

Softball

HASKELL
 JV Maidens vs Westbrook
 Fri., April 3, 5 p.m.
 at Haskell
 JV Maidens
 Windthorst tournament
 Sat., April 4
 JV Maidens vs Seymour
 Mon., April 6
 at Haskell
 V Maidens vs Stamford
 Tues. April 7, 5 p.m.
 at Stamford

Baseball

HASKELL
 JV District Tournament
 Thurs., April 2
 at Haskell
 JV District Tournament
 Sat., April 4
 at Seymour
 Indians vs Hamlin
 Tues., April 7, 4:30 p.m.
 at Hamlin

Track

HASKELL
 HS Munday meet
 Sat., April 4
PAINT CREEK
 JH Aspermont meet
 Thurs., April 2
 V Aspermont meet
 Fri., April 3
RULE
 JH Aspermont meet
 Thurs., April 2
 V Aspermont meet
 Fri., April 3

Golf

HASKELL
 Indians & Maidens
 District 13-A
 Tin Cup Country Club
 Merkel
 Mon., April 6, 9 a.m.

Calendar

Dinner/Auction

"Elvis," also known as Rick Campbell, will be singing live from the Haskell Civic Center for the Noah Project—North's fund-raiser Sat. April 4. The Noah Project—North's annual Dinner/Silent Auction will start at 6 p.m. when the doors open. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by "A Tribute To Elvis." Mike Fouts will be the emcee for the night. Many great auction items will be available this year, including motel stays, gift certificates, and items that have been donated by the public. Tickets are available from any advisory committee member, The Stamford Star, or by calling 940-864-2551 or at the door. Tickets are \$12.50 each.

Bake/garage sale

To earn money for an educational trip to Boston in May, eight Haskell students will hold a garage sale and bake sale at 8 a.m. Sat. April 4, in front of the high school. The 10-family garage sale will have clothes, electronics, toys, jewelry, household items, etc. The students will tour historic sites in and around the Boston area, including the Old North Church, the reconstructed Plymouth Plantation, Bunker Hill Monument, Old South Meeting Hall, USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides") and the historic Faneuil Hall area. They will walk the famous Boston Freedom Trail, spend time in Harvard Square, take an amphibious Duck Tour and travel to Maine and New Hampshire. Seniors are Paige Adams, Laura Garcia, Kimie Hutchinson, Britney Martinez, Lauren Newton, Samantha Rodriguez, Selina Rodriguez and Shayla Session. Sponsors are Jill Druessedow and Pam Thigpen.

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Noah Project's Dinner Theatre Sat., April 4

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"The People's Choice"

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Alvarez named Miss Snake Charmer



LEOLONNIE ALVAREZ
MISS SNAKE CHARMER

Haskell High School junior, Leolonne Alvarez, was crowned Miss Snake Charmer at the 50th annual Sweetwater Jaycees Rattlesnake Round-up on March 12.

Alvarez is the daughter of Alberto and Julie Alvarez. The competition included causal wear, evening wear, a talent contest and a personal interview by the judges.

Past queens returned to help mark the 50th anniversary of the Round-Up. Alvarez was crowned by the first Miss Snake Charmer, Nelda Hedges. She also had opportunity to meet Kay Wiseman Cheatham, crowned queen in 1963, and the only other contestant from Haskell to ever win the competition.

Alvarez won an academic award of \$1500, including \$250 for the talent competition. She sang Sugarland's "Why Don't You Stay," while accompanying herself on the guitar.

Responsibilities of the queen included participating in activities of the Round-Up. Alvarez helped hold snakes during the demonstrations, skinned snakes, and even participated in the snake eating competition. In addition, she sang for the audience and handed out trophies to winning competitors. Throughout the year she will represent the Jaycees at various events.

Alvarez would like to express her thanks to Dr. James Gober of the Haskell Veterinary Clinic for sponsoring her in the competition, and also to Lynn Dodson for her help and advice before the competition.



JOHN ENGLISH
ALL-BIG COUNTRY SUPER TEAM SECOND TEAM
 Photo by Bill Blankenship

English named to All-Big Country Super team

Haskell Indian John English, guard, 5-9, senior, was named to the Abilene Reporter-News All-Big Country Super Team second team.

English averaged 19.7 points, had 4.6 assists, 3.7 rebounds and 3.4 steals on the season.

Nicknamed "Pistol" by Haskell fans, English is a worshipper of NBA Hall-of-Famer "Pistol" Pete Maravich.

English helped the Indians take the third playoff seed in District 9. He also earned the district co-MVP honors.

Athletes named to All-Big Country teams

Haskell athletes named to the Abilene Reporter-News All-Big Country Basketball teams include:

John English, senior, guard,

5-9, with a 19.7 point average. He has 4.6 assists, 3.7 rebounds and 3.4 steals. He also earned league co-MVP honors.

Austin Marshall, junior,

guard, was on the honorable mention list.

Haskell Maiden Aubrey Bassett, junior, guard, was on the honorable mention list.



MEMBERSHIP HONORED—Sonny Reynolds, center, was presented a certificate and honored during a brief ceremony held at the Haskell Experienced Citizens Center Fri., March 27 for his 60 year membership of the American Legion specifically at the Rogers-Cox Post 221 in Haskell. Post Commander W.L. Wolf, left, made the presentation assisted by Lynn Pace, right, the Post's Sergeant-at-Arms. Reynolds, 83 years old, joined the Post in 1948. Enlisting in the service in 1943, Reynolds was wounded while fighting in Germany during World War II. He received the Purple Heart in 1944.

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DARCY DONALDSON - JEFF CORNELIUS

Donaldson, Cornelius to marry April 18

Vernon and Reba Mahler of Elbert, and J.N. and Oleta Cornelius of Rule are announcing the engagement of their grandson, Jeffrey Paul Cornelius, son of Paul Cornelius of Grand Prairie and the late Teresa Kay Cornelius of Rule, to Darcy Ann Donaldson, daughter of Earnie Johnson of Norris City, Illinois and Darla Williams of

Monticello, Illinois. The prospective groom attended Abilene High School from 1988-92 and is employed by Steffey Construction, Inc. The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Abilene High School and is employed by Texas Oncology of Abilene. The couple plans to wed April 18 at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 6, 2009, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos Energy" or "the Company"), filed a Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") filing to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders. This filing is applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division, with the exception of the City of Dallas. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is July 20, 2009. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,186,634 residential, 97,855 commercial, and 790 industrial and transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the affected incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$9,735,814, or 0.67% percent, including gas costs, or 3.40 percent, 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.

Based on the proposed rate design, the typical monthly bill for each customer class within the affected incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percentage shown in the table below:

| Customer Class | Current Bill | Proposed Bill** | Difference | Percentage Increase with Gas Cost | Percentage Increase without Gas Cost |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Residential | \$85.97* | \$86.51* | \$0.54 | 0.63% | 2.49% |
| Commercial | \$363.79* | \$364.88* | \$1.09 | 0.30% | 2.39% |
| Industrial | \$3,724.55* | \$3,738.82* | \$14.27 | 0.38% | 2.65% |
| Transportation | \$631.86 | \$646.13 | \$14.27 | 2.26% | 2.65% |

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.

* Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$9.48 per Mcf.
**The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30

Mcf for commercial and 300 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, other proposed tariff changes include updates to factors included in Rider WNA and revisions to the Rider GCR to allow the recovery of gains and losses, as well as transaction costs associated with financial hedging transactions.

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 Rate Review Mechanism, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos Energy's offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our Web site at www.atmosenergy.com/RRM. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex Division 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 en las áreas incorporadas y servidas por Mid-Tex Division excepto la Ciudad de Dallas. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

EEA Club plans spring events

The EEA club met on Feb. 12 with eleven members and two guests present. Members answered roll call with "what is in your purse?" This exercise created awareness among members concerning personal information that was carried around with them.

Lena Tidwell was in charge of the opening exercise.

Alice Ballard read the minutes which were approved.

A treasurer's report was given by Kathryn Schonerstedt.

Jane Rowan reported on 4-H activities. 4-H'ers are preparing for the upcoming County Fashion and Photography Show. A Food Handlers Course would be offered on March 9, with an afternoon and night session.

Discussion was held concerning the District Spring Meeting/Cultural Arts judging to be in Weatherford Wed., March 25. Members were encouraged to attend and to make entries in one of the twenty cultural arts categories.

Tri-County Rally Day was discussed, as Haskell County would be the host. Tri-County Rally Day will be held in Haskell Tues., April 28.

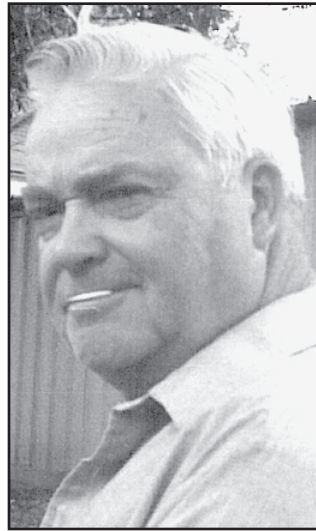
A program was presented by Donna Cole on El Salvador. Cole was one of nine people from the Haskell area that participated in a mission trip to El Salvador this past summer.

Refreshments were served by Flossie Bates and Lena Tidwell.

TEEA meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Meetings are held at the County Extension Office.

Obituaries

Harvey C. White



HARVEY C. WHITE

Funeral services for Harvey C. White, 75, of Haskell were held Sat., March 28 at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell

with Rev. Morris Johnson officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. White passed away Wed., March 25 in Abilene.

Born March 25, 1934 in Haskell, he was the son of the late Benjamin and Nancy White. He married Irma Jones March 23, 1969 in Odessa. He worked in the oilfield for forty-eight years, retiring from Sharp Drilling Co. After retirement, he and Irma moved back to Haskell. He was a member of Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church.

He was a loving husband, father, uncle, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be greatly missed by all who

knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Thelan Jones and Frank and Alvin White; one sister, Lorene Burke; and one grandson, John G. Hutcherson.

Survivors include his wife, Irma White of Haskell; children, Pamela Hutcherson of Haskell, Afton White of Odessa, Deloris Sanchez of San Angelo and Harvey E. White of Odessa; fifteen grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and four sisters, Minnie Walker of Stamford, Mary Kiephra of Haskell, Kathern Clem of Haskell and Flossie Garvin of Stamford.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice House of Abilene. PD. NOTICE

James 'Jim' Bryant Crisp



JIM CRISP

Funeral services for James 'Jim' Bryant Crisp, 48, of Allen were held Sun., March 29 at Cottonwood Creek Baptist Church in Allen. Interment followed

at Ridgeview Memorial Park under the direction of Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home of Allen.

Mr. Crisp died Wed., March 25.

Born March 11, 1961 in Garland, he was the son of James Jay and Amanda Alice Ingram Crisp. He married Sonja Rene Tidrow Oct. 20, 1990. He grew up in Garland and graduated from Lakeview Centennial High School. He received his bachelor degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas Tech University. He worked 23 years for Carrier North Texas as a Territory Sales Manager. He was a member of Cottonwood Creek Baptist Church and enjoyed being part of a Master's Men Bible Study with several friends. He

was an avid lover of sports. He loved NASCAR, baseball, hunting and especially the Dallas Cowboys.

He was preceded in death by his nephew, Jason Ramsey.

Survivors include his wife, Sonja Crisp of Allen; children, Conner and Kendall Crisp; parents, Jim and Amanda Crisp of Garland; sister, Jean Crisp Ramsey of Katy; father and mother-in-law, Gaston and Willie Faye Tidrow of Haskell; brother and sister-in-law, Barry Tidrow and wife, Stacy of Lubbock; nephews, Brandon and Blane Tidrow of Lubbock, and Will Ramsey of Katy; nieces, Gail Ramsey of Katy and Callie Tidrow of Lubbock; and a host of other family members and friends. PD. NOTICE

Imogene Kennamer Camp



IMOGENE CAMP

Graveside services for Imogene Kennamer Camp, 70, of Haskell were held Tues.,

March 31 at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Camp died Sat., March 28 at a local hospital.

Born Aug. 17, 1938 in Haskell, she was the daughter of the late James Luther Kennamer and Mildred Breeden Kennamer. She was a graduate of Haskell High School and later worked for Block Distributing in San Antonio for 25 years as an Administrator and later for four years as the lay representative for the Haskell County Library with the Big Country Library System. She was a member of

First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Luther Kennamer; mother, Mildred Kelso; and sister, Dorothy 'Gossy' Free.

Survivors include her children, Ray Camp and wife, Janice of Haskell, Stephanie Fraga of Haskell; son, Brant Camp of Arlington, Virginia; nine grandchildren; one great grandchild; and sisters, Peggy Burson and Patsy Lou Kennamer, both of Lubbock.

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Haskell support group to meet

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Diet is very important for chemo and radiation. Your doctor can advise about a diet that would help during treatments. Blood work keeps your doctor informed of levels during treatments. Chemo and radiation will slow the growth of HBC within the bone marrow and cause anemia in some patients. Many different medicines may be given, but a blood transfusion is most common when levels are low.

Always remember, the best advice to anyone is to talk with your doctor and take control of your medical treatment. Ask for copies of tests being taken, ask what medicine you are taking and research them. Always ask your doctor questions as there is no dumb question. Make a journal of your daily medicine and feelings. Sometimes writing things down helps. You can always refer back to your notes when you see your doctor. Remember, medicine won't work unless you take it and stick with it.

If you have questions, ask your doctor, before you stop taking any medication.

The next support meeting will be April 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Haskell.

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MR. AND MRS. KENNETH CRAIG PRICE

Harrell, Price wed

Robin LuAnne Harrell and Kenneth Craig Price, both of Haslet, were united in marriage in a candlelight ceremony March 7 at the Heritage Baptist Church in Haslet.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Julia Harrell of Haskell.

The groom is the son of Carol Price of Haslet and the late K.C. Price, Jr.

The double ring ceremony was officiated by Randy McLelland of Glen Rose, former youth pastor of First Baptist Church in Haskell. He was assisted by Eric Crawford, pastor Heritage Baptist Church of Haslet.

Robbie McLelland of Glen Rose played the piano and accompanied her husband as he sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "I'm Yours." The altar had antique white columns wrapped with tulle and twinkle lights highlighted with stephanotis and large white lilies on a trellis, accented on each side by candy-twisted columns with candles surrounded with nosegays of the bride's chosen colors of pink and green. The unity candle was dressed with pearls and lace atop a champagne tablecloth.

Registering and assisting guests were the groom's sisters, Pennie Connley, Donna King and Jana Henson. The guest register table was covered with an antique crocheted tablecloth made by the bride's paternal grandmother, Vadie Harrell. The centerpiece on the registration table was made with the bride's parents' wedding cake topper of a bride and groom.

Nieces of the groom, Kelsey and Jennifer King of Haslet, Taylor and Kayla Henson of Bridgeport, lit the candles lining the walkway down the center aisle of the auditorium before the seating of the guests. They also rolled out the runner for the bride and her father's entrance. Sprinkling petals for the bride was her Sendera Ranch neighbor, Nicole Mattingly. Ring bearer was Evan Green of Haskell, cousin of the bride. Kelsey King, niece of the groom, carried the bride's white pearl Bible from Bethlehem, given to her by her aunt, Doris Reeves of Haskell. The 'love chapter,' 1 Corinthians 13 was read from this Bible during the ceremony by the couple's pastor, Eric Crawford.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore an A-line ivory gown with halter neck adorned with intricate needle-work, accented with tiny pearls and sequins. The empire waist was tied with a champagne sash in an oversized bow in the back, flowing the length of her dress and accented with stitched flowers, pearls and sequins. The bride wore an 'add-a-pearl' necklace which was started for her at birth by her parents.

The bride's nosegay bouquet was of large pink geraldine roses accented with tiny green beads. Woven into the bouquet was a lace handkerchief belonging to the bride. The bride's veil complimented her dress with

a scallop, accented with pearls and sequins, attached to a tiara of tiny self-made ivory flowers.

For something borrowed, the bride wore a pair of diamond earrings belonging to Mareta Glover, Richardson, cousin of the bride. For something blue, a tiny blue rose was attached to her garter. A sixpence, a gift from the bride's father, was placed in the shoe by him and was worn for good luck and happiness.

Matron of honor was Candi Klancey of Addison. She wore a clover green empire waist chiffon dress accented with clover green satin gathered at the waist holding a sash in back and featuring a satin halter neckline. She carried a fuschia pink nosegay of serendipity fuschia roses.

Jenny Morrison of Las Vegas, Nevada was a bridesmaid. She wore an azalea colored chiffon dress and carried a nosegay of clover colored roses mixed with serendipity pink roses. Daisy Edward of Keller also served as a bridesmaid. She wore a clover green empire waist chiffon dress matching the matron of honor and carried a nosegay of serendipity fuschia roses.

The groom was attired in a long-tail ebony tuxedo with black vest and tie. The groom and groomsmen each wore black western hats and black jeans. Best man was Chad Frank of Haslet. Groomsmen were Pat Polizzo and Jack Keith, both of Haslet. The best man and groomsmen wore classic-styled ebony tuxedos. Ushers were Larry King of Haslet, brother-in-law of the groom, and Cory Green of Haskell, cousin of the bride. Each wore small pink rose bud boutonnieres.

A reception and buffet followed the ceremony in the reception area. Croissant roast beef, cheese sandwiches, shrimp, crab meat wrapped in bacon and barbeque chicken on a stick were served with vegetables, fruit tray and hors d'oeuvres. Linda Brisco of Haskell, Roy and Mareta Glover of Richardson served the buffet, cake and punch. Appointments of brass accented the bride and groom's table. The bride's cake was basket weave butter cream icing, laden with fresh pink roses. The groom's cake was tuxedo-inspired with chocolate covered strawberries surrounding it.

After the wedding, the couple honeymooned in Hawaii and will reside in Haslet.

The bride attended school at Kate Bell in Houston before moving to Haskell and attending Haskell schools. She was in the class of 1992 and attended Vernon Junior College, Vernon and Cisco Junior College, Cisco and Abilene. She is a professional photographer and new home sales associate in the DFW area.

The groom graduated from North Worth ISD, Fort Worth and attended Tarrant County Jr. College. He is self-employed in the metroplex area.



MELANIE MICHAELS - BRADLEY LOWRANCE

Michaels, Lowrance plan July wedding

Melanie Michaels, formerly of Haskell, and Bradley Lowrance, formerly of Colorado City, are announcing their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Betty Michaels of Haskell and Steve Michaels of Woodson. Grandparents are Ophelia Newsom of Haskell and the late Grady Newsom and Tommy and Barbara Michaels of Mineral Wells.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Jerry and Laurie Osburn of Levelland and Donny and Donna Lowrance of Colorado City. Grandparents

are F.R. and Bobbie Wilkinson of Levelland and Doyle and Pat Lowrance of Colorado City.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Haskell High School and TSTC in Sweetwater with an associate degree in Culinary Arts.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Colorado City High School.

The couple plans a July 26 wedding in South Fork, Colorado alongside the Rio Grande River.

They plan to reside in South Fork, Colorado.

Food course set

A two-day Food Protection Management training for food service managers will be held May 4 and 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension Office in Abilene.

The training will allow food establishments permitted by Texas Department of Health to meet their certification requirements if they pass the state exam. The class covers twelve food safety concepts related to personal hygiene,

cross contamination, time and temperature, sanitation, pest management, food borne illness and related areas.

Registration deadline is April 17. Registration information is available by calling the Taylor county Extension Office at 325-672-6048, the Jones County Extension Office at 325-823-2432 or the Nolan County Extension Office at 325-235-3184.

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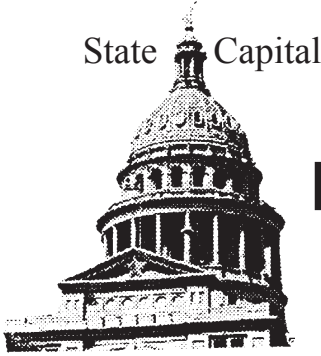
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State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Budget-writing House committee continues work on plan for 2010-2011
AUSTIN—Through the week of March 23-27, the House Appropriations Committee and its various subcommittees toiled away at producing HB 1, a state budget for fiscal years 2010-2011. Hopes are that the budget bill may reach the House floor for debate in mid-April.

Appropriations Committee Chair Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, on March 27 said, “We are faced with very difficult and uncertain times in our economy. We have to make some difficult decisions.”

Speaker Joe Straus said he’s confident the narrowly divided 150-member House, composed of 76 Republicans and 74 Democrats, can work together to pass a budget without the necessity of a special session.

Despite the ponderous weight of passing a budget on House shoulders, the lower chamber did manage to vote out the committee substitute to Austin Rep. Dawnna Dukes’ HB 873, a bill that recognizes Texas is behind other states in offering film incentives.

Intended to create movie industry jobs in Texas, HB 873 lowers the state grant threshold for a film or television program from a minimum of \$1 million in in-state spending to \$250,000 and lowers the percent that must be filmed in Texas from 80 percent to 60 percent.

Senate bills advance to House

The Texas Senate approved more than 60 bills during the week of March 23-27 and sent them on to the House for consideration.

Here are a few of those bills, to be scrutinized by House panels in the coming weeks:

- SB 158 by Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, requiring a school district to notify parents if a nurse is not assigned to a public school campus.
- SB 175 by Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, amending the “Top 10 Percent” law governing the number of students who may automatically be admitted to the University of Texas at Austin.
- SB 188 by Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, creating a hypodermic needle-exchange program to reduce the spread of communicable diseases, such as AIDS and hepatitis.
- SB 297 by Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, granting resident tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education for certain veterans and their spouses and children.

- SB 424 by Van de Putte, establishing and implementing school-based flu vaccination programs.
- SB 503 by Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler, requiring public notice of the name of each finalist for the position of superintendent of a public school district.
- SB 745 by Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, authorizing a state agency to allow its employees to submit travel vouchers electronically.
- SB 476 by Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, amending nurse staffing and overtime rules.
- SB 506 by John Carona, R-Dallas, restricting operation and movement of motorcycles during periods of traffic congestion.
- SB 572 by Shapiro, relating to transportation safety training requirements for certain child-care providers.
- SB 730 by Glenn Hegar Jr., R-Katy, relating to an employee’s transportation and storage of firearms or ammunition while on certain property owned or controlled by the employee’s employer.

‘Under God’ remains in pledge

A Dallas federal judge on March 27 ruled the phrase “under God” in the Texas Pledge of Allegiance is constitutional.

The court’s decision rejected a lawsuit filed by a Dallas couple that argued that the state pledge violated the First Amendment’s Establishment Clause. The Legislature added the words to the state pledge in 2007.

In support of the ruling, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said, “The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly held that patriotic acknowledgments of the Almighty are constitutional. Texans can rest assured that we will continue defending their children’s ability to recite the state Pledge of Allegiance each morning.”

SBOE alters science language

The State Board of Education on March 27 voted 13-2 to change teacher manual language said to cast doubt on the scientific theory of evolution with the assertion that the various schools of thought have strengths and weaknesses.

The new language promotes the use of empirical evidence, logical reasoning and experimental and observational testing, “including examining all sides of scientific evidence of those scientific explanations so as to encourage critical thinking by the students.”



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

**10 Years Ago
April 8, 1999**
Haskell students, Alex Abila and Crispin Guzman, visited the Rotary Club.

Doyle High, Haskell CISD Educational Foundation president, presented \$500 mini-grants to teacher Dalyn Griffith and Loutina White to use in developing their innovative ideas for enhancing the classroom experience for students.

Area students named to the all-star cast at the south zone one-act play contest included Jodie Reel of Paint Creek; Casey Jackson and Marcus Parks of Rochester and Teri Shawyer of Rule.

The U.S. Achievement Academy announced that Jason Shaw of Haskell was named a U.S. National Student Council Award Winner.

Elicia R. Hogan, DVM of Haskell, recently renewed her membership in the Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice, an organization of veterinarians who must maintain a high level of continuing education.

**20 Years Ago
April 6, 1989**
Haskell Boy Scouts Den 8 members, Randy Cass, Eric Guadalcazar, Lucas Castillo, Dusty Yates and Alex Abila won first place in the Wolf division and second place overall in the sweepstakes competition at the push mobile races in Abilene.

Haskell Indian band member, Susan Jarred, had three superior ratings in the solo competitions, alto sax, voice and piano at the UIL contest at Cisco Junior College.

Chamber of Commerce welcoming committee members extended welcomes to two new Haskell businesses, Northside Gulf and Walling

TV and Electronics.

**30 Years Ago
April 5, 1979**
The Haskell Junior High band, under the direction of Wendell Gideon, received the Sweepstakes Award at the Cisco Junior College band festival.

Betty Weise was appointed County Tax Assessor-Collector by the Haskell County Commissioners Court.

Haskell High School won the 7A literary meet held at Vernon Junior College.

Jenny Brazell, Haskell CowBelle president, spoke to Paint Creek students, kindergarten through sixth grade, about Agriculture Day.

Jimmy Owens was appointed County Auditor by District Judge Joe Williams.

**40 Years Ago
April 3, 1969**
Jim Kemp, Randy O’Neal, Mark McCoy and Riley Middleton were chosen to represent Haskell at the 1969 session of the American Legion Boy’s State.

James R. Perry of Haskell was elected social secretary of 1969-70 sophomore class at Texas A&M University.

Keith Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman, received honors by the Southwestern Co. of Nashville, Tennessee.

Rreece Clark and J.W. Threet made a business trip to Mexico.

**50 Years Ago
April 2, 1959**
Bailey L. Toliver of Smith-Toliver Chevrolet Co., Haskell, was one of the fifty-nine Chevrolet dealers who attended a new type of business training course being pioneered by the auto company.

Kenneth Sanders, junior at Weinert High School, was selected as recipient of an

expense-paid trip to the United Nation’s Headquarters, in the finals of a contest held under sponsorship of Haskell and Rule IOOF and Rebekah lodges.

Suzanne Weaver represented Haskell High School for the year 1959 at Girls’ State.

Hunter Men’s Wear and Dry Cleaner’s held a building and expansion program which added 1/3 more floor space, making the establishment one of the largest in the section.

Betty Jo Sanders of Weinert was named to the Dean’s List at Hardin-Simmons University.

Army Pfc. Hoyer D. Tibbets, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orban L. Tibbets of Rochester, participated with the 36th Artillery in organization day activities in Schwabisch Hall Germany.

Henry F. Francher purchased the interest of his partner, Otho Nanny, in West Texas Sheet Metal & Plumbing Co.

**100 Years Ago
April 3, 1909**
The Commissioner’s Court awarded the contract for a new jail to the Southern Steel Structure Co. of San Antonio. The jail and furnishings cost about \$20,000.

J.U. Fields enjoyed sport fishing and hunting during his extended visit with friends in East Texas and Louisiana.

W.T. McDaniel announced that cotton burrs make good stove fuel and anyone interested may come and get a load at the gin.

Rev. John Arbuckle, pastor of the First Baptist Church, preached the dedicatory sermon at the new Baptist Church in Rule.

Jud Robinson of Jud took a train to Abilene, where he took treatment from a specialist and possibly had surgery.

Energy audit applications accepted

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that the department is accepting funding applications from eligible entities for grants to conduct energy audits under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

“For the first time ever, USDA will make grant funding available this year through the Rural Energy for America Program to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses obtain audits to identify ways to improve energy efficiency,” Vilsack said. “The assistance provided by this program is in keeping with President Obama’s energy conservation goals for our nation.” The program is authorized in Section 9007 of the 2008 Farm Bill.

The audits are intended to help determine where to make changes in their operations to enable them to reduce energy consumption. Audits are required for energy efficiency projects funded through REAP that exceed \$50,000. States, tribal and local governments, land grant colleges or universities, other institutions of higher learning, and electric cooperatives and public power entities are eligible to receive funds to conduct the audits. Rural small businesses and agricultural producers seeking audits from the grantees must pay 25 percent of audit costs.

Applications for grants must be completed and submitted on paper or electronically no later than June 9, 2009. For further details about eligibility rules and application procedures, see page 10533 of the March 11, 2009, Federal Register at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>.

USDA Rural Development intends to publish and seek public comment on a proposed regulation for the REAP program later this year.

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA Rural Development’s web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

USDA extends buy-in waiver for natural disasters

Glenn R. Brzozowski, Executive Director of USDA’s Farm Service Agency in Haskell County announced that producers who did not obtain crop insurance or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2008 can pay a buy-in fee through May 18, 2009, to become eligible for 2008 disaster assistance programs authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

“Producers have an additional opportunity to become eligible for several programs if they suffered 2008 agricultural losses due to natural disaster,” said Brzozowski.

Producers who have not already taken the necessary steps to become eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and

Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) are required to complete the following steps by May 18, 2009:

- Pay a \$100 “buy-in” fee per crop. The maximum fee is \$300 per county, per producer, not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers.
- In the case of each insurable crop, excluding grazing land, agree to obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the next insurance year for which crop insurance is available; coverage level should equal 70 percent or more of the yield at 100 percent of the price.
- In the case of each noninsurable crop, agree to file the required paperwork and pay the applicable administrative NAP coverage fee by the applicable state application closing date for the next available year.

Producers who choose to “buy in” under this provision

will be considered, for insured crops, to have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for the 2008 crop year at a level of coverage not to exceed 70 percent of the yield at 100 percent of the price. For noninsurable crops, producers will be considered to have a level of coverage equal to 70 percent of the yield. These levels of coverage will be used to calculate the 2008 SURE guarantee.

Producers who meet the definition of “Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource,” or “Beginning Farmer or Rancher,” are not required to pay the buy-in fee.

For more information regarding the disaster assistance buy-in waiver and other FSA programs, please contact the Haskell Co. FSA office at 940-864-2617, ext. 2 or visit the national website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Co-op to hold 10th annual meeting

Big Country Electric Cooperative will hold its 10th annual meeting of the membership Sat., April 18 at the Coliseum in Snyder, located at 900 E. Coliseum Drive.

Member registration begins at 4 p.m. At that time, members and guests are invited to enjoy a Texas barbecue meal.

Entertainment will be provided by Revolution, a violin troupe composed of Abilene and Cooper High School students. Local artists will also have their works on display for all members and guests to view.

The business meeting will convene at 5 p.m.

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

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HASKELL INDIANS

JV Indians
District Tournament
Thurs., April 2 at Haskell

JV Indians
District Tournament
Sat., April 4 at Seymour

Indians vs Hamlin
Tues., Apr. 7, 4:30 p.m.
at Hamlin



HASKELL INDIANS—Members of the Haskell Indians varsity baseball team are, front row, l-r, Tyler Rodriguez, Christian Myers, John English, Steven Fillmon and Jonathan Martinez; back row, Ethan Frierson, Scottie Rodriguez, James Williams, A.J. Benton, Garrett Miller and Simon Rodriguez.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



HASKELL MAIDENS—Team members of the Haskell Maidens varsity softball team are, front row, l-r, Codi Foster, Shelbey Hagle, Haley Chavez, Brooke Bullinger, Sara Weise and Claire Isbell; back row, Kimie Hutchinson, Aubrey Bassett, Ashton Rutkowski, Lynette Ortiz, Brittney Martinez and Claire Carmichael.

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HASKELL MAIDENS

U Maidens vs Westbrook
Fri., April 3, 5 p.m at Haskell

JV Maidens
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Sat., April 4

JV Maidens vs Seymour
Mon., April 6 at Haskell

U Maidens vs Stamford
Tues., April 7, 5 p.m at Stamford

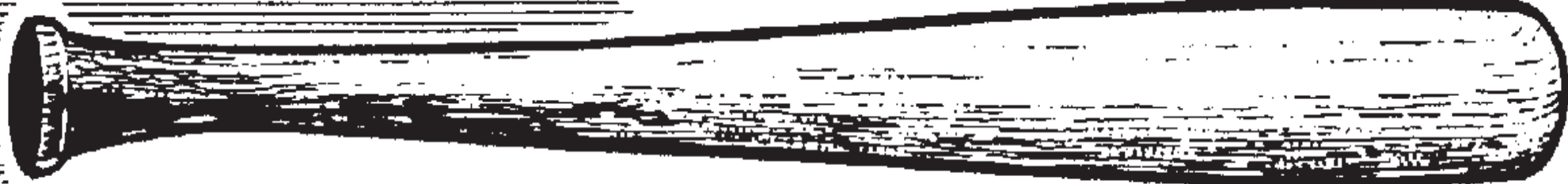
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INDIANS VS ROTAN—John English, left, makes a play on second base. Steven Fillmon closed for the Indians, second from left. Simon Rodriguez throws one to first

for an out, second from right. A.J. Benton, right, was the starting pitcher for the Indians. The Indians defeated the Yellowhammers, 16-9 and stand 5-0 in district play.



INDIANS VS STAMFORD—The Haskell Indians played Stamford March 24. Batting is #10 James Williams, left. Scottie Rodriguez #20 is pitching, second from

left. Christian Myers #17 is ready for action on second base, second from right. John English #4 is leading off third base, right.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



MAIDENS SOFTBALL—The Haskell Maidens played Hamlin Tues., March 24 in Haskell. Sara Weise is shown, left, catching. Haley Chavez, second from

left, is batting. Claire Carmichael, center right, is making a play and Harley James, right, is throwing the ball.



MAIDENS VS HAMLIN—The Haskell Maidens played Hamlin March 24. Batting is #2 Claire Isbell, left. Pitching is #3 Haley Chavez, second from left. On third

base is #1 Codi Foster, second from right. Waiting to make the play is #6 Harley James, right.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

4-H photography projects awarded

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

Twenty Haskell County 4-H'ers turned in a total of 99 pictures to be judged for the Haskell County 4-H Photography Project held March 8. Kathryn Briscoe of Paint Creek served as judge for this year's show. Parents, participants and the public were invited to view the Photography Projects March 8 at the Rochester CLISD Cafeteria in Rochester during the 4-H Photography Exhibition and Awards Ceremony.

Coke floats, cookies and soft drinks were served during the public viewing of the photographs, courtesy of the Haskell Jr. 4-H Club. The mistress of ceremonies for the awards program was Brooke Bullinger. Bullinger introduced Kylie Adams and Jacie Klose to lead the audience in the American Pledge and the 4-H Motto and Pledge. Reed Lee gave the invocation, followed by Laycee Tullos in the welcome and introduction of guests.

Bullinger introduced Wes Utley, County Extension Agent-Ag to announce the participating 4-H'ers from the Photography Project and to announce placings. He was assisted by Crissy Bassett and Klose. Lee announced the door prize winner. The program was closed by Valiene Bullinger.

Winners of the Haskell County competition, in the Senior division advance to the State level for State 4-H Round-Up at College Station in June, and first place winners of the Haskell County competition in the Junior and the Intermediate division advanced on to the District level for judging at Vernon in April.

Winners in each respective category at the County level are as follows:

Junior level
Color Division:

Animals: 1. Sarah Campbell, Rule; 2. Kylie Adams, Haskell; 3. Zhenia McTasney, Haskell. Also in this category were Cody Dutton and Sam Fouts.

Still Life: 1. Zhenia McTasney.

Natural Landscape: 1. Crow Parham, Haskell; 2. Kylie Adams; 3. Cody Dutton of Weinert. Also in this category was Victoria Hertel.

People: 1. Cody Dutton; 2. Sarah Campbell; 3. Crow Parham.

Plant/Flora: 1. Cody Dutton; 2. Crow Parham; 3. Victoria Hertel of Haskell. Also in this category was Zhenia McTasney.

Architectural Elements: 1. Crow Parham; 2. Kylie Adams; 3. Zhenia McTasney. Also in this category was Victoria Hertel.

Black & White Division:
Still Life: 1. Zhenia McTasney.

Natural Landscape: 1. Victoria Hertel.

Plant/Flora: 1. Victoria Hertel; 2. Zhenia McTasney.

Animals: 1. Victoria Hertel.

People: 1. Crow Parham.

Architectural Elements: 1. Zhenia McTasney; 2. Crow Parham.

All Media Division:
Special Effects/Creative Effects: 1. Sarah Campbell; 2. Zhenia McTasney.

Intermediate levels
Color Division:

People: 1. River McTasney of Haskell.

Animals: 1. River McTasney; 2. Ashley Adams of Haskell; 3. Emily Fouts of Sagerton. Also in this category was Reed Lee of Haskell.

Architectural Elements: 1. River McTasney; 2. Emily Fouts; 3. Reed Lee.

Natural Landscape: 1. Emily Fouts; 2. Crissy Bassett of Haskell; 3. River McTasney.

Plant/Flora: 1. River McTasney; 2. Emily Fouts.

Still Life: 1. River McTasney; 2. Ashley Adams; 3. Reed Lee. Also in this category was Crissy Bassett.

Black & White Division:
Plant/Flora: 1. River McTasney.

People: 1. River McTasney.

Architectural Elements: 1. Ashley Adams.

Senior level
Color Division:

People: 1. Brooke Bullinger of Haskell; 2. Brooke Bullinger; 3. Molly Dudensing of Sagerton.

Animal: 1. Laycee Tullos of Haskell; 2. Kate Rowan of O'Brien.

Natural Landscape: 1. Laycee Tullos; 2. Zeb Petty of Rule; 3. Kymbre Kupatt of Sagerton. Also in this category were Brooke Bullinger and Jenny Dudensing.

Plant/Flora: 1. Allison Petty of Rule; 2. Laycee Tullos.

Still Life: 1. Kate Rowan.

Architectural Elements: 1. Brooke Bullinger; 2. Jenny Dudensing of Sagerton; 3. Laycee Tullos. Also in this category were Molly Dudensing, Kymbre Kupatt and Allison Petty.

People: 1. Brooke Bullinger; 2. Molly Dudensing; 3. Jenny Dudensing. Also in this category were Kymbre Kupatt, Zeb Petty and Laycee Tullos.

Black & White Division:
Animals: 1. Laycee Tullos.

Still Life: 1. Laycee Tullos; 2. Molly Dudensing.

Architectural Effects: 1. Brooke Bullinger; 2. Jenny Dudensing; 3. Laycee Tullos.

People: 1. Brooke Bullinger; 2. Laycee Tullos; 3. Jenny Dudensing. Also in this category was Molly Dudensing.

Plant/Flora: 1. Laycee Tullos.

Natural Landscape: 1. Brooke Bullinger; 2. Laycee Tullos; 3. Molly Dudensing.

All Media:
Special Effects/Creative Effects: 1. Laycee Tullos; 2. Molly Dudensing; 3. Jenny Dudensing.

The Junior Division "Best of Show" went to Sarah Campbell, with her Special/Creative Effects photo. The Intermediate Division "Best of Show" went to River McTasney for his colored Still Life photo. The Senior Division "Best of Show" went to Laycee Tullos for her Black and White Animal photo.

We would like to thank the Haskell Jr. and Haskell Sr. 4-H Clubs for hosting and providing the refreshments for this year's Haskell County 4-H Photography Exhibition and County Awards Ceremony; Kathryn Briscoe for judging; and the Rochester CLISD for the use of their building.

We appreciate everyone's support with the Haskell County 4-H program. And congratulations to all participating 4-H'ers.

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Haskell golf tournament results

The results of the Haskell Invitational Golf Tournament held at the 72 par Haskell Country Club March 25 include:

First place boys' team, Stamford, 323; second place, Haskell, 348; third place, Coahoma, 382.

First place boys' medalist, Brady Owen, Stamford, 73; second place, Scottie Rodriguez, Haskell, 81, 2 hole

playoff; third place, Corey Bailes, Throckmorton, 81.

First place girls' team, Colorado City, 439; second place, Haskell, 461; third place, Throckmorton, 467.

First place girls' medalist, Macey Miles, Stamford, 84; second place, Victoria Thane, Stamford, 90; third place, Marissa McGhee, Haskell, 98.

T-shirts needed for 4-H project

Texas Clothing Advisory Board members and District 3 4-H are collecting men's heavy weight t-shirts in support of the "Sew Much Comfort" organization.

Last year 4-H collected boxer shorts for the same organization but due to outstanding response, they have plenty of boxer shorts and are in need of t-shirts this year.

"Sew Much Comfort" provides adaptive clothing free of charge to support the unique needs of our injured service members from all branches of the military and National Guard. The needs for adaptive clothing continues to grow as American military members are injured serving their country.

Each week, many wounded military members arrive in the States from Germany for extensive medical treatment for bullet and shrapnel wounds, burns, head and limb injuries and amputations, while tens of thousands are still in the recovery process. These medical conditions require large fixator, prosthetics and casts that are too bulky to fit under ordinary clothing or underwear.

"Sew Much Comfort" is the

only organization providing adaptive clothing in large volumes to attempt to meet those special needs.

Since volunteers have to pay for all their supplies with their own money, the Texas Clothing Advisory Board and District 3 4-H has decided to collect and donate heavy weight t-shirts to "Sew Much Comfort." Volunteers will adapt the shirts to make them easier for injured service members to wear.

Although this is a 4-H community service project, others who are interested are encouraged to participate.

Plain, heavy weight t-shirts for men of any size will be accepted and delivered to "Sew Much Comfort."

Drop off boxes are located at the County Extension Office in Haskell and at Rule High School. All donations will be delivered to the District Office at the District Fashion Show on April 4. Please deliver your donations by Fri., April 3.

For further information, contact Molly Dudensing, Clothing Advisory Board member, or Jenny Dudensing, District 3 4-H officer at 996-2738 or Jane Rowan, FCS Extension Agent, at 864-2658.

CTFC declares distribution

The board of directors of the Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA, which serves a 20 county area in central and west Texas, has announced the declaration of another cash patronage distribution to eligible association borrowers for fiscal year 2008. This marks the sixteenth consecutive year the association has returned excess capital to its borrowers. Including this year's patronage, Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA has distributed over \$36 million in excess capital to its borrowers over the past 16 years. This capital has been distributed through patronage distributions, dividends, stock reductions, or stock equalizations. Patronage distributions alone have accounted for approximately \$25 million of the total amount of capital returned to association borrowers.

This year's \$2.5 million patronage was distributed to borrowers on March 20 and amounts to over three-quarters percent reduction in the rate of interest borrowers paid on their loans during 2008.

In making the announcement, board chairman Cody B. Richmond stated that the board of directors and management were delighted to once again reduce the cost of borrowing to the association's stockholders and emphasized that this is only one of the many benefits of obtaining agricultural and rural area credit from the Central Texas

Farm Credit, ACA. He noted that the association's growth and financial strength allows the board and management to maintain an efficient and profitable operation and to continue the policy of returning excess earnings back to our shareholders.

Association CEO James R. Isenhower also noted that although most Farm Credit institutions pay a patronage of some kind, Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA distributes its entire patronage in cash and does not allocate a part of such patronage for possible, but not guaranteed, payment at some later date.

Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA, with over \$420 Million in loan assets, provides financing for agricultural, rural housing and certain agribusiness purposes in central and west Texas. Association headquarters are located in Coleman, with branch offices in Brownwood, Brady, Haskell and San Angelo.

Board members include Cody Richmond, Chris West, Jerry Don Klose, Philip Hinds, Mike Finlay, Mickey Dillard, Larry Damron, Brent Heinze, Wayland Shurley, Robby Halfmann and Glenn Miller. The board and management remain committed to maintaining the financial integrity of the association while offering competitive loan products that meet the financial needs of all eligible borrowers.



MILE RELAY—Aubrey Bassett, left, and Cheslee Hearn, right, placed first in the mile relay at the Throckmorton track meet March 28.



800M—Tyler Rodriguez, left, and Garrett Miller, right, placed first in the 800m relay at the Throckmorton track meet March 28.

Rule athletes named to honors lists

District 13-A Division II has listed honors for the 2009 season.

Honors for the Rule Bobcats include:

Marty Hall, Offensive MVP, First Team All Region, Six Man Coaches All-Star Game and All Big Country Honorable Mention.

Andrew Hertel, Sixth man of the year.

Cade Brown, Newcomer of the Year.

Vinnie Perales, First Team All District, Second Team All

Region.

Tate Clark, Second Team All District.

Zeb Petty and Rance Sorley, Honorable Mention.

Rule girls honors include: Molly Dudensing, Defensive MVP, First Team All Region, Six Man Coaches All Star Game and All Big Country Second Team.

Jenny Dudensing, Second Team All District.

Amy Muniz, Kate Rowan and Vicki Benavides, Honorable Mention.



MILE RELAY—Steven Fillmon, right, and Jonathan Martinez placed first in the mile relay at the Throckmorton track meet March 28.



200M—Haskell Maiden Claire Carmichael placed first in the 200m at the Throckmorton track meet March 28.



3200M—Haskell Indian Jim Young placed third in the 3200 m at the Throckmorton track meet March 28.

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Library Notes

By Joan Frazier

We have finally settled in at the new library. If you have not been to see us, put, "Visit the new library," on your to do list. We have had hundreds of people come through our doors since we opened in June 2008. We have issued two or three new library cards weekly since that June opening. Many school classes, Girl Scouts, visiting librarians and clubs have toured our new facility and everyone leaves us feeling very proud of our accomplishment. We worked very hard getting this library operational and many people helped either physically,, monetarily or giving of their personal time in getting our project of "new library" done. There is no way to thank them individually in print, but they know who they are and know how appreciative we are of

their time and effort. Tuesday of this week, a very nice gentleman, and a very sweet lady, who happened to be his sister, came to the library and left us with some wonderful information. His name was Jim Webb and his sister is Mary Lou Gilliland. He and his wife, Shirley Webb of Kerrville, worked hours gathering information for the TXGenWeb Genealogy page for Haskell County and also for several other counties. In fact, Shirley has been nominated for honors and has won honorable mention three times for her GenWeb site of Haskell County.

The Webbs presented the Haskell County Library with copies of the 1910 census, 1920 census and 1930 census. There is also an index of the 1930 census. Anyone

interested may visit www.txgenweb.org and find other census records and indexes for census records from 1880-1930.

This site has much information on all counties in Texas and even if you are not "into genealogy," the information, pictures and personal family stories are fascinating. The site for Haskell County is maintained by Shirley D. Webb and she has done a fantastic job.

Other names will be noticed from Haskell, Dorothy Hartsfield, for instance, who have provided information to be put on the net. Actual pictures of cemetery stones from many of the rural cemeteries are available, along with listings of people buried in the cemeteries. All are encouraged to visit the TXGenWeb site. You might have an interesting story or information to be shared with Shirley that she might add to the site.

The Webb's have 4 TxGenWeb county pages, including Yoakum, Kerr and Terry counties. Everyone that works on a site is a volunteer.

No one receives compensation and does the work at his/her own expense and on his/her own time. A National Coordinator, elected by the county coordinators and a national board of advisors, is elected from the various county and state coordinator volunteers. An independent group furnishes for free the online election process for the USGenWeb.

Follow the prompts about Texas, counties, etc. and you will come to the Haskell page on GenWeb. The first time might be a bit of trial and error, but it is not difficult.

Memorials given to the Haskell County Library and the Friends of the Haskell County Library include:

Ernestine Herren, Ruby Robertson, Ruby Smith, Helen Fouts, Clois Thomas, John Hutcherson, Nathan Patterson, Speedy Smith, Leta Norman, R.S. Sanders, Alice Cherry and Helen Elliott.

Donations to the library include:

Rotary Club, Sons of Hermann Lodge, Progressive Study Club and Carol and Phyllis Macon.

Calendar

Burn ban issued Cowboy breakfast

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

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell County Library for a tour of the library and a program on Federation Day and education. New equipment for genealogy research will be displayed.

Doughnut sale

Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be for sale Sat., April 11 beginning at 7 a.m. on the square in Haskell benefitting the Haskell County All Night Party. Pre-order by calling 940-864-2376, 940-256-1090 or 940-256-0685, if no answer, please leave a message. Pre-orders may be picked up at the gazebo on the square beginning at 7 a.m. Cost is \$7 per dozen. All proceeds will go to the All Night Party scheduled for Fri., May 29, for all Haskell, Rule and Paint Creek High School students.

Josselet reunion

The descendants of Victor and Catherine Josselet will gather Sat., April 11 in Haskell at the Civic Center for fellowship, fun and food. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Bring salads, vegetables or desserts to share. An Easter egg hunt will be held for the children and the famous auction for the adults.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., April 7 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square. Call 325-670-2798 for more information. The drive is sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Skywarn class

The National Weather Service will present a Skywarn class Mon., April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Fire Station. All who are interested in weather watching, including area firemen, law enforcement officials and citizens, are invited to attend.

Baseball

Haskell Youth Baseball will hold sign-ups for spring baseball until Fri., April 3. Fee is \$25 per child or \$40 for two in the same family. Age divisions are 6-7 years old, 8-9 years old, 10 years old, 11-12 years old. Forms are available at Sport-About or at Haskell Elementary.

VBS

First Baptist Church of Haskell will hold vacation Bible School June 7-11 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Luncheon

Calvary Baptist Church in Haskell will host a chicken spaghetti luncheon at the church Sun., April 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meal will consist of chicken spaghetti, salad, dessert and drink. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age. Take outs will be available. Proceeds will benefit the youth projects. Call 864-2391 or 864-2297.

Haskell School Menu

April 6-10 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Funnel cake
Wednesday: Cereal, toast
Thursday: Pig in a blanket
Friday: No school

Lunch
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of

entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.
Monday: Enchiladas, salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, queso, sliced peaches
Tuesday: Lasagna, Italian green beans, garden salad, breadstick, fresh strawberries
Wednesday: Chalupas, cheese, salsa, corn, garden salad, fruit shape-up
Thursday: Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, orange slices
Friday: No school

Paint Creek School Menu

April 6-10 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: French toast
Tuesday: Biscuits and sausage,
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Donuts
Friday: No school
Lunch
Milk is served daily.

Monday: Ham, mashed potatoes, broccoli, rolls, brownies
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, green beans, cobbler
Wednesday: Corn dogs, baked chips, carrot sticks, orange
Thursday: Turkey sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, pudding
Friday: No school

ECC Menu

Mon., April 6
Lunch—Porkie meatballs and tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, lemon cake, tea or coffee
Wed., April 8
Lunch—Goulash and rice, turnip greens, buttered corn, yeast rolls, jello, cookies, tea

or coffee
Fri., April 10
Lunch—King ranch chicken, turnip greens, pinto beans, sliced onion, choco cake, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

This Week's Devotional Message:



The church can be a bridge as well as a building

Is there a generation gap at your house? Have the lines of communication and understanding between parent and child fallen into a deep chasm of selfishness, intolerance and mutual mistrust? Take your family to church and let them all listen to the word of God, who sent His only Son to preach

the gospel of faith and love to young and old alike, so that both may better understand the meaning and purpose of life. When family needs replace individual desires, your faith will provide answers that will benefit all. Let your church span the gap of discord with a bridge of love.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
Ronnie Gibson, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Renniegarbe, 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.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., 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**
Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**
C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- WEINERT—
First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
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
- First United Methodist Church**
Tom Long, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—
Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—
O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE for collectors: Highway 380 South, corner of Sante Fe Ave. and Harrison St., Aspermont. Vintage dishes, Carnival, Depression and Hobnail glassware, M&M, Star Wars, toys, antiques and household items. Sat., April 4. 8 to 3, Sun., 10-3. 14c

MULTI-FAMILY garage sale: 1001 Adams, Rule. Fri. 9 a.m. until Sat. ? 14c

GARAGE SALE: 201 N. Ave. N. Fri. and Sat., April 3-4. 8 til ? Lots of baby girls' clothes, adults, Jr., clothes, shoes and etc. Lots more. 14p

GARAGE SALE: Sat. 8 to 6. 604 N. 3rd St. Apt. 2A. Sport cards, name brand kids' clothing, jewelry, books, VCR tapes, Disney collection, Beanies, other items. 14p

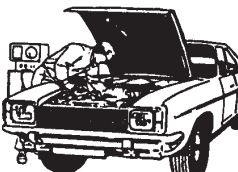
Estate Sale

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Help Wanted

THE NEW SONIC Drive In in Haskell is now taking applications for all positions. Apply in person. 44tfc

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LICENSED Vocational Nurse, EMT or Paramedic: Rolling Plains is currently accepting applications for LVN, EMT or Paramedic to work night shift. Must be up to date on their certifications. Benefits include medical at no cost to the employee, PTO, 401K and optional benefits. Please contact Kimberly Hammes at 940-864-5694 for additional information. EOE. 12-14c

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS: Rolling Plains Correctional Facility is accepting applications for officers. Please come by the facility between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to fill out an application. You must have a H.S. Diploma or GED, valid driver's license and clear criminal history. Benefits include medical at no cost to the employee, PTO, 401K and optional benefits. Please contact Kimberly Hammes at 940-864-5694 for additional information. EOE. 12-14c

A CARING PERSON to be a Foster Care Provider. The provider must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED. Have a good driving record and be able to provide 3 references, pass a background check and complete training provided by the center. Your home would need to pass a safety inspection. Compensation is \$43.54 to \$87.36 per day depending on the level of need of the individual plus up to \$450.00 a month room and board. Call 940-397-3321 for further details. 12-14c

Help Wanted

40-BED FACILITY seeking full time LVNs and CNAs. Please send resume or request application from Gibson Care Center, Attn.: Darla Trammel, RN, DON or Melissa Smart, LVN, ADON, P.O. Box 567, Aspermont, Texas 79502. EOE. 940-989-3526. 14-15c

STONEWALL Memorial Hospital is now accepting applications for full time RNs, Pool LVNs and CNAs. Please contact Lee Ann Fraser RN, DON at Stonewall Memorial Hospital. 940-989-3551 or at lasmh@srcaccess.net. 14-15c

Public Notices

INVITATION TO SUBMIT QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SERVICES HASKELL I.S.D. ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS Notice is hereby given that Haskell C.I.S.D. will utilize a two step selection process for construction manager at risk services. As part of step one, the District will receive sealed, written qualifications from interested companies for

Construction Manager at Risk Services until April 14, 2009, at the office of the District's Superintendent, at which time the District will publicly open and read aloud the names of the offerors for the 2009 Haskell I.S.D. Additions and Renovations Project which may consist of the following proposed projects:

- Renovations of classroom wing
 - New construction of a science classroom wing
- Estimated cost of construction, including construction manager at risk fees, site supervision, general conditions, bonds, and permits, is \$2,000,000.

In step two, the District may request that five or fewer offerors, selected solely on the basis of qualifications, provide additional information, including the construction manager at risk's proposed fee and its (estimated) price for fulfilling the general conditions.

Request for Qualification specifications may be obtained, beginning Thursday, April 2, 2009, from Haskell C.I.S.D. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. 14-15c

E-mail your news and photos to The Haskell Free Press at hfp@valornet.com

We would like to thank each of our many customers throughout the Haskell County area for their many years of love, support and loyalty. Your faithful business through the years has meant so much to us. We will certainly miss the daily opportunities to visit with all our customers, both young and old. Thanks for allowing us to serve you. Cecil's Country Meat Market & Grocery Cecil and Sue Bingham

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6032-50-001 for RETRO-REFLECTIVITY DATA COLLECTION in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on April 29, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$45,790.78.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 29264
State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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5871 Hwy. 6, Stamford. Rustic frame house, 3 bedroom, 1 & 1/2 baths. Includes 4 acres and barns. Six miles west U.S. 277 on Hwy. 6. \$49,900.

210 Carothers, Rochester. Grocery/market/cafe/game room/etc. Unlimited possibilities. Possible owner finance. Call for more details.

Building lots available. Several zoned for mobile homes. Other will have building deed restrictions.

Historic Railroad Depot. To be moved, located in Knox City. Approximately 1,200 sq. ft. Great potential.

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1304 N. AVE. L. Cute three-bedroom, two bath with living, kitchen-dining, utility hookups, one-car garage, great yard with good water well and garden plot. Home has window units for cooling and furnace for heat.

907 N. AVE. F Custom built brick home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, built in kitchen, den, large utility room, covered patio, C/HA, and one car garage. There is a sprinkler system and water well for the yard. Property is in excellent condition.

115 AVE. J. EAST. Immaculate three bedroom, two bath brick home ready for new owner. Property is in excellent condition with living, dining and kitchen combination, very large utility room with sink and closet and an over sized garage with attic storage. Home has almost new carpet, C/HA, water well for the yard, fence and good outside storage. ASSUMABLE LOAN AND IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

Come by Rike Real Estate for a complete list.

Local meat market and grocery closes business

by **Caron Yates**

At the end of the business day on Saturday, Cecil Bingham locked the doors for the last time on Cecil's Country Meat Market and Grocery. Bingham and his wife, Sue, opened the business on Mar. 12, 1986. For the intervening twenty-three years, the doors were open seven days a week to serve their customers.

Bingham, the son of Georgia Bingham of Haskell and the late Ben Bingham, was born in Eagle Pass, but attended high school in Knox City. It was as a young man, after leaving high school, that he learned the trade of butchering. While working at the local grocery store, Bradberry's Grocery, he was taught by an experienced butcher the "ins and outs" of meat cutting. The next several years found him moving to different areas, but continuing in the same line of work. In fact, before opening his own business, he was manager of the M-System store in Stamford.

On the outside Cecil's Country Meat Market and Grocery looked like any ordinary convenience store. It was Cecil himself however, that made it extraordinary. Each morning he opened the store about 5:00 a.m. Usually by 6:00 a.m. local farmers, as well as others, began gathering in for "breakfast" cooked on a small grill. It was here that, among other things, the problems of the world were

solved, or at least discussed. Often a customer could be heard saying, "Cecil, fix me a sack lunch for later today." Although this is the age of self-service, with a watchful eye on the pumps, he was quick to go out and pump gasoline and wash the windshield for his customers who might need help.

Being a "people person" as well as a good listener, Bingham attracted customers young and old. Customers agree, he makes it very easy to "tell him your story." Kids loved him too. In fact, one young girl when given a choice by her dad of places to go for a soda replied, "Let's go to Cecil's." Those "kids" that grew up coming to the store, continued to come back to check in with Cecil.

Bingham and his wife have for much of the twenty-three years, run the store by themselves. They did employ high school students at times to help out. For ten plus years Don Whitfield, and wife Coleta, worked with the Bingham's at Cecil's Market, making it possible for the owners to take time away from the store.

Certainly selling gasoline and groceries was a big part of the business, but the meat market remained his passion. He cut and sold meat to customers not only from Haskell County, but the surrounding counties as well.

While reflecting on these past years, the Bingham's say



CECIL BINGHAM

the business has made them a good living and the many friendships developed will always be cherished. Bingham has reached a time where he feels the need to cut back to a forty or forty-five hour week, instead of the seventy plus hours he has been working. They are looking forward to having more time to spend with each other as well as their children. The couple has two sons, Scott and Ronnie, and one daughter, Tami. They are also the proud grandparents of Misti, Tracie, John, Amber and Macy, as well as great-grandparents of Braxton and Dallas.

Bingham won't be far from what he loves to do when he begins work as market manager for the Knox City grocery store. Both Cecil and Sue Bingham wish to express their sincere thanks for all the support and business they have received from their customers throughout the years.



LAST DAY—Cecil Bingham, left, spent Saturday waiting on customers at Cecil's Country Meat Market and Grocery before closing the business for the final time Saturday evening. Enjoying customers of all ages, he waits on Colton Hopkins and his dad, Carl during their visit on Saturday morning.

Wildflowers still in bloom despite recent drought

Brown and green could dominate as the colors most visible along many Texas roadsides this spring, rather than the preferred pastels of wildflowers Texas motorists are accustomed to seeing this time of year.

Even though this may be the case, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) predicts roadways will not be completely without bright flora as wildflower seedlings struggled to survive the recent Texas drought.

"Lack of adequate rainfall last fall and throughout the winter has left very poor stands of wildflowers in some areas," said Dennis Markwardt, TxDOT vegetation management director. "This year motorists might not see the usual amount of colorful, spring wildflowers alongside highways in several parts of the state."

The central Texas region is thought to have suffered the most from the drought's

impact. Typical areas of great wildflower stands throughout the area are expected to have a mere scattering of wildflowers this season.

But all is not lost. East Texas did receive adequate rainfall last fall and winter and is predicted to have brilliant wildflower displays this spring. In particular, Brazos County's Bryan-College Station area has already reported healthy stands of bluebonnets in the area. "Areas in east and northeast Texas should have some good displays of the Lance-leaved coreopsis or tickseed, starting in a few weeks through May," Markwardt added.

Normally, the peak wildflower blooming season draws tourists from across Texas and beyond to witness

the colorful display each spring.

TxDOT buys and sows an estimated 30,000 pounds of wildflower seed each year.

As a reminder, TxDOT plants wildflowers for everyone's enjoyment. Picture-taking that leads to potential damage of wildflowers is discouraged. If too many wildflowers are trampled or damaged, they die and do not re-seed. Naturally, TxDOT also discourages picking wildflowers for the same reason.

TxDOT's wildflower hotline, providing statewide information on select wildflower locations, operates 24 hours a day at 800-452-9292. The hotline will operate until late spring.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting March 23 with Mayor Bob Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford and Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers, Robert Tribbey and Jason Hall present.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order followed by the invocation given by Hall.

A motion to approve a resolution allowing a budget amendment to pay off existing debt on the assisted living project was approved.

The application for a tax refund from the Appraisal District was approved.

The ordinance regulating the public right of ways with the addition of awnings was approved.

The February 2009 police activity report and the dog problem along with possible solutions were discussed during the police report.

In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson stated:

- The full list of candidates for the upcoming election on May 9 includes incumbents Sue Medford, Chan Guess and Randy Bowers; and, Allen Morrow, Casey Moeller and Mathew Cunningham.
- The city may want to

consider putting together a complete count committee to assist with the upcoming 2010 census.

- The chamber has inquired if the city would like to install lamps in front of City Hall. The city will consider the feasibility and cost of the project.

- The Senior Officials Workshop will be held April 2 in Munday. Council members are encouraged to attend.

- The TMCN Network luncheon for community stakeholders is set April 28 in Aspermont. Those interested in attending should RSVP to Anderson.

- The Wild Horse Prairie Days committee will meet in the old City Hall and use the facilities as an office, staging and storage area for this year's event.

- The area of the creek that Mr. Stocks had inquired about getting removed was actually located in a city street easement and the trees have been removed. Anderson stated that he was sorry for the confusion on the matter and that he has visited with Mr. Stocks.

- The city will be tearing down ten old houses that the release of liabilities have been signed on. All of the utilities

have been removed and disconnected. These houses will be hauled off with the assistance of Commissioners Kenny Thompson and Tiffen Mayfield. The city thanks these precincts for their help in the clean up of these properties.

- With the halt of the assisted living project, the board reports that all parties who had put up a deposit for the facility will be reimbursed in full.

Sheep validation tags to be ordered April 9

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

Time is fast approaching to order the 2009 sheep validation tags for the upcoming 2009 State Fair of Texas show.

If you plan to show this year at the State Fair of Texas, that animal must have an official Texas State Validation Ear Tag.

The deadline to order the validation ear tags for sheep if showing through 4-H is

Burn Ban in effect

Steer tags to be ordered

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

All county steer projects, whether 4-H or FFA, must have their steer(s) validated for the 2009-10 stock show season.

The Haskell County Extension Office will be collecting the tag orders. If you plan on having a steer project and you are not currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA, contact your local Ag

Science Teacher or Wes Utley, County Extension Agent—Ag at 940-864-2658 or come by the Haskell County Extension Office at 101 S. Ave. D. in Haskell.

The deadline to order the steer validation tags is Thurs., April 9 by 5 p.m. in the Haskell County Extension Office.

For more information, call the Haskell County Extension office.



Cowboy Breakfast

Palm Sunday, April 5
7 a.m. Breakfast served
8 a.m. Pastor Cody Cochran of Anson speaks
— Hosted by —
First United Methodist Church, Haskell
For information, Call 864-3202

DO YOU NEED HELP . . .

- Paying a utility bill?
- Getting eyeglasses or dental work?
- Buying school clothes/supplies for your children?
- Paying an eviction or disconnection notice?
- Setting goals to achieve energy self-sufficiency or overcome poverty?
- Because you are elderly or disabled, trying to live on a fixed income?

If you answered **YES** to any of the above questions and live in Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall or Throckmorton counties, you may be eligible for assistance from the **Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc.** The Community Services Block grant (CSBG) and the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) funds are used by ASBDC, Inc. to provide services to low-income households. There is an application process to determine eligibility for assistance, so call ASBDC, Inc. for more information.

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¿NECESITA AYUDA . . .

- Pagando una cuenta de utilidades?
- Obteniendo anteojos o oyuda con los dientes?
- Comprando ropa escolar o necesidades para sus hijos?
- Pagando una noticia de expulsión o desconector?
- Determinando metas a realizar autosuficiencia de energia o triunfar pobreza?
- Està Viejo o tiene inhabilitación, probando a vivir en unos ingresos fijados?

Si contesta si a uno de las preguntas y vive en los condados de Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall o Throckmorton, es possible usted puede elegible para ayuda del **Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. El Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)** y los fondos del **Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)** están usado por ASBDC, INC. para suministrar servicios a las familias con ingresos bajos. Hay un proceso de aplicación a determinar elegibilidad para ayuda. Llame usted ASBDC, INC. para mas información o si tiene preguntas.

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