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Softball

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Windthorst Tournament
Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 23-25
at Windthorst
Maidens vs Seymour (Dbl.)
Tues., Feb. 28
4:30/6:30 p.m.
at Seymour

Baseball

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Lead-off Classic Albany
Thurs., Feb. 23, 9 a.m.
at Albany
Lead-off Classic Miles
Fri., Feb. 24, 3 p.m.
at Albany
Lead-off Classic Cisco
Sat., Feb. 25, 9 a.m.
at Albany
JV Indians vs Jim Ned
Mon., Feb. 27, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

Track

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V Hamlin Relays
Fri., Feb. 24 at Hamlin

Calendar

Youth baseball

The Haskell Youth Baseball Association will hold a sign-up Feb. 28 from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Haskell Elementary School cafeteria. There will be a new age group this year for T-Ball. This will be for 4-6 year olds. Coach Pitch ages are 7-8. Minor League will be 9-10 year olds, while the Major League will be 11-12 year olds. A player must be 4 by April 1, 2012 to be eligible. All players "League Age" will be determined by the child's age as of April 1, 2012.

Fish fry

A fish fry will be hosted Sun., Feb. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center by the Trinity Lutheran Church. The meal of fish, hush puppies, French fries, coleslaw, drink and dessert will be \$8 per plate. Praise and worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. All are welcome. Proceeds benefit the youth going to church camp.

Quilt show

The Cotton Pickin' quilt and food show will be held Sat., Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the old gym at Goree. The cafe will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 940-422-5360 or 940-422-4540.

40 Days

40 Days of Purpose Campaign has begun at First Baptist Church in Haskell. The campaign will be held through Sun., March 25. Call 864-2581 for details.

Pie contest

Do you remember the days of the County Fair when the ladies of the community entered their best pies? Well those days are here again. God Loves You Ministries will be sponsoring "The Pies Of Texas" Pie Baking Contest this year. The contest is open to all so challenge your neighbors, family or friends to enter and see who is the "Best Pie Baker" in Haskell County." Information, applications and rules are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 940-864-2477; or the County Judge's office 940-864-2851.

Concert

Tribute will be in concert Sun., March 4 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 220 S. 5th Ave., Munday. For more information, call 940-422-4559.

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John Gannaway named Citizen of the Year



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR—Mayor John Gannaway, Mon., Feb. 20 in Haskell. Making the award center, was named Citizen of the Year at presentation were Robert Starr, left, and the Chamber of Commerce banquet held Suzanne Starr, right.

The Haskell Elementary fifth grade student choir, under the direction of Pam Gibson, opened the Haskell Chamber of Commerce annual banquet Mon., Feb. 20 with a program titled "Play Ball." Fifth grade teachers, who assisted Gibson, are Jennifer Roewe, Tammie Wallace and Debbie Miller. Elementary principal is Jimmy Lisle. The banquet was held at the Haskell Civic Center.

Chamber manager Sally Rueffer followed with the latest Chamber news. Rueffer also distributed door prizes throughout the evening.

In a political forum, candidates running for office in the upcoming election were on hand to state their positions and visions for the offices they are pursuing.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the Citizen of the Year, Mayor John Gannaway. He was presented the award by Robert and Suzanne Starr. The Volunteers of the Year, announced by David Davis and Charles Gibson, were Charles and Leatrice Swinson.

Leland Terry retires from Boy Scout Troop

by Caron Yates

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country..." these are the beginning words of the Scout Oath for all Boy Scouts. For the past eighteen years, Leland Terry has spent more hours than can be counted, teaching young boys to learn to do exactly that.

Terry grew up in the Childress area, and graduated from Childress High School. After serving in the National Guard, he has been involved with farming and ranching. Before he and wife Pam, moved their family to Haskell twenty-seven years ago, he worked in Kansas, Throckmorton and Woodson. He has three sons, who have all achieved Eagle Scout, as well as five grandchildren.

While Terry is quite busy as foreman over the stocker cow/calf operation for the Jody Bellah Ranch, he has always made the youth of this community a high priority. He has been a 4-H leader and judging coach and served on

the Jr. Livestock Association board, but since 1993, scouting has held a dominant place in his heart.

Terry has served as den leader for all levels of scouting, assistant Scoutmaster, committee council member and Scoutmaster. Without a doubt he has treasured the opportunity to work with so many boys, helping them to not only learn the scout oath, but to live it as well. Terry says, "I love to work with youth, watching these boys develop their abilities." As scoutmaster he has had five scouts make the rank of Eagle Scout, and two others who are working on it.

There have been many highlights in his scouting experience, but being the Scoutmaster for the 2010 National Jamboree, held in Washington D.C., was among the most memorable. Terry, three other adult leaders and thirty-six boys from across the area spent fourteen days in D.C. touring and learning, and in true Boy Scout fashion, camping

out. This wasn't his first trip to National Jamboree however. In 2005, as part of the scouting staff, he and his wife drove an equipment truck to Virginia.

Terry has earned many awards through the years for his leadership in scouting. Among them is the District Award of Merit, which is the highest recognition of service on the district level, and is given only to those leaders who have rendered noteworthy service to youth both in and outside of scouting. In 2009, he received the Silver Beaver, which is awarded to those who implement the scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication and many years of service.

The award he holds most dear, however are the Mentoring Pins he received from two individual Eagle Scouts. At the Eagle Scout Court of Honor, each boy honors someone he considers instrumental in his scouting

achievements.

In September, Terry decided it was time to step aside and let someone else take over duties as Scoutmaster for Haskell's Troop 136. Patrick Pace has taken over this leadership role. Terry says, "Scouting is one of the best youth programs for boys. We need more leaders to step up and work with our youth, and we need to encourage boys in the community to be a part of the program."

After spending so many years with the local scouting organization, it would be very difficult to completely walk away. Changing roles somewhat, he holds the position of Camping Chairman on the Texas Trails

at the district level. They plan summer camps and other activities at Camp Tonkawa. He is also involved in Timber Tag, which was established in 1953. For three weekends, he has been a part of the group which teaches scout leaders how and what to teach in their programs.

For many years, Haskell has had a strong scouting program, due to the dedication of Terry and others willing to give of their time and effort.

Many young men have benefitted from his tireless effort and enthusiasm. Terry has served as a role model as he has worked to help scouts "do their best for God and country," and for that he is appreciated.

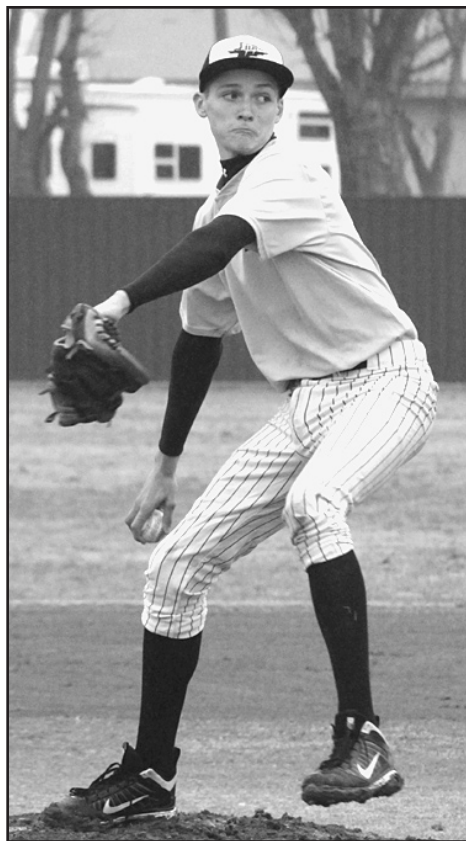


PLAY BALL—Haskell Elementary fifth grade students presented "Play Ball" during the Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet held Monday night. The choir was lead by Pam Gibson.



LELAND TERRY

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INDIAN BASEBALL—Haskell Indian Cole Hutchinson, left, is at bat during the scrimmage against Baird last Friday. On the mound is Indian Henry Smith.

FSA offers programs for new farmers and ranchers

The USDA Farm Service Agency is working harder than ever to assist new farmers and ranchers to succeed. Acting Texas FSA Executive Director James B. Douglass recently unveiled a new Land Contract Guarantee Program and several other tools designed to help beginning farmers

and ranchers build the foundation for a successful career in agriculture.

“New farmers face many challenges, like obtaining land for example,” said Douglass. “FSA is going to provide new options to help them to work through this challenging start-up issue.” Peak land values,

tight commercial credit, minimal credit history and less collateral make it difficult for new and smaller farmers in Texas to get a commercial business loan right now.

The Land Contract Guarantee Program provides a new approach for landowners willing to sell and finance a land purchase to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer. The national program offers two options, one that guarantees up to three annual installment payments on the contract and one that guarantees 90% of the unpaid principal of the contract. Guarantees can be used in the purchase of land for up to \$500,000.

“Texas farmers represent all walks of life, a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds, and all different ages,” notes Douglass. “This new program will work well for beginning and minority growers in our state and we encourage producers to visit with us to see if they qualify and how it could fit their needs,” he said.

Find FSA loan information, disaster assistance programs and other helpful programs at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Another new change to the agency’s lending rules for new producers is to allow more flexibility in the minimum experience requirement. Under the new rule, FSA loan officers are now allowed to consider all prior farming experience, including on-the-job training and formal education when determining eligibility for FSA Farm Operating and Ownership Loans. To qualify for a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Loan from FSA, applicants must have a minimum level of agricultural experience, but not more than 10 years operating a farm or ranch.

Douglass also recommends that people considering a farming career should visit a new USDA website www.start2farm.gov to learn more about all USDA resources and programs for beginning farmers and ranchers.

Texas FSA’s support for Beginning and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers is evident in the high level of minority and new farmer participation generated through staff outreach into the community. For more information about these and other USDA programs, you can always call or visit your nearest USDA Farm Service Agency office.

Cantata rehearsals

Community wide Easter cantata rehearsals will be held Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at the East Side Baptist Church. Child care is provided. For more information, call 864-2738.

Obituaries

Mary Eloise Perrin



ELOISE PERRIN

Funeral services for Mary Eloise Perrin, 94, of Haskell were held Thurs., Feb. 16 at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Morris R. Johnson officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Perrin passed away Mon., Feb. 13 in Haskell.

Born Dec. 23, 1917 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of Joseph and Ardonia (Josselet) Toliver, Sr. She graduated from Weinert High School and married John Paul Perrin in Haskell Sept. 23, 1937. She was a member of the Josselet Home Demonstration Club for

55 years, Club Woman of the Year in 1970, a member of Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church and a very active member of the Baptist church since the age of 12. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Paul Perrin; her parents, Joseph and Ardonia Toliver, Sr.; two sisters, Elsie Toliver Marion and Margaret Toliver Simmons; one brother, J.L. Toliver, Jr.; and one nephew, Jim Bob Perrin.

Survivors include two sons, Dudley Perrin of Haskell and Wayne Perrin and his wife Lynn of Lubbock; two daughters, Lynda Perrin Rexrode and husband Bobby of Haskell and Kathy Perrin Futch and husband Terry of Leander; six grandchildren, Gena Rexrode Flanary of McKinney, John Mark Rexrode of Sherman, Alysia Perrin Smith and husband Casey of Lubbock, Valerie Perrin Butts and husband Mac of Frisco, Jeremy Futch and wife Marnie of Frisco, and Amber Futch Funderburgh and husband Sean of Austin; thirteen great grandchildren, Lauren O’Rear and husband

Cass of Abu Dhabi, U.A.E., Tyler Huntsman of Pottsboro, Heather Rexrode of Sherman, John Ryan Rexrode of Durant, Oklahoma, John-Paul Lanary and Noah Toliver Flanary of McKinney, Makenlie, Piper, and soon-to-be Bowan Smith of Lubbock, Colton and Kaelyn Butts of Frisco, Lakin Futch of Frisco and soon-to-be Eloise Katherine Funderburgh; one great great grandson, Jade Lockaby; two step grandchildren and three step great grandchildren; one brother, Bailey Toliver and wife Nancy of Haskell; one sister, Lucille Pickering and husband Raymond of Lubbock; one sister-in-law, Martha Davis Toliver of Ardmore, Oklahoma; 14 nephews, five nieces and their spouses and a host of cousins and friends.

Pallbearers were David Pickering, Jay Pickering, Don Pickering, Brian Toliver, Joseph Toliver and Sam Toliver. Honorary pallbearers were Rex Marion, J.V. Perrin, John Perrin, Joe Perrin, Steve McWhorter, Ted McWhorter, Dan McWhorter, Tommy Perrin and Craig Perrin.

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Glenna Faye Toliver Rhoads



GLENNA RHOADS

Funeral services for Glenna Faye Toliver Rhoads, 81, of Abilene were held Fri., Feb. 17 at Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Faith with interment following at Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories in Abilene.

Mrs. Rhoads died Sun., Feb. 12.

Born Sept. 28, 1930 in Woodson, she was the daughter of the late David Owen and Mamie Toliver. She graduated from Paint Creek High School and went to work as a telephone

operator in Haskell after graduation. She married the late Charles Raymond Rhoads in 1955. They lived together in Haskell, Levelland and Abilene.

Rhoads was an active member of First Baptist Abilene where she taught first and third grade Sunday School for close to 50 years. She loved teaching the Bible to young children and especially loved when they returned as adults with children of their own. She loved quilting, embroidery and making Raggedy Ann dolls for children and the elderly in nursing homes. She touched the lives of so many through her service to the Lord. She was also active with the Bereavement Committee for close to ten years and performed other volunteer work at church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, in 2001; brothers, Carroll, Cecil (Pete), Bobby, Tommy, and Jim; sister-in-law, Mary;

and brother-in-law, Bob Dulaney.

Survivors include three daughters and their families: Debra Miller and Dr. Joe Miller of Dripping Springs; Deanna Rhoads of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Dana Marsh and Jim Marsh of Porter; grandchildren Marc Miller of Austin and Michael Jessica Miller Currie and Dr. Kristopher Currie of Monterrey, Mexico; sisters Betty Dulaney of Haskell, Linda Higgins and husband Robert “Brown” of Missouri City; brother, Doug and wife Carolyn of Canton; sisters-in-law, Judy Toliver of Breckenridge, Sonja Toliver of Merkel, Quilla Toliver of Weatherford and Nelda Toliver of Stafford; along with many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Memorials may be made to Children’s Ministry First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 85, Abilene, Texas 79604.

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Joe Ann Thane



JOE ANN THANE

Funeral services for Joe Ann Thane, 68, of Haskell were held Sun., Feb. 19 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. Dustin Wilhite officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery

under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Thane passed away Wed., Feb. 15 in Abilene.

Born Dec. 4, 1943 in Wolf City, she was the daughter of Robert and Ima Mae (Butler) Lansford. She married Leland Thane April 15, 1990 in Haskell. Prior to retiring, she worked as a florist for Sue’s Flowers in Haskell, was a substitute teacher for Haskell ISD, and worked with her husband in the carpenter business.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Ima Lansford.

Survivors include her

husband, Leland Thane of Haskell; five sons, Robbie Carpenter and wife Kay of Van Alstyne, John Halliburton of Haskell, Marc Thane of Haskell, Jeff Thane and wife Cherry of Odessa, and Kerry Thane of Abilene; one daughter, Cynthia Culpepper and her husband Richie of Haskell; seven grandchildren, Haley Thorson, Lindsay Carpenter, Michael Halliburton, Chelsie Polk, Aerial Thane, Edward Gomez, and Jesse Gomez; and one sister, Sandra Kent of Dallas.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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John Royce Briggs



JOHN BRIGGS

Funeral services for John Royce Briggs, 81, of Haskell were held Tues., Feb. 21 at Criswell Funeral Home in Ada, Oklahoma. Burial was

at Rosedale Cemetery in Ada under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mr. Briggs passed away at his Haskell residence Fri., Feb. 17.

Born June 14, 1930 in Ada, Oklahoma, he was the son of Edgar Auod and Violet Charity (Parker) Briggs. He grew up and lived in Ada until moving to Haskell 34 years ago. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Coalgate, Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Violet Briggs; and his first wife, Wanda Sue (Sharum) Briggs.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Silvia Rodriguez Briggs of Haskell; three sons, Dan Royce Briggs of Wichita Falls, Michael Timothy Briggs of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and Robert Dale Briggs of Burbank, Oklahoma; one daughter, Janis Louise Briggs of Weinert; 11 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; two brothers, Phillip Duane Briggs of Ada, Oklahoma, and Trent Parker Briggs of Ada, Oklahoma; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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Haitian native visits Progressive Study Club

Eighteen members of Haskell Progressive Study Club dressed in red to observe February Heart Health Month Thurs., Feb. 9, in the meeting room of the Haskell County Library. Linda Calhoun was a guest.

Tommye Jo Clark gave the opening prayer, and pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Frieda Ivy. Leigh Sims introduced Kim Meredith.

Meredith's special guest was her friend Marleine Derige, visiting from Haiti. Derige is 28 years old and recently graduated from medical school. She speaks four languages and hopes to finish her residency in surgery in the U.S. She then plans to return to Haiti and help her native people.

Meredith presented the program on her Haitian mission trips. She told of the beginnings of Haiti, i.e. when it was settled, the economy, the government, and the people. Photos of the land, industry, agriculture, buildings, homes, methods of travel, and the people

themselves were shown. Many of the women carried items on their heads, even a sewing machine. Following the program, Leigh Sims gave a donation to Meredith to help with her work in Haiti.

Dorothy Hartsfield said additional money would be needed for the concrete and bevels for the Wall of Honor. An anonymous donor has challenged another to match a \$500 donation. The person did match the \$500 and challenged the first person to up his donation. He has not been heard from at this time. She mentioned that over 3000 names will be on the Wall.

Following discussion, the road trip to Fort Worth was cancelled.

Lynn Dodson volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels Feb. 10. Members donated their change to Heifer International.

Refreshments were served with a Valentine theme. Hostesses were Linda Parsons, Frieda Ivy, Joyce Ivy and Tommye Jo Clark.

4-H Photography workshop set Feb. 26

The Haskell Jr. 4-H Club will host a county wide 4-H Photography Workshop Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26 at the Haskell County Library from 3 to 4 p.m.

Speakers will be Virginia Rodriguez and Tammy Wilson, both of Abilene. They will discuss photography topics such as: Getting To Know Your Camera, Basics of Picture Making, Managing Digital Photos-Pixels and Resolutions and Photography

as a Business.

The rules/guidelines for the 2012 4-H Photography contests will be reviewed; along with tips for submitting photos for competition and photography contest opportunities.

The workshop is open to all Haskell County 4-H members.

For more information, contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

4-H Clubs to meet

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs will hold their February meeting Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26 at the Haskell County Library from 4 to 5 p.m.

Any youth 8 years old and in the third grade through the twelfth grade are welcome to come and join.

The clubs will meet for a "Beautification Project" and

will plant a few Yucca plants in the rock garden. The group will discuss upcoming events and contests, including the upcoming photography and clothing projects for the month of March.

The meeting will conclude with refreshments.

For more information, contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

Texas Flags need sponsors

Citizens are invited to sponsor a Texas flag for the Celebrate Texas Independence Day-Haskell County Style.

The Committee to Help Haskell County needs sponsors for 40 flags which will be flown March 2, Texas

Independence Day and March 3. Flags may also be used on other special days like Wild Horse Prairie Days and 4th of July.

For more information contact Susan Cockerell at 864-2851 or Billie McKeever at 864-4814 or any committee



VALENTINE SWEETS-Residents of Haskell Healthcare celebrated with a party for Valentine's Day. King and Queen for 2012 are Victor Lowery, right, and Jesusa Cuellar, left. First Christian Church of Haskell provided strawberry shortcake.

Alzheimer's workshop set March 6 in Abilene

The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter will offer a special presentation and workshop on Memories in the Making®, an art program for people with memory loss. The workshop will be held from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Tues., March 6, at the Alzheimer's Association office, 301 S. Pioneer, Suite 105, Abilene. Everyone is welcome; there is no charge to attend.

A box of watercolor paints, a little inspiration, and guidance from a caring person is all it takes for someone with dementia to create a beautiful work of art. Memories in the Making® is a method of inspiring, helping and encouraging people to express themselves creatively, regardless of the type or severity of their memory loss. The paintings created by participants in the program have been exhibited across North Central Texas.

Lisa Buck, Memories in the Making Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association, shares the philosophy, inspiration and method of painting with people with dementia. The presentation is richly illustrated with paintings and stories by people with dementia and

prepares people to facilitate MIM sessions on their own. Artists, volunteers, staff at area memory care facilities, and the simply curious are invited to find out why more than 20 chapters of the Alzheimer's Association nationwide offer Memories in the Making®.

"This workshop is a way of introducing the program to a larger Abilene audience," says Buck. "Facilitating the painting sessions is an especially rewarding experience for volunteers. It only takes an hour a week, but the impact on the lives of people who have lost their hobbies and professions to dementia is tremendous."

Continuing education credit is available for activity professionals and social workers.

There is no charge to attend but reservations are required. For more information or to register, call Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900, or email mbannister@alz.org.

For more information about Memories in the Making®, visit www.alz.org/northcentraltexas/in_my_community_memories_in_the_making.asp.

Students in the News

West Texas A&M University, Canyon, has named more than 1,300 students to honors lists for the fall 2011 semester.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99

and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Students from Haskell named to the Dean's List include Kelsie Adams, a freshman education major; and Denise Hibbitts, a freshman music major.

EEA Club plans upcoming events

The Haskell County Extension Education Association met Feb. 9 at the Haskell County Extension Office meeting room. Mary Jennings gave the opening exercise, "Things My Mother Taught Me."

Jane Rowan, reported on several upcoming events, including the 4-H Photography Workshop, February 26 and the County Fashion Show/Photography Show, March 25. Rowan also gave information on a new movie chronicling the life of Richard Wallrath, a generous contributor to Texas 4-H and Texas FFA scholarship programs. "Deep In The Heart" opens at the Cinemark Theater in Abilene Feb. 17. Rowan urged members to attend the opening weekend, as the more success the movie has, the more funds will be contributed to Texas 4-H and Texas FFA. More information on these topics can be obtained from the County Extension Office.

Other announcements from Rowan regarded the community health literacy programs, the Town & Country Women's Fair, Feb. 21, in Abilene, the ongoing Alzheimer's support group meeting, Feb. 27 at 3:00 p.m.,

at the extension office, and the quilt show, Feb. 25.

Under old business, the group continued planning for the annual Tri-County Rally Day to be hosted by the group March 20 at the Haskell Church of Christ annex. The Baylor County and Knox County EEA clubs will be participating and Chef Darlene of Rockin Texas Real Ranch Cuisine will be a program speaker at the event. Rowan will also do a presentation at Rally Day on the many ways to wear a scarf, including a T-shirt scarf making session.

Following the business meeting, Janet Fish gave a program on "Understanding Why Some Children Struggle." Members learned some indicators of neurological deficits in children and how that might cause unacceptable behaviors.

Hostesses for the February meeting were Jane Smith and Lena Tidwell.

The next meeting will be Thurs., March 8 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension Office. John Gannaway will be presenting the program on "The Progress of Haskell." Guests are always welcome to attend.

Texas Flag donors listed

The Committee to Help Haskell County is listing the names of those who have sponsored the Texas Flags.

Jane and David Powers, Haskell National Bank (2), Sherry and Allen Morrow, Debbie Maines/Mainstreet Antiques, Smith Family Funeral Homes, Rolling Plains Regional Detention Center (2);

Billie McKeever, Lynn and Dober Dodson, Connie and Ben Benton, Susan and Kenny Cockerell, Donna and David Davis (2), Rike Real Estate; Laura and Steve Alsabrook, Janet Fish and Oliver Perkins, Pam and Jim Strickland, Louetta and J.W. Wallace, Diane & Jim Isbell

(3), In Memory of Diana Simmons, and Computer Solutions.

Auction donations

Noah Project-North is now accepting donations for the dinner/silent auction to be held at the Haskell Civic Center Sat., April 21. All monetary and item donations are appreciated. Call 940-864-2551 if you have questions or need someone to pick up an auction item. You may mail your monetary donations to the Noah Project-North, P. O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Redistricting solutions: One down, two to go

AUSTIN—Redistricting work continued last week and one part of the puzzle was solved.

State Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, on Feb. 15 announced an agreement with Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott that will keep her Senate District 10 boundaries as they were in 2001, instead of the version state lawmakers enacted last spring. Davis is plaintiff and Abbott defendant in one of three ongoing redistricting lawsuits. The GOP-dominated Legislature reconfigured SD-10 in a way that divided traditional communities of interest and would have made it nearly impossible for Davis, a freshman elected in 2008, to be reelected.

On Feb. 17, state Rep. Trey Martinez-Fischer, D-San Antonio, chair of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, released a statement alleging discrimination against Latino and other minority voters in the creation of the state House and congressional plans, and added, "As such, MALC cannot set aside its principles for the sake of expediency."

So, still up in the air are Texas' U.S. congressional and state House district maps, the subjects of two consolidated multi-plaintiff lawsuits, both known as *Perez v. Texas*. If settled, those sets of maps, along with the agreed-upon state Senate district map, still must be submitted for preclearance in accordance with the U.S. Voting Rights Act. When or if that occurs, state party primaries could be set on a single date, and the path paved toward the picking of nominees who will face each other in the November general election.

But likelihood of this time-consuming litigation was forewarned during the regular session of the Texas Legislature when Democrats, in the face of a Republican supermajority, protested the drawing of maps that would not reflect the growth of minority populations, and Latinos most pointedly, between Census 2000 and Census 2010.

Republican majorities in both houses of the state Legislature nevertheless pushed through House, Senate and congressional redistricting maps that sparked federal lawsuits, and those maps have been in litigation ever since.

Two weeks ago, Attorney General Abbott optimistically suggested that April primaries were still attainable. But, because of candidate filing periods and ballot printing deadlines—and because revised state House and U.S. congressional districts are not settled—and because the

preclearance process through the U.S. Department of Justice and the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals will need to be satisfied—it may be late May before the primaries can be conducted.

It's generally accepted that the earlier a state's primaries are conducted, the greater the influence on the presidential race because of momentum-building and fund-raising. But Texas' high-stakes battles for increased representation between partisan and non-partisan constituencies have pushed the primaries later and later on the calendar. Some say that the power of the Texas vote is diminished or even nullified. But with its 36 congressional seats and a winner-takes-all rule on election night in November, the importance of Texas can still pack a wallop in the presidential race.

Grading requirement on hold

Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott last week announced his decision to allow school districts and charter schools not to implement a 15 percent grading requirement in the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness end-of-course examinations for the 2011-2012 school year.

The requirement, which would have made an end-of-course exam count as 15 percent of a student's grade, was included in the Texas Legislature's House Bill 3 enacted by the previous Legislature. The requirement was meant to enhance accountability, lawmakers said in 2009.

Scott said he made the decision to defer the requirement after receiving input from parents, educators, State Board of Education members, and statutory clarification from state leaders.

"For this school year, the ultimate decision whether to include end-of-course exam scores as part of course grades will be determined locally by school districts and charter schools," Scott said.

Ames-Jones resigns to run

Texas Railroad Commission Chairwoman Elizabeth Ames-Jones of Austin resigned from office last week, the state agency that regulates oil and gas announced last week.

A former member of the Texas House of Representatives and an RRC member since 2005, Ames-Jones is running against long-term incumbent and fellow Republican state Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio for Senate District 25, which runs from San Antonio to Austin. The district includes parts of Travis and Bexar counties and Kendall, Comal, Guadalupe and Hays counties.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 21, 2002

Marcie Stoddard and Amy Turner, students at Rochester High School have qualified for the University Interscholastic League State Cross-examination Debate Contest, held in Austin. They researched extensively the issue of limiting weapons of mass destruction, the topic to be debated.

The Haskell Maidens and Rule Lady Cats have both been crowned Bi-District Champions.

Haskell High School band members Ernest Palacios, Trent Richardson, Jessica Rieger, Laura Baxter, Debbi Long, Shanee Mays and Albert Palacios have qualified for state competition.

The Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center officially opened this week with a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony.

20 Years Ago February 20, 1992

Jill Druessedow, member

of the Haskell City Council since 1989, was appointed Mayor of Haskell, following the resignation of Mayor Gregg Melton.

The Paint Creek Pirates continued their winning ways by pulling out a close one over the Poolville Monarchs. The Pirates, led by Rodney Medford with 22 points and Tony Martinez with 11 points, are now 22-2 for the season.

Judy Standefer and Geneva Stone helped with arrangements for the jail and bail fund-raiser, benefitting the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

30 Years Ago February 25, 1982

Paint Creek fifth and sixth grade students of Susan Cox who participated in the Texas Bluebonnet Award voting, were Rhonda Coleman, Maria Martinez, Temple Scott and Sophie Gonzales.

Nancy Toliver was presented the Outstanding Teacher Award from Haskell-

Knox Consortium at the Council for Exceptional Children Mid-Winter Conference. She has been in the teaching field for eighteen years.

Listed on the 4th six weeks honor roll at Haskell High School are seniors D'Anne Burris, Sharla Drinnon, Jay Druessedow, Casey Hannsz, Lisa Hunt, Donna Kemp, Terry Kuykendall, Michelle Lindsey and Julie John Wallace.

40 Years Ago February 24, 1972

At this year's Chamber of Commerce banquet, Bob Philpot was named Outstanding Citizen, while Milton Christian was named Outstanding Farmer. George Fouts took office as the new president of the Chamber.

Corsie Johnston has announced her plans for retirement as administrator of Rice Springs Care Home. She has been at Rice Springs for over eight years and in the care home profession

since 1953.

Haskell native Beatrice Wheeler, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey, Inc. It is a private non-profit research organization serving New York State taxpayers.

50 Years Ago February 22, 1962

Haskell High School junior Nancy Lawson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lawson of Haskell, has been chosen Sweetheart of the Haskell Future Farmers of America.

Mrs. C.F. Oman of Weinert, was honored on her 95th birthday with an open house at the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oman. One of her birthday "treats" was a visit to a beauty shop for a shampoo, set and manicure.

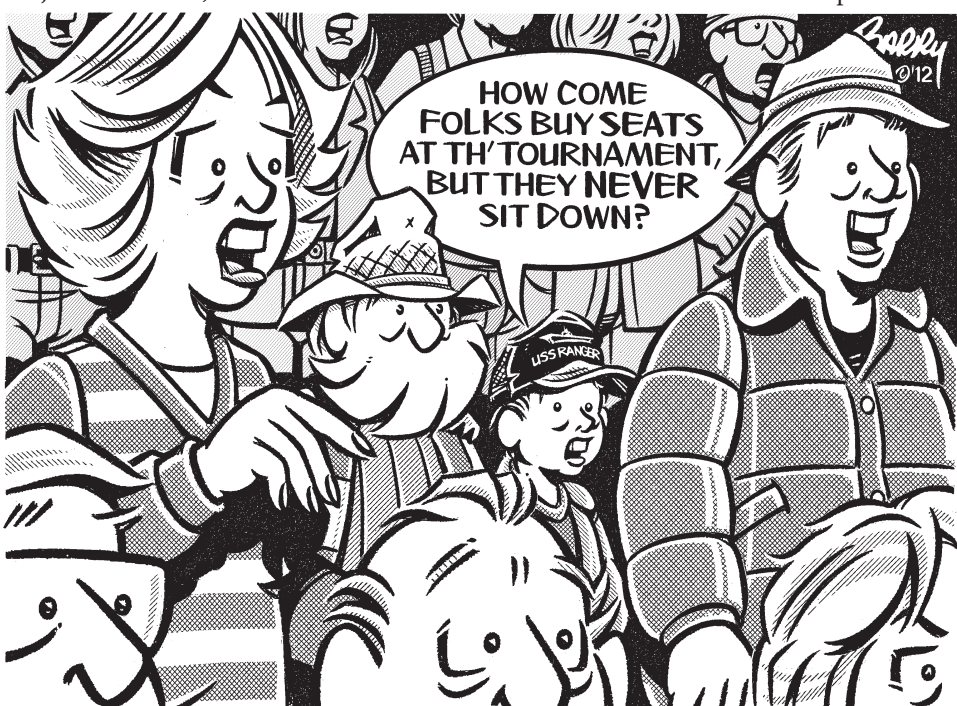
The Josselet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Carl Bailey, with Mrs. Paul Cothron, president, presiding. Mildred Robertson presented the program on "Travel Wardrobe."

100 Years Ago February 24, 1912

G.H. Cobb came in from his ranch 20 miles southeast of town, during the snowstorm. He says that to a fellow out in the weather, it seemed rather severe.

W.H. Starr was kicked by a mule he was shoeing at his shop, and suffered a compound fracture to his hand.

Gaylord Kline of Rule, who is a candidate for County Attorney, was over Monday in the interest of his campaign.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I feel certain that by now everyone is aware that our city police are serious concerning speeding. They are no longer issuing warning tickets for speeding, just an expensive citation. The noise level is beginning to increase from those who have been issued citations. We have speed limit signs posted so that everyone knows what speed they should not exceed. These speed limits are established for safety reasons and our police are enforcing them for just that reason. Several individuals feel that the reasonable thing to do would be to issue warning tickets for awhile, then start writing citations. I can't speak for anyone else, but my personal experience has been expressed in an attitude that is, 'I got by that time without a ticket' whenever I was given a warning ticket. The warning ticket did not make me change my driving habits. However, some other personal experiences, especially in Rule and Tatum, New Mexico, have very definitely made me change my driving habits. I can promise you I obey the speed limit signs because the police in those two towns had a significant impact upon my pocketbook. Our police officers are only doing the job for which they were hired and that is making sure that our citizens abide by the laws that are on the books. They are here to protect us, not hurt us. One thing I overheard Chief Candelaria say to someone was: "There are not two sets of laws; nor are there special people. If the Mayor speeds, the Mayor gets a ticket." Made a believer of me.

I would encourage you to drive east on U.S. 380

and see what Claude and Sally Payne have done. They have decided to decorate their house and arbor in a theme that is befitting the next upcoming holiday. The decorations for Valentine's Day were excellent. Wonder what holiday will be selected for their next decorating endeavor? Claude and Sally, I hope you keep up this work because it is always a joy to see.

Now for the third of the five most common mistakes that cities make concerning their web sites. Many of us, especially those of us in small towns, never think someone from outside the United States would be the least bit interested in our town. Statistics tell us that it happens more often than we think. We just need to realize that the WWW stands for World Wide Web. That means that anyone anywhere in the world might be looking at our web site. Most of us think that our web site will only be visited by people from within our own state or maybe from as far away as a neighboring state. The article from which I am getting this information states that most site selection companies use the Internet as their primary information source. In this day and time in which we operate in a global economy, most of the people or companies that are interested in Haskell, will not be driving into town but will be visiting us through our web site. We need to make sure that we provide all of the information for which they might be looking and it should be easy to find. Bottom line, we need to think big.

Speaking of web sites, at our last City Council meeting

we were given a preview of what Haskell's web site will contain by Matthew Duran. It will contain almost all of the information anyone could possibly need concerning our town. It will have links where citizens can send in notices of things that are of concern to them plus a whole lot more interesting materials than I have the time or space to mention. As Matthew told us, it is still a work in progress but it is coming along nicely and should be up and operating in just a matter of a few weeks. Matthew is just one of our many city employees who is trying to get us up to speed in this rapidly changing technologically oriented world. And since yours truly is one of many who is 'technologically challenged,' their job will not be easy.

Last weekend, we attended a fund-raiser for Taylor County's Expo Center in Abilene. There were many sponsors for the evening and all for a worthy cause. Haskell National Bank was one of two banks that had a sponsorship out of approximately 45 businesses and what an experience. The food was excellent but the real treat was the three songwriters featured. These guys were not just humdrum self-proclaimed songwriters. Scotty Emerick has written songs for Sawyer Brown, Toby Keith, George Strait, Ronnie Milsap and captured Songwriter of the Year honors from the Nashville Songwriters Association International. He was the youngest of them having entered the business straight out of high school. Allen Shamblin specializes in "story songs" or ballads much like those of rising star Elliott

Park of Clyde who wrote "I Loved Her First." Shamblin is probably the oldest of the three, graduated from Sam Houston State University. Shamblin has written for Randy Travis, John Michael Montgomery, Toby Keith and Keith Urban. Mike Reid, the third of the group, does not use a guitar for his song writing, but rather uses a piano and in this venue it was a keyboard. Mike is an All-Pro NFL star of Cincinnati Bengal fame. He wrote "Walk on Faith" and has written for Wynona, Alabama, Tim McGraw. Mike Reid and Allen Shamblin collaborated on the #8 song of "The 100 Greatest Songs of All Time," "I Can't Make You Love Me" sung by Bonnie Raitt. The guys sat on stools and performed their songs, sometimes with the help of their co-stars. It lent their talents to an intimate sharing of their creativity. Now who says West Texas can't have big names entertain?

Remember the signs "Don't Mess With Texas"? For awhile we were all very careful and put our trash in the proper receptacles. I am seeing more and more trash along our roadways. Be mindful that the windiest season is upon us and carelessly tossed trash will be blowing so be especially careful when disposing of it. With the price of gas going through the roof, our unemployment higher than we would like and many situations around the world in a state of flux, are we becoming less and less concerned with our own 'front door'? Granted, we are working toward a good reputation for our town and we certainly don't want it to be the place that has the trashiest roadsides in Texas.

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PLAYOFF GAME—Paint Creek Lady Pirate Felysha Walker, left, is surrounded by Lipan players as she goes for the ball with Danielle Oliver waiting for the action. Lady Pirate senior Layne Petty, right, plays defense in her last high school basketball game. Lipan is ranked third in the state and moved up in the playoff bracket.



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS—The Paint Creek Lady Pirates were crowned Bi-District Champs by defeating Vernon Northside 56-55 Tues., Feb. 14. Team members include, front row, l-r, Danielle Oliver, junior; Katie Bosnjak, senior; Baleigh Lopez, sophomore; Tarah Trotter, sophomore; Dalinne Reed, sophomore; back row, Felysha Walker, senior; Stormy Darnell, freshman; Katrina Buerger, senior; Kadie McCord, sophomore; Layne Petty, senior; Kellie Jenkins, freshman; and Coach Lauten Escobedo.



MAIDENS IN PLAY—Haskell Maiden #35 Delecia Garcia, left, struggles to get control of the ball from a Lady Panther. Maiden #53 McKenzie Shelton makes an attempt to score in the playoff game. Seymour defeated the Maidens 48-34.



LADY PIRATES PLAY FOR BI-DISTRICT—Lady Pirate Katie Bosnjak, left, gets ready to defend the shot from a Lady Indian as Kadie McCord is there for the rebound. Katrina Buerger, right, thinks about her shot as she takes the line in the final minutes of the game. The Lady Pirates advanced to the next level in the playoffs by defeating Vernon Northside in a nail biter, 56-55.



MAIDENS ON THE MOVE—Haskell Maiden #11 Taylor Burson, left, and Maiden #15 Reagan Hadaway move the ball down court in the playoff game against the Seymour Lady Panthers.



LADY PIRATES WIN—Paint Creek Lady Pirate Tarah Trotter, left, blocks a shot against Vernon Northside. Right, Lady Pirate Felysha Walker takes on her defender as she prepares to drive the basket.

Bell named Player of the Week

Haskell Indian Kelby Bell, a sophomore forward, was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Top 10 basketball list Tues., Feb. 14.

Bell opened the week with a double-double of 10 points and 10 boards in a win over Rotan on Feb. 7.

Area basketball scores

Girls Bi-District Playoff
Seymour 48-Haskell 34
Scoring for Haskell: Shelton 11, C. Hadaway 10, R. Hadaway 5, Burson 4, Garcia 2, Rodriguez 1, Johnson 1.

In a 48-38 win over Hamlin three days later, he poured in 22 points to go with five rebounds and four steals, helping the Indians lock down a playoff spot.

Alumni game set March 4

Individuals who attended Haskell High School or a consolidated school with Haskell CISD or who have a son who played baseball for the Indians are eligible to play the 2012 Haskell Indians in an Alumni game Sat., March 10 at 4 p.m. at Indian Field. Entry fee is \$20. All alumni playing will receive a t-shirt. The field will be

available for practice at 1 p.m. March 10. Hamburger meals will be available throughout the game. All proceeds go towards scholarship money for Haskell High School student athletes.

Registration will begin at 3 p.m. before the game. For more information, contact Josh Damron at 903-267-2129.



LAST GAME—Paint Creek Lady Pirate seniors Katie Bosnjak, Katrina Buerger, and Felysha Walker played their last basketball game as Lady Pirates against Lipan last Friday night.

Clip-Out

2012 PAINT CREEK TRACK SCHEDULES

Date	Event	Place
March 9	Greyhound Relays	Knox City
March 23	Rolling Plains Relays	Jayton
March 30	Gorilla Relays	Trent
April 6	Dist. 11A Track Meet	Knox City
April 12	Area 11-12 Track Meet	Trent
April 21	Regional Qualifiers	TBA
April 27-28	Reg. II-A Track Meet	Abilene
May 11-12	State Track Meet	Austin

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location
March 5	Greyhounds Relays	Knox City
March 22	Jaybird Relays	Jayton
March 31	District Track Meet	Throckmorton

YOU'RE GETTING NEW NEIGHBORS OR HADN'T YOU HEARD?

KEEP THE LIGHT ON PUBLIC NOTICES



Government officials are required to publish their intentions in the newspaper – including their intent to build a facility down the street that you might not want. But that could change.

Some politicians want to bury public notices on little seen, rarely visited government websites. Don't let government put you in the dark. Public notices should be published by the newspaper.

If it is not in the newspaper, you won't know about it.



NEW DICTIONARY OWNERS—Forty-eight Haskell third grade students received dictionaries from the Haskell Rotary Club recently. Rotarians making the presentation include, back row, Mike Guess, Shane Hadaway, Nelda Lane, Ken Lane, Penny Anderson, Jimmy Lisle, Ruby Turner, Megan Cox, Tammy Cunningham, Rhonda Lisle and Tom Bassett. Third grade teachers are Tonya Cypert, Vickie Bredthauer and Vanessa Shiplett.

Rotarians present dictionaries

The Rotary Club of Haskell presented dictionaries to the Haskell Elementary third grade students Thurs., Feb. 16.

Forty-eight dictionaries were presented by Rotarians Tom Bassett, Penny Anderson, Megan Cox, Nelda Lane, Ken Lane, Shane Hadaway, Tammy Cunningham, Mike

Guess, Jimmy Lisle, Rhonda Lisle and Ruby Turner.

Garrett Brueggeman and Ryan Baumbach, Haskell High students, helped with the distribution.

This is the fifth year Rotary has presented dictionaries to Haskell third grade students. The Dictionary Project, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Haskell, has a goal that all students will be provided

with a dictionary to keep as their own personal reference book. The dictionary will help the students learn to use the English language effectively, assist them with their education and see all the opportunities a good education offers.

Interested in each student's success, the project is one of the club's favorite annual projects.

ECC Menu

Mon., Feb. 27
Vegetable/beef stew, pimento or tuna sandwich, pickles, onions, tea or coffee

Wed., Feb. 29
Beef steak fingers, cream

gravy, blackeyed peas, seasoned greens, tea or coffee

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



SHIRT CONTEST WINNERS—A Little Dribblers T-Shirt Design Contest was held at Paint Creek. Competition winners, Brittany Yanez, left, and Brandon Mitchell, are wearing the t-shirt that was a combined effort saying "Pirates Busting Out."

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 27-March 2
Breakfast
Milk is offered daily.
Monday: Pork sausage biscuit or Berry Puffs cereal, mixed fruit, apple juice
Tuesday: Biscuits with gravy or Lucky Charms cereal, peaches, orange juice
Wednesday: Breakfast taco or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, cinnamon apple slices, fruit punch juice
Thursday: Golden waffles with syrup or Cocoa Puffs cereal, peaches, apple juice
Friday: Breakfast biscuit with egg or Trix cereal, strawberry applesauce, orange juice

Lunch
Milk is offered daily at all cafeterias. Iced tea is offered at the high school cafeteria only. An energy meal includes a sandwich and a cookie.
Monday: Choice of one: Spaghetti de Italiano with roll or Italian antipasto salad or bologna and cheese energy meal; Choice of up to three: sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit, original

applesauce, blue slushy
Tuesday: Choice of one: State fair corn dog or fajita chicken salad or turkey and cheese energy meal; Choice of up to three: glazed carrots, pork and beans, fresh banana, whole wheat crackers, blue slushy
Wednesday: Choice of one: Crispy beef tacos or garden pasta salad or ham and cheese energy meal; Choice of up to three: Mexicali corn, refried beans, cinnamon apple slices, lettuce and cheese, blue slushy
Thursday: Choice of one: Chicken strips with gravy and roll or zesty tuna salad or tuna salad energy meal; Choice of up to three: mashed potatoes, whole wheat crackers, fresh watermelon, peaches, blue slushy
Friday: Choice of one: Tony's pizza or chef salad or po-boy energy meal; Choice of up to three: tater tots, baked beans, strawberry applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, blue slushy

This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith heals the wounds of human discord

Many of us have undergone the painful experience of having a beautiful long term friendship suddenly broken off, due to a misunderstanding, or perhaps because of a minor incident that became magnified out of all proportion. Whatever the cause, we erect a barrier of wounded pride and a feeling of betrayal that would seem to rule out any possibility of reconciliation.

However, the Bible tells us to love our neighbor and to see the good side of our fellow beings. So, try to remember all the good times together and the kind, thoughtful deeds of the past, and perhaps there's a chance that the severed relationship might be mended. At the church of your choice you will learn that it's at least worth a try.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
Frank Slayton, minister
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
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, 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., 10:45 a., 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

First Baptist Church
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, 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
Stephania 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
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

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

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

Sweet Home Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

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

—PAINT CREEK—

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

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Rule School Menu

Feb. 27-29
Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Biscuits with sausage gravy, Berry Puffs cereal, peaches
Tuesday: Cinnamon toast with sausage, Lucky Charms cereal, pears
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs with sausage, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, mixed fruit

Lunch
Milk and slushy served daily.
Monday: Beef macaroni with roll, glazed carrots, sweet corn, fresh fruit, cinnamon apple slices
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with gravy and roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, crackers, pears
Wednesday: Chicken fajita, Mexicali corn, beans, fresh fruit, mixed fruit

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 27-March 2
Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancake sticks
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: French toast
Thursday: Muffins
Friday: Donuts

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, gravy,

rolls, fruit
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, salad, pudding
Wednesday: Chicken patty sandwiches, salad, chips, fruit
Thursday: Nachos, refried beans, salad, pineapples
Friday: Hamburgers, cheese, salad, pickles, fries, brownies

5k run/walk set Sat., March 3

The Camo Chicks Relay For Life team is having a fund-raiser 5K run/walk in conjunction with the Texas Independence Day Celebration in Haskell. The 5K run/walk will start at 8:30 a.m. on the Haskell County Courthouse square Sat., March 3.

Registration forms may be picked up at the Haskell County Courthouse. Forms will be on a table on the first floor of the Courthouse. Pre-registration fee is \$20. Registration fee on the day of the event is \$25, with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. To receive a registration

form by email, contact Terri Fillmon at 940-256-0259 or Stacia Leach at 940-256-0685. First 100 participants will be guaranteed a t-shirt. A registration form may be downloaded at www.abilerunners.com.

All proceeds of the event will go towards the Knox-Haskell County Relay for Life.

Relay for Life
To sign up for a team for the Knox-Haskell Relay for Life visit www.relayforlife.org/knoxhaskelltx or call Becky or Carla at 940-864-3050.

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Miscellaneous

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Public Notices

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY HASKELL COUNTY FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE HASKELL COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE, EXERGY NUMBER ONE
Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be conducted on March 1, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. during a specially called Commissioner's Court meeting in the Commissioner's Courtroom of the Haskell County Courthouse, 1 Avenue D, Haskell, Texas. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from interested persons regarding a proposal to designate the following described property as the Haskell

Real Estate

FOR SALE: 4 bedroom, 2 bath. 1004 N. Ave. D. Possible financing available. 940-256-1014. 5tfc

Public Notices

NOTICE
The City of Rule will be accepting bids from now until 02/29/12 for the maintenance and upkeep of the Rule Cemetery. Submit all bids to the Rule City Hall at 701 Union Ave, Rule, Texas during regular business hours or mail them to P.O. Box 607, Rule, Texas 79547. Please call 940-996-2214 for all questions regarding contract. 7-8c

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County Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone, Exergy Number One (hereinafter referred to as the "Zone"): Beginning at the Northeast corner of Haskell County and continuing West down the Haskell/Knox County line to U.S. Highway 277. Zone to continue South on U.S. Highway 277 until the intersection of U.S. Highway 277 and FM 1080. Zone will continue East on FM 1080 until the intersection of FM 1080 and FM 266. Zone will continue South on CR 266 until the intersection of FM 266 and CR 268. Zone will continue East on CR 268 and will continue East in a straight line from the end of CR 268 to the Haskell/Throckmorton County line. Zone will continue

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North along the Haskell/Throckmorton County line to the Northeast corner of Haskell County, Texas. The Zone is depicted by the shaded area on the map below. At the public hearing, interested persons will be entitled to speak about or present evidence for or against the designation of such property as a tax abatement reinvestment zone. Following closure of the public hearing, the Commissioner's Court will consider the adoption of a resolution that designates the above-described property as Haskell County Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone, Exergy Number One. For additional information, contact County Judge David Davis by telephone at (940) 864-2851 or in writing at 1 Avenue D, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Help Wanted

recommendations for problem resolution. Some heavy lifting, climbing, carrying required in performance of job. Education and experience requirements: High school diploma or equivalent. 3 years or equivalent with accredited training school. Certification with ASE/CAT/CUMMINGS preferred. Strong working knowledge of major brand diesel engine and transmission/powertrain systems. Current CDL license preferred. For application go online to www.emeraldcompanies.com or come by Rolling Plains Detention Center for application. 7-8c

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This past weekend the Haskell Country Club and people from all across Haskell and Knox County had a benefit for me, Jim Harris and my fight against throat cancer. I want to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all who participated and especially to those who put it together. I knew I had many friends across the area as Haskell County has been my home all my life, but I was touched at the outpouring generosity of those attending the fund-raiser. I have been fighting cancer for four years while living in Brock and having a surgery every year and half it seems. But I would bounce back, return to work as a drilling consultant and onward bound I would go as the Lord has blessed me with many friends who pray, and life has been good. In October it became obvious I would have to do more.
I retired from work and dedicated my time and effort to the fight. I have chemo five days and then three weeks off chemo and then repeat the process. I am 75% through the chemo therapy and look forward to eventually returning to work. My job is waiting on me if I can get well enough and speak clearly enough to carry on normal duties. I want again to thank all who donated their time and donations. My family is sincerely grateful. I was touched to know so many good people care. I hope to return to work and come back and repay the debt to the Haskell community. Thanks from the bottom of my heart and everyone please keep the fight against cancer in your thoughts. I can promise you it is an awful disease that needs to be cured. God Bless all of you.

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1607 NORTH AVENUE E—This 3/2 home could easily be featured on the cover of a Southern Living magazine. Home features tray ceilings, beautiful paint colors, wainscoting, hardwood floors and custom cabinetry. Master suite features tiled walk in shower, double vanity and oversized closet. Kitchen has solid surface counter tops, new appliances and opens up into a breakfast nook. \$198,000

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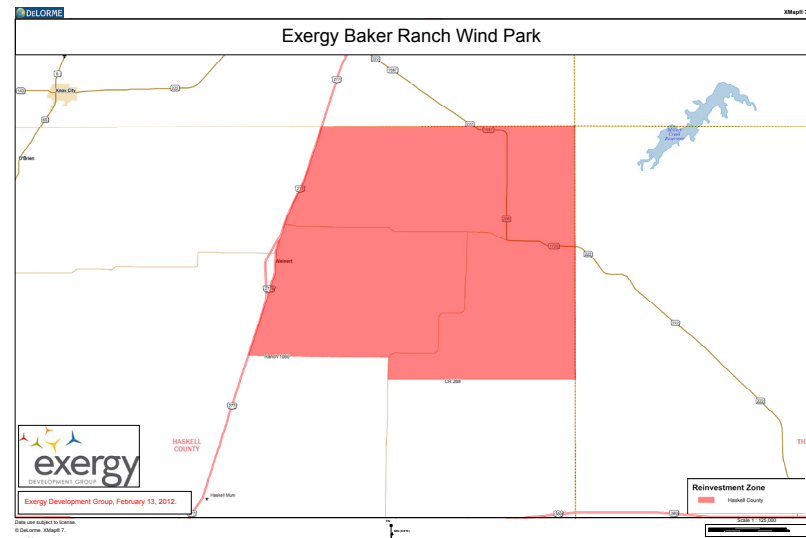
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Texas Independence Day Haskell County Style set March 3

It's almost that time again—time to celebrate “Texas Independence Day Haskell County Style.” This year's celebration will be held Sat., March 3 around the Courthouse and city square.

All the old favorite attractions, a Native American flint knapper with his Teepee, the different forts

with Calvary, the cannon and soldiers, Drummer Boy Ice Cream will be back. Also back will be Native American games, which were a big hit with the kids last year and many others.

This year some new attractions and even some contests are planned.

One new attraction is the Dig N for Gold event for kids

ages 8 and under. Coins will be scattered through a pile of sand and kids will be given 2 minutes to dig for gold. Each child will only be allowed to win one gold dollar coin but there is no limit on other coins. Haskell National Bank is sponsoring Dig N for Gold. This activity and many others will begin at 10 a.m. around the courthouse

square. The sounds of gunfire will join the cannon bursts when the Texas Gunslingers will be entertaining crowds with gun fights featuring actors and actresses in authentic western regalia. In addition to the gun fights, the group will bring a western town, stagecoach and other Old West items to the Haskell

County square. First National Bank is sponsoring this event for everyone's enjoyment.

A pie contest, sponsored by God Loves You Ministries, will be held. Entries will be due by 10 a.m. Sat., March 3 at 9 Ave. E in Haskell. Proceeds benefit the ministry. Entry information is available at the Chamber of Commerce office or by

calling Susan Cockerell at 864-2851.

Applications are now being accepted for vendor registrations for food or crafts. All food vendors must have food handler safety certificates. Applications can be picked up in the County Judge's office or by calling Susan Cockerell at 940-864-2851 or 940-256-3296.

Pie contest to benefit church missions

by Caron Yates

Get out the recipe box and heat up the oven, it is time for the Pie Baking Contest, being held in conjunction with Celebrate Texas Independence Day-Haskell County Style.

The contest is open to the public, with two age divisions, adult and seventeen years and younger. Due to safety regulations, only fruit pies and nut pies are eligible. Entry fee is two dollars, and pies and recipes must be submitted by 10 a.m., Sat., Mar. 3, to the God Loves You Ministries building on the west side of the square.

Mark Wallace, pastor at God Loves You Ministries, says any money raised will be used to continue the mission and purpose of the church.

It was about seven years ago Wallace said, when he began to feel God leading him to step out on faith and do more to minister to those in this community who were in need.

He says that although he offered many reasons why it wouldn't work, God just kept showing him the need and opening doors to make it happen. He began holding a Sunday night service in a room near an apartment complex in Haskell. While there were times, when no one came, people eventually began to see that he truly cared and wanted to help meet their needs.

Before long, he knew God wanted him to take it to the next level. They began having Sunday morning services in

a small music studio offered by Paul Gibson. Wallace says that it was unbelievable how people and businesses in the community began donating exactly what was needed, everything from chairs and pews to musical equipment.

As their ministry grew, so did the need for a larger place to hold worship services. Feeling that God needs to be seen everywhere, including downtown, they began negotiations to purchase the building they are presently in. Wallace recalls that as they were praying about how to work things out, he arrived home one day to a message on his answering machine. It was from a young man who simply said, “I have purchased the building for the use of your church.”

Wallace is overwhelmed with the way God has provided, through the generosity of so many, to keep the ministry strong. In fact everyone involved volunteers their services, in order to use all funds to promote their message, and that is “God Loves You.” The church body feels that by helping individuals with their personal needs, be it food, rent, medicine or bills, they can better help with spiritual needs. Wallace says, “The idea is simple, when others see God's help through our actions, they see God's love.”

Plan now to enter your favorite pie and win the honor of being the “Best Pie Baker” in Haskell County. If you don't have a pie to enter, then you can always stop by the God Loves You building and purchase a slice of pie, or even a whole pie, and that will help the cause as well. For more information contact the Haskell Chamber of Commerce office at 864-2477 or Susan Cockerell at 864-2851.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Feb. 13 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers, Councilmen Stacy Bridges, Dan Hoover and Jill Druessedow in attendance.

A discussion concerning a community calendar was discussed with Bill Alcorn, Haskell CISD Superintendent, Randy Hise, Development Corporation of Haskell Board President and Kristi Stevens, Oncor.

American National Leasing Co. of Wichita Falls will finance the capital leases at the landfill.

A resolution suspending the March 6, 2012, effective date of Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division (Atmos Mid-Tex) requesting a rate change to permit the City time to study the request and establish reasonable rates.

The Zoning Board's recommendation request from Billy Joe Campbell to use the property Block 19, Lot 1, Brown & Roberts OL Addition at 400 S. 3rd East for specific use permit to allow a single wide mobile home in the retail area zoning was

Box Tops drive

The Haskell Elementary PTO and students are collecting Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education are found on many grocery and other items. Each box top turned in equals 10 cents for our school. Over \$500 in box tops for the fall semester were turned in. Box tops from anyone will be accepted to help us beat the amount collected in the fall semester. If any businesses would like a collection jar for Box Tops, one can be provided. For more information, email haskellelementarypto@gmail.com or leave a message with the elementary school secretary.

Rule banquet

Rule Chamber of Commerce will host their annual banquet Tues., March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Rule School cafeteria. Tickets are available in advance from any Chamber member or at the door.

Deadlines

All deadlines for issues of the Haskell Free Press are at noon on Mondays.

approved.

A request for a study by TxDOT at the intersection of Avenue D and Hwy. 380 for safety reasons was approved.

The veterans Wall of Honor was discussed.

City owned lots will be put out for sale as presented.

A budget amendment was approved.

The 2011 Racial Profiling Report by Chief of Police Richard Candelaria was approved.

Candelaria gave the police report.

Matthew Duran, Director of Public Works and Safety gave his report.

The Council entered into an executive session to discuss personnel matters and the possibility of changing legal council for the City.

Returning to general session, the council approved to continue negotiating with Lois A. Rockfeller and invited her to attend the next council meeting.

In the City Administrator's

report, Brandon Anderson stated:

- The Texas Independence Day Haskell Style event will be held March 3. Everyone is encouraged to get out and come to the square for the celebration.

- The Haskell Betterment Committee is planning a car show and cook off for April 27-28. Mark your calendars and head for the city park for this event.

- A total of 16 houses were disposed of during the last couple of weeks. The total amount for disposal was \$22,000 in landfill fees alone. Haskell is fortunate to own a landfill and be able to dispose of these houses at no cost to citizens or governments.

- Clean Up week will be sometime in April or May, so start planning your spring cleaning.

- An issue with bulk water sales has come up. In the future, all bulk water sales that exceed 10,000 gallons will have to have the approval of the City Administrator.

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On January 31, 2012, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division (“Atmos” or “the Company”), filed a Statement of Intent with each City served by the Mid-Tex Division (hereafter “Affected Cities”) with the exception of the City of Dallas. The Company's Statement of Intent proposes to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within the Affected Cities. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is March 6, 2012. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,194,420 residential, 100,461 commercial, and 705 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$49,080,069 or 4.36%, including gas costs, or 11.94% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a “major change” as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition to the rate changes, other proposed tariff changes include revision of the Company's residential and commercial rate schedules (Rates R and C), as well as its Rider WNA and Rider GCR to change the current billing rate basis from Mcf to Ccf. The Company further proposes to revise the Rider GCR to: (1) remove the 2009 interest rate reference, (2) clarify that the calculation of (b) Pipeline Cost is inclusive of interest, and (3) update the Upstream Pipeline Charge Allocation (Factor D). Atmos also proposes to modify its Rider WNA to update the heat load and base load factors. The Company further seeks to implement a new Rate Review Mechanism (“RRM”) tariff, as well as a new conservation and energy efficiency tariff (“Rider CEE”). In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly bill for each customer class within the Affected Cities will change by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill **	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential *	\$48.51	\$51.21	\$2.70	5.57%	13.60%
Commercial *	\$241.15	\$246.50	\$5.35	2.22%	9.69%
Industrial *	\$3,703.47	\$3,499.26	\$(204.21)	-5.51%	-14.22%
Transportation	\$1,754.60	\$1,550.39	\$(204.21)	-11.64%	-14.22%

*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.5750 per Mcf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes average monthly consumption of 4.4 Mcf for residential, 34.2 Mcf for commercial, and 3,897 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our website www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-soi. In addition, customers can contact their City for additional information regarding this rate request.

Éste es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la “Compañía”), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía excepto en la ciudad de Dallas y las áreas no incorporadas. Aquellas personas que deseen comunicarse con la autoridad reguladora que tiene jurisdicción sobre esta solicitud deben ponerse en contacto con su ciudad. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.