

## 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.

### Parent meeting

There will be a Title 1 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.

### 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.

### All night party

Haskell County All Night Party will hold a meeting Wed., May 20 at 8 p.m. in the Haskell County Courtroom, 2nd floor of the Courthouse. All parents willing to help with the 2009 party need to attend to help finalize all details.

### All Sports banquet

The Haskell High School All Sports Banquet will be held Mon., May 25 at the Haskell Civic Center. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with the awards beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased from any member of the freshman class or at the high school.

### Baccalaureate

Paint Creek High School will hold Baccalaureate ceremonies Sun., May 24 at 6 p.m. at the Paint Creek Baptist Church.

### Baccalaureate

Rule High School will hold Baccalaureate ceremonies Sun., May 24 at 8 p.m. at the Rule High School auditorium. Tom Long, pastor of Rule and Haskell First United Methodist churches will be the speaker.

### Playnight set

Haskell Horse Club will hold a playnight Sat., May 23 with books opening at 6:30 p.m. followed by competition at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Arena.

### Memorial service

Rule Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Memorial Day Service Mon., May 25 at the Rule Cemetery at 7 p.m. honoring those living and dead, who have served or are serving our country. Bring your lawn chair.

### Trail ride

Official entry forms for the fourth annual Haskell County Trail Ride are available from Susan Cockerell at the County Judge's office in the courthouse or by calling 940-864-2851.

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# Congratulations Indians and Maidens

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**AREA CHAMPS**—The Haskell Maidens were named Area Champs after defeating the Junction Eagles 5-4 in 8 innings on Thursday and winning the second game of the series on Saturday. The team faced Marfa Tuesday night in a one game playoff. Team members are, front row, l-r, Jessica

Rodriguez, Sara Weise, Claire Isbell, Haley Chavez, Codi Foster, Kimie Hutchinson, Brooke Bullinger and Alyssa Fraga; back row, Jasmine Klose, Laycee Tullos, Harley James, Claire Carmichael, Ashton Rutkowski, Lynette Ortiz and Brittany Martinez.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## K-9 unit makes warrant, drug arrest

Haskell County K-9 Deputy Jason Torres made a traffic stop on a vehicle in Haskell on the afternoon of Tues., May 12 by the First Baptist Church. During the traffic stop a passenger in the vehicle was arrested on three outstanding City of Haskell warrants. Eddie Martinez was transported to Haskell County

Jail for these warrants.

After a search, K-9 Max alerted on the vehicle and marijuana and crack cocaine were located in the driver's compartment. The driver, John Anthony Pierce Jr. was arrested on possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and possession of marijuana. He was transported to Haskell

County Jail and booked in.

Sheriff David Halliburton says that Max and Deputy Torres are doing a great job for the cities and Haskell County. This is another way to fight the illegal drugs in the County and keep drugs from reaching the kids of the county.

All of the officers of the cities, county and state are working to get drugs off the streets and to keep it from coming into the county and cities. We may not win the war on drugs but with the help of concerned citizens we will make the dealers think twice

before selling or trafficking though Haskell County, said Halliburton.

The City of Haskell also has received a K-9. City officer Bill Glass will be the handler. Together with Deputy Torres it will be harder on dealers and users to get by in Haskell County, said Halliburton.

The officers of Haskell County want to thank all of the concerned citizens that have been calling and giving information of all crimes committed in Haskell County, said Sheriff Halliburton.

## Legacy banquet to be held May 23

The Haskell CISD Educational Foundation will host the 2009 Roberta High Legacy Banquet, Sat., May 23 at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will honor the top 10% of Haskell High School's graduating seniors.

Each student has selected a teacher who has significantly impacted his or her education and life. These teachers will also be recognized at the banquet.

Tickets for the banquet are available at the administration office for \$10.



**RECOVERED BY MAX**—Haskell County Deputy Jason Torres and drug dog Max recovered money, marijuana and crack cocaine from a traffic stop in Haskell May 12.



**ADVANCES TO STATE**—Jonathan Martinez was first place winner at the Regional track meet in the 300 meter hurdles and will advance to the state track meet to be held in Austin June 6.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



**QUALIFIES FOR STATE**—The Haskell Indians 1600 meter relay team of, l-r, Steven Fillmon, Tyler Rodriguez, Jonathan Martinez and Austin Marshall qualified for the state track meet to be held June 6 in Austin. The team ran a 3:27.83 at the Regional track meet on Saturday.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## WHPD set June 5-6

The annual Wild Horse Prairie Days are set June 5-6 in Haskell.

Events begin Sun., May 31 with a cowboy match roping event at 1:30 p.m. followed by the annual John Wallace Memorial calf roping at 3 p.m. at the Haskell Arena.

Fri., June 5 begins with the Snakey Graves Memorial Cutting at the Haskell Arena at 8 a.m. The fourth annual Wild Horse Knob Trail Ride gets underway at 10 a.m.

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Art Contest will conduct check in from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday at the Civic Center. The art show will have items on display Friday and Saturday. Many divisions span three categories of entries. No admission is charged to view the display.

Inside the Civic Center, a craft and trade show will be held Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The WHPD parade will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday in downtown Haskell. Entries must register at Larned Sales Center.

Chuck wagon meals will be served on Friday and Saturday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$8.

The Wild Horse Prairie Days WRCA Ranch Rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.

Saturday's events begin with a ranch horse competition at 8 a.m.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo, hosted by Pokey the Clown, begins at 11 a.m. in the grassy area near the Civic Center. The event is mirrored after the adult ranch rodeo but geared to involve young people ages four through sixteen. A horse sale will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Saturday evening's activities will conclude with a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with Jerry Audley. Cost is \$10.

On Sunday, popular cowboy preacher Jeff Gore will conduct church services beginning at 10 a.m. at the God Loves You Ministries building on the west side of the square.

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# McBroom named Rule principal

Barry McBroom of Haskell will replace Jimmy New of Sagerton who is retiring after five years service as principal

of RISD. New has taught fifteen years and served as an administrator for ten years.

McBroom was born and raised in Lubbock. He has worked in the field of education for 23 years as a teacher, counselor, assistant principal and principal. He received his Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech in 1985 and a Master's Degree from Sam Houston in 1992. McBroom taught sixth grade in Lubbock for three years, then moved to Spring where he taught fifth grade for four years, was a counselor for eight years and served as an assistant principal for four years.

He moved to Haskell and worked for two years as the elementary principal in Munday before starting his own business in Abilene. He has worked as the counselor in Eula for the past two years. He is married to the former Laurie Fouts and they have two sons, Eddie, age 6 and Michael, age 3.



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## Commissioner's Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Mon., May 11 in regular session with all members present.

River McTasney, an Eagle scout candidate, gave a presentation on landscaping at the library for his Eagle scout project. The county agreed to help by furnishing the sand and brick for the project.

The county treasurer's report was accepted.

The burn ban was lifted.

A resolution to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of Haskell regarding the emergency notification system was approved.

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# Obituaries

## Austin 'Rooster' Pittcock



**AUSTIN PITTCOCK**

Funeral services for Austin 'Rooster' Pittcock, 23, of Abilene were held Sat., May 16 at The Hamil Family Funeral Home in Abilene with Cody Cochran and Don Jones officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell

under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home. Mr. Pittcock died Wed., May 13 in an automobile accident.

Born Dec. 22, 1985 in Athens, Texas, he graduated from Gatesville High School in 2004. He moved to Abilene from Gatesville three years ago. He was employed by Coca-Cola Bottling Company where he worked in shipping and receiving. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He attended Beltway Park Baptist Church in Abilene.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Nell and Joy Tutt and Novis and Sonny Pittcock.

Survivors include his father, Nolan Pittcock of Rule;

his mother and step-father, Rena and Richard Mitchell of Gatesville; two brothers, Rhett Looney and Colton Mitchell, both of Gatesville; three aunts, Sandy Clay and husband Tom of Abilene, Pam Bowles and husband Donnie of Rule and Cindy McNeely and husband Billy of Iowa Park; two uncles, Dave McKee and wife Teresa of Abilene, and Jim Pittcock and wife Bonnie of Madisonville; numerous cousins, friends and extended family.

Memorials may be made to Serenity Foundation of Texas, 1546 North 2nd Street, Abilene, Texas 79601; or 'Celebrate Recovery' at Beltway Park Baptist Church, 4009 Beltway South, Abilene, Texas 79606. PD. NOTICE

## Wynette Sherman Mullins



**WYNETTE MULLINS**

Funeral services for Wynette Sherman Mullins, 68, of Sweetwater were held Fri., May 15 at First Baptist Church of Sweetwater. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home of Rotan.

Mrs. Mullins died Wed., May 13 at her residence.

Born Sept. 8, 1940 in

Haskell, she was the daughter of Henry Alvin and Winnie Mae Darnell Sherman. She graduated high school and married Franky Don Mullins April 24, 1958 at Lawton, Oklahoma. She later graduated from Sul Ross University with a degree in education. Wynette and Franky Don lived in various cities while he coached and she taught school including Denton, Haskell, Lubbock, Alpine, El Paso, Knox City, Rotan, Hale Center, Spearman and Sweetwater. After teaching in Sweetwater for twelve years, she retired in 2004. She loved her family and especially adored her grandchildren. She was her grandchildren's number one fan at any sporting event or academic activity. She also enjoyed watching football, crocheting afghans and spending time in Colorado. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Sweetwater

Emmaus and First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father and a grandson, Tyler.

Survivors include her mother, Winnie Sherman; her loving husband of 51 years, Franky Don Mullins; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donny and DeeAnn Mullins and Kieth and Shelly Mullins; a daughter and son-in-law, Terrie and Wes Morrow; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Hank and Kathy Sherman and George and Lynn Sherman; eight grandchildren, Dayme and husband Marcus Walther, Dane and wife, Lori Mullins, David Mullins, Jeremy and Mandi Mullins, Baylor Mullins, Landry Mullins, Coby Morrow and Parker Morrow; three great grandchildren, Shelby, Jordan and Cooper Mullins; numerous friends and relatives; and her loving dog, Lula Belle. PD. NOTICE

## Jenita 'Tillie' Nanny



**TILLIE NANNY**

Funeral services for Jenita 'Tillie' Nanny, 75, of Lubbock were held Mon., May 18 in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Resthaven of Lubbock.

Mrs. Nanny went to be

with her Lord and Savior Thurs., May 14.

Born Sept. 11, 1933 in Stamford, she was the daughter of Denton and Essie Black. She graduated from Stamford High School in 1952. She married Morris Nanny June 30, 1955. They lived in Hobbs, New Mexico prior to moving to Lubbock in 1969 where she worked for several insurance companies, retiring in 2007. She served as President of Insurance Women of Lubbock, from 1982-83.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Cobb of Hobbs, New Mexico; brother, Warren Black of Amarillo; a brother-in-law, Joe Wash of Odessa; her mother and father-in-law, Ruby and Lewis Nanny of Rochester.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband;

two daughters, Nancy Nanny of Lubbock and Shari and husband Jeff Chambers of Austin; a son, Mark and wife Annette of Lubbock; granddaughters, Ann-Marie and Alexandra Nanny of Lubbock, Meredith and Kate Chambers of Austin; a sister, Kay Wash of Odessa; brothers and sisters-in-laws, Rogers and Patricia Nanny of Graham, S.G. Cobb of Hobbs, New Mexico; many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Kelsey Vines Memorial Scholarship Fund, ATTN: J. Heinrich, at Lubbock-Cooper, 16302 Loop 493, Lubbock, Texas 79423; or Hospice of Lubbock. PD. NOTICE

## Angela Gayle Spain



**ANGELA SPAIN**

Funeral services for Angela Gayle Spain, 40, of Dallas were held Sat., May 16 in the chapel of DeBerry Funeral Directors in Denton with Dwight Maxson officiating. Burial was in Cooper Creek Cemetery in Denton.

Spain passed away on Mother's Day, May 10 at her residence in Dallas, from

complications of diabetes.

Born Feb. 26, 1969 in Denton, she was the daughter of Philip and Nancy Jones Spain. She attended Denton Public Schools and received an Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree from Richland College in Dallas in 1995, where she was employed at the College Media Center. Among her interests were tending plants and her love of animals. She raised Conures and taught them to talk and sing.

She was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Bob Rhodes of Linden, Michigan; and grandparents, Harold and Gerry Fouts Spain of Haskell; and Randolph and Mary Nan Jones of Ferris.

Survivors include her father, Philip Spain and wife Helen of Denton; mother, Nancy Spain of Dallas; sister,

Stephanie Spain Rhodes of Linden, Michigan; aunt and uncles, Dwight and Gayle Spain Maxson of Denton and Hal and Kim Spain of Robert Lee; cousins, Kevin Maxson and wife Corinia of Denton, Laura Kirk and husband, Allen of Bayfield, Colorado, Christi Savage and husband Obie of Woodside, New York and Wade Spain and wife Shannon of North Richland Hills; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Kevin Maxson, Wade Spain, Ricardo Gonzalez, Kirt Schmitz, Vince Castro and Mike Belew.

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## Student in the News

Mary Brossman, daughter of Kem Kay Kemp of Houston, was recognized as the recipient of the 2009 Marion and Speros Martel Award

of the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston Fri., May 15 at the Contemporary Arts Museum in Houston. A reception was held

honoring the 2009 class of HSPVA and Brossman.

Brossman is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. William J. Kemp of Haskell.



**HARMONICA DEMONSTRATION**—Alice Yates displayed and played some of her harmonicas at the Tri-County Rally Day held April 28 in Haskell.

## Yates displays harmonicas at Tri-County Rally Day

Tri-County Rally Day was hosted by the Haskell County EEA Club Tues., April 28 at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall. A total of forty-one attended from Baylor, Knox and Haskell counties. Registration began at 9:30 with Flossie Bates and Alice Yates registering guests. The Haskell ladies served refreshments for greeting and hospitality.

Joetta Burnett, club chairman, called the meeting to order and introduced Paula Rennegarbe. Rennegarbe gave the program on stained glass, different techniques and applications. To accompany her demonstration, Rennegarbe had many of her pieces on exhibit, along with photos and stories of other pieces she had made and presented as gifts. Each member made a drink coaster to take home. The participation part of the demonstration was well received as members learned by using the instructions they had learned.

Jane Smith, vice chairman, introduced Haskell County Judge David Davis who gave the welcome before the meal. Alice Ballard introduced, Pastor Tom Long, Pastor of FUMC, who gave the invocation. Members and guests were served barbeque brisket, beans, potato salad, coleslaw, tea, coffee and desserts. The desserts were

made by the ladies from Baylor County. A favorite was the Paula Dean Italian Crème Cake.

After lunch members and guests toured the church and especially enjoyed the many stained glass windows. They were delighted to learn that Nelda Lane, organist for the FUMC would be playing the pipe organ later in the afternoon. Anyone who wanted to hear was invited to stay after the meeting.

For the afternoon program, Burnett introduced John Rike, who gave a talk on the history of the local area. Rike's talk was both humorous and informative. He told stories handed down through generations of family about familiar points in the area. Members learned many facts about the area and found Rike to be a "top hand."

Members then presented a "Show & Tell" of antique items they had brought to the meeting. There were bonnets, quilts and aprons to name a few. The history of the inheritance of the items was a program of its own. Some members had helpful hints to make our lives easier.

The highlight of the meeting was Alice Yates who presented a few of her harmonicas and how she came to own them. She proceeded to play and entertain the group.

## Art club installs officers

The Brazos West Art Association met Mon., May 11 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a salad supper and installation of officers.

Jennie Lychman conducted installation ceremonies for these officers: Martha Whittemore, president; Betty Berry, vice president;

Nelwyn Beakley, secretary; Betty Hook, treasurer; Peggy Middlebrook, reporter-historian; and telephone committee, Martha Spitzer and Jennie Lyckman.

Attending were Berry, Florence Larned, Doris Reeves, Whittemore, Middlebrook, Hook and Gayle White.

## Queen contestants sought for ranch rodeo

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.

## Weinert VBS to be held June 8-12

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.

## All Night Party set

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.

### Gifts for the Graduate

*These graduates have made selections.*

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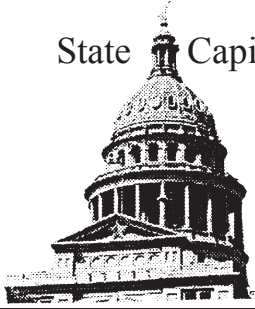
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# OPINION

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Adults riding in back seat would have to buckle up under proposed law

AUSTIN—The Texas Senate on May 14 approved legislation that requires automobile passengers of all ages to buckle their seatbelts, no matter where they sit.

Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, author of SB 1028, said, "This is about safety; it's about making sure that people don't end up dying or in the hospital."

Watson said Texas Department of Transportation figures show that in 2006 there were nearly 400 traffic fatalities that could have been prevented by wearing a seatbelt, and that passengers not wearing seatbelts are twice as likely to be hospitalized after a crash.

Texas would join 35 other states that mandate seatbelts for all passengers if the bill is approved by the House and signed by the governor.

### Sales tax holiday set to expand

The House on May 13 passed HB 1801, legislation that would expand the Aug. 21-23 state sales tax holiday to include school supplies.

Current law limits the sales tax holiday to clothing and shoes. "School clothes and sneakers are already eligible for tax-exemption and we think crayons and paper ought to be too," said Rep. Trey Martinez-Fisher, D-San Antonio. "We have been working since 2005 to make school supplies more affordable for Texas families, and I am pleased that through a bi-partisan effort we are about to make that a reality." Rep. Dwayne Bohac, R-Houston, is coauthor of the bill.

The state comptroller's office estimates that those who purchase clothing and school supplies during the upcoming sales tax holiday would save a total of \$9.5 million in sales taxes if HB 1801 passes.

### Senate passes stem cell measure

The state Senate on May 14 approved a bill intended to help lawmakers determine the extent of stem cell research being performed by state agencies.

SB 2573 by Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, would require all state agencies involved in biomedical research to submit a report detailing any research involving stem cells or human cloning.

### State representative hospitalized

Rep. Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguin, was found collapsed in a state Capitol elevator on May 12, after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Rep. John Zerwas, R-Houston, a physician, and Texas Department of Public Safety officers, rendered first aid on the spot. Kuempel was transported to an Austin hospital where he was put into a medically induced coma as part of ongoing treatment.

Kuempel, 66, is chairman of the House Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedure.

### Texas remembers fallen officers

On May 15, Peace Officer Memorial Day, state Capitol Complex flags were flown at half staff in memory of fallen police officers. The day is part of National Police Week.

### Human Services chief retires

Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins announced his retirement after a 35-year career in state government.

Hawkins, head of the agency since January 2003, earlier served as a senior White House aide to then-President George W. Bush. From 1995 to 2000 he was governor's office budget director for then-Gov. Bush. Before that, Hawkins was an employee of the state Legislative Budget Board for 16 years.

### Parks & Wildlife cancels Expo

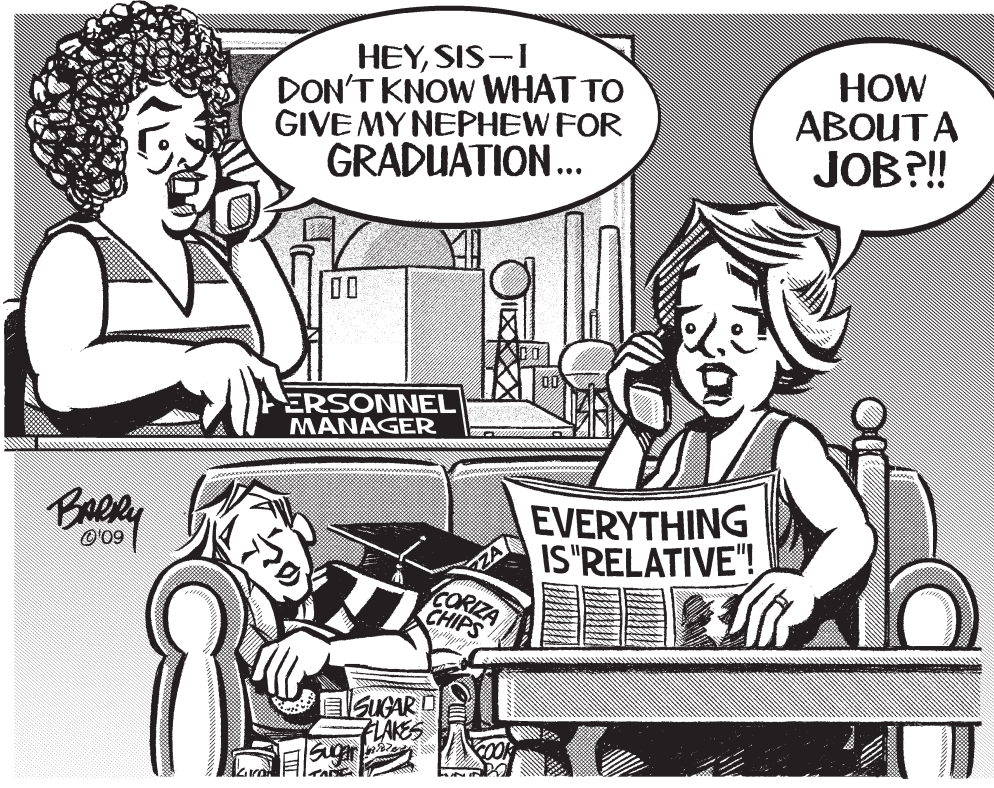
Carter Smith, executive director of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, announced that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo scheduled for Oct. 3-4 has been canceled and plans for the 2010 Expo have been suspended.

Smith said costs of putting on the events previously were underwritten by sponsors, but sponsorship has been adversely affected by the economic downturn.

### AG charges telemarketing firms

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on May 14 charged three telemarketing firms with participating in an illegal scheme to sell vehicle service contracts that were falsely marketed as extended warranties.

Two California-based telemarketing firms, SCM Media Inc. and On Point Media Inc., along with a Nevada company, Pacific Guard Warranty LLC, are named defendants in the state's enforcement action.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago May 27, 1999

Bree Burgess, daughter of Brian and Jennifer Burgess, was Haskell High School Valedictorian and Cy McGuire, son of Mike and Jo McGuire, was the Salutatorian.

Haskell High School's FFA range team, Joseph Clem, Lee Christian, Justin Teague and Cy McGuire, won seventh in the state.

Megan Bird, daughter of Ricky and Sharon Bird, was chosen Sophomore of the Year by the Kiwanis Club.

A bluebonnet breakfast was held in the elementary library to recognize those students who read ten or more of the 1998-99 Texas Bluebonnet Award books.

Haskell native, Christy Cadenhead, daughter of Dr. Wayne and Yuvi Cadenhead, served as a missionary in Guatemala.

Kim Crawford and Kristen Grand graduated from Cisco Junior College School of Vocational Nursing in Abilene.

### 20 Years Ago May 25, 1989

The newest member of The Free Press staff was K.B. Lane, a 21-year-old Texas Tech senior.

The Haskell Indian band twirlers for 1989-90 were Julie Nanny and Holly Reed.

Traci Fry of Rochester made the Dean's List at Abilene Christian University.

Haskell varsity cheerleaders for 1989-90 were Missy Phemister, Sylvia Alvarez, Jana Payne, JoAnn Villa, Amanda Diaz and Corie Brzozowski.

The Sagerton Hobby Club met for a salad luncheon at the community center to work on the bazaar quilt.

### 30 Years Ago May 24, 1979

The major league of the Haskell girls little dribbler all-stars played in a regional tournament at the high school gym in Breckenridge.

Shannon Lane and David Wheatley were presented the American Legion award by County Veteran's Service officer Bud Herren.

Sheila McMeans was voted an outstanding young homemaker.

Charles Thornhill officially became an exhausted rooster. David Burson won the Bass Tournament at Lake Stamford.

### 40 Years Ago May 22, 1969

A fire broke out shortly after the Free Press had gone to press with previous week's edition, resulting in an estimated damage of \$3,500 to a dwelling and contents.

Linda Steele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Steele, was the recipient of the Lion's Club Arion Award, as the most outstanding senior band student.

The Nine-Teens, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bell, presented their annual Rainbow Concert at the First Baptist Church. Members were Patricia Toliver, Sara Yearly, Debbie Darnell, Jackie Beauchamp, Pam Harris, James Wall, Judy Therwhanger, Sheila Gilleland, Rhonda Woodard and Beverly Owens.

Ben Melton, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Raymond Melton of Haskell, graduated from Cisco Junior College.

Karen Pippin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pippin, returned from Dallas where she was the guest of Mrs. John W. Pace and Mrs. John M. Pace, for the performance of "Rigoletto" by the touring Metropolitan Grand Opera Association.

### 50 Years Ago May 21, 1959

Valedictorian for Haskell High School was Jimmy Vaughter, son of Dr. and Mrs. J.G. Vaughter. The Salutatorian was Dianne Montgomery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Montgomery.

Victoria Ann Medley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Medley, received special recognition from Stephens College.

Wynell Hellums of Dallas and her sister, Mrs. D.T. Wren of Harlingen visited their mother, Mrs. W.D. Hellums.

Ann Copenhaver of Bellflower, Illinois, visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. Wallace Cox, Jr., and family.

### 100 Years Ago May 22, 1909

McDoughle & Company opened up a grocery in the post office block.

The county authorities tapped the city water system and now the watering troughs on the public square are full of the purest water.

C.E. Bowers rented the Ellis & Williams building and put in a stock of new dry goods.

The Presbyterian Sunday Class had a picnic at Mule Creek.

## City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a special meeting May 12 with Mayor Bob Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford, and Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers, Robert Tribbey and Jason Hall present.

Bowers gave the invocation.

Tammy Copeland of the Community Action Program of Abilene, introduced Brett Bell who gave a presentation on weatherization for homes in this area.

No action was taken on Local Government Code Chapter 21.003.

John Gannaway was appointed and Joey Thomas was reappointed to the North Central Texas Water Authority Board.

A motion allowing Mayor Bob Smith to sign the resolution assisting Haskell County with expenses that may be incurred with the new emergency notification system was approved.

Kenny Watson gave a presentation on a proposed computer system for the

Haskell County Appraisal District. The system's upgrade was approved.

The election returns were canvassed and accepted. Oath of office was administered by Smith to Aldermen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers and Sue Medford. Medford was appointed Mayor Pro Tem.

City Administrator Brandon Anderson reported:

- Bank bids will be reviewed at the next Council meeting May 26 at 7 a.m.

- Smith, Tribbey and Anderson attended a Senior Officials Workshop in Munday in April and each received a certificate of completion.

- Four part time summer employees were hired to assist in the parks department.

- During clean up week, Haskell residents disposed of nearly 110 tons of trash. Had the service not been offered, Haskell residents would have paid in excess of \$2,500 in disposal fees.

- The Census 2010 is right around the corner. Citizens

receiving a packet in the mail are encouraged to fill out the information and send it in. It is important that every citizen is accounted for in the census.

- Incidents of vandalism and attempted arson have occurred at the park's gazebo. The top will be repaired and improvements to the gazebo are planned. Nikki Thompson will manage the city pool this summer.

- Water is being directed off of the roadway at the intersection by the post office. Once the water is draining correctly, the road can be fixed in a more permanent way.

- Anderson will attend a renewable resources and stimulus money training school in Austin May 18-19. He will attend two schools in June.

- The Fire Department plans to purchase the building on the south end of town to move their track vehicles for storage and for repairs. Anderson believes the County will pay for the electricity and insurance on the building.



## Events Calendar

### Cowboy match roping

A Cowboy Match Roping will be held Sun., May 31 at 1:30 p.m. at the Haskell Arena.

### John Wallace roping

The John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping will be held Sun., May 31 at 3 p.m. at the Haskell Arena.

### Snakey Graves cutting

The Sam 'Snakey' Graves Memorial Cutting will be held Fri., June 5 at 8 a.m. at the Haskell Arena.

### Trail ride

The 4th annual Haskell County Trail Ride will be held Fri., June 5 beginning at 10 a.m. For entry forms and more information, call Susan Cockerell at the Haskell County Judge's office 940-864-2851.

### Craft/trade show

A Craft and Trade Show will be held Fri., June 5 and Sat., June 6 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Haskell Civic Center.

### Art Show/Contest

The Wild Horse Prairie Days art competition will receive entries Thurs., June 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Fri., June 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. Art will be on display at the Haskell Civic Center. For information, call Betty Berry at 864-3122.

### WHPD parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held Fri., June 5 at 5 p.m. To enter, call or go by Larned Sales Center, 806 S. Ave. E in Haskell, 864-2749 for information on entering.

### Chuck Wagon meal

A chuck wagon meal will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Fri., June 5 and Sat., June 6 at the Civic Center pavilion. Tickets are \$8.

### Ranch rodeo

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo will be held June 5-6 beginning at 7 p.m. A dance will be held Sat., June 6 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with the Jerry Audley band providing the music, opened by Jerrod Medulla of Abilene. Tickets for the dance are \$10.

### Ranch horse competition

The Wild Horse Prairie Days ranch horse competition will be held Sat., June 6 at 8 a.m. at the Haskell Arena.

### Kid's rodeo

The Wild Horse Prairie Days children's rodeo with Pokey the Clown will be held at 11 a.m. Sat., June 6 in the grassy area by the rodeo arena.

### Horse sale

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Horse Sale will be held Sat., June 6 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell Expo Center.

### Church service

A cowboy church service with Jeff Gore serving as speaker will be held Sun., June 7 beginning at 10 a.m. at the God Loves You Ministries building on the west side of the square.

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## HASKELL INDIANS

### DISTRICT 8-A CHAMPIONS

Indians played Follet  
Tues., May 19  
in Clarendon



HASKELL INDIANS—Members of the Haskell Indians varsity baseball team are, front row, l-r, Tyler Rodriquez, 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

### AREA CHAMPIONS

Maidens played Marfa  
Tues., May 19  
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# Maidens are Area Champs

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#11 KIMIE HUTCHINSON



#10 ASHTON RUTKOWSKI



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## ECC Menu

<b>Mon., May 25</b> Center closed.	Lunch—BBQ sausage, potato salad, onions, pickle, pinto beans, garlic toast, misc. dessert, tea or coffee
<b>Wed., May 27</b> Lunch—Chicken taquitas, macaroni and cheese, green beans, garlic bread, jello, cookies, tea or coffee	Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.
<b>Fri., May 29</b>	

## Paint Creek School Menu

<b>May 25-29</b> <b>Breakfast</b> Juice and milk are served daily. <b>Monday-Friday</b>	Cook's choice <b>Lunch</b> Milk is served daily. <b>Monday-Friday</b> Cook's choice
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## ECC to hold dinner

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will host a fund-raising dinner Sun., May 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the center. The menu will be chicken and dressing, savory green beans, cranberries, candied yams, hot yeast rolls, peach/apricot cobbler and ice cream. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Children 13 and under will eat free.

# A fisherman gets one last trip

Reprint Courtesy of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram

By Melody McDonald

Jerry "PaPa" Ray had his priorities in place, starting with God, followed by family, country and fishing.

Before he got sick, Jerry and his buddy Samuel Tankersley could regularly be found on the rivers, lakes and tanks around Knox County, casting lines from a fishing boat that had been plugged, painted and patched too many times to count.

So when Jerry died May 1 at age 78, his children and grandchildren decided to honor his memory by carrying his casket to his grave in that beat-up old boat.

"One of his sons wanted to know if it would be all right if they could get the little boat and place his casket in it. That really thrilled me," Samuel said. "I said, 'Let him ride in the boat one last time.'"

Photos of the casket in the boat soon found their way to a popular Wise County blog—Liberally Lean from the Land of Dairy Queen—with the headline "How you bury

a Baptist deacon who loved fishing." Curious folks wanted to know the story behind the photos.

Here it is.

### A family who fished

The men in Jerry's family have always loved to fish.

When Jerry was young, his parents sometimes took the kids to a fishing cabin in Menard, about 100 miles from Truby, a small community northwest of Abilene where Jerry grew up.

When Jerry married his childhood sweetheart, Eloise "Susie" Barker, in 1950, it was only fitting that they made a stop at the fishing cabin on the way home from their San Antonio honeymoon.

"We went and there was dust in the curtains, and I thought I was going to die," Susie Ray said. "But we went home, and his dad said, 'If she can stay in that, she can stay in the family.'"

Jerry served with the Army in the Korean War, and when he returned, they settled in Knox City, a slow-moving small town where conversations often turned to

high school football, cotton and oil.

Jerry went to work for General American Oil Co., which was later purchased by Phillips Petroleum. Jerry worked for the company for 42 years.

The couple had four children, one born every two years: Don, Cliff, Judy and Doug.

All of them learned to fish at an early age.

"We fished as a family," said his daughter, Judy Lowe, a teacher in Munday, about 12 miles from Knox City. "But it wasn't so much fishing. It was about spending time together."

Looking back, the Ray children said they didn't realize that their parents also relied on fish for food.

"I'm sure we lived paycheck to paycheck," Lowe said. "We never realized we were poor. Daddy kept our freezer full. There was an abundance of them, and they were free."

### 'It was a gift'

While Jerry did a good amount of fishing, his children said he always put them first. He was a Little League coach and umpire, a Scoutmaster and a Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church in Knox City. He never missed

a sporting event or school activity, they said.

Susie Ray recalled the time when all the children were in a basketball tournament.

"He saw 21 basketball games in one weekend," Susie Ray said.

He made sure they took family vacations, every year.

"It might be camping on the river, but we went somewhere and we always fished," said son Don Ray of Katy, a senior director for Exterran, an oil field service company. "We didn't go on vacation without a fishing pole."

One by one, the Ray children grew up, went to college and started their own families.

Jerry eventually retired, and he and his wife filled their days with friends, bowling, cards and dominoes.

And, of course, Jerry fished whenever he could.

He was at his best when fishing for crappie, hauling them in on jigs he made himself.

"It was something you couldn't teach. You just had to have it," Lowe said. "It was a gift."

### The boat

Many years ago, no one seemed to know exactly when, Jerry and Samuel were fishing on a private lake when the lake

owner offered to give them a white aluminum boat that was sitting on the shore.

Samuel said he and Jerry painted it, patched it up and put a tiny motor on it.

"We had that thing for years," Samuel said. "If it started leaking, we would fix it up with tar and go again."

One time, Samuel said, they were fishing in it when a mouse came out from under Jerry's seat.

"I thought Jerry was going to go over the side. He didn't want that mouse up his britches," Samuel said, laughing.

Their time on the water together became less and less.

Two years ago, Jerry was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and for a year, he was really in poor condition. But family members said he rallied.

"For one solid year, he had a perfect year," said son Cliff Ray, a dentist in nearby Haskell. "He worked in the garden and went fishing. It was absolutely unbelievable."

Several weeks ago, though, Jerry took a turn for the worse and was hospitalized in Abilene. He stopped recognizing his family and was hard to understand.

One night, Don Ray said, he was alone with his dad in the hospital room when Jerry suddenly woke up.

"For two solid hours, we talked about every single one of his kids, their spouses and every one of his grandkids," Don Ray said. "It was very clear. It was slow, and it was very deliberate. And at the end of the conversation, he said, 'We had fun, didn't we?'"

That was the last good

conversation Jerry had. He died days later.

### A unique procession

After he passed, there was never any question that Jerry's son Doug Ray, a funeral director in Rotan, would handle the arrangements.

He suggested they carry his father to his burial in the old boat.

"We like to personalize funerals, and he was my dad," he said. "... He was just a good guy from West Texas."

Jerry was buried Monday in the Midway Cemetery in the Jones County community of Hodges, which is near Truby, where Jerry was raised. About two miles before the funeral procession arrived at the cemetery, Jerry's casket was taken out of the hearse and placed in the old boat.

The boat was then pulled by Jerry's fishing pickup into the cemetery, drawing looks of surprise—and smiles—from his friends.

Jerry would have been thrilled, family members said.

"He would have loved every second of it, absolutely," Cliff Ray said. "He loved to make people laugh. That was Dad."

As the family gathered around the grave, the song Riverbank, by country singer Jeff Bates, began to play—a fitting tribute to a good man who loved to fish.

*I wish this was a riverbank*

*Instead of a graveyard*


*I wish we were sittin' and fishin'*

*And this wouldn't be so hard.*

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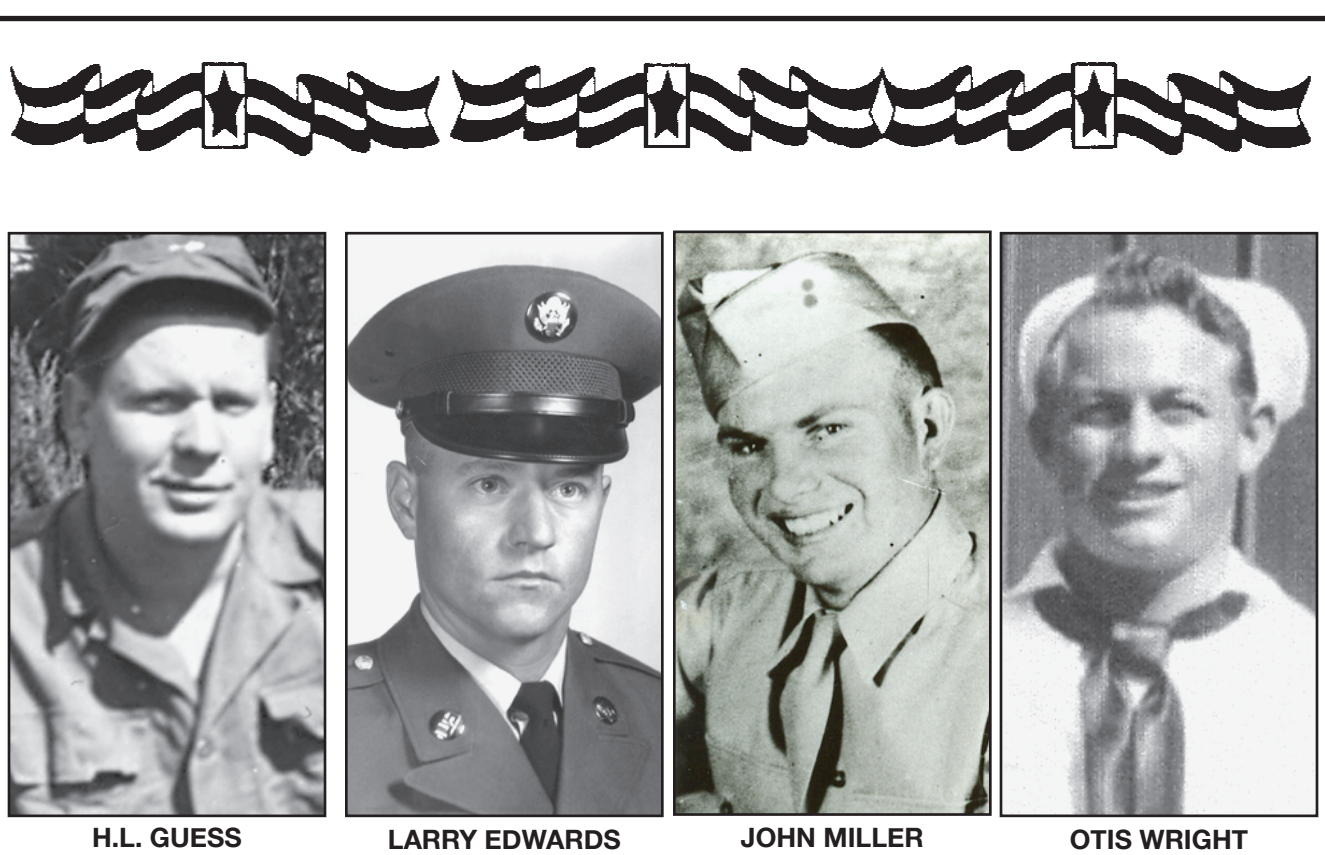
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# MEMORIAL DAY

# Eight foreign exchange students will be heading home



**EXCHANGE STUDENTS**—Five exchange students spending this school year in Haskell are, l-r, Amanda Kong, Rocio Reyes, Kitty Chung, Fabio Meier and Lasse Windeck.

by **Caron Yates**  
In just a few short weeks, the eight foreign exchange students who have made Haskell County their home for the past eleven months, will be boarding planes and heading back to their home countries, families and friends.  
Amanda Kong of Hong Kong and Lasse Windeck

of Germany have stayed in the home of William and Katie Wyrick, while Kitty Chung, also of Hong Kong, was hosted by Steve and Phoi McGuire. Rocio Reyes from Spain has spent her school year here with Adam and Paula Garcia. Fabio Meier of Switzerland has lived with Joe and Caron Yates. These

students attended Haskell High School. Attending school at Paint Creek has been Sina Lasere of Germany, living with Janet Jeffcoat and Jens Schoemaker of The Netherlands, who has made his home with Ty and Martye Williams. Nils Weigeldt lived with Paul and Nicole Shelton and attended Rule High



**SINA LASERE**

School.

For most, it has been an exciting and positive adventure. It is probably true the rest of the world sees New York City or L.A. as being "America." Haskell County is far removed from the glamorous life of the large cities. According to these students however, we do have some things to offer that are not found in the city. The number one thing mentioned by the exchange students is the friendly hospitality they have received during their stay. Special friendships have been made with classmates, teachers and host families.



**JENS SCHOEMAKER**

Life around here seems to be more "laid back" than some of the students were used to. Among the comments were that families here seem to spend a lot of time together. One student went from being an only child, to living in a family of seven. Another said she has more freedom with her host family than at home. They all seem to agree that while life with their host families has been different than life with their own families, it has been good.

When asked about the difficulties of adjusting to American life, the responses included "too far between towns," "no public transportation," "no malls close by" and "the food."

Being introduced to new foods has certainly been an experience. Mexican food, all you can eat pizza bars and free refills on soda are among the highlights.

Small town holiday celebrations were also very different for many of the students. Christmas lights all over the house and in the yard, Thanksgiving dinner and Halloween are either not celebrated, or at least not in the same way, in their home countries.

New "Texas experiences" reported include organized sports as a part of school (and the really long travel time associated with them), stock shows, UIL, shooting rattlesnakes, driving, country living and learning the many Texas slang words, such as ya'll and fixin' to. Another shocking experience was discovering "taxes" on almost anything you purchase.

On the subject of schools, all students indicated that U.S. schools seemed easier



**NILS WEIGELDT**

than their home schools. Moving to a different class in a different room every forty-five minutes was a new experience for most. Students related that in their schools, they do not have the same classes every day, but instead have longer class periods with subjects changing from day to day. They also noted the big difference in the teacher to student relationships. Here the atmosphere is less strict and much friendlier.

When giving advice to a friend who might be considering coming to the U.S. as an exchange student, responses were "do it." Several of the exchange students felt this experience has helped them to grow and mature, as well as become more independent.

Although there have been bouts of homesickness, students have kept in touch with their families through weekly phone calls and email. Several have also had opportunities to visit cities such as Orlando, Dallas, San Antonio, San Francisco, Boston and New York City.

It would, of course, take someone with a very adventurous spirit to board a plane all alone, travel far from home to an unfamiliar country and live and attend school with people you had never met. These students have not only proven adventurous, but have embraced our "Texas" ways with an outgoing, hardworking, good-natured enthusiasm.

It is hoped that as they return home to continue their high school years, they will board the plane with good memories, new lasting friendships, and a better understanding of America.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### They gave their lives to preserve your freedom

We are inclined to take for granted the many forms of freedom which we enjoy in this country, perhaps because we have never been forced to live without them; and yet we must remind ourselves of the sacrifices that have been made in order to preserve them for us, by those who were called upon to give their lives in battle. Not

only on Memorial Day but throughout the year we should honor those brave heroes, and give our thanks to God for this wonderful free nation we have because of them. And since the list of our freedoms includes the right to worship God as we choose, the church of your choice is the best place to express your gratitude.

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 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.  
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**Weinert Foursquare Church**  
 Rev. Robert Harrison  
 Sunday 11 a.m  
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 —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.  
 O'Brien

## Calendar

### VBS

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

### 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.

### 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.

### ECC dinner

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will host a fund-raising dinner Sun., May 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the center. The menu will be chicken and dressing, savory green beans, cranberries, candied yams, hot yeast rolls, peach/apricot cobbler and ice cream. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Children 13 and under will eat free.

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### Medical fund

A medical fund to benefit Felix Cassidy of Haskell has been established at Haskell National Bank.

### PC VBS

Paint Creek Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 1-5 for ages preschool and completed sixth grade, and Teens May 31-June 4 beginning at 7 p.m. with outback guide Steve Russell. Registration and reception will be held Mon., May 25 at 7 p.m. Family night and program will be Fri., June 5 at 7 p.m. For information call 940-864-3318.

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### Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE: Sat., May 23. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 401 N. Ave. H East. New items added. 1974 Ford pickup, Marx train set, Haskell collectibles and more. Final sale. Held rain or shine. 21p

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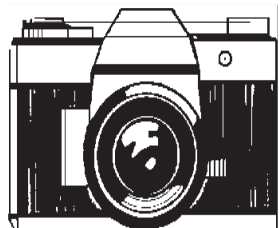
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Haskell Police Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bids can be mailed in starting Wed., May 20, 2009. Deadline is 12 noon on Fri., June 5, 2009. Vehicle can be viewed at Haskell Police Department at 200 North Avenue E in Haskell.

For more information contact Chief of Police Steven Grand at 940-864-2323.

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**JONATHAN MARTINEZ**  
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1st place  
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**TYLER RODRIGUEZ**  
800 meter relay  
3rd place  
Wins Medal



**HANNA WALLACE**  
100 meter hurdles  
3rd place  
Wins Medal



**TYLER RODRIGUEZ**  
800 meter run  
2nd place  
State Qualifier

Photos by Bill Blankenship



**WINS THIRD**—The Maidens 1600 meter relay took third place at the Regional track meet Saturday. Team members are, l-r, Hope Reid, Cheslee Hearn, Hanna Wallace and Aubrey Bassett. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Athletes compete at Regional track meet

Results of Haskell County athletes competing at the regional track meet held in Abilene Saturday include:

Boys team standings: 5. Haskell, 46 points.

Shot put: 5. Marty Hall, Rule, 47-9.

800: 2. Tyler Rodriguez, Haskell, 2:01.97, state qualifier.

800 relay: 3. Haskell, Jonathan Martinez, Steven Fillmon, Austin Marshall, Rodriguez, 1:32.33.

300 hurdles: 1. Martinez, Haskell, 40.54, state qualifier.

1600 relay: 2. Haskell, Marshall, Martinez, Rodriguez, Fillmon, 3:27.83, state qualifier.

Girls team standings: 9. Haskell, 25 points.

800: 6. Cheslee Hearn, Haskell, 2:36.04.

100 hurdles: 3. Haskell, Hanna Wallace, 15.98.

100: 5. Haskell, Claire Carmichael, 13.15.

200: 4. Haskell, Carmichael, 26.95.

1600 relay: 3. Haskell, Aubrey Bassett, Hope Reid, Wallace, Hearn, 4:11.69.

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