

## Happy Mother's Day

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### Softball

**HASKELL**  
Maidens vs Junction  
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Game One  
Thurs., May 6, 7 p.m.  
at ACU in Abilene  
Game Two/Three  
Sat., May 8, 2 p.m.  
at Llano

### Baseball

**HASKELL**  
Indians vs Electra  
Fri., May 7 at 7 p.m.  
Sat., May 8 at 12 noon  
in Jacksboro

### Calendar

#### Prayer meeting

Paint Creek Baptist Church members will meet for prayer Thurs., May 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited. For information, contact Beverly at 940-864-3318.

#### Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., May 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room for the end of year salad supper where officers will be installed. Each member is encouraged to bring their recent art works for a time of show and tell as well as critiquing. All guests are welcome.

#### Food drive

The Letter Carrier Food Drive will be Sat., May 8. Put your non-perishable food items in a plastic bag or paper sack by your mailbox. Your carrier will pick them up and donate them to a local food bank. May 8 is the day your carrier will carry more than mail.

#### Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 27 edition. Space is limited to the first sixteen pictures received. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office. Call 864-2686 for details.

#### All Sports banquet

The Haskell All Sports Banquet will be held Mon., May 10 at the Haskell Civic Center. The meal will begin at 6 p.m. with the awards following at 7 p.m. All high school athletes will be recognized. Tickets may be purchased for \$9 each from any member of the Freshman class or at the high school, junior high, elementary or administration offices. Take out plates for pick-up or delivery will be available.

#### Krispy Kreme donuts

In preparation for its Oct. 9, 2010 homecoming celebration, the Rochester Homecoming Association will sell Krispy Kreme Donuts Saturday morning, May 8 at the Rochester City Hall and on the square in Haskell. For more information or to pre-order, call Susan Turner 742-3347 or Terri Klose 864-3801.

#### Wheat field day

The Haskell County Texas AgriLIFE will host a wheat plot field day at the Kenneth Baker farm north of Brushy Creek Cemetery May 11 at 2 p.m. For more information, call Wes Utley at the Extension office at 940-864-2658.

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## Haskell FFA teams do well at state contests

Members of the Haskell FFA Dairy Products, Range, and Poultry judging teams

competed at their respective state contests last week. The Dairy Products team

of Ashley Meier, Arabella Garcia, Leslie Crosson, Dawn Skinner and Denise

Hibbits competed at their state contest April 22 at Tarleton State University.

The Dairy Products placed first as a team. Meier tied for first high individual, Garcia tied for third and Crosson finished eighth. The Dairy products team qualified and will be competing at the National Dairy Products contest that will be held at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis next October.

The Range team consisting of Tyler Reese, Miranda Johnson, Cheslee Hearn, Marissa McGhee and Madison Mayfield finished fifth in the State Range contest and also qualified for the National Range contest in Oklahoma City on May 6. Hearn finished eighth high individual.

The Poultry team competed at the state poultry contest at Texas A&M university April 24 and finished their year by placing 16th at the contest. The poultry team consists of Ross Wittenborn, Veronica Benton, Lonnie Alvarez, Krista McLemore and Ashley Adams.



**FFA DAIRY PRODUCTS AND RANGE TEAMS—The Haskell FFA Dairy Products and Range teams competed at state contests recently. Team members competing include, l-r, Cheslee Hearn, Ashley Meier, Miranda Johnson, Tyler Reese, Dawn Skinner, Denise Hibbits, Marissa McGhee, Leslie Crosson, Arabella Garcia and Madison Mayfield.**

## HHS students participate at academic UIL meet

Haskell High School students who participated in the regional UIL academic meet recently and their results include:

Current Issues & Events: Angelica Gonzales, second place, State Qualifier.

Prose Interpretation: Brady Leach, fourth place,

State Alternate.

Number Sense: Garrett Brueggeman, sixth place.

Calculator Applications: Garrett Brueggeman and

Codi Foster, tied for third place, State Qualifiers; First place team, State Qualifiers, Brueggeman, Foster, Shambrie Rodriguez, and Maci Colley.

News Writing: Dawn Skinner, first place, State Qualifier.

Headline Writing: Leslie Crosson, first place, State Qualifier; A.J. Benton, third place, State Qualifier.

The second place

Journalism team received points accumulated by Skinner, Crosson and Benton.

Mathematics: Garrett Brueggeman, second place, State Qualifier; Second place Team, Brueggeman, Foster, Aubrey Bassett and Madison Mayfield.

Kendra Bevel is the UIL Academic Coordinator and Math Department Head at Haskell High School.

## Trustee election set Sat.

by Caron Yates

It's time to cast your votes, that is for those registered voters who live in the Haskell CISD single

member districts 1 and 6.

The Haskell school board election is the only opposed race in the county. Hoping to fill the single member district

## Haskell County losses eligible for farm loans

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by drought, above normal temperatures and associated wildfires on Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 2009 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, Brand Cude said recently.

Stonewall and Haskell County are two of 104 contiguous disaster counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses resulting from the drought, above normal temperatures, and associated Wildfires that occurred during the period of Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 2009.

Cude said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Cude said. Farmers

participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Dec. 14, 2010 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Cude said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Haskell is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Trustee election set Sat.

1 place are Felix Rodriguez and Joel Torres III. Facing off for the single member district 6 position will be Joey Kimbrough and Tyke Meinzer.

Voting will take place on Sat., May 8 at City Hall between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

You must live in single member districts 1 or 6 to be eligible to vote in this election. Information as to your school voting district can be found on your individual voter registration card. Additional information for voters and their corresponding single member district is available at the school administration office.

Voters are reminded to bring their voter registration card or some other type of photo identification with them when they come to vote.

## Paint Creek Pre-K, K to register May 11

Paint Creek ISD will hold registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten students for the 2010-11 school year Tues., May 11. Pre-K students currently enrolled at Paint Creek need not enroll until fall registration. Please come by the school office between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. to complete needed paperwork.

To attend Kindergarten a child must be 5 years old on

or before Sept. 1, 2010. To attend Pre-K a child must be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2010. Parents should bring their driver's license, and their child's immunization record, birth certificate, and social security card to registration.

If you cannot attend registration, but have a Pre-K or Kindergarten student, call the school at 940-864-2868 and make arrangements to come at another time.



**FFA POULTRY TEAM—The Haskell FFA Poultry team placed sixteenth at the state poultry contest. Team members are, l-r, Ashley Adams, Krista McLemore, Veronica Benton, Lonnie Alvarez and Ross Wittenborn.**

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# Obituaries

## Gwendolyn Sue Strickland Byrd Patterson



**SUE PATTERSON**

Funeral services for Gwendolyn Sue Strickland Byrd Patterson, 73, of Haskell were held Sun., May 2 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-

McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Patterson passed away Wed., April 28.

Born Jan. 12, 1937 in Brownfield, she was the daughter of the late Wilton and Gladys Thomason. She married Nathan Patterson May 20, 1978 in Hamlin. He preceded her in death Sept. 19, 2008. She retired after 40 years, owning and operating Sue's Flowers. She was an entrepreneur, a talented artist, floral designer, photographer, caterer, specialized in weddings and took great pride in helping her customers and bereaved families. She was a member of the Nazarene Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, James W.

Strickland and her husband, Nathan Patterson.

Survivors include two sons, Jim Strickland and wife Pamela of Haskell and Terry Strickland and wife Jacqui of Waco; a step son, Dale Patterson of Abilene; a step daughter, Cara Dawn Ham of Stamford; three sisters, Virginia Wanell Corley of Eustace, Sharon Huber of Denver City and Camay Jennings of Greer, South Carolina; grandchildren, James H. Strickland, Christie Trevino and Alexandria Strickland; great grandchildren, Alexis Trevino and Eric Salazar; and step grandchildren, Tanna Burfield of Stamford and Amanda Ham of Abilene; and four step great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

## Doris Estebelle Turnbow

Graveside services for Doris Estebelle Turnbow of Lafayette, Louisiana, formerly of Haskell, were held Sun., May 2 at Willow Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of

Haskell. Mrs. Turnbow passed away Thurs., April 29 in Lafayette, Louisiana.

A formal obituary will be posted at a later date.

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## Billy 'Haney' Hardin



**BILLY HARDIN**

Celebration of life services for Billy 'Haney' Hardin, 68, of Haskell were held Fri., April 30 at First Baptist Church in Seymour with A.B. Martin and Steve Young officiating. Burial was in Vera Cemetery under the direction of Archer Funeral Home of Seymour.

Mr. Hardin passed away Tues., April 27 at Haskell Memorial Hospital in Haskell.

Born Nov. 14, 1941 in Seymour, he was the son of T.W. and Doris Lucille McGuire Hardin. He was

a long time resident of the Seymour and Haskell area. He was a graduate of Vera High School and a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves. He owned the Swap Shop in Seymour for many years, where he earned the nickname 'Haney' due to his love for antiques and bargain hunting. He and Joan Frazier of Haskell owned and operated 'B & J's Stuff' for the past several years. He was famous for his huge garage sales. He worked at the Seymour school for 34 years. He was a bus driver and worked as an assistant girl's high school basketball coach for 16 years. He played and coached adult softball and played on adult volleyball teams for years. He was a former member of the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department and was a member of First Baptist Church of Seymour.

He loved to inspire and motivate kids and kids loved him. He will be deeply missed by his family and all

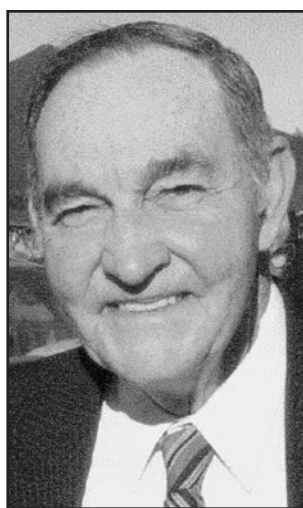
who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and niece, Cindy Hardin.

Survivors include Joan Frazier and her father Woody Frazier, both of Haskell; three children, Amanda Tekell and husband, Ronny of Bullard, Brandy Huckabee and husband, Randy of Haskell, and J.L. Strickland of Corpus Christi; two brothers, Ray Lynn Hardin and wife, Joyce of Munday and Keith Hardin and wife, Jackie of Georgetown, Kentucky; six grandchildren, Emily and Justin Tekell, Rachelle Eldridge and husband, Kevin, Laken and Madison Strickland, and Koby Huckabee; great granddaughter, Harley Eldridge; two nephews, Craig and Mark Hardin; one niece, Lisa Cypert and husband, Gary; and numerous cousins, great nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Friends of the Haskell County Library or the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

## Charles Blair



**CHARLES BLAIR**

Funeral services for Charles Blair, 76, of Haskell were held Fri., April 30 at Trinity Baptist Church in

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

Mr. Blair passed away Tues., April 27.

Born Oct. 10, 1933, he was the son of the late Author Lincoln and Alma Rueffer Blair. He married Gean Briscoe March 7, 1951 in Haskell. He was a member and deacon of Trinity Baptist Church since 1964. He was a partner in A.L. Blair and Sons Soil Conservation.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Nick Charles; grandson, Iscum Muhle; brothers, Waid Blair,

Kenneth Blair, Olton Blair and Wilbert Blair; sisters, Wilma Minnis and Olita Blair; half brothers, Wilmer 'Bud' Blair and Wilner 'Jack' Blair.

Survivors include his loving wife, Gean Blair of Haskell; a son, Nathan Blair of Haskell; daughters, Cynthia Muhle of Rochester, Vickie Hawkins of Haskell, Tammy Blair of Haskell and Michelle Pannell of Throckmorton; 14 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and sisters, Shirley Freeman of Aspermont, Joyce Russ of Fort Worth and Erlene Dugan of Odessa.

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## Aubrey Jessie Collier



**A.J. Collier**

Funeral services for Aubrey Jessie Collier, 87, of Childress were held Sat., May 1 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Philip Skelton of Mission Dorado Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home of Odessa.

Mr. Collier went to his heavenly home Tues., April 27.

Born Dec. 7, 1922 in Matador, he was the son of Charlie Collier and Myrtle Teague Collier. He lived a full life. He spent his childhood in Rochester. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air

Force to serve his country which was in the midst of World War II. While in the Air Force, he married his sweetheart from Knox City, Lois Janice Dodd. They were married 53 years until her death in 1997. They had three children, Patricia Janice, Kathryn Janet and Danny Jessie Collier. The family moved to Odessa in 1955 and started the family business, Collier Rug Cleaning, which is still operating 55 years later, being run by his son, Danny Collier. He married Leta Weaver in 1999, moving to Childress a couple of years ago.

He was a devoted Christian and loved the Lord. Going to church was important to him. He was a dedicated golfer. He not only loved the game but was very good at it, winning several golf tournaments. He also played softball in his earlier years, winning in the World Fast Pitch Softball Tournament. He was an all state football player in high school. He jokingly would say give him any kind of ball and he could play it.

He was preceded in death by his parents,

Charlie and Myrtle Collier of Rochester; wife, Lois J. Collier of Odessa; daughter, Patricia Collier Robinson of Odessa; brothers, Val Collier of Midland, Eugene Collier of Rochester; Morgan Collier of Rochester; and sister, Charlene Mitchell of Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Leta Collier of Childress; his two children, Kathy and husband Bill Bowden and son Danny Collier of Odessa; sister, Loretta Marrow of The Woodlands; seven grandchildren, Lori Cawley and husband Grant of Odessa, Julie King and husband Doug of McKinney, Eddie Joe Renbarger of Addison, Susan Proctor and husband Mark of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Lisa Salada and husband Matt of Navarre, Florida, Patrick Chambers and wife Sarah of Corinth, Kristy Bowden and husband Koley of Boston, Massachusetts; 13 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and their children; five stepsons, their wives and children.

Memorials may be made to Gideon's International, P.O. Box 11227, Odessa, Texas 79760. PD. NOTICE

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- The test is:
- Walk: Is the person's balance off kilter?
  - Talk: Has speech become slurred, or is the person's face drooping on one side?
  - Reach: Is one side of the body weak or numb?
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**ATTEND CONFERENCE**—Haskell TEEA club members attending the Texas Education Extension District 3 Spring Conference in Seymour recently were, front row, l-r, Mary Jennings, Flossie Bates and Jerri Burke; back row, Jane Rowan, Geraldine Baker, Kathryn Schonerstedt, Sue McGee, Lena Tidwell and Pat Jenkins.

## TEEA Club attends spring conference

The Haskell TEEA club attended the Texas Education Extension District 3 Spring Conference in Seymour April 28. Over 100 women from the area were in attendance.

Speakers for the day were Carrie West of Edward Jones who explained "Finances for Women." Ramalle Farrar spoke on "Fence Posts," challenging the group to

use acceptance, adaptation and appreciation in their communities.

Tim Orsak spoke on "Genealogy," giving the fundamentals to start a genealogical search and listed many web sites to use.

Over 20 categories were displayed in the Cultural Arts Event. Mary Jennings

of Haskell received a first place award for her quilt which will advance to the state contest.

Next year's spring meeting will be hosted by Wilbarger and Childress counties. The state conference will be held in Wichita Falls in September 2010.

Before adjourning, door prizes were awarded.

## Cancer Support Group to meet Tues., May 11

Haskell Area Cancer Support Group held a very successful bake sale on May 1.

On May 11, the monthly meeting will be held at the Haskell National Bank Community Room at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and a fish fry will be the meal. Rev. Flint of the Wildfire Global Church has caught and donated all

the fish to us for this meeting. We are here for all, the cancer patient, family and friends.

Hospice has brought a lot of information to be shared. Hospice is not all about the end, it's about life today. It is so very important to understand all phases of cancer—the caregiver, spouse, patient and family all have a process.

Let us help you and in return help us and come join us at the meeting. We all need each other in this fight. Let's not forget our word for the group—"Normal." We understand the feelings all go through with this fight.

For more information, call Kim Hutto, 940-864-5964.

## Fruiting plants need drainage

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

For productive, long-lived fruiting plants, a well-drained soil is needed. Unfortunately, the average homeowner only has a small plot, and must work with what he or she has.

In deciding whether or not fruiting plants are adaptable to an area, some general observations are useful:

- Does water stand for long periods of time?
- What is the area's native vegetation?
- Are there many yellow (iron deficient) plants around?

If a yard has an area where water stands for long periods after rains, or the soil stays wet for a prolonged time, avoid these areas and soils for fruit, because most fruiting plants do not tolerate wet roots. Standing water or wet soil actually causes root death from lack of oxygen.

A quick check for suitable water drainage is

to dig a hole 30 inches deep, and fill it with water. If the water is gone within 24 hours, drainage is usually acceptable. Any soil that does not drain within 48 hours is considered unacceptable for most fruiting plants. If the soil is so poor that it is not acceptable for the plants you wish to grow, raised beds can be used with limited success. Remember that plants, especially trees, will not live as long planted in this manner, as they would if planted in a good soil at ground level.

Raised beds for fruit trees such as peaches should be at least 8 feet square and 12 inches deep.

Do not use highly organic soils to make beds, as the trees may grow later in the year and be more subject to freeze injury. Construct raised beds with a frame or railroad ties or edging timbers, or simply mound the soil, and plant atop the mound.

## Merchant receives honor



**JEAN MERCHANT**

A Hermann Sons fraternal insurance agent representing the Haskell County area is among the 34 agents who have qualified for recognition based on their performance in 2009.

Grand Vice President-Marketing Buddy Preuss, FIC, Order of the Sons of Hermann in the State of Texas has announced that Jean Merchant has qualified for the Grand President's Club, one of three clubs for which agents may qualify based on premium income generated and applications written during a calendar year.

The agents were recognized April 17 during the 19th annual Agents' Awards Banquet held in Austin.

First-time Grand President's Club qualifiers receive a plaque, blazer and cash bonus. Those who qualify more than one year receive cash awards based on the amount of premium income generated. A total of 13 agents qualified for the Grand President's Club.

Merchant lives at the Hermann Sons Retirement Home in Comfort. This is the second time she has qualified

for the Grand President's Club.

Hermann Sons is a fraternal insurance society. It offers its members a variety of life insurance plans, annuity and IRA products plus other services.

The more than 73,000 members belong to one of 138 local lodges across Texas and have access to a wide range of fraternal

benefits. The Grand Lodge, which was formed in 1890, is located in San Antonio. The Order operates 33 tuition-free dance schools and two youth camps for its junior members and a retirement home.

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## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

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### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

#### Governor: Texas cannot commit to funding high-risk health care pool

AUSTIN—The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act, signed into law by President Obama on March 23, requires states to establish within 90 days “high risk pools” for people with a preexisting medical condition who have been uninsured for at least 6 months when they apply.

The pools would allow enrollees to pay standard market premium rates with their coverage not subject to any preexisting condition exclusion.

But on April 30, Gov. Rick Perry sent a letter to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius notifying her that the state of Texas cannot commit to operating “a new temporary high-risk pool program due to the lack of program rules or reliable federal funding.”

“I do not believe the aggressive implementation and the lack of assurances on financial solvency of the program are in the best interest of Texas taxpayers, families, patients or health care providers,” Perry wrote.

The governor expressed concern over the absence of key contract terms and passage of federal rules and covenants to ensure financial solvency so that taxpayers and state revenue systems are held harmless.

#### Texans working on big oil spill

Crews from the Texas General Land Office Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program deployed with 1,000 feet of fire boom to help corral and burn the oil slick spreading from the damaged Deepwater Horizon oil rig off the coast of Louisiana.

A damaged wellhead on the ocean floor more than a mile beneath the surface is discharging an estimated 5,000 barrels of oil each day.

The spill threatens human health, wildlife and commerce along the Gulf coast. BP Plc, manager of the leaking oil facility, said it would pay clean-up costs.

#### State defends ‘under God’ in pledge

Texas Solicitor General James Ho on April 27 defended the constitutionality of the Texas Pledge of Allegiance before the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The pledge, as amended in 2007, reads: “Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”

After the Texas Legislature added the words “under God” to the Texas Pledge in 2007, a Dallas couple filed a lawsuit

arguing that the amended pledge violated the First Amendment’s Establishment Clause. At trial, the Office of the Attorney General successfully argued that patriotic acknowledgments of the Almighty are consistent with the U.S. Constitution. The federal district court agreed, ruling that the revised state pledge is constitutional.

After the federal district judge issued its decision rejecting the plaintiffs’ challenge in 2009, the plaintiffs appealed the adverse ruling to the Fifth Circuit.

“As the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly acknowledged, reciting the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance is an appropriate and constitutional way to begin each school day on the right note,” Solicitor General Ho said. “The Texas Pledge of Allegiance serves precisely the same function—to give students an opportunity to engage in a patriotic acknowledgement of the religious heritage of our state and our nation.”

#### Behind-wheel training increases

The Texas Department of Public Safety on April 28 said beginning May 1 anyone enrolling in a driver education course will be required to complete an additional 20 hours of behind the wheel instruction, including 10 hours of night-time instruction.

The training is in addition to the 32 hours of classroom training, seven hours of behind-the-wheel training and seven hours of in-car observation/practice that already are required.

#### ‘CHL’ application goes online

Concealed handgun permit applicants can now complete the application form and schedule their digital fingerprint appointments online at the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us.

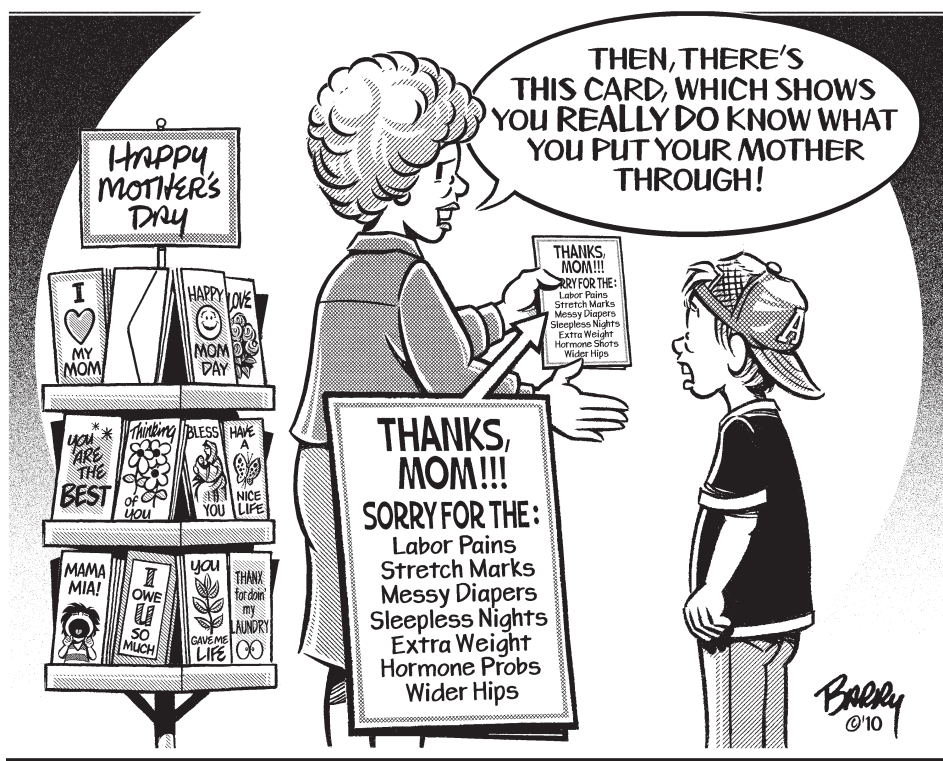
The online application process debuted May 1. Supplemental materials such as citizenship documents and criminal history are still required to be mailed in.

#### Parks to launch new software

The state park system of Texas soon will launch its new business software system.

A benefit for park customers is that people making online camping reservations will no longer pay the extra \$3 fee that has been charged for booking via the Web, Texas Parks and Wildlife said April 23.

The new system, TxParks, will go live on May 12 at all 93 state park locations and the agency’s Customer Service Center for centralized reservations, located in Austin.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago May 4, 2000

Cassie Lamb, a freshman at Paint Creek High School, has been crowned as Wild Horse Prairie Days’ Queen.

Qualifying for state track competition are Stephanie Hodge, first in the 100 and 200; Casey Riley, first in the triple jump; Tyrone Billington, second in the 200; Haskell boys, first in 1600 relay; Rule boys, first in 1600 relay; Grant Hisey, second in 3200.

Henry and Pansy Harris of Haskell, were honored with a family dinner at the Branding Iron, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

#### 20 Years Ago May 3, 1990

Patrick Perez of Haskell, was honored at the Western Texas College Awards Day, when he was named Outstanding Criminal Justice Student.

Coach Randy Stone accepted an award on behalf of the Indians’ basketball team, for having the best free-throw percentage of all 2A schools in Texas. They were second best in 3 point shooting.

Rule High School science teacher R.W. Callan and junior student Rusty White, have been chosen to attend the 30th Annual Energy Science Symposium at the University of Texas in Austin.

#### 30 Years Ago May 1, 1980

Alexia (Mayfield)

Rimmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Mayfield of Weinert, has been selected to sing the National Anthem at the World Championship Tennis Finals in Dallas.

Sharon Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gray, and one of the riders of the HSU six white horses, participated in a four hour long parade in San Antonio.

Elementary students participating in the UIL Oral Reading contest were Rebecca Holt, Diana Jarred, B.J. Mitchell and Scott Burris. They were coached by Mrs. Speer and Mrs. Newton.

#### 40 Years Ago April 30, 1970

Qualifying for the state UIL meet in Austin are Weinert High School students Lorenia Caddell in Prose Reading and Debbie Campbell in Poetry Interpretation.

Charles Thornhill, State Director of Jaycees, and past president of the Haskell Jaycees organization, spoke to the members of the Lions Club on the topic of “Free Enterprise System of America.”

Beverly Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Owens of Haskell, has been chosen as Sweetheart of Tau Kappa Epsilon Social Fraternity at Midwestern State University.

Glenn R. Storey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Storey of Haskell, received the silver wings of an Army aviator

and was appointed a warrant officer upon graduation from Army Aviation School.

#### 50 Years Ago May 5, 1960

J.B. Gipson of Bill Wilson Motor Company, announced that Mrs. George Turner was the winner of the Plymouth given away during the “Big End of Month Sale.”

Newly elected officers for the Rochester Chapter of Future Homemakers are Sue Cox, president; Beth Simmons, first vice-president; Sammie Williams, second vice-president; Julia Penman, third vice-president; Sydna Alvis, fourth vice-president; Carolyn Bean, secretary; and Rita McQuarter, treasurer.

R.A. Mathison of Weinert, has earned a Grade C certificate of competency from the Texas State Department of Health for water plant operation.

#### 100 Years Ago April 30, 1910

Mr. Archer has purchased a telescope that will magnify the moon 12,000 diameters. You can recognize a man 25 miles away.

J.R. Jeter and son W.J. Jeter of the west side, sold 15 bales of cotton this week to S.L. Robertson of this city at 13.50 cents.

Five new brick buildings are now under construction at Sagerton, while a new brick bank building and a magnificent school building have recently been completed.

## Census workers to begin door-to-door visits to follow up with households

About 635,000 2010 Census takers across the nation have begun going door to door to follow up with households that either didn’t mail back their form or didn’t receive one. An estimated 48 million addresses will be visited through July 10.

“America’s had a very successful first half of the 2010 Census, where more than 72 percent of the nation’s households mailed back their census forms,” U.S. Census Bureau Director Robert M. Groves said. “But achieving a complete and accurate census requires us to now go door to door to count all the remaining households we’ve not heard back from.”

If a 2010 Census worker knocks on your door, here are some ways to verify that person is a legitimate census taker:

- The census taker must present an ID badge that contains a Department of Commerce watermark and expiration date. The census taker may also be carrying a black canvass bag with a Census Bureau logo.
- The census taker will provide you with supervisor

contact information and/or the local census office phone number for verification, if asked.

•The census taker will only ask you the questions that appear on the 2010 Census form.

The 2010 Census taker will not ask for social security number, bank account number or credit card number and will never solicit for donations or contact you by e-mail.

In most cases, census workers will make up to six attempts at each housing unit address to count possible residents. This includes leaving notifications of the attempted visit at the house or apartment door, in addition to trying to reach the household by phone to conduct the interview or schedule an in-person interview.

“If a census taker knocks on your door, please help by providing the basic information required for the census,” Groves said. “Your answers are strictly confidential. There are just 10 questions on the form and it should only take about 10

minutes to complete.”

Census takers will go to great lengths to ensure that no one is missed in the census. After exhausting their efforts to do an in-person interview with a resident of an occupied housing unit, they will seek out proxy sources—a neighbor, a rental agent, a building manager or some other knowledgeable person familiar with the housing unit—to obtain as much basic information about the occupants as they can.

Some households will receive a visit even though they may have mailed back their form. If the form arrived too late to be processed before nonresponse follow-up packets were sent to one of the 494 local census offices, the household occupants must still be interviewed when the census taker arrives. The Census Bureau is urging cooperation and patience with the census takers, as this is the best way to ensure that everyone is counted properly.

Households that didn’t receive a form by mail, including those that pick up

## NRCS sets open house

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will have an open house for the public at 9 a.m. June 8, at the James E. “Bud” Smith Plant Materials Center in Knox City, to showcase the latest conservation plant releases and plant technology, and celebrate NRCS’s 75th anniversary.

“Over the years, the development of plant materials has solved a multitude of nature resource problems,” said Gary Rea, NRCS plant materials center program manager at Knox City. “We have developed plants that grow in the toughest environments, providing conservation solutions that didn’t exist before.”

The open house will include presentations on the history of the center, wildlife habitat management, pesticide applicator rules and regulations, planning and preparing for wildfires, calibrating herbicide sprayers and grass drills, using conservation tillage implements, and landscaping with native plants.

There is no charge to attend the open house, and lunch will be provided. Those who wish to attend need to pre-register by May 14 by contacting Nancy Posvar at 254-742-9880 or by e-mail at nancy.posvar@tx.usda.gov.

Participants can sign in at the center between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. and the program will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. The plant materials center is located at 3950 FM 1292, Knox City.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations and/or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, Large print, audiotope, etc.) associated with this meeting should contact Rob Ziehr at 254-742-9888 at least two weeks prior to the meeting with his/her specific request.

For a complete agenda, visit the NRCS Texas Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/ or contact the plant materials center at 940-658-3922.

their mail from post office boxes, will be visited by census workers as part of the follow-up plan. The Census Bureau doesn’t mail forms to post office boxes because responses must be associated with a specific residence location, not the post office box location.

The part-time, temporary census workers are hired from the communities they serve to obtain the remaining census responses. Census workers are your neighbors; they are familiar with the neighborhood and are working to ensure that it is accurately and completely represented.

The Census Bureau has stringent systems in place to ensure that people can feel safe when they open their door to a census taker. All census takers undergo an FBI background check that includes both name and fingerprint checks. All have taken an oath for life to protect the information they collect and understand that they face stiff penalties, jail time or both for any disclosure of personally identifiable information.

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2010 HASKELL INDIANS-The Haskell Indians baseball team members include, front row, l-r, Sterling Bird, Garrett Miller, Tyrone Neskorik, Gabriel Torres, Austin Nanny, Christian Myers and James Williams; back row, Coach Tate Thompson, Ricky Barrett, Scottie Rodriguez, Simon Rodriguez, Ethan Frierson, Marco Gonzalez, Tyler Rodriguez, A.J. Benton and Coach Josh Damron.

## HASKELL MAIDENS



2010 HASKELL MAIDENS-The Haskell Maidens softball team members are, front row, l-r, Maci Colley, Codi Foster, Sara Weise, Brooke Bullinger, Jessica Rodriguez and Cailey Foster; back row, Alyssa Fraga, Paige Glover, Claire Carmichael, Harley James, Laycee Tullos, Jasmine Klose and Kelsie Adams.

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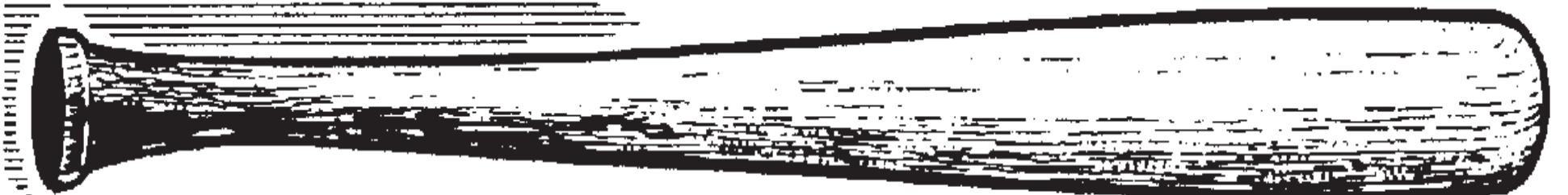
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# Harris to begin summer schedule



**KENISHA HARRIS**

Kenisha Harris will graduate May 28 and check in to the athletic dormitory at The University of Texas June 1. She will begin the summer session June 3 and is excited about moving on to her next step in her education and basketball.

Harris is scheduled to play

in the TABC All-Star game this June and the TGCA All-Star game in May. Both will depend upon scheduling and her commitments to the University of Texas. She is also nursing an injury developed during the second half of this past season. She hopes to participate in both as they both honored her with All-State selections her Junior and Senior years.

Harris will be working at the University of Texas summer basketball camps. She began attending the Jody Conrardt summer camps in the seventh grade and eighth grade. She went to Coach Goestenkers' camp this past summer. The entire coaching staff and most of the team will be working camps as well as some of the best high school coaches in the area.

## Overdraft protection rules to change

Texas community bankers are alerting customers of an important federal rule change that will prevent authorization of courtesy overdraft protection for ATM and everyday debit transactions unless positive action is taken by the accountholder.

Members of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) are conducting an informational campaign alerting customers that they must take affirmative action to continue to receive the coverage before the federal rule becomes effective Aug. 14.

Accountholders at banks with courtesy overdraft protection will receive a

# Literacy brings financial freedom

Financial Literacy—The ability to understand finance in order to make informed judgments and effective decisions about the use and management of money. (Source: Wikipedia).

The month of April has been designated Financial Literacy Month. There is no better time to sit down and re-evaluate your financial needs and your plan to meet your financial obligations.

While the majority of poor economic decisions and greed by financial firms on Wall Street and the large megabanks led to our recent economic downturn, we consumers also shoulder part of the blame as well for poor financial decisions involving credit debt and living beyond our means in homes we could not afford.

Up until the last few years, few schools incorporated financial literacy as a component of their classroom curriculum. If our students are to make wise financial decisions as adults, we must do a better job of educating them in the fundamental elements of financial education while they are young.

Today's consumer needs to be equipped with the knowledge to make important financial decisions, whether it be saving, investing, credit debt or owning a home. We all need to understand that our financial decisions are our responsibility, not the government's or anyone else. If we make foolish financial decisions, it affects not only our economic situation; it ultimately affects the overall economic stability of our nation, as witnessed by the recent home mortgage meltdown.

Financial literacy begins at home. Sit down with your children and explain the basics of savings and credit decisions. While they may be looking forward to that trip to Disney World, they may need to understand that the trip needs to be postponed because the

vacation money is needed for replacing the air conditioner, major repairs on the family car or putting on a new roof before the next downpour.

If you give your child an allowance, or if your teens earn their own money, encourage them to be financially responsible. You might consider raising their allowance significantly, but telling them that you expect them to pay their entertainment, cell phone, gasoline and clothing expenses. Making their own financial decisions accelerates the learning. The earlier children learn financial responsibility, the less chance future generations will have to worry about a recession or worse, a major financial depression.

More importantly, be a role model to your children. Children imitate the actions of their parents. If they see you making wise financial choices, they will too. If they see you charging everything to a credit card and putting nothing in savings, they will probably imitate that as well. Parents are often reluctant to bring their children into financial discussions for fear of

alarming the children or perhaps making them feel that you can't "keep up with the Joneses." It is far better to instill a sense of financial reality into your children's lives so that they will grow into financially responsible adults.

We all make mistakes, both in life and in our finances. If you find yourself in a financial predicament, you can find help by visiting your local non-profit consumer credit counseling agency. They can offer you advice and budget consultation for free. If you opt for a credit management and repair program, be careful of the fees. These types of programs are often scams and you'll find that they cannot do any more for you than if you were to call the creditor yourself.

To learn more about financial literacy, log on to [www.federalreserve.gov](http://www.federalreserve.gov), or [www.fdic.gov](http://www.fdic.gov), or visit with your local independent community banker.

The Independent Bankers Association of Texas Education Foundation also has financial literacy tools available for parents, students and teachers at [www.ibat.org/foundation](http://www.ibat.org/foundation).

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notice disclosing the fees and terms associated with their bank's courtesy overdraft program. Customers who fail to opt in will not receive courtesy overdraft protection for ATM and debit card transactions, but will otherwise receive the same account terms, conditions and features provided to consumers who do opt in. Customers can change their mind at any time and revoke their opt-in or choose to opt in later.

"The rule is very specific, mandating that a customer must opt in by phone, email, in person or by mail," IBAT President/CEO Christopher Williston said. "It will inhibit a bank from authorizing, paying or charging on most courtesy overdrafts unless the customer has consented to pay the fee and written confirmation has been sent by the bank by mail or electronically."

The only things not affected by the new rules will be courtesy overdraft protection for automatic bill payments, checks and other transactions using a customer's checking account number, and overdraft lines of credit or a checking account linked to a savings account.

"We hope that this informational campaign by our members across 700 Texas communities will result in a positive response from consumers and avoid any unexpected embarrassment for a debit card user being refused service because they forgot to opt in," Williston said.

## Weed control in turf

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

Aggressive competitors for sunlight, moisture, and nutrients and prolific multipliers even under adverse condition, seeds present a challenge for even the most experienced turf grass mangers. The color, texture and growth rate of weeds often contrast markedly to those of the turf grasses they may be associated with in a lawn or sports field. Consequently, weeds detract from the uniformity of a turf and add to its maintenance requirements.

The origins of weeds are as varied as those of our turf grasses. Most are introduced species from Asia and Europe that were inadvertently brought to this country. Many were unintentional stowaways in animal fodder or shop ballasts, or simply contaminants in seed or food supplies brought to this country.

In lawns and sports fields, weeds are often the result of poor quality turf, rather than the cause of poor turf. The aggressive nature of weeds and their prolific reproductive capacity enable them to invade thin, weak turf areas. Cultural practices should always be viewed as the first step to effective weed control. Always determine why weeds established a foothold and correct those deficiencies. If the basic problem is not corrected,

weeds will continue to occur. An effective weed-control program also requires identification of the undesirable species as to its classification as a grassy weed, a broadleaf weed, an annual, or a perennial. Most turf weeds belong to two principal categories—grasses and broadleaf plants. Chemical controls for these two categories of plants frequently differ.

Grassy weeds have jointed, hollow stems; leaf blades have veins parallel to leaf margins, and are several times longer than they are wide; roots are fibrous and multi-branching; and flowers are usually inconspicuous. In contrast, broad-leaved plants often have showy flowers; leaves have a network of veins at diverse angles to one another; stems are often pithy; and a taproot is usually present. Another group of turf weeds, sedges, have grasslike characteristics, but require a different group of chemicals for control. Sedges are characterized by three-sided stems (triangular cross-section) which bear leaves in three directions (in contrast to the two-ranked arrangement of grass leaves).

Weeds can be further grouped according to their life span—annual or perennial. From the standpoint of chemical control, the grouping is most important, because pre-emergent

herbicides are only effective for control of annual weeds. Annual weeds germinate from seed each year, mature in one growing season, and die in less than 12 months. Crabgrass and henbit are examples of annual weeds—crabgrass being a summer annual and henbit being a winter annual.

Pre-emergent herbicides must be applied according to the expected date of emergence for each target species.

Perennial weeds live more than one year, and recover or regrow from dormant stolons, rhizomes, or tubers as well as from seed. Control of perennial weeds requires a post-emergent herbicide during its season of active growth.

Effective chemical weed control requires identification of the weeds as to their classification (grass, broad leaf, sedge, etc.), life span (annual or perennial), and season of active growth (cool season or warm season). Effective chemical control also requires accurate timing of applications, proper rate of application, and uniformity of application. Always follow label directions for a product, and observe all warnings and precautions relative to safety of the application. Herbicide labels should be carefully reviewed for additional details on specific uses of each product, soil and sunny locations.

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# Rose Reve d'Or' is a fragrant favorite

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.  
Reve d'Or' is a useful climbing rose that has recently been endorsed as one of the Earth-Kind Roses. In spite of the French name it has its roots in Charleston, South Carolina. John Champneys was a rice planter who loved roses and crossed the southern favorite China rose, 'Old Blush' with the Musk Rose, a European rose popular during Shakespeare's time for its fragrance.

The first introduction in about 1811 was named after its breeder, 'Champneys Pink Cluster.' It was later sent by Philippe Noisette, a local florist, to his brother in France for further breeding where it was further crossed with various Tea roses that were known for their ease of growth, re-blooming characteristics and disease tolerance. A new class of Noisette Roses emerged and included such southern favorites as 'Marechal Niel' an intensely fragrant yellow climber that was grown in many southern gardens.

'Reve'd'Or' was first introduced in 1869 and

became popular for its lovely bright-yellow coloration, masses of flowers and outstanding fragrance. Impressive on fences, walls, trellises and arbors it is moderately vigorous, reaching 10-12' in several years. Many people enjoy the generous display of spring flowers followed by scattered bloom through summer and fall.

Although somewhat thorny, the canes are easily managed and trained to cover fences, arches or gazebos. Damaged or weak wood may be removed at any time. In midwinter some people weave the canes over about the arched iron structures so that the first display of flowers is neat and orderly. Later in the spring the spent flower cluster and shortened canes are removed encouraging another almost instant show of the fragrant blooms. Occasionally there is some blackspot but you can apply several cups of cotton seed or alfalfa meal in a circle a foot or so from the base.

A light pruning and another attempt to contain the stems by weaving them

over the structure in mid to late August sets up another strong floral display for fall. Watering occasionally during dry spells helps to sustain floral production even during the hottest times although the individual flower quality suffers until the cooler weather arrives.

This rose has been grown in Texas for about 125 years

and is a time tested part of our gardening heritage. Some freeze damage can occur in the Panhandle but cold hardiness is rarely a problem in the rest of the state. Create your own garden pictures with this uniquely colorful and fragrant heirloom rose and feel good about another environmentally sustainable plant to your landscape.

## NRCS celebrates 75 years of service

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) turned 75 April 27, 2010.

"For the past 75 years, the NRCS has led the nation in protecting our natural resources," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "We have followed the lead of the first chief of our agency, Hugh Hammond Bennett, who envisioned the agency's soil conservationists working one-on-one with producers on private lands and walking the land to develop a conservation plan with private landowners," he said.

In Texas, approximately 90 percent of the land is privately owned. Gohmert said that means that the quality of our Texas land, water, air and habitats are dependent on the stewardship decisions that thousands of private landowners make every day.

Although programs and technology have provided many changes in the way NRCS delivers its services, Gohmert said working with the private landowner and getting conservation on the ground remains NRCS's number one priority.

"That priority is reflected in our agency's mission—Helping People Help the Land," he said.

Conservation practices carried out by farmers, ranchers, and other landowners in Texas have improved the quality of life and built stronger rural communities in the state.

The state's natural resources have improved because of conservation practices such as crop rotations, terraces, waterways, windbreaks, wetland restoration, no-till farming, buffers, watershed dams, rangeland management, ponds, nutrient and pest management, to name a few.

"The 75 years of success of NRCS can be attributed to dedicated producers, agency employees, local soil and water conservation district supervisors and staff, and partners, all of whom worked together to accomplish the goal of protecting our natural resources," Gohmert said.

"This agency's rich conservation legacy has resulted in many benefits to the state's citizens—abundant food and fiber, clean water, clean air, productive soils, and open spaces to use and enjoy," he said.

NRCS was created as the Soil Conservation Service within USDA on April 27, 1935, in response to the devastation of the Dust Bowl on the nation's agricultural land. The agency's primary mission then was to conserve soil on agricultural land. It became the Natural Resources Conservation Service in 1994 to better reflect its expanded role of servicing other natural resources such as water, air, plants, and animals on private lands.

For more information about NRCS in Texas, visit <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov> or stop by your local county USDA Service Center.



**NEW EMPLOYEES—Haskell County Farm Bureau announces the addition of Cynthia Halliburton Thorson, left, their new secretary and Matt Preston, a new sales agent.**

## Farm Bureau introduces new employees

Haskell County Farm Bureau would like to introduce new employees Cynthia Halliburton Thorson, their new secretary, and Matt Preston, a new sales agent.

Halliburton started work Feb. 15. She grew up in Haskell and graduated from Haskell High School in 1994 before moving to the Dallas area. She has spent the last ten years managing a roofing and property management company in Richardson. She has an 11 year old daughter named Haley who will be entering sixth grade next school year here in Haskell.

Her parents are Leland and Joe Ann Thane and the late Art Halliburton Preston started work Feb.

1 as a sales agent. He was born and raised in Snyder, graduated from Snyder High in 1998 and then graduated from Lubbock Christian University in 2002. He and his wife, Sabra, have two boys, Noah, age 22 months, and Gideon, who was born April 16. Prior to being employed with Haskell Co. Farm Bureau, Preston farmed and ranched in Scurry County, where he also served on the Scurry County Farm Bureau board for two years. He and his family are happy to be a part of Haskell.

We invite you to drop by our office at 508 N. 1st and welcome these new employees to Haskell.

## City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular session Mon., April 26 with Mayor Bob Smith and Councilmen Randy Bowers, Robert Tribbey and Jason Hall in attendance. Absent were Councilmen Sue Medford and Chan Guess.

Bowers offered the invocation.

An appreciation presentation to the City was made by students of Debbie Miller for the work the city did on the playground equipment, a Learn and Serve grant project. Students attending were Austin Alsabrook, Kylie Adams, Lane Burson, Alec Roewe, Krysta Winegeart, Colton Wright, Lupe Olvera, Garrett Campbell and Laura Brown. Sherry Adams, teacher, accompanied the group.

Herb Beslanowitch gave an update on the progress of the clean up and repairs that have been done to his property located at 1208 N. Ave. G. The council voted to release his property out of enforcement.

The pool management will be offered for proposals.

The revised budget for the Development Corporation as presented by Randy Hise was approved. Hise introduced Wallace Emerson as the new Economic Development director.

Mayor Smith announced the council would enter into executive session to discuss deliberation regarding

economic development negotiation, an update by Randy Hise on the power plant project as allowed by GC 551.087.

Upon returning from executive session, City Administrator Brandon Anderson stated:

•Due to the rain, the clean up week was extended. The landfill will be opened May 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to compensate for being closed on April 17.

•Improvements will begin on the pool including a new fence, sealing of cracks and recoating of the sidewalks along with work to bring the pool up to code in an effort to meet state and federal regulations.

•TxDOT met with the City about two weeks ago to look at the intersection of Hwy. 380 and Ave. D. It was concluded that the first two parking spots on the northeast corner of this intersection need to be removed and made into a no parking area to ensure that driver's approaching from the north will be able to see west bound traffic on Hwy. 380.

•All summer positions have been filled and employees begin May 3.

•Stripes has accepted the City's request to assist with becoming compliant with TDA requirements on the grant money owed and should save the city about \$135,000.

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Lona Sandon, assistant

professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center, says juices contain many of the vitamins and minerals found naturally in vegetables.

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## Paint Creek School Menu

**May 10-14** daily.  
**Breakfast** Monday: Biscuits, sausage, Juice and milk are served gravy  
**Tuesday:** Pancakes  
**Wednesday:** Cook's choice  
**Thursday:** Muffins  
**Friday:** Donuts


## ECC Menu

**Mon., May 10** or coffee  
 Lunch—Chili wieners, mac and cheese, pork and beans, corn, cornbread, strawberry cake, tea, or coffee  
**Wed., May 12**  
 Lunch—Chicken and spaghetti, mixed veggies, garden salad, garlic bread, blueberry cobbler, pears, tea  
**Fri., May 14**  
 Lunch—Hamburger steak with onion gravy, cream potatoes, pinto beans, yeast rolls, brownie, pears, tea or coffee  
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.  
**Tuesday:** Nachos, beans, salad, cake  
**Wednesday:** Cook's choice  
**Thursday:** BBQ sandwiches, fries, pickle spears, apple crisp  
**Friday:** Ham sandwiches, salad, cheese, chips, cookies



**DELIVER THANK YOU**—Nine fifth graders from Haskell Elementary attended the Haskell City Council meeting Mon., April 26. Sherry Adams attended the meeting with the students. Students were there to thank the city for getting the elementary playground ready to place the new equipment that was recently purchased. In Debbie Miller's computer class, fifth graders made banners and thank yous for all city employees for all their hard work in making Haskell a great place to live. The fifth grade has been planning a project to improve their campus with a Learn and Serve Texas Grant. They are grateful to all the workers who made their project possible. They also wish to express their gratitude to the city council members for their dedication to this community. Pictured are city council members, I-r, Randy Bowers, Mayor Bob Smith, Robert Tribbey, Jason Hall and City Administrator Brandon Anderson; and students, back row, Colton Wright, Alec Roewe, Austin Alsbrook, Lane Burson, Garrett Campbell, Lupe Olvera, Kylie Adams, Krysta Winegeart and Laura Brown.

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Give your mother the love and honor she has earned



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 By dispelling your fears and removing your tears  
 When she knew you were feeling forlorn.  
 Yet the moment you'd grown, she had probably known  
 You'd begin to ignore her advice.  
 Now you have to agree, when you went on a spree,  
 You had ended up paying the price;  
 But religion has told, when your mother is old,  
 That it's part of the heavenly plan  
 That you'll solemnly vow you will honor her now,  
 And repay all her love while you can.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—
- East Side Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
  - Christian Church**  
Jim McCurley, pastor  
Sun. 10:45 a.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
  - Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell
  - Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
  - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 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., 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.m.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
  - Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**  
Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**  
C.C. Curran, pastor  
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.  
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.  
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Morris R. Johnson, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**  
Mark Wallace, pastor  
Church Service 10 a.m.  
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**  
Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
Joseph Barrett, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester

- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
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Stephanie Gilkey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**  
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule
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First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
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John Greeson, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, interim pastor  
Sunday 9 a.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

## Haskell School Menu

**May 10-14**  
**Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Breakfast bagel  
**Tuesday:** Smucker's PB&J  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, Cheez-Its  
**Thursday:** Biscuit, sausage, cheese  
**Friday:** No school  
**Lunch**  
 Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato with cheese and ham. High School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.  
**Monday:** Steak fingers, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot roll, rosy applesauce  
**Tuesday:** Chili hot dogs, cheese, tater tots, pickle spears, fresh strawberries  
**Wednesday:** Beefy spaghetti, garden salad, English peas, breadstick, fruit salad  
**Thursday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato slices, assorted chips, fresh fruit, 1 fruit roll-up  
**Friday:** No school

## Calendar

- Volleyball night**  
First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.
- Cancer support**  
The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. For more information, call 940-864-5964.
- Rochester homecoming**  
Plans for Rochester homecoming are being made for Friday and Saturday Oct. 8-9.
- Catfish buffet**  
The Stonewall County senior citizens will host a catfish buffet fund-raiser Wed., May 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$8. Carry outs are available.
- Bible school**  
First Baptist Church of Weinert will hold Vacation Bible School June 7-11 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The theme will be Saddle Ridge Ranch: Driving Home Answers. Area youth will have their own sessions upstairs led by Shanna White. Call Pastor Dan Bullock at 940-673-8310 or director Mary Murphy 940-673-8269 for more information.
- Hamburger dinner**  
A hamburger dinner including a hamburger, fixings, homemade onion French fries, homemade dessert and tea will be served Sun., May 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell. Trinity Lutheran youth group has been blessed to have so many kids going to church camp so another fund-raiser is needed.
- Immunizations**  
The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Tues., May 18 at the Paint Creek School campus. Clinic times are from 12:30 to 3 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.
- Study Club**  
The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., May 13 at 7 p.m. at the Bever's Bed and Breakfast, 311 N. Ave. F in Haskell. A 'Salad Tasting Bee' will be held along with installation of officers. Members will report on their Meals on Wheels participation. Members are to bring their change for the Heifer International project.
- Weinert homecoming**  
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**ANGELS HONORED**—Angels attending the Senior Angel Banquet Thurs., April 22 at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell include, front row, l-r, Alma Terrell, Lucille Becker, Henrietta Strauss, Barbara Kimbrough, Anita Medford, Jane Coston and Genelle Weeks; back row, Lois Ballard, Angel Banquet Thurs., April 22 at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell include, front row, l-r, Alma Terrell, Lucille Becker, Henrietta Strauss, Barbara Kimbrough, Anita Medford, Jane Coston and Genelle Weeks; back row, Lois Ballard, Pauline Couch, Naoma Fain, Darlene Smith, Lyla Mary Isbell, Jerry Josselet, Rowena Hester, Faye Simpson and Oleta Cornelius. Not pictured, Billie Parsons.

## Ladies of First Methodist Church honored with annual Angel Banquet

The First United Methodist Church of Haskell hosted their annual Senior Angel Banquet Thurs., April 22. The annual event honors the ladies in the church that are

“angels” to the congregation and mentors to the younger women.

Upon arriving the angels were greeted and escorted to the foyer of the church for photographs.

After the photographs a meal in the fellowship hall

was individually served to the attendees by the youth. Pastor Tom Long gave the welcome and invocation.

This year’s banquet theme was “Fragrance of the Holy Spirit” with Jana English giving the talk.

The fellowship hall was

decorated in colors of tea green and fuchsia, accented with orchids.

Brian and Jennifer Burgess entertained the ladies with special music and words of praise for their example.

Seventeen ladies attended this year’s banquet.

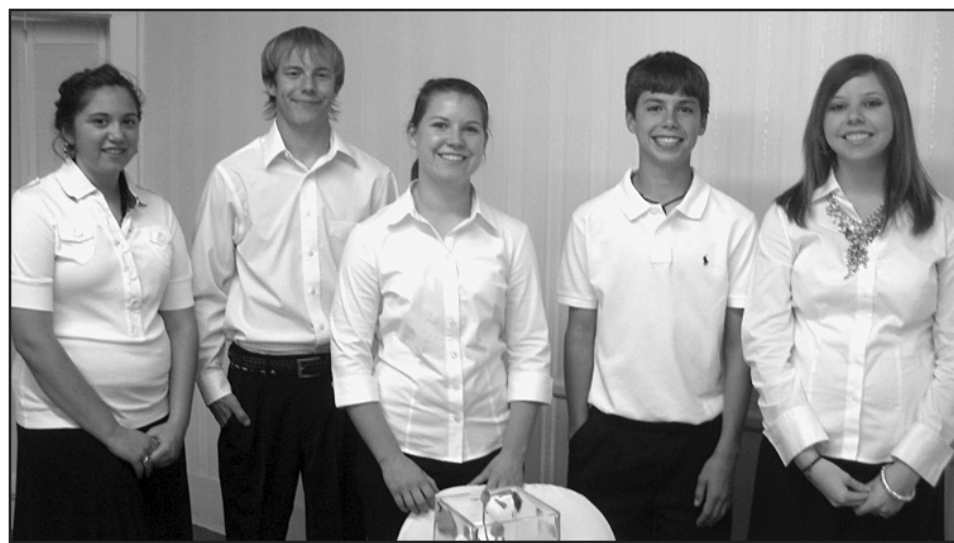
## Calendar

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 15 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 15 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.



**ANGEL SERVERS**—Serving at the Senior Angel Banquet, honoring the ladies who are mentors at First United Methodist Church in Haskell, were, l-r, Emily Fouts, Jim Young, Brooke Bullinger, Colton English and Shelby Dunnam.

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