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## Baseball games

Haskell V vs Quanah  
Sat., April 22, 1 p.m.  
at Quanah

Haskell V vs Vernon NS  
Tues., April 25, 4:30 p.m.  
at Haskell

## Softball games

Haskell V vs New Deal  
Fri., April 21, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell

## Golf

Regional I Meet 9 a.m.  
Mon.-Tues., Apr. 24-25  
Maidens: Elm Grove, Lubbock  
Indians: Reese AFB, Lubbock

## Calendar

### Pizza sale

Rochester Junior High students are taking orders for Little Caesar's Kits to raise money for their class through April 27. Lots of choices are available including pizza kits, bread kits, family meal kits, pie kits and cookie dough kits. If you'd like to be contacted for an order call Reida Penman or Sandra Fry at 743-3260 or 743-3566 to be added to the list. Orders and money are due April 28. Orders will be delivered Thurs., May 11 at 7:30 p.m.

### Rule registration

Rule ISD will hold registration for Kindergarten and Pre-K Wed., May 3 from 2 to 3 p.m. beside the elementary workroom. Those attending should bring your child's official birth certificate from the courthouse, child's social security card, child's immunization record and parent's drivers license.

### Benefit luncheon

A baked potato benefit luncheon will be held for Robert and Heather Wood Sun., April 30 beginning at noon at the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center. Cost is \$5 per place. Carry-outs will be available. Donations will be accepted.

### Support requested

Those owning or living on property that will be affected by the Rice Springs Creek restoration project are asked to drop by City Hall and sign forms in support of the project as soon as possible. For more information, see Franciene Johnson.

### Spring musical

The Community Choir spring musical will be held Sat., April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. Third in Haskell. The theme of the musical is "Together We Can Do More."

### Council meeting

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council that was cancelled Mon., April 10 will be held Mon., April 24 at 7 a.m. at City Hall. A new agenda will be posted at 5 p.m. on Thurs., April 20.

### ECC dinner

The Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell will hold a Sunday dinner April 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the center. The menu will include chicken and dressing, giblet gravy, glazes yams, green beans, cranberries, yeast rolls, cobbler and whipped topping, and tea or coffee. Adults will eat for \$8; teens for \$4 and children under will eat free.

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., April 20 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR—Lorie Rodriguez, right, secretary of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, is presented her Citizen of the Year award by Chamber president, Shane Hadaway during the annual Chamber banquet held Thurs., April 13.

## Escapees cause non-traditional Easter hunt

At approximately 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, the Haskell County Sheriff's office received a call reporting two inmates had escaped from the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center. The Haskell Police Department immediately responded, calling in duty officers. Officer Steve Grand was the first to respond.

The suspects were 42 years old Joe Allen Wilkinson, serving Wyoming sentence for aggravated robbery, and 24 years old Robert G. Dix, serving a Wyoming sentence for 2nd degree murder.

The Sheriff's office received information that one of the subjects had been spotted behind the Mathis house east of the prison. An immediate perimeter was set up around the pasture. The Sheriff's office contacted the Texas Department of Criminal Justice System French Robertson Unit, requesting tracking dogs. The perimeter was held while waiting for

the dogs.

About two hours later, one suspect, Joe Allen Wilkinson, gave himself up to Deputy Winston Stephens.

The dogs arrived at approximately 11:30 a.m. to track Dix in the area one half mile into the pasture behind the Gary Harris house. Two members of the Haskell Fire Department saw the escapee in the pasture, but the dogs tired from the heat before the suspect could be located. Other dogs were called in from Wallace Unit in Colorado City and the Allred Unit in Wichita Falls to help.

During that time, the DPS helicopter flew over the pasture, but was unable to locate the suspect. When the other dogs arrived they continued tracking but lost the trail. The search was expanded over a four mile area, but darkness caused the dogs and helicopter to have to leave the area. Local officers continued to search and secure the perimeter, with the help of the Haskell Fire

Department and Emerald Correctional officers. A foot search and a search using Fire Department tracks was conducted back through the pasture to make sure the escapee was not still there. Jim Bridwell of Haskell used his plane to do an aerial

search.

From 2:30 to 3:00 p.m., Sunday, the search was expanded to north, east and south of Lake Stamford, hoping someone would see the escapee walking. At 7:20 p.m., two continued on page 2

## Cleanup week comes to an end

A City Wide Clean Up Week for Haskell continues through Sat., April 29.

During this week, the landfill will be open for dumping from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 8:30 am to 4:00 p.m. through Friday.

Two trailers will be available during the week, half day only, for those who do not have their own trailer. Personal trailers and trucks hauling loose trash must have a tarp. Bulky items, lumber, tin, etc., must be tied down.

Things that will not be accepted during clean-up week are chemicals, tires, batteries, anything with Freon, asbestos, any roofing materials and paint.

Bulky items will be picked up if they are put by the dumpster, but only if arrangements have been made through City Hall, 864-2333.

This service is provided for citizens in the city limits of Haskell only. Proof of residence, such as a water bill, may be requested.

## PC to register Pre-K and Kindergarten

Paint Creek School will hold registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten classes for the 2006-07 school year Tues., May 2. Please come by the school office between 12:00 noon and 3:30 p.m. to complete needed paperwork.

To attend Kindergarten a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2006. To attend Pre-K a child must be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2006.

Parents should bring their driver's license, and their child's immunization record, birth certificate, and social security card to registration.

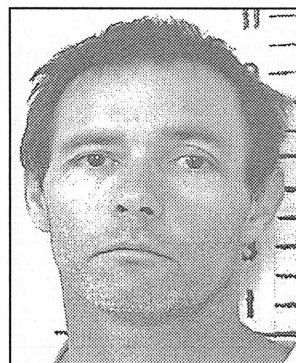
If you cannot attend registration, but have a Pre-K or Kindergarten student, call the school at 864-2471 and make arrangements other arrangements.



VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR—The members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department were named the 2005 Volunteers of the Year during the annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet Thurs., April 13. Members present and accepting the award for the department include back row, l-r, Randy Shaw, A.J. Shaw, Danny Stocks and Eddie Klose; front row, Louis Enriquez, Fire Chief Bill Steele, and Kenny Watson. Other department members include Tony Haynes, Bryce Hudgens, Tim Wilson, John Wheat, Claude Payne, Felix Rodriguez, Donald Cunningham, Jeff Caparoon, Casey Moeller, Randall Martin, Mathew Cunningham, Jesse Billington, Brian Scifres and Jason Torres. Jerry Stocks and Sam Watson were also members of the department during 2005.



ROBERT DIX



JOE WILKINSON

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# Escapees

continued from page 1  
 Emerald employees noticed a hitchhiker at one of the underpasses on Hwy. 277, walking toward Anson. The Haskell Sheriff was contacted and Stamford Police Department was called to check out the suspect. Luke Griffin, Haskell County District Attorney investigator, heard the call and went to assist. DPS officers from Jones County took the suspect into custody. Dix was transported to Jones County, magistrates and brought back to the Haskell County Jail. This was the first escape made from the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center since it opened in 2002. The groups involved with helping with the search were the Haskell, Rule, Rochester, Anson and Hamlin

Police Departments; Haskell, Throckmorton and Knox City Sheriff's Offices; Department of Public Safety Area 5; Haskell Construction; The Robertson, Wallace and Allred Units of Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice; Emerald Corrections officers, and the Texas Rangers; Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens; the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department and area citizens. Haskell Sheriff David Halliburton expressed his special thanks to the Haskell Fire Department, Jim Bridwell, and to citizens for furnishing the food for those participating in the search. Details of how the prisoners escaped are under investigation by the Texas Rangers.



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The staff of the Rolling Plains Correctional Facility and the management of Emerald Companies would like to thank Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton, Haskell County Judge David Davis, Department of Public Safety Sergeant Jodie Tullos, City of Haskell Chief of Police Tom Bassett, City of Haskell Fire Chief Bill Steele, Texas Rangers, and all of your staff and volunteers for the assistance on April 15 and 16 with the apprehension of the two offenders from the Rolling Plains Correctional Facility.

Events such as these are by no means enjoyable for any concerned and are not a source of pride of the institution. Human error lead to a mistake that was made which resulted in the situation which occurred last week. Immediate steps have been taken to rectify this situation. As it always has been, our primary objective has been the safety and security of our community and our staff.

While human error lead to this event, every effort is being made to continue the process of making this a safer and more secure facility.

Events such as these are unfortunate, we have also seen the best of people. We have seen a dedicated and professional staff from Rolling Plains Correctional Facility who worked countless hours to ensure the safety of this community. We also saw the best of our community through law enforcement and local vendors who assisted in this endeavor.

Again, we wish to thank everyone involved and assure you that even through human error is what precipitated this event; all efforts are being made to ensure this does not happen again.

Thank you,  
 Warden Jill Watson

# Calendar

## City cleanup

Haskell's city wide cleanup continues through April 29. Landfill hours will be on Sat., April 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekdays through April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two trailers will be available during the week, half day only for those not having a trailer. All items must be secured when hauling. No chemicals, tires, batteries, things with Freon, asbestos, roofing materials or paint will be accepted. Bulky items will be picked up if placed by the dumpster by making arrangements by calling City Hall at 864-2333. This is for citizens who live in the city limits of Haskell only. Proof of residence, such as a water bill, will be required.

## Rochester anniversary

Rochester exes are asked to email both physical and email addresses to Sandra Fry at sfryrochester@yahoo.com. Pictures for a presentation for the Rochester 100th anniversary and homecoming weekend to be held Oct. 13-14 are also needed.

## Blue & Gold banquet

Cub Scout Pack 136 will hold their Blue & Gold banquet Sat., April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Cub Scouts will receive advancements and awards during the annual banquet.

## Queen's contest

The Wild Horse Prairie Days queen contest will be held Sun., May 21. Three categories of entries will be accepted, Little Miss (second through fifth grades), Junior Miss (sixth through eighth grades), and Queen (ninth through twelfth grades). Entry forms are available at all Haskell County schools, the Chamber of Commerce office and the Personality-Slipper Shoppe. Entry deadline is May 10.

## Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

## Story time

Story time will be held at the Haskell Co. Library each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, activities, crafts and story telling by Paula Renegarbe will be featured for children.

## Burn ban issued

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



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**STATE BOUND**—Paint Creek FFA Dairy Foods team will compete at the state contest at Tarleton State University Thurs., April 27. The team has placed second in district, third in area and ninth at Texas Tech University competitions. Team members are, l-r, Dolores Medford, sponsor, Michael Bailiff, Amber Gilbreath, Lacey Stephens, Paula Isbell, Caleb Whitfield and Colby Christie, advisor.

# Obituaries

## Yvonne Marie Hufhines



**YVONNE HUFHINES**

Funeral services for Yvonne Marie Hufhines, 63, of Dimmitt were held Sat., April 15 at the Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt with Rev. James Peel, youth minister of First Christian Church of Lubbock, officiating. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial

Park in Dimmitt under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Hufhines died Thurs., April 13 in Amarillo.

Born Aug. 26, 1942 in Duncan Oklahoma, she was the daughter of John and Joyce Hawkins. She moved with her family to Weinert and attended Weinert Schools through 1959. She married Garry Richard Hufhines of Amarillo April 24, 1959 in Wichita Falls. They spent the first few years of marriage in Jayton. In May of 1962, the family moved to Dimmitt where she worked for Continental Telephone Co. and Allsup's before becoming a substitute teacher for Dimmitt ISD. She was the ISS teacher for 18 years, retiring in 2002. She enjoyed crochet, cross stitch, crossword and jigsaw puzzles, reading, gardening and canning. She liked to travel, fish and hunt for treasures at garage sales and auctions.

She was a wonderful and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister,

aunt, friend and confidant who will be missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Hawkins; and three brothers, Clayton, Curtis and Joe Hawkins.

Survivors include her husband, Garry Hufhines of Dimmitt; two daughters, Trisha Crow of Norman, Oklahoma and Keri Magby of Lubbock; one son, Brian Hufhines of Amarillo; ten grandchildren; two great grandchildren; mother, Joyce Hawkins of Haskell; three sisters, Darlene Conn and Margaret Tatum, both of Haskell, and Floradean Cockerell of Abilene; six brothers, James Hawkins of Wichita Falls, Gary Lee Hawkins and Sammy Hawkins, both of Haskell, Glendon Hawkins of Lincoln, Arkansas, Johnny Hawkins of Jerrill, and Bobby Hawkins of Lewisville.

Memorials may be made to the DARSPA Yvonne Hufhines Memorial Book Project, 1603 Sunset Circle, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. PD NOTICE

# Fire safety tips for rural residents

Create a defensible space of at least 30 feet around your house and outbuildings; closely mow lawns and trees should be pruned and spaced widely apart.

Establish fuel breaks along roadways and between buildings and fields or woodlands.

Keep mufflers and spark arresters on agricultural equipment in proper working order and watch out for rocks and metal when bush hogging or mowing.

Monitor hay-baling operations closely, dry hay can ignite within the baler.

Watch out for sparks when using welding equipment to build fences or repair equipment.

Avoid driving or parking vehicles in grassy areas where tall, dry grass comes into contact with hot pollution control equipment under vehicles.

Postpone outdoor burning until

your area greens up, check with local fire department to determine if ban on outdoor burning have been lifted.

When debris burning is allowed, establish wide control lines down to bare mineral soil prior to lighting your fire. Burn trash in a burn barrel or other fire-safe receptacle covered with a wire mesh or gird that will help contain burning debris. Stay with your fire until it is out.

# TAHC says proposed premises registration on hold until 2007

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) will not address proposed regulations for premises registration at the upcoming May 4 TAHC commission meeting in Austin. Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and TAHC executive director, said the proposed premises registration regulations have been placed on "hold," and will not be considered by commissioners until the winter or spring of 2007.

Dr. Hillman said the TAHC will continue to promote voluntary, free registration of sites (premises) where livestock and fowl are held, handled or managed. As of April 4, more than 10,000 premises have been registered in Texas; more than 213,000 have been registered nationally. Premises registration is the foundation of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS), which, when fully implemented, would enable animal health officials to trace the movement of diseased or exposed livestock or poultry within 48 hours.

Information and agendas for Commission meetings will be posted on the TAHC web site, filed in the

Texas Register and announced through news releases. All TAHC commission meetings are open to the public. The TAHC's Austin headquarters may be reached at 1-800-550-8242, and the agency's web site can be accessed at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>.

Information sheets about premises registration, NAIS booklets, or presentations about premises registration may be requested by contacting the nearest TAHC area office, or by calling the TAHCs headquarters and asking for Kenny Edgar, identification coordinator, or Carla Everett, public information officer.



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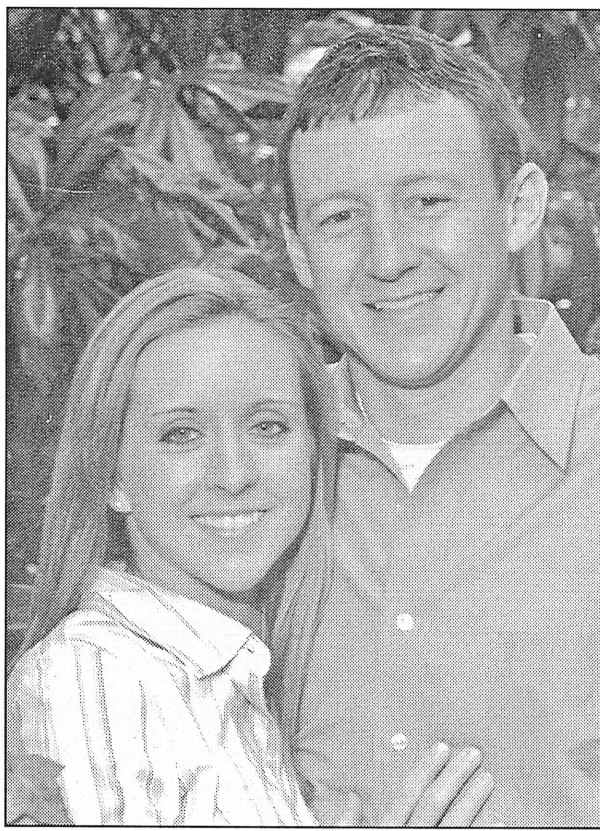
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**RECOGNIZED FOR ACHIEVEMENT**—Shana Armstrong, left, a seventh grade student at Paint Creek School has been nominated by her teacher, Annie Horton, right, as a Lone Star State Scholar. The award recognizes a student's academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service.



JENNIFER CERRATO — CY MCGUIRE

## Cerrato, McGuire to marry

Jim and Judy Cerrato of Longview are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Cerrato, to Cy Christopher McGuire, son of Mike and Jo McGuire of Haskell.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Floyd and Alta McGuire of Haskell and the late Pat and Wanda Morrison.

A 1999 graduate of Longview Pine Tree High School, the bride-elect earned her Bachelor of Science in biology in 2003 from Texas A&M University in College Station. She completed her physician assistant degree from the University of North

Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth this spring.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1999 graduate of Haskell High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Crop and Soil Science in 2003 and a Master of Science in Molecular and Environmental Plant Sciences in 2005 from Texas A&M University. He is employed as an agronomist and system designer for Eco-Drip Subsurface Drip Irrigation in Abernathy.

The couple plans to marry July 22 at Birchman Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

## Haskell to register EC, Pre K and Head Start

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for Prekindergarten, Head Start and Early Childhood classes for the 2006-07 school year Fri., April 21. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Haskell Elementary library. Registration for Prekindergarten will also be held on Thurs., April 20 from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. at Rochester Junior High.

To attend Prekindergarten, a child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2006, qualify for free or reduced lunches or be of limited English-speaking ability or identified as being homeless. However, Haskell Elementary is hoping to offer Prekindergarten for all four year olds. If you are interested in this program for your child, be sure to register Fri., April 21 or Thurs., April 20.

To qualify for Head Start, a child

must be 3 or 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2006 and meet income guidelines.

Early Childhood is for children ages 3-5 that may be developmentally delayed in areas such as learning, speech and/or emotional skills. If your child turns 3 during the 2006-07 school year, call the elementary office at 864-2654 at that time to schedule an appointment to have your child screened.

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

It is possible for some children to qualify for more than one of these programs. Call Peggy Adams at 864-2654 for more information.

## Haskell to register Kindergarten classes Friday, April 28

Haskell Elementary School will have Kindergarten registration and screening Fri., April 28. Students who are currently enrolled in prekindergarten are still required to come to registration.

To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2006.

Students whose last names begin with letters A through F will register at 9 a.m. Those with last names beginning with letters G through L will register at 10 a.m. Those with last names beginning with letters M through R will register at 1 p.m. and those with last names beginning with letters S through Z will register at 2 p.m. Please bring your child to the elementary office.

Each child needs to bring his/her

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

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## Births

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She was welcomed home by brother, Daniel, and sister, Audrey. Grandparents are John and Pat Williams of Andrews and Coe and Suzy McElmurry of Monett, Missouri. Great grandmother is Lois Marie Redwine of Haskell.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins, daughter and grandson, all of Wichita Falls, visited with his mother, Joyce Hawkins of Haskell recently. They stopped by on their way to Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Cockerell of Abilene were in Haskell recently to visit Joyce Hawkins. They took Joyce and Margaret Tatum out for supper.

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# OPINION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Governor to Speaker: Main goal for session is tax reform

AUSTIN—On April 12, five days before the opening of a special session of the Texas Legislature, Gov. Rick Perry sent a letter to House Speaker Tom Craddick.

In the letter, Perry declares: “Once legislators have met the goal of reforming the current tax system, I will then consider expanding the call to other meaningful issues facing our state.”

Picture an ox and cart in Perry’s mind, with tax reform as the ox and school finance reform as the cart. Perry has been pressured to put the ox and cart side by side.

The ox must lead, however, because the Texas Supreme Court ordered legislators to do one thing: give local school districts the freedom to adjust property tax rates meaningfully, instead of merely fixing rates at the maximum. The task must be accomplished by June 1.

Perry’s Texas Tax Reform Commission, chaired by former state comptroller John Sharp, produced a 92-page document with language that substantially reforms the tax code.

In those pages are words to create a business tax based on adjusted gross receipts. Adjustments, or deductions, are based on how much compensation is paid to a firm’s employees, or, on the amount of a business’s cost of goods sold.

Note: Cost of goods sold is found by establishing the cost of a company’s beginning inventory and adding net purchases in a business year to get a cost of goods available for sale. Cost of ending inventory is subtracted from that amount, and the total is cost of goods sold.

Most businesses would pay a 1 percent tax, but retailers and wholesalers would pay 0.5 percent under the Perry-Sharp plan.

On April 11, the Texas Association of Business, which represents more than 140,000 businesses and millions of employees, added its stamp of approval to the Perry-Sharp plan. Earlier, 23 other major associations

and groups endorsed the plan.

But as of April 16, no House member had come forward and offered to carry the Perry-Sharp plan as a bill in the special session, which started April 17.

### Dems ask for new ethics rules

State Reps. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, and Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, on April 13 proposed to amend House rules so that issues before the Legislature in the special session would be more “transparent” to all Texans.

The trio’s “Open the People’s House Reform Plan,” outlined in a letter to all House members, would take some of the mystery out of the legislative process by requiring:

- real-time record votes on all questions so the public can hold officials accountable;
- real-time Internet access to all floor amendments;
- conference committees to meet and vote in public; and
- the House to abide by the same open meetings laws required of every other governmental body.

### Perry ad blitz raises hackles

Gubernatorial candidates Chris Bell, a Democrat, and Carole Keeton Strayhorn, running as an independent, complained about Gov. Rick Perry’s advertising campaign promoting his tax reform proposal.

Perry supporters raised some \$6 million from corporate and other donations to pay for the advertising.

With the campaign on and the special session about to commence, Strayhorn questioned the ethics of soliciting corporations. Bell said, “Just because it’s legal doesn’t mean it’s ethical.”

### Health agency issues caution

The Department of State Health Services recommends thorough hand washing after handling baby chicks given as Easter presents. Hand washing reduces the risk of contracting salmonella, a bacteria that can cause diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain and fever, the agency said.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago April 18, 1996

Haskell High school took first place in the district meet at the Haskell track field. Shane McKenzie’s winning jump of five feet, put Haskell in first place. Kellie Moeller, placed first in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.40.

Haskell City Council approved a motion to appoint Sam Toliver to the Economic Development Corporation board, and to appoint Bob Phiel as an alternate. Randy Hise and Greg Melton were reappointed to serve another term.

Members of the Rotary Club gathered at the city park to begin a clean up.

### 20 Years Ago April 17, 1986

Haskell Volunteer Fire Department teams won first place in the men’s pumper race and the two man hose lay at the Mid West Texas Firemen and Firemarshal’s Association Convention.

Seth Pace, won second place with his short story “Why Clouds Cry—A Myth,” in the Big Country Creative Writing Contest at Abilene Christian University.

Haskell Junior High School students winning three first places in the University Interscholastic league district contests in Stamford were: Devona McFadden, impromptu speaking, Missy Phemister, number sense and Erick Harvey, spelling.

### 30 Years Ago April 15, 1976

The Haskell Indian Track team completely dominated the Bearcat Relays at Ballinger. The Indians scored 152 1/2 points to win the championship.

Haskell Jaycee Bass Tournament held at Stamford Lake and the fishermen had pretty good luck. Fishing were: J.C. Kyle, Rule, 37 lbs. 1/2 oz.; David Burson, Haskell, 26 lb. 6 1/2 oz.; Joseph Thigpen, Haskell, 19 lbs. 8 oz.; Eddie Hester, Haskell, 14 lbs. 15 oz.; Bill Perry, Haskell, 1 lb. 12 oz.; James Davis, Haskell, 1 lb. 7 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Frankie SoRelle and Emily spent last weekend in Henderson visiting Mrs. Owens mother and other relatives. They were met there by Mr. and Mrs. Bassett Owens of Houston.

### 40 Years Ago April 21, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Crouch have announced the purchase of Texas Cafe and state that they will open this week. They have completely remodeled the cafe and invite your inspection.

A heavy rain storm and hail storm hit Haskell. Hail stones the size of marbles, and very strong wind. The northeast section of the town was hit the hardest by hail.

Bobby L. Howard, Haskell County farmer, received the Lions

and Fort Worth Press Outstanding Conservation award.

Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Persons have returned to Haskell after an extended stay in New Orleans. Their daughter, Mrs. C.F. Hunter, accompanied them home and remained for several days.

### 50 Years Ago April 19, 1956

Showing in the Texas Theatre: Smoke Signal starring Dana Andrews, Piper Laurie; The Spoilers, starring Anne Baxter, Jeff Chandler, Rory Calhoun; and The Man with the Golden Arm, starring Frank Sinatra, Eleanor Parker and Kim Novak.

Bob Starr, on the mound for the Haskell Indians, struck out 17 batters as the Redskins blasted Anson 8-1 in the District 1A-5 opener for both teams.

John B. Martin, former administrator of the Haskell County Hospital for two and one half years, has accepted a position as business manager and purchasing agent of the Gainesville Sanitarium in Gainesville.

### 100 Years Ago April 21, 1906

J.J. Pollard, who lives west of town, was here Thursday doing some trading. He says the rain this week makes a fine prospect for the small grain.

L.M. Hamilton was in town Tuesday and sold to Haskell buyers 13 bales of cotton at a price of 10 1-4 cents.

D.W. Pitchford and family have returned from a week’s visit in Weatherford.

W. F. Draper was in town and said that most of the wheat is knee high and is looking fine. He says the prospect for oats is equally as flattering as that of wheat.

Walter Webb of Pinkerton community sold two bales of cotton to local buyers Tuesday.

## Rural wildfire preparedness checklist

Being prepared before a wildfire event is critical for homeowners. Consider items in each category below carefully when preparing your home site for wildfire preparedness.

- Check the house for:
- Fire-resistant roof, i.e., metal, tile or composition
  - Non-flammable siding materials
  - Be located down-slope
  - Wooden deck facing or overhanging level ground
  - Large glass windows, facing level ground
  - Deck, porch, vents or house screened to keep sparks out
  - Chimney extending above the roofline
  - Chimney spark arrester in place
  - Roof and gutters clean of debris
- Around the house check for:
- A fire defensible space (D-space) zone of 30-100 feet
  - Adequate clearance of weeds, tall grasses and brush
  - Leaves should be raked
  - Trees pruned 10 feet up from the base of the trunk
  - Debris cleared from beneath trees and near structures
  - Tree limbs pruned at least 10 feet from roof or within 15 feet laterally from chimney
  - House location of address clearly marked with at least 3 inch letters
  - Firewood and other burnable items stored at least 30 feet from the house
  - Small amounts of mulch used near wooden structures
  - Access to the property:
  - Easy access to home by emergency vehicles
  - Road grade less than 15% (not steep)
  - Road wide and accommodating to two-way traffic
  - Road straight with wide turns
  - Large areas for vehicles to turn around
  - Short driveway from main road
  - Multiple roads into and out of developed area for safe and easy access and evacuation
  - Home area level and easily plowed or raked for fire line
  - Available water supply:
  - Pressurized hydrants available
  - Non-pressurized or dry hydrants available
  - Water sources such as ponds or streams accessible
  - Power lines buried and non susceptible to fire
  - Well pumps maintained with uninterrupted electricity
- Wildfire safety begins well before a wildfire event. Attention to these details can help make a difference in the damage a wildfire can have to your property.

## Sales tax receipts show slight decrease

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said that the state received \$1.36 billion in sales tax revenue in March, a 13.2 percent increase compared to March 2005.

Local sales tax revenues also continue to grow. Strayhorn sent \$368.2 million in April sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, an 18.2 percent increase compared to April 2005. So far this

calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 17 percent.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent April sales tax allocations of \$249.3 million to Texas cities, up 17.8 percent compared to April 2005. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 15.5 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$22.3 million, up 19.2 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date,

county sales tax allocations are 18.1 percent higher than last year.

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

Haskell County had a 20.15 percent decrease for April 2006 of \$19,015.42 in comparison to \$23,815.52 for April 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$119,148.55 reflect a 6.63 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$111,732.05.

The City of Haskell had a 22.55 percent decrease for April 2006 of \$17,479.55 in comparison to \$22,570.58 for April 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$109,913.57 reflect a 5.53 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$104,152.73.

The City of O’Brien had a 19.21 percent increase for April 2006 of \$28.79 in comparison to \$24.15 for April 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$269.35 reflect a 55.51 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$173.20.

The City of Rochester had a 10.11 percent decrease for April 2006 of \$279.32 in comparison to \$310.75 for April 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$2,026.95 reflect a 3.19 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$1,964.19.

The City of Rule had a 19.98 percent increase for April 2006 of \$1,035.15 in comparison to \$862.72 for April 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$5,794.35 reflect a 18.96 percent increase over 2005 payments

to date of \$4,870.76.

The City of Weinert had a 307.03 percent increase for April 2006 of \$192.61 in comparison to \$47.32 for April 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$1,144.33 reflect a 100.34 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$571.17.

## AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

### “Government Grants” Scams Alive And Well

Recently my office has seen a continuation of scams disguised as small business grants offered by the federal government. Several Texans report being contacted by strangers who claim they can help secure government grants from \$5,000 to \$50,000. The scammer will then ask for a processing or “consulting” fee of several hundreds or even thousands of dollars up front. The grant applicant might even be told that the fee is refundable if they do not qualify, making the offer even more tempting. After the money is paid, however, the scammer disappears and the grant never materializes.

Don’t be fooled. If you are interested in applying for legitimate government grants, deal directly with the agency or program offering the money. It is generally not necessary to pay someone to help you through the process and most agencies provide assistance at no charge in filling out forms and explaining what it takes to qualify.

Scams involving bogus government grants seem to focus on low income families or small minority-owned businesses. This makes the scheme even more sinister because their victims are people who can least afford to lose their money.

Remember, government agencies will not call you or show up unexpectedly at your doorstep to offer you grants. If someone contacts you saying you qualify for a government grant, provided you pay money up front, simply hang up. You should also report the matter to my office immediately at 1-800-252-8011.

And if strangers knock on your door promoting one of these programs and ask for money up front, you should close the door and might even consider calling your local police department if they are roaming your neighborhood looking for victims.

To find out more about legitimate government grants and what it takes to qualify for them, go online to [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or call 1-800-518-4726.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,  
Once again, I feel I must write you good people of Haskell County. I am writing in regard to the recent NAAR Walk in Abilene that we attended as part of “Taylor’s Team,” who just happens to be our grandchild.

Our daughter has a real passion for this mission we are on. We attended the program at school on the Friday preceding the walk and our hearts swelled with pride of what one mother can do when surrounded by people as yourselves.

To all of those who sponsored or donated or gave in any manner we thank you; to all of you who worked on the multiple projects to raise money, we thank you. I have never seen such a small community come together as you have to support Melissa and Jimmy in their quest to help their child and others with autism. We know how blessed we are that Taylor is high functioning, because at these walks we have seen the opposite end of the spectrum.

We thank you again for your loving support in so many different ways. God bless you all!

We look forward to greeting you each time we visit our children in Haskell.

Sparky and Barbara Eckles  
Spur, Texas

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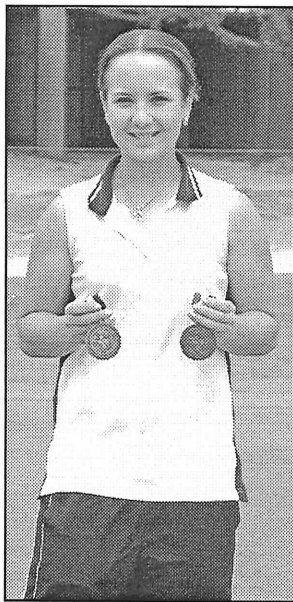
# Food training class set

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County

A two-day Food Protection Management training for food service managers in the Big Country area will be held May 15 and 22 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension Office in Abilene.

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



**TOP IN DISTRICT—Candace Brister posted an individual score of 74 to earn her top medalist rights in the District 6A golf tournament held April 11 at Jayton.**

Registration deadline is April 24. Registration information is available by calling the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048 or the Jones County Extension Office at 325-823-2432.

# Fair housing recognized

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) this month joins other agencies and organizations throughout the state in recognizing the 1968 passage of landmark fair housing legislation by observing "National Fair Housing Month." A proclamation by Governor Rick Perry calls on Texans to remain committed to advancing fair housing opportunities for all citizens and officially proclaimed April "Fair Housing Month" in Texas.

"Whether living in our largest cities or in our most rural counties, all Texans are entitled to fair housing opportunities," the proclamation states.

"ORCA is dedicated to the administration of its programs that provide for infrastructure such as water and sewer lines that support housing developments in rural areas," noted ORCA Executive Director Charles S. (Charlie) Stone. "We are equally committed to supporting fair housing activities throughout our state."

The Fair Housing Act, established by Congress in 1968, prohibits discrimination in the financing, rent, or sale of any dwelling based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the bill into law on April 11, 1968, paving the way for the month of April to be recognized as National Fair Housing Month.

Amendments to the Act in 1988

extended protection against housing discrimination based on disability or familial status. The following year, the Texas Legislature solidified its commitment to fair housing with the Texas Fair Housing Act of 1989, which offered protection for apartment renters and homeowners.

ORCA's infrastructure and other development programs are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program.

ORCA's door is always open for your comments and suggestions regarding the agency, or rural issues in general. Contact ORCA at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Phone: 512-936-6701 Toll free: 800-544-2042 E-mail: orca@orca.state.tx.us Fax: 512-936-6776. On the web: www.orca.state.tx.us

ORCA was created by the 77th Legislature to facilitate and focus the state's health, economic development, and community development programs targeting rural communities in Texas. ORCA's programs and services support healthcare delivery in rural Texas, and address rural community planning activities, and housing and public facility needs such as sewer, water system, road, drainage improvements, and disaster relief funds. ORCA is the door to Texas government for rural citizens.

# USDA-AMS has many certified beef programs

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Most producers, and many consumers, are aware of Certified Angus Beef. Less known is that there are numerous Certified Beef Programs, under the requirements of USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service. According to the AMS website, there are currently 44 certified programs.

Thirty of these are for Angus influence (minimum 51 percent solid black body color, polled or horned, no carcasses with dairy conformation or excessive hump). Five, including CAB, are for the upper 2/3 of U.S. Choice (Modest00 marbling) or Prime. Two are for middle of Low Choice (Small50) or higher. Four are for Low Choice (Small00) or higher. Three are for Select (Slight00) or higher. Two are for Standard (Practically Deviod00) or higher. Ten are for multi-tier grade (Prime, upper 2/3 Choice, Low Choice, and/or

Select). One is for non-hormone treated, Select or higher. And three are for carcasses from older animals (Utility or Commercial).

Eleven programs are non-breed specific, nine of which use CAB-type carcass specifications. Two programs are for Hereford influence, Select or Choice Grade, one of which is run by the American Hereford Association. Hereford is defined as: predominantly (51% or more) white face; white markings on jaw, forehead, and muzzle; traditional white markings on face and neck; no white on hip, shoulder, or side, such as spots, stripes or belts; body only solid red, solid black, or roan; no evidence of dairy breeding or excessive hump. And one program is for a "brand name specification," requiring electrical stimulation, Select or Choice grade.

More certified programs are sure to come.



**REGIONAL BOUND—The Haskell Maidens golf team earned the right to advance to the Regional golf tournament during district play held at the Jayton Country Club Tues., April 11. The team posted a collective score of 409 to earn the District 6A Championship title. Team members are, l-r, Candace Brister who scored 74 and was top medalist, Mali Torres, Mollie McKnight, Coach David Middleton, Robbyn Tribbey who scored 90 and placed 4th, and Lacey Peiser. The team will play in the Regional golf tournament April 24-25 beginning at 9 a.m. each morning at the Elm Grove Golf Course in Lubbock.**

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**JUDGING TEAM**—Those participating in the 4-H Livestock Judging contest held April 7 in Canyon were, l-r, Jasmine Klose, Aaron Urich, Payne Utley, Stewart Urich, Lacy Tullos, Macy Bingham and Paige Glover. 4-H'ers judged classes of sheep, hogs and cattle and were among 32 teams from across the district attending the competition.



**ATTEND STATE FCCLA CONFERENCE**—Members of the Paint Creek FCCLA attended the state leadership conference held in Fort Worth April 6-8. Pictured, l-r, are Jessica Messenger, Cidney Jordan, Rebecca Hope, Jerica Ticer and Darlene Hopkins, advisor.

## Paint Creek FCCLA members compete at state conference

The Paint Creek Family, Career and Community Leaders (FCCLA) members participated/competed in the State FCCLA Leadership Conference and Contest, held in Fort Worth April 6-8. The students also toured the Fort Worth Zoo while at the conference.

Those members competing in the State FCCLA Leadership contest entitled "FCCLA—the Brand of Excellence" were Rebecca Hope, Jessica Messenger, Cidney Jordan and Jerica Ticer. These members competed in the Leadership Enhancement Opportunities (LEOs) tests. Jordan received gold level in FCCLA Creed, Ticer and Messenger received bronze level in FCCLA Creed. The LEO test categories were FCCLA Creed, Consumer Quiz, Job

Interview, Step One and Parliamentary Procedure. Hope represented the chapter as the voting delegate.

These students also completed all five units of the "Power of One" project. The students must complete a "Power of One" project sheet for each unit that involves using the FCCLA Planning Process steps: 1. Identify a concern; 2. Set a goal; 3. Form a plan; 4. Act; 5. Follow up. The five "Power of One" self-improvement units are entitled: A Better You, Family Ties, Working on Working, Take the Lead, and Speak Out for FCCLA.

Chapter members have participated in various other family and consumer science related

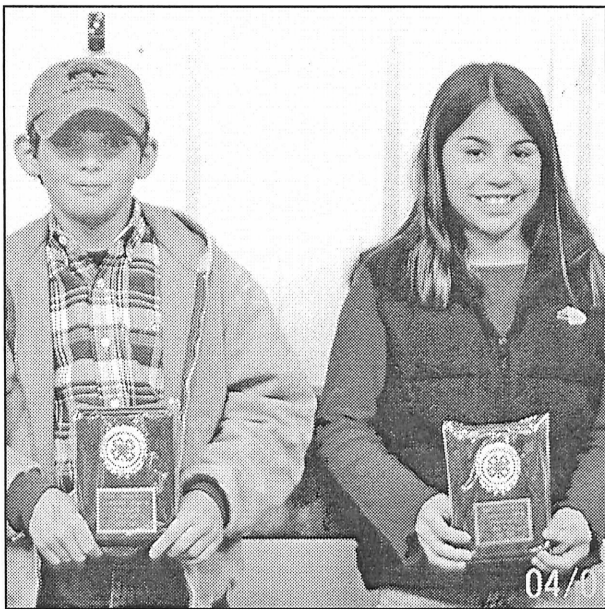
activities this year. The chapter meets the first Monday of each month at lunch in the room of Paint Creek FCCLA advisor Darlene Hopkins.

Members have been involved in projects such as Red Ribbon Drug Abuse Prevention Week, Community/School Service projects like nursing home resident appreciation, school board/ teacher appreciation, senior concession stand assistance, elementary musical program assistance, and "Stop the Violence" Child Abuse Prevention Awareness project.

Also, competitions/activities such as the West Texas Fair, and Lifeskills Consumer Quiz computer competitions were competed in the school year 2005-06.



**3RD OVERALL WINNER**—Jasmine Klose won 3rd overall in the Intermediate division of the 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held April 7 in Canyon.



**3RD PLACE JUDGING**—In the Junior Division of the Livestock Judging Contest held Fri., April 7 in Canyon, Aaron Urich, left, was recognized with high point overall honors. Macy Bingham, right, was 8th overall in the Junior Division.

## 4-H judging team competes in livestock contest at Canyon

Seven Haskell County 4-H'ers participated in a Livestock Judging contest held Fri., April 7 in Canyon. Participants judged nine classes consisting of sheep, hogs and cattle.

Thirty-two teams from across the district attended.

This was the first judging contest for team members from Haskell County. In the Junior Division, Aaron

Urich as high point overall honors and Macy Bingham was 8th overall in the division. They were also third place team.

Jasmine Klose placed third overall in the Intermediate Division where the team placed 7th.

Other members of the team were Stewart Urich, Paige Glover, Lacy Tullos and Payne Utley.

Wes Utley, county extension agent and coach said, "I'm very proud of these kids. They worked very hard and deserve this success."

## Haskell students do well at UIL Academic meet

Haskell High School's UIL program received second place overall at the District 6A Academic Meet held March 27-28 with just under 400 points.

Fifteen students qualified to advance to Regional Competition, along with two others traveling as alternates to South Plains College April 21. Four teams winning first place in their contests were Journalism, Speech, Calculator Applications and Social Studies.

All members of the Calculator team (Caleb Hudgens, Diana Mauricio, Lacey Peiser and Stephanie Grand) and all members of the Social Studies team (Kristen Martinez, Jared Webb, Blake Foley

and Douglas Moore) automatically qualify to the regional competition by winning first.

Individuals listed below receiving first through third place in their events also qualify for regional. Results are as follows:

News Writing: Jared Webb, 2nd place; Caleb Hudgens, 3rd place.

Feature Writing: Meredith Harvey, 1st place; Caleb Hudgens, 2nd place; L.J. McCulloch, 5th place.

Editorial Writing: Caleb Hudgens, 2nd place; L.J. McCulloch, 4th place; Lacey Peiser, 5th place.

Headline Writing: Caleb Hudgens, 2nd place; Kory Foster, 5th place.

Ready Writing: Maegan Baugh, 1st place; Paige Wheatley, 3rd place.

Current Events: Kerri Newton, 3rd place.

Calculators: Caleb Hudgens, 2nd place; Diana Mauricio, 3rd place; Lacey Peiser, 4th place; Stephanie Grand, 6th place.

Science: Kristen Martinez, 6th place.

Spelling: Jessica Herring, 6th place.

Social Studies: Kristen Martinez, 1st place; Jared Webb, 2nd place.

Mathematics: Mollie McKnight, 3rd place.

LD Debate: L.J. McCulloch, 4th place.

Poetry: Stephanie Grand, 2nd place; Shayla Felty, 6th place.

Prose: John English, 1st place.

Interpretation: Veronica Session, 4th place.

Informative: Ashley Foster, 3rd place; Paige Adams, 5th place.

Persuasive: Caleb Hudgens, 1st place; L.J. McCulloch, 4th place; Brittany Garison, 5th place.

### TAX PLANNING

Written By  
James E. Rodgers, CPA



#### CLASSIFY WORKERS CORRECTLY

If you have people working for your business, you may face the issue of whether to classify them as employees or as independent contractors.

Classifying your workers as independent contractors generally saves you money. That's because you avoid paying employment taxes and benefits on their behalf.

In most instances, however, very few of your workers actually qualify as independent contractors. If the IRS determines that you misclassified your employees as contractors, you could end up paying all of the employment taxes and benefits that should have been paid over the years. Depending on the size of your work force, the cost to you could be substantial.

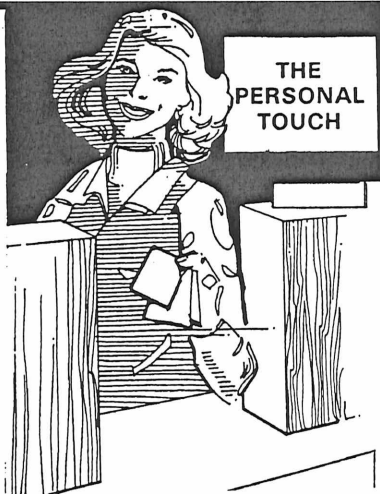
How can you ensure that you properly classify your workers? Start with the factors listed by the IRS to determine a worker's classifications. If you maintain control over your workers through hiring, training, supervision, scheduling the work to be done, and by providing them with tools and materials, your workers are most likely your employees. The same holds true if you pay your workers a set salary or an hourly wage and have the right to let them go at any time.

As a general rule, if you only have the right to control or direct the result of the work and not the means and methods of accomplishing the result, the individual may qualify as an independent contractor.

If your business employs independent contractors, take steps to protect yourself and your business. Be consistent with how you classify your workers, and follow how other businesses in your industry classify their workers.

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# Distance learning grants available

Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development, Thomas C. Dorr, announced the availability of \$20 million in grants to rural communities to strengthen distance learning and telemedicine programs in rural America.

"The specialized health care and enhanced educational opportunities brought by modern technologies saves lives and promotes opportunities essential to the advancement of rural areas," said Dorr. "USDA Rural Development's funding for distance learning and telemedicine will help to bring technology into rural America to build strong and vibrant communities."

"Distance learning and telemedicine systems are powerful tools for rural Texas," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development

Texas State Director. "Through technology, students and families can participate in classes not previously available to them, and people who live in rural areas can access expanded health care options."

In fiscal year 2005, Texas was awarded nearly \$2.5 million to be distributed through the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program. The education projects helped schools provide students with advanced educational tools. Distance learning projects provide funding for computers and internet connections in schools and libraries. The vast array of study options available to rural students through distance learning technologies literally brings the world to their doorstep. Telemedicine projects are providing new and improved healthcare services beginning with patient diagnosis, through surgical

procedures, and post-operative treatment.

Applications for the \$20 million in grants must be received by June 12, 2006 and will compete nationally for funding. The application guide and materials can be obtained online at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm> or by contacting the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program at 202-720-0413.

USDA Rural Development strives to see that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the State Office at 254-742-9700 or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

# CRP sign-up deadline extended

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has announced an extension of the sign-up deadlines for both the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and the special CRP re-enrollment and extension opportunities until April 28, 2006. The deadline for both opportunities was originally April 14.

"I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers to take advantage of the Conservation Reserve Program enrollment options available now through April 28," said Johanns. "Farmers can improve our soil, water, air and wildlife habitat resources by re-enrolling and extending their CRP

contracts."

After the CRP general sign-up ends on April 28, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will evaluate offers based on cost and the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) factors of wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits. Accepted offers will become effective Oct. 1, 2006.

In addition, subject to a compliance review, CRP participants with contracts expiring on Sept. 30, 2007, now have until April 28 to apply for special re-enrollment or extension opportunities offered by FSA.

Participants ranking in the EBI's

top one-fifth can re-enroll their land in a new 10-year contract. For lands with restored wetlands, FSA offered the opportunity for a new 15-year contract. FSA offered the second one-fifth group the opportunity for a 5-year extension; the third one-fifth a 4-year extension; the fourth one-fifth a 3-year extension; and the remaining participants a 2-year extension.

FSA county offices are now beginning to notify CRP participants with contracts expiring in 2008-10 of their re-enrollment and extension opportunities. The deadline for participants to respond is June 30, 2006.

CRP participants voluntarily enroll highly erodible and other fragile cropland in CRP through long-term contracts of 10 to 15 years. On the enrolled land, participants plant grasses, trees and other vegetation.

In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments and a payment of up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing conservation covers.

For more information on CRP, contact your local FSA office or visit the FSA Web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm>.



**WINNING CALF**—This calf, bred by Mark and Micah Dorsey, both of Seymour, and shown by James Williams of Haskell, won the Champion Middleweight Division AOB at the Houston Livestock Show held in March. The calf also was picked as Grand Overall Champion at the King Co. Fair. Shown with the calf are Mark Dorsey, Greg Williams of Haskell, James Williams and Micah Dorsey.

# Haskell Horse Club to begin season

The Haskell Horse Club will begin their new season with a practice night Sat., April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell Rodeo Arena.

Club playnights are open to all youth in Haskell and area counties. This year's events include the April 22 practice, May 27 playnight, Wild Horse Prairie Days June 2-3, a horsemanship clinic June 19-21, June 24 playnight, July 22 playnight and Aug. 26 playnight. All events begin with books opening at 6:30 p.m. followed by events at 7 p.m.

Age groups are 8 and under novice, 8 and under, 9-12, 13-15 and 16-19. Members and non-members are welcome. Riders may participate in poles, stakes, barrels and flags.

An awards ceremony ends the year following the August playnight.

For more information, contact McTasney 817-307-0306, or Brand Leiza Moralsa 940-256-0769, Jim or Nancy Cude at 940-422-4410.



# Big Country Electric Co-op to hold meeting

Big Country Electric Cooperative will hold its seventh annual meeting of the membership Thurs., April 20 at the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder.

Member registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Members and guests are invited to enjoy a Texas BBQ meal after they register.

Country Crafts and Creations Fair will be available at 4 p.m. and country band The Hogg Maulies will

provide entertainment in the coliseum at 5 p.m. A solar water pump demonstration and other demonstrations will be located on the grounds.

The business meeting will convene at 6:30 p.m. in the coliseum.

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

# Shelby Dunnam is new American Angus member

Shelby Dunnam of Haskell is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports John Crouch, executive vice president of the national organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus

Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

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**HYDRANGEA STUDY**—Rochester Junior High eighth graders have been studying hydrangeas and their growth. Hydrangeas are pink or blue depending on the make up of the soil where they are grown. Pruning also affects the bloom rate of the flowers. The class searched the internet to find growing techniques. Gardeners are L-r, Kayce Wilcox, Brooke Bullinger, Lisa Rogers, Amy Meier, Edie Strickland, school maintenance department and Freddie Estrada.

## Gospel meeting set at Haskell Church of Christ

A gospel meeting will be held at the Haskell Church of Christ, 510 N. Ave. E in Haskell, April 30 through May 3 with guest speaker Ted Kell.

A former mission worker in Wisconsin, Kell has been a Bible professor at Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, a pulpit minister for the Austin Avenue Church of Christ in Brownwood and has done evangelistic work in 35 states and seven foreign countries.

His theme for this gospel meeting is 'Finding Hope in Christ Jesus Today' with each day's topic as follows:

Sun., April 30, 9:30 a.m., Uphill to Success in Marriage, 10:30 a.m. Transformed by Jesus' Cross, and 6 p.m., The Joyful Message of Jesus; Mon., May 1, 7 p.m., Overcoming Satan Today; Tues., May 2, 7 p.m. Can I Be 'Just a Christian?'; Wed., May 3, 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Class and 7 p.m., Is My Name Written There?

## 5 Basketball players named to AR-N All Big Country teams

Haskell basketball players named to the 2005-06 Abilene Reporter-News Class A All Big Country Teams were Maiden Mollie McKnight named to the Girls Class A Second Team. McKnight is a senior guard/wing averaging 17.5 ppg, 1.6 apg, 5/6 rpg, 3/4 spg. She was selected first team all-district and was co-MVP in District 6-A. Other honors include being named to two all-tournament teams and being selected TABC all-region.

Indian Miquel Chavez, a senior forward/post, was named to the second team. His averages include 14 ppg, and 6 rpg. He shot 50 percent from the field, 28 percent from 3-point range and 70 percent from the free throw line. This team captain made two all-tournament teams and

was named first team all-district.

Two Indians were earned honorable mention honors. D.J. McCulloch, a sophomore forward, posted averages of 12 ppg and 8.9 rpg. He shot 54 percent from the field, 33 percent from 3-point range and 63 percent from the free throw line. McCulloch was named to one all-tournament team and was first-team all-district.

Also named to the honorable mention team was Indian Augie Lara, senior post averaging 12 ppg and 4.2 rpg. He shot 42 percent from the field, 45 percent from 3-point range and 63 percent from the free throw line. This team captain made one all-tournament team, was named first team all-district and upped his points average to 15 ppg in the playoffs.

## Webb, Martinez named for TABC state honors

Haskell Indian basketball coach Toby Villa has announced that Jared Webb of Haskell has been named the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Students Assistant of the Year.

Webb helps film basketball games and his hard work helps in the teams' effort for success.

Villa also announced that Haskell basketball coach LoLo Martinez has been named TABC Class A Assistant Coach of the Year. He will receive his award during the TABC convention held May 4-6 in San Antonio.

## Chavez to play in All-Star game

Haskell Indian Miquel Chavez, senior forward/post, has been selected to play at the 11th annual

CenTex Jammin' All-Star Game at Mary Hardin Baylor University in Belton July 23.

## Haskell student council members named

Students to serve on the student council at Haskell High School for the 2006-07 year have been named.

Serving will be Amber Bingham, Jerrica Escobedo, Ashley Foster, Stephanie Grand, Teddy Harris and Diana Mauricio, all seniors; Weston Rutkowski and Lacey Peiser, both juniors; Lauren Newton, Hope Reid and John English, all sophomores; and freshmen students, Ethan

Frierson, Aubrey Bassett and Brie' Torres.

Student council members for the 2006-07 school year at Rochester Junior High have also been named.

Serving will be Zachary Wyrick, Felysha Walker and Garrett Brueggeman, all seventh graders.

Eighth graders to serve are Cheslee Hearn, Sara Weise and Codi Foster.

## Haskell School Menu

**April 24-28 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Smucker's PB & J  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast on a stick  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, cinnamon toast  
**Thursday:** Funnel cake  
**Friday:** Pig in a blanket  
**Lunch**  
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese

and ham.  
**Monday:** Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot roll, cherry shape-up  
**Tuesday:** Taco salad, cheese, salsa, pinto beans, fresh strawberries  
**Wednesday:** Chicken spaghetti, fried okra, garden salad, green beans, breadstick, jello with whipped topping  
**Thursday:** Jose Ole burrito, garden salad, salsa, corn, sunshine bars  
**Friday:** BBQ on a bun, pickle spears, onions, french fries, strawberry or raspberry Gogurt.

## Paint Creek School Menu

**April 25-28 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk served daily.  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Toast or cereal  
**Wednesday:** Pancakes  
**Thursday:** French toast  
**Friday:** Toast or cereal  
**Lunch**  
**Monday:** No school

**Tuesday:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, peach cobbler  
**Wednesday:** Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, refried beans, corn, applesauce cake  
**Thursday:** Lasagna, green beans, salad, garlic bread, pears  
**Friday:** Chilidogs, pork and beans, chips, relish, rice krispy bars

## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., April 24**  
Lunch—Ham and beans, garden salad, buttered corn, cornbread, onions, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee  
**Wed., April 26**  
Lunch—Beef and mac, English peas, buttered corn, cornbread, jello and peanut butter cookies, milk, tea, or coffee  
**Fri., April 28**  
Lunch—Bowl of chili with wieners, pinto beans, onions, pickles, cornbread, misc. dessert, milk, tea, or coffee  
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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600 N. 1st East, Haskell  
**Christian Church**  
Dusty Garison, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell  
**Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell  
**Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
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Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**St. George Catholic Church**  
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Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell  
**Church of Christ**  
Jim Yates, minister  
Sun. Morn. 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**  
Tony Grand, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell  
**Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell  
**Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 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. Morn. 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**Church in the Park**  
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gazebo or Pavillion  
**Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Dr. Larry Nail, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**ROCHESTER**  
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Steve Wills, minister  
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West on Main Street, Rochester  
**First Baptist Church**  
Jim Davis, pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester  
**Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester  
**Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Katherine Byrd, minister  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester

**First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Rochester  
**SAGERTON**  
**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Terry O'Rear, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton  
**Faith Lutheran Church**  
Deborah Nissen, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Sagerton  
**RULE**  
**First Baptist Church**  
Josh Stowe, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 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 Greason, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Terry O'Rear, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule  
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Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule  
**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Bill Trice, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule  
**West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Robert Sweet  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule  
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**Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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Location(s) of Polling Places (Dirección(es) de las casillas electorales)

City Hall, 301 South 1st, Haskell, Texas 79521.  
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**ECC DONATION**—Lonnie Rolls, left, director of the Haskell Probation Department for the 39th Judicial District presented a \$500 check to Jennabeth Kimbrough, second left, director of the Experienced Citizens Center (ECC) in Haskell on April 12. Rolls says the donation was made possible by changes his department made in the Community Service Restitution Program. Other donations are planned for nonprofit organizations showing a need throughout the 39th Judicial District. The district includes Kent, Haskell, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties. Also present were, l-r, Tiffany Mueller, Administrative Assistant; Patsy Bivins, Community Service Coordinator; and Ryan Peacock, Community Supervision Officer; all of the Haskell Probation Department. Community service workers from the department have also helped paint the interior of the ECC building. Rolls encourages residents to eat and support the ECC where meals are served Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon. Eating at the center helps with their food budget expenses and the food is great, states Rolls.

## Commissioner's Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in regular meeting, April 10 with all members present.

Mathew Cunningham of the Haskell Police Dept. met with the court to discuss the new legislation that allows city officers to patrol outside the city limits.

Ruben Trejo has been hired by Commissioner Tiffen Mayfield to work part time in Precinct 2 at the

rate of \$7.00 per hour.

Approval was given to a motion to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with Yellow House Machinery for a 544J loader and a 700J dozier for Precinct 4, and a 6720D motor grader for Precinct 3.

A motion was approved to allow Commissioner Mayfield to buy out Commissioner Thompson's part of the excavator.

Agreement was given to a motion

to approve the Fire and Disaster Mutual Aid Agreement with Rochester, Rule, Weinert, Paint Creek, Sagerton and Haskell.

A public hearing on the Texas Community Development Program was held, with no members of the public present.

After lengthy discussion of The Anchor contract with Keith McGrew and Debbie Graves, a motion was passed to update the contract with the changes discussed.

## Library receives grant

The Friends of the Haskell County Library has received a grant from the Dian Graves Owens Foundation in Abilene for \$10,000 to use toward the building of the new library.

The purpose of the Library group is to broaden and increase library use, encourage literacy, and serve as a bridge for the community's needs of today and the future. In remembering the past, the bricks from the Magazine Club building will be used on the walls of the adult reading room of the new library. This room will serve as a showcase for items from the Fields Museum.

The Friends of the Haskell County Library meet monthly at the library on the second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

## Art Club hears Hanson

The Brazos West Art Association met Mon., April 10 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room with Becky Hanson of Buffalo Gap presenting information concerning life's creative journal.

Providing many colors of paper and various objects, she encouraged club members to creatively decorate a cross, fashioned of cardboard.

Attending were Lynn Dodson, guest; Betty Berry, Fern Livengood, Nelwyn Beakley, Denia Cunningham, Beverly Moore, Diana Moore, Adaline Laird, Doris Reeves, Betty Hook, Martha Spitzer, Jennie Lyckman, Bobbie Harrison and Peggy Middlebrook.

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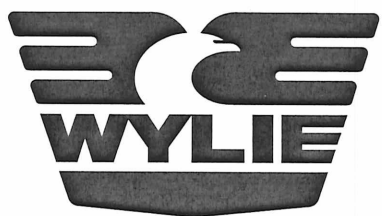
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