

Softball games

Haskell JV-V vs Stamford
Sat., April 21, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

Baseball games

Haskell JV vs Hawley
Mon., April 23, 4:30 p.m.
at Haskell
Haskell V vs Hawley
Tues., April 24, 4:30 p.m.
at Hawley

Calendar

Chamber banquet

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Thurs., April 19 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. For more information call 864-2477.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., April 21 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Burritos for sale

Haskell Boy Scout Troop 136 will sell combination burritos for \$10 per dozen April 22 through May 9. Proceeds will benefit summer camp expenses. Call Kay Smith at 864-3344 or contact any Boy Scout to place an order.

Sheep, swine tags

The deadline for sheep and swine validation tag orders for the 2007 State Fair of Texas show is Thurs., April 19 at 5 p.m. Animals showing at the State Fair must have an official Texas State Validation Ear Tag. Orders will be taken at the Haskell County Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. D, in Haskell. For more information, call Wes Utley, Haskell Co. Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

Steer tags

The deadline for steer validation tag orders for the 2008 stock show season is Thurs., April 19 at 5 p.m. Orders will be taken at the Haskell County Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. D, in Haskell. For more information, call Wes Utley, Haskell Co. Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546 or your Ag science teacher.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse Fri., April 20 at noon. All members are asked to attend for a discussion on a fund-raiser in May.

Clean up help

The Haskell High and Junior High School Student Council members will accept automobile batteries, old paint and old paint cans Sat. April 21 and Sat., April 28 in conjunction with the City Wide Clean Up in Haskell. Community residents may drop these items off just north of Haskell County Insurance at the corner of N. 2nd and Ave. E.

Blood drive

A blood drive, sponsored by the Haskell Rotary Club, will be held Tues., April 24 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank.

Benefit meals

A benefit breakfast and lunch will be hosted for Trinidad (Butch) Rodriguez Sun., April 22 from 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Rodriguez Inn.

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Chamber banquet set tonight

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BRICK SALVAGE—Construction workers removed the bricks that have been hidden beneath the pavement around the square for many years for salvage. In the background workers palletize the bricks to save for relaying in the median area between the new curb and the courthouse sidewalk. Surplus bricks, if any, will be the property of Haskell County and may be used in decorative construction of the new Haskell County Library.

Clean Up week begins

During Haskell's City Wide Clean Up Week, the landfill will be open on special days for use by citizens. These days will be Sat., Apr. 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Apr. 23 through Apr. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sat., Apr. 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Two trailers will be available, half days only, during the week, for those who do not have their own trailer. Personal trailers and trucks hauling loose trash must have a tarp. Bulky items, lumber, tin, etc., must be tied down.

If you are bringing your own trailer, you will need a tare (empty) weight, and a gross (loaded) weight. No charge will be made, but the landfill must keep up with the weight as per specifications by TCEQ.

Things that will not be accepted during clean-up week are chemicals, tires, batteries, anything with Freon, asbestos, or any roofing materials and paint.

Bulky items will be picked up by the city if they are placed by the dumpster, only if previous arrangements have been made through City Hall at 864-2333.

This service is provided for citizens residing in the city limits of Haskell only. You may be asked for proof of residence, such as your water bill.

Citizens reminded of weed, litter ordinances

The City of Haskell will be putting special emphasis on ordinances concerning health and sanitation, and weeds and wild growth.

The ordinance reads: "Weeds, trash, rubbish on premises constitutes a public nuisance. It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, occupant or person in charge of any premises in the city to allow weeds to grow above 12 inches upon the premises, or to allow trash or rubbish to accumulate upon the premises to such an extent that a fire hazard is created or that it has become injurious to the health of other citizens. Either act is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance."

Citizens are encouraged to abide by the ordinance to help beautify the city and also for the safety of all citizens. A City Wide Clean Up week is set April 21-28. All Haskell citizens are encouraged to do their part in helping to make Haskell beautiful.

If your property is found to be out of ordinance, a reminder notice may be left around your front door. The first notice is just a reminder, hoping the resident will be compelled to comply. If compliance is not met, then the city will proceed to the next action.

April sales tax allocations noted

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state received \$1.53 billion in sales tax revenue in March, up 11.9 percent compared to March 2006.

Local sales tax revenues

continue to grow. Combs sent \$404 million in April sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 9.7 percent increase compared to

April 2006. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 6.4 percent.

Comptroller Combs sent April sales tax allocations of \$272.4 million to Texas cities, up 9.3

percent compared to April 2006. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 7.1 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$24.8 million, up 11.1 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 8.4 percent higher than last year.

Haskell County had a 35.79 percent increase for April 2007 of \$25,822.82 in comparison to \$19,015.42 for April 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$122,403.85 reflect a 2.73 percent increase over 2006 payments to date of \$119,148.55.

The City of Haskell had a 36.25 percent increase for April 2006 of \$23,817.39 in comparison to \$17,479.55 for April 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$112,471.77 reflect a 2.32 percent increase over 2006 payments to date of \$109,913.57.

The City of O'Brien had a 143.17 percent increase for April 2007 of \$70.01 in comparison to \$28.79 for April 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$486.96 reflect a 80.79 percent increase over 2006 payments to date of \$269.35.

The City of Rochester had a 20.48 percent increase for April 2007 of \$336.54 in comparison to \$279.32 for April 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$1,955.09 reflect a 3.54 percent decrease over 2006 payments to date of \$2,026.95.

The City of Rule had a 37.82 percent increase for April 2007 of \$1,426.74 in comparison to \$1,035.15 for April 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$6,517.29 reflect a 12.47 percent increase over 2006 payments to date of \$5,794.35.

The City of Weinert had a 10.62 percent decrease for April 2007 of \$172.14 in comparison to \$192.61 for April 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$972.74 reflect a 14.99 percent decrease over 2006 payments to date of \$1,144.33.

Pre-K, Head Start, EC to register

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for Prekindergarten and Head Start classes for the 2007-08 school year Fri., April 20 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Haskell Elementary library.

Currently to attend Prekindergarten, a child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2007, qualify for free or reduced lunches or be of limited English-speaking ability or identified as being homeless. However, we are hoping to offer Prekindergarten for all four year olds. If you are

interested in this program for your child, be sure to register Fri., April 20.

To qualify for Head Start, a child must be 3 or 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2007 and meet income guidelines.

Early Childhood is for children ages 3-5 that may be developmentally delayed in areas such as learning, speech and/or emotional skills. If your child turns 3 during the 2007-08 school year, you can call the elementary office at 864-2654 at that time to

schedule an appointment to have your child screened.

Parents should bring their driver license and income verification (for Head Start) and their child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration. It is not necessary for your child to attend registration.

It is possible for some children to qualify for more than one of these programs. Call Peggy Adams at 864-2654 if you have any questions.

Kindergarten to register in Haskell

Haskell Elementary School will have Kindergarten registration and screening for the 2007-08 school year Fri., April 27. To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2007.

Students who are not currently enrolled at Haskell Elementary will register and be screened between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. or between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. Please bring your child to the elementary office.

Students who are currently enrolled in Prekindergarten, Early Childhood or Head Start will be screened during their class time. Parents of these students do not need to attend registration.

Each child needs to bring his/her birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration. Parents need to bring their driver license.

Immunization requirements which must be met before the first day of Kindergarten are: three doses polio vaccine including one received on or after the 4th birthday, four doses DTP/DtaP vaccine including one received on or after the 4th birthday, two doses MMR vaccine (or one dose MMR and one dose measles vaccine), three doses hepatitis B vaccine and one dose varicella vaccine or documentation of having had chicken pox.

Call Peggy Adams at 864-2654 if you have any questions.

Crime Stoppers meeting to be held Thursday

Haskell County Judge, David Davis is hosting a crime stoppers meeting at the Haskell County Courthouse April 19 at 1:30 p.m.

District judges, county judges, law enforcement, mayors, school officials, media and other community stakeholders of Kent, Jones, Haskell, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Fisher and Stonewall counties are meeting to consider organizing a multi-county/city crime stoppers

program.

Dee Spinks and Janie Prew, officials from the Hill Country Crime Stoppers, Inc. plus Lt. Rick Dorman, Coordinator for the Abilene Crime Stoppers will be presenters to the Big Country audience.

For information call or email Don Howard, Chairman, Stamford Community Coalition at 325-773-3080, howard_don@sbeglobal.net.

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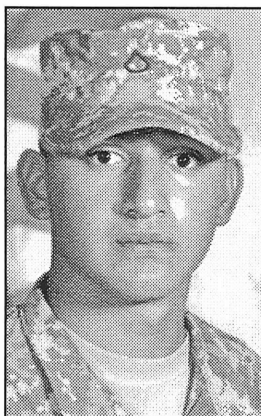
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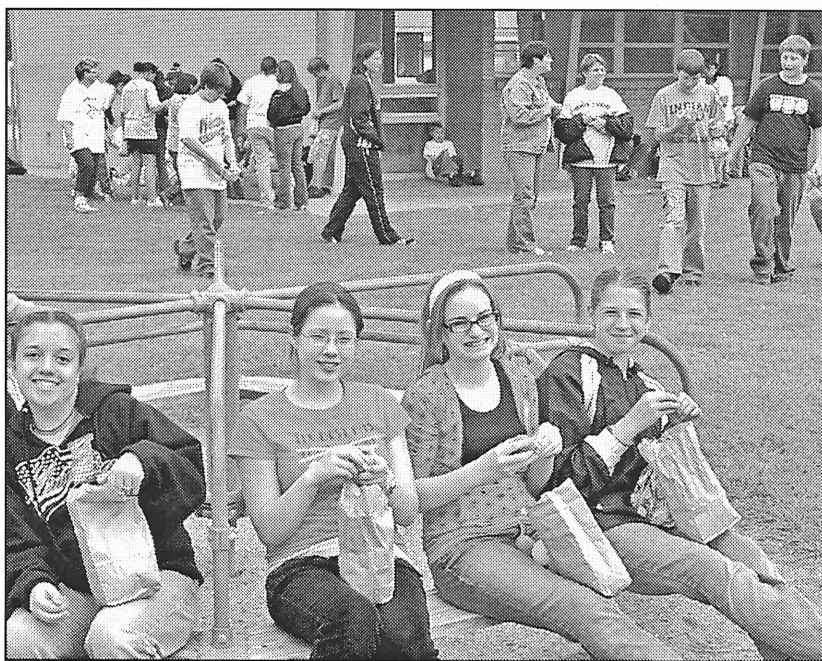
PFC Jeffrey Silba, son of Jessie and Frances Silba of Haskell, has been awarded the Army Achievement Medal for outstanding initiative and leadership in the Crazyhorse Tactical Operations Center.

Silba has demonstrated discipline and technical knowledge greatly increasing the efficiency of the Crazyhorse Troop during tank and Bradley gunnery where he excelled in the Troop Tactical Operations Center as the reporting and operations NCO.

He served in a position three levels above his rank, and exhibited a take-charge attitude and led his peers on a daily basis. He ensured timely and accurate reporting, appropriate unit tracking, efficient range operations, and logistical support to the tankers and scouts.

He excelled as the operations became more difficult and soldiers around him began to fatigue. He rarely operated on more than three hours of sleep, all the time becoming tougher when operations became more difficult. He excelled and served as a standard-bearer for the troop.

His actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Crazyhorse Troop, Tiger Squadron, the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen, and the United States Army.



EASTER EGG HUNT—Rochester Junior High students participated in an Easter egg hunt. Checking out their loot in the foreground is, l-r, Judith Isbell, Amber Allen, Lisa Hibbits and Krista McLemore. Students in the background continue with the Easter festivities.

211 receives national award

The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) has extended full accreditation to the 2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help Community Resource Center. In ceremonies at the United Way of Abilene Board meeting, Center Director Mary Cooksey presented the accreditation certificate to A Call for Help partners, United Way of Abilene, City of Abilene, West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, and Texas Health and Human Services Commission. United Way of Abilene is the managing partner for the West Central Texas Area Information Center.

In notifying the center of this accomplishment, Faed Hendry, Chair of the AIRS Accreditation Committee, wrote, "On behalf of the board and staff of AIRS, we again wish to applaud you and your staff for a job well done. You have worked very hard for this recognition, and should be very proud of the excellence of

your information and referral program."

Achieving accreditation is a rigorous three-step process that has only been achieved by a select group of centers nationwide. It involves a lengthy application and consultation phase, followed by a site visit, culminating with a recommendation regarding accreditation. Following a site visit on March 5, review team member Mary Hogan of United Way of Connecticut wrote in her report, "This is an extremely well managed service, with highly professional staff and a strong highly-committed advisory committee." For more

information about the accreditation process, visit www.airs.org or www.211.texas.org.

The Abilene site is one of 25 Area Information Centers in the 2-1-1 Texas system. The local Center receives an average of 2,400 calls per month, and serves clients in 19 counties of West Central Texas, including Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton Counties.

For more information, visit www.acallforhelp.info.

Preliminary survey results released by United Way

For six weeks in February and March, the United Way of Abilene asked area residents what they felt were the most important issues facing West Central Texas. At their United Way Board meeting, leaders of that organization began hearing some answers.

Bill Culp, Director of the Nonprofit Management Center at ACU, presented a preliminary report to the United Way Board of the survey rankings. The top ten overall responses were:

- Reduce neighborhood crime and violence;
- Make affordable health care services more available, especially to the uninsured and uninsured;
- Educate/train our youth and adults for employment;
- Reduce the use of illegal drugs;
- Reduce domestic violence and help victims of domestic violence;
- Provide a greater supply of affordable child care for pre-school and school-aged children;
- Improve the physical, social and emotional development of school-aged children;
- Enable the elderly to live independently in their homes for as long as possible;
- Provide emergency assistance (food, shelter, rent, utilities, etc.) for the homeless and those at risk for becoming homeless;
- Reduce the number of school dropouts.

Culp reported that 1,135 surveys were submitted this year, as compared to 800 in 2003. He stressed that further analysis is still underway, and that a detailed final report will be available in about two weeks. The survey contained a list of 28 community issues, and respondents were asked to rank what they felt were the five most important issues, followed by the five next most important.

United Way Chairman Tom O'Neil stressed that the survey was just the first step in a lengthy community assessment process

now underway at United Way. "With the survey done, we move to our community focus groups," he said. "Participants at these forums will learn the detailed results of the survey. They will have opportunity to discuss the results, ask questions, and offer their comments and opinions." He noted that input from these groups will assist United Way in setting future funding priorities.

Focus groups are currently scheduled; each session will present the same material and allow participants to discuss it freely, so participants are urged to pick the session that is most convenient for their schedule. All meetings will be conducted at the United Way of Abilene office, 240 Cypress, Suite 200, at these dates and times:

- Tues., April 24, 3 to 5 p.m.
- Thurs., April 26, 3 to 5 p.m.
- Mon., April 30, 1:15 to 3 p.m.
- Wed., May 2, 7:45 to 9 a.m.
- Wed., May 9, 1:15 to 3 p.m.
- Thurs., May 10, 7:45 to 9 a.m.

To make reservations, or for more information, call 325-677-1841, or e-mail uwab@unitedwayabilene.org.

The United Way of Abilene serves 19 counties in West Central Texas, including Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton counties.

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.

Storm sirens

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

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Schools homecoming will be held Sept. 21-22.

Calendar

Summer school

Haskell Independent School District will offer a summer school program for limited English speaking students who will enter kindergarten or first grade for the 2007-08 school year. The summer school will be for eight weeks beginning June 4 and ending July 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday

through Friday. Neither transportation nor meals will be provided. If less than ten eligible children desire to participate in the summer program, it will not be offered. If you have an eligible limited English student who is interested in this program, call Cindy McCulloch at 940-864-8007 on or before May 4.

Garage sale

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., May 5. Application forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd St. or by calling 864-2477.

Ladies brunch

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, West Hwy. 380 in Haskell, will host a ladies brunch Sat., April 28 beginning at 9:30 a.m. featuring Allison Ware, gifted singer, pianist and speaker. A concert of praise and worship will be held Sun., April 29 at 10:45 a.m.

Prayer day

Local churches will host prayer on topics of concern to citizens as well as prayers for local and national authorities during the National Day of Prayer service Thurs., May 3 at noon at the gazebo on the courthouse square. Sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance of Haskell, the program will last 30 minutes. Bring a lawn chair. For more information, call Paula Rennegarbe at 864-2193 or Richard Barr at 325-280-5549.

Song service

A song service will be held Sun., May 6 at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 107 N. Ave. F, in Haskell. Everyone is invited to come and participate in an old-fashioned community hymn service. For more information, call Richard Barr at 864-3550 or 864-2445.

Health issues are Study Club topic

The Progressive Study Club of Haskell met Thurs., April 12 in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building.

President Julia Harrell welcomed nineteen members and two guests.

Guest speakers, Charlotte Welch, Director of Nursing, and Charlotte Arendall, Rehab Nurse, both of Haskell Memorial, were introduced by Nancy Toliver. They gave an informative presentation on various health-related topics, including learning about your medications, and symptoms of heart attacks and strokes, which are the number one and number three killers of women in the country.

Literature and brochures were distributed concerning health issues. Members participated in exercises including stretches, leg shifts, and bends. Resistance bands were distributed and members did exercises using them. In appreciation, a donation to the Heart Association will be made by the club.

Tinka Nelson read two letters of appreciation of donations made to the Mesquite District Scholarship fund in memory of

club members Frances Lane, Mary Martin, Gladys O'Neal, Nancy Plunkett and Lois Redwine.

Dorothy Hartsfield, reporting on the La Briere house, said the sixth grade class of Debbie Miller is preparing flower beds and will be planting flowers soon. She noted that two trees would soon be planted in appreciation for two previous speakers.

Nancy Toliver reported that Anita Herren, due to many years of service, had qualified for Life Member of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and will be honored at the State Convention in Abilene, April 18-21.

Evelyn Cobb announced the awards given at the Merkel District Meeting in March. For the Progressive Study Club, these included a 2nd place for winning the most 1st place awards; 1st for the Yearbook Cover, 1st and 2nd in Photography for Dorothy Hartsfield, 1st in Poetry for Nancy Toliver, and several other 1st and 2nd place awards.

Hostesses for the evening were Joe Ann Thane, Katherine Schonerstedt and Bettie Waincott.

Josselet family holds reunion

The descendents of Victor and Catherine Josselet gathered Sat., April 7 at the Haskell Civic Center with 151 in attendance. Steve McGuire gave the opening prayer.

The Paul Josselet family had the most members in attendance with 53. Paula Everett remembered those who had passed on since the last reunion and reported on new additions.

After lunch, president Cody Josselet presided over the business meeting. Robbie Harris read the minute from the previous reunion.

The youngest member present was Dylan Josselet, son of Cody

and Michelle Josselet. Eloise Perrin and Olen King were presented with gifts for being the oldest woman and man in attendance. Harley and Judy Myers traveled the farthest to attend.

The next reunion will be held on Saturday of Easter weekend in 2009. Officers presiding will be Sandy Sanford, president; Amy and Angela Aycock, co-vice presidents; Robbie Harris, secretary/treasurer; and Julia Harrell and Doris Jordan, historians.

An auction to defray the cost of the reunion was held following the business meeting.

New member joins Knox County museum board

A new member has been named to the Knox County Historical Commission. Irma Bell of Truscott, will join the Truscott and Gilliland group to bolster efforts to push the County's "Wichita-Brazos Museum," one step closer to completion.

Future projects are planned that would ordinarily meet the budget schedules, but there is a foundation interested now! So the Knox County Unity Festival on April 28 came into being. The festival will be great fun for all ages, and people can get the kids, and grandpas and grandmas home before dark, before they wear out. The event will start at 6 p.m. and the silent auction will end at 8 p.m. at the Benjamin Ex-Students Building.

"After hamburger music," will be provided by the Praise Band of the First Baptist Church of Munday; Men's Quartet of the

First Baptist Church of Munday, soloist, Britt Dobbs, and the Lady's Trio of Linda Reddell, Gay Yost and Delores Lambeth, with possibly even more entertainers taking part.

Interest in the museum is growing every day. A 1909 Knox City newspaper has recently been donated to the museum. The carefully archived paper, from the old cornerstone of the "old red brick school" in Knox City, was donated by Dr. Joe and Lydia Cash.

Anyone wishing to donate an item to the silent auction or inquire about a brick or stone can contact the Knox County Historical Commission Office at 940-459-2229 or 940-459-2205, or come by the office on the first floor of the courthouse. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Urbanczyk to be honored

Adult Protective Services is saying thank you to agencies and citizens who have provided extraordinary care and service to APS clients during the past year. Designated as "APS Honors," the awards are a special project of two volunteer boards and the Region 2/9 APS staff. Tamara Urbanczyk of Haskell is among the 18 recipients being honored throughout the 60-county region. Urbanczyk will be recognized during a reception in the Community Room, First National Bank of Haskell, 200 S. Ave E., Tues., April 24 at noon.



TAMARA URBANCZYK

Urbanczyk is a licensed social worker with the Helen Farabee Regional MHMR Center in Haskell. She chose her career field because of her love of people. Urbanczyk has worked closely with APS to find services and coordinate care for clients. She received her BS in Social Work from Abilene Christian University and has been with the MHMR center for three years. "Tamara demonstrates her love of people every day in her professionalism and dedication to clients. She is an asset to our community," states APS caseworker, Doris Watson.

The Region 9 Adult Protective Services Advisory Board (Midland/Odessa) and the APS Partners, Inc Board (Abilene) are non-profit organizations whose mission is to support the Adult Protective Services caseworkers and clients in the region. These volunteer boards conduct fundraising and

develop special projects to assist the elderly and persons with disabilities who are served through the Adult Protective Services program.

"We know our clients are best served when the private and public sectors work together," states Tommy Reed, Regional Director, Adult Protective Services, Region 2/9. "We value our community partnerships and APS Honors is an opportunity for us to recognize and thank individuals and agencies for outstanding efforts."

Adult Protective Services is a program of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The APS mission is to protect the elderly and persons with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by working with clients, families, and communities.

EEA Club meets

The Haskell EEA club met at the Haskell County Extension office on April 12, with eleven members and guest, Brandon Anderson, attending.

Plans were made to attend the Tri-County Rally day in Seymour on April 23. This is a fun day for EEA members in Baylor, Haskell and Knox Counties.

Brandon Anderson, City Administrator, presented the program on "Pantry Pest Patrol." Anderson gave the four basic concepts of pest patrol—Identify, Sanitize, Exclude and Control. Information was given on where

pests are found, how to get rid of them, and how to keep them out.

To avoid pest problems, you must remove their source of survival—food, water and shelter. Anderson gave several methods to do this, such as cleaning on a regular basis, sealing entry points into the home, and using air-tight storage containers. He stressed the importance of using non-chemical methods first and using pesticides as a last resort.

Hostesses for the meeting were Geraldine Baker and Flossie Bates. Next meeting is scheduled for May 10.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

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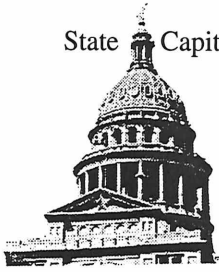
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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Senate passes version of 2008-2009 state budget

AUSTIN—Both houses of the 80th Texas Legislature have fulfilled their main constitutional duty: to produce a budget for the 2008-2009 biennium.

The Texas House passed House Bill 1 by Reps. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, and Ryan Guillen, D-San Diego, its \$151 billion state budget, on March 30. The Senate completed its \$153 billion version, SB 1 authored by Steve Ogden, R-College Station, on April 12.

When adjusted for inflation, these budgets—the largest in state history—represent about an 8 percent increase over the state's 2006-2007 budget.

Under the Senate version, the Children's Health Insurance Program would get an 80 percent increase, moving total funding for the program to \$1.8 billion for the biennium.

Ogden said this amount plus additional appropriations for state Medicaid will ensure that every eligible child in Texas will receive health coverage.

Now the two versions go to a conference committee of five senators and five House members who must reconcile the differences. Once reconciled, HB 1 and SB 1 return to their respective chambers for final passage. The deadline is May 28, the last day of the session.

House passes utility legislation

The House on April 13 passed legislation supporters say will increase competition and lower electric rates.

But opponents say the bill doesn't fix ongoing problems or necessarily help consumers in the long run.

Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, serves as chair of House Regulated Industries, the committee that molded the legislation. King said SB 482 will give power companies the incentive to reduce rates and will switch to a lower-cost rate plan for those customers who are paying the highest rates in the state.

King also said that during hot summer months the bill would prevent power companies from cutting off electricity to customers who have not paid their utility bill.

Opponents, however, pointed to high electricity rates related to spikes in natural gas prices after hurricanes Katrina and Rita and alleged market abuses by TXU.

Opponents also said the proposed acquisition of TXU by

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Texas Pacific Group could be a way to remedy these past concerns, but the legislation might put the transaction at risk and leave Texas "stuck" with TXU.

Now the legislation returns to the Senate where members must vote on whether to concur with the 27 floor amendments House members made to the bill. Any differences would have to be worked out in a conference committee.

Marital course bill passes House

The House passed legislation authored by Rep. Chisum to nudge couples toward taking a course on marriage before they officially tie the knot. If a couple passes the 8-hour course, the marriage license would cost them nothing.

But Chisum's House Bill 2685 gives couples an option: take the course or just pay \$60 for a marriage license. Presently, the cost is \$30.

The bill authorizes marriage educators, clergy or their designees, licensed mental health professionals, faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations to provide courses.

If the Senate approves the bill, it will become law Sept. 1.

Janek bill requires steroid test

More than 700,000 students who participate in athletics at Texas public schools would be subject to random steroid testing under legislation approved by the Texas Senate on April 10.

SB 8 by Sen. Kyle Janek, R-Houston, if also approved by the House, would go into effect Sept. 1.

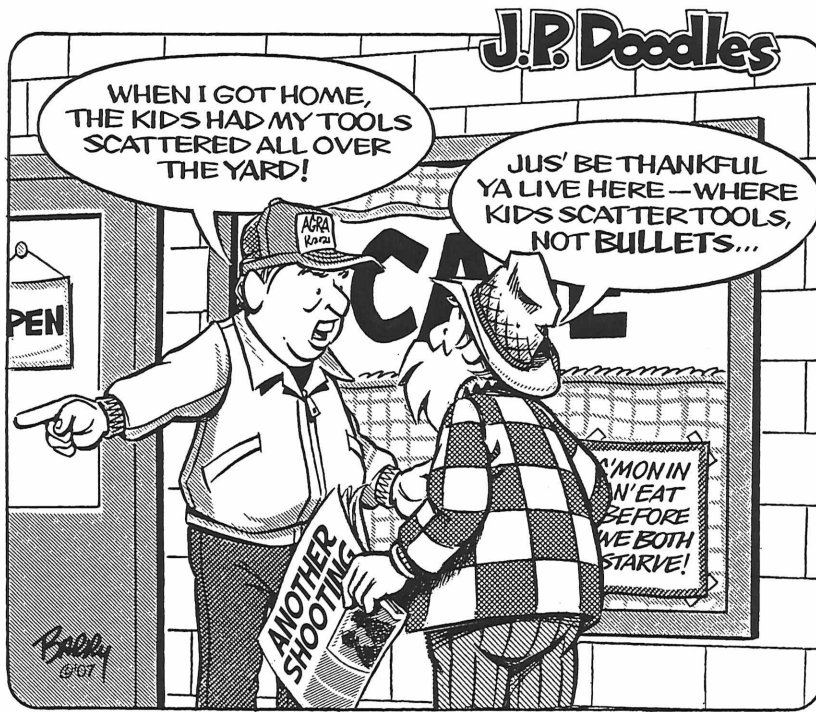
Texas primary date shift in works

The House on April 13 approved a proposal to move the state election primaries from the first Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday in February.

HB 2017 by Rep. Helen Giddings, D-Dallas, also would shift the candidate filing period two months earlier, from December to October.

Talk focuses on security data

At an April 13 committee hearing, lawmakers talked about moving the control of the governor's homeland security database to the Texas Department of Public Safety. The governor's homeland security office is tasked with gathering information on a wide range of activities in Texas. The database resides in Kentucky, the Texas Observer reported.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago April 17, 1997

Greg Kaase has been named County Extension Agent Agriculture for Haskell County.

The Haskell Indians defeated Quannah 13-11 in 8 innings. John Adam Abila was the winning pitcher.

Haskell girls golf team members won the District Golf Tournament. Playing were Amanda Rapp, J.J. Comedy, Jodi Thigpen, Misti Henson and Wendy Gray. Their coach is Dwayne Gray. The girls will play in the Regional Tournament in Stephenville.

20 Years Ago April 16, 1987

It's a non-stop trip now from Haskell to Knox City. The stop signs at the intersection of FM 617 and 2163 have been changed.

R.C. and Jerrene Couch were honored as Haskell's Most Outstanding Citizens. They were presented a plaque at the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

30 Years Ago April 14, 1977

Visiting the Rufus Schmidt family over the Easter weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schmidt of Slaton, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Schmidt of Lubbock. Visiting Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wahler of Stamford.

Cloys Dick visited last week in Coleman with her mother, Mrs. F.J. Woodring. Also visiting in the Woodring home were Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Riley of Huntsville,

and her sister, May Edna Sherry of Abilene.

Mrs. Gaylon Head of Breckenridge visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Redwine

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Berryhill and daughter, Valerie and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morris visited the Everett Berryhills over the weekend and grandson Johnny Berryhill of San Angelo.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Audie Verner last weekend were their son Mr. and Mrs. David Verner and family of Lubbock and their daughter, Mrs. R.C. Couch of Haskell.

40 Years Ago April 13, 1967

Mrs. Temple W. Williams and children, Holly and Tim, of Houston, and Mrs. Thelma Armstrong of Lake Jackson, visited in the home of Mrs. Williams parents and Mrs. Armstrong's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jetty V. Clare.

Wallace Wooten of Haskell, went to Shreveport, Louisiana for a two day marathon shoot. Wooten broke 497 of 500 targets for the second highest meet score.

Aviation Machinist Mate Airman Kenneth L. Miller, USN, son of Laura V. Miller of Haskell, helped win a Pacific Fleet Excellence Award for his jet aircraft unit.

50 Years Ago April 18, 1957

Filming the first scene of "The Haskell Story" started in the

picturesque ranch country southeast of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Woods of Ada, Oklahoma were visitors last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N.I. McCullum. Mr. Woods is a brother of Mrs. McCullum. Also visiting in the McCullum home during the weekend was John L. McCullum of Dallas.

Pfc. and Mrs. Charles Flanary and son, Steve Ray, visited in the home of their parents and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Flanary.

100 Years Ago April 20, 1907

J.A. McKee of Williamson County, who has purchased land in this county some time ago, has moved with his family.

J.L. Robertson, who made a trip through Jones and Fisher counties last week, says the new towns of Hamlin and Hawley on the Orient and Central are building up rapidly.

Charles Parsons, who has been attending a commercial school in Tyler, returned home Saturday.

R.L. Jackson of the new town of McConnell, south of Haskell, was in the city Wednesday. He says he has 85 acres planted in cotton and that his corn growing nicely. However, he thinks warmer weather would help cotton.

The Haskell National Bank put in a Victor patent manganese steel safe with automatic time lock and of the latest fireproof and burglar defying construction.

Horse show set May 25-26

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

The annual King County 4-H Open Horse Show has been scheduled for May 25-26 to be held at the Lath Withers 4-H Arena, hosted and conducted by the King County 4-H Horse Club, according to Gary Antilley, King CEA-AG agent.

The Stock Horse Division classes will be Fri., May 25 for Junior and Senior aged exhibitors

only. Books will open at 4:30 p.m. and classes begin at 5 p.m. beginning with Reining and Working Cow Horse for judged classes, followed by Breakaway Roping and Team Roping for timed event classes. Contestants must RSVP for cattle prior to May 22. Tack awards will be distributed through third place with champion buckles and reserve head stalls awarded for both age divisions in judged and

timed.

The Qualifying/Futurity Division classes will be held Sat., May 26 for three age divisions—Pee Wee, Junior and Senior. Books will open at 9 a.m. and show starts at 10 a.m. with all halter classes (Yearling, under 5 and over 5 mares and geldings; followed by junior/senior Showmanship; 2 year old Western Pleasure; Walk-Trot for Pee Wee; 3 year old Stock Horse; junior/senior Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship and Western Riding classes to complete the judged portion of the show. Timed event classes will be poles, stakes, barrels and flags for Pee Wee, Junior and Senior ages.

Tack awards will be awarded through third place with Champion Judge and Timed buckles for junior and senior and Champion overall Pee Wee buckle. Reserves will receive awards.

Entry blanks may be picked up at your local County Extension agent offices, or by contacting the King County Extension office, Box 125, Guthrie, Texas 79236, phone 806-596-4451, or e-mail at king@ag.tamu.edu for entry forms and any further information.

Spring Festival to be held at State Park

A Spring Festival at Abilene State Park, sponsored by the Friends of Abilene State Park, will be held Sat., April 21 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Participants will enjoy live music all day by popular musicians such as Catclaw Creek and Jamison Priest. Craft, food and drink vendors will be available. Various children's activities such as fishing, nature walks, and other park activities will be there to enjoy. A silent auction of donated items from area individuals and businesses will be held at the

pavilion area.

The major purpose of the day's activities will be to raise funds to build a new children's playground near the swimming pool. No admission will be charged to enter the park that day, but visitors will be asked to donate to the playground fund. All proceeds from the day's activities will be used for the playground.

Abilene State Park is located 18 miles south of Abilene and south of Buffalo Gap on FM 89.

Safety day

A Progressive Agriculture Safety Day™ for children ages 3rd grade through 8th grade is being planned for Sat., May 19, at the Knox City School Campus from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is being conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension-Haskell and Knox Counties in conjunction with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation.

Many in the area may better relate to the Safety Day as the "Farm Safety Day Camps" that have been offered every other year for the past ten years at Monday, focusing on youth in the Haskell/Knox County area. The 2007 Safety Day is the same type event as the Farm Safety Day Camp, but the sessions relate to areas of safety concern that are not necessarily limited to farms and ranches.

Each year, many children are killed or injured in rural America farms, ranches and communities. According to Safety Day Coordinator, Jane Rowan, "This spring and summer, safety days such as the one being hosted locally, are being held in numerous locations across the U.S., Canada, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa to teach rural children how to prevent injuries and reduce the risk of incidents." During the safety days, children participate in interactive activities that reinforce the importance of taking responsibility for their own safety, respecting parents' safety rules and sharing safety tips with their family and friends.

Hands-on demonstrations teach participants lifesaving first aid techniques and reveal the hidden hazards of their surroundings. Demonstrations focus on hazards associated with fire, weather, electricity, tractors, power take off equipment, alcohol and wildlife. The topics of seatbelt safety and basic first aid will also be addressed during the day.

International, state and local sponsors of the safety days hope participants will maintain a healthy respect for safety hazards throughout their lives, and that ultimately, the number of deaths and injuries among rural children will decline.

The safety day program allows community leaders to structure a safety day that covers basic safety issues and first aid, as well as addressing specific local needs. Local farmers, manufacturers, and merchants donate their time and equipment to ensure that each safety day is a fun and valuable learning experience.

Parents can register their children to participate in the safety day by calling the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2546 or the Knox County Extension Office at 940-459-2651 and requesting a registration form. Registrations must be received by Fri., May 4.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

The Noah Project—North would like to thank each juror that donated their jury duty money to the Noah Project—North to help victims of family violence.

Community support is very important to our program. All of the money that is given to us by the community is used to provide shelter, food, clothing, transportation, legal and medical advocacy, and community referrals to the victims that we serve.

It is sad that there is such a need for our services, but it is wonderful that the community is willing to be so supportive. Thank you for helping us to advocate for victims and to work to end family violence!

Sincerely,
Donna Sue Anders
Service Area Director
Noah Project—North

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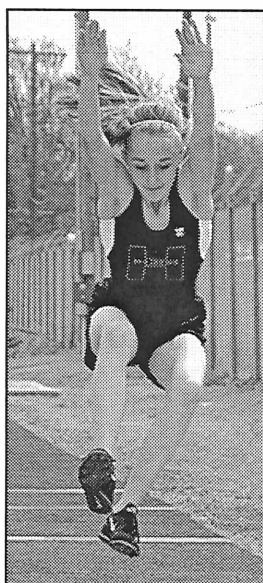
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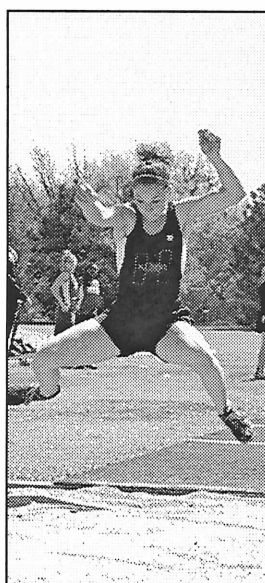


District track meet held in Merkel April 12

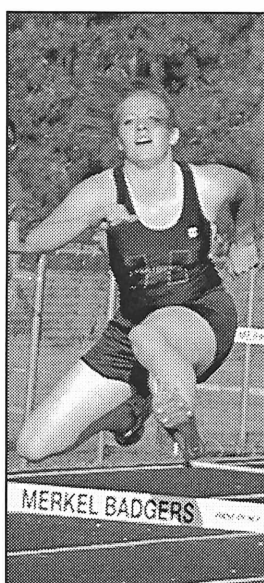
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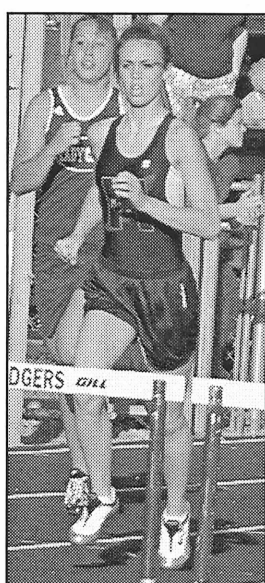
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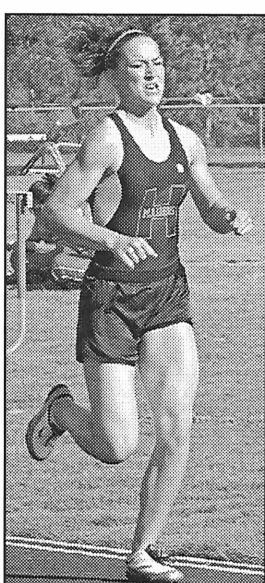
STEPHANIE GRAND
Triple Jump, 2nd place



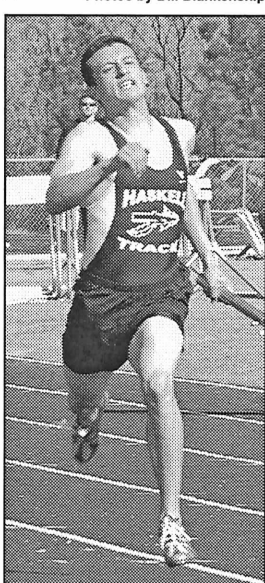
HOPE REID
300 Hurdles, 3rd place



HANNA WALLACE
300 Hurdles



STEPHANIE GRAND
800 run, 2nd place



JUSTIN RODRIQUEZ
400 relay

Training offered by Child Welfare Board

The Haskell County Child Welfare Board will host training focused on child abuse and neglect. The training will provide definitions of abuse and neglect, information on how to identify abuse and neglect, the CPS investigation process, and law enforcement involvement in investigation of abuse and/or neglect cases.

This training will be helpful to anyone who works with children and for the public in general.

TCLEOSE hours will be available to law enforcement. Plan to attend so we can make a difference in the lives of children in our communities.

The training will be held Thurs., April 26, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the new Educational Building at Haskell Memorial Hospital, 1 Ave. N.

Plan to attend and RSVP to 940-864-2682 as sandwiches and drinks will be served.

Rule ISD honor rolls

Rule ISD has announced A and B honor rolls for the fifth sixth weeks of this school year.

Included are:
First grade: A honor roll, Alexandra Martinez, Christina Moore, Alexandra Cooper and Thomas Short; A-B honor roll, Breanna Bruce.

Second grade: A honor roll, Hunter Threet; A-B honor roll, Alysia Hollabaugh and America Shelton.

Third grade: A honor roll, Haley Macias; A-B honor roll, Sarah Campbell, Kylie Deville, Samantha Lewis and Cody Percell.

Fourth grade: A-B honor roll, Jonah Cadell, Daniel Campos, Keelie Devile, Luis Diaz, Christina Herrera, Stormie Hollabaugh, Keelie Devi, Ryan Pace and Josh Starr.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Rebecca Foreman and Charlie Thomison.

Sixth grade: A honor roll, Josh Quintero; B honor roll, Celeste Caddell, Travis Cox, Rodney Foreman, Daniel Turner and Darryl Williams.

Eighth grade: A honor roll,

Jenny Dudensing and Crystal Wright; B honor roll, Samantha Benavides, Allison Petty, Cody Reece, Brittany Roberts, Sydney Saucedo, Stephanie Threet and Shalisse Vanderbilt.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Joseph Turner; B honor roll, Mina Banks, Victoria Benavides and Kate Rowan.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Molly Dudensing, Andrew Hertel and Morgan Lisle; B honor roll, Tate Clark, Marty Hall, Adam Hollingsworth, Kelsie Miller and David Sorley.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Callie Papan and Kiel Rowan; B honor roll, Shawna Favor, Jessie Magallon, Lauren Messenger, Kyle Simpson, Jay T. Spitzer, Adam Vasquez and James Wolfe.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Brady Baitz, Brittnee Brannan, Austin Flores, Kade Kitley, Will Kitley and Mathew Turner; B honor roll, Mason Bishop, Tye Clark, Cory Flores, J.D. Hall, Kortney Kupatt, Julian Menchaca, Arlis Rogers, Kendra Sheets and Heath Trussell.

Haskell runs at District

The Haskell high school track teams competed in the District 5-2A district track meet held in Merkel with the following results:

The girls team placed 6th with 72.5 points.

Girls 400: 3. Aubrey Bassett, 1:04.29.

Girls 800: 2. Stephanie Grand, 2:32.52.

Girls 800 relay: 2. 1:52.04.

Girls 1600 relay: 3. 4:25.24.

300 hurdles: 3. Hope Reid, 50.21.

Triple jump: 2. Stephanie Grand, 34-0.5.

The varsity boys team placed 7th with 38 points. The JV team placed 8th with 14 points.

Boys 800: 3. T. Rodriguez, 2:12.58.

1600 relay: 2. 3:37.18.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 894 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., April 14. 79 sellers and 33 buyers were present.

432 steers and bulls. 312 heifers. 150 cows and bulls.

Cows: fat, .48-.53; cutters, .53-.58; canners, .42-.45.

Bulls: bologna, .64-.71, feeders, .85-.95, utility, .59-.62.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.55-2.00; 300-400 lbs., 1.28-1.43; 400-500 lbs., 1.2750-1.39; 500-600 lbs., 1.1150-1.2750; 600-700

lbs., 1.0950-1.25; 700-800 lbs., .97-1.05; 800-up lbs., .88-1.01.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.30-1.38; 400-500 lbs., 1.15-1.37; 500-600 lbs., 1.01-1.19; 600-up lbs., .92-1.12.

Bred heifers: medium frame 700-900.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 750-1000; aged or small, 550-750.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 900-1400; older, 650-850.

Home siding

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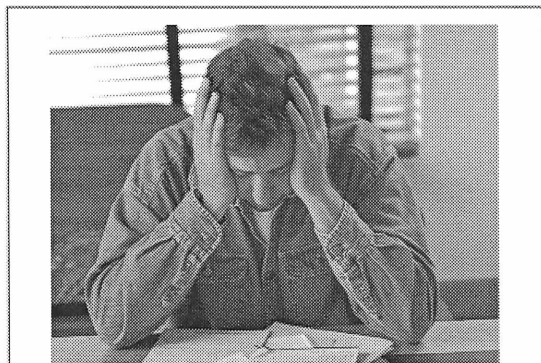
There are many siding materials including wood shingles, metal or plastic, fibercement, brick, stone and stucco. Siding is also available in different designs.

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Delivery will be **Friday, April 20**, at the times listed for the following locations.

Sweetwater - Feed & Supply	325-235-4955	7:00-8:00 a.m.
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Anson - Farmers Co-op Gin	325-823-3122	11:00-12 noon
Haskell - Richardson's	940-864-8551	1:00-2:00 p.m.
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GENERAL	80,582.70	880,672.98	961,255.68	399,349.17	\$561,906.51
CO CLERK ARCHIVES FEE	16,899.00	1,810.00	18,709.00	0.00	18,709.00
CO CLERK VITAL STATISTICS	2,210.20	157.00	2,367.20	0.00	2,367.20
JURY	5,163.81	11,273.86	16,437.67	9,382.57	7,055.10
LAW LIBRARY	1,431.48	3,083.23	4,514.71	4,307.20	207.51
LATERAL ROAD 1	817.95	14.89	832.84	619.70	213.14
LATERAL ROAD 2	29.73	1.00	30.73	26.55	4.18
LATERAL ROAD 3	3,800.78	72.48	3,873.26	1,382.04	2,491.22
LATERAL ROAD 4	547.04	10.92	557.96	188.43	369.53
ROAD & BRIDGE 1	31,691.72	80,296.34	111,988.06	60,993.64	50,994.40
ROAD & BRIDGE 2	77,202.63	57,199.83	134,402.46	37,933.55	96,468.91
ROAD & BRIDGE 3	82,331.50	55,970.43	138,301.93	61,541.82	77,260.11
ROAD & BRIDGE 4	140,362.93	56,531.65	196,894.58	63,740.56	133,154.02
FAM LATERAL ROAD 1	65,008.78	80,633.22	145,642.00	16,209.67	129,432.33
FAM LATERAL ROAD 2	6,296.18	130,322.90	136,619.08	39,638.17	96,980.91
FAM LATERAL ROAD 3	27,055.74	71,162.34	98,218.08	37,999.72	60,218.36
FAM LATERAL ROAD 4	68,385.18	50,174.01	118,559.19	17,658.96	100,900.23
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	28,974.68	13,966.18	42,940.86	24,810.29	18,070.57
ARREST FEE	4,764.32	3,183.62	7,947.94	1,555.03	6,392.91
SECURITY FUND	55,030.23	1,432.17	56,462.40	5,239.79	51,222.61
SEIZURE FUND	4,299.97	61.80	4,361.77	4,441.77	281.00
COUNTY ATTORNEY	4,233.68	2,050.93	6,284.61	1,376.56	4,908.05
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	367.43	2.18	369.61	105.00	264.61
DIST ATTY FORFEITURE FUND	12,743.93	127.65	12,871.58	2,667.46	10,204.12
MANAGEMENT PRESERVATION	10,145.54	717.25	10,862.79	770.00	10,092.79
PERMANENT SCHOOL	3,409.82	4,194.06	7,603.88	0.00	7,603.88
COUNTY LIBRARY	10,918.12	699.91	11,618.03	886.24	10,731.79
ECC NUTRITION	2,257.09	17,536.89	19,793.98	15,730.87	4,063.11
ECC BUILDING	6,068.86	901.72	6,970.58	644.51	6,326.07
DIST CLERK MGMT	1,016.38	83.48	1,099.86	0.00	1,099.86
RECORDS MANAGEMENT	6,319.33	1,905.64	8,224.97	4,087.98	4,136.99
MTR VEHICLE INVENTORY TAX	6,183.58	37.50	6,221.08	0.00	6,221.08
JUSTICE CT TECHNOLOGY	8,517.72	473.00	8,990.74	0.00	8,990.74
ANCHOR PAVILION	1,629.59	16.00	1,645.59	0.00	1,645.59
SPECIAL PROJECT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	770,292.84	1,526,733.09	2,297,025.93	808,485.48	1,488,540.45

INVESTMENTS:
SOCIAL SECURITY C.D. 11,769.84
GENERAL FUND C.D. 50,217.86
STATE AGENCY CD 54,111.72
116,099.42

1,604,639.87

TOTAL CASH ASSETS FOR HASKELL COUNTY

Janis McDaniel
County Treasurer & Investment Officer

On April 09, 2007 the Commissioners' Court of Haskell County met in regular session and compared the Quarterly Report of Janis McDaniel, County Treasurer, for the Quarter ending March 30, 2007 and found the same correct and correct respective amounts to have been paid out during the quarter.

DAVID L. DAVIS
COUNTY JUDGE

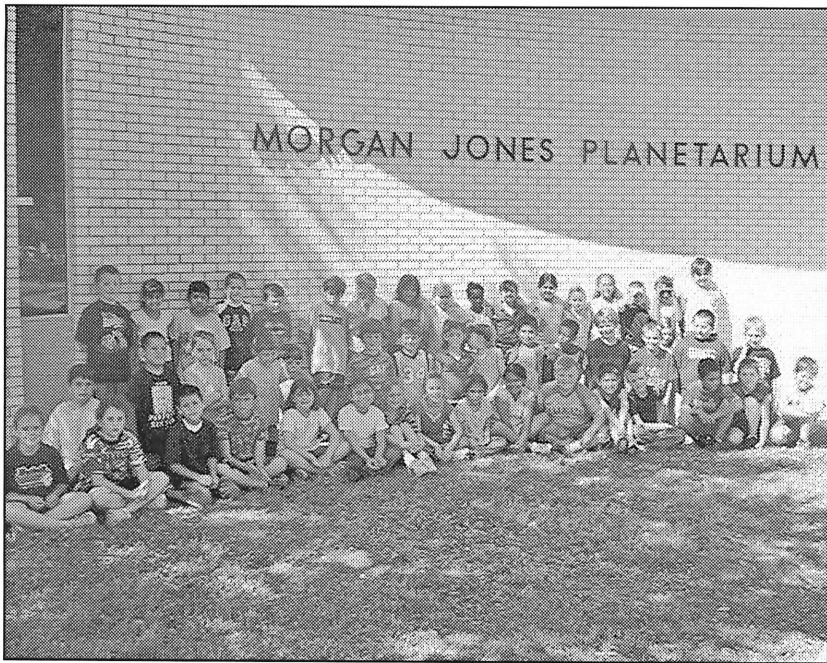
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COMMISSIONER PREC.#4



STARRY VISIT—Haskell second grade students recently visited the Morgan Jones Planetarium in Abilene to learn about the planets and constellations. The trip was made possible by a mini-grant from the Haskell Educational Foundation. Students attending were front row, l-r: Victoria Hertel, Alye Stewart, Brandon Gonzalez, Dylan Brunson, Hannah Grand, Lupe Olivera, Ashlyn Bevel, Jacee Guess, Ashley Roque, Chelsea Chavez, Chase Gibson, Alex Alvarez, Lane Burson, Devon Barrios, Austin Alsbrook and Lincoln Strickland; middle row: Chase Helms, Bryce Rodriguez, Krysta Winegeart, Jonathan Primm, Shawn Parenti, Alec Roewe, Zachary Strickland, Kaylee Hardin, Kylie Adams, Isaiah Alvarez, Day'Veon Dockins, Hayden Leach, Sam Fouts, Macey Coker, Richard Rodriguez and Garrett Campbell; back row: Colton Wright, Gabby Mendoza, Frankie Masias, Hayden Hudson, Garrett Davis, Payton Thomas, Katie Newberry, Amber Alexander, Zhenia McTasney, Tysha Dever, Tessa Santos, Madaline Williams, Hayden King, Colbie McKoy, Taylor Walker Allen, Laura Brown and Melisa Rock.

Haskell School Menu

April 23-27
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: French toast

Tuesday: Breakfast pizza

Wednesday: Cereal, animal crackers

Thursday: Muffin

Friday: Bean and cheese burrito

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, California blend mixed veggies, mashed potatoes, hot roll, apple crisp

Tuesday: Chicken taquitos, salsa, corn, pinto beans, garden salad, sunshine bars

Wednesday: Lasagna, Italian green beans, fried okra, breadstick, pineapple tidbits

Thursday: Corndogs, ranch style beans, baby carrots, ranch dressing, macaroni and cheese, fresh fruit

Friday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, potato wedges, strawberry and raspberry yogurt

Students visit Rotary Club

Amber Nicole Bingham is the daughter of Scott and Sylvia Bingham of Haskell.

She attends First Baptist Church, Haskell.

In school she is active in varsity softball, varsity cheerleading, Student Council and as FFA secretary.

She enjoys showing livestock, spending time with family, going to movies and hanging out with friends.

Awards she has received are the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes cheerleader, "Miss Haskell High School," and All-American Cheerleader.

Her future plans include attending Texas Tech University, majoring in pharmacy, to earn bachelor and master degrees.



AMBER BINGHAM

After graduating college, she plans to start a pharmacy of her own.

Paint Creek School Menu

April 23-27
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Toast or cereal

Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy

Wednesday: Pancakes

Thursday: French toast

Friday: Toast or cereal

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Mac and cheese, green

beans, salad, rolls, chocolate cake

Tuesday: Fried rice, broccoli, salad, rolls, fruit

Wednesday: BBQ sandwiches, tater tots, carrot sticks, cookies

Thursday: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, corn, salad, cake with jello

Friday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, chips, fruit

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., April 23

Lunch—Sausage and kraut, au gratin potatoes, blackeyed peas, sliced onions, garlic toast, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., April 25

Lunch—Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, salsa, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee

coffee

Fri., April 27

Lunch—Chili with wieners, onions, pickles, pinto beans, cornbread, cherry jello, sugar cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

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

This Week's Devotional Message:



WHEN IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE, GOD HELPS YOU MAKE IT

Once in a while, we all have to make a change of some kind. It might be the retirement from a job of long standing, a move to a different area, or any number of other things. Whatever it is, you will be starting a new chapter in your life, and you must adopt a cheerful and constructive attitude about it. There is no better time than this to start or continue to attend your house

of worship, or if the change is geographical, to find a new one. The comforting word of God will help you bring order and serenity into the present chaos of your life, and point you in some positive directions. You are always where God wants you to be, and He will move you when the time comes. Thus, an apparent catastrophe can prove to be a blessing in the long run.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Rennygarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. 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., 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.m.
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 Willis, 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

Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

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

Golfers named to All-District team

The Haskell girls' golf team placed 2nd in the District 5AA golf tournament, shooting rounds of 454 at Baird, and 446 at Merkel for a combined score of 900.

This 2nd place finish qualified the team to play in the Region I tournament to be held on April 23-24 at Shady Oaks in Baird.

Candace Brister won 1st Place Medalist with rounds of 78 at Shady Oaks and 76 at Tin Cup.

Brister was named to the District 5AA All-District Golf Team. Members of the 2nd Place team in the District 5AA tournament are Lacey Peiser,

Andrea Anderson and Molly Agraz. Mali Torres will be joining the team for Regional play.

Prior to District play, Brister won the Baird Tournament with a score of 75, and she also won the Hawley Tournament with a score of 415, won the Hawley Tournament.

The Haskell boys' team finished in 7th place in District 5AA with rounds of 432 and 406 for a combined total of 838.

James Williams had the low round of golf for the boys' team.

Rule tracksters compete at district

The Rule high school track teams competed in the District 9/10A area track meet with the following results:

The girls team placed 15th with 14 points.

Girls discus: 2. Brittnee Brannon, 96-2.5.

The boys team placed first with 102 points.

Boys 200: 2. Kade Kittley, 22.12.

Boys 400 relay: 1. 43.84.

Boys 800 relay: 1. 1:31.62.

Boys 110 hurdles: 1. Stephen Pace, 14.65.

Boys 300 hurdles: 1. Stephen Pace, 40.25.

Boys triple jump: 1. Jonathan Rincon 42-3.5.

Three students place at UIL event

Big Country students competed in regional academic meets Friday and Saturday. The top three students in individual contests advance to state.

Following are results for Haskell students in regional meets in Class 2A Region 1 held

at Abilene Christian University. Students placing 4th are alternates at the state meet.

Calculator Applications: 4. Stephanie Grand; 5. Lacey Peiser.

Prose Interpretation: 4. John English.

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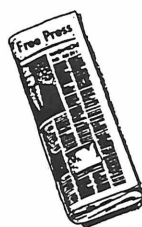
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GARAGE SALE: 1801 N. Ave. F. Sat. 8 to noon. Lots of items and some antiques. 16c

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Miscellaneous

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RODRIGUEZ INN will be closed Sat., April 28 for family gathering. Thanks. 16-17p

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MUNDAY NURSING Center is seeking an activity director. Must like to deal and work with the elderly. Must be energetic and a self starter. Come and apply with Joyce Hardin, Administrator. 15tf

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OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES is hiring personal care attendants in the Haskell area to care for the elderly and disabled in their homes. Must be 18. No experience necessary. Please call 940-888-5586 or 800-342-3153. EOE. 16-17c

THE HASKELL HOUSING Authority is taking applications or resumes for the maintenance position. Send application to 702 S. Ave. H., Haskell, Texas 79521. No phone calls please. 16c

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Wanted

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Public Notices

ORDER OF ELECTION
An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 12, 2007 for the purpose of: 3 Aldermen.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 301 South 1st, Haskell, Texas 79521 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on May 2, 2007 and ending on May 8, 2007.

Additional early voting will be held as follows:

City Hall, 301 South 1st, Haskell, Texas 79521, April 30, 2007, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

City Hall, 301 South 1st, Haskell, Texas 79521, May 1, 2007, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Louetta Wallace, P.O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 5, 2007.

Issued this the 13th day of February, 2007.

Ken Lane, Mayor

ORDEN DE ELECCION

Por la presente se ordena que se llavará a cabo una eleccion el mayo 12, 2007 con el proposito de: 3 el miembro de consejo.

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en City Hall, 301 South 1st, Haskell, Texas 79521 entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el mayo 2, 2007 y terminando el mayo 8, 2007.

La votacion en adelantada además se llevara a cabo de tal manera:

City Hall, 301 South 1st, Haskell, Texas 79521, abril 30, 2007, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

City Hall, 301 South 1st, Haskell, Texas 79521, mayo 1, 2007, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a: Louetta Wallace, P.O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de

Public Notices

negocio el mayo 5, 2007.
Emitida este dia 13th de febrero, 2007.
Ken Lane, Alcalde 16c

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County Haskell, Texas: (A los votantes registrados de Condado de Haskell, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2007 for voting in a special election to "adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas. (para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucionales asi como fueron sometidas por la 80a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)"

Proposition 1
"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"

Locations of polling places:

Box No. 1: Catholic Church, N. 16th, Haskell;

Boxes No. 2 & 8: Assembly of God Church, N. Ave. E, Haskell;

Boxes 3 & 9: Extension Building, S. Ave. D, Haskell.

Box 4: Experienced Citizens Center, S. First St., Haskell.

Boxes 5 & 10: Rule City Hall, Rule;

Boxes 6 & 7: Fire Department, Rochester;

Box 11: Early Voting, County Clerk, Courthouse.

Early voting begins on April 30th through May 8th.
David C. Davis
County Judge 19-20c

Public Notices

NOTICE
The Haskell County Commissioners' Court voted on March 12, 2007 under Section 42.008 of the Texas Election Code to combine the following polling places for the May 12th Constitutional Amendment Election Only:

O'Brien (Box 7) and Rochester (Box 6) at the Rochester Fire Department with the Rochester Election Judges only.

Sagerton (Box 10) and Rule (Box 5) at the Rule City Hall with Rule Election Judges only.

Weinert (Box 8) and Haskell (Box 2) at the Assembly of God Church with Haskell Election Judges only.

Paint Creek (Box 9) and Haskell (Box 3) at the County Extension Building with Haskell Election Judges only.

NOTE: The greatest distance between any of the combined polling places is approximately 12 miles.

The remaining polling places in Haskell will be the same as for county elections. These consolidations were done in an effort to save money. Everyone is encouraged to vote early. The Early voting place is in the Haskell County Courthouse in the County Clerk's office at 1 Ave. D., Haskell, Texas.

Sincerely,
David C. Davis
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Maidens vs Anson Tues., April 10

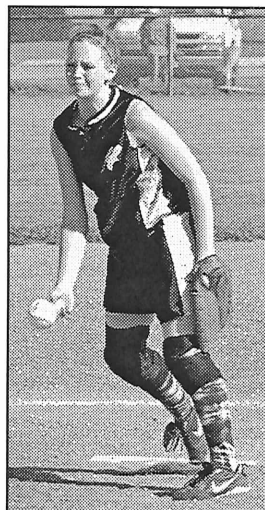
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Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a regular meeting, Mon., April 9 with Commissioners Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield, and Kenny Thompson attending. Also attending were County Clerk Rhonda Moeller and County Judge David Davis.

Gene Turnbow met with the court to discuss water problems in the area of County Road 124.

Approval was given to the paying of all bills presented to the court on that day.

County Judge David Davis opened the Public Hearing at 10:53 a.m. to consider and take possible action on adoption of a county road map pursuant to Chapter 258 of the Texas Transportation Code. The Public Hearing was closed at 11:05 a.m., with no members of the public present.

Upon recommendation of Sheriff David Halliburton, Commissioner Kenny Thompson presented a motion to hire Leta Stephens as a part time dispatcher at the Sheriff's Office. The motion passed 3-0.

Approval was given to a motion by Commissioner Mayfield, to accept the high bids on the equipment advertised for sale by Precinct 2. The bid in the amount of \$300.00 from Brueggeman Brothers for the pickup was accepted. The bid in the amount of \$400.00 from

David Davis for the spray rig, was accepted.

A motion presented by Commissioner Thompson to charge each entity a \$50.00 delivery fee for the election machines was approved.

Approval was given to a motion by Commissioner Thompson to adopt the Strip Search Policy of persons, recommended by the Texas Association of Counties. A copy of this policy is included in the minutes.

On a motion by Commissioner Johnny Scoggins, approval was given to changing the April 24 Commissioners' Court to April 23.

The discussion on taking action on how to dispose of vehicles at the Prison was tabled until a later date.

A discussion of the forming of an Emergency Service District ended with no action taken at this time.

On a motion by Commissioner Mayfield to pass an easement for the Lowe Brothers on County Road 286, the vote was 3 for, 0 against.

After discussion of the Rolling Plains Correctional facility, no action was taken.

Approval was given to line item transfers of \$117.00 from bonds and \$200.00 from Salary Step Raise to School Expense.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a special called session, Tues., Apr. 10.

Attending were Mayor Ken Lane, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford, Councilmen Chan Guess, Bob Smith, Lonnie Meredith and Jimmy Roberts, City Administrator Brandon Anderson, City Secretary Louetta Wallace and City Employee Thomas Rodriguez.

Mayor Lane called the meeting to order, and the invocation was given by Councilman Roberts.

Upon request by Lance Hanson, the proposal about the water well at the golf course was not discussed.

No action was taken on the 2007 consumer price index adjustment to Municipal Telecommunications right of way access line rates.

No action was taken on increasing rates at the landfill.

No action was taken on cleaning out of the creek, but the Council is looking at several options.

On a motion by Roberts, the Council approved the bid given by Perry Wright for the air conditioning at City Hall.

In his report, City Administrator Brandon Anderson discussed the ambulance situation, and said that the County was considering implementing an emergency services district which would help alleviate financial concerns. They would like to have a special meeting along with the Council to have an expert on these types of districts to give an overview.

Anderson said that he and the police are looking at the dog policy, and he believes that to get

any type of control on the strays and dogs at large, the city would have to implement a registration procedure to help offset vet bills and give a form of identification for the police to know if the animal is a stray or which owner to return it to and issue a citation.

The administrator asked if it would be okay with the Council to put the two vehicles at the prison that do not work up for bids. It is the general consensus of the Council that out of use vehicles are put up for sale.

He also reminded them about the Chamber Banquet, Apr. 19, and the annual City-Wide Clean Up Week, Apr. 21-28.

The Mayor informed the Council that there will be a TxDOT meeting on Apr. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in Stamford to discuss work projects that need to be done in our area.

Test brings watercolor demonstration to art club

The Brazos West Art Association met Mon., April 9 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room with Ginger Test giving a demonstration of a watercolor landscape, complete with deer, a doe and a fawn.

Attending were Betty Hook, Fern Livengood, Betty Berry, Doris Reeves, Jennie Lyckman, Adaline Laird, Martha Spitzer, guest Cynthia Slaton, and Mr. Test.

Hostesses were Doris Reeves and Adaline Laird.

Rule ISD to register new kindergarten students

On Wed., May 2, registration for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten will be from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. beside the elementary workroom of Rule ISD. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 may attend kindergarten in the fall, while pre-k students must be four years old by that time. This registration is to complete paperwork, so it is not essential that prospective students attend with their parents. Parents of students already enrolled in Rule ISD do not have to attend.

For each student, bring an up-

to-date immunization record; social security number; official birth certificate from the court house; and, the parent's drivers license. If you cannot bring these, please attend anyway, but all four things will be needed before the child starts to school in August.

If you cannot attend, and your child will be attending Rule ISD in the fall, please contact the school at 997-2115, 997-2246, or 997-2521 so arrangements can be made to meet with you another time. It is important that this is done before school dismisses in May.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Coy and Julia Scoggins took their granddaughter, Macy Jordan, to Jacksboro Sunday afternoon to meet her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Jordan. She was returning home after spending the

weekend with her grandparents, Coy and Julia and Frances Scheets.

Jimmy Boyd of Abilene visited with Joyce Hawkins and Gary and Vickie Hawkins.

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