

Softball

HASKELL
JV in Sweetwater
Tournament
Feb. 25-27 at Sweetwater
V in Windthorst
Tournament
Feb. 25-27 at Windthorst
JV vs unknown
Mon., March 1, 5:30 p.m.
at Haskell

Baseball

HASKELL
Haskell in Albany
Tournament
Feb. 25-27 at Albany

Track

PAINT CREEK
V at Long Sleeve Relays
Fri., Feb. 26 at Hamlin

Calendar

Celebrate Texas

Celebrate Texas Independence Haskell County Style will be held Sat., March 6 around the Haskell courthouse square from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lots of displays, reenactment groups and vendors will be available.

Mexican lunch

A Mexican Stack lunch will be served Sun., Feb. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Haskell. The meal will be Mexican Stack served with beans, dessert and drink. Donations will be accepted. Carry outs will be available. Proceeds will benefit the fund to pay the insurance premiums for the church.

Catfish lunch

A catfish fillet lunch will be held Sun., Feb. 28 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church located on east Hwy. 380 in Haskell. Cost is \$8 per ticket. The menu will include fried fish, coleslaw, french fries, hushpuppies, beans, tea and dessert. Take outs will be available. Proceeds benefit the youth group's church camp fund.

Music program

The Noah Project organization will be hosting "Over the Rainbow for Noah" at First United Methodist Church of Haskell Sat., March 6 at 6:30 p.m. Musicians from Haskell County and beyond will provide an evening of music and entertainment to benefit the Noah Project. The cost of admission will be by donation.

Weather drill

The National Weather Service will conduct a practice tornado warning drill Thurs., Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

4-H meeting

Both the Junior and Senior 4-H Clubs will meet Sun., Feb. 28 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Haskell Co. Extension Office. A photograph scavenger hunt will be held, so members need to bring their camera.

Benefit dance

The Weinert Volunteer Fire Department will host the annual dance Sat., Feb. 27 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Weinert School Gym in Weinert featuring Sheila and Open Range. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7.50 at the gate. For information call 940-210-3428 or contact a fire department member.

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Yeldell, Friends of the Library honored by Chamber

The annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet was held Mon., Feb. 22 at the Civic Center with Celebrate Haskell, Celebrate Texas as the theme. The welcome by Steve King, president, was followed by the invocation offered by Philip Sims of the Haskell Church of Christ.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR—Mae Lou Yeldell, center, was presented as citizen of the year by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce during their annual banquet held Monday night, Feb. 22. Presenting the award were Chamber president Steve King, left, and Bob Smith, right.

Haskell fifth grade students brought music for the evening's entertainment.

Political candidates were given an opportunity to speak.

Bob Smith presented the Volunteer of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

Named as the Volunteers of the Year were the Friends of the Haskell County Library. The group was recognized for making the dream of a new library a reality for our small rural community through their labors of fund-raising, grant acquisition and hours of tireless efforts.

Honored as Citizen of the Year was Mae Lou Yeldell who has looked out for and helped the citizens of Haskell for 70 years. She is the definition of friend, ladylike, woman or saint and simply one of God's finest accomplishments. She is the matriarch of her church and friend to many.

Revival set

The community-wide Round Robin Revival services, brought each year by the Haskell County Ministerial Alliance, has been scheduled for 7 p.m. nightly Feb. 28 through March 4.

The Sun., Feb. 28 services will be held at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, with Jason Daniels, music minister, of First Baptist Church bringing the message.

Mon., March 1, services will be held at First Baptist Church with Rev. J.C. Amburn of First Assembly of God Church bringing the message.

Tues., March 2, services will be held at First Assembly of God Church with Morris

Johnson of Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church bringing the message.

Wed., March 3, services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Tom Long of First United Methodist Church bringing the message.

Wed., March 3, a youth revival will be held beginning at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Indian football field.

Thurs., March 4, services will be held at East Side Baptist Church with Jim McCurley of the Christian Church bringing the message.

A love offering will be taken each night for the benevolence ministry of the Ministerial Alliance.



VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR—The Friends of the Haskell County Library were named the volunteers of the year during the annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet held Monday night. Presenting the award were Bob Smith, left and Steve King, Chamber president right. Members of the organization present to accept the award included, l-r, Joan Frazier, ex-officio; Shirley Sloan, Tiffen Mayfield, ex-officio; Oleta Cornelius, president; Erlinda Mayfield, treasurer; Donna Cole, vice president; Louetta Wallace and Loutina White.

Sorrells, Stryker honored by Rule Chamber

by Caron Yates

The Rule Chamber of Commerce held its 56th annual banquet Tues., Feb. 16. One of the highlights of the event each year is the recognition of the "Man and Woman of the Year."

The 2010 Man of the Year award went to longtime Rule citizen Derrell Sorrells. Due to a recent surgery, he was unable to attend the banquet, so the award was accepted on his behalf by his son Jeff.

He was born Jan. 25, 1938 on the League Ranch just north of Knox City. Sorrells attended school in Knox City and Old Glory, before moving to Rule his sophomore year. On April 27, 1958, he married Amy, his wife of almost 52 years. Together they have four children, seventeen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Sorrells is an active member in the Primitive Baptist Church, serving as a deacon since 1969. He has been a diligent and tireless supporter of the Rule community.

He was a forty-five year member of the Rule Fire Department, serving as fireman, Fire Chief and City Fire Marshal. Sorrells was also involved with Cub Scouts, Little League and was a member of the Rotary Club. He is a longtime member of the Rule Chamber of Commerce holding the positions of president, vice-president and board member.

In 2003, he was awarded the Masonic Community Builder Award for his business in Rule. He has been in business for over fifty years. In 1957, he bought a service station, sold it in 1963, bought it back in 1965 and continues

in business today.

This is the second recognition as Man of the Year for Sorrells, having also received the award in 1969, attesting to the devotion he has had through the years to his community.

Teresa Stryker was honored as Woman of the Year. Born in Vernon, she is the daughter of Larry and Patricia Reed of Haskell. She is married to Tommy Stryker and is the mother of D.J. and Marty Hall.

Being the oldest of seven children, four boys and three girls, she had many responsibilities, which she gladly accepted. In the words of her mother, "She was always a giving person, she gave far more than she ever got."

Stryker graduated from Paint Creek High School. After graduation, she worked in Abilene and

Haskell, before taking a job with the Rule Bank. She currently works for the City of Rule in City Hall. She is not only a valuable employee, but is continuously in search of grants and other avenues to help the city of Rule.

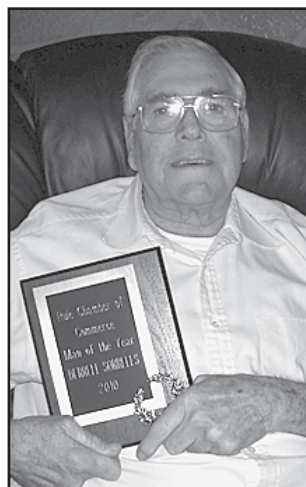
With a passion for helping others, especially children, she serves on the school board for Rule

ISD, began a program to help provide assistance at Christmas for many children in Rule, as well as helped to organize a Trunk or Treat for Rule trick or treaters.

In presenting this award to Stryker, the Chamber of Commerce agrees with her mom, she is indeed a giving person and the community of Rule is the beneficiary.



TERESA STRYKER



DERRELL SORRELLS

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Celebrate Texas, Celebrate Haskell activities set Mar. 6

by Caron Yates
 Texas has a very colorful history. An important part of that history includes Mar. 2, 1836, better known as Texas Independence Day.

This is the day Texas adopted the Texas Declaration of Independence, declaring itself free from Mexico. With that theme in

mind, the Committee to Help Haskell County has planned a Celebrate Texas Independence Haskell County Style day.

Activities for the day, March 6, will begin at 10 a.m. with a flag raising ceremony conducted by the Haskell Boy Scouts, and will include a bugler from Ft. Griffin.

Events throughout the day will include a book signing by Wyman Meinzer, the official photographer of Texas. The Haskell Historical Society, will have available their new book for purchase. Story telling by a park ranger from Cooper Breaks State Park will be a part of the day's activities.

Also around the square will be the HSU Six White Horses, Lone Star Ladies Horse Team, Old Time Pictures by Callie Sherman, Native American flintknapping, Drummer Boy Ice Cream Tent, as well as other vendors.

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department will cook hamburgers. Reenactment groups with infantry and artillery from Ft. Griffin and Ft. Chadbourne will perform. Music, including fiddle playing, is scheduled for the celebration.

The final event for the day will be the flag lowering ceremony at 3 p.m., also carried out by the Boy Scouts.

Texans have always been proud of their state and their heritage. Everyone is encouraged to take pride in their county as well, and come be a part of the full day of activities as we Celebrate Texas Independence, Haskell Style.

What lasts just seven weeks, but can feed most Americans for an entire year? Well, that is the amount of time it takes the average American family to earn enough money to purchase an entire year's food supply.

Haskell County Judge David Davis has proclaimed Feb. 21-Feb. 27 as Food Check-Out

Obituaries

Jon Roger Geer



JON GEER

Graveside services with full military honors were held for Jon Roger Geer, Captain U.S. Navy (Retired), 85, at Colonial Grove Memorial Park. Holloman-Brown Funeral Home, Great Neck Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Geer died Fri., Feb. 12 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Born Jan. 30, 1925 in Rule he was the son of John Elbert and Willie Cloud Geer.

He graduated from Rule High School in 1941. He attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, was in the Cowboys band and was a cheerleader.

Undergraduate education was interrupted when Geer volunteered for the U.S. Navy the day before his 18th birthday. He served in the military for 27 years. A Naval Aviator, he served in various operational, staff and command assignments during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. As a fighter pilot, he served on a number of aircraft carriers in both the Pacific and Atlantic Fleets and commanded Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. He attended the Navy General Line School in Newport, Rhode Island and the United Kingdom Joint Services Staff College in Latimer, England. He held a Masters Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Minnesota.

After retiring from the Navy in 1969, Geer was employed by Harris Corporation, retiring from that company in 1989 as Director, Eastern Region, Norfolk, Virginia. He was the past president of the Hampton Roads Squadron of the Association of Naval

Aviation and was a member of the Tailhook Association. Geer was a member of Virginia Beach Masonic Lodge No. 274, A.F.&A.M. and the Colorado Consistory Scottish Rite A.&A.S.R. He was a senior member of the American Institute of Aeronautic and Astronautics and a former member of the Princess Anne Rotary Club, serving a term as president.

Geer gave the address at the dedication ceremony in Rule for the veterans memorial monument in 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy J. Geer; Patsy's daughter, Kathleen Carter and husband James of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Patsy's son, Dale Thompson and wife Carol of Dunedin, Florida; Patsy's four grandchildren and two great grandchildren; his sister, Elizabeth Geer Spain and husband Sidney of Tyler; nephews, Stephen Spain of Midland and Roger Spain of Lufkin; niece, Carolyn Spain Johns and husband Andy of Mansfield and their two sons, Joseph and Daniel; and four relatives in Rule, Marilyn Cloud and her son James Cloud; Jean Cloud and her son Joe Harold Cloud.

Memorial donations may be made to a favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Pamela 'Penny' Money

A memorial service for Pamela 'Penny' Money, 54, of Stamford was held Wed., Feb. 17 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Phillip Sims officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

She passed away at her Stamford home. Born May 7, 1955 in Midland, she moved to Haskell in 1962 and graduated from Haskell High School in 1973. She pursued a career in sales and was a compassionate animal lover. Her faithful four-legged companion, Ransom, knew firsthand that 'animal lovers are a special breed of humans, generous of spirit, full of empathy, perhaps a

little prone to sentimentality and with hearts as big as a cloudless sky."

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ellen O'Brien.

Survivors include parents Mr. and Mrs. George Money of Bowie and E.C. Collins of Haskell; family members, Cathy Money Poe (Robert), Steven Money (Tammy), Mike Money; nieces, Sara Poe Smith (Tim) and Stephanie Money Stokes (Chuck); nephews Matthew and Joseph Poe; great nieces, Brianna and Keira Stokes; one uncle, John Neely (Kay); several cousins and many friends. PD. NOTICE

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NOTICE TO ALL VOTERS
 The voting locations for the **Democratic Primary March 2** will remain the same as in years past.

Box 1 Haskell Catholic Church
 Box 2 Haskell Assembly of God
 Box 3 Haskell Extension Office
 Box 4 Haskell Experienced Center
 Box 5 Weinert School
 Box 6 O'Brien City Hall
 Box 7 Rochester Fire Station
 Box 8 Rule High School Library
 Box 9 Sagerton Community Building
 Box 10 Paint Creek School Library

The Republican Primary will be located on the third floor of the Courthouse in the kitchen.

Food Check-Out Week in Haskell County proclaimed Feb. 21-27

Week in Haskell County. In conjunction with this proclamation, the Haskell County Farm Bureau will celebrate with its annual Food Check-Out Week activities, while recognizing that food in America is a rare combination of exceptional quality and inexpensive price. It is the labor of American farmers and ranchers, who have combined their efforts with American agribusiness to ensure that food is one of the great bargains of our nation.

Haskell County Farm Bureau President Charles Gibson says, "While costs

on most everything we need have risen, our food is still the most affordable anywhere in the world and it is because of the dedication of our country's farm producers."

Texas Farm Bureau launched its first-ever Grocery Price Watch in the first quarter of 2009. Typical food staples, according to the informal survey of Texas food store prices, actually fell by roughly 3 percent over the course of 2009.

To mark this success, Haskell County Farm Bureau, is donating \$500 to the Haskell Experienced Citizens Center.

"While we remain concerned that some Americans cannot afford to buy the food they need, we are proud of the role Texas farmers play in producing the most affordable food in the world," said Gibson.

"I am proud of what we do and hope Americans will join us in celebration of our agricultural success," continues Gibson. "I am also proud of our local Farm Bureau board who has voted to make this very generous donation."

Serving on the board for the Haskell Farm Bureau are Johnny Josselet, vice-president; Brian Lehmann, secretary; Joe Wheatley, Clayton Stegemoeller, Carl Hopkins, Jeff Teague, Steve McGuire and Darin Drury. Anyone with questions or comments are encouraged to contact any of the board members.

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IT'S HERE—The new publication 'Images of America Haskell County' published for the Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society has arrived. Inspecting some of the first copies are members of the society, front row, l-r, Wanda Ham, Marguerite Gauntt and Maxine Miller; back row, Marilyn Griffith, Susan Turner and Bobby Robinson. The book, which features photographs and stories of pioneers of the county, is available at several locations in town including at the Haskell County Library.

Study Club hears book review, elects new officers

Haskell Progressive Study Club met Thurs., February 18 in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Haskell, to observe Education and National Heart Month.

President Dorothy Hartsfield welcomed members and guests. Susan Turner led the group in prayer followed by Franciene Johnson leading the group in singing, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Julia Harrell introduced Cheryl Lewis of Hamlin, who presented a book review on "Twelve Mighty Orphans" written by Jim Dent.

Lewis, a native of Hamlin, attended Hardin-Simmons University from 1975-77 and Mary Meek School of Nursing from 1977-79, receiving her RN license. She has been employed by Hamlin Medical Clinic full time since June 1979. She is an active member of First Baptist Church and serves as one of the full time instrumentalists and is currently serving as the interim volunteer choral director. She serves as president of the Hamlin Cemetery Association, president of the Historical

Rath Trail Association, and is a member of Hamlin Woman's Literary Club. She owns the Book Nook in downtown Hamlin (a small bookstore selling new books based primarily on Texas history, along with children's books, some inspirational and travel books and Day Spring Cards, etc.) She is completing her tenure at the end of this month as an ex-officio director of the West Texas Historical Association and is a member of other Texas based historical societies.

She spoke of the Masonic Home and School formerly in Fort Worth, its beginning, twelve students from there and the changes made in their lives. Kathryn Schonherstedt presented a gift to Lewis in appreciation from the Study Club.

Following a brief break for refreshments, a business meeting was held.

District Report Chairman Oleta Cornelius reported thirteen reports had been sent in and nine applications accepted for scholarships, seven girls and two boys.

Names of Erin Dunnam, Pam Strickland and Christina Isbell were submitted for

membership. Kim Hutto's name had been submitted at January 14 meeting and she was voted into the club unanimously.

Officers for the 2010-12 year elected are president, Lynn Dodson; 1st vice president, Susan Cockerell; 2nd vice president, Janice Brzozowski; recording secretary/reporter, Nelda Lane; corresponding secretary, Pam Norton; treasurer, Connie Benton; and historian, Julia Harrell. Appointed federation counselor was Janoma Stephens, parliamentarian Susan Turner and board member Dorothy Hartsfield.

President Hartsfield announced the club would host the Mesquite District Spring Convention March 13. Due to this, it was decided to move the March meeting to March 18, instead of March 11. Fri., March 12, will be a work day.

Refreshments were furnished by Harrell and Lane assisted by Turner and Cockerell. Twenty members were present and four guests, Barbara Jenkins, Dunnam, Strickland and Lewis.

Yeldell, Hutto honored by Area Cancer Support Group

The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group had a great meeting Feb. 16 with 26 attending, touching on how the treatment of cancer has changed over the years.

Mae Lou Yeldell told us about what it was like with one doctor in Abilene in the 40's, and of the difference in treatment when her husband, Bob, was diagnosed in the 90's. She told us of when treatment was done in the basement of the hospital and called cobalt treatments. Most just suffered with the life they had left.

Now there are many doctors in Abilene treating cancer and hospitals have special wings for those treatments. Diagnosis of cancer is growing, and it is more commonly discussed.

Kim Hutto discussed that in 1971 when her Granddad had brain cancer, it was never spoken about and "swept under the carpet." In 2004 when she had a brain tumor and two brain surgeries, she too was worried, but all came out fine.

A great birthday dinner was shared and Bro. J.C. Amburn made his famous chili and trimmings. Birthday cake and ice cream was served by children and grandchildren of the birthday boy and girl, Yeldell and Glen Hutto.

The next meeting will be March 16 at 5:30 p.m. with Dale Morrison guest speaker, a change from the regular time due to the election. Morrison is also a cancer fighter and great

teacher of fighting cancer with nutrition.

A light meal will be served and updates given on patients, treatments and family needs. Please attend and if for any reason you just need an ear, please feel free to call 940-864-5964.

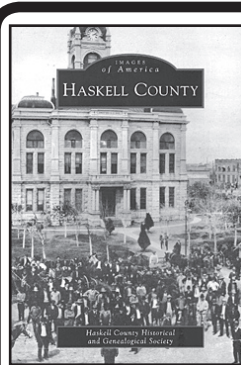


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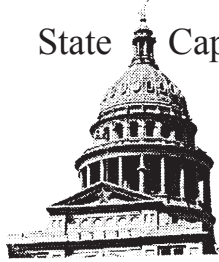
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Officials unite in resistance to greenhouse gas finding

AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry, Attorney General Greg Abbott and Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on Feb. 16 announced the state had filed legal papers to challenge the EPA's endangerment finding.

The issue for Texas, the three officials said, is that tighter regulations would be damaging to energy-sector industries, farmers, ranchers, small businesses, and to the economy at large.

In December, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published the endangerment finding showing evidence that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases have negative effects on human health. The finding opened the door to tighter regulations on the release of greenhouse gases under the federal Clean Air Act.

The Texas officials' challenge also suggests the endangerment finding is not to be trusted because the EPA outsourced its scientific assessment to the International Panel on Climate Change, a research organization that has been accused of using phony data overstating the effects of human activity on the world climate.

"With billions of dollars at stake, EPA outsourced the scientific basis for its greenhouse gas regulation to a scandal-plagued international organization that cannot be considered objective or trustworthy," Abbott said.

"Prominent climate scientists associated with the IPCC were engaged in an ongoing, orchestrated effort to violate freedom of information laws, exclude scientific research, and manipulate temperature data. In light of the parade of controversies and improper conduct that has been uncovered, we know that the IPCC cannot be relied upon for objective, unbiased science—so EPA should not rely upon it to reach a decision that will hurt small businesses, farmers, ranchers, and the larger Texas economy."

Plane hits office building, 2 dead

About 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 18, a solo pilot identified as Austin resident Joseph Stack, 53, steered his single engine Piper Cherokee into the seven-story Echelon I office building in the northwestern part of the city.

The plane exploded on impact and ignited a fire that endangered the lives of dozens of office workers and resulted in the deaths of Internal Revenue Service employee Vernon Hunter, 67, and Stack. Thirteen others reportedly were injured.

Stack, a computer engineer, operated a personal Web site where writings that likely were his own railed against the IRS, the Catholic Church and other entities.

The matter is under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Lawmaker: Inaction unacceptable

State Rep. Patrick Rose, chairman of the House Human Services Committee, on Feb. 12 called a state agency's record in taking action to nursing home complaints unacceptable.

Rose, D-Dripping Springs, said the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services' backlog in response to complaints and incidents at nursing homes "must be cleared swiftly and the state must also ensure, moving forward, that deficiencies found in nursing homes are addressed."

Rose said he expects to hear a progress report from the agency's new chief executive Chris Traylor when the committee meets in March. Traylor was named commissioner of the agency effective Jan. 1.

Decennial redistricting lies ahead

The House Redistricting Committee met Feb. 10 to consider matters relating to the upcoming 2010 Census and population estimates used to forecast Congressional apportionment and redistricting.

Based on the recent population surge putting the state population near 25 million, the Texas delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives could grow to 36 members from 32.

A four-seat gain would be the biggest between-decades gain for Texas since at least 1900. The state gained three seats after the 1930, 1980 and 1990 censuses. Texas gained two seats after the 2000 census.

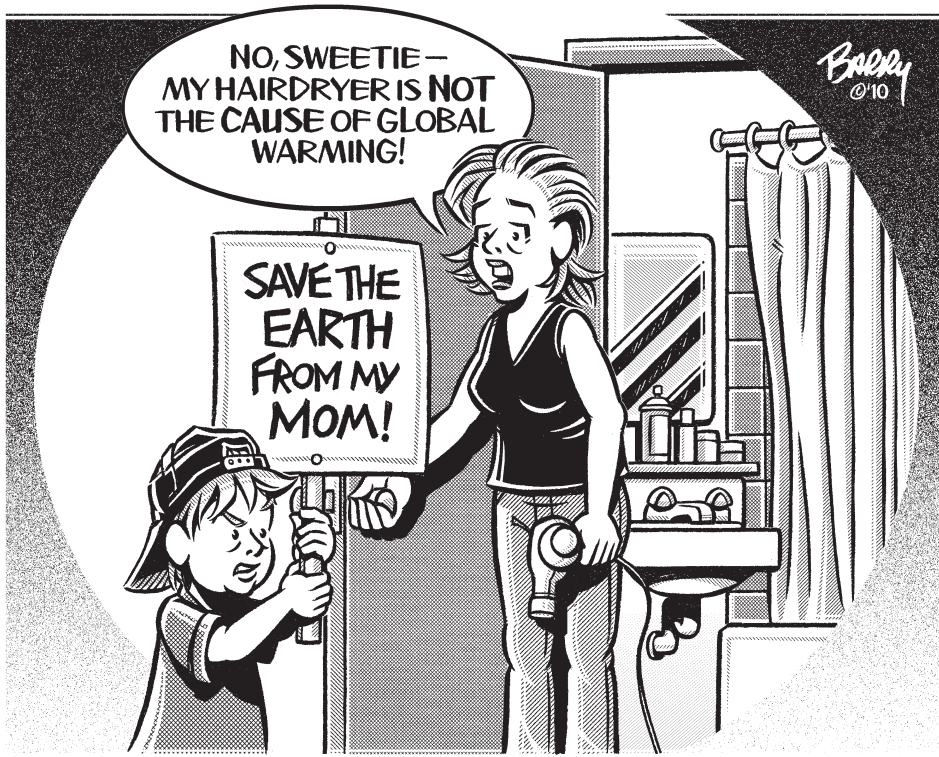
A total of 38 Local Census Offices are operating across Texas.

Road safety campaign begins

The Texas Department of Transportation in mid-February launched a campaign with advice for toll road users, such as:

Slow down in toll plaza cash lanes and on exit ramps; never back up to change lanes on a toll road; avoid driver distractions, such as talking or texting on cell phones; and if you find yourself in the wrong lane, just keep driving through and you'll get a bill in the mail for your tolls.

Also, watch for stopped vehicles in cash lanes and when driving through a cash plaza, only travel through lanes marked with a green arrow.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 24, 2000

Fred Hernandez was named Citizen of the Year at the 64th annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Anita Herren and Frances Lane were honored as charter members of the Progressive Study Club. Mary Martin and Gladys O'Neal were presented 50 year pins, Thula Perry, Nancy Toliver and Ruby Turner received 40 year pins, while Nelda Lane was given a 30 year pin.

Rule High School's computer science team of Jeremy Hertel and Josh Smith earned a trip to the state Texas Computer Education programing contest in Houston by placing first in the Lubbock competition.

20 Years Ago February 22, 1990

Wallar Overton, scoutmaster of Paint Creek Troop 148, was presented the Silver Beaver award by the Chisolm Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Inducted into the Haskell Chapter of the National Honor Society was senior James Rike, along with juniors Tiffany Bradford, Amanda Diaz, Sheila Unger, Craig Hanson, Rusty Stocks and Noel Hadaway.

The Haskell Indians, led by Coach Randy Stone, have won the district basketball championship. Boasting the best win-loss record in the school's history, they will meet Bangs in a bi-district

playoff game.

30 Years Ago February 21, 1980

Winners in the Haskell County Food Show, who will compete in the District Food Show were Jill Jennings, Rebecca Holt, Kristen Campbell, Marcy Davis, Janette Holmes, Sonja Tidrow and Lynn Weatherly.

J.H. Strain was honored at the 44th annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet as Haskell's Outstanding Citizen of 1979.

Kendall Larned was named the number one Rehab Ranger by raising over \$2000 for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in a competition sponsored by Colonial Grocery Stores.

Amy Gilleland of Haskell and Debra Wells of Paint Creek have been named to the Dean's List at McMurry College.

40 Years Ago February 19, 1970

Wanda Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Griffith, has been named 1970 Betty Crocker Homememaker of Tomorrow at Paint Creek High School.

Haskell 4-H Club members Mark Lewis, Susan Lewis, Judy Therwhanger, John Allison and Jan Allison will exhibit their barrows at the Houston Livestock Show.

Don Waldie has purchased the stock and equipment of

Harry Howard's Humble Service Station. It will operate under the name of Waldie's Enco Service Station.

Glenda Gayle Chapman was named 1969 Basketball Sweetheart and Donald Love was selected as Basketball Beau.

50 Years Ago February 25, 1960

Named as new directors of the Haskell United Fund are Ben Charlie Chapman, Mrs. Olen Dotson, Brooks Middleton and Dr. T.W. Williams.

Tom Anderson, fullback and letterman on the Indian football squad, was named "Most Conscientious Player" by the Booster Club.

After two close runoffs, Jimmy Brock, a sophomore from Haskell, was chosen by the students of Ranger College as the 1960 Mr. Ranger College.

100 Years Ago February 19, 1910

W.A. Marsh has purchased the Haskell Steam Laundry and will take charge of the business immediately.

J.N. McFatter, who has the contract for the new school building at Weinert spent a few days at home last week.

The Commissioners Court, acting on a petition signed by more than 200 qualified voters, has called a local option election for Haskell County.

AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

Texas Attorney General Provides Tips To Avoid Becoming A Tax Scam Victim

According to the Internal Revenue Service, as many as 1.2 million individuals earn fees for preparing Americans' tax returns. Over the years, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has received numerous complaints about tax preparers who fail to file tax returns on time, charge excessive fees, fail to secure anticipated refunds and fail to return personal financial documents to customers. Texans have also voiced concerns about tax preparers making errors on their customers' tax returns or disappearing after returns are filed.

To avoid becoming a tax return scam victim, the OAG urges Texans to take four quick steps before hiring a tax return preparation professional:

- Ask for the tax preparer's credentials.
- Check with the Better Business Bureau for complaints against the tax preparer.
- Verify whether the tax preparer is a certified public accountant.
- Make sure the business is open year-round in the event clients need to ask follow-up questions about their returns.

Texans should make sure they know the exact fee for a preparer's services and insist on a date by which their returns will be filed with the IRS. Clients also should make arrangements to have the tax preparer return personal financial papers used during preparation of the returns.

More importantly, Texans should confirm the basis for all tax deductions the tax preparer claims on their returns. Taxpayers are ultimately subject to accuracy and fraud penalties, plus accrued interest, for any income tax underpayment caused by filing incorrect tax returns.

Taxpayers can generally get information from the IRS about their refund 72 hours after IRS acknowledges receipt of an e-filed return, or three to four weeks after mailing a paper return.

Finally, Texans should not respond to e-mails that appear to be from the Internal Revenue Service. Fraudulent e-mails typically direct a taxpayer to a Web link that requests personal and financial information, such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers. Taxpayers should also verify the identification and documentation of anyone claiming to be an IRS agent.

Texans may forward such bogus e-mails to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov or file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General at 800-252-8011 or online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

Hermann Sons launches 'Hugs from Home' care package project

Residents of Haskell are being invited to take part in a program being sponsored by the local Hermann Sons lodge and the Grand Lodge in San Antonio.

The program is called "Hugs from Home" and it was created for a very special group of people—the men and women of the armed forces who are serving their country in Iraq and Afghanistan.

These "Hugs from Home" will be care packages filled with items that the troops have requested including foot powder, baby wipes, other personal hygiene items and non-perishable food such as cookies, crackers, tuna, jerky and candy.

Haskell Hermann Sons Lodge No. 241 is asking residents to help by donating money that the Grand Lodge can use to buy the items needed to fill the boxes.

Residents can also take part in the program by providing the name,

address and deployment dates of someone serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. These are the people who will be receiving these "Hugs from Home."

"As long as we receive items and donations, this project will continue," Grand Vice President-Fraternal Lee Vogel said in announcing the program. "We anticipate this will be the largest community service project ever undertaken by Hermann Sons."

Hermann Sons is a fraternal benefit society. It provides its members with life insurance and annuity products to protect their financial future.

Members belong to 138 lodges across Texas and have access to a wide range of living benefits including a retirement home, youth camp, dance program and the opportunity for community service through projects such as this.

"Hermann Sons

members are known for their patriotism and I am proud to say that they have always risen to the occasion when there is a need," Vogel said. "But we know that there are many, many other people who support the troops and would like the opportunity to let them know we are thinking about them and want them to have everything they need and that is why we have opened this program up to residents in each of the communities where we have a lodge."

Donations can be sent to Hermann Sons Grand Lodge, Attn: Kim Krueger, P.O. Box 1941, San Antonio, Texas, 78297-1941. Checks should be made payable to the Hermann Sons Grand Lodge. The names, complete addresses and deployment dates of personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan can also be sent to the same address.

For more information, contact Krueger at 1-800-234-4124, ext. 277.

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2010 Bi- District Champs



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS—Front row, Cheslee Hearn, middle row, l-r, Marissa McGhee, Aubrey Bassett, Briè Torres, Harley James, Jordan Burson, Kayce Wilcox; back row, Coach David Middleton, Ashlee Short, Lisa Rodgers, Lonnie Alvarez, Miranda Johnson, Nikki Thompson and Hollyn Hadaway.



#11 Aubrey Bassett – Senior



#21 Jordan Burson – Senior



#23 Kayce Wilcox – Senior



#35 Lonnie Alvarez – Senior



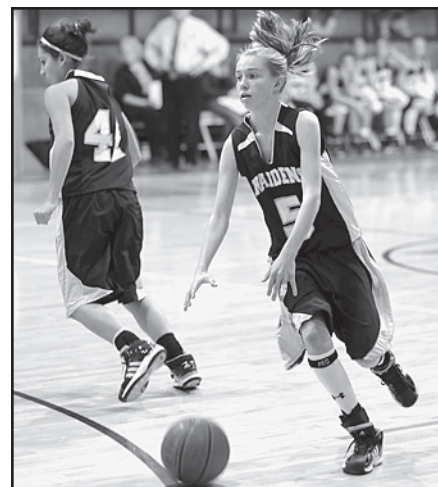
#41 Briè Torres – Senior



#45 Lisa Rodgers – Senior



#53 Miranda Johnson – Senior



#5 Marissa McGhee – Junior



#15 Cheslee Hearn – Junior



#25 Harley James – Junior



#55 Ashlee Short – Junior

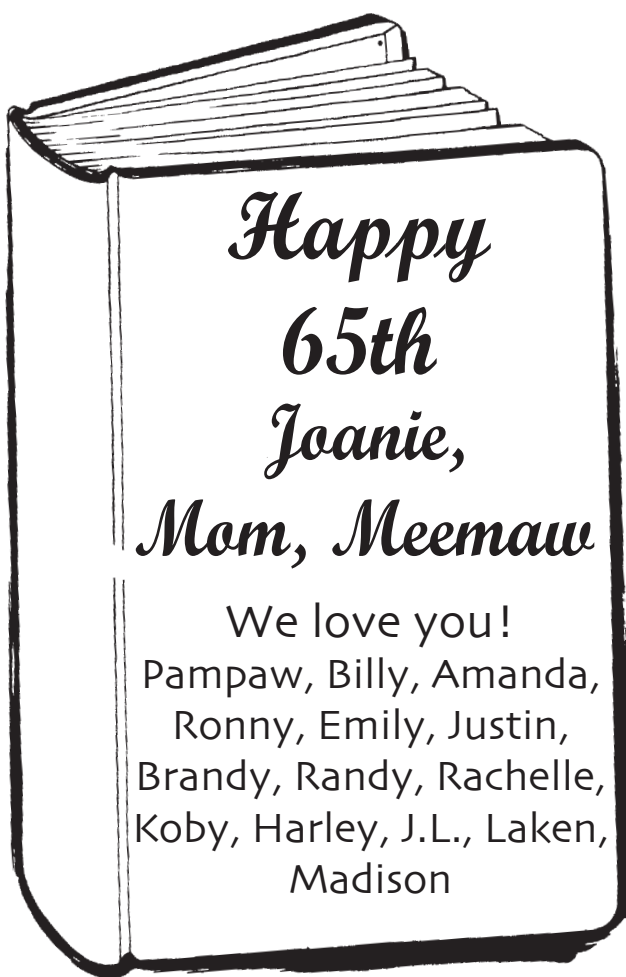


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Voters to choose party when voting

by Caron Yates
 Tuesday, March 2 is the date for both the Republican and Democratic primaries in Texas. Sharon Mullino, Haskell County Democratic Chairman, emphasizes that voters need to be aware that federal law prohibits citizens from voting in more than one party primary.

If there is a runoff election, voters who cast votes in the Republican primary may only vote in a Republican runoff, likewise those who voted in the Democratic primary are eligible to vote in the Democratic runoff. If a voter did not participate in the March 2 primary, he/she may vote in the runoff election of the party they choose.

Statewide, there are heavily contested races in both primaries. On the local level, most of the contested races will appear on the Democratic ticket, although the County Judge race, has both Democratic and Republican candidates.

Ballots by mail may be requested through Feb. 23, with early voting by personal appearance taking place Feb. 16 through Feb. 26. Early voting will be held at the courthouse, near the west end of the hallway, in the Crime Stoppers office.

County Clerk Rhonda Moeller, reminds voters that if you want your vote to count, you need to bring your voter registration cards with you when you come to vote. If you do not have your voter card, you must present some type of picture identification.

You, the voter, have the choice of voting in either the Democratic or Republican primary, but remember you must choose one or the other, not both.



COMPETES AT DISTRICT—The Haskell High School Debate Teams competed at the District Meet held Feb. 13 in Hamlin. Team members include, l-r, Dustin Andersen, Amber Allen, Otto Zeman and Preston Morrow.

Debate team wins District

Haskell High School took two teams to the District 13-A Cross Ex Debate meet Sat., Feb. 13 in Hamlin.

One team consisting of Dustin Andersen, a senior, and Amber Allen, a junior, received first

place.

A team consisting of Otto Zeman, a junior foreign exchange student from Germany, and Preston Morrow, a freshman, received second place.

The team of Andersen

and Allen advanced to the state Cross Ex Debate Competition, which will be held at the University of Texas in Austin March 15-16. These two students are also eligible to apply for the UIL academic scholarships.

Haskell High School debate teams compete

Several Haskell High School students competed in UIL Academic Practice Meets over the past couple of weeks.

Approximately 30 students traveled to Wichita Falls Cityview Jan. 23 where they won several awards in the 1A division.

Results include:
 Accounting: Shambrie Rodriguez, first place 1A & first place overall 1A-5A.

Calculator Applications: Cailey Foster, fourth place Freshman 1A; Codi Foster, first place Junior 1A; Garrett Brueggeman, second place Sophomore 1A; Maci Colley, second place Freshman 1A.

Current Events: Angelica Gonzales, first place 1A/2A.

Computer Science: Otto Zeman, fifth place 1A.

Editorial Writing: Brooke Bullinger, third place 1A/2A; Dawn Skinner, fifth place 1A/2A.

Feature Writing: Brooke Bullinger, second place 1A/2A; Dawn Skinner, fourth place 1A/2A.

Headline Writing: Brooke Bullinger, second place 1A/2A.

Mathematics: Codi Foster, third place Junior 1A; Garrett Brueggeman, second place Sophomore 1A.

News Writing: Brooke Bullinger, third place 1A/2A; Dawn Skinner, second place 1A/2A.

Number Sense: Codi Foster, third place Junior 1A; Garrett Brueggeman, fifth place Sophomore 1A; Maci Colley, third place Freshman 1A; Madison Mayfield, fourth place Freshman 1A.

Ready Writing: Leslie Crosson, fourth place 1A.

Science: Ryan Baumbach, fifth place Sophomore 1A.

Social Studies: Dustin Andersen, second place 1A; Ethan Frierson, sixth place 1A.

Spelling: Aubrey Bassett, third place 1A & 3rd place overall; Carson Hadaway, fifth place 1A.

Forty students traveled to Wylie High School on Feb. 13 and competed against 1A through 3A schools.

Garrett Brueggeman, a sophomore, received second place in Mathematics with a score of 146. First place went to Collin Harris, a senior at Wylie High School, grandson of Delight Jones of Haskell, with a score of 148.

Leslie Crosson, a junior, received fourth place in Headline Writing. Crosson has received several awards in journalism events through Winner's Circle and other practice meets.

The Wylie UIL Meet is a very challenging in the number of competitors and the fact that students are competing against 1A-3A schools, with several state-champions in attendance.

Over the Rainbow musical to benefit the Noah Project

On March 6, at the First United Methodist Church a program of music will be held to benefit the Noah Project.

Musicians include local residents and a couple from Lubbock performing pieces of music, for the

most part, that you have never heard them perform before.

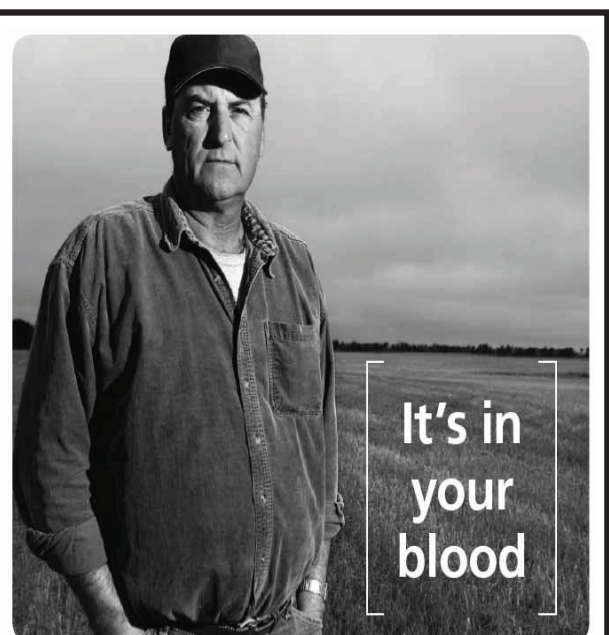
A wide variety of performers has been chosen to perform. All have agreed to create this program for the enjoyment of those attending and to benefit the Noah Project which serves a five-county area in and around Haskell County.

A well known (appropriately well-dressed) local minister will be the master of

ceremonies, and Noah himself is likely to make an appearance.

So after attending the "Celebrate Texas Independence Haskell County Style" on the square earlier in the day, plan to attend "Over the Rainbow for Noah" in the evening, enjoy the music and provide some support for the Noah Project at the same time.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. The price of admission is your choice.



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DRUG SEIZURE—DPS Corporal Brody Moore is shown with approximately 110 pounds of drugs seized during a routine stop of a truck tractor and trailer Friday evening, Feb. 19.

DPS Trooper Moore makes sizeable drug seizure

During the evening of Fri., Feb. 19, DPS Corporal Brody Moore conducted a routine traffic stop of a truck tractor and trailer that resulted in a sizeable drug seizure.

Corporal Moore pulled the north bound commercial vehicle over on US 277 south of Munday in Haskell County. While conducting an inspection of the vehicle, Corporal Moore observed that the driver, Alberto Moncayo of El Paso, appeared unusually nervous. During the course of the stop, Corporal Moore observed several more clues

that led him to believe that the driver could be involved in some type of criminal activity.

While inspecting the sleeper portion of the tractor, Corporal Moore observed a large duffel bag. When asked, the driver admitted to Corporal Moore that the bag contained a large amount of marihuana. It was later determined that the bag contained several individually wrapped bundles of marihuana totaling approximately 110 pounds.

The driver was also found to be in possession of over

four grams of cocaine as well. Moncayo was arrested and booked into the Rolling Plains Regional Jail for possession of marihuana greater than 50 pounds and possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 greater than four grams. Both charges are second degree felonies each punishable by up to 20 years in prison and \$10,000 fine.

Corporal Moore was assisted by Haskell County Chief Deputy Winston Stephens, Trooper Larry Adams and Highway Patrol Sergeant Jodie Tullos.

Finding the best way to invest your savings

You have worked hard for your money and you want to make the most of your investments so you will have the necessary funds when you need them.

The simplest way to earn money on your savings is to open a savings account at your local community bank or other financial institution. You can choose from the typical savings account, the money account or Certificate of Deposit (CD).

Once you have established a good savings foundation, you may want to diversify your assets among other investments. Investing looks toward the future and is not a get-rich-quick scheme. Here are some ways to invest some of your savings with an eye toward the future.

Bonds

When you buy a bond, you are lending money to a federal or state agency, municipality or a corporation. They promise to pay you a fixed rate of interest during the life of the bond and then repay the entire face value of the bond when it reaches maturity. To estimate how the value of your bond will grow over the years, the Federal Reserve suggests using the Rule of 72. For example, you invest in a bond that is worth \$5,000 today at 8 percent interest. Divide 72 by 8 and you get 9, meaning your investment will double every nine years.

Savings Bonds

These bonds range from \$50 to \$10,000. They are government-issued and government-backed.

Treasury Bonds, Bills and Notes

Treasury bonds are securities which are sold at a discount of their face value with terms of more than 10 years and secured by the federal government. These bonds are used to pay for varied government programs and interest is paid semi-annually. Treasury bills are short-term securities sold at a discount of their face value with terms of 3 months to one year. Treasury notes are interest-bearing securities which mature within two to 10 years and pay interest every six months. All of these investments are sold in increments of \$1,000 and can be purchased directly from the

U.S. Treasury.

Stocks

When you purchase stock, you become part owner of a company and, as a stockholder, you receive dividends from the company. If the company does well, your stock appreciates in value. However, if the company does not do well, you will lose money.

Mutual Funds

With mutual funds, you invest in many companies. Your investment is spread across many companies rather than relying on just one to perform well.

IRA

An individual retirement account (IRA) helps you build retirement security. The money you invest in a 401(k) plan grows tax-free until the time you are ready to withdraw it.



MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT—The Haskell Elementary fifth grade class under the direction of Pam Gibson presented musical arrangements with a Texas flare during the entertainment portion of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet held Monday night.

Calendar

Volleyball night

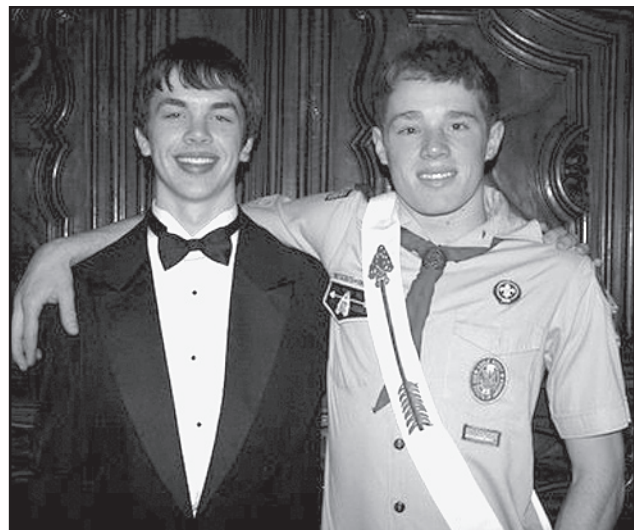
First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

Cancer support

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

Rochester homecoming

Plans for Rochester homecoming are being made for Friday and Saturday Oct. 8-9.



RECEIVE HONORS—Corbin Williams, left, and Stephen Cram, grandsons of Ken and Nelda Lane of Haskell, were honored in San Antonio. Williams, Wylie High School junior and son of Shannon and Marty Williams, was presented in the San Antonio All State Band concert Sat., Feb. 13. Cram, San Antonio Clack High School junior and son of Kim and Gary Cram, was presented in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor Sun., Feb. 14.

VOTE
for
Belia Abila
County Tax
Assessor
Collector



I'd like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all of the people in Haskell County who I had a chance to visit with and meet while out in the community campaigning. If I missed you or didn't get a chance to stop by, I apologize. With almost 30 years of customer service experience, I am here to serve the people of Haskell County. Your vote will be greatly appreciated.

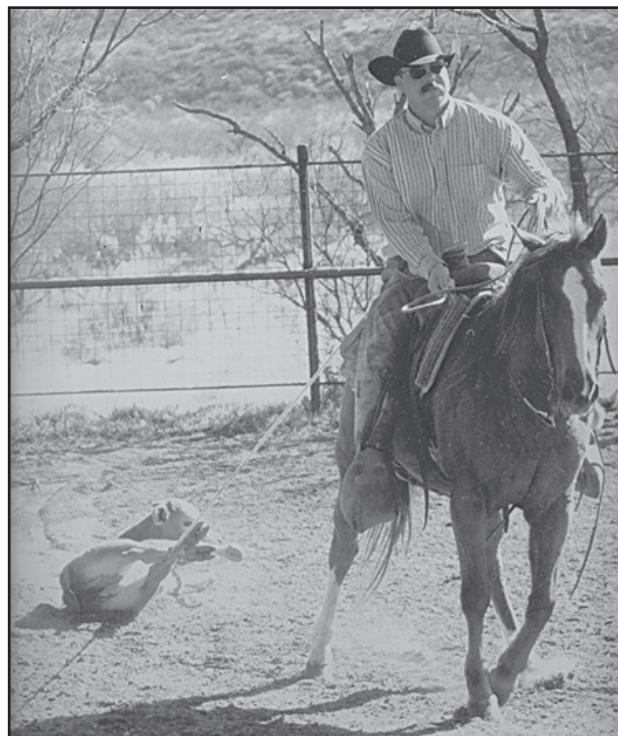
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Whatever it takes to get you to go vote March 2.

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RE-ELECT
Rhonda (Hewitt) Moeller
Haskell County Clerk

In the event I have missed anyone during my campaign, I would like to ask for your vote as Haskell County Clerk on March 2nd.

I feel that I have the experience and qualifications to continue to be your Clerk.

I would appreciate your vote of confidence and support.

A Clerk you can count on March 2nd

Rhonda Moeller

Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Rhonda Moeller



NEW DEACONS—Seven men were ordained as deacons at First Baptist Church of Haskell Sun., Feb. 21. Ordained were, front row, l-r, Joey Kimbrough Kent Colley, Cliff Morris, John Rutkowski, Dave Harrison, Danny Brueggeman and Ervin Frierson. Standing in the back row is Tammy Kimbrough, April Colley, Kazuko Morris, Glenda Gayle Rutkowski, Barbara Harrison and Connie Brueggeman. The ordination message was presented by Randy McLelland. Special music was presented by friends and family of the deacon candidates.

Haskell School Menu

March 1-5 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast quesadilla
Tuesday: Sausage, biscuit, egg
Wednesday: Cereal, Cheez-Its
Thursday: Pigs in a blanket
Friday: Funnel cake

Lunch
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato with cheese and ham. High School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.
Monday: Pepperoni pizza, coleslaw, corn, pears
Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, cheese, peppers and onions, pinto beans, garden salad, brownie
Wednesday: Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, assorted chips, grapes
Thursday: Roasted turkey, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fruit salad
Friday: Choice: Chicken on a bun or tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, waffle fries, cherry shape-up

Births

Sean and Elizabeth Jeanes of Lubbock are announcing the birth of their first daughter, Faith Elizabeth, born Wed., Feb. 10 at 5:21 p.m. at Covenant Women and Childrens Hospital in Lubbock weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. She was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Johnny and Penny Jeanes Isbell of Haskell and the late David Jeanes of Phoenix, Arizona, and Peggy Kathleen Wallace of Searcy, Arkansas.

Great grandparents are John and Peggy Smith of Bald Knob, Arkansas and O'dell Wallace and the late Alice Rosser of Bald Knob, Arkansas.

Great great grandparents are Lois Bunch of Bald Knob, Arkansas and the late Cecil and Juanita Wallace of Bald Knob, Arkansas.

Aunts and uncles include James and Leslie Grand Jeanes of Coleman, formerly of Haskell, Tyler and Meg Wallace Armentrout of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, and Cody and Leslie Wallace Parker of Searcy, Arkansas.



CALF SCRAMBLE WINNERS—Aaron Urich of Rochester, left, an eighth grade student at Rochester Junior High and River McTasney, a ninth grade student at Paint Creek High School, participated in the calf scramble held Sat., Feb. 13 at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. Both are members of the Haskell 4-H Club. They competed for \$800 certificates to purchase a breeding animal to exhibit in the 2011 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Livestock Show. Urich plans to purchase a swine with his award and McTasney plans to purchase a beef animal.

Paint Creek School Menu

March 1-5 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Muffins
Thursday: Breakfast burritos
Friday: Pigs in blanket

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, apple crisp
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, salad, cake
Wednesday: Pork roast, rice, gravy, broccoli, salad, fruit
Thursday: Tacos, refried beans, salad, jello
Friday: Ham sandwiches, salad, cheese, chips, rice krispies

This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith and service can help us forget all our woes

We all have times when either things go wrong or else we're afraid they will, and these real and potential calamities seem to come all at once. We worry about our health, our job security, bills, taxes, and so on. This can throw us into a real fit of depression, and we often wonder if it's all worth it. But take heart; there are some constructive things you can do while

you're waiting for the answers. First, go out and help someone who needs you. This will give you a good feeling and take your mind off your own troubles. Second, attend your house of worship and pray for God's guidance. Talk to your clergyman, who will also pray for you. Remember that he is there to help you whenever you need him, so just let him do it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
Jim McCurley, pastor
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
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
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
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
God Loves You Ministries
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
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First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
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OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 7B-0264372
IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS
Austin, Texas
January 29, 2010
NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF KINDER MORGAN PRODUCTION CO LLC TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY RECOVERY AUTHORITY FOR ITS PROPOSED KATZ (STRAWN) UNIT KATZ (STRAWN) FIELD HASKELL, KING, KNOX AND STONEWALL COUNTIES, TEXAS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2010), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on MARCH 5, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2010). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.
This hearing will be held to consider the application of Kinder Morgan Production Co LLC, to consider unitization and secondary recovery authority for its proposed Katz (Strawn) Unit in the Katz (Strawn) Field, Haskell, King, Knox and Stonewall Counties, Texas. A plat of the proposed unit

is attached to this notice. Applicant advises that 99.97% of the working interest and 77.07% of the royalty interests have agreed to unitization at the time the application was filed with the Commission. In addition, applicant requests entity-for-density authority for the Katz (Strawn) Unit.
If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Brian Sullivan, at (512) 327-8111. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.
PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.
ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.
TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.
IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing by a Court Reporter, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess

the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio recording.
ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

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A LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES of those persons receiving notice of this hearing is contained in the Commission's file on this proceeding and is available for inspection at the Railroad Commission's offices in the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78701.
THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.
THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION. 5-8c

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CHARLES EUGENE GARY, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charles Eugene Gary were issued on February 10, 2010, in Cause No. 4420, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: Martha Jean Gary.

The address of the Independent Executrix is: Martha Jean Gary, 1807 North Avenue F, Haskell, Texas 79521.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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The Haskell Maidens led on offense by Aubrey Bassett with 12 points defeated Era 44 to 34 in a Bi-District playoff game Tues., Feb. 16.

Haskell's defense played well and held Era's big time scorers, allowing the Maidens to advance to the next round of play.

The Maidens play Tolar Fri., Feb. 19.

Scoring for the Maidens were Bassett with 12, Marissa McGhee, Lisa Rodgers and Ashlee Short with 8 each, Miranda Johnson with 4, Briè Torres with 3 and Lonnie Alvarez with 1.

The Haskell Maidens were defeated by the Tolar

Lady Rattlers in a hard fought battle played Friday night in Breckenridge.

The Maidens battled back from an 18-9 deficit in the first quarter to go ahead 27-23 at the half.

The Lady Rattlers kept the Maidens to 20 points in the second half of play sealing the game by a 52-47 score.

Aubrey Bassett lead the Maidens with 16 points, followed by Ashlee Short with 11. Lisa Rodgers posted 8 points, Briè Torres had 7, Chelsee Hearn 3 and Jordan Burson 2.

Haskell ended the season with a Bi-District win and a 22-8 record. The team finished second in District 9 with an 8-2 record.



BASSETT MAKES A MOVE—Haskell Maiden #11 Aubrey Bassett moves the ball during the Tolar game last Friday night. Bassett led the Maidens in scoring with 16 points.



DRIVES TO BASKET—Haskell Maiden #41 Briè Torres drives towards the basket against the Tolar Lady Rattlers.



FIGHTS FOR POSITION—Haskell Maiden #55 Ashlee Short fights for position under the basket against a Tolar Lady Rattler.



BURSON BRINGS DOWN THE BALL—Haskell Maiden #21 Jordan Burson moves the ball down court during the Tolar game.



WILCOX ON THE MOVE—Haskell Maiden #23 Kayce Wilcox brings the ball down court during the Tolar game.

Bassett named Player of the Week

Haskell Maiden Aubrey Bassett was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Player of the Week list on Tues., Feb. 23.

The senior guard ended her high school career scoring a combined 30 points in playoff games with Era and Tolar.

In the Maiden's 44-34

win over Era, she collected six boards, nine steals and six assists along with posting 12 points.

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I want to encourage everyone to vote by personal appearance through February 26th in the County Court House or at your voting location for your precinct, on March 2nd. I am asking for your vote for numerous reasons. I have first hand knowledge and experience to all the job duties, functions and responsibilities as required by this exciting position. I feel I have the knowledge, experience and characteristics that one should exhibit as County Clerk.

The County Clerk serves as clerk for the County Court, County courts at law and the County, we keep records pertaining to the County courts, real and personal property, and personal records, record vital statistics, issue marriage license, we administer other licensing and recording requirements, and lastly we conduct county wide special and general elections and handle early voting.

I believe I represent qualities and characteristics that are essential to our office and the citizens of Haskell County. The characteristics I possess and that are highly beneficial to the office are: dependability, efficiency, respect, honesty, availability, accountability, dedication, self motivation, non-discriminative, and one who is truly willing to work hard for Haskell County and surrounding counties.

If elected as County Clerk I have plans of implementing the remote birth access system. This system allows persons not born in Haskell County to obtain a certified copy of their birth certificate. This would convenience those in and outside of Haskell County, as well as generate revenue, and would put Haskell County a step ahead in the technological world.

I feel the experience that I have obtained as Deputy Clerk for the past 3 years has prepared me for this exciting endeavor. I am asking you as the voters of Haskell County, to put your confidence in me and give me the honor of being the next County Clerk. I ask that you let your voice be heard by voting at the poles March 2nd.

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The only promise I can make is that I will conduct this office, if elected, with integrity, efficiency, and friendliness. The only change I plan to make is for the need as I see it, to keep my office open during daily lunch hours from 12-1 to better serve you, the public.

I'm asking for your vote of support on March 2nd in the Democratic Primary.

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Connie Benton