

## Football

**HASKELL**  
JV Indians vs Munday  
Thurs., Sept. 3, 6 p.m.  
at Munday  
Indians vs Munday  
Fri., Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.  
at Haskell  
**PAINT CREEK**  
Pirates vs Aspermont Hornets  
Fri., Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.  
at Paint Creek

## Calendar

### Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Sept. 10 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Sept. 3 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day.

### Hamburger supper

The Haskell Memorial Civic Center will have a hamburger supper Sept. 4 at the Haskell High School Cafeteria prior to the Haskell vs. Munday football game from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. with hamburgers, chips, dessert and drink for only \$6. Tickets may be purchased at Sport-About, Haskell National Bank or at the door. All proceeds will go to the maintenance and operation of the Civic Center.

### Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, campfires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

### Benefit concert

A concert to benefit the Old Glory and Sagerton Volunteer Fire Departments will be held Mon., Sept. 7 beginning at 4 p.m. at River Front Properties, 2 miles north of Sagerton. Tickets are a \$10 donation. More information is available at [www.RiverFrontPropertiesTX.com](http://www.RiverFrontPropertiesTX.com).

### Study Club

Members of Haskell Progressive Study Club will meet for their first meeting of the 2009-10 year Thurs., Sept. 3, at 7 p.m. at Rice Springs Park under the pavilion. Members are to bring a box supper of their favorite fried chicken, corn dog, hot dog, sandwich, hamburger, etc. Drinks will be furnished. Entertainment will be provided by the Yearbook Committee.

### Cotton meeting

The Haskell County AgriLife Extension and Monsanto will host a Late Season Cotton Management Meeting Sept. 9 at noon at the Civic Center in Haskell. Lunch and CEU's will be provided. RSVP to the Extension office by Sept. 8 by noon. The Extension office phone number is 940-864-2658.

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Have a safe Labor Day

# The Haskell Free Press

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## Indians fall to Wildcats, 7 to 27

The Haskell Indians wasted no time to start the 2009 season right. They took the opening kickoff

into the west end zone for the initial touchdown of the new season. Tailback Marco Gonzalez with some fine blocking by the offensive

line took the pigskin 53 yards around the right end and down the sideline. The PAT kick by A.J. Benton put the Indians ahead of the Archer

City Wildcats, 7 to 0.

The Wildcats of Archer City would score on the opening play of the second quarter on a 33 yard pass from

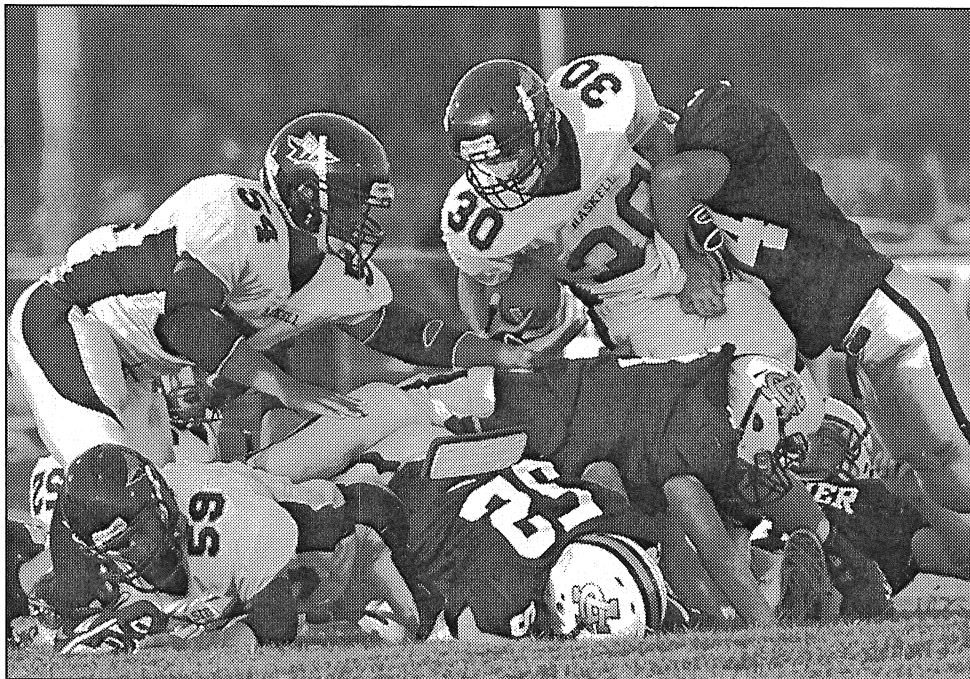
quarterback Patrick Dayton to receiver Kyle Colley. The two-point conversion pass was good. The lead would change to 8 to 7 in favor of the 'Cats.'

With only 38 seconds left in the second quarter, Archer City's quarterback Dayton would again throw a touchdown pass. This was a twenty-two yard throw to running back Marty Jentsch. The try for the two point conversion failed. The score at the intermission was 14 to 7 in favor of the home team—the 'Cats' of Archer City.

The Indians had a number of good plays both on the offensive and defensive side of the ball, but could not get into the end zone. Archer City would put 13 points on the scoreboard during the third quarter. The Cats scored on a 24 yard pass and a 7 yard run. On both of these touchdowns, the Cats quarterback Dayton played a big role. Both teams seemed to hammer away at each other, but played the fourth quarter to a scoreless quarter of football. The final score was Haskell 7, Archer City 27.

Indian quarterback Tyler Rodriguez had 10 rushes for 18 yards. He also completed three passes out of ten attempts for 52 yards. Fullback James Williams had 33 yards on 16 carries. Tailback Marco Gonzalez had nine carries for 84 yards and accounted for the Indians lone touchdown. Fullback Tyrone Neskoric had four carries for eleven yards. The Indian team had 39 rushes for 146 yards and got 52 yards on three catches. The Indian secondary defense had one pick. Defensive back Garrett Miller got the credit for the interception.

Thursday evening, the JV Indians won their game against the JV Cats in a thrilling game by the score of 14 to 8. The JV Indians scored with 15 seconds left in the regular game. Both teams will see action this week. The JV team will play Munday in Munday on Thursday. Kickoff time is 6 p.m. The varsity Indians will host Munday at Indian Field Friday night. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.



**PILE-UP**—Haskell Indian #30 fullback James Williams was stopped in a pile up during the Indians' Friday night game against Archer City. Blocking for Williams were Indians #59 Ethan Frierson and #54 Simon Rodriguez. Williams had 33 yards on 16 carries during the game. The Indians lost the season opener 7 to 27 against the Archer City Wildcats.

## Election to put alcohol sales issue to vote

A group of citizens announced the formation of the Citizens Committee of Haskell, a special purpose political action committee, to ask voters to support limited alcohol sales in the city limits of Haskell. The group consists of local residents, business and community leaders. The group recently completed a petition by gathering enough signatures to put the issue to the voters.

Last week, the Haskell County Commissioners' Court certified enough signatures had been gathered and ordered the election for this November. The voters will vote on one proposition to allow the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only. This will only allow beer and wine sales in grocery and convenience stores and will not allow

package liquor sales. "Five minutes from Haskell we have legal sales without any major problems or issues. Grocery stores report for every \$1 lost in beer/wine sales, they lose an additional \$3 in general sales. This can be as much as \$25,000 to \$150,000 per week in lost sales depending on size and store location. We need to keep these monies in Haskell, paying for our roads and infrastructure," stated Haskell Mayor, Bob Smith, who is also treasurer of the committee.

"Since the law changed in 2003 regarding local control of alcohol sales, over 200 cities in Texas, including communities like Snyder, Lubbock, Brownwood, Comanche, Weatherford and Corsicana have changed their laws to balance the playing field and keep tax money locally supporting their local businesses," noted Smith.

Texas economist Ray Perryman recently announced

his recent analysis of the impact these elections to legalize alcohol sales has on a community. "The alcoholic beverage industry is an important contributor to the state economy, supporting some \$36.6 billion in total annual spending and more than 300,000 jobs," noted Perryman in his report.

"We thank the people who signed the petition and the Commissioners' Court for giving us the chance to exercise the right to vote on this issue. We know people in Haskell have a glass of wine or drink a beer every once in a while, so we consume it here, we just don't get to buy it here and that means we are losing valuable tax revenue," noted group member, Wilda Medford, retired car dealer and longtime citizen.

Only those who live inside the Haskell city limits will be eligible to vote in the election.

## Kids to fish Sat.

The seventh annual Kids Fishing tournament will be held Sat., Sept. 5 at Lake Stamford.

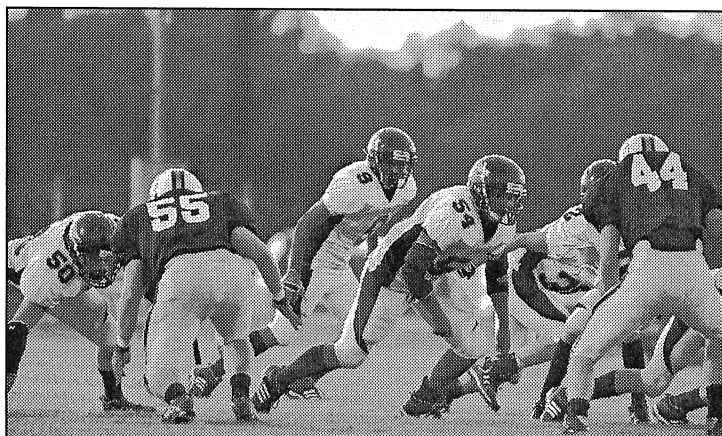
Kids, ages 15 or under, must register at The Anchor before fishing. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$5. A parent or guardian must accompany the fisherman. Fishing hours are from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Weigh in continues all during the tournament with final weigh in at 12 noon sharp. Fishermen may have

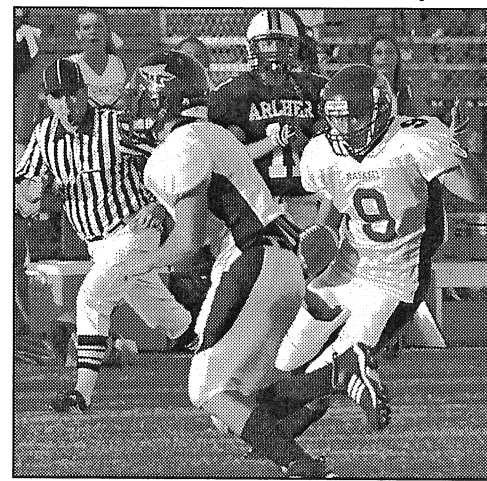
more than one fish in any category. Each type of fish will have a category. Fishing is to be done from a bank or dock on Lake Stamford using a rod and reel or cane pole.

All fishermen will receive a prize. Proceeds benefit local organizations.

Haskell Boy Scout Troop 136 will serve a hamburger meal during the fishing tournament from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A meal of a hamburger, chips and a drink will cost \$5.



**INDIAN LINE-UP**—Facing the Archer City Wildcats on the line Friday night were Haskell Indians #50 A.J. Benton, #9 Marco Gonzales and #54 Simon Rodriguez. The Indians lost the season opener 7 to 27.



**DASH FOR YARDS**—Haskell Indian #9 tailback Marco Gonzalez runs for yardage behind an Indian blocker. Gonzalez posted 84 yards in nine carries and the lone touchdown for the Indians.

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**RIBBON CUTTING**—The Rule Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Tower Drive In and Cafe located on State Highway 6 north of Rule on Aug. 25. Helping with the ceremony were, l-r, Orheana Greeson, Oleta Cornelius, Margie Casey, Deon Gordon—owner, Bobby Smith, David Parr and John Greeson.



**RIBBON CUTTING**—The Rule Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Bobcat Cafe located at 621 5th St., Aug. 25. Present were, l-r, Bobby Smith, Orheana Greeson, Carlos Huerta and Bridgett Huerta—owners, David Parr, John Greeson, Margie Casey and Oleta Cornelius.

## Rule Bobcats defeat Chillicothe 64-36

The Rule Bobcats had a winning season opener against the Chillicothe Eagles last Friday night. The Bobcats defeated the Eagles by a score of 64-36.

Rule was led by Wesley Short with 402 yards rushing and eight touchdowns to lead the Bobcats to victory. Rule posted 551 yards in total offense.

## 4-H swine tags to be ordered Sept. 28

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.  
Time is fast approaching to order Swine Validation tags for the upcoming stock show year of 2009-10. Students planning to show this year must have an official Texas State Validation Ear Tag for their animals. If showing the animal project under FFA, check with your Ag-Science teacher at school for the deadline to order.

The deadline to order the Validation Ear Tags for Swine, if showing through 4-H, will be Fri., Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell.

If you have any questions concerning this matter contact Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag. at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546. All swine must be validated to be legal in all major and county shows.

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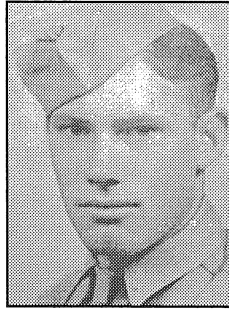
- Paying a utility bill?
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- Setting goals to achieve energy self-sufficiency or overcome poverty?
- Because you are elderly or disabled, trying to live on a fixed income?

If you answered **YES** to any of the above questions and live in Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall or Throckmorton counties, you may be eligible for assistance from the **Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc.** The Community Services Block grant (CSBG) and the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) funds are used by ASBDC, Inc. to provide services to low-income households. There is an application process to determine eligibility for assistance, so call ASBDC, Inc. for more information.

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## Obituaries

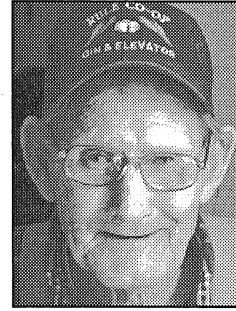
### J.C. Tidrow



J.C. TIDROW

Funeral services for J.C. Tidrow, 82, of Haskell were held Wed., Sept. 2 at the Assembly of God Church of Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Tidrow passed away



J.C. TIDROW

Sat., Aug. 29.  
Born Nov. 9, 1925 in Haskell, he was the son of the late Bryant Clarence Tidrow and Delia Mae Conner. He married Anne Doris Brown May 5, 1948 in Stamford. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was

self-employed as a roofing contractor for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Wayland 'Chick' Tidrow.

Survivors include his wife, Anne Doris Tidrow; two daughters, Linda Martinez and husband Robert of Haskell and Melanie Baugh and husband Allen 'Toby' of Haskell; two sons, Denny Tidrow and wife Travina of Navasota and J.T. Tidrow and wife Alicia of Haskell; twelve grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; one sister, Zetta Dutton of Haskell; and one brother, Gaston Tidrow of Haskell.

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### Clinton V. Langford

Funeral services for Clinton V. Langford Jr., 74, of Haskell were held Sun., Aug. 30 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial followed in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Langford passed away Thurs., Aug. 27.

Born April 20, 1935 in Milam County, he was the son of the late Clinton V. Langford Sr. and Ruby Baxter. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy. He was a lifetime member of the Haskell American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Loyle Langford and a grandson, Joshua.

Survivors include the love of his life, Julie of Haskell; two daughters, Dixie Tanner and husband Jerry of San Saba and Tammy Gawer and husband Mitch of Florence; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; three brothers, R.C. Langford and wife Ruth of Rule, Harley Sr. and Ruby Baxter. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy. He was a lifetime member of the Haskell American Legion. Margie Cardwell of Haskell.

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## Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special meeting Aug. 25 with all members of the court present except County Judge David Davis.

The motions to approve the minutes and pay the bills passed.

The burn ban was reinstated.

A motion to order a local option election for the purpose of legalizing the

sale of beer and wine for off premises consumption only in Haskell was approved.

A motion to allow the City of Haskell to reimburse the County for election expenses after the local option election passed.

A vote passed to have the Sheriff and Constable's fees remain as they are.

A motion to allow the County Clerk's office to contract with Gary Rogers

of CourTech Systems, Inc. for remote backup services for the computer system was approved. The cost will be \$900 per year and will be taken from the Clerk's Archive Fee.

The sound system/recording proposal for the district courtroom was tabled, along with the action on HB 2730, Article 21, Section 21.001 concerning the local data advisory board.

## HPV, shingles vaccines may be right for you

Thought you were done with immunizations for you and your teenagers? Not so fast.

Recently, vaccines for human papillomavirus (HPV) and shingles have been recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

"These new vaccines are major advances in preventing two common diseases that can be quite debilitating or deadly," said Ciro Sumaya, M.D., M.P.H.T.M., dean of the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health and CDC advisory committee member.

The committee recommended girls ages

11-12 get the HPV vaccine, which can be administered to girls as young as 9. It is also recommended for females age 13-26 who have not yet received or completed the vaccine series.

"Of the various types of HPV, there are a few types that have the potential to lead to cervical cancer," Dr. Sumaya said. "The vaccine helps reduce that risk."

Committee members also recommended that adults over 60 be vaccinated against shingles. In older adults, shingles can be very painful, and about 20 percent of cases lead to extreme nerve pain. Further complications can include scarring and

vision loss.

"Shingles and chicken pox are both from the same virus, varicella zoster," Dr. Sumaya said. "There is already a vaccine for chicken pox, but now one is available for shingles."

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices provides guidance and advice to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services on the best way to prevent disease for which vaccines are available. Insurance companies also take note of the committee's recommendations.

Talk to your doctor about the vaccines and see if they are right for you, your daughter or parent.

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- Está Viejo o tiene inhabilitación, probando a vivir en unos ingresos fijados?

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

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**BIRTHDAY**—C.W. McKelvain of Haskell celebrated his 80th birthday with his daughter's family on Aug. 29. Birthday cake and ice cream were served, gifts opened and memories were relived. Attending were, front row, l-r, C.W. McKelvain, Niki Hodge and Sheri Hoffmann; back row, Belinda McKelvain Hodge, Harold Hodge, Dave Jones and Cliff Hodge.

## Paint Creek and Rule schools are 'back in the groove'

by Caron Yates  
Paint Creek and Rule school districts are "back in the groove" after a successful first week.

Paint Creek principal, Jim Raughton, reports they are full to capacity and getting down to the business of learning. While most of the staff remain the same, there are a couple of new faces. Shalyn Rosenbaum, who previously taught in Quanah, will be taking over as the fourth grade teacher. Ag teacher will be Ron Abner who comes to Paint Creek from Munster. While Cody Blair continues as technology director, he also picks up duties as football coach.

Returning to the elementary line up will be Amy Jimenez in pre-k and kindergarten, Ester Waggoner teaching first, Tracy Graham in second grade, Tammy Hawkins in third and Barbara Utley teaching fifth grade.

At junior high and high school will be Kristi Parkinson teaching English, Phoi McGuire as reading and social studies teacher and Michael Waggoner with math and coaching duties. In addition, Valiene Bullinger is the science teacher, Darlene Hopkins teaches FCCLA and Roy Gardner teaches math. Social studies instructor is Jason Gault and Leisa Frierson is the Special Education teacher. Paraprofessionals Janet Jeffcoat and Annette Stanford will aide teachers in their instruction.

Returning superintendent Don Ballard is assisted by business manager Sarah Rhodes, office assistant Jeanie Waters and school counselor Sherry Raughton.

Preparing and serving meals will be Susan Emert and Beverly Adkins. Kendall Medford and Bobby Lusk are

in charge of maintenance and transportation, while Connie Lusk has custodial duties.

Paint Creek is again offering dual credit courses through Western Texas College in English, history, government, economics and math. New this year and available to all Paint Creek students and staff is the Rosetta Stone foreign language program. Spanish, French, Latin and German are just some of the languages accessible through this program.

Raughton said they will also be emphasizing the importance of parent involvement. A bimonthly newsletter with school information is planned to help keep parents up to date.

After school tutorials for all grade levels is being offered this year. In conjunction with the tutorials and other after school activities, the district will run a late afternoon activity bus to ensure that bus students wanting to take advantage of these activities will have a ride home.

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Rule ISD staff and students, led by Supt. David Parr, are also looking forward to another successful school year. New principal Barry McBroom, has high expectations for the district. McBroom, who comes to Rule from Eula ISD, replaces retired principal Jimmy New.

The experienced elementary staff includes Linda Caddell in pre-kindergarten, Cheryl Robinson in kindergarten, Ellen Rieger will teach first, Sonja Parr teaches second grade, third grade is taught by Sarah Hodgkin, Leigh Sims teaches fourth, Fonda Newton returns to fifth and Kathy Teichelman is teaching

sixth grade.

Teaching duties for junior high and high school include Hillary Bleiker teaching English, Jill Brown and Karla Rimes handle math, science is taught by Kent DeVille, Ryan Bleiker teaches social studies and coaches and Keith Rowan is the Ag teacher. Beth Kitley instructs Spanish and computer classes, Danny James is head coach and Leslie Kupatt returns as school counselor. Laurie McBroom will take over teaching duties for Family and Consumer Science classes, vacated by the retirement of Judy New.

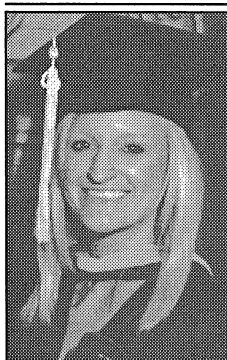
Coming from Aspermont, and new to the Rule ISD staff, is Jimmie Kay Peters. She will be teaching the high school business courses.

Paraprofessionals assisting with instruction are Sandy Flores, Sally Macias and Norma Rios. The cafeteria is manned by Mary Menchaca and Karen Pittman, while Luis Ramirez takes care of maintenance and Cato Macias handles the transportation.

Working in the principal's office, as well as serving as PEIMS coordinator is Amy Tanner. Brenda Turner is the school's business manager.

Principal McBroom says the curriculum and programs they have previously put in place have proven successful, so they plan to continue them.

## Student in the News



**JILLIAN THOMAS**

Jillian Thomas of Haskell graduated from Abilene Christian University in May 2009 with a Masters of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. She is working as a speech-language pathologist at Coronado Nursing Home in Abilene.

She is the daughter of Gary and Reda Thomas of Haskell.

## Plans for Haskell Homecoming being made

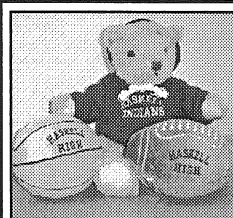
Haskell Homecoming is slated for Fri. and Sat., Sept. 25-26.

Along with the traditional pep rally, football game, and recognition program, the homecoming committee would like to provide a fund-raising opportunity for your organization, and at the same time, offer entertainment to community members and homecoming guests.

On Sat., Sept. 26, an array of activities for all ages will be set up at the fairgrounds. To get things kicked off, the Haskell Lions Club will host a 5K Run and Walk. Local organizations are asked to rent booth space at this event to provide fun, games, food and drinks. Ideas will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis, so prepare your fund-raising ideas now. Suggested fund-raising opportunities could include a dunking booth, horseshoe and washer pitching, football toss, dart throwing, etc.

To secure your space at the event, contact Jimmy Burson, homecoming president, at 940-256-1394 or 940-864-8161. Advertisement for the event will be provided by the homecoming committee in all area newspapers.

## Burn Ban in effect



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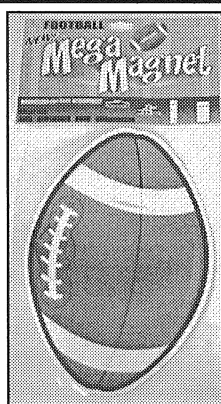
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## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

**Governor and challengers have kind words for Sen. Kennedy**  
AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry and challengers released statements following the death of U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who died Aug. 25 after battling brain cancer.

“Senator Kennedy carried on his family’s tradition of service to our country, devoting his life to the causes that mattered most to him,” Perry said. “We can all admire and should respect a life lived with such consistent adherence to a deeply-held set of beliefs. Anita and I extend our sincere condolences and prayers to his family and friends.”

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who is competing with Perry to be the Texas Republican Party’s nominee for governor in 2010, said, “While Ted Kennedy and I disagreed on many issues, we were strong allies in the fight against cancer. The Kennedy-Hutchison cancer research bill is a tribute to his determination that the battle against this dreaded disease continue. Cancer may have claimed his life; it did not dampen his spirit or his will.”

Tom Schieffer, Democratic candidate for governor, said of Kennedy, “Throughout his long and illustrious career, he was the strong voice for education, fairness and compassion in our society. That voice is quiet now but his legacy will continue to speak to all those who believe that government can make a positive difference in people’s lives.”

Kennedy, 77, was buried near his slain brothers, President John F. Kennedy and U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in Arlington National Cemetery on Aug. 29.

**Deadline for shots is extended**

Parents have more time to get their children vaccinated in accordance with state rules for school attendance.

The Texas Department of State Health Services extended until Oct. 1 the deadline for kids to get vaccinated for meningitis, tetanus-diphtheria-whooping cough and chicken pox.

Without the time extension, full immunizations would have been required beginning the first day of school.

**Panel briefed on Swine flu**

The Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security met on Aug. 20.

Dr. David Lakey, Commissioner of the Texas Dept. of State Health Services, said there have been at least 5,000 cases of H1N1 “swine” flu in Texas over the summer, with probably many more unreported.

Lakey said the current pandemic has been much milder than anticipated and that this has given the state time

to learn more about the disease and be prepared for additional outbreaks in the fall.

**Suehs named to top spot at HHS**

Gov. Rick Perry named Thomas Suehs of Austin executive commissioner of Health and Human Services, effective Sept. 1, for a term to expire Feb. 1, 2011.

The executive commissioner oversees the operations of five health and human services agencies with a combined annual budget of \$30 billion and staffed by more than 50,000 employees.

Suehs succeeds Albert Hawkins, who Perry appointed to lead the agency in January 2003. Hawkins announced his retirement in May.

**Note sale will help state budget**

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced Aug. 25 that the state’s sale of \$5.5 billion in tax and revenue anticipation notes achieved an interest rate of 0.48 percent, the lowest rate the state has ever received on its annual sale of short-term notes.

“We had an impressive sale and an excellent interest rate—the best Texas has ever had,” Combs said.

Texas will use the proceeds of the sale to distribute state funding to public schools early in the upcoming fiscal year and manage its cash flow between the start of the fiscal year and the arrival of tax revenues later in the year. The notes will be repaid Aug. 31, 2010.

**More road projects are possible**

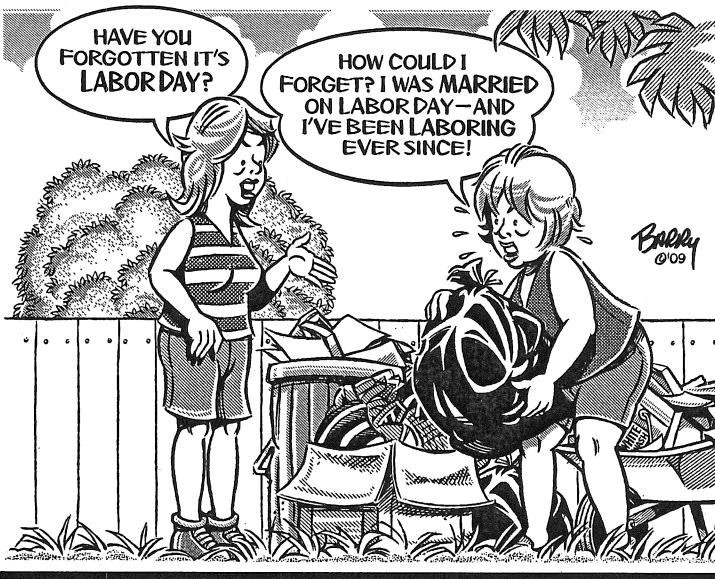
The Texas Transportation Commission on Aug. 27 gave preliminary approval to the state department of transportation for more mobility projects that may be covered under the federally funded American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.

It all depends on whether funding becomes available as a result of “under-runs” on the previously approved mobility projects. Funds would be spent on projects in the region of the state in which the under-runs were generated.

**Parks agency approves grants**

More than \$9 million in competitive parks and recreation grants for city and county parks and other sites across the state was approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission on Aug. 27. The grants support the acquisition, development and beautification of city and county parks.

Of the total, the Dallas, Austin, San Antonio and El Paso areas were awarded a combined \$3.8 million from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s Urban Outdoor Recreation Grants program. San Antonio also was awarded \$1 million from the agency’s Indoor Recreation Grants program.



## Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,  
Saturday I attended the funeral of a lady in Weinert, Erma Liles. She was my fourth grade teacher and played piano at Weinert First Baptist Church for 45 years. She reminded me of all the moms of my generation. I was in the Class of 1958 and she was the last of our “Mommies.”

Not in the physical sense, but she was. You see, she taught us, loved us and spanked us. Not as just another kid, but some friend’s kid that she was interested in. As our music teacher, she thrilled us with many songs but “Red Wing” stands out in my mind. I can see her bouncing on the stool as she pounded it out on the piano and a bunch of kids sang! There were many like her in Weinert in the 1950s; our mommas, our teachers and our friends when we grew up. The last is gone; I loved her, I loved them all. They are really missed by a bunch of kids that know “Red Wing.” We heard it for the last time Saturday.

Rest in Christ, Erma.  
Elwood D. Bruton  
Decatur, Texas

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

**10 Years Ago  
September 9, 1999**

Teresa Rodriguez, daughter of Andy and Frances Rodriguez, was named new manager of the Bealls Store in Haskell.

New officers elected for Noah Project-North were Gene Gibbs, chair person; Sandy Forehand, vice chair person; Ben McGee, treasurer; Joan Strickland, secretary; Sheila McMeans, fund-raising chair person and Louetta Davis, nominating chair person.

Selina Salinas received the 1998-99 Gold Star Award during the Haskell County 4-H Awards Program. It is the highest award a 4-H’er can receive on the County level.

The new sign at the former Farmer’s National Bank of Rule registered the beginning of new banking services as the Rule Banking Center, after merging with the Hamlin National Bank.

**20 Years Ago  
September 7, 1989**

Lorie Alvarez, daughter of Alberto and Betty Alvarez of Haskell, was among the Western Texas College Cosmetology students honored at a reception as they neared the end of their year of studies.

Visitors to Haskell were Season and Arielle Gartner, daughters of Will and Cathy Pace of Abilene.

Bill Glenn was presented a plaque in appreciation of his thirty-four years of service to the Texas District of the Farm Credit System by Steve Iversen, regional vice president of Farm Credit Bank of Texas, at an open house in Glenn’s honor.

**30 Years Ago  
September 6, 1979**

Dove season opened with a bang in Haskell County according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Warden, Alton Chapman. A total of fifteen citations were issued for violations.

U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm of Stamford visited in Haskell and spoke to members of the Haskell Rotary Club.

Bill Lane, Roy Trussell, Sam Watson, Phillip Cockerell, Bo Owens, Charles Adress, Jerry Briscoe, TomCat Watson and Kenny Watson attended classes during the annual fire school in Abilene.

**40 Years Ago  
September 11, 1969**

Sam’s Grocery, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crume, sustained an estimated \$2,500 damage to fixtures and building, from an early morning fire.

Melba Jean Kretschmer was the newest associate at Christine’s Beauty Salon.

Kathy Burson, a sophomore Physical Education major from

Haskell, was one of eight nominees at Midwestern University elected for Fall Sports Queen. She represented the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority.

**50 Years Ago  
September 3, 1959**

Haskell High School cheerleaders Betty Sue Larned, Carol Jircik, Kay Wiseman, Becky Watson, Opal Wallace and Julie Collins attended the SMU Cheerleading School in Dallas.

Haskell gained six new residents, Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Stover, Mr. and Mrs. James Dailey, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Priest, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Klose, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Michaels and D.D. Foster.

Jessie J. Priest is the new highway patrolman.

Franky D. Mullins was promoted to specialist four

at Fort Campbell, where he is a member of the 101st Airborne Division’s 327th Infantry.

**100 Years Ago  
September 4, 1909**

J.W. Young of Stonewall County sold two loads of broom corn to the factory for \$70 a ton.

J.D. Hughes of Georgetown is here this week looking after his ranch interests on Paint Creek.

Minnie Ellis left for Iowa Park, where she has been employed in the public school.

C.M. Hunt has returned from Chicago, Illinois where he purchased his fall stock of goods.

William Oglesby has returned from an automobile trip to Amarillo, across the Plains and down to Jeff Davis County.

## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

**Texas Law Enforcement Response to Human Trafficking**

Every year, men, women and children all over the world are trafficked within and across borders for forced labor and sexual exploitation. Human trafficking victims endure unspeakable hardships and suffer severe psychological trauma. Victims can be found working in ordinary places, including hotels, restaurants and private residences.

According to the U.S. Department of State, approximately 800,000 victims are trafficked across international borders each year. Between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked into the U.S. from Asia, Central and South America, and Eastern Europe.

Prior to the 81st Legislative Session, the Office of the Attorney General and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) conducted a joint human trafficking study. Our report, “The Texas Response to Human Trafficking,” offers 21 recommendations that are intended to reduce human trafficking and improve services to victims, including improved outreach efforts that would better educate law enforcement personnel about identifying human trafficking.

One recommendation suggested creating a statewide human trafficking task force that would include representatives from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, relevant state social service agencies, and interested non-governmental organizations from across the state. That recommendation was made law with the passage of House Bill 4009 by Rep. Randy Weber and Sen. Leticia Van de Putte. The

children. Victims are often “hidden in plain sight” and held under the belief they owe their captors some sort of debt, which frequently stems from their transport into the U.S. This cycle of debt bondage usually grows, as captors typically increase what the victim “owes.”

Victims may also be threatened with punishment, death or injury to their families. Even if victims realize that their debts are not legally enforceable and their situations are illegal, many who are trafficked into the U.S. cannot understand or speak English—or are isolated and prevented from communicating with those who might be able to help them.

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legislation establishes a task force within the Office of the Attorney General that will assist with the prevention and prosecution of human trafficking crimes.

House Bill 4009 also creates an assistance program within HHSC for human trafficking victims. The new law provides for a searchable database of programs available to domestic victims and a grant program that will provide direct assistance to victims. In an effort to increase awareness of the available services, database and potential grant funding sources, the bill creates a training program for judges, prosecutors and law enforcement.

The Texas Legislature also passed House Bill 533, which allows a human trafficking victim to hold their captor liable in a civil court for damages arising from involuntary servitude. The new law is designed to help trafficking victims recoup their financial losses and allow the state to recover the costs for victim services.

Refining state human trafficking laws will give Texas law enforcement agencies more training, tools and power to recognize and battle this problem. Considering the complexity of human trafficking crimes, we all need to work together to find solutions that help victims and punish their oppressors. For a copy of the publication, “The Texas Response to Human Trafficking,” please visit our agency Web site at [www.texasattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov). Peace officers may direct additional inquiries to Captain Greg Lucas of the Criminal Investigations Division at 512-936-1335.

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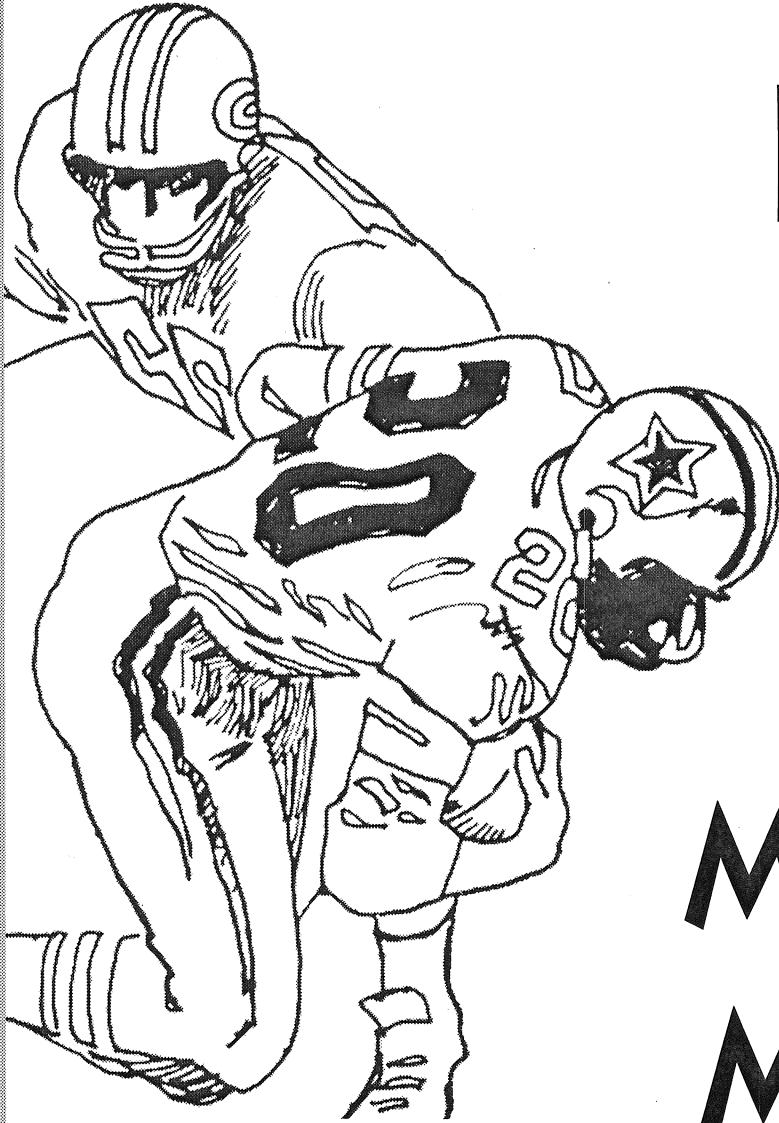
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# Haskell County 4-H holds annual awards program

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

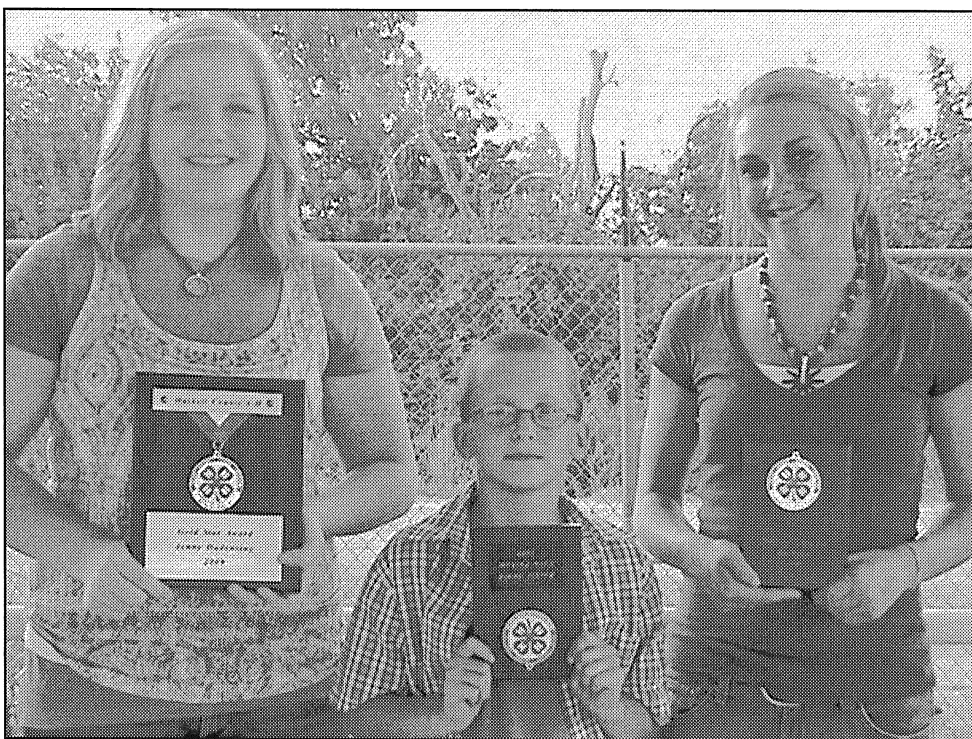
The Haskell County 2008-09 4-H Awards program was held in Haskell Sat., Aug. 22. The program was hosted by the Haskell Jr. 4-H Club and was held at the Haskell City Pavilion. Co-sponsors for the event were Central Texas Farm Credit of Haskell, Haskell National Bank of Haskell, First National Bank of Haskell, and Rule Banking Center of Rule.

Cody Dutton served as Master of Ceremonies. Other Haskell County 4-H'ers on the program included Kylie Adams, Jacie Klose, Reed Lee, Dalton Meinzer and Crow

Parham, all of the Haskell Jr. 4-H Club.

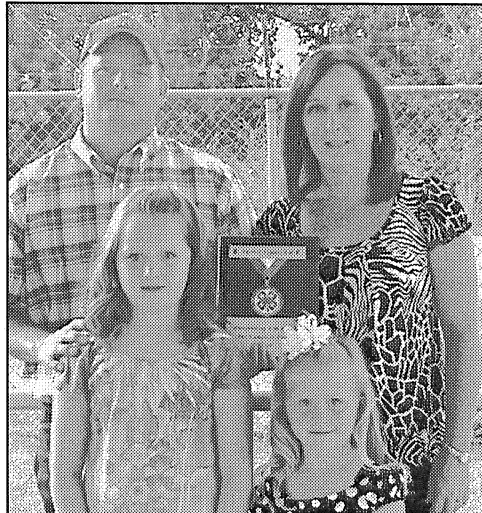
Adams and Parham presented 30 Haskell County 4-H'ers with project pins for projects they completed during this year's 4-H club year. These 4-H'ers' and their award categories were as follows:

- Beef: Kelsie Adams, Paige Adams and Chase Gibson
- Clothing: Grace Burgess, Jenny Dudensing and Allison Petty
- Community Service: Kymbre Kupatt
- Educational Presentation: Brooke Bullinger
- Food & Nutrition: Molly Dudensing, Cody Dutton,



**4-H AWARD WINNERS**— Pictured, l-r, are Jenny Dudensing, Crow Parham and Kate Rowan. Dudensing received the 2009 Gold Star award. She is the daughter of Lynn and Renee Dudensing of Sagerton. The Gold Star award is the highest award a 4-H member can receive from the county and will be awarded only once in a member's 4-H career. The recipient of this award is a 4-H member who has shown excellence in leadership and citizenship abilities. Parham was awarded the 4-H Rookie

of the Year award. He is the son of Bart Parham and Tammy Parham of Haskell. The Rookie of the Year award is given to one first year 4-H member who has shown excellence in 4-H work. Rowan, the daughter of Keith and Jane Rowan of O'Brien, was awarded the Danforth 'I Dare You' Award. This award is offered as recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced personal development as well as demonstrating leadership skills. It is given to one senior 4-H member each year.



**4-H FAMILY**— It takes many volunteers to promote and build a strong 4-H program. Haskell County is very fortunate to have several 4-H families where both the parents and the 4-H'ers are actively involved in several areas of the 4-H program. Recognized at this year's 4-H Awards program as being an "Outstanding 4-H Family" is the Ray Don Campbell family of Rule. Pictured is Ray Don and Sherri Campbell, and daughters Sarah and Sydney.

Jacie Klose, Tillie McGuire and Shelby Starr  
Horse: Kaley Mathis and Kameryn Mathis  
Photography: Ashley Adams, Kylie Adams and Laycee Tullos  
Rabbit: Sara Duncan Herricks

Recreation: Reed Lee, Dalton Meinzer and Riley Meinzer  
Sheep: River McTasney, Zhenia McTasney and Preston Morrow  
Swine: Sarah Campbell, Shawn Duncan Herricks, Crow Parham and Payne

Utley  
Five of these 4-H'ers were recognized further for completing a 4-H Record Book. They received a record book trophy and a 4-H year pin to signify the number of years they have been active in 4-H. These 4-H'ers were Jenny Dudensing, Food & Nutrition, 8 year pin; River McTasney, Sheep, 6 year pin; Zhenia McTasney, Sheep, 2 year pin; Kate Rowan, Safety, 9 year pin; and Shelby Starr, Family & Consumer Sciences, 1 year pin.

Salvation Army presented 41 4-H'ers with certificates for their help during the holidays to work the Salvation Army Bell/Kettle. They included:

Ashley Adams, Kylie Adams, Crissy Bassett, Ashlyn Bevel, Brooke Bullinger, Lane Burson, Taylor Burson, Cody Dutton, Emily Fouts, Sam Fouts, Sarah Fouts, Chase Gibson, Jacee Guess, Carson Hadaway, Reagan Hadaway, Victoria Hertel, Wyatte Hertel, Kourtney Howard, Hagen Isbell, Kyle Kimbrough, Meagan Kimbrough, Jacie Klose and Jasmine Klose.

Samantha Lewis, River McTasney, Zhenia McTasney, Dalton Meinzer, Riley Meinzer, Preston Morrow, Angel Navarette, JoLene Navarette, Ryan Pace, Alec Roewe, Kate Rowan, Shelby Starr, Charlie Thomison, Laycee Tullos, Aaron Urich, Stewart Urich, Payne Utley and Madaline Williams; and one non-4-H'er, Alyssa Fraga.

Volunteer leaders were recognized with a special certificate signifying their years of service to 4-H. Adult leaders and their years of service are:

Dudensing; 18 years, Dale Bullinger and Joey Kimbrough; 17 years, Patrick Pace; 15 years, Valiene Bullinger and Tammy Parham; 14 years, Mary Jennings; 12 years, Bart Parham; 10 years, Gina Buerger and Kenneth Buerger;

9 years, Leslie Kupatt, Tonya Miller and Julie Petty; 8 years, Tina Tullos; 7 years, Leiza Morales and Faye Urich; 6 years, Melissa Glover; 5 years, Terri Klose and Elaina Mathis; 4 years, Tina Adams and Ricky Urich; 3 years, Sherri Campbell; 2 years, Kris Fouts, Kristi Gibson, Mitzi Reed and Jodie Tullos; 1 year, Anita Dunlap, Cherie Dutton, Darrel Dutton, April Johnson, Allen Morrow, Sherri Morrow and Kyle White.

Special presentations for the 2008-09 4-H year were made by Wes Utley and Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agents.

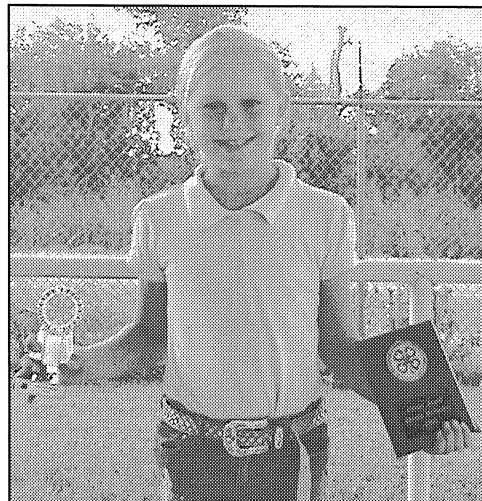
Dave Harrison of Abilene, DJ for Haskell's "Big County 97" was revealed as the "Friend of 4-H." Scott Burgess was recognized as the "Outstanding 4-H Leader," and the Ray Don Campbell family was honored as the "Outstanding 4-H Family." Also, Terri Klose was recognized with the State 4-H "Salute To Excellence" award.

The following 4-H'ers received special recognition for outstanding 4-H accomplishments.

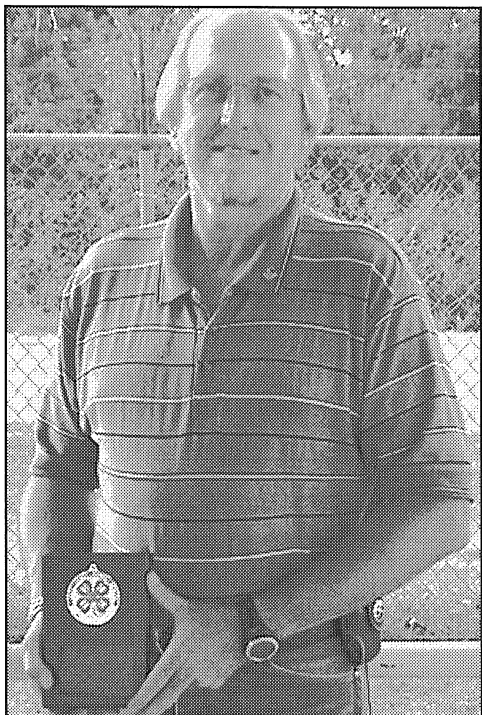
Rookie of the Year award, Crow Parham; Clover award, Zhenia McTasney; Danforth "I Dare You" award, Kate Rowan; and Gold Star award, Jenny Dudensing.

Prior to the program everyone enjoyed a hamburger meal prepared by Eddie and Terri Klose. The evening was concluded with the annual 4-H Back-To-School Dance.

For more information about the Haskell County 4-H Organization, contact the Haskell County Office of Texas Cooperative Extension located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell; Wes Utley, County Extension Agent—Ag, 940-864-2658; or Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent—FCS, 940-864-2546.



**CLOVER AWARD**— Receiving the 4-H Clover Award was Zhenia McTasney. The award is given each year to one or two deserving junior 4-H members who have excelled in project work. McTasney is the daughter of James McTasney and Leiza Morales of Haskell and has completed her second year of 4-H work.



**FRIEND OF 4-H**— The "Friend of 4-H" award is given annually to an individual or group of individuals who have shown dedication and support to the Haskell County 4-H Program. This year's recipient is very important and valuable to the Haskell County 4-H program and has been partners with 4-H for many years. Accepting the award is Dave Harrison, disc jockey at Big County 97 KVRP.

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# Enjoy hunting season – but be aware of disease threats lurking in the wild

Texas can be a letdown for visitors who expect the set of "Rio Lobo" (actually shot in Arizona) and instead find an urbanizing state fully integrated with the 21st Century. But even in the iPhone age, much of our frontier culture survives.

Among the richest of these traditions is fall and winter hunting.

It all starts in September with zone-by-zone seasons for dove, teal, turkey, squirrel and alligator. Later, guns and crossbows are trained on javelina, pronghorn antelope, deer, quail, pheasant and chachalaca, among other game. With all these opportunities, devoted hunters can pretty much live in their camouflage suits until mid-February.

But, if you're going to spend all that time out in the fields and marshes, you need to be aware of the many disease-causing critters whose habitat you'll be sharing.

Ticks, mosquitos and fleas are near-ubiquitous. So, too, are rodents and larger mammals that carry a host of harmful viruses and bacteria.

Just a few of these nastier diseases you risk contracting are West Nile virus, encephalitis, Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, brucellosis and tularemia.

These health threats should be taken seriously by every hunter, but according to the Texas Department of State Health Services, they all can be minimized with a combination of basic knowledge and a few common-sense precautions.

Following is the rogue's gallery of common outdoor disease-carriers and how you can avoid taking on their unpleasant cargo.

**Ticks**  
If you're outdoors in Texas, you're in tick country. The most common malady spread

by these tiny bloodsuckers is Lyme disease, which produces short-term symptoms such as skin lesions or rashes. Left untreated, things quickly get worse, sometimes including damage to the joints, heart and nervous system.

Ticks also carry Rocky Mountain spotted fever, which causes a measles-like rash and may be fatal if not treated quickly.

Tularemia also hitches frequent rides in ticks. Rabbit hunters are at especially high risk for this disease. So, after handling rabbit carcasses, be sure to disinfect your hands and other body parts that have come in contact with the animals.

To protect yourself against insect bites, follow these recommended steps:

- Use insect repellent containing DEET.
- Avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.
- Wear protective clothing

such as a hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks. Wear light-colored clothes to easily spot ticks.

•Check your body for ticks every few hours. They're small, easy to miss and will attach to any part of the body.

**Mosquitos**  
West Nile virus is carried by mosquitos and can cause encephalitis, a brain inflammation characterized by high fever, intense headaches, nausea, muscle soreness, partial unconsciousness and even coma. In rare cases, death may occur. As with ticks, the best protection is insect repellent with DEET. Because mosquitos live and breed near water, be sure to use repellent that's water- and sweat-resistant, and re-apply often.

**Fleas**  
Infected rats, mice and other rodents can spread hantavirus infection to people through droppings, urine and saliva. You also can be infected by inhaling dust that contains the virus, so wear a cloth face mask when you're cleaning deer blinds, cabins, sheds or barns. These precautions are crucial because hantavirus infection may lead to extreme breathing difficulty or even death.

**Disease-Carrying Larger Mammals**

Bubonic plague is rare among humans, but it's common in wild rodent populations of West Texas. It's spread to people by direct contact with infected animals such as prairie dogs, squirrels, cats, rats and mice. The odds of this happening are low, but take care anyway. Plague fully deserves its dread-disease status and can be fatal if not treated promptly.

Rabies occurs in many wild animals, especially skunks, bats, raccoons, coyotes and foxes. Humans usually are infected through a bite by a rabid animal, so always consult a doctor if an animal bites you. Rabies is almost always fatal once symptoms begin, but timely treatment can be lifesaving.

Hunters also should be aware that deer may carry the bacterium that causes anthrax in people, and feral hogs can carry brucellosis. Precautions include wearing latex gloves when field dressing animals or handling any wild animal carcass.

## Calendar

### PC Homecoming

Paint Creek School is seeking updated information on all former students for Homecoming 2009. Send any name changes, address changes or life status changes to rhansoncmc@srcaccess.net, call 940-864-3904, or mail to 807 N. 9th St., Haskell, Texas 79521. Homecoming is planned for early November.

### Homecoming

Haskell homecoming will be held Sept. 25-26. Updated information is needed on former students. If you can provide updated information concerning addresses, email addresses or phone numbers, send the information to 1702 N. Ave. H, Haskell, Texas 79521 or email baylessgrant@gmail.com or call 940-864-2176.

### Vendors needed

The Haskell Young Homemakers are accepting vendor forms for their annual craft show to be held Nov. 21. Vendors interested in purchasing a booth at the craft show may contact Megan Cox at 325-370-6572.

### Bible study

A Bible study entitled "Deeper Still" will be held Sept. 13-Oct. 18 from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. on Sunday afternoons at the First Baptist Church Education Building in the regular classroom. A nursery will be provided by calling the church office each week at 864-2581. Registration may be made by calling the church office. Earlene Griffith will be the facilitator.

### Warpath 5K

The Haskell Lions Club is sponsoring the Warpath 5K, a fun run and walk, during Haskell Homecoming Sat., Sept. 26, starting at 8 a.m. The first 150 entries will receive a Warpath 5K t-shirt. To request registration forms, go to haskellionsclub@yahoo.com, http://haskellions.blogspot.com or contact any Lions Club members.

All funds raised will be used to benefit Lions Club International and local organizations.

### Pancake supper

The Haskell Lions Club annual all you can eat pancake supper will be held Fri., Sept. 25, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. prior to the Haskell-Quanah football game. Tickets are \$6 each and may be purchased from any Lions Club member. To request more information go to haskellionsclub@yahoo.com, http://haskellions.blogspot.com or call 940-864-3957.

### Jamaica

The St. George Catholic Church of Haskell will host Jamaica Sept. 12-13. On Saturday at the Haskell Civic Center, Mexican food will be available beginning at 11 a.m. A dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight. On Sunday at the church grounds beginning at 11 a.m. through 4 p.m., Jamaica festivities including games, food, funnel cakes, cake walk and homemade Christmas decorations will be available.

### Volleyball

A benefit volleyball tournament will be held Sun., Sept. 13 beginning at 10 a.m. at the St. George Catholic Church. For more information contact Sammy Rodriguez or call Joe Martinez at 940-256-1675.

### Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the First Assembly of God Church. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

### 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.

## Hide your carbon footprint trail

Whether you are making a cup of coffee, driving to the grocery store, mowing the yard, taking a shower or even opening the refrigerator door, you are leaving a trail that tells a lot about your life.

Just about all activities that use energy to almost any degree are creating individual carbon footprints.

A carbon footprint is a measure of the amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that are released into the atmosphere as people go about their routine daily activities.

By making small and seemingly insignificant changes in daily routines people can not only reduce the size of their carbon footprint, but also realize significant

savings in their energy costs.

There are a number of web sites that have calculators that enable people to determine how much energy they consume and suggestions on how to reduce the size of their carbon footprint. Some suggestions involve significant lifestyle changes ranging from trading in an SUV for a hybrid or riding a bicycle to work. Others are more practical and simple such as turning the home thermostat down a degree or two.

Easy to follow tips that most people can follow without too much effort include:

- Air conditioning and heating: By simply turning the air conditioning up a couple of degrees in the summer and the heating systems down in the

winter, a consumer can save several hundred dollars.

•Clothes dryer, oven and dishwasher: Wait until the sun goes down in the summer months to run these appliances so they don't put more strain on the air conditioner. In the winter months, run them when the house is the coolest.

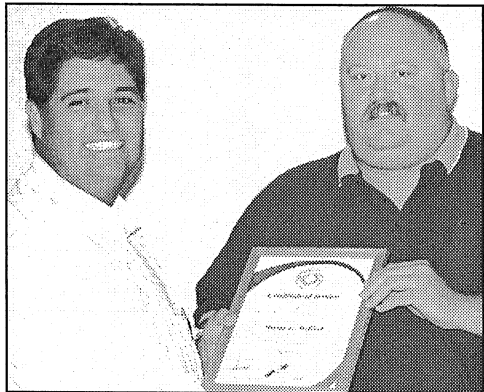
•Shower: Install a low flow shower head and take shorter showers to reduce the amount of water used. Taking a shower instead of a bath saves considerable amounts of water.

•Refrigerator: Place the refrigerator in a cool place and always let hot food cool off before placing it inside. For greater efficiency keep coils clean and defrost it on a regular basis if necessary.

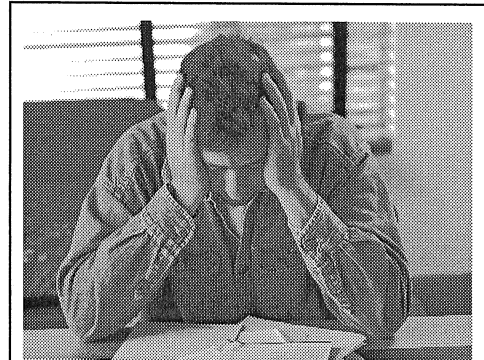
•Electronic devices: Unplug those that aren't being used such as cell phone chargers, hair dryers, coffee pots, computers, etc. as they use electricity just by being plugged in.

•Hot water heater: Reducing the temperature of a hot water heater from 140 degrees F to 120 degrees F not only saves money but may prevent scalding. Insulate the hot water heater to save even more.

•Clothes washer: Wash clothes in cold water. Many detergents are designed for this purpose. Hot water is only necessary for extremely dirty or greasy items.



**SERVICE AWARD**—Chris Medford, right, Haskell County maintenance section supervisor, is presented a Certificate of Service by Lauren Garduño. Medford, a 15-year employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, was honored for his longevity during a recent supervisors meeting in Abilene. In addition to the framed certificate, he received a 15-year service pin and a buck knife with the TxDOT logo on the blade. Garduño is the Abilene District Engineer.



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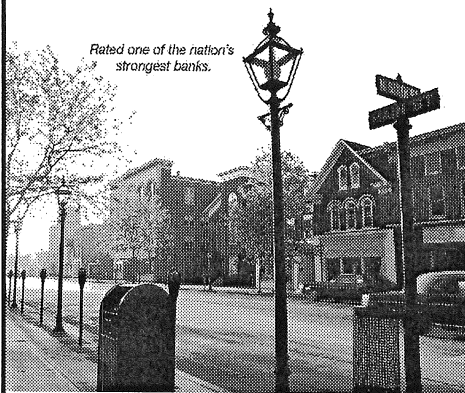


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Written By  
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



### FINANCIAL TIPS FOR THE TWENTY-SOMETHING GENERATION

Young people generally feel pretty good about life, but once in a while, they may wonder if they're making the right financial moves. Here are some simple (yet effective) financial strategies for people in their early twenties.

**Pay yourself first.** Every time you get paid, put something aside in a savings or investment account. As a general rule, save 10% of your income. Even smaller amounts add up over time.

**Watch your plastic.** Credit cards are an expensive form of debt, and it's easy to lose control of them. Try to pay your entire credit balance every month, even if it's a stretch. If you've been carrying a balance, buy nothing more on credit until the balance is zero.

**Keep a clean credit record.** If you plan to own a home, buy a car, or start a business, you're going to need squeaky-clean credit. Keep all of your financial obligations current, and never make a financial commitment that you can't keep. If you fall behind on any obligation, talk to the creditor immediately to make alternative arrangements.

**Make sure you have adequate medical coverage.** You may not see a doctor even once this year. But if you do need medical care, it could be for something serious and expensive. Anything less than a good major medical policy could ruin you financially.

**Watch your expenses.** At this point in your career, you may not receive large or frequent pay raises, but you can achieve the same effect by cutting expenses. Shop before you buy. Very similar—and sometimes identical products—are sold at widely varying prices. Wise shopping can be the equivalent of having a good-paying second job.

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# Medications may increase sun sensitivity

From common antibiotics to heart medications, certain drugs can increase sun sensitivity causing the skin to burn in less time and with a lower level of sun exposure than normal. Studies have shown that these medications may act as photosensitizing agents and may increase the incidence of skin cancer.

"It's absolutely fine to take these medications, it is just that people taking these drugs may need to be extra diligent about sun protection," said Deborah S. Samoff, MD, Vice President, The Skin Cancer Foundation.

Photosensitivity is an increased sensitivity or abnormal response of the skin to sunlight or artificial UV light. Both UVB radiation (shorter wavelengths) and UVA (longer wavelengths) can trigger unusual reactions of the skin in people who are taking certain medications. Drug-induced photosensitivity may manifest in a variety of ways. However, most reactions are generally classified as phototoxic, or less commonly, photoallergic.

Phototoxic reactions typically appear as exaggerated sunburn, which can occur

within minutes or up to 24 hours after exposure to the photosensitizing medication and UV light. The reaction is limited to sun-exposed skin and may or may not be itchy and sore. In severe reactions, blisters may occur.

Photoallergic reactions, which can appear all over the body, typically do not occur until one to three days after the substance has come into contact with the body, when the immune system mounts a response to the allergen. Photoallergy, like other allergies, tends to occur in previously sensitized individuals and are generally caused by topical medications or cosmetic ingredients such as musk ambrette, sandalwood oil and bergamot oil. Repeat exposure to the same allergen plus UVR exposure can prompt itching, red bumps, scaling and oozing lesions similar to eczema.

While there are many medications including over-the-counter pain relievers (such as ibuprofen), oral contraceptives and antidepressants that may cause some type of phototoxic or photoallergic reaction, the most common ones include:

Antibiotics (Tetracyclines, Fluoroquinolones, Sulfonamides), Diuretics (Furosemide, Hydrochlorothiazide), and oral and topical retinoids (Isotretinoin, Acitretin, Tazarotene, Tretinoin).

"Photosensitivity will vary based on the individual," said Dr. Samoff. "Two people can take the same medication and one will have a reaction and the other won't. The key to preventing a phototoxic reaction is patient education and taking the proper precautions [as outlined below]."

•Seek the shade: If outside for any length of time, find a pavilion roof or large, leafy tree to stay under. Or, carry shade with you—bring a sun umbrella.

•Wear protective clothing: All clothing provides some degree of sun protection, however, densely woven and bright- or dark- colored fabrics provide greater sun defense. Long sleeves and long pants cover more of the body, while a broad-brimmed hat helps protect face, ears, and back of the neck. For all-day activities in the sun, people with photosensitivity

may want to opt for specially formulated sun protective-clothing with a UPF of 50.

•Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30. For people with photosensitivity, the higher the SPF, the better. In addition, be sure the sunscreen contains ingredients such as avobenzone, oxybenzone, mexoryl, zinc oxide, or titanium dioxide that protect against UVA rays.

•Use the right amount of sunscreen. Most people use only about half of what they really need. People with heightened sun sensitivity need to be sure they use at least 1 oz. (two tablespoons) on their body and an amount the size of a nickel on their face.

•Apply sunscreen one-half hour before sun exposure: This gives it time to fully absorb and bind to your skin.

•Reapply sunscreen every two hours, since sunscreen gradually breaks down in the sun and wears off. Also reapply immediately after swimming or sweating heavily.

Armed with the right information, photosensitivity can easily be managed. For additional sun safety and skin cancer information, visit [www.skincancer.org](http://www.skincancer.org).

## Haskell School Menu

Sept. 7-11

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** School holiday

**Tuesday:** Breakfast bagel

**Wednesday:** Golden Graham cereal, animal crackers

**Thursday:** Breakfast pizza

**Friday:** Cinnamon roll

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato with cheese and ham. High

School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.

**Monday:** School holiday

**Tuesday:** Popcorn chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread stick, watermelon

**Wednesday:** Chicken quesadillas, salsa, queso, garden salad, pinto beans, royal brownie

**Thursday:** Chili cheese dog, tator tots, pickle spears, celery sticks, banana pudding

**Friday:** Crunchy tacos with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, corn, Mandarin orange salad

## Paint Creek School Menu

Sept. 7-11

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** Pancake sticks

**Tuesday:** Biscuits, gravy

**Wednesday:** Cereal or toast

**Thursday:** Waffles

**Friday:** Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Enchilada casserole, beans, chips, salad, peach cobbler

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

**Wednesday:** Chicken and noodles, green beans, salad, bread, cake

**Thursday:** Burritos, salad, beans, cookies

**Friday:** Pizza, corn, salad, fruit

## ECC Menu

Mon., Sept. 7

Center closed

Wed., Sept. 9

Lunch—Goulash and rice, pinto beans, buttered corn, blueberry cobbler, tea or coffee

Fri., Sept. 11

Lunch—Chicken spaghetti,

English peas, garden salad,

brownie, pears

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith commands us to work with our hands and our brains

Now the Lord had a reason for giving us hands,

Since we use them in earning our bread;

And an honest day's work our religion demands

As our method of getting ahead.

There was also a reason for giving us brains:

To absorb what the Lord had to say;

For we see in each lesson the Bible contains

The instruction to work and to pray. So whatever you do in your chosen career,

Just be sure that you give it your best;

Then when Labor Day's big celebration is here,

You'll enjoy every moment of rest.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

**East Side Baptist Church**

Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

600 N. 1st East, Haskell

**Christian Church**

Jim McCurley, pastor

Sun. 10:45 a.m.

107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

**Church of God**

Bruce Ray, pastor

Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Wed. 7:00 p.m.

714 North First East, Haskell

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Ron Rennegarbe, pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30

Hwy 380 East, Haskell

**Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**

Art Flores, Interim pastor

Sun. 9:45 a.m., 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.m., 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.m., 11 a.m., 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.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; 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.m., 10:55 a.m., 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

**God Loves You Ministries**

Mark Wallace, pastor

Sun. School 10 a.m.; Church 10:45 a.m.

West side of square, Haskell

—WEINERT—

**First Baptist Church**

Dan Bullock, pastor

Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.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.m., 10:45 a.m., 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.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Rochester

**Faith Chapel of Rochester**

Randy Hollingsworth, minister

Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.

Hwy 6, Rochester

—SAGERTON—

**Sagerton Methodist Church**

Stephanie 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.m., 11:00 a.m., 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.m., 10:40 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

811 Union, Rule

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**

Alfa y Omegas

Manuel Marin, pastor

Sun. 10 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 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.m., 11 a.m., 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.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 6 p.m.

O'Brien

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GARAGE SALE: 706 N. Ave. F. Friday and Saturday. 64 piece set of china, princess house crystal, comforters, end tables, spreader, Christmas decorations, boys' clothes and much more. 36p

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GARAGE SALE: Sat., Sept. 5. 347 CR 410 (Vet Clinic road), 8 a.m. to noon. Furniture, household goods, bikes, clothes. 36p

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### Public Notices

**NOTICE**  
The City of Haskell will hold a meeting at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14th, 2009 at City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2009. The proposed tax rate is \$.50 cents per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Haskell by 21%.

This increase reflects the addition of the prison to the city tax rolls. The Citizens of Haskell will not see an increase in city taxes as the tax rate from last year was \$.50 cents per \$100 of value. 36c

### Public Notices

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The City of Haskell will host a public hearing on the proposed 2009-2010 budget. The meeting will be at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14th, 2009 at City Hall. 36c

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALARY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FY 2009-2010

Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, Section 152.103, notice is hereby given that at the regular meeting of the Haskell County Commissioners' Court located on the 2nd floor of the Haskell County

### Public Notices

Courthouse, Haskell, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the 14th day of September, 2009, the Commissioners' Court shall consider a proposal to raise the annual salary of the following Haskell County Elected Officials, to become effective October 1, 2009:

Official, Sheriff (2009-2010 only); Present Salary, \$31,782.72; Proposed Salary, \$43,282.72; Amount of Increase, \$11,500.00.

Official, Sheriff (each year thereafter); Present Salary, \$31,782.72; Proposed Salary, \$37,782.72; Amount of Increase, \$6,000.00.

This increase is a result of fees paid to the Haskell County Sheriff's Department by Emerald Correctional Management, L.L.C. pursuant to the sale of Rolling Plains Regional Jail & Detention Facility by the County to Emerald Correctional Management, L.L.C. The fees will be used to increase the salary of the Sheriff and his Deputies.

Witness the hand and official seal of said Court on this the 31st day of August, 2009.

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God bless,  
Janie Rodriguez and kids

Thank you all so very much for the visits, telephone calls and prayers on our behalf during Royce's illness and last days. Our grief was somewhat lessened due to your love and compassion for us.  
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**UBU REACHES A MILESTONE**—Vera Smith helps her cat Ubu survive by feeding the kitten in her early life with a doll bottle. Ubu has lived a long life reaching a milestone in August when she turned twenty years old.

## Smith, Ubu celebrate twenty-year milestone

**by Caron Yates**  
Pet owners vary greatly in their desire for particular kinds, shapes or sizes of animals to keep as pets. Whether it is a dog, cat, hamster, snake or anything in between, most pet owners have something in common, that is an eagerness for the company of the pet, and a desire to care for a living creature.

Vera Smith, who has lived in Haskell for the past thirty-six years, tells the story of her pet, a cat named Ubu. Ubu reached a milestone this August when she turned twenty years old. The average life expectancy for an indoor cat is about fifteen years.

Although she has spent most of those twenty years

safe and well-cared for by Smith, life didn't begin quite so well for her.

Smith said back in 1989, they had a stray mother cat who frequently stayed in the backyard. In fact, she delivered her kittens under a small shed on the property.

As is typical of cats, one day the mother moved them. A morning or two later as Smith was out in the yard, she noticed a tiny kitten lying all alone. Apparently the mother had left one of the babies. Smith picked it up and put it where she thought the mom would find it, but for some reason she never came back for it.

Thinking that there would be no way the tiny

kitten could survive, Smith placed it in a shoebox. The plan was to bury it that afternoon when she returned home. Upon her return, the kitten appeared to be dead. She dug a hole in the yard, but as she picked up the box, the tiny creature cried. Smith quickly took it inside and hurried down to Perry Brothers to buy a couple of doll bottles.

As is true of all infants, the kitten had to receive scheduled feedings, including those during the night. So began a long running relationship between pet and owner.

Smith says the cat has been great company and unusually healthy, in spite of its rocky start.

## New golf cart rules in effect beginning Sept. 1

A new state law instructs the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to stop registering and titling golf carts, but these owners won't be stuck in their driveways.

The law went into effect Sept. 1, and allows cities to regulate golf cart use in their communities.

While we will stop registering golf carts you will still be able to drive these vehicles on public roads, providing you follow the state laws governing golf cart operation, said Rebecca Davio, director of TxDOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division.

State law allows the use of golf carts with a slow-moving vehicle emblem in the following situations:

- in master planned communities with a uniform set of restrictive covenants in place,

- on public or private beaches,

- during the daytime and no more than two miles from where the owner usually parks the golf cart and for transportation to or from a golf course, or

- to cross intersections, including a road or street that has a posted speed limit of more than 35 mph.

Cities also can allow golf carts with the proper equipment on certain roads, but you need to check with your city government to find out where or if they are permitted, Davio said.

A city can pass a local ordinance allowing golf cart use on roads with a posted speed limit of 35 mph or lower. However, the golf cart must be insured and have the following minimum equipment:

- headlamps,
- tail lamps,
- reflectors,
- parking brake,
- mirrors, and
- a slow-moving vehicle

emblem. The state, a county, or a city can ban golf cart operation on all or part of a public road in the interest of safety.

More information on golf carts, neighborhood electric vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and recreational off-highway vehicles is available at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov).

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## City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular session Aug. 24 with Mayor Bob Smith, Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers and Robert Tribbey attending. Absent were Council members Sue Medford and Jason Hall.

Tribbey gave the invocation.

A bid from Gloria Capetillo for property #R07342, Highland Addition Haskell, Block 16, Lot 12 was accepted.

A motion to allow proposed budget amendments was approved.

A motion was approved to take Consolidated Asset Management Service's

letter of intent, review it and offer suggestions for improvement. City Manager Brandon Anderson and Mayor Smith will negotiate changes to the letter of intent, notify the council members and sign the letter of intent. The council agrees to support the actions of the Development Corporation and their next study phase.

**In the City Administrator's report:**

- The City is assisting the Chamber of Commerce by doing the sidewalk cuts on the square to help the Chamber in the completion of the lamp project before homecoming.

- North Central Texas

Municipal Water Authority Manager, David Kuehler, will meet with the council to discuss the possible change in the tax structure for his entity on October 12.

- Anderson will attend the TxDOT Aviation meeting Aug. 25 in Abilene and invites other wishing to attend to contact him.

- The Texas Midwest Community Network will hold the annual conference Oct. 14 in Abilene. Those interested in attending should contact Anderson for details.

- The budget and tax hearing will be held at the next regularly scheduled council meeting on Sept. 14.

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