Jones counties. Insecticidal control measures are usually needed in the southeast part

of the area first and about a week later in Childress and Hall counties which are in the northwest part of the area.

Producers should begin inspecting for pecan nut casebearer eggs by May 10 in Parker County and by May 15 or 20 further north and west. Eggs are flattened and are placed on the dark tip of the nutlets or just under the bracts near the end. The egg will be white to green when newly deposited, but as they near hatch will have red spots. When eggs are found, tie a bright colored ribbon on the limb so the eggs can be inspected daily. When the first small casebearer larva, which will be about 1/16 inch long, begin tunneling into the small nutlets it is time to apply an insecticide labeled for pecan nut casebearer control. Research has shown that two

infested pecan clusters of 310 inspected clusters will result in the loss of about 5% of the pecans and this is enough to justify control measures.

Each year County Extension Agents work with producers in determining when to apply control measures for the pecan nut casebearer. However, by inspecting and applying control measures when the larvae begin to damage the crop, the amount of insecticide needed can be reduced.

One or two well timed applications depending on the duration of nutlet entry period, will often result in effective pecan nut casebearer control. A second generation will occur about six weeks after the first generation. The second generation usually does not cause excessive damage to the pecan crop.

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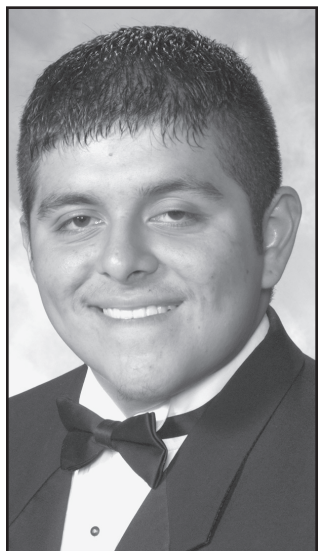
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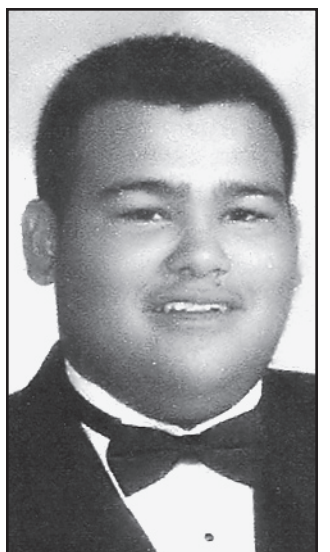
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## Students in the News

Vernon College held its thirty-seventh annual commencement for August and December 2008 graduates and candidates for May 2009 graduation Sat., May 16 at the Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium in Vernon.

August 2008 graduates included Casey Sherlene Logsdon of Rochester with

a certificate of completion in vocational nursing.

Candidates for May 2009 graduation included Lauren Carol Stanley of Haskell with an associate in applied science degree in nursing. Stanley was honored during a pinning ceremony held for those graduating from the associate degree nursing program.



**SCHOLAR ATHLETE**—Molly Dudensing, right, received the State Farm Texas Scholar Athlete award during a presentation Tues., May 19 in the Rule High School auditorium during the Academic Awards ceremony. Tom Bassett, left, of State Farm Insurance presented the academic award to Dudensing, who will be a 2009 graduate of Rule High School. To be selected as a Scholar Athlete, a student must be graduating with the class of 2009, be currently active in at least one UIL varsity high school sport, maintain a 3.0+ GPA or equivalent, and display leadership and good citizenship on and off the field. Students are nominated by their school counselor.



**JAKE STEWART**

Cadet Jake Edward Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Stewart of Ozona, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy on Sat., May 23. Stewart is the grandson of Lorelei Hankins of Rocksprings and the late Jake and Janice Stewart of Mattson.

Stewart graduated from Ozona High School in 2004. While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in Economics. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the Infantry branch and will report to Ft. Hood for his first assignment.



**MANUEL GONZALES**

Manuel Gonzales, son of Manuel Gonzales and Janie Lopez of Rochester, graduated from Rochester High School in May of 2000.

After a successful career in the U.S. Marine Corps, he has now reached another milestone.

On May 16, he graduated from the University of North Texas with a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice degree.

Gonzales graduated with Cum Laude Honors. He played a major role in the Criminal Justice Dept. as the Criminal Justice National Honor Society President (Alpha Phi Sigma).

He will attend graduate school at either the University of North Texas or Sam Houston State University as he continues toward his Master's Degree.



**RECEIVES AWARD**—Paige Adams, right, receives an academic award from Eddie Connally, left, of West Texas Ford and Ford Motor Company.

## Adams receives award

Paige Adams, a 2009 graduate of Haskell High School FFA, has been awarded an academic award by West Texas Ford and Ford Motor Company. Adams is the daughter of Peggy and Micheal Adams of Haskell. She plans other non-agriculture related study.

The Built Ford Tough Trucks FFA Award Program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their future academic achievements.

The award is one of 452 made this year by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and West Texas Ford to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2009, as well as current collegiate students. This program is part of Ford's overall commitment to National FFA Foundation.

Additionally, five national awards are being given on behalf of Ford Motor Company. Ford Trucks sponsors these awards as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

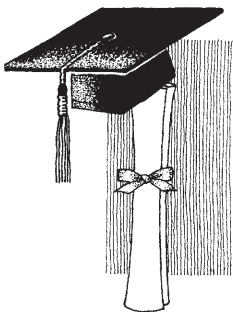
West Texas Ford is proud to support FFA and the Built Ford Tough Trucks FFA Awards Program. Ford has supported the National FFA Foundation since the first F-Series truck was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate award program since 1997.

To date, the program has given awards to 5,566 FFA members throughout the country. Ford knows the value of hard work, and believes that hard work should be rewarded. Educating aspiring young people to become the leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.

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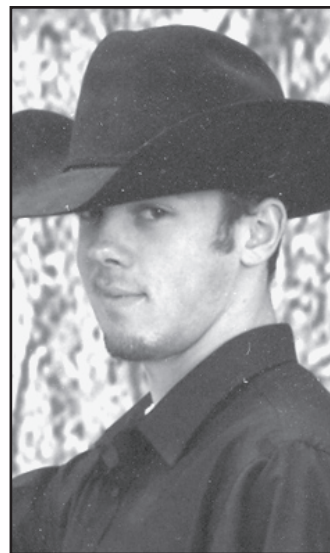
"Melons like cantaloupe and watermelon are particularly high in potassium," says Lona Sandon, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern and spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association. "One-fourth of a cantaloupe contains 800 to 900 milligrams of potassium, roughly 20 percent of the recommended daily value."

Two cups of watermelon contains nearly 10 percent of the daily recommended value.

Sandon said that dried apricots, avocados, figs, kiwi, oranges, raisins, dates, beans, potatoes, tomatoes and even grapefruit are other good sources of potassium.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends that most adults get 4,044 milligrams of potassium from food and beverages each day.

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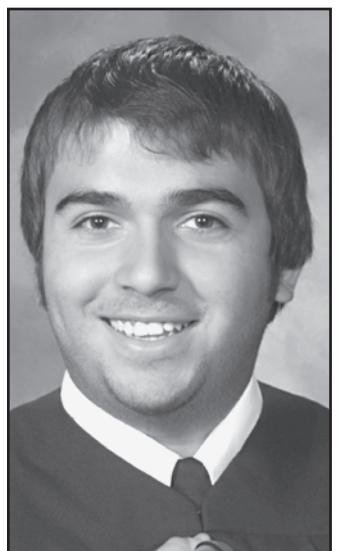
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**FLOWER PROJECT**—Loutina White's Pre-K classes at Haskell Elementary School display their flower garden which was part of a Learn and Serve Project. Those who participated are, front row, l-r, Jaiden Trussell, Nathan Martin, Emma Roewe, Brayden Brzozowski, Matthew Villarreal, Taylor Sanderson, Garret Dutton, Wayland Damron, Collin Hollingsworth, Grant McDuffey, Delaney Hanson, Elizabeth Rodriguez,

Corbyn Walker, Creed Williams, Justin Maynard, Kimberly Garcia, Mia Williams; back row, Jorge Kancheff, J.J. Reyna, Sarah Stout, Hope Bridges, Ivy Olson, Billy Taylor, Destiny Silvas, Raelea Lowack, Aerial Payne, Lenzi Manske, Kurt Leek, Austen Sanford, Aubrey Isbell, Piper Smith, Jolie Torres and Melody Martinez. Not pictured are Victoria Villa and Margarita Contreras.

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# USDA extends some CRP contracts

Glenn R. Brzozowski, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Haskell County has announced that FSA will offer certain producers the opportunity to modify and extend their Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts that are scheduled to expire on Sept. 30, 2009.

"USDA is committed to safeguarding the nation's natural resources and this program will help protect millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion and enhance the quality of our water," said Brzozowski.

According to Brzozowski, FSA can only extend approximately 1.5 million acres out of a total 3.9 million acres expiring this year. This extension will ensure that FSA meets the statutory CRP acreage limitation of 32 million acres established in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

CRP is a voluntary program for agricultural landowners. CRP protects millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion and is designed to safeguard the Nation's natural resources. Participants receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland.

A general CRP signup is not scheduled during fiscal year 2009. However, producers may continue to enroll relatively small, highly-desirable acreages, including land that is not extended, into Continuous CRP. Continuous CRP includes such practices as filter strips and riparian buffers.

FSA will notify participants by letter beginning May 6. The sign-up for this voluntary

extension began May 18 and runs through June 30, 2009. Farmers and ranchers may apply for this extension at their FSA county office. FSA administers CRP on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

CRP contracts with the highest environmental benefit or with the highest potential for soil erosion will be selected. CRP contracts can not exceed 15 years in the aggregate and chosen CRP contract holders will generally be offered a three to five year extension.

Producers electing to extend their contract period will receive their current contract rental rate. All or a portion of the acreage under contract may be included in an extension, but no new acreage may be added.

Through CRP, FSA enters into long term (10-15 year) contracts with agricultural producers to protect highly erodible and other environmentally-sensitive land. Participants convert enrolled land to grass, trees, wildlife habitats and other conservation uses. The program has reduced soil erosion by over 400 million tons, protected over 2 million acres of wetlands and resulted in buffers established on over 100,000 miles of streams and rivers.

For more information about CRP and other FSA programs, contact the Haskell County

FSA office at 940-864-2617 ext. 2 or FSA online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



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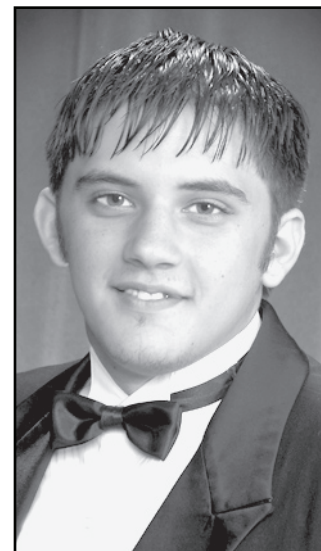
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# Conferences to address alternatives available after CRP

by Wes Utley  
**CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.**  
 Two conferences designed to explore the opportunities and alternatives available to landowners with expiring Conservation Reserve Program contracts have been scheduled in Amarillo and Lubbock.

"After CRP: Wildlife, Farming and Grazing" conferences, sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, will run from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. June 17 and June 18, said Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in Canyon.

The conferences will be alike, varying only by regional differences, he said. Each will offer three general continuing education units toward pesticide

applicator re-certification. The June 17 conference will be at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center-Amarillo, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd.

The June 18 conference will be at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center-Lubbock, 1102 E. F.M. 1294.

"If you're thinking about the future management of the land that you currently have under a CRP contract, or you are starting to consider various alternatives and would like to know what others exist, these conferences will provide some answers," Cearley said.

They both will address: compliance issues, cost-assistance programs, land

management and economics with wildlife in mind, the economics of farming and grazing alternatives, impacts on land value and the effect on future eligibility for federal farm programs.

In addition to CRP contract holders, those contemplating or

involved in buying or selling CRP land, agency personnel, educators and others with an interest in sound land management will likewise benefit from the program, Cearley said.

Conference partners include Farm Service Agency, Natural

Resources Conservation Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Registration will be through June 12 and at the door. Lunch, refreshments and conference materials will be provided with registration. Please call for more information.

Participants may register online at <http://agrilifevents.tamu.edu/lifevents.tamu.edu/> or by phone by calling 979-845-2604.

For more information about this conference, contact Cearley at [kcearley@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kcearley@ag.tamu.edu) or call 806-651-5760.



**ENJOY BLUEBONNETS**—The Rochester Junior High Seventh grade girls enjoying the bluebonnets at the home of Geri and Kenny Newberry of Rochester were, l-r, Kelly Crain, Cheyanne Hill, Kaley Mathis, Meghan Glover, Morgan Garcia, Maegan Hearn,

Emily Fouts, Marlee Andrada, Lucy Carmichael, April Brown, Selena Weidler, Jasmine Dever, Christina Villa, Jamaica Castorena, Elizabeth Flores, Sunny Olsen, Beca Raynes, Zierra Alexander and Larissa Contreras.



**POSES WITH LILLIAN HICKS**—The Rochester seventh grade boys posed with former Aspermont school nurse Lillian Hicks recently. Front row, kneeling, l-r, are Kelby Bell, Aaron Urich and Emmett Benton; middle row, Max Weise, Dakota Silvas, Mathew Martinez, Jacob Kreger,

Braeden Alves, Micah Thomas, Hicks, Colton English, Kyle Kimbrough, Zachary Tatum, J.T. Schmegner and Nate Dever; back row, Michael Contreras, Andrew Hearn, Aaron Waggoner, Jarred Escobedo, Daniel Contreras, Jared Masias and Gus Estrada.



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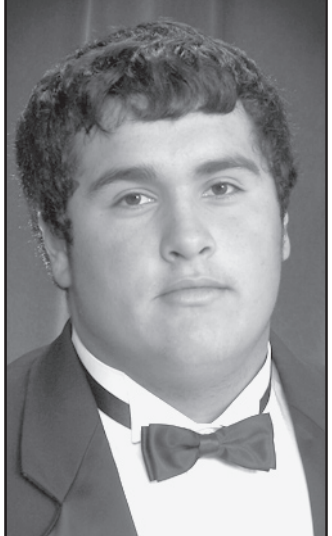
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# Maidens vs. Marfa



**MAIDENS AT PLAY**—The Haskell Maidens ended their season with a 10-0 loss to Marfa. Batting is Lynette Ortiz, junior, left, and pitching is Haley Chavez, right, senior.



**MAIDENS AT MARFA**—The Haskell Maidens ended their softball season with a loss to Marfa. Left, is Harley James, sophomore, at short stop during a "throwdown." Senior Ashton Rutkowski, right, is running for a fly ball.

## Beware of fee-for filing scams

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) warns Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants to be aware of unscrupulous business operators who may try to charge a fee to file unemployment claims. Filing for benefits through TWC is and always has been free.

Claimants who sign on for so-called fee-for-filing scams could later discover unemployment claims were never filed on their behalf. They also may have given their Social Security numbers to someone they thought was a TWC employee.

Claimants may receive UI information online through [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org) or by using the e-mail form found on the Web site.

TWC wants to ensure that no one is taken advantage of by someone posing as a TWC staff member or by unscrupulous business operators, particularly UI claimants who need every bit of their benefits during this difficult economic time.

UI claimants also are reminded that TWC unemployment staff never perform home visits. Claimants should only give personal information when filing for benefits online at [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org) or on the UI Tele-Center phone filing system.

Do not pay for a government service that is free.

The UI program, funded through employer taxes, provides temporary, partial-income replacement to workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. TWC administers and oversees the collection of taxes from employers and the payment of UI benefits to qualified claimants.

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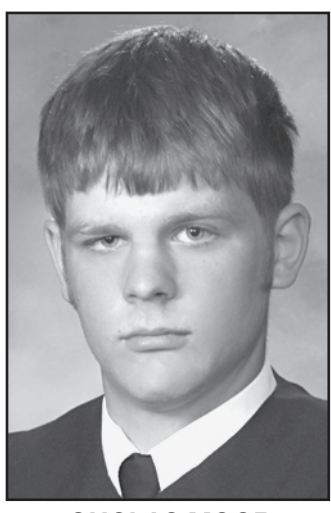


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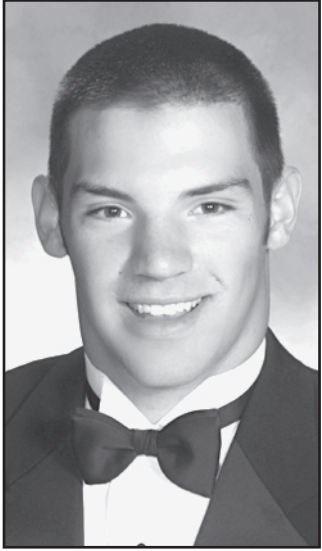
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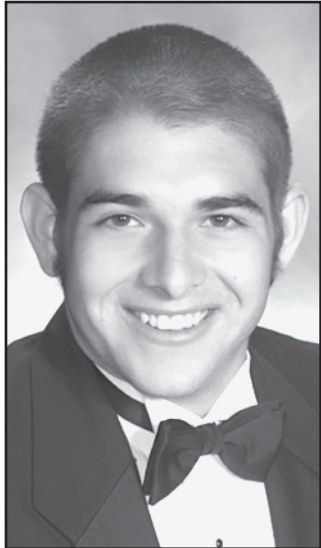
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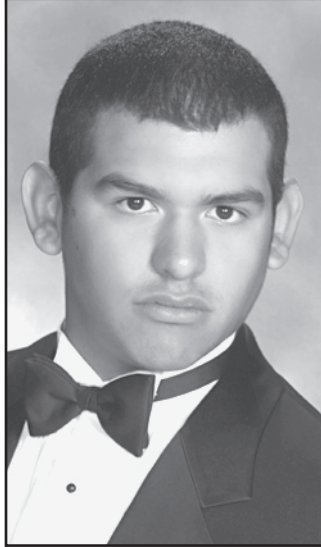
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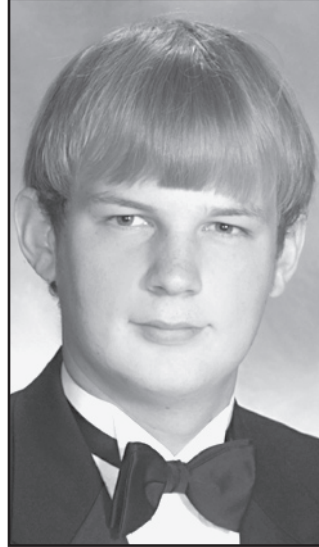
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