

Baseball games

Haskell JV-V vs Anson
Fri., March 14, 4:30 p.m.
at Anson
Haskell V vs Colo. City
Tues., March 18, 4:30 p.m.
at Haskell

Softball games

Haskell JV-V vs Anson
Fri., March 14, 4 p.m.
at Anson
Haskell JV-V vs Colo. City
Tues., March 18, 12 noon
at Haskell

Track

Rochester JH
Blackland Divide Relays
Thurs., Mar. 13 at Roscoe
Indians and Maidens
Blackland Divide Relays
Fri., March 14 at Roscoe

Calendar

Skywarn class

The National Weather Service will present a Skywarn class Mon., March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Fire Station. All who are interested in weather watching, including area firemen, law enforcement officials and citizens, are invited to attend.

Wind farm meeting

Peak Wind will host a follow up meeting to discuss wind development opportunities in Stamford and Haskell areas Thurs., March 20 at 6 p.m. at the Cliff House.

Revival

Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell, is in revival through March 21 each evening at 7 p.m. Sat., March 22 at 7 a.m., the public is invited to join them in a free pancake breakfast.

Super Sonic day

Taylor's Team will host a Super Sonic Day Sat., March 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Haskell Sonic. Give a donation and receive a coupon for a free Route 44 drink and other saving coupons. All proceeds benefit Autism Speaks.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 15 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Red Rooster restaurant, 1006 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Wed., March 19 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., March 14 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are asked to attend.

Cowboy breakfast

First United Methodist Church of Haskell will host their annual Cowboy Breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 16 from 7 to 8 a.m. Donations will be accepted. Special guest, Cody Cochran of Anson will present the message at 8 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Vendors needed

Vendors are being sought for the Haskell Fire Dept. Car Show set Sat., March 15 in downtown Haskell. Cost of vendor spaces is \$15. Call Lisa Shaw at 864-2023 evenings or at 325-721-0441 anytime.

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Welcome to the Car Show

The Haskell Free Press

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"The People's Choice"

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Car Show to be held Saturday around the square

The 12th annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. Car Show will be held Sat., March 15 in downtown Haskell around the

Haskell County Courthouse square.

With its widespread reputation for being a major show, featuring

something of fun and interest for everyone in the family, the popular event is expected to again bring numbers of entries and

visitors to the city. As in previous years, entries are coming in from around the country.

Along with the ten classes of

vehicles in the show, other activities will include the Kids Tractor Pull and Hot Wheels Races for Kids (with an entry fee of \$1 per car).

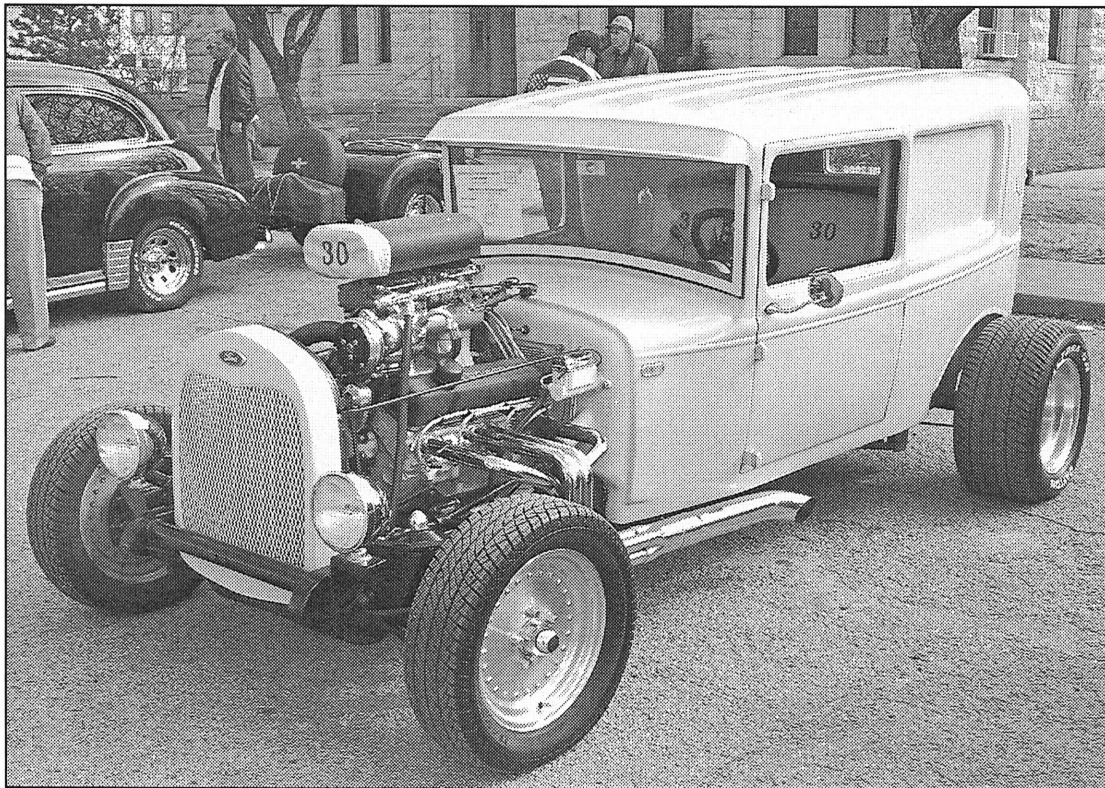
Hamburgers and french fries will be served on the southeast corner of the square during the noon hour by members of the fire department.

Vendor spaces will be located around the square in front of business for \$15 each. Vendor information is available by contacting Lisa Shaw at 864-2686, 864-2023 or 325-721-0441.

Classes for this year's car show are: Cars Pre-'64; Cars '65 and up; Cars '76 and up; Antique Cars, Trucks thru '50; Street Rods Pre-'49; Older Pickups Pre-'84; Pickups '85 and up; Sport Compact; Motorcycles; and Restoration in Progress.

First, second and third places in each class will receive a trophy. Entries are \$20 each. Judging will be held at 12:30 p.m., with a trophy presentation at 3:30. Trophy and cash will be given for Best of Show and People's Choice, and a trophy will be given for Farthest Distance Traveled.

Registration forms for the show or vendors may be obtained from any Haskell Volunteer Fireman. For more information, call Randy Shaw at 940-864-2023, 325-721-0674 or e-mail haskellcarshow@hotmail.com.



HOT RIDE—Lots of hot rods and hot rides will be on display this Saturday around the Haskell square during the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department's 12th annual Classic Car Show. Entries will be judged on presentation, cleanliness, paint quality and interior quality. The show will begin accepting

entries at 8 a.m. at the fire station. Vendors will be located around the square. A kids tractor pull, Hot Wheels race and train ride will also be on the schedule of events. A people's choice will be chosen by the public. The trophy presentation will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the gazebo.

Fouts, Scoggins win local contested races

A total of 1,405 Haskell county residents voted in the March 4 Democratic Primary Election, and a total of 143 in the Republican Primary, with the following results:

Democratic Party
President: Barack Obama, 293; John Edwards, 63; Bill Richardson, 27; Hillary Clinton, 897; Joe Biden, 9; and Christopher J. Dodd, 9.

U.S. Senator: Ricard J. (Rick) Noriega, 250; Gene Kelly, 402; Ray McMurrey, 151; and Rhett R. Smith, 100.

U.S. Representative, District 13: Roger James Waun, 715.

Railroad Commissioner: Dale Henry, 233; Mark Thompson, 536; and Art Hall, 103.

Chief Justice, Supreme Court: Jim Jordan, 811.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7: Sam Houston, 755; and Baltasar D. Cruz, 155.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8: Linda Reyna Yanez, 196; and Susan Criss, 685.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3: Susan Strawn, 790.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4: J.R. Molina, 777.

District Attorney, 39th Judicial District: Melissa Morgan, 188; and Mike Fouts, 1,149.

County Attorney: Kristen L. Fouts, 1,105.

Sheriff: David Halliburton, 1,142.

County Tax Assessor-Collector; Bobbye Guffey Collins, 1,130.

County Commissioner Pct. 1: Johnny Scoggins, 238; and Johnny Josselet, 183.

County Commissioner Pct. 3: Kenny Thompson, 228.

Constable, Pct. No. 1: Kim Guess Bassett, 1,031.

County Chairman: Sharon Mullino, 1,041; and M. Eric Hobbs, write-in, 1.

Republican Party
President: Duncan Hunter, 0; John McGain, 60; Rudy Guiliani, 0; Ron Paul, 10; Hugh Cort, 0; Mike Huckabee, 67; Mitt Romney, 1; Hoa Tran, 0; Fred Thompson, 1; and Alan Keyes, 0.

U.S. Senator: John Cornyn, 98; and Larry Kilgore, 26.

U.S. Representative, District 13: Mac Thornberry, 118.

Railroad Commissioner: Michael L. Williams, 109.

Chief Justice, Supreme Court: Wallace B. Jefferson, 104.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7: Dale Wainwright 101.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8: Phil Johnson, 103.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3: Tom Price 102.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4: Robert Francis, 40; and Paul Womack, 61.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9: Cathy Cochran, 103.

State Senator, District 28: Robert Duncan, 104.

State Representative, District 68: Rick Hardcastle, 112.

Justice, 11th Court of Appeals District Place 2: Rick Strange, 97.

Immigration: Yes 127; No 3.

Photo ID: Yes 111; No 11.

Controlling Government Growth: Yes 107; No 9.

Rule loses to Laneville

The Rule Bobcats ended their quest for a state title Friday in a game against Laneville in Austin. The Yellow Jackets swarmed the Bobcats 61-39 at Erwin Center.

Rule was led by Stephen Pace shooting at 23 percent with 19 points and 11 boards. Other scoring Bobcats were Jonathan Rincon with seven points; Jay T. Spitzer with six; Tate Clark,

James Wolfe and C.J. Saucedo with two points each; and Kyle Simpson with one.

The Bobcats, ranked fourth in the state, finished the year at 20-4.

Laneville went on to defeat Goodrich and claim the state IA District 2 state championship title.

Hee Haw tickets

The Sagerton Community has begun making preparations for the thirty-ninth production of the Sagerton Hee Haw set April 3, 4 and 5 beginning at 8 p.m. each evening. Music and singing will begin at 7 p.m.

Larry LeFevre is the Hee Haw director and Dickey Greenwood is in charge of the music. The whole community is involved in some capacity for the evenings' entertainment. Proceeds from the Hee Haw go for scholarships for each graduating senior on the Sagerton mail route, upkeep of the community center and community projects.

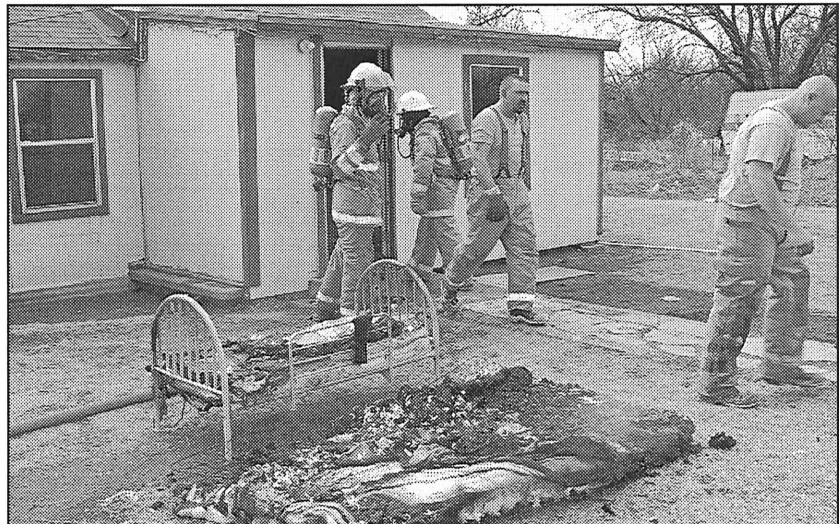
The Thursday night performance is especially for groups. If a group is interested in

tickets on group night, call 940-997-2688 for more information.

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday night performances go on sale Sat., March 15 at 8:30 a.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. If any tickets are left from the Thursday night performance, these tickets may be purchased beginning on March 15.

After completion of the ticket sales at the Community Center on March 15, orders may be placed by calling 940-997-2688 or at 1825 FM 1661 in Sagerton. A limit of ten tickets per person will be sold on March 15. Tickets are \$5 each.

Plate lunches, sandwiches and pies will be available in the cafeteria from 5:30 to 7 p.m.



HOUSE FIRE—Neighbors reported this house fire after noticing smoke exiting the eaves and windows of the house located at 406 N. 2nd East Street on Mon., March 10 during lunch time. Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department removed burning items and extinguished the fire.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 864-2686

Youth probation department seeks help to secure grant; comments needed by March 15

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Lonnie Rolls has written a grant proposal that would provide employment for up to ten teens over the summer months. Rolls says teens would be performing community services

in the form of assisting the elderly and needy with clean-up, painting and running errands. Also included would be picking up litter and helping non-profit organizations with summer projects.

The grant proposal is for \$10,000, with most of that going toward teen salaries, Rolls said. The grant is sponsored by Hamburger Helper.

Rolls says the public can help Haskell secure the grant by going on line too: www.hamburgerhelper.com and selecting "Find a Project." Then select TX as the state and Haskell as the project name. Complete the required information and adding a positive comment about the town's grant proposal. Then scroll down to the bottom of the page and read and accept the "Terms of Agreement." Finally, click on "Add Your Comment." The process only takes a few minutes and would mean a great deal towards the success of the proposal.

Rolls says small, rural towns have little to offer the youth during the summer months and that there are few if any jobs available.

The youth who come into the probation department tend to say the same thing: "If I had something to do, I wouldn't have gotten into trouble." The Juvenile Probation Department would like to give the youth of Haskell a positive alternative like the ideas in this grant in hopes of keeping as many youth as possible out of the Juvenile Justice System. The department also believes that through positive programs like the one proposed the department can help youth in our community develop a sense of pride and better citizenship.

Please take a few minutes to visit the web site and post a comment.

Comments must be posted by March 15.

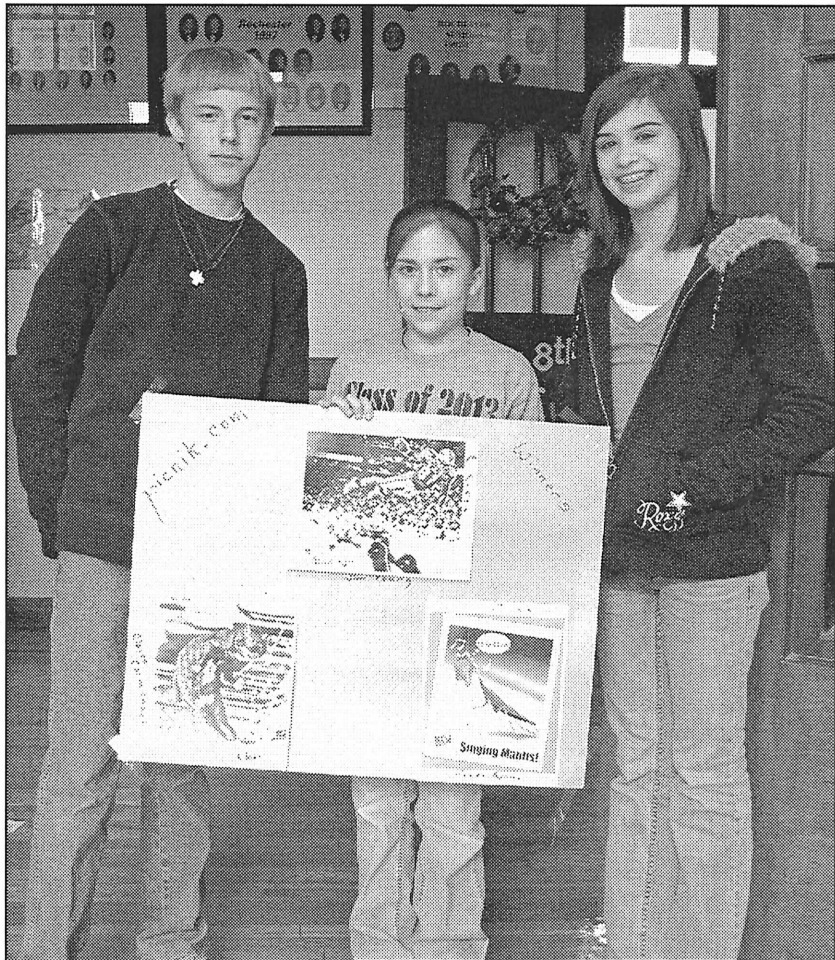


PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS—Winners of a photo contest held at Rochester Junior High School were, I-r, Jim Young, Ashley Adams and Claire Carmichael.

Jeremy Wilson, Owner
Cell: 940-636-2253
Home: 940-422-4427

Felipe Castorena, Munday Store
Cell: 325-660-0996
Home: 940-422-4330

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Gabe Dominguez will be pastoring in Weinert at the Bluebonnet Bible Church every Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in the Home Economics Room of Weinert High School beginning on April Fool's Day, 2008.

I believe there is a simple, uncomplicated, straightforward two-fold plan for man which consists of evangelizing the unbeliever and teaching God's Word to the believer. I do not hop around His Word to make a point or two that may validate an agenda, real or imagined. This confuses the believer, causes guesswork, and loses the specific linear message God authored in the Greek language (II Tim. 3:16). Therefore, I will start explaining the book of I John from the language He authorized one word, sentence, paragraph, chapter until the book is completed.

Pastor-Teacher, Gabe Dominguez

Thank you for your support and your vote. I look forward to representing the 39th District as your District Attorney during the next four years.

Sincerely,
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Obituaries

Claudia Gladys Peter Dukatnik

Graveside services for Claudia Gladys Peter Dukatnik, 84, of Granbury were held Fri., March 7 at Rest Haven Memorial Park in Lubbock. Services were under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home of Granbury.

Mrs. Dukatnik passed away Mon., March 3 in Granbury.

Born May 12, 1923 in Weinert, she was the daughter of John Peter and Mary Gerick Peter. She married Jerry Dukatnik, Dec. 22, 1948 in Weinert. They moved to Levelland where they farmed until his death in 1983. She continued to reside in Levelland until March of 2007 when she moved to

the Quail Park Retirement Village in Granbury. She was a loving sister, aunt and friend who will be remembered for her soft voice, beautiful smile and overwhelming generosity.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Dukatnik; and her sisters, Marie Barton and Agnes Dukatnik.

Survivors include her sisters, Annie Pechal of Granbury and Clara Moody of Florissant, Missouri; nieces, nephews, cousins; her Quail Park family and friends; Village Care family; her Guardian Health Care family; and a host of other friends.

PD. NOTICE

Albert Owen Aikin

Funeral services for Albert Owen Aikin of Rochester, 84, who lived at Haskell Healthcare Center in Haskell, were held Wed., March 12 at the Rule Church of Christ with John Greeson officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Chapel of Rule.

Mr. Aikin died Sunday morning March 9.

Born in San Jon, New Mexico on Aug. 23, 1923, he was the son of the late Margaret Edna Owen and Wilbur Aikin of Stamford. He married Elda Jean Hook of Rochester on April 18 1943 and was married 61 years before the death of Elda in 2004. The couple adopted three children: Edward Owen Aikin (adopted in Oregon, now deceased), Herbert Otto Aikin (adopted in Germany) and Linda Kay Farrier (adopted in France.)

He attended Abilene Christian College where he received his Bachelor's degree and where getting his Master's degree (lacking only two credits) was put on hold in order to work for the Lord as a missionary. As a missionary he lived in France for 20 years, and Quebec, Canada for nine years where

he started the work for the Lord for the Church of Christ. Aikin also traveled to Haiti and Cuba to be of service to the churches of Christ there. His life was a life of sacrifice—he always thought of the other person first and sought out people that he could help, even after moving to the Haskell Healthcare Center in Haskell in January of 2007. He really enjoyed Haskell Healthcare Center—the people there were his friends and they wanted him there and he wanted to be there. It was a blessing that he was able to live there. The Lord blessed Owen throughout his life—and right now he would want to leave you with a blessing: "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26.

Survivors include his sister, Celia Jantz of Estancia, New Mexico; his son, Otto Aikin of Snyder; his daughter, Linda Farrier of Dallas; two grandchildren, Lisa and Herbert of Arkansas.

PD. NOTICE

12th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department CAR SHOW

March 15, 2008

Around the Courthouse Square, Downtown Haskell, Texas

Enter 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station

Classes include:
A. Cars Pre-'64
B. Cars '65 to '75
C. Cars '76 and up
D. Antique Cars, Trucks thru '50
E. Street Rods Pre-'49
F. Older Pickups Pre-'84
G. Sport Compact
H. Motorcycles
I. Restoration in Progress—Must be obvious

First, Second and Third Places in Each Class receives a Trophy!

Entries Judged on: Presentation, Cleanliness, Paint Quality, Interior Quality

Entries \$20 Judging at 12:30 p.m. Trophy presentation: 3:30 p.m.

Trophy and cash for: Best of Show, People's Choice (Selected by the Public), Trophy for Farthest Distance Traveled, Hot Wheel Races for Kids \$1

Trophies for 1st and 2nd places!

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

March 4 Texas primaries draw record number of voters

AUSTIN—More than 4.2 million people voted in the March 4 Texas primaries.

This was a record-breaking turnout, far surpassing the previous record of 2.7 million in 1988.

The Republican primary, with its one person, one vote, no-caucus method, quickly yielded a winner: U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona with 51 percent of the vote to former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's 38 percent.

McCain received 80 delegates to Huckabee's 16 and Huckabee dropped out of the race, as McCain had accumulated enough GOP state delegates to win the nomination.

U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Clute, who got 5 percent of the Texas Republican vote, also ended his race for the presidential nomination.

The Democratic Party, on the other hand, revealed how engaging but messy democracy can be in actuating its "Texas Two Step" primary election process.

The state's chief election official, Secretary of State Phil Wilson, on March 4 said his office received many calls from people confused over the Democratic Party's process.

Democrats who cast ballots on March 4 or in early voting were allowed to participate in a post-election precinct caucus.

Caucus goers, according to party rules, proved they had voted as Democrats by showing the party stamp on their valid voter registration card.

Next, they signed their name and address on a sign-in sheet. Along with their name, they were asked, but not required, to declare in writing the presidential candidate of their choice.

Precinct chairs and secretaries applied a formula to the candidate declarations to calculate the number of Clinton or Obama delegates and alternates who will attend county party conventions later in March.

U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York won the popular vote with 51 percent to Illinois U.S. Sen. Barack Obama's 47 percent. The precinct caucus delegate count wasn't complete until March 7. Clinton won 65 delegates to Obama's 61.

Many thought winning Texas was a do-or-die situation for Clinton, but she bolstered her bid for the Democratic presidential nomination by also winning Ohio.

Challengers replace incumbents

Eight incumbent members of the Texas House of Representatives lost their primary races. Their names are below, with the new nominees in parentheses:

- Kevin Bailey, D-Houston, House District 140 (Armando Walle);

- Juan Escobar, D-Kingsville, House District 43 (Tara Rios Ybarra);

- Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso, House District 78 (Dee Margo);

- Thomas Latham, R-Dallas, House District 101 (Mike Anderson);

- Nathan Macias, R-Bulverde, House District 73 (Doug Miller)

- Borris Miles, D-Houston, House District 146 (Al Edwards)

- Paul Moreno, D-El Paso, House District 77 (Marisa Marquez)

- Corbin Van Arsdale, R-Tomball, House District 130 (Allen Fletcher)

Incumbent members continue in office until their term expires on Dec. 31. Each will face opposition in the November general election.

Runoffs will decide 7 nominees

Five state house districts and two U.S. congressional districts will elect nominees by runoff on April 8. Those are:

- Republicans Bryan Daniel and Doyle Hobbs, HD 52 (east half of Williamson County);

- Republicans Ralph Sheffield and Martha Tyroch, HD 55 (most of Bell County);

- Republicans Tyrone Lewis and Buddy West, HD 81 (Andrews, Winkler and Ector counties);

- Republicans Angie Button and Randy Dunning, HD 112 (part of northeast Dallas County);

- Republicans Ken Legler and Fred Roberts, HD 144 (part of southeast Harris County);

- Republicans Pete Olson and Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, CD 22 (part of Fort Bend, Galveston, Brazoria and Harris counties);

- Democrats Steve Love and Eric Roberson, CD 32 (part of north, northeast and central Dallas).

The winners of those runoffs will face opponents in the November general election.

DPS warns spring break drivers

The Texas Department of Public Safety said more patrols would be watching drivers in South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley as students on spring break flock to the beaches.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 12, 1998

Deanna Dawn Liles qualified for the Dean's list for the fall semester at McMurry University.

Don and Patsy Bivins of Valley View, Emmalee Bivins of Haskell and Emma Raphael of Stamford spent the weekend in the home of Joe and Dorothy Clark.

Visiting with Dora Holley were her sisters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin White of Breckenridge.

John Conn of Austin came to visit his children, Mr. and Mrs. David Conn, Sabrina, Daniel and Julie Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Don White visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Frank White.

20 Years Ago March 17, 1988

The Haskell Lone Star Tumblers won their second state tumbling trophy at the Southwest state meet in Lubbock.

Maxine and Roy Boling of Olney visited with her sisters, Ida Farrel and Lenore Griffis.

Visiting in the home of J.W. Hawkins were Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Cockrell and boys of Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Pud Brockett were surprised with a visit from Susie's nephew Don and Delois Blackstock and daughter, Jeanie of Wylie.

30 Years Ago March 16, 1978

Haskell firemen were called to Blackstock's on the south side of the square. Extensive damage occurred and smoke damage was reported in Heidenheimer's and adjacent buildings. Approximate damage was \$10,000.

In conjunction with National Girl Scout Week, Troop 467 planted a tree in the Haskell Lions Club Park on the northside of town.

Duane Josselet, son of Vicki S. Josselet, of Denton visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McClure.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie

Galloway of Big Lake visited with Mr. and Mrs. David Letz.

Louise Force, was honored as "Employee of the month" at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Grace McKelvain was in Valley View, Emmalee Bivins of Haskell and Emma Raphael of Stamford spent the weekend in the home of Joe and Dorothy Clark.

40 Years Ago March 14, 1968

One-hundred and thirty head of yearling heifers belonging to Allen Overton, were drove "western style" by real live cowboys from the Overton homestead in Paint Creek to the Haskell Livestock Auction. A large crowd gathered at the auction to watch; the drive totaled 12 miles.

Super market ad: Cheer, king size \$.99; Kraft's Miracle Whip \$.39, limit one; oranges \$.39 per bag; and Gold Medal, 5 lb. bag of flour \$.39.

The Riding Club, Haskell County Sheriff's Posse, headed by president Gene Hunter, took second place out of 23 teams, in the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo.

Mrs. Ben Bruton visited her mother, Drue Rhine in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark visited in San Antonio with their son, Steve.

Mrs. Mike Bailey and Rob visited with Mrs. Delbert LeFevre and Jill White in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Muller of Throckmorton visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Alexander.

Army Chief Warrant Officer Don E. Barnett, son of Mrs. Allie M. Steensor Ford, was assigned as an instructor with the Department at the Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Virginia.

50 Years Ago March 13, 1958

Haskell Rotary Club was awarded the attendance plaque at the annual District 579 conference of Rotary International for having the largest percentage of its membership in attendance at the

conference. Accepting the award for the club were Bob King, president, and Tom Barfield, preident-elect of the local Rotary Club. Other Rotarians present were W.R. (Roy) Jonshon, R.A. Lane and Ed Hester.

Elementary PTA donated \$500 raised at the Fall Festival. \$100 was used to purchase a large dictionary and stand on casters, also a portable book case for reference books. The remaining was used to purchase furniture that is being used in the classroom.

The heaviest snowfall in more than a decade covered Haskell and this area from six to seven inches of fast-melting snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Dulaney and Brian Lynn spent the weekend in Fredericksburg where they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wilfong.

Mr. and Mrs. W.V. Gaston and son, Butch and Mrs. Gaston's brother, Lynwood Booth of San Diego, California visited Carol Thompson.

Leonard Wilson of Eldorado visited his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Overton.

100 Years Ago March 14, 1908

Mrs. S.R. Rike and Mrs. C.D. Long are members of a pure food committee, having been appointed by the State President of Federated Club.

Amy Houston has been asked to give a musical number on the program for the district meeting of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. J. Robertson has the honor of being chairman of Club Extension Work of this district. Mrs. S.W. Scott and Mrs. Bert Brockman also serve on this committee.

M.A. Clifton's son was kicked in the face by a horse. Aside from a bruise, he was not seriously injured.

Mrs. O.E. Patterson was hostess for the Haskell Magazine Club.

The old Confederate Veterans of Haskell and vicinity met in the District Courtroom for the purpose of organizing as a camp.

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

March 6, 2008

Cotton futures settled at the market's new limit-up Tuesday, marking a 12-year high as shorts rushed to cover their positions. Although futures prices were higher this week, the levels were not reflected in the spot cotton market due to a lack of demand for physical cotton.

"Cotton futures and the cash market were completely divorced this week," a trader commented. "There was absolutely no demand for physical cotton. While futures prices soared, spot cotton prices remained near last week's levels."

The market situation has all but eliminated the participation of many cotton merchants due to the pressure of meeting increased margin calls at the higher price level, leading many observers to describe the situation as an unprecedented debacle.

The end of the open-outcry session on Feb. 28 marked the final pit session for cotton futures contracts trading on ICE Futures U.S. The exchange's agricultural futures became fully electronic on Mon., March 3.

The following day, ICE announced the daily trading limit for all cotton would expand to four cents per pound (400 points) when any of the two futures contract months with the highest open interest settle at 84 cents per pound or higher. Under the amended rule, the daily trading limit for all months, other than the spot month during its delivery notice period, will remain at four cents until the two contract months with the highest open interest settle below 84 cents per pound.

"Many exceptional events have been seen, experienced, and analyzed this week," a trader said. "I believe that due to the elimination of open-outcry, for the first time in 138 years of cotton futures trading there was only one point of entry to the market. As the trade attempted to exit the market at the same time the funds were trying to enter, the single portal was not large enough to efficiently facilitate the two-way flow of positioning. As a result, the market locked up, requiring extraordinary measures and a couple of days worth of hard trading, and rearrangement of banking lines, in order to get it unstuck," he explained.

Meanwhile, USDA reported net export sales of 97,300 bales in the week ended Feb. 28. The figure was 50 percent less than the previous week and 66 percent lower than the four-week average. Featured buyers were China, Turkey, Colombia and Thailand. Net sales of 20,700 bales for delivery in 2008-09 were mainly for Mexico.

Export shipments of 270,700 bales were up 67 percent from the previous week and 45 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico, Turkey and Indonesia. The shipment total was the best we've seen in some time," a market observer said. "Unfortunately, we still need to ship an average of 381,000 bales per week from here to the end of the marketing year to reach USDA's target."

To prove the futures and cash markets were divorced, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas fell to 8,326 bales in the week ended March 6 compared to 87,807 bales the previous week. Likewise, average prices received by producers declined, ranging from 63.71 to 67.56 cents per pound versus 63.34 to 69.14 cents per pound one week earlier.

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Treat decorated eggs with care

Eggs will be flying off store shelves this month en route to everything from egg salads to bejeweled hard-boiled works of art.

Unfortunately, where there are eggs there is also the potential for food-borne illness.

Dietitians at UT Southwestern Medical Center say egg artisans can help prevent illness—and possibly a trip to the local

emergency room—by deciding prior to coloring whether they plan to eat their miniature Picassos.

"If you want to eat decorated hard-cooked eggs, be sure that all the decorating materials are food-safe and that you wash each egg beforehand," says Dr. Vickie Vaclavik, a registered dietitian and clinical nutritionist at UT Southwestern. "Also, wash your

hands between all the cooking, cooling, dyeing and decorating processes and keep the finished hard-cooked eggs refrigerated as much as possible."

She says individuals who "hide" eggs should carefully place the eggs, considering location to ensure that the decorated eggs aren't tainted by contamination from animals or lawn chemicals.

"Most importantly, don't leave eggs outside for more than two hours," Dr. Vaclavik says. "Hard-cooked eggs that have been refrigerated will last for about one week, but any left out for more than two hours should be tossed."

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Replace aging smoke alarms

With the beginning of Daylight Saving Time and the time change, many people changed the batteries in their smoke alarms, along with setting their clocks ahead one hour. However, simply replacing the batteries in some smoke alarms may not be enough to ensure protection against fire emergencies, specifically if those alarms are older than 10 years. Studies from the National

Fire Protection Association (NFPA) indicate one out of four alarms may not be functional due to the age of the alarm, as well as dead or missing batteries. That's why the NFPA strongly recommends replacing smoke alarms after 10 years.

"Daylight Saving Time has always served as a good reminder to change the batteries in smoke alarms," said Debbie Hanson, director of external affairs for

BRK Brands/First Alert. "But we need people to remember that smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years. It's imperative that smoke alarms be replaced after 10 years to ensure families are protected in fire emergencies."

In addition to ensuring the best protection and earliest warning in the event of a fire, the smoke alarms available today offer new technologies and features that were virtually inconceivable 10 years ago. First Alert, a leader in home safety products including smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, offers award-winning technology, which allows homeowners to create a network of smoke alarms that "talk" to each other with no wiring required. When one alarm sounds, all alarms sound, giving everyone in the home a better chance of hearing the alarms and reacting quickly.

In addition, several smoke alarm models are now available with special lithium batteries that last 10 years and never have to be replaced during the recommended life of the alarm. Other features of today's smoke alarms include remote controlled muting, to quiet nuisance alarms and easy access battery compartments, which allow consumers to change or replace batteries without having to remove the alarm from the ceiling.

According to Hanson, fire safety education and routine maintenance of smoke alarms are the cornerstones to reducing the incidence and severity of home fires. "One of our goals is to raise awareness about fire safety issues and help people protect themselves. Replacing home smoke alarms after 10 years is as important as changing the batteries with Daylight Saving Time."

The following are simple steps people can take that will greatly reduce the risk of fire-related injury and property loss:

- Change the batteries in smoke alarms every six months or when the low battery signal is heard.

- Test your alarms weekly using the units' test buttons to ensure batteries and all alarm functions are working properly.

- Never remove the unit's batteries to stop an unwanted alarm or "nuisance" alarm, such as those caused by cooking smoke or burnt toast. According to the NFPA, half of the deaths in homes equipped with smoke alarms occur because the smoke alarm did not sound—usually when batteries are dead, disconnected or missing.

- Replace older smoke alarms after 10 years or in accordance with manufacturer's warranties.

Second week of March historically brings large fires

The second week of March has a history of producing large and devastating fires in Texas and weather conditions expected for this week may fuel those large fires once again. The forecast for Wednesday through Friday calls for critical to extreme fire weather over much of west and central Texas where high winds and low relative humidity may combine to accelerate the spread and intensity of established fires. Fire authorities urge caution during this period of high fire danger.

Mark Stanford, Chief of Fire Operations for Texas Forest Service noted, "It is eerie how similar the fire weather forecast for this week is to the weather

during the 2006 East Amarillo Complex."

The East Amarillo Complex Fire was the most devastating fire event in Texas history. The complex included the Borger and the I-40 Fires that consumed over 907,245 acres during March 12-16, 2006. Ignited by power lines blown down by high winds, the fires resulted in the death of 11 civilians and one firefighter. Seven communities were evacuated and over 4,000 head of livestock were destroyed. Observed weather in the Panhandle on March 12, included a high temperature of 75 degrees, minimum relative humidity of 6% and sustained winds out of the

South at 46 mph with gusts to 53 mph.

Back in 1988, the Big Country Fire burned March 10-15, 1988 and consumed 366,000 acres northeast of Abilene. It advanced 60 miles to the north before turning west and threatening the town of Albany.

In 1996, the Buckle L Fire burned March 12-18 threatening the town of Childress and the Triangle Fire burned March 13-18 causing concern for residents of Crowell. The Buckle L and Triangle fires occurred after a period of wet storms gave fire authorities reason to anticipate the end of the fire season.

Anderson, Rueffer on TMCN board

Brandon Anderson serves as Haskell's official delegate on the regional Council for Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN). The alternate delegate is Sally Rueffer. The City of Haskell is a charter member of TMCN.

TMCN provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to learn how to address municipal challenges;

and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state.

The most recent program sponsored by TMCN is the Texas Midwest Chamber Cooperative which offers a way for businesses in the region to access affordable employer group insurance.

TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 43 communities located in the

25 counties surrounding Abilene and San Angelo. The regional organization provides a network by which community leaders share information and motivation that can be directed to local community development programs and activities.

The organization functions on the premise of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

Cattle market outlook reported

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

Fed-cattle prices between \$92-\$94 cwt. Feeder cattle between \$103-\$105. And calf prices averaging near \$115. Those were the 2008 average cattle price projections from Cattle-Fax in its always-anticipated executive summary presented at the 2008 Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show in Reno.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary, Cattle-Fax officials also told more than 5,000 producers, feeders, allied-industry reps and others attending the event that corn prices averaging more than \$4/bu. will likely be the norm for this year.

In summarizing the Cattle-Fax report, the fed-cattle projection of \$92-\$94 includes a range of \$85-\$102. Highest prices are expected in the fourth quarter of 2008, with most of the price risk expected in May to June.

Feeder-cattle prices for 750-lb. steers should see a range of \$94-\$115, with most price risk expected in the first quarter of the year, CattleFax says. Most price potential is in the third quarter, and excessive feedyard capacity

will continue to support feeder cattle values.

Calf prices are expected to see a range of \$108-\$123 for 550-lb. steers. With high costs of gain in feedyards, Cattle-Fax says producers should look for strong stocker demand to keep calves on grazing programs longer.

Market cows should see prices that average \$54, with a range of \$47-\$58. Cow slaughter is expected to be down 3%. Cattle-Fax says look for bred-female prices to average \$50-\$100/head less than in 2007.

The corn market is expected to be demand-fed this year, with spot corn futures prices projected

to trade in the \$3.85-\$5.60 range, with an annual average of \$4.30. A surging demand, with ethanol, potential for more grain exports and concerns over reduced production will keep pressure on corn prices to remain high, CattleFax says.

Prices for hay, which averaged near \$130/ton in 2007, are expected to remain strong due to an expected reduced acreage and other factors.

Additional info on the Cattle-Fax and its role in helping promote beef production and marketing is available at www.cattlefax.com.

Weaning methods studied in calves

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

Ohio State University researchers studied three methods of weaning. A total of 280 spring-born calves (from three locations over two consecutive years) were weaned either: at trucking (TR); in drylot for 30 days before trucking (DL); or on pasture allowing fence-line contact with dams 30 days before trucking (FL). All calves were shipped on the same day each year, at which time average weight was 557 lbs., with a range of only 2 lbs. between the averages of the

three groups. Shrink during shipping was 3.6% for TR, 2.9% for DL, and 3.6% for FL. Sickness levels during the four weeks were 28% for TR, 38% for DL, and 15% for FL.

Average daily gain for the first four weeks on feed was 3.1 lbs. for TR, 2.0 for DL, and 2.9 for FL. The DL calves actually lost weight during the first week on feed, possibly due to highest sickness. Drylot weaning resulted in lower overall gain for the first month on feed, and fence-line weaning resulted in lowest levels of sickness.

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Financial terms to help navigate financial waters

In the current economic climate, we hear terms such as subprime, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, ARM, recession and depression. Do you know what these terms mean to your current financial situation? This month's column is designed to help you understand some of the financial terms you may need to know as you navigate the financial waters.

Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM)

Unlike a conventional mortgage with a fixed interest rate that remains the same throughout the life of the loan, an adjustable-rate mortgage changes periodically and payments may go up or down accordingly. The borrower may start out with a low interest rate, but as the interest rate rises, so does your payment.

Annual Percentage Rate (APR)

The yearly cost of a mortgage, including interest, mortgage insurance, and the origination fee (points), expressed as a percentage.

Annual Percentage Yield (APY)

The rate of return on an investment for a one-year period.

Average Daily Balance

A method for calculating interest in which the balance owed each day by a customer is divided by the number of days.

Bear

An investor who believes the stock market will decline.

Bond

Bonds are debt and are issued for a period of more than one year. The U.S. government, local governments, water districts, companies and many other types of institutions sell bonds. When an investor buys bonds, he or she is lending money. The seller of the bond agrees to repay the

principal amount of the loan at a specified time, although some bond types may pay off prior to maturity.

Bull

An investor who believes the stock market will rise.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Measures the prices of consumer goods and services and is a measure of the pace of U.S. inflation. The U.S. Department of Labor publishes the CPI every month.

Conventional Fixed Mortgage

This type of government-sponsored mortgage meets the funding criteria of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Credit Scoring

A statistical technique that combines several financial characteristics to form a single numerical score to represent a customer's creditworthiness.

Depression

A period during which business activity drops significantly marked by high unemployment rates and deflation.

Fannie Mae (Federal National Mortgage Association)

Unlike Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae is a publicly traded company, created in 1938, to expand the flow of mortgage money by creating a secondary mortgage market to provide affordable home ownership to low, moderate, and middle-income Americans.

Freddie Mac (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp)

A stockholder-owned government-sponsored enterprise chartered by Congress in 1970 to keep money flowing to mortgage lenders in support of homeownership and rental housing for middle income Americans.

FHA Loan

A mortgage issued by federally qualified lenders and insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) that is popular with first-time home buyers. It allows low to moderate income borrowers to borrow up to 97% of the value of the home.

Five Cs of Credit

Five characteristics that are used to form a judgment about a customer's creditworthiness: character, capacity, capital, collateral and conditions.

Prepayment penalty

The fee a borrower pays a lender when the borrower repays a loan before its scheduled time of maturity. Most loans do not include such provisions.

Recession

An extended decline in general business activity, a decline in the gross national product for two consecutive quarters.

Subprime Lending

Practice of making loans to borrowers who do not qualify for the best market interest rates because of their deficient credit history.

While we may be navigating some rough financial waters now, the sky is not falling. However, this would be a good time to talk to your community banker to make sure your financial lifeboat is sound.

February sales tax reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state collected \$1.85 billion in sales tax revenue in January, up 5.2 percent compared to January 2007.

"State sales tax collections through the first five months of the fiscal year, September 2007 through January 2008, are up 6.8 percent compared to the same period last fiscal year," Combs said. "While growth remains firm, it is slower than that of the past two years. This moderation is consistent with the slowing economy."

Combs sent \$640.8 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 5.1 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2007.

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations primarily represent sales made in December, but also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

The Comptroller sent \$434.3 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 4.8 percent compared to February 2007 payments. Texas counties received February sales tax payments of \$37.7 million, up 6 percent compared to last February.

The 123 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$21.5 million in sales tax, up 14.9 percent compared to

February 2007. Ten local transit systems received \$147.2 million in February sales tax payments.

Haskell County had a .10 percent increase for February 2008 of \$40,130.96 in comparison to \$40,090.33 for February 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$71,361.11 reflect a 5.16 percent increase over 2007 payments to date of \$67,858.01.

The City of Haskell had a 1.28 percent increase for February 2008 of \$36,573.51 in comparison to \$36,111.13 for February 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$65,737.98 reflect a 5.7 percent decrease over 2007 payments to date of \$62,188.22.

The City of O'Brien had a 39.99 percent decrease for February 2008 of \$131.58 in comparison to \$219.28 for February 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$183.61 reflect a 44.83

percent decrease over 2007 payments to date of \$332.84.

The City of Rochester had a 3.65 percent increase for February 2008 of \$892.86 in comparison to \$861.38 for February 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$1,292.62 reflect a 9.15 percent increase over 2007 payments to date of \$1,184.22.

The City of Rule had a 15.9 percent decrease for February 2008 of \$2,082.02 in comparison to \$2,475.69 for February 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$3,430.89 reflect a 4.76 percent decrease over 2007 payments to date of \$3,602.73.

The City of Weirter had a 6.65 percent increase for February 2008 of \$450.99 in comparison to \$422.85 for February 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$716.01 reflect a 30.18 percent increase over 2007 payments to date of \$550.00.



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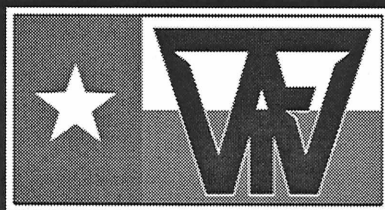
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Average market price projections are above levels that would trigger these payments. The 2002 Farm Bill requires that, if triggered, these payments be made for the 2007 crop after the first six months of the marketing year, which began on Sept. 1, 2007, for these commodities.

Timing and Calculation of 2007-crop Counter-cyclical Payments (CCP)

Producers enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) may receive Counter-cyclical Payments (CCPs) when "effective" prices for eligible commodities are less than their respective "target" prices specified in the 2002 Farm

Bill. USDA calculates CCPs based on historical base acreage and payment yields, not current production.

For the 2007 crop, USDA is to make the final calculation after the end of the marketing year. The average price for the marketing year will be available on Sept. 29, 2008. Current market price projections for the 2007 crop are above the price levels that trigger these payments by 70 percent for corn, 76 percent for grain sorghum and 94 percent for soybeans. USDA calculated CCP rates for these commodities using the February World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE), which was released on Feb. 8, 2008. USDA's World Agricultural Outlook Board issues WASDE reports, which provide the most current supply-and-demand forecasts available.

Partial Payments for Other Commodities

USDA announced on Dec. 3, 2007, that producers who are enrolled in the DCP and have

wheat, barley and/or oats base acres would not receive partial CCPs because average market price projections for those commodities exceeded levels that trigger these payments. On Feb. 9, 2008, USDA announced that producers with enrolled upland cotton and/or peanuts base acres would receive an estimated \$300 million and \$15 million, respectively, in partial payments and that producers with enrolled rice base acres would not receive

partial CCPs because the average market price projection exceeded the level that triggers these payments.

Overpayments

The 2002 Farm Bill requires that any overpayments to producers must be repaid. More information on the DCP is available at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices and on FSA's Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Double Mountain Relay results

Results of the Double Mountain Relays held in Rotan include:

Girls Varsity

Long jump: 2. Lacreasha Dixon, Paint Creek, 12-6.5.

Triple jump: 2. Aubrey Bassett, Haskell, 32-5.

800: 2. Cheslee Hearn, Haskell, 2:40.28; 3. Brië Torres, Haskell, 2:42.87.

100 Meter Hurdles: 1. Hanna Wallace, Haskell, 16.90.

Shot put: 3. Lauren Newton, Haskell, 31-7.

100: 3. Lisa Rodgers, Haskell, 13.79.

800 relay: 2. Haskell, 1:56.27.

400: 3. Bassett, Haskell, 1:07.31.

300 hurdles: 1. Hope Reid; 2. Wallace.

200: 2. Ashton Rutkowski, Haskell, 29.13; 3. Rodgers, Haskell, 29.18.

1600 relay: 2. Haskell, 4:30.22.

Boys Varsity

Shot put: 1. Matt Ruiz, Paint Creek, 39-8.

110 hurdles: 2. Jonathan Martinez, Haskell, 16.99.

100: 2. Brennan Medford, Paint Creek, 11.66.

300 hurdles: 2. Martinez, Haskell, 43.44.

200: 3. Martinez, Haskell, 24.29.

Calendar

Will's Walkers

Will Swinney of Haskell will have a team participating in the West Texas Walk Now for Autism April 5 at the Abilene Zoo beginning at 10 a.m. The walk benefits Autism Speaks, an organization that raises money and awareness for autism research. To join Will's Walkers, t-shirts are available for a \$20 donation.

Taylor's Team

Taylor's Team will walk April 5 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Abilene Zoo in the fourth annual West Texas Walk benefiting Autism Speaks. To join, register at www.autismwalk.org, click on join a team and select Taylor's Team to register. Donations or information may be handled by Melissa Burson by calling 864-8161 or 256-2509.

Silent auction

Taylor's Team will host a silent auction in March. If you would like to donate items for the auction, contact Melissa Burson at 256-2509. The auction will benefit Autism Speaks.

'Changing' lives!

Jugs to collect change are located on the Haskell Elementary, Haskell Jr. High and Haskell High campuses and around town. Help 'Taylor's Team' and 'Will's Walkers' collect coins to benefit Autism Speaks. They will be walking to raise money April 5 at the Abilene Zoo during the 4th annual West Texas Walk for Autism.

Storm sirens

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

Storytime

Storytime at Haskell County Library is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Stories, crafts and snacks are offered. Paula Renegarbe is the storyteller.

Burn ban issued

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

100th anniversary

First Baptist Church of Weinert will celebrate its 100th anniversary April 5-6. Those with addresses of non-residents, former members or others who might be interested may contact Wanda Hester, anniversary chairman at 940-673-8262 or Mary Murphy at 940-673-8269.

Law enforcement report

The Haskell County Sheriff's Office reports the following number of offenses and arrests made in the county during the month of February.

- Tampering with/or fabricating physical evidence: 1 case.
- Disorderly conduct: 3 cases.
- Traffic warrants: 7 cases.
- Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle: 2 cases.
- Driving while license invalid: 1 case.
- Driving while intoxicated: 2 cases.

- Assault, family violence: 2 cases.
- Possession of marijuana: 4 cases.
- Fleeing with vehicle: 2 cases.
- Theft by check: 1 case.
- Theft more than \$500, but less than \$1500: 1 case.
- Public intoxication: 2 cases.
- Assault with deadly weapon: 1 case.
- Minor in consumption: 1 case.
- Forty-nine 911 calls were answered.

Rule School Menu

March 17-21 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast
Wednesday: Sausage patty, biscuit
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, corn cobbets, jello
Tuesday: Chicken crispitos, pinto beans, tossed salad, apricot halves
Wednesday: Homemade beef burritos, refried beans, Spanish rice, diced pears
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., March 17
Lunch-Porkie meatballs and tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, Coke cake, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., March 19
Lunch-Sauerkraut, potato salad, pinto beans, onions, pickles, garlic toast, banana pudding,

milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., March 21
Lunch-King ranch chicken, onions, pickles, green beans, carrot salad, cornbread, jello, cookie, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Speech contest winners announced

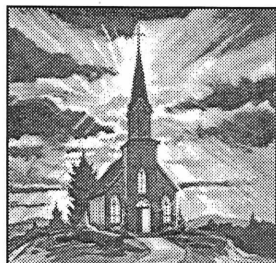
Big Country Electric Cooperative would like to announce the winners of the annual Government-In-Action Youth Tour Speech Contest. The contest was held Feb. 21 at the Roby High School auditorium. The two winners are Cassidy Rhea Cantu of Roby High School and Scott Bearden of Stamford High School. The two winners will join approximately 1500

other teens across the country for a nine-day all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June. Laurin Spraberry of Anson High School will serve as alternate in the event one of the students is unable to go on the trip. Other contestants were Jordan Arnold, Kajsa Pearson, Tara Myers and Kyler Templeton.

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This Week's Devotional Message:



FAITH DEMONSTRATES THE FALLACY OF FALSE PRIDE

Pride can be a major stumbling-block to the solution of many of the problems involving our fellow human beings. It is a false facade that often prevents us from seeking needed help, ending a quarrel, forgiving a minor grievance or admitting our own mistakes. Faith

can demonstrate the error of this stubborn trait, by exposing pride as an enemy, totally incompatible with the love that is taught in the Bible. So go to your church and learn how to tear down this barrier of pride that may be the only thing standing between you and your happiness.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
Dr. Jim Heflin, interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Renegarbe, 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., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

WEINERT

First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert

ROCHESTER

Church of Christ

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

First Baptist Church

Fred Garvin, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

SAGERTON

Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

RULE

First Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Tom Long, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

O'BRIEN

O'Brien Baptist Church

Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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NOTICE

The City of Haskell is seeking proposals from interested individuals to take over management of the City Pool. This will be a contract management agreement pursuant to a written operating agreement. Please respond with a written proposal to Brandon Anderson, City Administrator, City of Haskell, P.O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521 on or before March 28, 2008. 10-11c

NOTICE

The City of Haskell will be accepting applications for summer help. We will hire 2-3 young people who will work mainly in the Parks department with mowing and weed eating as well as other maintenance and beautification projects. Interested applicants can pick up an application at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on any weekday. Applications will be screened and interviews will be set for early April. Starting date and ending dates of employment are negotiable. Applications are due by March 28, 2008. 10-11c

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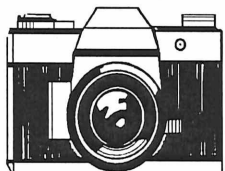
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EEA Club plans for busy spring

The EEA club met at the Haskell County Extension office on Feb. 14 with eleven members and one guest present. Chairman, Joetta Burnett called the meeting to order. Members answered roll call with "name a plant or flower that you grow successfully."

Pat Jenkins, club treasurer, submitted the treasurer's report. Alice Ballard, club secretary read the minutes which were approved as read.

Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agent, reported on 4-H activities. Rowan announced a digital photography workshop for 4-H'ers on Feb. 15, instructed by Derrick Tribbey. This workshop will prepare the 4-H'ers for the photography show held in conjunction with the County Fashion Show on March 30 at the Rochester School. Fashion Show participants will prepare for the fashion show with a clothing lock-in on Feb. 23 at the Rule School.

Other activities include nutrition education programs in all Haskell County kindergarten classes; a 4-H quilt challenge; and the Taylor County Electric Co-Op luncheon and program on March 13. For further information on any of these topics you can contact Rowan at the Haskell County Extension office.

In unfinished business members discussed the club's calendar sales and whether the calendar should be a sixteen month or twelve month calendar. Jane Smith made a motion to leave the calendars as is, a twelve month calendar, going from September to September. Mary Jennings seconded the motion.

In new business, Burnett discussed Tri-County Rally Day in Munday on March 10. All members were encouraged to attend. The program will be a three part program and will consist of: Clay Modeling, Jewelry Making and Photography. Haskell County

will be responsible for the Welcome and the desserts.

Other business discussed included the District Cultural Arts Meeting on March 25 in Henrietta; 4-H scholarships given yearly by the club; articles for the TEEA Messenger, the Club's official state publication; the Haskell Chamber of Commerce "Street Lamp" Project; and applications for District/State Adult Scholarships. Members were also reminded by Rowan of the 4-H Centennial Cup Cake Ice Cream by Blue Bell in commemoration of the 100th birthday of 4-H in Texas. The state 4-H program will receive some of the proceeds of the sale of this flavor of ice cream from Blue Bell. It is available locally.

The program was given by Debbie Earles of ABC Greenhouse on "Soil Preparation and Bedding Plants." Earles started the program with preparing your soil. In preparing your soil for planting, a soil test should be done to see if your soil is alkaline or acidic. The results of this test will assist you in preparing the soil for planting and determining what plants will do well in your type soil. The soil should be sprayed to rid the planting area of weeds and unwanted growth. The area to be planted should be tilled to a depth of 8 to 12 inches. It is important to then rake and level the soil to prevent any low spots. Earles stressed the importance of 4 to 6 inches of organic matter being added to the soil. This step in soil preparation is important, as organic matter helps to insulate the temperature of the soil; and also helps the soil to drain while retaining moisture. Organic matter is any matter that has once been alive. Two examples of organic matter are leaves and pecan shells. Earles stated that one third to one half of your final soil should be organic matter. The group was told to always

remember "Soil is Alive."

When the soil test results are received nutrients may be added to the soil. Alkaline soil needs more nitrogen. Fertilizers come with a ratio of N-P-P, which stand for Nitrogen-Phosphorus-Potassium. Different fertilizers will have different ratios of these ingredients. If nutrients are added you should wait at least 1 or 2 weeks before planting.

An added note on clay soils was that adding sand to a clay soil does not change the clay. Sand only loosens the clay and allows it to absorb more water. This is due to clay being made of smaller particles than sand.

The three classifications of flowers, annuals, biennials and perennials were then discussed by Earles. Annuals must be planted annually, therefore the name of

annual. The lifecycle of an annual is completed in one year. That is why they are usually large blooms and full of color. All of the flowers' energy goes to producing seeds.

Biennials take two years to flower. Occasionally some bloom the first year, but not usually. Perennials have a lifespan of more than two years. They are considered perpetual. These flowers return yearly and reproduce. Perennials are the slow bloomers that appear all through the spring, summer, fall and some are even winter bloomers.

After the informative program, refreshments were served by Jennings and Smith. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be March 13 at 2 p.m.

Births

Josh and Cristy Densman of Spring Hill, Tennessee announce the arrival of their daughter, Hannah Rose Desman, born Jan. 18 at 6:42 p.m. at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. She was 20" long.

Grandparents are James and Elaine Densman of Davis,

Oklahoma and Michael and Penny Pannell of Coleman, Oklahoma.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burt of China Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Tyson and Mr. and Mrs. Don Pannell, all of Coleman, Oklahoma.

Beauchamp working in Austin

James Beauchamp, a Rochester High School graduate, is working as Special Assistant for the TCEQ in the Public Drinking Water Action, Water Supply Division. He is an EPA grant manager, rule coordinator,

and special projects manager in Austin.

Beauchamp is the son of Larry and Frankie Beauchamp, who also grew up in Rochester and are graduates of Rochester High School.

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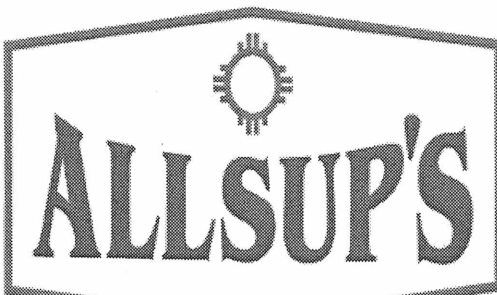
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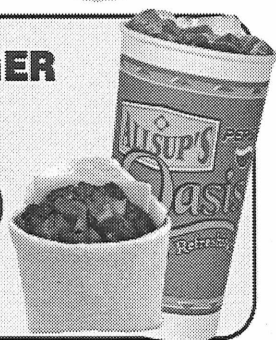
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