

Softball

HASKELL
JV Maidens vs Eula
Fri., March 26, 6 p.m.
at Eula
V Maidens vs Hermleigh
Fri., March 26, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
V Maidens vs Ira
Double Header
Mon., March 29, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

Baseball

HASKELL
JV Indians in
JV District Tournament
Thurs., March 25
at Hamlin
Indians vs Rotan
Fri., March 26, 4 p.m.
at Rotan
JV Indians in
JV District Tournament
Sat., March 27
at Hamlin
Indians vs Roby
Tues., March 30, 5 p.m.
Haskell

Track

HASKELL
JH at Roby Meet
Thurs., March 25
V at Roby Meet
Sat., March 27
PAINT CREEK
JH at Bulldog Relays
Thurs., March 25
at Knox City
V at Greyhound Relays
Fri., March 26
at Knox City
RULE
VB/VG at Knox City Meet
Fri., March 26

Calendar

Book sale

The Haskell County Library will hold a book sale Thurs., March 25 through Sat., March 27. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Please enter at the north back door.

Little Dribblers

The Haskell Heroes Little Dribbler's tournament will be held Sat., March 27. Pre-K through second grade games start at 8:30 a.m. in the Elementary gym. Third through sixth grade games begin at 8 a.m. in the high school gym. A full concession stand will be open at the high school gym. Indian meal deals, including a hamburger, chips, candy and a drink will be \$5. Take outs will be available.

Cowboy breakfast

The annual cowboy breakfast will be held Sun., March 28 with breakfast served at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall in Haskell. Donnell Brown of Throckmorton will bring a devotional at 8 a.m. with music brought by the Wittenborns of Haskell.

Easter cantata

The Easter cantata, "I Know My Redeemer Lives" will be presented at East Side Baptist Church, Sun., March 28 at 7 p.m.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., March 30 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square. The minimum age for blood donors has been lowered to age 16 with signed consent from a parent or guardian. Call 325-670-2798 for more information or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

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Book Sale Thurs. through Sat. at the Library

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Haskell mural to be restored by Art Club

by Caron Yates

In August 1982, as plans were being made for Haskell's Centennial Celebration, members of the Brazos West Art Club began contemplating possible contributions, they could make to the effort.

By August 13, 1982, under the leadership of Faye Schnuriger, a beautiful mural was designed and painted

on the side of the building which at that time housed the S&H Green Stamp store. It was a pictorial history of Haskell, painted by members of the Art Club.

Contributing their talents to the mural were Judy Benton, Laverne Barnett, Iva Lee Gipson, Ora Childress, Pauline Norman, Eunice Helweg, Schnuriger, Sophie Hix, Faye Jetton, Gladys

O'Neal, Faye Stiewert, Martha Sampson, Fern Livengood and Florence Larned.

For the next sixteen years, townspeople and visitors alike, enjoyed the depiction of Haskell history. In 1998, it was determined that the mural needed a face lift. An artist from Abilene, Anthony Brown, along with several of his colleagues, were

contracted to restore the mural.

The West Texas heat and weather has made it necessary once again to restore the mural. Carolyn Everett, who serves on the Board of Directors of the Haskell National Bank, recently met with members of the Art Club to offer the Bank's assistance in restoring the mural on the building

which is now occupied by the Haskell Free Press.

Haskell National Bank was chartered in 1890 and is celebrating 120 years of service to Haskell and the surrounding area. Everett said, "The Bank feels that the restoration of the painting is a tribute to the legacy of Haskell. We feel that this is a good way to show our appreciation to the club's efforts as they encourage pride in Haskell."

Brown has again been contacted to do the restoration project, under the direction of the Art Club. The Brazos West Art Club would like to encourage anyone wishing to contribute to the cause, to send donations to the Art Club in care of the club treasurer, Betty Hook at 1110 N. 5th, Haskell, Texas 79521. Please specify it is for the mural project.

It is hoped that the restoration can be completed in time for this year's Wild Horse Prairie Days event in June.

The club also will again host an Art Competition during the Wild Horse Prairie Days. Categories will be drawing, painting and photography. They want to motivate everyone to begin working now on entries.

The Brazos West Art Club was established in 1973, with Gladys O'Neal serving as the first president. The club still meets each week. On the second Monday of each month, they meet at 6:30 at the Haskell National Bank community room, and have a guest artist to share techniques and ideas. On the first Monday they meet at 1:30 at the community room to paint on personal projects, and again on the third and fourth Mondays at the Church of Christ in Rule. It is a great time of fun and fellowship.

Anyone who has an interest in the beauty of art is encouraged to join them. According to member Betty Berry, "It's a learned process, and anyone can learn, even those who don't think they have any talent."



RESTORATION PROJECT-The Brazos West Art Club plans to restore this mural that appears on the building occupied by the Haskell Free Press. Haskell National Bank has agreed to help the club with the project. Contributions are being accepted by the club for the project. Plans are to have the mural completed by the first week in June, in time for the Wild Horse Prairie Days activities.

Declining sales tax receipts may slow projects

by Caron Yates

Most families have felt the crunch in at least some way, brought on by the hard economic times our nation has faced in recent years. If you have paid attention to the news lately, you are well aware of the decline in sales tax revenue in Texas.

City Administrator Brandon Anderson says, that while the city of Haskell feels the pinch, declining sales tax has not had as much of an impact on Haskell as on the larger cities.

The city's budget is built on two different components. The enterprise part of the budget includes water, sewer, garbage and the landfill. This part of the budget is self-sufficient, in other words these entities bring in the money needed for operation. City leaders review the needs of each department and set the rates accordingly.

The second part of the city budget is called general funds. Falling under this umbrella would be administrators, development corporation, police department, fire department, and upkeep of

streets and parks. Funds available for these areas are directly affected by revenue from sales tax and ad valorem taxes.

Of the revenue coming in from taxes, 75% goes to the city and 25% is designated for the Development Corporation of Haskell. It is somewhat impossible to know what future sales tax revenue will be, because of many variables, including the amount of expendable money families feel they have. In trying to plan for the city's budget, Anderson says he looks at a ten year average, as well as current trends. At this point he is projecting an approximately \$15,000 shortfall.

It has been projected that the local option election which passed recently, could boost sales tax by as much as 10%. Anderson thinks that perhaps one of the most promising opportunities to increase revenue is through new businesses located near the bypass. It is hoped that we can be one of the first between Abilene and Wichita Falls to offer gasoline and

food to those traveling, hence pulling sales tax into the city from "off the highway." Negotiations are still ongoing with Stripes to build such a store.

At this point, some projects may need to be reconsidered. Plans to repair some city streets, as well as repairs and updates to the city pool may not happen as quickly as first planned. While the projects will not be completely abandoned, it will be necessary to complete them as funds become available.

Vandals strike area over the weekend

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton and Haskell Police Chief Steven Grand have reported that numerous cases of vandalism, both inside and outside the county, occurred March 20-21.

Several businesses and vehicle windows were shot out and some were broken out during the events.

If you have information regarding these cases, contact the Haskell Police Department at 940-864-

Jud area reports rabies case

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton reported a case of rabies in the Jud area last weekend.

Pet owners are encouraged to watch the behavior of their pets. Pet owners should always have their pet's rabies shots current.

Anderson says that as gasoline prices increase, it is hoped that people may see the benefit in shopping with their home town merchants, rather than driving out of town.

Citizens are encouraged to contact Anderson at City Hall if they have questions or concerns. He states, "It is a perceived problem until you bring it to our attention. We want to have an open door policy, because after all, it is the taxpayers that pay our bills."

2323, Haskell County Sheriff's Office at 940-864-2345 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS or text CFC @ CRIMES.

Remember-All callers remain anonymous. We want your information, not your name.

Sagerton Hee Haw set March 25-27

The Sagerton community has begun making preparations for the 40th production of the Sagerton Hee Haw. The dates are March 25-27 beginning at 8 p.m. each evening. Music and singing will begin about 6:45 p.m.

Larry LeFevre is the Hee Haw director and Dickie Greenwood is in charge of the music. The whole community is involved in some capacity for the evening's 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 Hee Haw program for Thurs., March 25, is especially for groups. If a group is interested in tickets on group night, call 940-997-2688 for more information.

Tickets may be ordered by calling 940-997-2688 or come to 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Plate lunches, sandwiches, and pies will be available in the cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. when the cafeteria will close.

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TMCN luncheon to be held in Haskell April 7

Haskell community leaders will host a regional network luncheon sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) April 7 at Haskell National Bank, 602 S. 1st. Community leaders from neighboring communities are invited to attend, enjoy the local cuisine and discuss mutual concerns.

Each year TMCN conducts a series of network luncheons in April to bring local leaders from visiting communities together to discuss issues that affect quality of life and local economies. The focus of the luncheons will be "How to encourage optimism at the local level in today's challenging economic climate."

Discussion at the luncheon will cover topics such as encouraging residents to shop at home, uplifting the morale of shop owners, and helping local employers

with business retention and expansion. The networking event provides a way to share what's happening in your community and hear what's happening in neighboring communities. Other locations for luncheons this year are Gorman, April 8; Snyder, April 14; Clyde, April 15 and Eden, April 21.

Interested participants are asked to make reservations in advance by calling or emailing the TMCN Office at 325-795-8626 or 800-845-3563 or tmcn@tmcn.org. Reservations for the Haskell luncheon can also be made by calling City Hall at 940-864-2333.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization for community and economic development, regional promotion, education, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what

one community cannot do alone." TMCN sponsors a number of networking events during the year and projects to market the region for business and tourism development. The organization also administers a regional cooperative by which businesses have access to affordable employer group healthcare plans.

TMCN Member cities are Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Gustine, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Rising Star, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

Passport day scheduled March 27 in Seymour

On Sat., March 27, the Department of State will celebrate its second annual "Passport Day in the USA." U.S. citizens throughout the country can apply for a passport at any one of the 23 regional passport agencies without an appointment. With summer vacation right around the corner, now is the time to start making travel plans and apply for a passport.

The first Passport Day in the USA was held in March 2009. Over 57,000 passport

applications were accepted at passport agencies and 2,000 passport acceptance facilities. This year, with the addition of new passport agencies in Detroit, Dallas, Minneapolis and Tucson, we expect that even more Americans will take the opportunity to apply for their passport on this special day.

"Passport Day in the USA is a great opportunity for Americans to apply for their passports," said Deputy Assistant Secretary for

Passport Services, Brenda S. Sprague. "Since it is on a Saturday, people can drop by a passport agency or their nearest passport acceptance facility and still have plenty of time to enjoy their weekend."

On March 27, all passport agencies will be open and accepting passport book and passport card applications. The Seymour Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with no need to schedule an appointment. Persons interested in applying for a U.S. passport must bring a certified birth certificate and valid driver license. Additional information about the event at the Seymour Post Office may be obtained by calling 940-889-3550.

Many other passport acceptance facilities around the country will also be hosting Passport Day in the USA events. U.S. citizens can visit www.travel.state.gov to find a participating passport acceptance facility near them and the event details. This website also contains complete passport information about what is needed to apply for a passport, as well as the application fees and processing times. U.S. citizens may also call the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

Please note that since June 1, 2009 U.S. citizens have been required to present a passport book, passport card, or other travel document approved by the U.S. government when entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry.

Additional information on travel requirements is available at www.getyouhome.gov.

Obituaries

Connie Rodgers



CONNIE RODGERS

Graveside services for Connie Rodgers, 87, of Rochester were held Wed.,

March 17 at Rochester Cemetery in Rochester with Bro. Andy Quintin officiating. Services were under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rodgers, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully with her family at her side Monday morning at North Hills Hospital in Richland Hills.

Born June 6, 1922, she was the daughter of T.A. Russ and Myrtle Bogard. She married Gerald Harris in 1938.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband,

Gerald Harris; and infant daughter, Carolyn.

Survivors include her son, Jerry Harris and wife Jerry Ann of Haskell; daughter, Lynda Henley of Richland Hills; loving grandchildren, Jim and Evett Harris of Brock, Todd and Cherie Harris of Anson, Dala Harris of Abilene, Dawn and Nathan Preston of San Antonio and Martin and Renee Henley of Germany; and eleven wonderful great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Todd Harris, J.D. Harris, Nathan Preston and Shea Feagan.

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Glen Walton



GLEN WALTON

Funeral services for Glen Walton, 93, of Haskell were held Thurs., March 18 at Paint Creek Baptist Church with Jimmy Griffith officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-

McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Walton passed away March 14.

Born June 28, 1916 in Taylor County, he was the son of Harrison E. Walton (born Sept. 5, 1888 in Robertson County) and Essie Jane Belyeu Walton (born Sept. 8, 1893 in Florence). He was a retired farmer/rancher in Haskell County. He was a long time member of the Paint Creek Baptist Church and a deacon. He lived in Hammond, Louisiana the past nine years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Faye Alene Hise Walton; and son, Robert Larry Walton.

Survivors include his three children, Glenda Walton Nelson and husband James of Hammond, Louisiana, Nelta Walton Bahnsen of Denton and Terry Walton Roach and husband Vincent of Dallas; nine grandchildren, Toni Bahnsen Candea, Kenneth Bahnsen Jr., Stephanie Nelson Pondrom, James Nelson, Fabian Nelson, HaLee Walton Mitchell, Hattie Walton, Sarah Roach and Rebecca Roach; twelve great grandchildren, ages six months to 18 years; sister, Myrtle Steinfeldt and husband August; and sisters-in-law, Vera Smith, Geraldine Baker and Mildred Walton. PD. NOTICE

Rebecca Douglass

Graveside services for Rebecca Douglass, 58, of Haskell were held Fri., March 19 at Willow Cemetery with services under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Douglass passed away Wed., March 17. Born Feb. 13, 1952, she was the daughter of John Drey Lowe and Mary Sego Schonerstedt. She attended Haskell High School and was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Drey Lowe; her grandparents; and her son, John Wade Martin.

Survivors include her mother and step father Larry and Mary Schonerstedt of Haskell; her son, Cody Douglass of Haskell; her grandchildren, Cassidy and Justin Douglass of Snyder; her sister, Johnnie Ray Davis and husband Ron of Wichita Falls; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. PD. NOTICE

Jeleta Gayle Blankenship Xedis



JELETA XEDIS

Funeral services for Jeleta Gayle Blankenship Xedis, 56, of Haskell were held

Thurs., March 18 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Bro. Tom Long and Bro. Tony Grand officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Xedis passed away Mon., March 15.

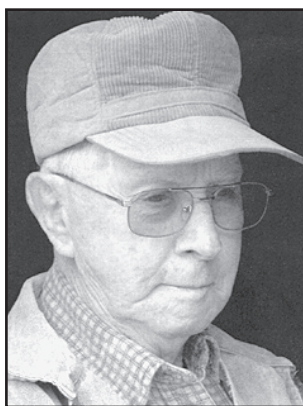
Born Nov. 2, 1953, she was the daughter of Billy R. Blankenship and Lennie Ruth Sloan. She married Milton Xedis June 16, 1973 in Haskell. She enjoyed reading, photography and

spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lennie Ruth Blankenship.

Survivors include her husband, Milton Xedis; her father, Bill Blankenship; her children, Milton Anthony 'Tony' Xedis III and Stephanie Raye Mietzner; grandchildren, Braden Austin Mietzner age 10, Hunter Bryce Mietzner age 4 and Cooper Ray Norfleet age six months; and sisters, Ruth Phillips and Susan Hopkins. PD. NOTICE

Joe H. Davis



JOE H. DAVIS

Funeral services for Joe H. Davis, 88, of Haskell were held Tues., March 23 at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial

was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Davis passed away Sun., March 21 at 12:30 a.m.

Born March 22, 1921 in Kinston, North Carolina, he was the son of Leon and Sybil Davis. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946. He moved to Haskell in 1947 and ranched and farmed in Haskell County for 63 years. He was a loving father, grandfather and friend to many. He was always ready to give a helping hand

to anyone in need.

He was preceded in death by his parents and nine brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Joyce; children, David and Donna Davis of Haskell and Frank and Diana White of Jacksboro; and grandchildren, Marcy Tyson of Jacksonville, Florida, Frank J. White of Elgin, Oklahoma, Nathan White of Lubbock; and seven great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell.

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Study Club tours Knox County Veterans Memorial

Enjoying a ride in the countryside, members of Haskell Progressive Study Club carpooled to Benjamin Thurs., March 18, to visit Benjamin's War Memorial and their Wichita Brazos Museum Cultural Center. Located at 200 East Hayes, the museum held different items and articles along with news items about the area. Serving as curator for the evening was Jane Kilgore and Mary Jane Young who presented informative and interesting facts about the area and items in the museum.

The theme for the program was Texas Heritage and Americanism.

Located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 82 and 6, the Knox County Veterans Memorial was very impressive with large black granite pillars with veterans' names from the Civil War to the present and current conflicts. The monument was built with donations and represents the communities of Benjamin, Truscott, Goree, Gilliland, Rhineland, Munday, Vera and Knox City.

Alice Partridge was chairman with many volunteers from each of the communities involved. Serving as engineer for the

project was Dennis Duke. Granite was purchased from Willis Granite of Granite, Oklahoma. The project was started in June of 1998 and completed and dedicated Nov. 11, 2000. Names have been added with the assistance of Willis Granite.

The group returned to the museum for refreshments and entertainment provided by "Elvis" performed by Fidel Rodriguez, and a business meeting presided over by president Dorothy Hartsfield.

A report on the Mesquite District 50th Spring Convention held Sat., March 13, in the Haskell Civic Center was given. Awards received by the Haskell Progressive Study Club were announced. Receiving the honor of Outstanding Clubwoman for the Mesquite District for 2010 was Susan Cockerell. Nine clubs were represented.

Other awards included: First place, Creative Arts-Photography, Dorothy Hartsfield; first place, Conservation-Resource, Oleta Cornelius; first place, Year Book Cover, Yearbook committee; first place, Education in Community, Evelyn Cobb; first place,

Helping Hands, Evelyn Cobb; first place, Focus on Health; first place, Home Life, Evelyn Cobb; first place, International Affairs-Julia Harrell; first place, Membership, Evelyn Cobb; first place, Outstanding Americanism program, Kathryn Schonerstedt;

Second place, Creative Arts, Yearbook Cover, Dorothy Hartsfield; second place, Citizenship in Action, Kathryn Schonerstedt; second place, Communications & Public Relations, Dorothy Hartsfield; second place, Fund-raising, Julia Harrell; second place, Leadership, Evelyn Cobb; and second place, WHRC, Susan

Morrison speaks to Haskell Cancer Support Group

Dale Morrison of Hope and Help Ministries was the guest speaker March 16 at the Haskell Area Cancer Support Group meeting.

Morrison said that 41% of the population could get cancer. 1600 people die every day of cancer, but 90% are curable. It is very important to pay attention to diet and our own bodies. If something is found, pay attention to it and if it doesn't go away, see your doctor.

He also let us all taste the sugar substitute NuStevia. It is available in Abilene and the product is being used in many soft drinks.

Morrison is also a cancer patient and has his own testimony to his beliefs. He also provided each cancer patient with a box of helpful items to treatments. All was at no cost. He credits the book, 'Beating Cancer With Nutrition' and treatments along with his Christian faith

in sustaining him during his battle with cancer. The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group will be meeting at the Haskell National Bank Community Room March 30 at 5:30 p.m. with a light meal provided. Aimee Colley of Cancer Service Network will speak. March is Colon Cancer Month.

The group wants to thank the bank for the use of their building on meeting nights from this meeting forward. The group also wants to thank First Assembly of God for allowing them to meet in their building for over 1 1/2 years.

Mae Lou Yeldell will be back in town and provide us with her great cooking as always. Mark your calendar and come join us. Cancer affects us all and we need each other for support.

For more information, call 864-5964.

Haskell retired teachers meet

The Haskell Chapter of the Texas Retired Teachers Association met on Mar. 17, at the Red Rooster restaurant. The meeting was called to order by Vida White. Minutes were read and approved and a treasurer's report was given.

Thank you notes from the families of Jo Cox, Sara Jones and LaRita Myatt were read. Dues are now being collected for the coming year.

The slate of officers for the upcoming year were presented and approved. They include Tommye Jo Clark, president; Vida White, vice-president; Myrtle Kutch, secretary; and Nancy Toliver, treasurer.

Toliver presented the "health minute" for the meeting. She distributed information concerning risk factors for heart disease. This information included a summary showing the target numbers and what they mean for factors such as cholesterol, blood pressure

and weight.

Don Bridges, the TRTA legislative representative for this region, spoke to members about several topics of concern to retired school personnel. He relayed information about the importance of membership and indicated state membership in TRTA is approaching 71,000. He also gave information on the failed 13th check, current status of the TRS fund, TRS health care for retired personnel, newly appointed TRS board member and the summit in Washington D.C. on repealing the GPO/WEP, which prohibits retirees in other retirement funds from being eligible for Social Security.

The next meeting will be held Wed., April 21 at the Red Rooster restaurant. All retired school personnel are invited and encouraged to attend. TRTA is your voice in the legislature on issues that affect your future as retirees.

The Summer Workshop is to be held Sat., July 24, in Hamlin.

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., April 8, at 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room with Donna Albus as guest speaker. Members are asked to wear hats and a donation will be taken for the cancer project. Hostesses were Janoma Stephens, Dorothy Hartsfield, Nancy Toliver and Judy Burnett. Seventeen members and five guests were present.

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Births

Allen and Laura Kirk of Bayfield, Colorado are announcing the birth of a son, Joshua Landon Kirk, born March 18.

He joins his brothers, Luke, Zachary, Matthew and Michael and sisters, Jessica, Melissa, Rachel and

Michelle. Grandparents are Dwight and Gayle (Spain) Maxson of Denton and True and Marjorie Kirk of Durango, Colorado.

Great grandparents are the late Harold and Gerry Spain of Haskell.

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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Governor orders increase of border security measures

AUSTIN—Governor Rick Perry on March 16 ordered the activation of what he called a “spillover violence contingency plan” to address recent fatal attacks on American citizens in Mexico.

The plan increases surveillance, intelligence sharing and ground, air and maritime patrols.

U.S. consular officials Lesley Enriquez and Arthur Redelfs, both of El Paso and stationed in Ciudad Juarez, were murdered in that city on March 13.

Perry had penned a letter to U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano the day before the murders, asking for the federal government to use unmanned “predator drone” aircraft and 1,000 additional soldiers for missions on Texas-Mexico border.

Perry wrote that 65 percent of the border the U.S. shares with Mexico is in Texas, noting a disparity in federal resources allotted to Texas for border protection.

Napolitano responded that the federal government already maintains sufficient surveillance and interdiction capabilities along the U.S.-Mexico border as a whole.

Since January 2008, a reported 4,700 homicides have been committed across the border from El Paso in Ciudad Juarez, making it one of the most violent cities in the world, the governor’s office stated.

Court sentences YFZ Ranch man

A Tom Green County jury in San Angelo on March 19 sentenced Merrill Leroy Jessop of the Yearning for Zion Ranch to 75 years in prison for sexually assaulting a child and of committing bigamy. Jessop also was ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine.

Jessop, 35, is one of several YFZ ranch residents indicted for sexual assault of a child, bigamy or other charges according to the Texas Attorney General’s Office.

The ranch, four miles northeast of Eldorado in Schleicher County, is owned by the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a polygamist sect.

In April 2008, state, local and federal agents raided the ranch and removed 440 children. The state Department of Family and Protective Services released the children from state care following an order by the Texas Supreme Court in late May 2008 and a state district court order issued a few days later.

Study charts Texas during recession

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas on March 16 published a detailed study

of how Texas fared in 2009 while the national and world economies slumped.

“After outperforming the nation the previous four years, the state experienced steep declines in economic activity last year that nearly matched the U.S. freefall,” according to the report.

“Texas lost 338,600 jobs in 2009, and the state’s unemployment rate rose to its highest level in 22 years. The Dallas Fed’s Texas Business-Cycle Index—a barometer of the state’s economic health—plunged 4.6 percent from December 2008 to December 2009.”

But, the report says the state economy is on a steadier course now, with activity growing in several sectors and improvement likely in 2010 and beyond.

Energy projects to receive grants

Comptroller Susan Combs on March 16 announced 32 renewable energy projects around the state have been selected to receive a first round of federal stimulus grants.

Some \$32 million in the first round of Distributed Renewable Energy Technology Program grants will go to cities, school districts, colleges, universities and other local and state government entities.

Combs said that in addition to generating electricity at those sites, the projects will reduce utility costs, cut emissions and save tax dollars.

Lady Bird’s press secretary dies

Mary Elizabeth “Liz” Sutherland Carpenter, 89, of Austin, died March 20 in an Austin hospital.

Liz Carpenter was a Washington correspondent for the Austin American-Statesman from 1942 until 1960, when she joined the staff of then-Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson. She served as a speech writer and joined the staff of first lady, Lady Bird Johnson, as press secretary. After the Johnson presidency Carpenter remained close to the Johnson family for the rest of her life. She was an ardent feminist and a political humorist and author.

Texan who played pioneers dies

Actor Fess Parker, 85, died March 18 of natural causes at his home in southern California.

A Fort Worth native who grew up near San Angelo, Parker graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1950 and headed for Hollywood.

His best-known Texas-themed work included the title role in the 1955 Disney film “Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier” and as Jim Coates in Disney’s “Old Yeller” in 1957.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 23, 2000

Stefanie Isbell, a senior at Paint Creek High School, has been named to the Texas Six Man Coaches Association 2000 All Star Basketball Team for the East Region.

Mike Gage, owner of Haskell County Gin, restored a 127 year old Daniel Pratt cotton gin stand to be placed at the headquarters of the Texas Cotton Ginners Association in Austin.

A democratic run-off election for Haskell County sheriff between Dan Griffith and David Halliburton will be held April 11.

20 Years Ago March 22, 1990

Members of the Haskell FFA land judging team which won first place in the area contest, are Chris Howeth, Pete Torres, Shane Buchanan and Baldemar Perez.

Haskell Maiden Regina Dever, posted a 61.97 in the 400 meter dash to take first place at the Bulldog Relays in Wylie.

Nicole Kittley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Jenkins of Rule, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor’s of Science degree in elementary education from Abilene Christian University.

30 Years Ago March 20, 1980

Don Flippin, head coach at Haskell High School for the past three years, submitted his resignation to accept a position as first assistant coach at Wichita Falls Rider High School.

Haskell County 4-H members, Kristen Campbell, Marcy Davis, Rebecca Holt, Janette Holmes, Jill Jennings, Sonja Tidrow and Lynn Weatherly all earned blue ribbons in the District Food Show held in Wichita Falls.

Charles and Leatrice Swinson showed colored slides of their trip to Russia when the W.O.O. of First Baptist Church met recently.

40 Years Ago March 19, 1970

Iron Pearsey was honored by his friends on his 95th birthday with a party held at the City Floral. He has lived in Haskell since he was ten years old.

Connor Horton and Mrs. Malcolm Hertenberger were named “Man and Woman of the Year” at the annual Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Children and grandchildren of Mrs. C.L. Garrett helped celebrate her 81st birthday at her home in Weinert.

Jim Smith, son of Ruby Smith of Haskell, has been

cast in the play “Uptight.” The play will be presented by the University of Texas Drama Department.

50 Years Ago March 24, 1960

Dorothea Rueffer, junior at Haskell High School, has been selected as Haskell’s representative at Girls State in Austin.

Leah Ratliff, a senior at Haskell High School, was crowned Band Sweetheart at the annual coronation concert.

Sara Sue Roberson and Emilee Griffith, both of Haskell, and Betty Jo Sanders of Weinert have been named to the honor roll for the fall semester at Hardin-Simmons University.

100 Years Ago March 19, 1910

W.H. Hurd, who has been a citizen of Haskell County for several years, has traded his property here for property in Gaines County.

Ben Clifton, George Clifton, Carroll Haswell and Will Hubbard attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth.

Haskell County voters polled 2081 votes in the local option election, with a majority 1331 votes cast prohibiting the sale of liquor in the county.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Texas Attorney General Offers Tax Season Tips

With the April 15 federal income tax filing deadline fast approaching, many Texans will undoubtedly encounter billboards, e-mails and direct mail that advertises tax return-related services. As with any contractual agreement, Texans should carefully read the fine print before entering into a financial transaction involving their income tax returns. Taxpayers who understand the nature of these agreements are more likely to make informed decisions that just might save some of their hard-earned money.

For example, Texans should always avoid tax preparation services that “guarantee” the largest possible tax return. Under federal law, any deductions tax preparers make for their clients must be accurate

and legally permissible. Tax preparers that submit false information in order to obtain larger refunds for a client (and higher fees for the preparer), put their clients in legal jeopardy. Competent, legitimate tax preparers will not hesitate to sign their clients’ tax return, so Texans should always avoid preparation services that refuse to sign their clients’ tax returns. Taxpayers who believe a tax preparer is not complying with the law should file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General.

Many businesses market “instant cash” to taxpayers seeking quick access to their income tax refunds. Tax preparation services, automobile dealerships, furniture outlets and other vendors typically market tax refund anticipation loans as an “instant cash advance” against a borrower’s expected

tax refund. Frequently, the “instant cash” is actually a loan that the taxpayer must repay. Refund anticipation loans often carry processing fees and high interest rates, so the amount of advance cash the taxpayer receives is typically less than the refund they are owed by the federal government.

Under Texas law, refund anticipation loans are perfectly legal as long as lenders fully and clearly disclose certain details to borrowers. Refund anticipation lenders must provide the estimated fees charged for the loan, the annual interest rate and the loan fee schedule in writing. Lenders who advertise in Spanish must provide the same required disclosures in Spanish.

Refund anticipation lenders must also inform borrowers about the average time it takes to receive a refund directly from the IRS, which now offers electronic tax filing and direct deposit refunds. Both significantly speed up the process. According to the IRS Web site, electronic refunds can be processed and deposited into taxpayers’ bank accounts within 10 days. With that in mind, taxpayers should carefully

Enjoy dark chocolate as your Easter treat

For Easter, consider skipping the chocolate candy and replacing it with a cup of dark hot cocoa.

“Research suggests that drinking a cup of dark hot chocolate can be equated with drinking a glass of wine in protecting the heart,” says Lona Sandon, a registered dietitian at UT Southwestern Medical Center who urges people to eat and drink in moderation.

If you can’t resist eating chocolate or giving it as a gift, choose the right type of chocolate to benefit your heart, Sandon says.

Pure chocolate, made from cocoa beans, is rich in flavanol, an antioxidant that may help protect arteries from damage, maintain healthy blood flow and fend off heart disease.

Dark chocolate and baking cocoa retain most of the original cocoa bean and are excellent sources of polyphenols, a class of compounds that includes flavanols. Chocolate in its more processed form, however, is loaded with extra oils, milk and sugars that combine to lower its level of polyphenols.

A bar of dark chocolate weighing about 1.5 ounces contains approximately 950 milligrams of antioxidants, while a similar bar of milk chocolate contains only about 400 milligrams. White chocolate is a confection of fat and sugar and contains no antioxidants. Candy bars and boxed chocolates may be tasty, but their added fat and calories make them less healthy treats, Sandon says.

“Chocolate by itself may provide some health benefits. It’s what is added to it that’s not so good for us,” Sandon says.

consider which option is in their best interest: instant cash refunds reduced by interest and lender fees or a full refund from the IRS at a later date.

Although many Texans would prefer not to pay their taxes, it is well settled law that federal income taxes are NOT voluntary. Any tax professional claiming to uniformly exempt taxpayers from their federal income tax liability should be handled with caution. U.S. courts have repeatedly rejected the argument that taxes are voluntary or optional.

Finally, taxpayers should beware of unsolicited telephone calls and e-mails from individuals claiming to be IRS agents. During the sham telephone calls, the fake agents may claim tax refunds are available via direct deposit in order to obtain the taxpayers’ Social Security numbers and bank account information.

Texans who receive such calls or e-mails must recognize that these are bogus attempts to steal taxpayers’ identities. The IRS does not unexpectedly call taxpayers to demand their personal information. Taxpayers solicited in this manner should just hang up or delete the e-mails.

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Codi Foster is named to AR-N Top 10 list

Codi Foster, a junior and pitcher for the Haskell Maidens, was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Top 10 list Tues., March 23.

Foster was one walk away from a perfect game in a 10-0 win over Roby last week. She allowed no hits in a six-inning mercy rule victory. Facing 19 batters for the day, Foster struck out 10 of them.

The Maidens are 14-6 on the year and 4-0 in district.

OTC diet pill use by teenagers is dangerous

An important part every adolescent endures during their transition to adulthood includes body image changes. This stressor may result in variable habits including diet pill use to gain acceptance. Medication misuse is an area of concern and recent media, highlighted risks involved with prescriptions.

Janie Robles, Pharm.D., assistant professor of Pharmacy Practice-Pediatrics in the School of Pharmacy at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, says an area often overlooked involves over-the-counter medications and herbal or natural supplements, including diet pills.

Access to these products is relatively easy by purchase or acquisition from home

medication cabinets, Robles says. In fact, some products may be obtained at retail or health food stores and on the Internet.

"This access is concerning because of ingredients found in these products and the lack of restrictions on the purchaser's age at some venues," Robles said.

Diet pills have risks not commonly known to individuals that use these products. They may contain ingredients that result in harmful effects such as high blood pressure, seizures, heart attacks and even stroke. These products may interact with current medications and safety has not been established in pediatric patients.

Herbal or natural supplements are not

regulated by the Food and Drug Administration and have different standards than prescription and over-the-counter medications.

"Some fad diet pills may contain illegal ingredients not identified unless an analysis is performed and may cause significant harm," Robles said.

Earlier this year, the FDA provided a nationwide alert of tainted weight loss products. Its list identified more than 70 products that contained undeclared, active ingredients. These products included prescription

medications, unapproved United States medications, and a solution used in experiments and suspected of causing cancer. These undeclared ingredients place unaware consumers at serious health risks.

Supplements are easy to obtain, are unregulated by the FDA, and can be extremely dangerous. The best treatment plan for body image does not include supplements, Robles says. Instead, parents should encourage their children to adopt healthy eating habits and daily exercise that will last a lifetime.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Rick Rodgers, CPA

THE IRS TARGETS WORKER CLASSIFICATION

If you have people working for your business, you may have to decide how to classify them. Are they employees or independent contractors?

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

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

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

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

If your business employs independent contractors, take steps to protect yourself and your business. Be consistent with how you classify your workers, and follow how other businesses in your industry classify their workers. And don't forget to send a Form 1099-MISC to any contractor who earns \$600 or more from you during the year.

The proper classification of workers has become a priority issue for the IRS in 2010. Make sure that your workers are classified correctly. For assistance, give us a call.

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Review expenses for simple savings

The good news is that it appears the economy is on the rebound. Even so, this is a good time to review your expenses to find ways to save money.

We are well into the New Year and that membership you purchased at the local gym to get back in shape isn't all that exciting anymore. Would you like to save money while getting into shape? Try this. Put on your running or walking shoes, get up out of the chair, walk out the door and keep running or walking for the next hour or so. This will not cost you a dime and you will save between \$350-\$1500 during the next year.

What about this one? A popular coffee shop has just opened on your route to work, so you swing in to grab a cappuccino. You're probably going to pay around \$4 per cup. If you stop by the coffee house three times a week, you will spend about \$625 per year. Maybe you should consider brewing your own cup of coffee at home or at the office. Also, drink filtered tap water instead of bottled water. If you drink one bottled water per day at \$1.50 per bottle, you will spend \$547

per year. The same amount of tap water would cost you 73-cents per year.

Have you ever gone grocery shopping to pick up a couple of items and returned home with three bags of groceries? First, make a list and stick to it. Consider going to the grocery store right after you have eaten to avoid impulse buying while you are hungry. Otherwise, you may end up buying more snack food than healthy food. You might also consider buying generic brands instead of the highly advertised popular brands. Clip coupons by using websites like www.grocerygame.com.

If you enjoy going out to dinner several times a week, ask your server to bring you a "doggie bag" as soon as he serves your meal. Restaurants typically over-serve and by taking half of your dinner home, you can have two meals for the price of one.

Instead of going out to dinner with a group of friends on Friday night, invite them over to your house for a potluck dinner. Everyone can bring their favorite dish and you can rent a movie for entertainment.

Take your lunch to work at least two to three times a week. You can network with your colleagues while eating or take that 20-minute power nap before resuming your workday. You also could take that walk we talked about earlier.

What about all of those magazines stacked up on your desk? If you don't have a lot of reading time in your schedule, consider cancelling a few of them. Beware of those renewal subscription notices. Some periodicals will send you renewal notices months before your subscription actually expires. Look on your mailing label for the date your subscription will expire. If you wait closer to the expiration date, you may find that the magazine will offer you a subscription renewal at a lower annual rate.

Although we have committed most of the following energy saving tips to memory, these tips are good to remember:

- Turn off the lights in rooms that are not being used.
- Replace light bulbs with the new energy savings bulbs.
- Change air filters in your

air conditioning unit every 30 days.

•Turn off your computer when you are finished using it. Computers use a lot of electricity.

•Invest in a programmable thermostat to control your home's heating and air conditioning usage.

When it comes to credit cards, remember that they are a luxury, not a necessity. You do not need more than two credit cards—one for daily living expenses, which you should pay in full at the end of the month, and one for emergencies. Don't carry your emergency card with you. Keep it tucked away safely at home where you or a family member can easily access it when the emergency arises.

Keep a nest egg account. Every time you save money on a purchase, put the extra savings into that account at your community bank. When you receive money you were not expecting, you can put that into the same account.

These are just a few simple money-saving tips offered by your local Main Street community banker. Try them and see how much money you can save.

Haskell School Menu

March 29-April 2 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast bagel
Tuesday: Croissant, egg, cheese
Wednesday: Cereal, animal crackers
Thursday: Omelet, toast
Friday: No school

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: Chicken nugget, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot roll, pudding with whipped topping

Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, Oriental coleslaw, rosy applesauce

Wednesday: Corndog, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, baby carrots, ranch dressing, apple

Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garden salad, breadstick, peaches

Friday: No school

Paint Creek School Menu

March 29-April 2 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancake sticks
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
Wednesday: Muffins
Thursday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy
Friday: No school

Lunch
Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, fruit

Tuesday: Enchilada casserole, beans, salad, cookies

Wednesday: Baked potato, ham, salad, rice krispies

Thursday: Pizza, corn, salad, pudding
Friday: No school

Rule School Menu

March 29-31 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Cereal, banana
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
Wednesday: Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, strawberry jam/grape jelly

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, fruit cocktail, hot rolls
Tuesday: Chicken Crispitos, refried beans, tossed salad, orange smiles
Wednesday: Nachos Grande, lettuce and tomato cup, pineapple tidbits

ECC Menu

Mon., March 29
Lunch—Lasagna, mixed veggies, English peas, garden salad, peach cobbler, tea, or coffee

Wed., March 31

Lunch—Sloppy joes on bun, pinto beans, chips, onion slice, pickles, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Bishop, Brown named to All-District teams

Honors were announced for two local basketball players as the District 13-1A, Div. II all-district teams were named.

Curtis Bishop, a junior

at Paint Creek High School and Rule's Cade Brown, also a junior, were selected to the all-district second team for the 2010 basketball season.

Alzheimer's sufferers need organization

An uncluttered and organized home can keep a person with Alzheimer's disease from feeling overwhelmed, and also help him or her function more independently.

"Too many choices and obstacles can overwhelm the people with cognitive impairment," says Kristin Martin-Cook, clinical research coordinator at the Alzheimer's Disease Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

"For example, if there are fewer clothes to choose from, getting dressed is simpler and less stressful," she says.

Martin-Cook's recommendations include:

- Clear out the closets of all but a few favorite, comfortable outfits. Each evening, lay out an outfit for the next day.

- Move or dispose of furniture to create clear pathways.

- Keep in the open photos and sentimental knick-knacks that can stimulate memories.

- Label drawers and doors with pictures if the person has trouble finding items. Decorative craft-store scrapbook stickers work well for this function.

- Use lights to eliminate frightening dark corners and to illuminate key areas, such as the bathroom.

- Put bright cushions or blankets on furniture to make them easier to see.

- Cover or remove mirrors so the person isn't startled by the "stranger."

- Organize and structure the environment early in the progression of Alzheimer's, rather than waiting until a person is having problems coping.



This Week's Devotional Message:



Make your life count with a message for others

Since very few of us ever manage to achieve great fame or wealth, we sometimes wonder what our lives have really amounted to. Even those who are blessed with good children to follow them may still feel a compulsion to do something of lasting value which will be of help to others after they're gone. The answer is simple: write something! You don't have to be a literary genius in order to

do this, for that would eliminate most of us. All you need is the ability to put a few words of advice together, such as 'help somebody' or 'love your neighbor.' For inspiration, at your house of worship, you will receive many worthwhile messages to pass along. Then, the next time you long to accomplish some good in this world, you can remember that you have already done so.

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
- WEINERT—
- 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
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**
Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
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- Church of Christ**
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Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
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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.
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THE CITY of Haskell is accepting applications for four part-time summer employees to work in the Parks department. Applicants may pick up an application at City Hall. These jobs will pay minimum wage and will have no benefits attached. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Brandon Anderson, City Administrator at 940-864-2355. 12-14c

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Cause No. 11,261: Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District, et al v. Lee Jenkins. Legal Description, 1. Lots 7, 8, 9, Block 29, Original Town Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,319: Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District, et al v. Harold Cagle, Ind/Heir of J.H. Cagle, Deceased, Unknown Heirs of. Legal description, 2. Lots 3, 4, Block A of the Haskins Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,421: Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District, et al v. John Narvais. Legal description, 3. Lot 1 Southeast Corner (65.5x84'), Block 51, Original Town Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,454: Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District, et al v. Wilmer Clark and Mary Clark. Legal description, 4. Northeast Corner 150X168

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Cause No. 11,461: Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District, et al v. Barney Lou Ryan, Deceased, Unknown Heirs of. Legal description, 5. Lots 1-4, and Lots 7-12, Block 38, Original Town Addition to the City of Sagerton, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,638: Styling, Haskell County Appraisal District, et al v. Paulette Hagle aka Yvonne P. Hagle. Legal description, 6. Lots 4 thru Lot 10, Block 23, Original Town Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

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Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

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David Halliburton, Sheriff, Haskell County, Texas
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The family of Casen Steele Riley would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for the many acts of kindness shown during Casen's illness and our loss.
Your friendship, prayers, hugs, food, flowers, cards, calls and your presence at Casen's service have meant so much to us. There are many people to thank and yet words seem so inadequate. From the bottom of our hearts, "Thank you" all for everything you have done to make this difficult time more bearable.
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The family of J.B. Dunnam would like to extend our thanks for all the prayers, flowers, food, cards, phone calls and visits during the loss of our dad and papaw. Many thanks to Dr. Wayne Cadenhead, Joe Yates and Haskell Healthcare for their services. We felt that daddy was in good hands. Also, many thanks to Brother Jimmy Griffith and Brother Tom Long for their services at the funeral, Brian Burgess for the wonderful songs and the ladies of East Side Baptist Church for the delicious meal.
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Daniels ordained



JASON DANIELS

Family and friends gathered March 7 at First Baptist Church in Haskell for a service ordaining Jason Daniels to the ministry.

Q.D. Beville, former pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of Plainview and mentor to Daniels, gave the charge to the candidate and congregation along with the sermon. Worship was led by Gary Jameson, Music Minister of Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa and Daniels' father-in-law. Special music was presented by Jameson and his wife, Suzie. A reception followed in honor of Daniels and his family.

Since November 2007,

City wide clean up set April 17-24

The Haskell City Wide Clean Up week will be held Sat., April 17 through Sat., April 24.

The landfill will be open Sat., April 17 and Sat., April 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Landfill hours April 19-22 will be 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fri., April 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The City does not have trailers. Personal trailers and trucks hauling loose trash must have a tarp. Bulky items, lumber, tin, etc. must be tied down.

Trailers and loads will be weighed at the landfill on the new scales. There will

Daniels has served as the Youth and Music Minister at First Baptist Church. He and his wife, Shanna, have been married for nine years and they have two children, Reagan and Jameson. Shanna teaches sixth grade at Rochester Junior High and is also active in the ministry of FBC.

Daniels graduated from Wayland Baptist University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Religious Education and was licensed into the Gospel Ministry in 2001. He served at Bethel Baptist Church in Plainview and First Baptist Church in Seagraves before coming to Haskell.

Ministering to the youth of our community is not just a job to Daniels, but a calling. He loves the kids and has a desire to see teenagers come to know Christ and to disciple them in their Christian walk. He also loves music and has a heart for leading worship.

Daniels has directed the Haskell County Christmas Cantata for the past two years. He also serves as the vice president of the Haskell Ministerial Alliance and as the Associational Music Minister for Double Mountain Baptist Area.

be no charge, but the landfill must record the weight in compliance with TCEQ rules.

Chemicals, tires, batteries, anything containing Freon, asbestos, roofing materials and paint will not be accepted during clean up week.

Bulky items will be picked up if they are by the dumpster only if arrangements have been made by calling City Hall at 864-2333.

This is a service for the citizens of Haskell who live in the city limits. Those using the service may be asked for proof of residence, such as a water bill.

Weed control urged

Haskell Chief of Police Steven Grand reminds the citizens of Haskell that after large amounts of rain this winter, lots of weeds and trash are problems on vacant lots and yards. Grand reminds residents that many of these areas need to be cleaned and mowed.

Cleanup week is April

Head Start to register

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for Head Start classes for the 2010-11 school year Thurs., April 8. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Haskell Elementary library.

To qualify for Head Start, a child must be 3 or 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2010 and meet income guidelines.

17-24 and Grand encourages everyone to take advantage of the opportunity and clean up the weeds and trash from their lots and around their homes.

The City has issued letters recently on several properties in violation of the City's weed ordinance.

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

Call Peggy Adams at 864-2654 if you have any questions.

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.

Garage sale

Haskell Heroes is getting ready for their community wide garage sale and needs your stuff. Clean out and get rid of your treasures. Drop off at 1307 N. Ave F or call 256-2509 for pick up. Deadline is April 2.

Garage sale

A benefit garage sale will be held Sat., April 3 at the Haskell National Bank Building. All proceeds go to Autism Speaks.

Bible school

First Baptist Church of Weinert will hold Vacation Bible School June 7-11 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The theme will be Saddle Ridge Ranch: Driving Home Answers. Area youth will have their own sessions upstairs led by Shanna White. Call Pastor Dan Bullock at 940-673-8310 or director Mary Murphy 940-673-8269 for more information.

Dinner/auction

The annual dinner and silent auction to benefit the Noah Project will be held Sat., April 17 at the Civic Center. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be a play by local actors. Items are needed for the auction. To donate, call the Noah Project office at 864-2551.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met March 8 in a regular meeting with all members present.

A report by Commissioner Kenny Thompson pertaining to letters sent out for clean up at Jeffcoat Camp according to the Abatement Process previously approved in Commissioners' Court was given. The list includes Casey Jones, Shirley Smith Martin, Edgar R. Robertson, Amelia Tallant and Joe B. Martin.

The County Treasurer's monthly report was accepted.

A motion to reduce the number of deputies in the County Clerk's office from two full time to one full time and one half time was approved. The action is

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., March 25 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building, 1 N. Ave. N in Haskell. Clinic times are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Open house

Rule ISD will host an open house Thurs., March 25 from 5 to 6 p.m. All parents and students are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served in the homemaking room. The Scholastic Book Fair will be held until noon Fri., March 26 in the library.

Girls softball

Girls softball registration forms were sent home this week from school for grades K-8. Forms may be returned to school or turned in at basketball concession Sat., March 27. The registration deadline is Sat., March 27.

All night party

Haskell County All Night Party meeting will be held Wed., March 31 at 8 p.m. at the Haskell County Courthouse Courtroom on the second floor. Enter the building through the south entrance. All parents, teachers or persons interested in helping with the annual party for high school students need to attend.

Marketing series

The Haskell County Texas AgriLIFE Extension office will host a crop marketing series. The first meeting will be held March 29 at 1 p.m. at the Extension office. Space is limited to the first 15 participants. Call Wes at the Extension office at 940-864-2658 to reserve a seat.

Rochester homecoming

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

One act plays slated

UIL One Act Plays for 11A-Zone 1 will be held at Throckmorton High School Auditorium Sat., March 27, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Schools and their plays in order to be presented are as follows:

Knox City: Crimes of the Heart; Throckmorton: Steel Magnolias; Paint Creek:

Chamber Music; Woodson: The Tricks of Scapin; Rule: Ordinary People and Newcastle: Arsenic and Old Lace.

The two advancing plays from each zone contest will participate in the District 11A contest to be held at Aspermont High School Wed., March 31.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a board election in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative of the above-referenced zone to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone includes all of Knox, Baylor, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Mitchell, Nolan, Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Comanche, and Erath counties and portions of Taylor, Borden, and Archer counties.

The board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by April 27, 2010. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than May 12, 2010, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2009 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Rolling Plains Central Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton.

Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the Rolling Plains Central Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by April 12, 2010, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512-463-3285.

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