

Softball games

Haskell JV-V vs Anson
Fri., March 16, 1 p.m.
at Haskell
Haskell JV-V vs Colorado City
Tues., March 20, 5 p.m.
at Colorado City

Baseball games

Haskell JV-V vs Anson
Fri., March 16, 2 p.m.
at Haskell
Haskell JV-V vs Colorado City
Tues., March 20, 4:30 p.m.
at Colorado City

Calendar

Vendors needed

Vendors are being sought for the 11th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show set Sat., March 17 in downtown Haskell. Cost of vendor spaces is \$15. Call Randy or Lisa Shaw at 864-2023 evenings or Randy at 325-721-0674 or Lisa at 325-721-0441 anytime.

Rule banquet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will hold their 53rd annual banquet Mon., March 26 at 6:30 p.m. A meal will be served by the Rule Junior Class and their parents. Entertainment will be by a group of Rule 4-H members. Man and Woman of the Year will be presented. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased from members or at the door.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 17 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.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Red Rooster restaurant, 1006 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Wed., March 21 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Car show

The 11th annual Haskell Fire Department's Car Show will be held Sat., March 17 around the courthouse square in Haskell. Entries are \$20. Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. Judging will be at 12:30 p.m. followed by a 3:30 trophy presentation. Hot Wheel races and a kids tractor pull will be held for the kids. For more information call Randy Shaw at 325-721-0674 or 864-2023.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Fri., March 23 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse Fri., March 16 at noon. All members are asked to attend.

Skywarn class

The annual Skywarn storm watchers class will be held Mon., April 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Haskell Fire Station. Anyone interested in weather watching is invited to attend. The class is presented by the National Weather Service, San Angelo and sponsored by the Haskell Fire Department.

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Welcome to the Car Show

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"The People's Choice"

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Cars to be displayed on the square Sat.



SHINE AND SHOW—This 1979 Dodge D-150 Lil Red Express truck, shown by Herman Niehaus of Abilene in the 2006 Haskell Volunteer Fire Department's annual car show, took third place in the older pickup division. This year's show will take to the square Sat.,

March 17 beginning at 8 a.m. Vendors will be located around the square offering arts, crafts, collectibles and food items. Local merchants will offer sidewalk sales and bargains galore for shoppers to take advantage of while enjoying the car show.

The 11th annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. Car Show will be held Sat., March 17 in downtown Haskell around the Haskell County Courthouse square.

With its widespread reputation of being a major show, featuring something of fun and interest for everyone in the family, the popular event is expected to again bring numbers of entries and visitors to the city. As in previous years, entries are coming in from around the country.

Along with the nine classes of vehicles in the show, other activities will include the Kids Tractor Pull and Hot Wheels Races for Kids (with an entry fee of \$1 per car).

Hamburgers and french fries will be served on the southeast corner of the square during the noon hour by members of the fire department.

Vendor spaces will be located around the square in front of business for \$15 each. Vendor information is available by contacting Lisa Shaw at 864-2686, 864-2023 or 325-721-0441.

Classes for this year's car show are:

Cars Pre-'64; Cars '65 and up; Antique Cars, Trucks thru '50; Street Rods Pre-'49; Older Pickups Pre-'84; Pickups '85 and up; Sport Compact; Motorcycles; and Restoration in Progress.

First, second and third places in each class will receive a trophy. Entries are \$20 each. Judging will be held at 12:30 p.m., with a trophy presentation at 3:30. Trophy and cash will be given for Best of Show and People's Choice, and a trophy will be given for Farthest Distance Traveled.

Registration forms for the show or vendors may be obtained from any Haskell Volunteer Fireman. For more information, Call Randy Shaw at 940-864-2023, 325-721-0674 or e-mail haskellcarshow@hotmail.com.

Final candidates announced for elections

The Haskell City election will be held on Sat., May 12 at the City Hall. The three places at large that are open for election are

Hee Haw tickets on sale

The Sagerton Community has begun making preparations for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw, to be held March 29-31 beginning at 8 p.m. each evening. Music and singing will be presented an hour before the Hee Haw program begins.

The program for Thurs., March 29 is especially for groups. Reservations for group tickets closed Tues., March 13.

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances will go on sale Fri., March 16, at 1 p.m. at the Sagerton Community Center.

those of councilmen Chan Guess, Jimmy Roberts and Sue Medford. All are two year terms.

The last day for filing was Mon., Mar. 12. All of the incumbents have filed, and also Randy Bowers.

Early voting by personal appearance at City Hall during regular hours starts on April 30, and ends May 8. Early voting hours will be from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Mon., April 30, and Tues., May 1.

In the Haskell CISD board election, two seats are open. These are Single District #1, now held by Felix Rodriguez, and Single District #6, now held by Joey Kimbrough. Both are three year terms.

The filing dates for the May 12 election closed Mon., Mar. 12. Both Rodriguez and Kimbrough have filed, and also filing for Single District #6 is Paula Garcia.

Voting place for the school election will be at the Haskell City Hall.

To vote in the elections, voters must present their voter certificate, driver's license, personal identification or form of ID containing one of the following: a photograph, birth certificate, a copy of a utility bill, a bank statement, a government check, paycheck or government document that shows name and address of the voter.

No vote will be counted without one of these.

Book fair set March 26-30

Haskell Elementary School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Mon., March 26 through Fri., March 30. The book fair will be held at the Haskell Elementary Library each day from 8 to 4:30, and until noon on Friday. This year's fair will be a kindergarten through 8th grade fair with extra books for junior high students.

Family teachers, and the community are invited to attend the fair, which will feature a special theme: Book Fair Beach.

The book fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, and current best sellers from more than 150 publishers. Attendees can help the school build classroom libraries by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List.

A special "Family Event" will be held Thurs., March 29 from 4:30 until 6 p.m. Families will have an opportunity to shop together, enjoy refreshments, and let students register for door prizes.

Rule athletes named to All-District teams

Members of the Rule girls basketball team named to the All-District 14 A, Div. II Teams were: Kendra Scheets, senior, Defensive Player of the Year; First Team, Jay T. Spitzer, junior, and Kyle Simpson, junior; Second Team, D.J. Hall, senior, C.J. Saucedo, junior, and James Wolfe, junior.

Rule boys basketball players receiving honors were: Stephen

Pace, junior, named Defensive Player of the Year; Sixth Man, Jonathan Rincon, junior; First Team, Jay T. Spitzer, junior, and Kyle Simpson, junior; Second Team, D.J. Hall, senior, C.J. Saucedo, junior, and James Wolfe, junior.



VOLCANO ERUPTIONS—Some Haskell sixth grade students in Amy Sloan's class used baking soda, detergent and vinegar to erupt volcanoes, while others used a carbonated beverage and Mentos candy. The outdoor activity caused much interest among elementary students. Dormant volcanoes were displayed in the sixth grade halls. From left, Hunter Jordan, Jamie Todd and Victor Vasquez display their volcano project.

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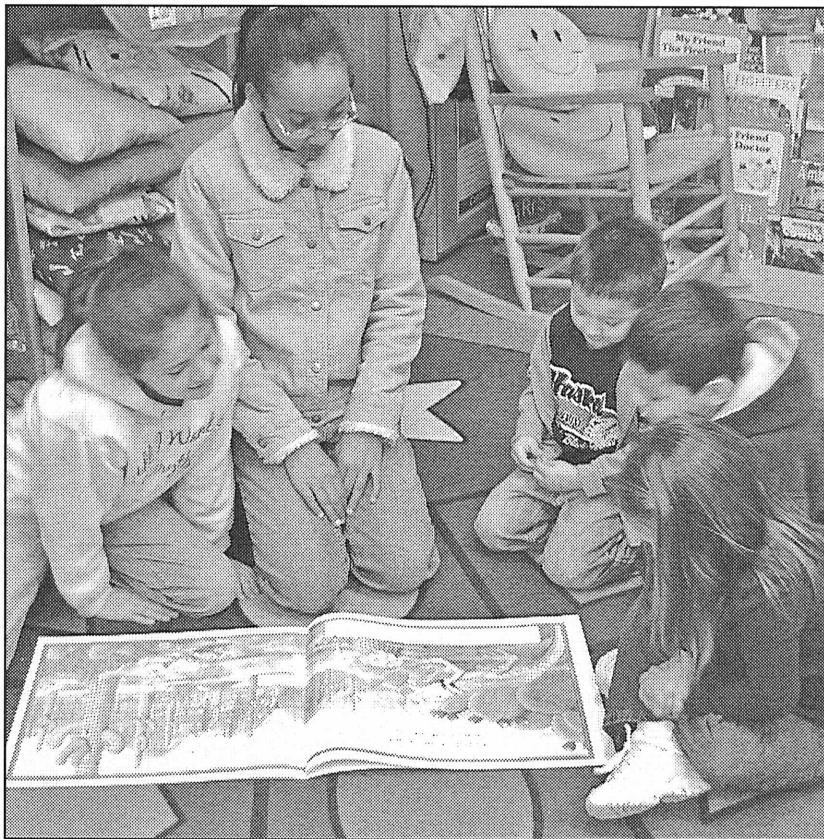
United Way seeks community input

The United Way of Abilene is seeking input from residents across 19 counties in West Central Texas through a community assessment survey. The "What Matters" survey allows participants to rank what they believe to be the five most critical needs of the community, followed by the five next most urgent. The survey was developed in association with the Nonprofit Management Center at Abilene Christian University. It is free of charge and open to the public, and available online through March 26 at www.unitedwayabilene.org.

United Way of Abilene Board Chair Tom O'Neil said the survey is valuable in helping United Way keep up with the changing culture around it. "Every organization must grow and change as the community around it grows and changes," he said. "For over 50 years, residents of West Texas have trusted the United Way as a force for progress, and that's a heritage that we are very proud to claim. At the same time, as needs change, United Way must be willing to re-examine its role, to make sure we stay relevant to the needs around us."

United Way President and CEO Dixie B. Bassett echoed that sentiment. "United Way wants to remain on the cutting edge of progress in Abilene and the Big Country. We are honored by the confidence area residents have placed in us, and we want to make sure we are addressing those issues of maximum importance, so that we truly are doing what matters."

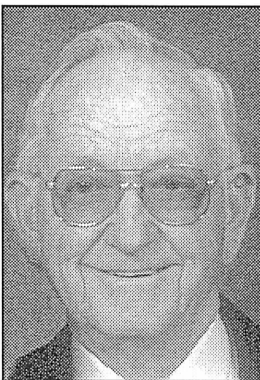
The United Way of Abilene serves Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton Counties in West Central Texas. To learn more about the United Way and how you can get involved in doing what matters, call 325-677-1841, or visit www.unitedwayabilene.org.



LEARNING ABOUT RECYCLING—Haskell Elementary students, A.J. Torres, Christian Cardenas and Cassie Pierce, curiously look on as Nikki Ortiz and Jasmine Dever mentor them in recycling and saving the Earth. This is a continuing project of the 5th grade that promotes environmental awareness. Future environmental outlook is dependent on children as well as adults. Learn & Serve America provides funds to encourage leadership. Mentoring to young students puts this skill to practical use.

Obituaries

Jake Richard Hines



JAKE HINES

Graveside services for Jake Richard Hines, 88, of Mansfield were held Fri., March 9 at Willow Cemetery with Pastor Ricky Rister officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Hines died Wed., March 7 in Fort Worth.

Born Sept. 10, 1918 in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, he was the son of Dunk and Belle Scott Hines. He married Leta Waller May 31, 1941 in Rule. He owned and operated a gas station and tire store for many years. He was a

member of Central Baptist Church in Mansfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jack and Ted Hines; and a sister, Irene Sanders.

Survivors include his wife, Leta Hines of the home; sons, Robert W. 'Bob' Hines and wife, Bonny of Arlington and Jerry Hines of Mansfield; four grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; sister, Lucille Jackson; and several loving nephews and nieces.

PD. NOTICE

Mary Colene Moody

Funeral services for Mary Colene Moody, 90, of Haskell were held Sat., March 10 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Brother Danny Manross officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Moody died Wed., March 7 in Haskell. Born June 10, 1916 in Pinkerton, she was the daughter of John Westley and Lucy Ann Davidson Wheeler. She married Verna Moody Aug. 2, 1958. He preceded her in death Dec. 4, 1968. She was a

homemaker and always willing to help people by sitting with the sick.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and all of her brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Ann Moody McWhorter of California; grandchildren, Amy, Josh, Michelle, Zack McWhorter and Eric Lee; nieces, Erma Standlee of Seymour and Mary Salley of Lubbock; nephews, Raymond Walker of Rogerville, Missouri and Robert Walker of Lindale.

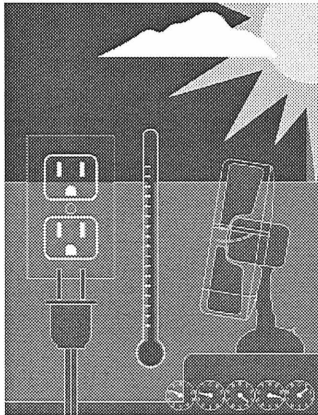
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Texas water bests Nebraska samples

New research conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) compares shallow ground-water quality beneath irrigated cropland that overlies the northern and southern High Plains Aquifer. USGS scientists analyzed water samples from two states, Texas and Nebraska, and the results show the Lone Star state's supply less likely to be affected by chemicals.

USGS scientists compared shallow ground-water quality of irrigated cropland in Nebraska to that of irrigated cropland in Texas to assess the effects on water quality of selected irrigated crops and hydrologic settings in the High Plains Aquifer. Primary crops grown on the Nebraska cropland were corn and soybeans, and on the Texas cropland, cotton. Ground-water samples for the study were collected from about 30 monitoring wells in each state.

Results indicate that nitrate concentrations were larger and pesticide detections were more frequent in shallow ground water of the Nebraska cropland. Nitrate

concentrations in the Nebraska samples ranged from 1.96 to 106 milligrams per liter (mg/L), and 73 percent of the Nebraska samples had at least one pesticide detection. Nitrate concentrations in the Texas samples ranged 0.96 to 21.6 mg/L, and 24 percent of samples had at least one pesticide detection.

USGS hydrologist Lynne Fahlquist said, "Many factors in the Nebraska cropland are more favorable than in the Texas cropland for chemicals to get into ground water. Depths to water are less, precipitation is greater, evapotranspiration rates are smaller, and recharge rates are greater in the Nebraska cropland. More than twice the amount of pesticides was applied to cropland in Nebraska than in Texas. Also, manure and commercial fertilizer application rates near monitoring wells were greater in Nebraska."

The aquifer, also known as the Ogallala Aquifer, encompasses parts of eight states (about 174,400 square miles) from South Dakota to Texas. Additional studies on water quality in the other six states have been completed and information can be found at: http://co.water.usgs.gov/nawqa/hpgw/HPGW_home.html.

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TONY GARZA – MARY RACHEL DENSMAN

Densman, Garza to marry in Oklahoma

Rev. and Mrs. James Densman of Davis, Oklahoma have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Rachel, to Tony Garza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Garza of Irving.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Davis High School and a 2005 graduate of Baylor University with a degree in Business Education. She is in her second year of teaching at Hebron High School, Lewisville, ISD.

The prospect bridegroom is a

1998 graduate of Renaissance High School, Irving, and Southern Methodist University, with a degree in Management Information Systems. He is a senior network engineer for Insight for Living, a Chuck Swindoll ministry, located in Plano.

The couple plans to marry March 24, in a 2 p.m. ceremony at First Baptist Church of Davis, Oklahoma. They will reside in McKinney.

Study Club learns about flint knapping

The Progressive Study Club of Haskell met Thurs., March 8, in the First National Bank meeting room.

Lynn Dodson introduced her brother, Lee Ward, who gave an informative presentation on the art of flint knapping, which is the process of making stone tools from flakes of flint or stone. It is the process used by Native Americans to make spear and dart points found in the area, and arrowheads, which he brought along with various Indian weapons. He demonstrated how spears, bows and arrows were used by the Indians, and answered questions from the members.

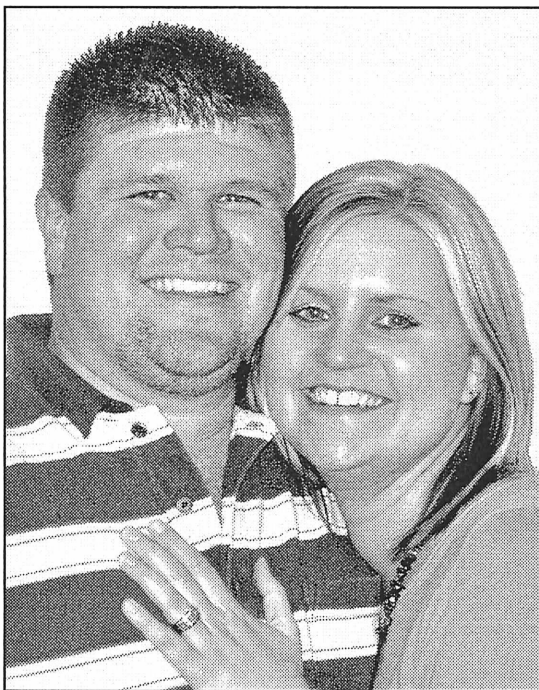
Haskell CISD teacher, Debbie Miller, reported that grants have been obtained, and that the sixth graders will participate in the

landscaping around the LaBriere house. Various ideas about the project were discussed, and more will be reported at the April meeting. She will also check with the city on lights and water at the site.

Nancy Toliver gave the Federation Counselor's Report, noting that the District Meeting will be held in Merkel, March 17, and the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs State Meeting will be held in Abilene, April 19-21.

The club's annual spaghetti supper will be held on the evening of the first home football game in October.

Twelve members were present. Serving as hostesses were Franciene Johnson and Ruby Turner.



MITCHEL PAYNE – LIBBY ELIZABETH LEATHERWOOD

Leatherwood, Payne plan May wedding

Libby Elizabeth Leatherwood and Mitchel Claude Payne announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ricky and Kathy Leatherwood of Brownfield. She is the granddaughter of Marie Butler of Olney and Deuard and Stella Leatherwood of Bryson.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Janice Payne and Claude Payne, both of Haskell. He is the grandson of Evelyn

Moeller of Haskell.

Payne is employed by Diversity D in Brownfield. Leatherwood plans to graduate from South Plains College School of Nursing on May 12. She is employed by Covenant Health System of Lubbock.

The couple plans a May 19 wedding at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell.

They plan to make their home in Lubbock.

Gardening is club topic

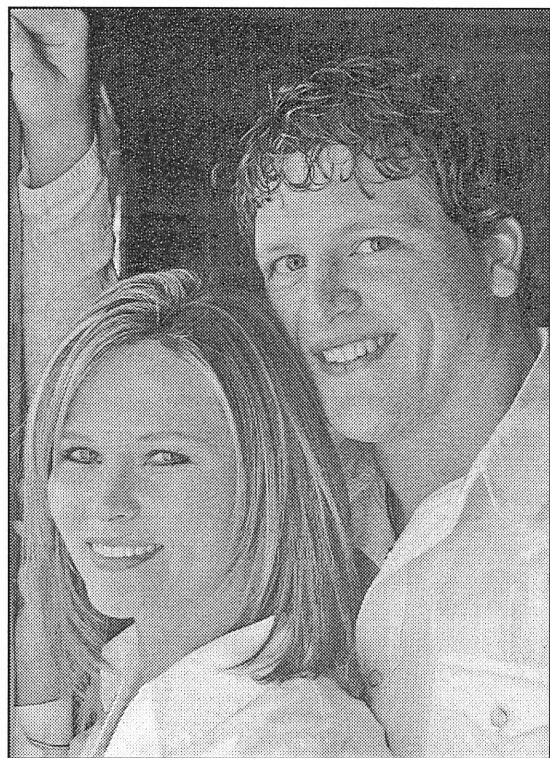
The Haskell EEA club met at the Haskell County Extension office March 8 with twelve members and guest Betty Roewe attending.

Jane Rowan reported on the past month's 4-H activities and numerous upcoming events. Twelve members plan to attend the District 3 Spring Meeting and Cultural Arts Competition in Childress on March 27.

Debbie Earles, owner of ABC Greenhouse, presented the program entitled "Container Gardening." Earles gave tips on choosing appropriate containers, potting soil, and plants conducive to successful growth in this area.

She displayed unusual types of containers, such as plastic pouches, cell flats, and bloom master containers. Some advantages of container gardening are the ability to move them from one location to another, planting different things at different bloom times, and no weeding or herbicides to contend with. Earles explained the importance of choosing plants with similar requirements for one container and how to use the color wheel to create dramatic combinations of colorful plants.

Mary Jennings served as hostess for the meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for April 12.



NICOLE URBANCZYK – LEVI PATE

Urbanczyk, Pate to marry June 23

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Urbanczyk of Munday announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole LeAnn Urbanczyk, to Levi Fred-Franklin Pate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pate of Jacksboro.

The bride-elect is a 2006 doctorate of physical therapy graduate from Hardin-Simmons University and is employed by

West Texas Rehab Center in Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2006 masters graduate from Hardin-Simmons University and is a fitness professional at Hendrick Health Club in Abilene.

The couple plans a June 23 wedding at First Baptist Church in Munday.

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DON'T DO WHAT EVERYBODY DOES

Avoid These 10 Common Food Safety Mistakes

Everybody makes one of these mistakes from time to time, but you can keep this clipped to the refrigerator as a reminder of what not to do.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and several health and food associations have compiled the following list of the most common mistakes people make when handling food that could spread illness:

- thawing food on the countertop;
- leaving leftovers out for hours or overnight;
- using an unclean cutting board;
- marinating food at room temperature;
- taking too long in getting groceries from the store to the refrigerator
- using the same platter for raw and grilled meats while barbecuing;
- delaying the refrigeration time of a restaurant doggie bag;
- tasting cooking foods with the stirring spoon;
- sharing a knife to trim raw meat and chop vegetables;
- eating Easter eggs that have been hidden for a time.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA

IRS RELEASES TAX NUMBERS FOR 2007

The tax law requires that certain tax numbers be adjusted for inflation each year. Take these 2007 adjustments into account as you do your 2007 tax planning.

- The standard mileage rate for business driving increases from 44.5¢ per mile to 48.5¢ per mile, effective January 1, 2007. The rate for medical and moving mileage increases from 18¢ per mile to 20¢ per mile. The general rate for charitable mileage remains at 14¢ per mile.
- The first-year expensing limit for the purchase of business equipment increases from \$108,000 to \$112,000. The expensing election phases out once total purchases for 2007 exceed \$450,000.
- The maximum earnings subject to social security tax increases from \$94,200 to \$97,500.
- The 'nanny tax' threshold remains at \$1,500 for 2007. If you pay household workers more than this amount during the year, you're responsible for payroll taxes. The 'kiddie tax' threshold remains at \$1,700, but the age threshold was raised last year to age 18. If you child under age 18 has more than \$1,700 of unearned income in 2007 (e.g., dividends and interest income), the excess will be taxed at your highest rate.
- The maximum individual retirement account (IRA) contribution you can make in 2007 remains unchanged at \$4,000 if you're under age 50 and at \$5,000 if you are 50 or older.
- The maximum amount of wages employees can put into a 401(k) plan increases from \$15,000 to \$15,500. The maximum allowed for SIMPLE plans increases to \$10,500. If you are 50 or older, you can contribute up to \$20,500 to a 401(k) and \$13,000 to a SIMPLE plan.
- The estate tax exemption remains at \$2 million, but the top estate tax rate drops from 46% to 45%. The annual gift tax exclusion remains at \$12,000 for 2007.

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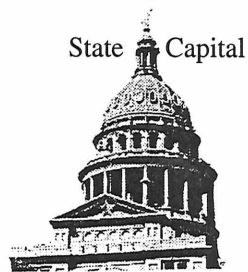
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Lawmakers hear about abuses at youth commission facilities

AUSTIN—Reports of sex abuse, beatings and allegations of official cover-ups in the Texas Youth Commission surfaced in late February, dominated the news in early March, and are expected to continue.

Seventy law enforcement officers and other officials under the direction of special master Jay Kimbrough fanned out to the 23 TYC facilities across the state. Their mission is to gather information about the goings-on at those facilities and to gather reports alleging abuse of inmates.

The Joint Committee on Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission summoned TYC board members to the Capitol to testify in a March 8 public hearing.

This special committee of seven state representatives and seven state senators heard testimony and asked questions to pinpoint wrongdoing, to identify and remove wrongdoers, to correct problems and to prevent future wrongdoing.

One widely reported finding aired at the four-hour hearing was that the TYC hired a convicted sex offender as a guard, and that agency policy allows the hiring of a convicted felon if a top TYC official approves. Another finding regarded a former TYC official living with a 16-year-old inmate.

The committee also heard about a TYC official who, against a recent order by Kimbrough, shredded official documents.

Committee members took a vote expressing "no confidence" in the TYC board of directors.

Kimbrough, appointed in early March by Gov. Rick Perry to oversee the TYC and manage the investigation, told the panel of lawmakers that he is building a file of complaints from former TYC employees and inmates.

The TYC activated 866-477-8354, a 24-hour, toll-free hotline for people to report allegations of mistreatment of youth in TYC. The number is available to youth in TYC using dormitory phones.

More than 750 complaints have already been filed.

Bill filing deadline arrives

Day 60 of the 140-day regular session of the 80th Texas Legislature, the bill-filing deadline, was March 9. The totals of legislation filed this session are in: 3,977 House bills and 1,944

Senate bills, for a combined total of 5,921 bills. This is a 13 percent increase over the 2005 bill count.

The session ends May 28 CHIP bill may alter re-qual rules

Families that get insurance for their children under the state Children's Health Insurance Program would have to re-qualify once a year instead of every six months under pending legislation.

And, the present 90-day waiting period to receive benefits would be done away with.

Houston Reps. Sylvester Turner, a Democrat, and John Davis, a Republican, and House Human Services committee chairman Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs, pooled their skills in a compromise bill that was voted favorably from the committee and soon may be scheduled for House floor debate.

Points of contention may arise over level of family income and other factors.

Senators file casino legislation

The Lone Star State someday might be home to as many as a dozen gambling casinos under a proposed constitutional amendment and enabling legislation filed by Sens. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and John Carona, R-Dallas.

The voters of Texas ultimately would decide. The constitutional amendment, if passed by the Legislature, would be on the ballot next fall.

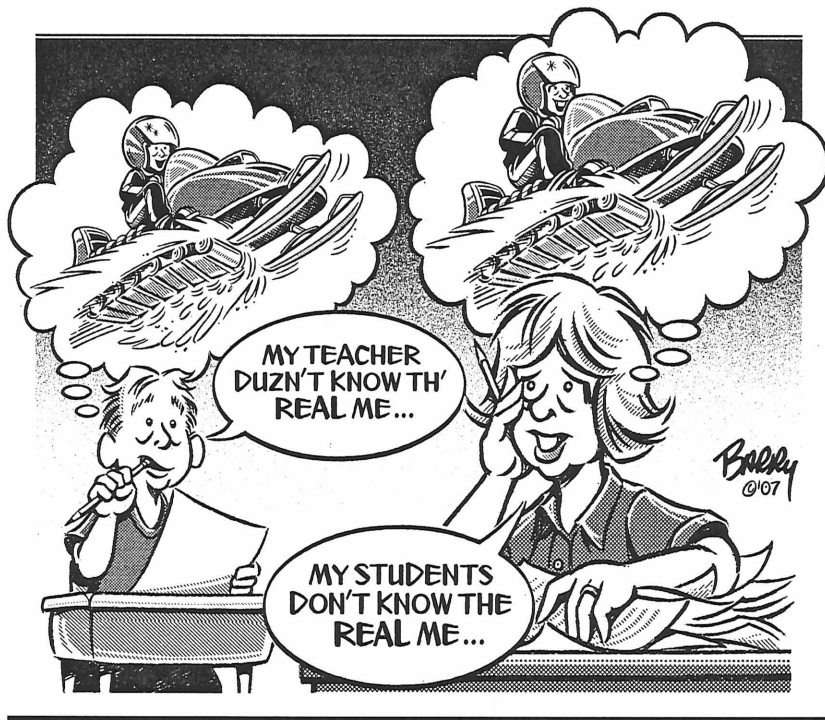
Casino opponents have said gambling establishments attract crime. Proponents say Texas casinos would lure back home Texan residents who patronize casinos in Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana and other states. Ellis and Carona estimate the casinos could bring as much as \$45 billion a year in new economic activity.

The legislation has an education "carrot." Casinos would contribute \$1 billion a year to hold tuition costs down at Texas public colleges and universities.

And, the legislation would allow currently illegal video lottery terminals at horse and dog racing tracks.

Senator files tuition freeze bill

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Dallas, filed Senate Bill 100, legislation that would freeze tuition for an incoming freshman enrolled in a four-year degree program at a public university.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 13, 1997

Pete and Swede Kittley of Rule received the Man and Woman of the Year awards at the Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Kevin Patton, a freshman at Haskell High School, was awarded the second place medal for bridge construction at the State Science Olympiad Meet in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Therwhanger and son, Taylor, of Perryton spent the week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carrol of Weinert.

20 Years Ago March 12, 1987

Harold Hill resigned as head football coach, athletic director and assistant principal at Haskell High School.

The Top of Texas Tumblers competed in their second District 4 acrobymnastic meet and came away with the team trophy. Crystal Watson won first place in the 6-7 year old girls division.

Kathleen Kutch of Rule showed her reserve champion barrow at the Duroc show at the Houston Livestock Show.

Haskell girls attending the state basketball tournament in Austin included Sheree Dumas, Joy McKeever, LaKay Gibbs, Dala Harris, Patricia Henry, Julie Roewe, Robyne Weaver, Tiffany Moeller, Tara Moeller, Heather Hobgood and Missy Davis.

30 Years Ago March 10, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibson represented the Haskell Farm Bureau at the Texas Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Leadership Conference in Austin.

Mrs. Vern Foreman, Flint and Monica Nanny of Odessa visited in Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kupatt made a business trip to Hillsboro. Mrs. Carlton Pierce, Mrs. Cooter Boles Old Glory and Helen Pierce Rule visited Olga Tribbey.

Debbie Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Young, participated on the Texas Tech University Women Intercollegiate Track and Field team.

40 Years Ago March 9, 1967

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department fought a raging grass and brush fire south of town for three hours before bringing it under control. Sparks from a passing train started the fire.

All Haskell County's Schools participated in the County Spelling Bee held by the Haskell Jaycees. Participants were Twyla Johnson, O'Brien; Eddie Stewart, Mattson; Larry Cockrell, Paint Creek; Janice Rainey, Weinert and Darlene Abbott, Haskell.

"Once A Thief" with Ann Margaret, Van Heflin and Alain Delon was being featured at the

drive in theatre in Stamford.

50 Years Ago March 14, 1957

The operetta "Pickles," presented by the Haskell Junior High School students and directed by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bell, was received by Haskell audiences. Seventy students participated in the operetta.

French M. Robertson, former lawyer and county Attorney of Haskell County, was named as Abilene's Outstanding Citizen of 1956 at the annual banquet of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. Robertson is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Hudson of Haskell.

100 Years Ago March 16, 1907

A.R. Avery arrived on the Wichita Valley from Sulphur, Oklahoma, to look after some business matters. He says that his mother and family will move back to this county within a year or so.

Felix Winn, son of D.M. Winn and who has been in Southern Mexico for the past three years, came home.

S.S. Cummings has returned from visit to his ranch in Jeff Davis County.

Rev. Thomas, who has been in charge of the Christian Church, left for Illinois and will bring his family here.

K.D. Simmons, an enterprising liveryman, is having a residence built in the Miller addition.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Become An Informed Consumer This Tax Season

As federal income tax filing deadlines approach, consumers who do not have the time or experience to prepare tax forms rely on trusted tax professionals to file returns for them.

Unfortunately, some unscrupulous operators exploit the tax season with deceptive practices that could cost you money and cause serious problems with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Becoming an informed consumer this tax season can help you protect your income and avoid common tax scams.

Quick refund and immediate return offers typically begin to surface in early February after consumers begin receiving their W-2 forms. A tax preparer may offer to advance money to the taxpayer, which is paid back when the refund check is received. Generally, this kind of "instant refund" is simply a loan.

Carefully read the fine print in any ad for this kind of service. The fees and interest for instant refund loans can be quite high, so you should consider whether it would be better filling out the tax refund paperwork yourself.

Additionally, if your refund is denied or less than you expected, you must still repay the loan in full, as well as any fees. It may be better to wait a little longer to receive a refund directly from the IRS, free of charge.

Be extremely careful if a tax preparation service assures you they can obtain a larger refund. Some bogus tax return businesses promise larger "refunds" and deliver them only by adding phony deductions and making false claims on tax returns.

Before signing a return, review it carefully to confirm the truthfulness of its contents, especially income and deductions. Any errors or fabrications are your responsibility. You will have to return any refund money obtained after filing false information, along with any interest and penalties.

Also, beware of a tax preparer who urges you to sign your return without carefully reading it, or who refuses to provide you with copies of your return.

All homeowners, particularly senior Texans, should question any solicitation that charges application or registration fees for tax reductions, freezes, ceilings or deferrals. Most often, the "reduction" offered is nothing more than the homestead exemption that is already available to Texas homeowners. There is no need to pay anyone to secure a homestead tax exemption. You can easily claim it or other tax benefits yourself by contacting your local county tax assessor collector.

Remember that taxes are NOT voluntary. Do not fall for pitches that promise to exempt you from taxes. U.S. courts have repeatedly rejected the argument that taxes are voluntary or optional.

Finally, beware of people going door-to-door posing as IRS agents. These con artists may claim you owe back taxes and pressure you to write a check on the spot. Don't pay them anything. Verify the identification and documentation of anyone claiming to be an IRS agent. If you believe an imposter has shown up at your door, call your local police department immediately.

Become an informed consumer this tax season. Pay your taxes and enjoy your refunds.

Hospice of the Big Country offers volunteer training

Hospice of the Big Country is looking for new volunteers to join their volunteer program. They are offering volunteer training for volunteers in Abilene and surrounding communities. Training sessions will begin Thurs., March 22, and continue on Tues. and Thurs. evenings until April 12, for a total of seven classes. The classes will be held at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center boardroom from 6:30 to

9:30 p.m., and are open to all interested persons. There is no charge for the training, and refreshments will be provided at each session. Pre-registration is required so that there will be enough notebooks and materials for everyone.

All Hospice volunteers are required to complete hospice volunteer training. The training program is a broad overview of end-of life issues designed to educate hospice volunteers about hospice care and all the ministries involved in being a volunteer for terminally ill patients. Some of the topics that will be covered include ethics, communication skills, the disease process, stages of death and dying, care and comfort measures, grief and bereavement, and spirituality in death. The trainers for each topic are all specialists in their field.

"A hospice volunteer's time commitment is flexible, just like the services he or she provides," said Jo Ann Wilson, Director of Volunteer Services. "Services range from providing companionship for patients and their families, to running errands and providing respite care. Volunteers are a very important

part of our program," she said. "All it takes to be an effective hospice volunteer is a compassionate heart and a willingness to share your time."

Ninety volunteers currently help Hospice of the Big Country meet its mission. Hospice of the Big Country was established in 1992 and serves terminally ill patients in Abilene and the eleven surrounding counties. Under the direction of the patient's physician and the hospice medical director, the hospice team works together to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual care to the patient and family. HOBC provides care for cancer as well as non-cancerous diagnoses. Over 3,000 patients and families have been served by Hospice of the Big Country since its inception.

In April 2000, Hospice of the Big Country merged with the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Hospice of the Big Country accepts all terminally ill patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

Call Jo Ann Wilson, Executive Director, in Abilene at 325-793-5450 for more information or to reserve a space in the classes.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

The Easter bunnies are moving into our front yard. They should have completed their move by the time you read this notice in the Haskell Free Press.

Come by and enjoy watching them.

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RESERVE CHAMPION LIMOUSIN—James Williams, left, of Haskell represented the Haskell FFA Club with his Reserve Champion Limousin entry at the Houston Livestock Show recently. His light weight steer placed first in his class. Holding his award are, l-r, Greg Williams, JoAnna Williams, Madaline Williams, Micha Dorsey and Shelby Dunman.



RESERVE CHAMPION BRANGUS—Kyle Kimbrough of Haskell, holding the steer, represented the Haskell County 4-H Club with his Reserve Champion Brangus entry at the Houston Livestock Show recently. His heavy weight steer placed second in his class. Helping Kyle with his awards are l-r, Joey Kimbrough, Tammy Kimbrough and Meagan Kimbrough.

Houston Livestock Show results

Results of Haskell County entries showing in the Junior Market Steers division at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are:

Shorthorn: Class 1, Light Weight Steers: 1. Shelby Dunning of Haskell FFA; Class 3, Heavy

Weight Steers: 2. Paige Adams of Haskell County 4-H.

Limousin: Class 1, Light Weight Steers: 1. James Williams of Haskell FFA. Reserve Champion Limousin: James Williams.

Brangus: Class 3, Heavy

Weight Steers: 2. Kyle Kimbrough for Haskell Co. 4-H. Reserve Champion Brangus: Kyle Kimbrough.

All Other Breeds: Class 1, Light Weight Steers: 6. Chambray Bartley of Haskell FFA.

Brigades seek new recruits

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co. Texas Cooperative Extension's Texas Brigades is seeking to muster new recruits into this year's summer camps.

This year's camps are:
•South Texas Buckskin Brigade, June 10-14 at La Bandera Ranch near Carrizo Springs.

•Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, June 16-20 at Kroked River Ranch near Lueders.

•North Texas Buckskin Brigade, July 22-26 at Stasney's Cook Ranch near Albany.

•Feathered Forces Brigade, July 15-9 at Piney Island near Lufkin.

"The core curriculum for all the camps stresses leadership development and natural resources conservation," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, and originator of the camps. He said each camp forges these skills into fun and interesting activities that focus on a particular game species. The game animals form the nucleus for the camps which typically involve 30 youth ages 13 to 17 years old.

"This marks our 15th year and

I'm proud to say that the fire still burns brightly among our various volunteers who conduct these camps," Rollins said.

"We've been doing these camps long enough now to begin to see the fruits of our labors," he said. "We have young professionals in place who were active in the Brigades ten year or more ago. Some of them are coming back home to dedicate their time and talents to the Brigades.

This helps bridge the generation gap between an ever-aging corps of instructors and an ever younger group of cadets."

Rollins said the Texas Brigades has been blessed with substantial support recently from several foundations which has allowed expansion and improvement of the programs.

"We're also excited about helping to start a Buckskin

Brigade camp in Pennsylvania this summer," Rollins said. "That makes a total of six states that have cloned our Brigades model."

"We don't want financial hardship to stop any potential cadet from participating in these camps," he said. "We have sponsors ready and willing to provide financial aid whenever they are needed."

Applications are available at www.texasbrigades.org and are due by April 15. Mail applications to: Helen Holdsworth, Texas Brigades executive director, 2800 NE Loop 410, Suite 105, San Antonio, Texas 78218,

For further information contact Rollins at 325-653-4576 or e-mail him at d-rollins@tamu.edu or contact Holdsworth, at 800-TEX-WILD or 210-826-2904 or h_holdsworth@texas-wildlife.org.

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Student in the News

Jeffrey Neal Blanks of Haskell graduated from Abilene Christian University with a Master of Accountancy in Accounting during the December 2006 commencement.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 12, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (SJR 13)

SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

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Herren celebrates 93rd birthday



ANITA HERREN

Flowers, balloons, gifts and many cards from friends made the

day a festive and memorable one on Sat., March 3, when Anita Herren of Haskell celebrated her 93rd birthday.

Those attending were: daughter Jan and John Gannaway of Lubbock; grandson Jim and Maryam Gannaway, recently of Tehran, Iran; grandson Robert and Jerita Howard of Abilene; granddaughter Kim Howard, and great grandchildren, Sidney, Clay, Jo-Jo and Terri Loddick of Fort Worth; great grandson Brandon and friend Ashleigh, also of Fort Worth; Carolyn Dycus, niece, of Abilene.

After an Italian luncheon, the honoree welcomed more family, Lucile Gannaway, Andy and Christye Gannaway.

Register for Spring Fling by April 13

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Looking for that perfect gift for mom or dad (or grandma or grandpa)? Hard to buy for them because they seem to have everything? Then look no further than the Texas 4-H Conference Center!

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Seashore!" Accommodations at the Texas 4-H Conference Center are modern, climate controlled and allow individuals to choose lodging in communal dorm style or private room accommodations, either single or double occupancy.

The food service department will gladly accommodate any special dietary needs. Call the Haskell County office or Texas Cooperative Extension for more information at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546. You may also e-mail the Texas 4-H Conference Center at Texas4-H.Center@ag.tamu.edu for registration information.

Sign-up deadline is April 13.

Herrings receive Sonic awards

Leon and Carolyn Herring, managers of the Haskell Sonic Drive-In, have recently returned from the annual Moore-McCans Sonic Convention held at the Marriott Solana in Dallas.

Carolyn Herring received the 'Top Local Store Marketing' award for the Texas stores represented.

The couple's son, Chris

Herring, manager of the Burkburnett Sonic, received the 'Top Profit Percentage' award. He was also recognized for having a million dollar store.

Leon and Carolyn Herring are celebrating their thirteenth year in Haskell. They have been working for Sonic for 32 years and are proud to call Haskell their home.

Births

Jeff McClendon and Paula Harvey, both of Haskell, are announcing the birth of their daughter, Ava Claire McClendon, born Feb. 19 at 5:44 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz. She was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Bennie and Connie Harvey of Haskell, Randy McClendon of Garland and Donna McClendon of Dallas.

Great grandparents are Alta Faye Harvey and Cora Lois Golden, both of Haskell.

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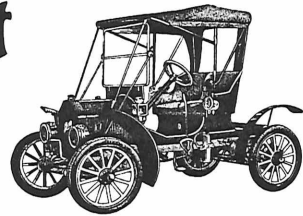


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ERIN HISE
Erin Hise, is the daughter of Vonnie and Jerrie Sue Hise of Haskell, and granddaughter of Bill and Geraldine Baker.

She attends East Side Baptist Church.

In school she is active in FFA, softball and is cross country manager.

She likes hunting, fishing, spending time with family and friends, watching American Idol and showing animals.

She has received the State FFA Lone Star Degree, FFA Star Chapter Farmer Degree, and was named to All-District softball and academic first teams.

Her future plans include going to Cisco Junior College to get an Associate degree, and then transferring to a four-year school to get a Bachelors degree. She would like to start a family while she works in a field of public service.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Thurs., March 8 for a special session. Those attending were County Judge David Davis, County Commissioners Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield, Kenny Thompson and Bobby Smith, and County Clerk Rhonda Moeller.

A motion by Commissioner Mayfield was approved for paying all bills presented to the court that day.

Under reports, County Treasurer Janis McDaniel submitted the January Treasurer's report with a .9 correction. On a motion by Commissioner Smith, the County Treasurer's report for February and the Senior Citizen's report were approved. The Court discussed Justice of the Peace Lynn Dodson being behind in turning in her money to the County Treasurer.

Exemptions for controlled burns were discussed and it was agreed that conditions were not favorable for that consideration.

Commissioner Scoggins stated that he had been out to the Anchor, and that it looks good.

Upon the recommendation of Sheriff David Halliburton, Commissioner Thompson presented a motion to hire Julia Aguilar at the Sheriff's office. The motion was approved.

A motion by Commissioner Thompson was approved for the sale of 1.62 acres on the west side of Rule to Ray Don Campbell by the Haskell County Appraisal Office.

Discussion and action on the County-wide Cleanup was tabled until the next meeting.

On March 8, the Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special called meeting for a Public Hearing on a proposed County Road Map.

Judge Davis opened the meeting at 10 a.m. The hearing was held in order to receive public comment on the Proposed County Road Map, pursuant to Chapter 258, Texas Transportation Code.

Mike McGuire was present to discuss County Road 276.

With no citizens protesting the map, Judge Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Around Town By Joyce Hawkins

Spending the weekend with grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Coy Scoggins were granddaughters, Malorey and Damon Morgan of Gunner and Macy Jordan of Richland.

Bobby Scheets and Creora

Tatum picked up Aubrey and Caden Tatum of Midland in Abilene on Sunday to bring them to Haskell to spend the week of spring break with Granny Margaret Tatum and other relatives.

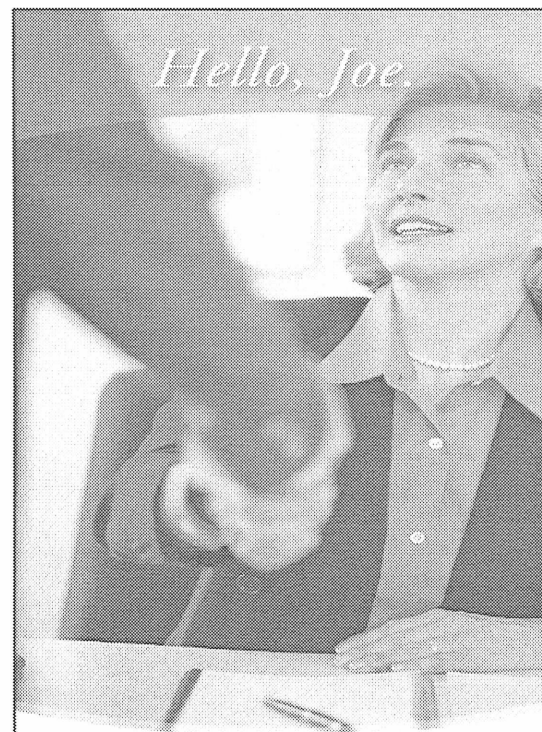
Drywall scrapes

Did you know that many materials used to build a home contract as they age? That's right, houses shrink.

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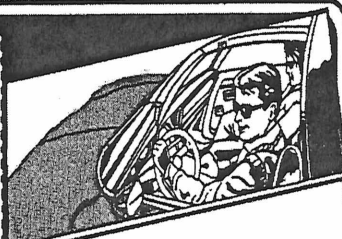
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A FIRST PLACE AT SHOW—Kyle Kimbrough, second from far right, holds his Hereford steer that won first place in the light weight Hereford Class at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. Standing, l-r, are family members, Joey Kimbrough, Tammy Kimbrough and Meagan Kimbrough.

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Indian Baseball scores

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March 1-3
Indians 18, Rotan 5
Indians 3, Albany 13
Indians 4, Stamford 5

March 5: Indians 1, Merkel 12

Haskell School Menu

March 19-23
Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Funnel cake
Wednesday: Cereal, animal crackers
Thursday: Sausage, biscuit
Friday: Pig in a blanket
Lunch
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot roll, sliced peaches
Tuesday: Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, fresh fruit
Wednesday: Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, pineapple tidbits
Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, baby carrots, ranch dressing, banana pudding
Friday: Choice: Hamburger or tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, orange slice

This Week's Devotional Message:



The legend of St. Patrick has come down to us in such a form as to make us concentrate on its more whimsical aspects rather than its serious message. The greeting card racks sprout shamrocks and little men in green suits. Regardless of our ethnic backgrounds, we all become "Irish" on that day and don green garments. Hibernian melodies emanate from the radio stations. With all of

that, we tend to forget the story of St. Patrick's perilous journey to Ireland to persuade the people to go and worship God, and that under much safer conditions we could do the same thing. So, when you go to your House of Worship, try to bring a friend or neighbor with you, and you'll both receive the blessings that St. Patrick spoke of so long ago.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
Danny Manross, pastor
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600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
Rev. Daniel Echols, 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.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
St. George Catholic Church
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
Church of Christ
Jim Yates, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
First Presbyterian Church
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
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
Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

—WEINERT—
First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert

—ROCHESTER—
Church of Christ
Steve Wiils, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
First Baptist Church
Fred Garvin, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 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
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

—SAGERTON—
Sagerton Methodist Church
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—
First Baptist Church
Josh Stowe, 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
Terry O'Rear, 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. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 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

Paint Creek School Menu

March 19-23
Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Toast and cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Donuts
Friday: Toast or cereal
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, chocolate cake
Tuesday: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, corn, salad, chips, fruit cups
Wednesday: Ham with mac and cheese, fried okra, salad, peach cobbler
Thursday: BBQ sandwiches, tater tots, ranch style beans, carrots, rice krispie bars
Friday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cheese, chips, pudding

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., March 19
Lunch—Sausage and kraut, au gratin potatoes, blackeyed peas, sliced onions, garlic toast, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., March 21
Lunch—Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, salsa, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., March 23
Lunch—Chicken on rice, blackeyed peas, turnip greens, yeast rolls, jello and cookies, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 702 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., March 10, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 65 sellers and 36 buyers were present.
337 steers and bulls. 206 heifers. 143 cows and bulls.
Cows: fat, .35-.40; cutters, .46-.51; canners, .25-.32.
Bulls: bologna, .58-.63, feeders, .75-.85.
Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.60-1.90; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.30; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.29; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.25; 600-700 lbs., .98-1.14; 700-800 lbs., .96-1.05; 800-up lbs., .83-.96.
Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .98-1.20; 300-400 lbs., 1.12-1.25; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.15; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.06; 600-up lbs., .80-.98.
Bred heifers: medium frame 600-750.
Bred cows: young to middle aged 750-900; aged or small, 650-850.
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FOR SALE: Sacrifice: new Sears washing machine, \$220; like new, side by side GE refrigerator-freezer with water and cubed ice dispenser with water filter, \$520. Call 325-773-7461. 11p

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Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE: Fri. and Sat., 23, 24. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A lot of garden tools, wrenches, riding lawn mowers, two-wheel trailer, air compressor. 109 N. Amity, Rule 940-996-6233. 11p

GARAGE SALE: Sat. only. 202 N. Ave. M. 8 to 2. 11p

GARAGE SALE: 205 S. Ave. H. Sat., March 17. 11p

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Cause No. 10,813. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. J.W. 'Wesley' Wilson. Legal description: 1. All of Block 18, Highland Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,110. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Jim Harris. Legal description: 2. South 75' of Lots 4-7, Block 29, Original Town Addition to the Town of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,270. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Daisy Hughes Trust. Legal description: 3. A 165.250 acres tract of land out of Tract 1, Geo G. Alford Survey #45 Haskell County, Texas. 4. A 165.250 acres tract of land out of Tract 2, Geo G. Alford Survey #46 Haskell County, Texas. 5. A 111.00 acres out of a tract of land out of Tract 1, Geo G. Alford Survey #44, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,272. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Lois Sneed. Legal description: 6. Lots 16, 17, Block 19, Original Town Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,322. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Brett Griffin. Legal description: 7. Lot 4, Block 6,

Southside Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas. and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 2:30 o'clock p.m. on the 3rd day of April 2007, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

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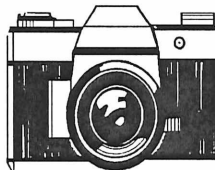
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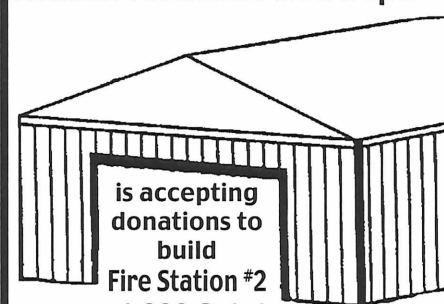
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Copies of the RFI Document may be obtained by written request to Helen Farabee Regional MHMR Centers, Attn: Kim Beck, 1730 4th St., Graham, Texas 76450 or via internet at www.helenfarabee.org. INTERESTED PARTIES MUST RESPOND TO THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY 3:00 O'CLOCK P.M., APRIL 13, 2007 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 1.4 OF THE RFI DOCUMENT.

Questions regarding the RFI Process should be directed to Kim Beck at the address listed above.

NOTE: Similar RFI Notices are being published for many local service areas in Texas. Those interested in responding for a county other than the one(s) identified above, should contact that county's Local Mental Retardation Authority for further information or the RFI Document.

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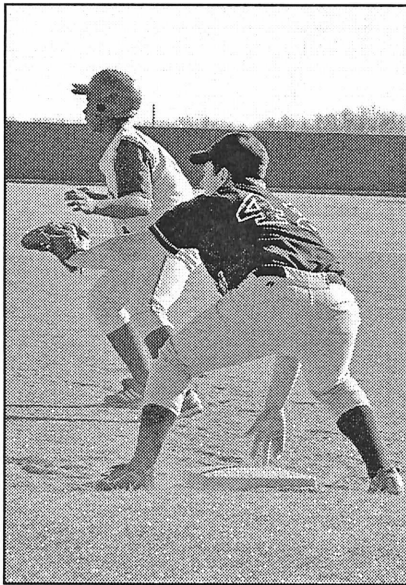
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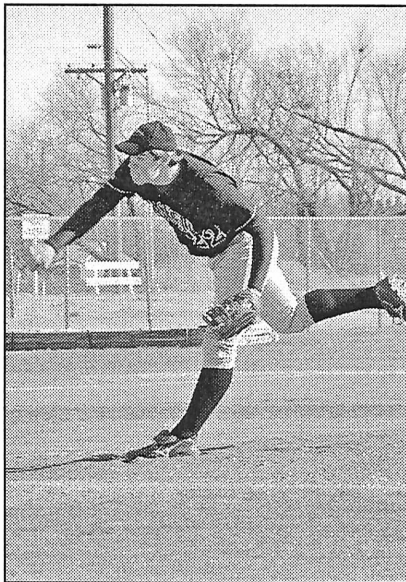
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INDIANS—Weston Rutkowski, left, waits on a pitch from the Merkel team during a game held March 5. Josh Kimmel looks for a throw to put out a Merkel runner at first base.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



THROWING COMBINATION—Travis Adams, catcher, left, and pitcher Gary Frierson work to throw out the competition in a game against Merkel March 5. The Indians lost 12-1.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Calendar

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

Burn ban issued

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

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COKE

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**BEEF & BEAN
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BLUE BUNNY ICE CREAM SANDWICH EACH	69¢
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ALLSUP'S SANDWICH BREAD 24 OZ. / 79¢ EACH OR	2 FOR \$1.09
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BAR-5 BOLOGNA 12 OZ. PKG.	\$1.29
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AVOCADOS	3 FOR \$1.00
TOMATOES 4 PACK	\$1.29
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MI MAMA FLOUR TORTILLAS 10 CT. PKG.	89¢
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COMBO NO. 3	BBQ SANDWICH & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$1.99	COMBO NO. 8	2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.59
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