

Softball

HASKELL
Maidens vs Junction
Thurs., May 14, 4:30 p.m.
at Sonora
Maidens
in best 2 of 3 series
Sat., May 16 5 p.m., 7 p.m.
ACU, Abilene

Baseball

Haskell Indians vs winner
of Olton-Follet game; Area
Round games to
begin Monday or Tuesday
May 18-19

Track

HASKELL
Regional track meet
at ACU in Abilene
Fri., May 15, prelims 3 p.m.
Sat., May 16, finals 2:30 p.m.

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the May 28 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 21 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 21 edition. Space is limited to the first sixteen pictures received. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office or call 864-2686 for details.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 16 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., May 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Nelda Lane, 1102 N. Ave. G in Haskell, for a garden party and installation of 2009-10 officers by Elaine Coleman, Mesquite District President. Music will feature Big Band songs of the 40's and 50's.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Red Rooster restaurant, 1006 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Wed., May 20 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend. Members are reminded that it is time to pay dues.

Medical fund

A fund to help Diana Simmons with medical expenses has been established at First National Bank in Haskell.

Church in the Park

The First United Methodist Church of Haskell invites the community to its annual Church in the Park Sun., May 17. Worship services will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a potluck meal following the services. Events will take place under the pavilion.

Prayer time

A community prayer time will be held Sat., May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the gazebo on the square. Prayer, worship in songs and fellowship are planned. Those attending should bring a lawn chair. Refreshments will be provided.

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Good luck Indians and Maidens

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FOOD DRIVE—Letter carriers carried more than the mail on Sat., May 9. Haskell carriers picked up 1,026 lbs. of nonperishable food items from customers along their route. Carriers helping with the drive were, l-r, Norva Smith, rural carrier; Tina Meador, city carrier; Dina Hays, city carrier; and Deward Gordy, rural carrier. The food will be donated to the Haskell food bank for distribution.

Search warrants produce drugs and items stolen from local businesses

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton reports the execution of these search warrants and arrests in Haskell County.

On May 2, Haskell Police Officer Jeff Caparoon received information concerning stolen items at a residence in Haskell, pertaining to the burglary of Boggs and Johnson that occurred on April 24. Burglars took two large flat screen TVs, a Blu-Ray player, cash register and a small metal box.

Officers from Haskell Police Department and

Haskell County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant on a residence on North Avenue C in Haskell and recovered the stolen cash register along with the small metal box and a stolen shotgun. The suspects were not at home at the time.

Later on Saturday afternoon, Officer Caparoon recovered a 40 inch TV that was taken from Boggs and Johnson on Mon., May 4. Two suspects were found hiding at an apartment in Hamlin. They were taken into custody by Jones County

Sheriff's Office and charged with failure to identify. The two subjects were Andrew Crail and Vincente Castillo, both of Haskell.

On May 6, Haskell Police Officer Bill Glass received information that a residence in Haskell had a large amount of crack cocaine and some marijuana.

Officers from Haskell Sheriff's Office, Haskell Police Department, and Rule Police Department executed a search warrant on a residence on South Ave. First on the evening of May 6. As a result

of the search warrant, crack cocaine and marijuana was located at the residence along with a stolen shotgun from Sport-About.

Later when one suspect was transported to Haskell County Jail, crystal meth was found in the floor board where the suspect was sitting. At the time of arrival to execute the search warrant, two females were at the front of the residence appearing to make a purchase. But they were deterred when officers arrived. After detaining and running warrant checks on the females, they were allowed to leave by walking off as neither had a valid drivers license and no valid insurance on the vehicle.

Two male suspects were taken in to custody and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and possession of marijuana over 2 ounces and under 4 ounces. Jaquin Ethan Garza and Demarias Treshad Delce were arrested.

Officers from Haskell County thank all concerned citizens that call and give information of illegal activity in the county.

Crime Stoppers to use text messaging tip service

For the first time, mobile phone users across Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Shackelford and Stonewall counties now have the ability to provide anonymous crime fighting tips through the power of text messaging. Clear Fork Crime Stoppers and Tipsoft Technologies, Inc., have joined together to provide this service.

When you see a crime or know something about a crime that has happened or is going to happen, just text CFCS followed by your message to CRIMES (274637). You'll be sent a code as your alias I.D.

"The popularity of text messaging has created a significant opportunity for the public to help law

enforcement agencies fight crime," said Dudley Cockerell, Clear Fork Crime Stoppers board chairman.

Tipsoft is currently used by NYPD, LAPD, Chicago Police Department, New Scotland Yard and across Canada. The service allows information to be anonymously received and securely replied to with complete confidence. It was built specifically to allow text messaging informants to remain anonymous by encrypting the text messages and routing them through several secure servers and keeping the user's identity completely anonymous.

Crime Stoppers is in the process of presenting this information to area schools to help make students aware of this new crime fighting technology.

Group seeks historic pictures

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society is compiling a photographic history of Haskell County and is looking for historic images of Haskell County and the stories to

accompany them to include in a book to be published soon.

To share your photos and stories, contact Susan Turner at 940-742-3347 or s57_turner@hotmail.com by June 8.

Election returns

Incumbents were all re-elected in the Haskell city at-large election held Sat., May 9. Re-elected were Chan Guess, Sue Medford and Randy Bowers.

A total of 336 voters turned out for the election, where 136 voters voted in early voting.

Election results were:

Guess had 261 votes, 112 in the early voting added to an additional 149 votes on Saturday;

Medford had a total of 235 votes, 96 in the early and 139 on Saturday;

Bowers had a total of 224 votes, 97 in the early voting and 127 on Saturday;

Mathew Cunningham had 77 votes, 28 in the early and 49 on Saturday;

Allen Morrow had 75 votes, 31 in the early and 44 on Saturday; and,

Casey Moeller had 70 votes, 29 in the early voting and 41 on Saturday.

Incumbents did not fair so well in the election for two Haskell CISD school board members.

In District 5, Roger Roewe had 79 votes, defeating incumbent Terri Klose with 66 votes.

In District 7, Thomas Parks had 59 votes, defeating incumbent Steve McGuire with 27 votes.

Queen's contest

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen's Pageant will be held Thurs., June 4 at 4 p.m. in the Haskell Civic Center. Contestants must be a student in one of the high schools in Haskell County or a high school aged representative of one of the ranches entered in the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo.

Each contestant will need a sponsor (merchant, family member or participating ranch) to pay the \$25 entry fee. This year the contestants will dress in Western attire. They will interview with a judge and then will be invited along with their parents and sponsor to attend the Sponsors' Party and dinner. The winner will be announced during the meal.

The winner will receive a \$750 academic award, ride in the WHPD Parade Fri., June 5 and be introduced at both performances of the rodeo. Entries need to be turned in to Susan Cockerell in the County Judge's office by June 1.

For more information, call 940-864-2851.

All Night Party

Haskell County parents will host the All Night Party Fri., May 29 from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. The alcohol free and drug free activity will provide a safe environment for students on graduation night. A dance, inflatable outdoor games and table games are planned. Generous businesses, individuals

and clubs in Haskell and Jones counties and around the Abilene area make the event possible.

All students who attended high school during 2008-09 and college students are invited. Dress code will be enforced according to school guidelines. Admission for senior students is free. Admission for all other students is \$5.

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SCIENCE FAIR—Brett Shelton demonstrates his project during the annual Rochester Junior High School science fair. The fair is hosted by Betsy Coleman's eighth grade science classes. Sixth and seventh graders are invited to come and learn.

Selling a vehicle in Texas? Remove the license plate

If you're planning on selling a car or truck in Texas, you need to do more than spruce up the vehicle.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recommends using a screwdriver and computer.

"That's because when you sell your car or truck you need to protect yourself by removing and transferring the license plates, and filing the online Vehicle Transfer Notification," said Rebecca Davio, director of the Texas Department of Transportation's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division. "There's a small fee for transferring the plates, but the Vehicle Transfer Notification is free and doing both of these when you sell or trade in a vehicle should be as routine as changing the oil in your car."

But it isn't. TxDOT estimates less than 1 out of 10 Texans who sell or trade in a vehicle follow the two simple steps that will help to keep them out of trouble.

"It means about a million Texans each year are leaving themselves unprotected and could be held responsible for the vehicle buyer's parking fines, toll violations or red-light camera tickets because they didn't file the Vehicle Transfer Notification and take off and transfer their license plates when they sold their car or truck," Davio said.

TxDOT wants to remind everyone to "Protect your title, Texas: Your Vehicle Title Needs Maintenance, Too."

Texans often forget that both the vehicle title and license plate number are directly tied to their name. Simply signing the back of the title in a driveway or trading it into a dealer does not change the record of ownership in the state's motor vehicle database. "The only

way the state, including law enforcement, can know who owns a vehicle is if you tell us," Davio said.

Unfortunately, too many buyers in private sales don't re-title the vehicle, leaving the seller as the recorded owner in the state database. Many Texans also do not realize that when they trade in a vehicle to a dealership, that dealership does not apply to change the title until the vehicle is sold to a customer.

Today, it is common for dealerships to take your vehicle and sell it to another dealership or auction house and while the vehicle may be moving around, the name on the title isn't—you are still the owner of record.

"Our hearts go out to customers who call us to say they are receiving bills for hundreds of dollars in parking fines or red-light camera violations from a Texas city that might be a thousand miles from where they live, and don't understand why," Davio said.

It happened to Tom Frost III, senior executive vice president of Frost Bank, when he traded in a vehicle to a San Antonio dealership. That dealer sent it to a dealership in Austin, which in turn sent it to one in Houston. The vehicle was stolen from the Houston dealership. For two years Frost received letters about toll fines, and calls from police.

"If I had taken five minutes to fill out the Vehicle Transfer Notification then everyone in law enforcement that looked at my old vehicle's record would have seen I sold it and was not responsible for all these problems," Frost said. "Instead, I found myself having to deal with one hassle after another because every time that vehicle was used to run toll booths or break the law, the authorities came looking for me."

There is only a 30-day window from the time you sell or trade in the vehicle to file the Vehicle Transfer Notification to help ensure you won't be held responsible for anything the buyer does with that car or truck. You can find the Vehicle Transfer Notification at www.txdot.gov.

Simply type "Vehicle Transfer Notification" into the homepage. When you file the notification electronically, it's important to print out the confirmation page so you have a record of your submission. State law says once you file the form, the buyer becomes the "presumed owner," and that removes your liability for the vehicle.

Best of all, this protection is offered for free. "Two years ago TxDOT removed the fee to file the notification because we believe Texans should not have to pay to protect themselves," Davio said. "Please do not send us any money even if you find a \$5 fee still listed on the back of your title." The fee is printed on titles issued before the charge was removed.

Transferring the license plates from the vehicle you sold to another one you own or bought is your guarantee that the plate number cannot be used by anyone but you. Not only will this keep the buyer of your old vehicle from being able to run up tickets in your name, it also helps to force the buyer to re-title the vehicle. Until the buyer obtains a new title for the vehicle, your name continues to be listed on the title. There is a nominal charge to transfer the plates.

When you take off the license plates, you also need to remove the vehicle's registration sticker. "Remember the registration sticker is customized for your vehicle, and it has the license plate number on it," Davio said.

The buyer can still drive the vehicle if he or she downloads a Vehicle Transit Permit at www.txdot.gov.

There's also another way to protect yourself when you sell a vehicle, Davio added.

"If you're selling your vehicle in a private sale, both you and the buyer can go to the county tax office together to re-title the vehicle," she said. "This way you know the buyer has applied to transfer the title and once the title is in the buyer's name anything done with that vehicle will be traced to the buyer—who will be the person listed on the title. You can also transfer the license plates to another one of your vehicles while you are there."

May is Older Americans month

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County
May is Older Americans Month, a great time to bring attention to the issues that affect older adults and create community-wide opportunities to help older Americans improve their quality of life. This year's theme is "Living Today For a Better Tomorrow," and we, as a nation, must work together to give older adults the tools they need to make healthy decisions.

By 2030, one in every five Americans will be age 65 or older. Although the risk of disease increases with advancing age, poor health is not an inevitable consequence of aging. Many illnesses, disabilities and even death associated with chronic disease are preventable.

Nearly 40% of deaths in America can be attributed to poor health habits such as lack of physical exercise, poor eating habits and smoking. Older Americans can prevent or control chronic disease by adopting healthy habits such as exercising regularly, maintaining a healthy diet and ceasing tobacco use.

The benefits of regular physical activity include weight control; healthy bones, muscles and joints; arthritis relief; reduced symptoms of anxiety and depression; and more. Exercise does not have to be strenuous and is safe for people of all age groups. In fact, it's healthier to exercise than eliminate it altogether. Older Americans can greatly benefit from a regular exercise

routine that includes strength, balance, stretching and endurance exercises.

In addition to a regular exercise routine, good nutrition is vital in maintaining good health. Improving older Americans' diets can reduce the occurrence of chronic diseases, but most older adults over age 65 do not maintain a healthy diet. Reducing saturated fats and eating a balanced diet of fruits, vegetables, and grains can help older Americans on the right track to staying healthy.

Tobacco use increases the risk of heart disease and cancer and is the single most preventable cause of death in the United States. Older adults who stop smoking will gain immediate and long-term health benefits.

While it's important for older Americans to have good physical health, it's equally important that they maintain good mental health. Nearly 20 percent of Americans age 55 and older experience depression and anxiety disorders.

Studies have shown that engaging in social activities within the community can greatly improve mental health. In fact, research has demonstrated a strong relationship between volunteering and mental health and that volunteering provides older adults with greater benefits than younger volunteers. Benefits include improved mental and physical health, greater life satisfaction, lower rates of depression and

lower mortality rates.

The U.S. Administration on Aging and its National Aging Services Network support a number of successful programs throughout the country that are helping older adults live better today and in the future. These programs keep people independent and out of nursing homes through streamlined access to health and long term care information and options and provide home and community-based systems of services that include the support for family caregivers. These programs also encourage older people to remain active and make behavioral changes through the increased use of evidence-based disease prevention programs under the Older Americans Act as well as the use of preventive benefits available under Medicare.

Americans of all ages and backgrounds can celebrate Older Americans Month. Contact your local Agency on Aging and volunteer for activities in your area; promote community, state, and national efforts to serve older adults; and find ways to enrich the lives of older adults who touch your life.

Additionally, actively search out ways you can involve your community's older adults in volunteer efforts, allowing them to share their wisdom and energy. By working together, we can improve the health and well being of our Nation's older adults and pave the way for better health as we age.

Click It or Ticket campaign urges motorists to buckle up

Against the backdrop of their mangled pickup, two Salado teens joined transportation officials and law enforcement officers at the Capitol recently to launch Texas' biggest-ever Click It or Ticket campaign. Ethan Mitchell, 17, and Trey Mohler, 14, walked away from a potentially deadly rollover crash with only minor injuries and talked about how safety belts saved their lives.

The high school students are part of the Texas Department of Transportation's latest public education campaign designed to reach 18- to 34-year-old motorists, a group more likely to be involved in traffic crashes and less likely to buckle up than other age groups.

TxDOT also is going to other great lengths to call attention to the importance of

buckling up. Beginning May 8, five inflatable characters—including Godzilla, a rock star icon and a rubber duck—will travel to major cities across Texas. Looming more than two stories tall, these unconventional messengers will warn Texans that thousands of state troopers, police officers and sheriff's deputies will be on Texas streets and highways between May 18 and 31, including the Memorial Day holiday weekend, to enforce the state's safety belt laws.

"We are happy that more than 90 percent of Texans obey the law and buckle up, but we're pulling out the stops to reach pickup drivers and passengers, teen drivers and other hold-outs who haven't gotten into the habit of using their safety belts," said John Barton, TxDOT's Assistant Executive Director

for Engineering Operations. "Buckling up is the single, easiest thing motorists can do to protect themselves from death or serious injury if they're involved in a crash."

Drivers and front seat passengers can be ticketed for not wearing their safety belt and so can drivers who do not buckle up their children. Safety belt violations can result in fines ranging from \$25 to \$200.

The eighth annual Click It or Ticket enforcement effort is supported through partnerships with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), as well as local law enforcement agencies.

For more information, visit www.texasclickitorticket.com.

Take care when cutting grass, brush

With the weather warming up, it's good to practice some basic safety measures as you pull out the mower and the electric shears to rejuvenate your landscape.

More than 200,000 people a year are injured in accidents related to lawn and garden tools, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Many of the injuries treated can be prevented, if

people concentrate on the task at hand and use common sense when operating machinery," says Dr. Maureen Finnegan, associate professor of orthopaedic surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Start by wearing sturdy shoes rather than sandals or flip flops. Before mowing, check the yard for potential problems like rocks and sticks that could be thrown by the blades. The whirling blades can send projectiles flying, as well as cut fingers,

toes and feet.

"Always turn off the mower before you clear the blades if something is caught, so it doesn't end up being your fingers that are caught," Dr. Finnegan says.

"If you do accidentally sever a finger or toe, it's important to cleanse the amputated part with saline water, wrap it in gauze and put in a watertight bag," she says. "Place the bag over ice and take it with you to the emergency room."

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Emert, Magers to wed June 13

Randy and Susan Emert of Paint Creek announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Emert of Wichita Falls, to Justin Magers of Wichita Falls. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Chris and Elizabeth Pickerel of Burkburnett and Larry Magers.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Paint Creek High School. She graduated from Vernon College with a degree

in Business Administration and is a graduate of Cameron University with a BFA Graphic Design degree.

Magers is a graduate of Burkburnett High School and attended Midwestern State University. He is employed by AAFES Base Exchange, Electronics Department at Sheppard AFB.

The couple plans to marry June 13 at Paint Creek Baptist Church.

Work help available for mature Americans

The SCSEP program, sponsored by the Department of Labor, helps put mature Americans back into the work force. This is accomplished by signing up non-profit organizations that are willing to train SCSEP participants. SCSEP pays the salary of the participant placed at the Host Agency. It is a "win-win" situation because the Host Agency gets a free employee and the participant starts to work. With the training received, the participant is able to feel more confident seeking unsubsidized employment.

If you are over 55 years of age, a citizen of Texas and eligible to work in the United States, not making more than 125% of the established federal poverty income guidelines and currently under-employed then you could be eligible to join our ranks. Call Charlotte Evans at 325-646-1591 to find

out if you qualify. Her office is located at the Texas Work Force building, 2202 Hwy. 377 S., Brownwood.

The new participant is interviewed to determine what job skills exist and what training is needed. Regardless of past work history, anyone is a candidate for this program. Placement is then made, matching the present job skills of the participant to the current needs of the Host Agency. Often a transfer to another Host Agency is made in order to receive different training.

The past knowledge and skills together with the training received from the various Host Agencies prepares the participant to re-enter the work force with confidence. Many times a retired person has no idea where to start looking for employment, so this program is perfect to jump-start a new and exciting job.

Starr speaks to support group

Suzanne Starr of Hendrick Medical Center presented the program for the Haskell Area Cancer Support Group at their last meeting.

Starr stressed the fact that cancer affects many more people than just the patient. She said that patients should "Do something totally unexpected." Starr put on a purple spiked wig to make those attending smile. She said that patients should slow down and take time for themselves.

Mae Lou Yeldell was in charge of the meeting, taking over for Kim Hutto who was unable to attend. Yeldell also spoke about how the medicine taken for cancer can also be found in scripture.

A light meal was served by ladies of the group.

The group will meet Tues., May 19 from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Haskell.

For more information, call 940-864-5964.



FIVE GENERATIONS—Landon Kelly Stephens, center, born Feb. 7, 2009 weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz. and being 21 inches long, blessed the Carruth family as a fifth generation family member. He is the son of Christina Sammons Stephens, left, and Winston Stephens Jr.; grandson of Paula Sammons, top center; great grandson of Wanda Sue Wright, right; and great great grandson of Ocie Carruth, who is holding Landon. His mother, Christina Sammons' blessed the Carruth family as a fifth generation with her birth Jan. 13, 1984. She was the great granddaughter of the late Gladys Carruth and great great granddaughter of the late Edith Lankford.

Beauchamp family celebrates Mother's Day

The family of Bertie Beauchamp celebrated Mother's Day with a potluck lunch at the home of Ada Pope.

Bertie who is 99 1/2 years old, made the hot rolls for the lunch. She has made rolls and peach cobbles since age 14. Her kids have decided that with a little more practice, she

would soon have the rolls perfected.

Attending were Larry and Frankie Beauchamp of Lawn; Jim and Junita Beauchamp and Chris and Jamie Davis, all of Rochester; Randy and Debbie Hines of Stephenville; James Beauchamp of Austin; and Bertie Beauchamp and Ada Pope, both of Haskell.



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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

House bill raising exemption on franchise tax to \$1 million moves to Senate

AUSTIN—The House on May 4 approved HB 4765, legislation to raise the small business exemption to the state margins tax from \$300,000 to \$1 million but only for years 2010-11.

The primary author of the bill is Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville. One of the bill's four co-authors, Rep. Bill Callegari, R-Katy, said the timing of the new margins tax could not have been worse on Texas businesses because tax bills came due right as the economy began to worsen. "By raising the revenue exemption, small businesses will get some needed relief to help deal with the terrible aftershocks of the economic crisis," he said.

Next, the Senate Finance Committee will consider the bill.

The margins tax has evolved over recent sessions of the Legislature.

The 2005 Legislature, in its 3rd called session, revised the state's franchise tax by basing it on gross margins and businesses with total revenue of less than \$300,000 were exempted from paying the tax.

In 2007, the Legislature enacted a sliding scale of franchise tax discounts for businesses with revenue between \$300,000 and \$900,000.

Senate approves CHIP bill

Families that earn more than the federal poverty level but still can't afford health coverage would be able to buy into state health insurance for their children under SB 841 passed by the Senate on May 6.

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) covers families whose annual income is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or about \$44,000 for four-member family.

Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco, said his bill aims to make it so families "will have the opportunity to pay part of the premium, so that they can grow into fully paying for their own health insurance for their own children."

SB 841 would create a program where families that make up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level, about \$66,000 for a family of four, could pay part of the premiums and buy in to CHIP coverage.

The bill moves to the House for further consideration.

DPS chief resigns, interim named

Col. Stanley Clark, director

of the Texas Department of Public Safety since September 2008, announced his resignation on May 4 after allegations of sexual harassment in the workplace against him were made public.

Allan B. Polunsky, chair of the Texas Public Safety Commission, the agency that oversees the DPS, accepted Clark's resignation and named Lamar Beckworth of Austin as the interim director. Col. Beckworth has been a DPS officer for 31 years. He is the first African-American to lead the agency.

Ag chief requests fire assistance

North Texas wildfires over Easter weekend and recent weeks contributed to losses estimated at more than 220,000 acres of pasture, roughly 1,500 miles of fence and almost 500 cattle and calves.

Wildfires cost Texas farmers and ranchers about \$35 million during March and April, and Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said that is why he has requested USDA assistance.

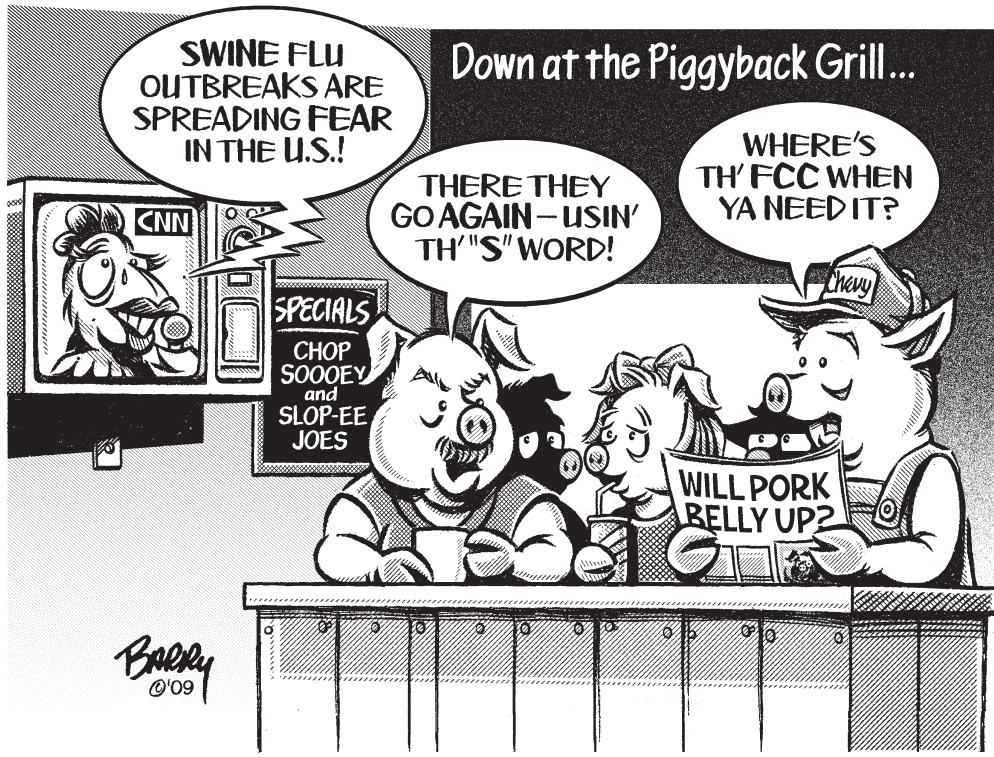
In a May 5 letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, Staples asked for access to emergency loans and other forms of needed assistance for producers in 18 counties including: Archer, Baylor, Callahan, Clay, Cooke, Eastland, Hamilton, Hood, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Shackelford, Stephens, Wheeler, Wichita, Wise and Young.

In light of drought-related fires that ravage the state, a constitutional amendment proposed by Rep. Valinda Bolton, D-Austin, would authorize emergency services districts to impose an additional ad valorem tax not to exceed 5 cents per \$100 valuation for the acquisition of land, equipment, or apparatus or the construction of capital improvements, with district voter approval. Bolton's HJR 112 is awaiting a vote by the full House.

Cap on tuition, fees is approved

The Senate on May 4 unanimously approved a bill to cap tuition increases and mandatory fees for resident undergraduates at many public universities in Texas.

Authored by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, SB 1443 would establish a 5 percent per year cap, or the rate of inflation based on a three-year average, whichever is less. Affected would be 17 universities whose total academic cost exceeds the state median, just above \$5,000 in 2009.



PORK INTERESTS CONCERNED ABOUT USE OF "SWINE" IN FLU'S NAME...

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

On this, the 14th anniversary of the Wild Horse Prairie Days, the Haskell Chamber of Commerce would like to make an exciting announcement concerning this year's events.

As of April 23, the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center will no longer be hosting the Wild Horse Prairie Days. After 14 years of combined effort the Wild Horse Prairie Days Committee feels that its organization is finally able to host the event on its own.

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has enjoyed its years as host of the Wild Horse Prairie Days and is happy to turn the event over to the Wild Horse Prairie Days Committee. The Haskell Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Wild Horse Prairie Days on this accomplishment and wish them the best of luck in the future.

Sincerely,
Carl Milburn
Haskell Chamber of Commerce, President

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago May 20, 1999

Shayne McKenzie of Haskell took second place in the State Class 2A girls high jump.

The Haskell FFA officers for 1999-2000 were Melissa Buerger, historian; Evan Everett, secretary; Justin Teague, treasurer; Reena Harris, vice president; Brittany Bartley, president; Levi Terry, reporter; B.J. Opsahl, sentinel and Cliff McGuire, chaplain.

Eden Thomas, six grader at Haskell Elementary school, was selected to participate in the University of Texas "Women in Engineering" program in Austin.

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Jason Shaw from Haskell was named an All-American Scholar.

Hilee Mullan of Haskell won the title of West Texas Junior Miss.

20 Years Ago May 18, 1989

Joy McKeever won first place in the 100-meter hurdles, becoming the first Haskell girl ever to win a gold medal in the state track and field meet.

Haskell FFA member, Dalyn Gilly, won the public speaking contest at the Area II convention held at San Angelo State University.

Patricia Ann Henry, a Tarleton State University student from Haskell, was

inducted into the Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national honorary scholastic society.

Dala Harris, daughter of Jerry and Jerry Ann Harris, signed a letter of intent with McMurry College to play basketball.

Holli Ann High, a Spanish major from Haskell, was selected "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges."

30 Years Ago May 17, 1979

Fire Chief, Tom Watson, signed an order for a new fire station in Haskell.

Vicky Hill and Katie Wooten were the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for Haskell High School for the 1978-79 school year.

The Sunshine Club met in the home of Orvella Holland.

Delfina Garza was named the 1979 Haskell County Young Designer after her room design at Boggs and Johnson Furniture received first place.

40 Years Ago May 15, 1969

Amy Dunnam and Kathy Hager were honored as Valedictorian and Salutatorian of Weinert High School.

The Happy Birthday Club met in the home of Lil Davis, honoring Eva Pearsey's birthday.

Haskell High School student, Randy O'Neal, was selected to attend the

ninth Texas Nuclear Science Symposium at the University of Texas in Austin.

Ralna English made her first appearance on the Lawrence Welk Show.

50 Years Ago May 14, 1959

A jury hearing testimony in a horse theft trial in 39th District Court returned a verdict of guilty and assessed a two year prison sentence.

Members of the Rotary Club extended a welcome to a new member, E.C. Hunter.

Witt Springer served as relief pharmacist at Oates Drug Store while owner, Hill Oates, was on vacation.

Jimmy Vaughter, HHS senior, won the conference AA Boy's Extemporaneous Speaking contest at the 49th State Interscholastic League meet in Austin.

Members of the Rainbow Sewing Club and Sunshine Club joined in celebration of the 22nd anniversary of the club organizations.

100 Years Ago May 15, 1909

The ice plant has started its machinery and they will cut ice and start their ice wagon the following week.

D. Taylor moved his family to Haskell and went to Van Horn where he will prepare a home before moving.

Robert Simmons returned from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Law enforcement report

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

- Resisting arrest: 2 cases.
- Public intoxication: 1 case.
- Disorderly conduct: 1 case.
- Violation of parole: 1 case.
- Driving while intoxicated: 2 cases.
- Secure execution of document by deception: 2 cases.
- Burglary of building: 2 cases.
- Driving while license invalid with previous: 1 case.
- Theft by check: 2 cases.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Honoring Seniors By Protecting Them From Scams

May is older Americans month, so this is a good time to reflect upon the greatest generation and redouble our efforts to protect senior Texans.

Con artists and criminals often target older Texans because seniors are more likely to have retirement savings, their own homes and great credit. Scam artists also know older Texans may be less likely to report fraud. In fact, some estimates indicate that only one in 25 cases of financial fraud against senior citizens is reported.

The Office of the Attorney General receives complaints from seniors about a wide array of scams. Here are a few examples:

"Grandparent" scam. The scam begins with a telephone caller who claims to be a grandchild in trouble and in urgent need of money. Often, the caller claims to be traveling in Canada. The "grandchild" also requests secrecy, hoping to increase the odds that the fraud will be successful. If all goes according to the con artist's plan, the victim wires money to the "grandchild." By the

time the worried grandparent realizes the scam, the money is long gone and most likely not recoverable.

Home repair and door-to-door scams. In one ploy, a "repairman" approaches a home owner, often after a bad storm, and insists that the home needs repairs. Once the repairman gets a check, he disappears without making or finishing repairs. Other times, a "contractor" will approach a senior citizen, saying he has extra materials from a job and will perform a service, like sealing a driveway, for less than the typical cost. The work, if done at all, is usually substandard. In a variation of these scams, the con artist uses the construction ruse to gain entry into the victim's home where he steals valuables from the home while the owner is distracted.

Foreign lottery/sweepstakes scams. In this scam, which often originates in Canada, the operators claim that potential victims have won another country's lottery. The scam artists often claim they need the victim's bank account information in order to wire the lottery proceeds. Then, armed with the victim's account number, the thief drains the bank account. In other cases,

the scammer claims the victim must pay "taxes and processing fees" in advance to receive their winnings. Sometimes the criminals even send a convincing counterfeit check in an attempt to lend legitimacy to the scam. The counterfeit check is denied by the victim's bank, but often after the victim has sent the "taxes and processing fees." Another variation solicits its victims to buy entries into a foreign lottery. Of course, no lottery tickets are really purchased, and the con artists pocket the victim's money. Anyone with friends or relatives who think they won a foreign lottery should keep this in mind—it is illegal to participate in another country's lottery.

Investor "free lunch" scams. Senior citizens should also be wary of "free lunch" investment seminars. Potential investors are often invited to free seminars that promise to educate them on money strategies or management. Promoters provide a fancy meal in hopes of receiving seniors' retirement savings to invest. These luncheon investment seminars usually are more about recruiting new clients or selling investment products than investor

education. Many legitimate investment advisors use this technique to meet and recruit new clients, which is perfectly ethical. However, scam artists and identity thieves also use these events to steal attendees' personal information. Other salesmen, such as those selling timeshares or vacation packages, may also use these seminars to sell their products.

Seniors should always remember that a good show doesn't always offer a good deal. Texans should never make an on-the-spot decision after attending a seminar. It is important to conduct independent research about the sales product before making a purchase.

Awareness and vigilance are the keys to avoiding scams. By working together to raise awareness, law enforcement agencies can help Texas seniors protect their finances, their identities and, most importantly, their dignity.

Texans who want more information about fraud or believe they have been targeted for these or other scams can contact the Office of the Attorney General at 800-252-8011 or online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

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HASKELL INDIANS DISTRICT 8-A CHAMPIONS

Record 15-5, District 11-1

Indians vs winner of Olton vs Follet game; Area Round games to begin Monday or Tuesday, May 18-19



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, Shelby 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.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

HASKELL MAIDENS DISTRICT 3-A CHAMPIONS

Maidens vs Junction Thurs., May 14 4:30 p.m. at Sonora

Maidens play Sat., May 16 in a best 2 out of 3 series at ACU in Abilene, 5 p.m., 7 p.m.

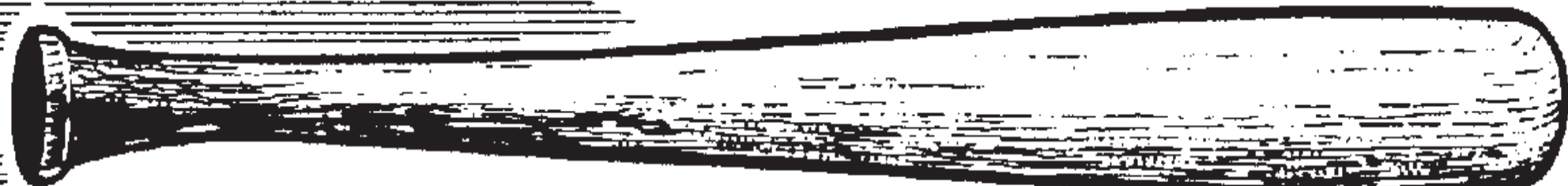
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SHOWS AT SAN ANTONIO—Cannon Edwards had a third place Hampshire Barrow at the San Antonio Livestock Show.



SHOWS AT SAN ANTONIO—David Newton, center, had the second place Reserve Light Weight Division Dark Cross at the San Antonio Livestock Show. He finished in second place at the show. Pictured with him are, l-r, Phillip Newton and Colby Christy.

Paint Creek School Menu

May 18-22 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancake on a stick
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Cinnamon toast
Thursday: Waffles
Friday: Muffins
Lunch
Milk is served daily.

Monday: Taco salad, refried beans, cake
Tuesday: Chicken and noodles, green beans, salad, bread, apple crisp
Wednesday: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit
Thursday: Hot dogs, chili, fries, pudding
Friday: BBQ on bun, chips, pickle spears, brownies

ECC Menu

Mon., May 18
Lunch—Beef-a-roni, cream potatoes, green beans, squash, yeast rolls, strawberry cake, tea or coffee

Wed., May 20
Lunch—Ham slice, Texas potatoes, club spinach, English peas, garlic toast, white cake, tea or coffee

Fri., May 22
Lunch—Salmon patties, new potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

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

Calendar

Legacy banquet

The third annual Legacy Banquet will be held in honor of the top 10 percent of Haskell High School graduating seniors and their mentors at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center, Sat., May 23 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the administration office for \$10 each.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., May 21 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Trich meeting

A cattle producer meeting on Trich will be held May 21 at the Haskell Civic Center. Sponsors for the event will be Haskell Vet. Clinic, Ft. Dodge Animal Health and Haskell County AgriLife Extension. The meeting will begin with a meal at 6:30 followed by a meeting. RSVP by May 19 to the Haskell Vet. Clinic at 940-864-3496.

Parent meeting

There will be a Title I and Migrant/PAC parent meeting Thurs., May 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell High School Auditorium. All parents of Haskell CISD students are encouraged to attend this informative gathering about ways parents can get involved with their student's education. Supper will be provided. For more information, call 940-864-2602 ext. 105.

Assistance

Veronica Harvey, Social Services Outreach Coordinator for the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank, will be at Haskell Housing Authority Wed., May 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. providing application assistance for Medicaid, food stamps, TANF, Children's Health Insurance Program and the Women's Health program.

VBS

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

Haskell School Menu

May 18-22 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Manager's choice
Wednesday: Cereal, Cheez-Its
Thursday: Mini maple burst pancakes
Friday: French toast
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: Chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot roll, Mandarin orange salad
Tuesday: Jose 'Ole burrito, tortilla chips, queso, garden salad, corn, peanut butter pie
Wednesday: Corndogs, ranch style beans, macaroni and cheese, baby carrots, ranch dressing, grapes
Thursday: German sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, applesauce
Friday: Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, fruit shape-ups

Passport fair set in Abilene Mon., May 25

To assist customers planning a trip out of the country, the Abilene Post Office at 341 Pine St. is holding a special passport fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon., May 25.

"Beginning June 1, all U.S. citizens are required to have a passport for travel outside the U.S., including Mexico and Canada. Customers need to prepare in advance," said Acting Abilene Postmaster, Lewis Alambar. "Routine passport processing takes 4 to 6 weeks. The Postal Service wants to help customers receive their passports in plenty of time for their trip."

To obtain a passport customers need to:

- Bring in proper proof of American citizenship. This must be either a certified birth certificate issued by the city, county or state; a previous U.S. passport; a certificate of citizenship; or a naturalization certificate. (Please note: a hospital-issued birth certificate alone is not acceptable.)
- Bring in proof of identity. This must be a current valid driver's license, government ID or military photo ID.
- The passport application requires two recent identical passport photographs of you (2" x 2" in size), which the Abilene Post Office will provide for \$15.
- To save time, customers

may download a passport application at www.usps.com/passport to complete beforehand.

- All applicants must appear in person (including minors).
- Minors under the age of 16 must appear with both parents. If one parent is not available, a notarized authorization from the absent parent is required.
- Each passport for an adult must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$75 made payable to the U.S. State Department and a \$25 execution fee made payable to Postmaster. Fees for children under 16 are \$60 and \$25. Credit or debit cards are not accepted for passports.

"It is important for customers to complete this process well before their trip," said Alambar. Customers traveling in less than 6 weeks can request Expedited Service and receive their passport in 2 to 3 weeks. Expedited Service costs an additional \$91.35.

Customers can call 325-738-2102 or 738-2135 if they have questions about the Abilene Passport Fair.

Customers can also call 800-ASK-USPS to get the location of other nearby passport Post Offices and their passport customer service hours, or they can visit the State Department's web site at www.travel.state.gov.

This Week's Devotional Message:



It's almost graduation time. Whether you are a young adult just starting out in life or a more mature person who returned to the halls of learning either for pleasure or to acquire new skills, the joy of accomplishment is the same. However, it should be remembered that graduation is not the end of something, but the beginning. Every day of our lives is spent in learning something new, wherever we

are, and we are constantly adding to our store of knowledge; if only by observing the world around us with an open mind during our daily travels. We also learn about life and the Creator who gave us this world in which to live, by our regular attendance at our house of worship. There is no graduation from this kind of learning, and that is the way it should be, for as long as we live.

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 Rennegarbe, 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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CHECK IT OUT! Haskell County Farm Bureau now has its own web page. Two ways to get to it are: www.txfb.com, then go to county info; or go direct by, www.txfb.com/county/Haskell/index.asp. 18-21c

ABILENE CHARTERED bus May 23, \$15. Kiowa, June 14/15 Shreveport, Bossier City, Diamond Jacks Casino Hotel. 325-235-2068. 20p

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
Closed bids will be accepted in the Superintendent's office until May 26, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. on the following item:

1991 Chevy bus
All bids shall be in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with the name of the bid. Bid shall be opened at the time specified. All interested parties are invited to attend. Bids will be awarded May 26 2009 at the regular scheduled School Board meeting. The Board reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Respectfully submitted,
David Parr
Superintendent
Rule ISD 19-20c

NOTICE

The Haskell Free Press reserves the right to edit and/or delete all news stories and locals for length and liability and to refuse to print anything deemed not newsworthy.

Garage Sale

YARD SALE: Fri. and Sat., May 15-16. 109 N. Amity, Rule. 940-996-6233. Riding lawnmower, 1988 machinery, equipment, 2 push/self-propelled mowers, motors for lawn mowers, one rototiller. 20p

Help Wanted

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

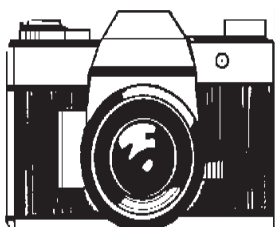
GIBSON CARE Center, Aspermont needs CNAs for all shifts. Call Melissa Prew, ADON at 940-989-3526. E.O.E. 9tfc

PART-TIME church secretary, East Side Baptist Church, Haskell. Seeking highly motivated individual with secretarial and computer skills, and the ability to maintain strict confidentiality. To apply, contact East Side Baptist at 940-864-2738, or 940-864-3431, or e-mail information to suemc@valornet.com.

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315 ADDISON DR. NICELY UPDATED IN ADDISON ADDITION. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick home, unbelievably large bathroom with 360 degree mirrors, large living area open to kitchen and dining, unique fireplace, kitchen is large with an island and an awesome pot rack hanging above, it has been completely remodeled with new appliances, floors and cabinets, separate office area great to work from home, two car garage, fenced back yard, large covered patio, separate garage and storage in back. **REDUCED.**

1005 N. 3RD ST. EAST. MUST SEE. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, frame home, entire home remodeled, beautiful kitchen with new cherry wood cabinets and tile counter tops, an island sets in the kitchen for easy entertaining, living room open to dining room, large utility room, nice storage throughout home, fenced in back yard with amazing landscaping, covered patio, two car carport. **REDUCED.**

1557 US HWY. 380 WEST. COUNTRY LIVING WITH ACREAGE. 4 bedrooms, 2 bath, brick home, living room, large kitchen open to nice size dining room, great for entertaining. Wonderful storage throughout house, utility room. Patio area. 2 car carport, beautiful yard, shop with attached carport. Property sits on approximately 9 acres of cultivated land. **REDUCED.**

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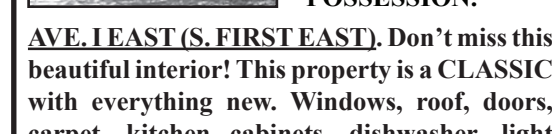
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207 N. AVE. F Custom built brick home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, built in kitchen, den, large utility room, covered patio, C/HA, and one car garage. There is a sprinkler system



and water well for the yard. Property is in excellent condition. **REDUCED.**

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.**

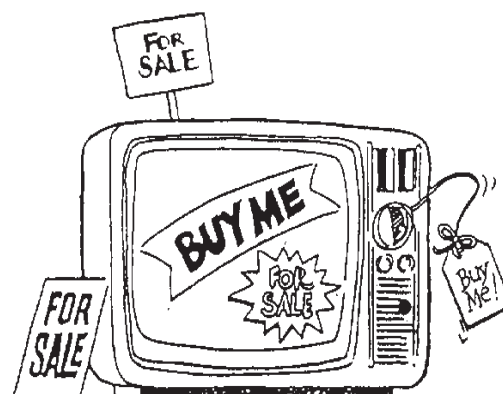


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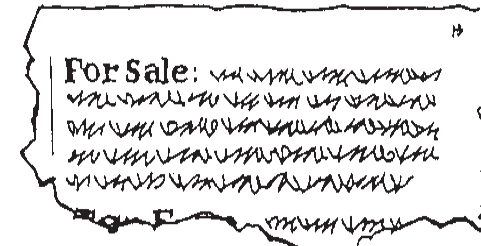
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YOUNG ATHLETES—Haskell Elementary School held its annual track meet for students Fri., May 8 at the school. Young athletes competed in a variety of events, followed closely by friends, family, teachers and fellow students. A beautiful day of sun helped make for a perfect day for the event. Haskell High school students assisted with the running of the competitions.

Elementary students enjoy annual field day events

by Caron Yates

Did you hear the really loud roar coming from the southwest part of town last Friday? It was parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers and students cheering their encouragement at Haskell Elementary's annual Field Day event.

Field Day has been a tradition at the elementary since 1988, when Jim Lisle, former track coach, became principal. Tiffany Thomas, elementary physical education teacher, spends many hours organizing, gathering materials, preparing schedule of events and recruiting helpers.

Field Day itself is one of the most anxiously anticipated days of the year for elementary students and parents alike. The day begins with the playing of the national anthem. Next students from early childhood age through fifth grade participate in races, which are held in front of the elementary

school. For the past twenty-one years Lisle, assisted by Peggy Adams, has sounded the starting signal. The sea of onlookers cheer as racers speed down the track. At the finish line, a ribbon is waiting. For the racers too young to understand the significance of a blue ribbon, they are truly excited when their ribbon happens to be their favorite color.

The rest of the morning is filled with individual contests such as the basketball shoot, sack race, jump rope, bowling, drop kick and frisbee throw. Teachers are busy scurrying their classes, along with parents, from one event to the next.

At noon, parents and students relax and cool down with a sack lunch prepared by the ladies in the cafeteria.

Excitement builds as the afternoon events begin with relay races. Everyone gathers around to watch as two teams,

at each grade level race around the playground handing off the baton, or in this case the rubber chicken. Principal Lisle lines racers up and gives the signal to start.

Participating as a part of a team is an important life lesson. Working together doesn't always come naturally for many. Thomas does a great job of helping students understand they must work as a team to accomplish their goal. Students have the opportunity to practice their teamwork skills as they compete in the three-legged race, obstacle course and of course, the tug of war.

Class bragging rights are won with the tug of war. With students, teachers and parents yelling their encouragement, teams pull with all they have. What a feeling of accomplishment it is to "out pull" the other teams in your grade.

This day of fun doesn't just happen. Thomas says she relies on the help of many people working hard to make the day successful. Classroom teachers must get each student to their events, while other teachers and community volunteers are needed to help conduct each contest. High school NHS members, varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders and junior high student council members are recruited to help. Nurse Susan Blanks is always available to handle the scrapes and bruises that might occur.

There are not as many opportunities at the elementary level for parents to see their children perform. So it is always good when parents can spend the day watching their children and children can spend the day showing parents their best efforts.

Although every one is usually tired, you know it has been a good day when you see children, ribbons pinned to their shirts, smiling and happy with themselves.

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Library offering three new programs during the summer

The Haskell County Library will be offering new ten week programs during the summer.

One offering will be an ESL (English Second Language) program for anyone interested in learning or sharpening their skills in English. This program will begin May 26 for assessment and registration and will start at 7 p.m. The session will last one hour and meet every week through June and July.

The other two offerings at the Haskell County Library will be for children. Monday afternoons at 2 p.m., there will be movies. They are free and G rated. Most movies will last from 1 1/2 to 2 hours. The movies will begin June 1 and continue every week through June and July. The last movie day will be Aug. 3.

The Summer Reading Program will begin June 3 at 10 a.m. and meet every week through June and July. The last Summer Reading Program will be Aug. 5. This year children may sign up to

read aloud a short story at the Summer Reading Program. Books that children read will be recorded and prizes given Aug. 5. Sign up begins June 3.

It is hoped that those

living in Haskell County will take advantage of these programs. All these programs are free.

If you have any questions, call the library at 864-2747.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special called meeting May 6 with all members present.

A motion to pass a resolution to request legislative action on under-valuation of oil and gas properties was passed.

The resolution states that the Texas Tax Code Sec. 23.175 (commonly known as the market condition factor) has been applied to the estimated 2009 tax valuation of counties in Texas by the Texas State Comptroller.

The Comptroller's undervaluation of the market condition factor favors oil and

gas owners is to the detriment of all other taxpayers.

The county's tax revenues from oil and gas values will be adversely and catastrophically affected by the market condition factor as interpreted by the Texas Comptroller's office making counties unable to fund essential county government services.

The resolution requests that the Texas Legislature address the Comptroller's interpretation of the tax code and make efforts to change or repeal the code to bring all Texas taxpayers into an equitable position.

Weinert VBS set

Vacation Bible School is set at First Baptist Church of Weinert for children age three through those finishing sixth grade June 8-12, from 5:30-8 p.m.

In this one-week adventure, Bible stories, cool crafts, motivating music, great snacks and fun games will be offered with Bro. Dan at Recreation Rock.

During the same week, teenagers can experience the Rock and Reef Tour led by Shanna White with Bible study and special activities planned

just for them. This week of fun, food, and exciting learning opportunities is free of charge and open to everyone.

Hop on board the Boomerang Express and travel to the Land Down Under for a week of nonstop action as you learn how it all comes back to Jesus. Each day's Bible study will help kids discover how to have a relationship with Jesus and learn to live through Him.

For more information call the church at 940-673-8310 or VBS Director Mary Murphy at 940-673-8269.

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