

## Calendar

### WHPD parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held June 1 at 5 p.m. For entry forms or information, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 864-2477.

### Summer reading

The Haskell Library will start its summer reading program Tues., June 5 at 2 p.m. The theme is 'Sail Away with Books.' Stories, crafts and a snack will be provided. Awards will be given for reading books. For more information, call the library at 864-2747.

### Gore concert

East Side Baptist Church will host Jeff Gore in concert Sun., June 3 at 6 p.m. Drawing on his personal ranching experience and vast talent, Gore will bring the west alive with stories and songs of cowboy trail drives and ranching from a Christian context. A love offering for Jeff Gore Ministries will be taken.

### 50th reunion

The 1958 class of Haskell High School will celebrate their fifty year reunion at Haskell's homecoming Sept. 21-22. The planning committee is seeking names and addresses of persons who attended at anytime during this class's school career. If you would like to be included, contact Janice Browning at 940-864-2755. Additional information will be mailed to those on the mailing list.

### Car wash

The youth group of East Side Baptist Church will host a car wash Sat., June 2 at the Dairy Queen. Proceeds will help pay for camp and other summer activities. Donations will be accepted.

### Fish fry

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. will host a fish fry on Father's Day, Sun., June 17 at the Haskell Elementary school cafeteria beginning at noon. Donations will be accepted.

### FBC VBS set

Vacation Bible School will be hosted by First Baptist Church in Haskell Sun., June 3 through Thurs., June 7 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. nightly for children from 4 years to sixth grade. Pre-register by calling 864-2581 to sign up. Bible adventures, crafts, songs, games will use the theme 'Avalanche Ranch, A Wild Ride through God's Word.' For a ride, call 864-2581.

### Rule revival

Revival services will be hosted by First Baptist Church in Rule June 4-8 at 7 p.m. nightly. Evangelist and pastor, Russell Stanley, will use the theme 'Shaken by the unshakable kingdom of God.' John Pike will lead the music.

### 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.

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## Welcome to Wild Horse Prairie Days June 1-3

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## Alvarez crowned Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen



LEALONNIE ALVAREZ  
WILD HORSE PRAIRIE DAYS QUEEN

The twelfth annual Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen Pageant was held Sun., May 20, at the Haskell High School Auditorium where Lealonnie Alvarez was crowned as the new Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen. Alvarez, a freshman at Haskell High School, is the daughter of Bert and Julie Alvarez. Other queen contestants were Micaela Dawn Hernandez and Allison Paige Mitchell.

This year's Junior Miss is Meagan Lynn Kimbrough, an eighth grader at Rochester Junior High. She is the daughter of Joey and Tammy Kimbrough. Also competing was Sash Marie Walker.

Faith Lucille "Lucy" Carmichael, a fifth grade student at Haskell Elementary School and the daughter of Hew and Beth Carmichael, was crowned Young Miss.

The Little Miss title went to Kayla Jo Hunter, daughter of Tony and Kendra Hunter and a second grade student at Knox City Elementary. Her dad, Tony, is a member of the Lisle/Hunter Ranch team this year and will be competing in the Ranch Rodeo.

Other contestants in the Little Miss division were Victoria Mary-Ann Hertel, Eugenia "Zhenia" Alexandra McTasney and K'Lee Reigh Lampe.

Stephanie Grand, the 2006 WHPD Queen and Robbyn Tribbey, the 2004 WHPD Queen emceed the pageant. Derrick Tribbey was the photographer for the pageant. H.L. 'Lindo' Guess provided piano accompaniment. Megan Cheek, who was nominated for Female Artist of the Year at the Grapevine Opry and recently performed at the Western Heritage Rhinestone Gala, also provided entertainment.

## WHPD Ranch Rodeo set this weekend

The twelfth annual Wild Horse Prairie Days ranch rodeo will be held June 1-3 sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and sanctioned by the Working Ranch Cowboy Association headquartered in Amarillo.

Twenty area ranches will provide top entertainment with some of the toughest competition in the nation.

Ranches scheduled to compete Friday night include the Thompson of Munday; Stewart Bar S/Bowman, both of Munday; Green Land & Cattle Co. of Albany; Rocker B of Barnhart; Triangle/Seven V, both of Paducah; Pitchfork Land & Cattle Co. of Guthrie; 6666 of Guthrie; Bradley J3 of Electra; Tongue River of Paducah; and Stasney-Cook/EZ, both of Albany.

Saturday's competitors will be Swenson Land ad Cattle Co. of Stamford; Tub Handle Cattle/Ownbey Cattle Co. of Seymour and Crowell; Lyles/Hunter of Benjamin and Knox City; W.T. Waggoner Estate of Vernon;

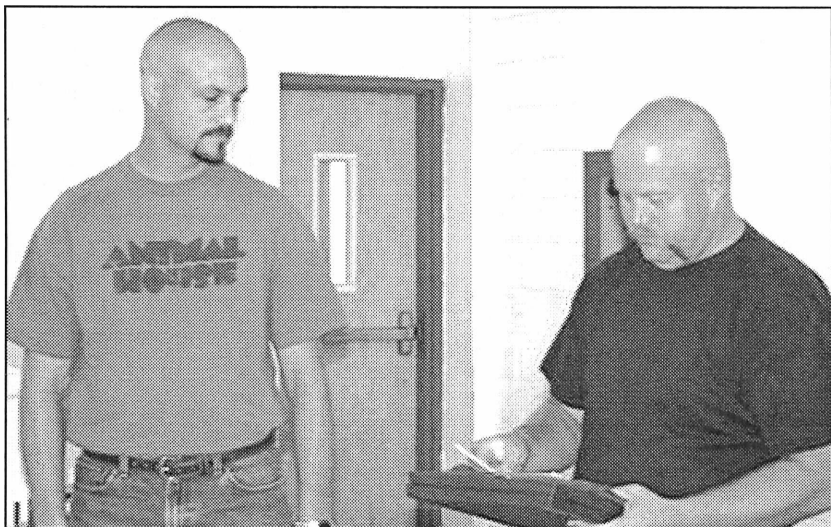
Clark Cattle/Veale of Breckenridge; La-Mejor Livestock Co./Parker of Seymour and Byers; R.A. Brown of Throckmorton; NT/Diamond S of Stanton and Weatherford; Masterson JY of Guthrie; and Circle Bar of Truscott.

Ranch teams will compete in ranch bronc riding, wild cow milking, sorting, branding, doctoring and mugging events.

Events planned on Friday include Sam 'Snakey' Graves Memorial Cutting at 8 a.m.; parade at 5 p.m.; chuckwagon meal 5-7 p.m.; ranch rodeo 7 p.m. Day long events include trade days.

Saturday's events include ranch horse competition 8 a.m.; kids rodeo 2 p.m.; chuck wagon meal 5-7 p.m.; ranch rodeo 7 p.m. followed by awards at 10:30 p.m.; dance 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Day long events include a bar-b-que cook-off and trade day.

A Sunday cowboy church service will be held at 8 a.m. led by Jeff Gore.



TEACHER OF THE YEAR-Kent DeVille, left, receives the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year award from Michael Steele, Wal-Mart store representative. DeVille teaches at Rule High School.

## DeVile is teacher of the year

Rule High School teacher Kent DeVille was named Teacher of the Year by the Stamford Wal-Mart. The award, given as part of Wal-Mart's twelfth annual Teacher of the Year program, comes in honor of National Teacher's Day on May 8. DeVille received a \$1,000 grant for Rule

High School, a \$100 gift card to buy classroom supplies, a Teacher of the Year polo shirt and a personalized certificate.

Teachers were nominated by members of the community during February and selected by a committee of store associates. More than 4,000 teachers are

being honored nationwide.

"The teachers in our area are superb," said Michael Steele, Wal-Mart manager. "The selection process was not an easy one, but we are happy to recognize Kent DeVille and share this great news with our community."

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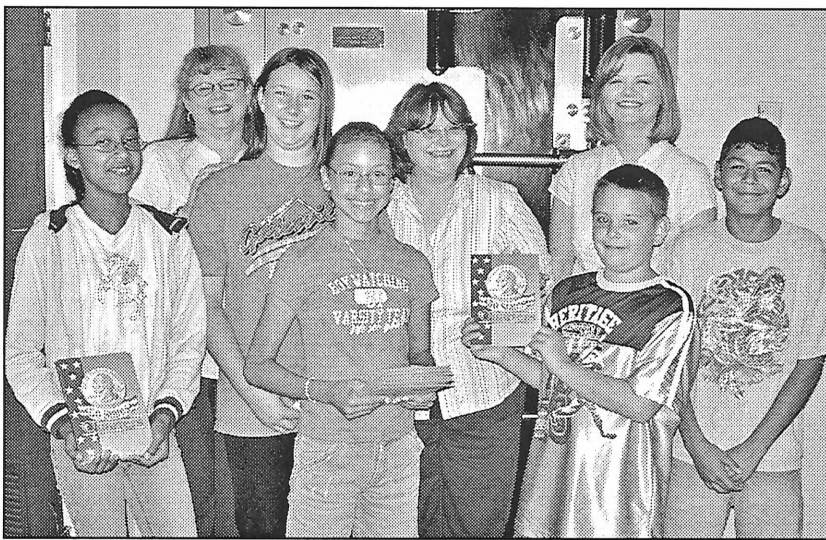
Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development, Thomas C. Dorr, has announced the availability of \$62.9 million in distance learning and telemedicine loans, \$75 million in loan and grant combinations, and \$15 million in grants.

"Telemedicine and distance learning are the foundation on which the quality of education and health care in rural America can and will improve," Dorr said. "With these systems in place, rural residents will be able to take advantage of the wide variety of health care services and education programs available now and into the future."

"Distance learning and telemedicine systems are powerful tools for rural Texas," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director. "Through technology, students and families can participate in classes not previously available to them, and people who live in rural areas can access expanded health care options."

In Fiscal Year 2006, Texas was awarded \$652,000 to be distributed through the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program. The education projects helped schools provide students with advanced educational tools. Distance learning projects provide funding for computers and internet connections in schools and libraries. The vast array of study options available to rural students through distance learning technologies literally brings the world to their doorstep. Telemedicine projects are providing new and improved healthcare services beginning with patient diagnosis, through surgical procedures, and post-operative treatment.

Applications for the \$15 million in grants must be received by June 11, 2007 and will compete nationally for funding. Applications for loans and loan and grant combinations will be accepted year round. The application guide and materials can be obtained online at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm> or by contacting the Texas Rural Development State Office at 254-742-9700.



**AMERICAN REVOLUTION STUDY**—Haskell Elementary fifth grade students have been studying the American Revolution in social studies. While studying how the thirteen colonies banded together to fight England for their independence, it was suggested that students try to collect the state quarters for all thirteen of the first states. At the time, this seemed like an insurmountable task. However, with the diligent help of bank tellers at Haskell National Bank, the collecting was done very quickly. Each fifth grader received a complete set of the thirteen original colonies state quarters from the Haskell National Bank, and Haskell CISD provided the coin album for the quarters. For many students, this set of coins will be the beginning of a lifetime coin collecting hobby. We are very proud of these wonderful sets of coins and appreciate the school and Haskell National Bank for providing them to each of us. Fifth grade teachers are Sherry Adams, Bonnie Fouts and Trish Johnson. Students and bank employees displaying the coin collections are, I-r, Jasmine Dever, Carla Hannsz, Cheyanne Hill, Beca Raynes, Paula Sammons, Miranda Grand, Zachary Tatum and Jared Masias.

## Obituaries

### Clara Edwards Cole Grant



CLARA GRANT

Funeral services for Clara Edwards Cole Grant, 93, of Coppell were held at Sandy Lake Road Baptist Church in Coppell with Rev. Randy Webb and Rev. James Hooper officiating. Graveside services and burial were at Monahans Texas Memorial Cemetery with Rev. C.V. Blake officiating.

Mrs. Grant died April 10. Born Dec. 2, 1913 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Sterling and Carrie Jones Edwards. She grew up in Haskell and graduated from high school. She worked in various retail stores in Haskell following graduation and later married William E. Grant. She

resided in west Texas most of her life. She and her husband were dorm parents for many years at the West Texas Children's Home. She was a resident of Coppell for the past eight years, moving from the state of Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Grant, in 1980.

Survivors include two sons, Bob Cole and wife, Jo Ann of Coppell, and Leon Grant and wife Fredene of Tulsa, Oklahoma; her daughter, Lou Carlisle and husband, Kent of Corinth; nine grandchildren; and a large number of great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

### Lucinda Amaro



LUCINDA AMARO

Funeral services for Lucinda Amaro, 66, of Haskell were held Tues., May 29 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with J.R. Flores officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Amaro died Sat., May 26 at Stamford Memorial Hospital.

Born Dec. 23, 1940 in Ackerly, she was the daughter of Ysmael and Guadalupe Valdez Casarez. She married

Pedro Amaro, Jr. Oct. 12, 1957. He preceded her in death Oct. 11, 1990. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother and one sister.

Survivors include her daughter, Connie Amaro of Haskell; sons, Rudy Amaro of Ballinger and Richard Amaro of Snyder; sister, Olivia Ruiz of Porterville, California; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

**Tribute to Teresa Frances Meadors Ryan**

Teresa was born September 18, 1954 at St. Anne's Hospital in Abilene, Texas to Virgil Walter, Jr. and Maryanne Georgeen Meadors of Haskell, Texas. She was a graduate of Munday High School, class of 1973, and attended Dallas Christian College. She loved to cook and shared her delicious cakes with family and friends. She was especially proud of her two daughters.

Over the years she grew closer to the Lord. In recent years she shared with the family that she depended on the Lord for everything and that He took wonderful care of her. She lived a life of courage and perseverance and modeled a life of humility and acceptance of God's will.

She went to be with the Lord on May 9, 2007. She leaves behind two daughters, Jenny Jean Ryan and Julie Elizabeth Meadors, both of Abilene and one sister, Mary Meadors Hellman of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Teresa is now where we all want to be someday. Her wish for you would be to meet her there.

The family can be contacted through Mary Meadors Hellman by email at [kleinamarie@aol.com](mailto:kleinamarie@aol.com) or by mail at 1302 Barclay Hill, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901.

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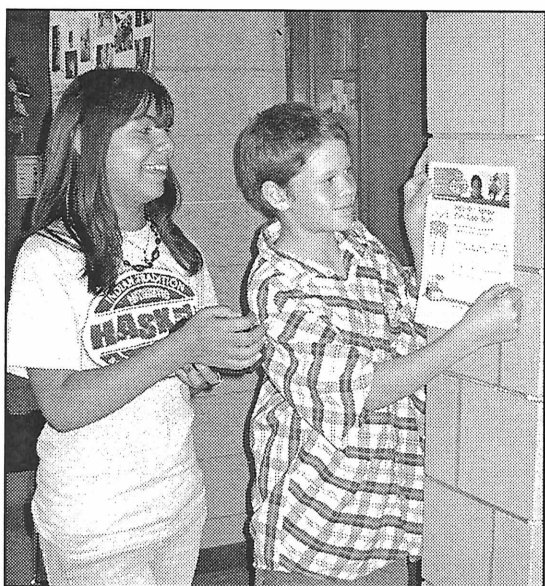
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**ADVERTISING PROJECT**—Baylee Rodriguez, left, and Austin Trussell hang up advertisements for the collection of Nestle's pure life water bottle labels. The labels are collected by Trish Johnson's fifth grade class and redeemed for P.E. equipment for the elementary gym. This is Nestle's way of teaching kids to recycle and give back to the schools. Learn & Serve America provides support for these projects.

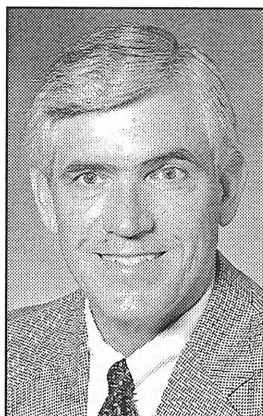
## Pruett to present three lessons

Dr. Charlie Pruett, the Director of the Gerontology Department (study of aging) at Abilene Christian University, will speak three times Sun., June 3 at the Haskell Church of Christ.

The topics and times that will be presented are "Spiritual Renewal in Later Life" at the 9:30 a.m. class, "Connecting Retirees and Ministry" at the 10:30 a.m. worship, and "The Importance of Today" at the 1 p.m. worship.

These lessons are for all ages, and the community is welcome. A fellowship meal will be held for everyone at noon. The church invites all to come and learn a Christian perspective on aging and to enjoy the food and fellowship.

Dr. Pruett, the father of three children, is also a graduate of



**DR. CHARLIE PRUETT**

Sunset School of Preaching and was a missionary in the West Indies as well as local ministry in San Antonio.



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## Births

Brian and Tina Scifres of Haskell announce the birth of their son, Anthony John Scifres, born Thurs., May 17 at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene at 10:26 a.m. weighing 5 lbs. 5 1/2 oz. He was 18 inches long.

Grandparents are Rosie

Scifres of Stamford; Claud and Geraldine Scifres of Pampa; Cathy Matthews of Winslow, Arizona; and Donald Matthews of Claypool, Arizona.

Great grandparents are Dorothy Scifres of Hamlin and the late Carrie Bredthauer of Stamford.

## Art Club installs new officers

The Brazos West Art Association met Mon., May 14 in the Haskell National Bank Building, for the final meeting of their club year.

The meeting began with a salad supper, followed by recognition of new officers.

New officers are president, Jennie Lyckman; vice president, Betty Berry; secretary, Nelwyn

Beakley; treasurer, Betty Hook; reporter-historian, Peggy Middlebrook; telephone committee, Martha Spitzer and Marsha Whittemore.

Attending the meeting were Betty Hook, Peggy Middlebrook, Marsha Whittemore, Betty Berry, Nelwyn Beakley, Adaline Laird, Doris Reeves, Jennie Lyckman and Martha Spitzer.

## Three-part attack for losing weight

For many vacationers, the looming summer beach season spurs a need to quickly drop a few pounds to squeeze into a swimsuit or look a tad more jaw-dropping.

But many people endanger their health by starving themselves.

Actually, a great way to lose 10 or so pounds over a few weeks is to do three things—ensure your meals feature a "healthy plate" of food, exercise and enlist help from a buddy, says Dr. Jo Ann Carson, a registered dietitian at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

"You can make a concerted effort to lose weight for a shorter period of time, but it takes a structured plan, and you need to realize it's not realistic to lose more than two pounds a week," Dr. Carson says. "Starving yourself is not healthy because it slows your metabolism, making it harder to lose weight. Eat several small meals throughout the day to keep your metabolism high."

The first part of Dr. Carson's suggestions to lose weight fast and healthy is to make sure you eat a "healthy plate"—half a plate of low-carbohydrate veggies, a quarter of a plate of high-fiber carbohydrates and another quarter of a plate of lean protein.

Low-carbohydrate veggies

include broccoli, green beans and other leafy greens. High-fiber carbohydrates include dried beans, whole-wheat pasta, sweet potatoes and fruit.

Lean protein can be chicken, salmon or lean beef.

"Be sure to eat smaller portions and don't skip meals," Dr. Carson says.

Next comes exercise. Take a walk after a meal or exercise during TV commercials.

Strength training to build muscle is also a good idea—if you lose only five pounds but turn another five pounds of fat to muscle, you'll look better in a swimsuit, Dr. Carson says.

The third part is getting help from a buddy who follows the same exercise and eating plan.

"These tips can help you lose weight in the short term, but, remember, everyone trying to lose weight should strive to keep the weight off with long-term behavioral and eating changes," Dr. Carson says. "Regaining lost weight is very unhealthy."

## Weinert FBC sets Vacation Bible School activities June 4-8

Area children and youth are invited to Weinert First Baptist Church to attend activities geared just for them during the evenings of June 4-8.

Lasting Monday through Friday from 5:30-8 p.m. each day, will be SonForce Kids for children ages 3 through those who just finished sixth grade. SonForce Kids are God's courageous team of disciples standing side-by-side to serve Him. As SonForce special agents, they will follow in the words of Joshua 1:9: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." A very special surprise event will be held on Tuesday night.

Beginning at 6 p.m. each day

in the upstairs Fellowship Hall of the church will be Teen Extreme for youths finishing grades 7-12. Shanna White will be returning to lead the Bible Study, along with special guests each evening. Activities will also include recreation, food and crafts and all area youth are invited to attend, so come and bring a friend.

Parents' Night will be Friday beginning at 7 p.m. in the auditorium with the children presenting a short program and slideshow of the week. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program. For more information, contact Bro. Dan Bullock at 940-673-8310 or VBS Director Mary Murphy at 940-673-8269.

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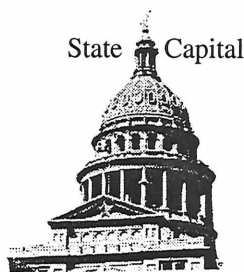
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# OPINION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Likely passage of road bill lessens prospect for special session

AUSTIN—Here's a Fri., May 25, snapshot of what's going on at the state Capitol with sine die, the end of the 80th regular session of the Texas Legislature, set for 10 p.m. Mon., May 28.

A conference committee of House and Senate members concurred on SB 792, the transportation bill that lawmakers had to rework to avoid the governor's calling a special session. Gov. Rick Perry said he would summon the Legislature back to Austin if the bill stripped too much authority from the Texas Department of Transportation in devising a new, comprehensive road plan.

So, the bill satisfies Perry and gives lawmakers and their constituents a two-year study period they can use to get a better picture of how their own local and regional road plans might interface with Perry's statewide plan.

### Senate kills voter fraud bill

HB 218, the "voter I.D." bill, died in the Senate. Under the bill, Texans would have had to present a valid picture identification card or two other forms of identification other than their voter registration card in order to cast a ballot.

Rep. Betty Brown, R-Terrell, the author of HB 218, said her bill was meant to prevent voter fraud. Opponents said the bill targeted minorities, the elderly and the disabled. Opponents also disputed allegations of widespread voter fraud enabled by false identification at the polls.

### Memorial Day observance is held

Because the end of the legislative session coincides with Memorial Day, May 28, the House and Senate met in a joint session on Thurs., May 24, for an early observance.

Lawmakers, the governor, lieutenant governor and other state officials honored present and former members of the military and especially the loved ones of military men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since March 2003.

Family members and friends

were seated in the House chamber and came forward to be recognized as the names of fallen military members were called.

### TYC-fixing bill moves forward

Texas Youth Commission reform is in the works with the adoption of the conference committee report on Committee Substitute to SB 103 by Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, and sponsored in the House by Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson.

At early presstime for this column, the legislation was due for a final vote by the full House, and delivery to the governor's desk.

Investigative reporting initially published by The Dallas Morning News spurred a growing body of detail bringing to light corruption at the agency, including rape, abuse and mistreatment of TYC inmates.

Public outcry prompted management changes at the agency and public hearings drew input from people across Texas. Lawmakers filed more than two dozen bills, including SB 103, to fix problems at the agency.

### Final work due on state budget

A Sun., May 27, vote was expected for the \$150 billion 2008-2009 state budget.

Passage of a budget is the Legislature's primary and only constitutionally mandated duty.

The budget bill, HB 1, was in conference committee at press time for this column.

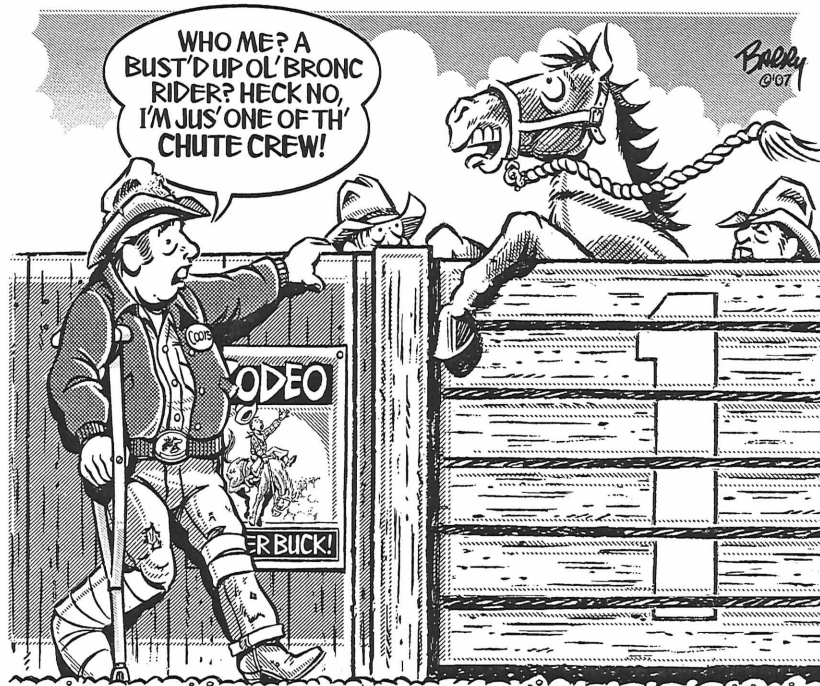
### Speaker change rumors continue

On and off huddles of lawmakers and murmurs in the halls and House gallery in the final week of the session kept rumors alive about a possible ousting of Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, as speaker.

Lawmakers could attempt to remove the speaker by a vote of no confidence or wait until after sine die to mount campaigns for the powerful post.

Already mentioned as definite or possible candidates are Reps. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, Brian McCall, R-Plano, and Jim Keffer, R-Eastland. Another name to emerge is Rep. Fred Hill, R-Richardson.

But Craddick appeared unruffled about the prospect of challengers and stuck to his assertion that he intends to finish his third and current term as speaker and run for a fourth.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago May 29, 1997

Robert C. Hobgood, president of First National Bank, has been elected to the board of directors of the Texas Bankers Association.

Leisa Hutchinson, Virginia Hise and Joyce Hawkins attended the Avon President banquet in San Angelo.

John G. Land, Cisco Junior College, is named on the President's list for the spring semester.

### 20 Years Ago May 28, 1987

Junior High band soloists winning the sweepstakes award at the contest in Snyder were, Deanna Scheets, Kim Gilly, Tiffany Bradford, Eric Harvey, James Espinoza, Amanda Diaz, Carlos Mendoza and Shelia Unger.

Sixth grade band members winning the sweepstakes award at the contest in Snyder were Sarah Davis, Stacy Feemster, Susan Jarred, Mary Ester Villarreal, Bonnie Silbas, Nichole Cothron, Michelle Espinoza, Mark Jones, Shanna McKenzie, Holly Hobgood, Sarah Mullin, Brooke Baker and Claudia Payne.

### 30 Years Ago May 26, 1977

Robert Lehrer and Zachery Wilcox won second place in the District 4-H Horse Demonstration.

Winners in the Stamford Jr. Sheriff's Posse Playnight were Sheree Dumas, Tina Morris, Gina Brooks, Debra Morris and James

Hopkins.

Cheerleaders for the 1977-78 school year were Edith Jordan, Sarah Cox, Cheryl Conner, Renae McBroom, Connie Liles and Sherrie Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hagadone of Arlington were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Wilkinson this weekend.

### 40 Years Ago May 25, 1967

Andy Gannaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gannaway and Penny Darnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Darnell, were recipients of the coveted American Legion award.

Tonie Howell Greene was selected queen of the Jaycee Rodeo. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Greene.

The Nine-Teens will be presented in their annual Rainbow Concert. Members are Peggy Thigpen, Bobby Kimbrough, Patricia Toliver, Diane Hester, Pamela Druessedow, Pattie Jewell, Shelia Gilleland, Martha Henderson, Rita Woodard and Debbie Darnell.

### 50 Years Ago May 30, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. George Neely, accompanied by Judy Atkeison spent the week in Houston, Huntsville and Dallas. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Jess Neely and Mr. and Mrs. George Wall and Henry Atkeison.

These students received their baccalaureate degrees from Texas

A&M College: John Carlos Montgomery, agricultural engineering; and Robert Marlin Wilson, petroleum engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smallwood have returned home after spending several days in Wichita Falls with their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Barnett of Fresno, California are visiting in the home of Mrs. Barnett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cameron.

Deputy Sheriff Garth Garrett and Frank Garrett of Weinert returned from New York City where they made the trip by truck. They moved a family from Monday to New York from which point the Monday people were to embark for Sweden.

### 100 Years Ago June 1, 1907

G. Rader of the Carney neighborhood was in town and purchased a self binder from Cason, Cox & Co., with which to harvest his grain crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Park arrived home from Georgetown where Mr. Park has been attending Southwestern University.

A.J. Combes, general manager of the Haskell Telephone Co., returned from a business trip to Abilene.

J.L. Jones of Rule was in town on business and to meet his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Jones, who were returning from Arkansas Pass where they had spent the winter.

## Wildfire prevention begins with preparedness

Now is the perfect time to do yard work, and while doing so, take the steps to improve the chance of your home surviving a wildfire. Texas Forest Service wants to remind citizens that "Wildfire Awareness Begins at Home."

The 2005-06 fire season in Texas was not only record-breaking, but also devastating to many Texans and entire communities. Wildfires blackened 2.26 million acres, destroyed 734 homes and took the lives of 19 people. Of more than 29,000 wildfires reported in Texas, 85 percent of the large fires occurred within two miles of a community.

"Homeowners have the power

to greatly increase their homes' chance of surviving a wildfire," said Texas Forest Service Director Jim Hull. "What you plant, where you place your plants and how you maintain the landscaping can determine whether a wildfire reaches your home, and simple improvements on your home can significantly decrease its ignitability."

While doing gardening and yard work, do a quick survey of your property. Does wildfire have a direct path to your home? Create a break in the vegetation with a sidewalk, rock path, French drain, driveway or other non-flammable path to slow the spread of a wildfire.

Are flammable plants creating a ladder to the eaves of the home? Do firefighters have enough room around your home (at least 30 feet) to safely protect it? Did you take time to remove leaves and needles from your roof and gutters? For more tips, log on to <http://texasforestservicetamu.edu> or [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

"Homes and lives do not have to be lost to wildfire," Hull said.

"Texans can be proactive by ensuring they've done everything possible to make their home safe from wildfire."

Communities and neighborhoods can work together to address wildfire concerns by becoming a Firewise Communities/USA (information available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org)) or by implementing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The Texas Legislature is considering the Texas Wildfire Protection Plan (TWPP), which would provide funding for additional firefighting resources across the state. With the funding from TWPP, Texas Forest Service will create 15 Wildfire Protection Regions that will house wildland firefighters who will be responsible for fire prevention, structure protection, wildfire risk reduction, vegetation modification, and fire department training. These centers will be the pivotal bases for equipment positioning to reduce response times to fires.

To learn more about TWPP, log on to <http://tfsnews.tamu.edu>.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

On behalf of the Haskell County Food Distribution Center, I want to thank the Haskell County citizens for their help in helping others. There are so many to thank, the Postal Service employees for the effort and time spent for the food collection this month, and the generous donations of that food by the community.

Then there are the area churches whose members volunteer by picking up food from Wichita Falls. Many volunteers of all ages pack boxes with that food on the third Friday night every month and on the following Saturday carry those boxes to people's cars, rain or shine, in the heat and in the cold. It's not just the distribution of the food, it's also the love shown to all those who need a little help, we have welcome and huggers, and we thank each and every one of you.

There's the Haskell Free Press to thank for faithfully reminding us that the distribution involves every third Friday and Saturday of the month and "boxes are needed"! There are so many people, churches and groups involved to keep it all going, and all is done out of love and compassion. Then there are the donations of not just time but also money, and the collection of food by various other organizations during the year. We are blessed to live in a community which doesn't just believe in the 'Feed the Hungry' Jesus talks about, but acts on it.

Gratefully,  
Grace Thomas

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Dear editor,

I would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted us with our La Briere House landscaping project. Learn & Serve America awards grant money to schools in Texas who show a vested interest in beautifying their campuses and their community. Haskell CISD received two such grants. Sixth graders put that money to good use by landscaping a tourist attraction just in time for Wild Horse Prairie Days.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of all the volunteers for their time and energy. Thanks to Debbie Earles, Janie Powers, Erna Peiser, Tonya Cypert and Amy Sloan for helping us plant our flowers.

Thanks to Melyn, James, and Ross Wittenborn, Steve and Phoi McGuire, Jimmy Burson, Deanna Jordan, Randall Frierson, Felix Cassidy and David Davis for their help and the use of their equipment.

Thanks to the City of Haskell for taking tireless phone calls and answering questions. Thanks for the water faucets to make watering more accessible and mulch to use in the shed area.

Thanks to the Progressive Study Club for including us in their project. We look forward to many more projects in the community and on our campuses. We are proud of our work and proud of our community. Haskell is a great place to live.

Thanks,  
Debbie Miller and  
the sixth graders  
of Haskell Elementary

## Students in the News

Merlin E. Hobbs and Breanna L. Marquis were listed on the Dean's List for the 2007 spring semester at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible to be included on the list, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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Scott Agraz of Haskell received the Agness Russell academic award from Vernon College.

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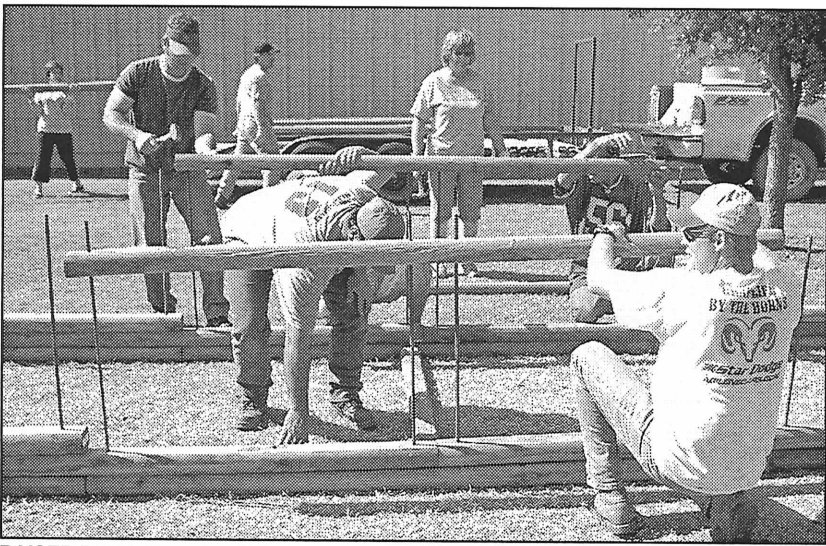
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Welcome to  
Wild Horse  
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**RAISED BEDS**—Parents of Kindergarteners place timbers perfectly to build raised beds at the Haskell elementary campus. Teachers provide the muscle. Rhonda Lisle, Randy Waggoner, Shane Stout, Becky Gordy, Robert Taylor, Cory Green, Tony Navarrette, and Ryan Olson provide the expertise.

## Make sunscreen use a habit

Popular outdoor activities, from riding bikes to boating and lying on beaches, can mean wrinkles and skin cancer down the road if you don't take time to put on sun block, dermatologists at UT Southwestern Medical Center warn.

If applying sun screen is only a seasonal habit for you during summer months, turn it into a daily habit, says Dr. Erin Welch, a UT Southwestern skin cancer specialist. "Since chronic sun damage adds up over our lifetimes, preventing every sunburn is important."

Pick a sun screen with at least a 30 SPF (sun protection factor) if you'll be outdoors more than 15 minutes. Make certain the sun screen protects against both UVA and UVB rays. Apply it at least 30 minutes before heading outdoors and remember to reapply after swimming or sweating a lot, or after more than a couple of hours outside. Also consider a lip balm that contains an SPF of 15 or higher.



**BUILDING FLOWER BEDS**—Ryan Olson, left, and Cory Green are measuring and drilling holes in landscape timbers that will be used to build a flower bed by the Kindergarten classrooms. The project was done in coordination with Learn & Serve America which provides students an opportunity to learn outside the classroom.



**MATH PROFICIENT**—These Haskell Elementary fifth grade students all passed the 2007 Math TAKS test, a requirement before being promoted to the sixth grade. Students are: back row, l-r, Austin Curran, Jasmine Dever, Jamaica Castorena, Kelby Bell, Austin Trussell, Aaron Ulrich, Seth Rock, Robert Williams, Cheyanne Hill, Maegan Hearn, Baylee Rodriquez, Daniel Contreras, Dakota Silvas, Josh Frame and Aaron Waggoner; middle row, Elizabeth Flores, Zierra Alexander, Christina Villa, Kaley Mathis, Lucy Carmichael, Jared Masias, Zachary Tatum, Andrew Hearn, Marlee Andrada, Rocio Ortega, April Brown and Jarred Escobedo; seated back row, Emmett Benton, Micah Thomas, Beca Raynes, Morgan Garcia, Meghan Glover, Emily Fouts, Colton English, Nate Dever, Kyle Kimbrough and Gus Estrada; Seated front row, Braeden Alves, Selena Rojas, Nikki Ortiz and Max Weise. Not pictured is J.T. Schmegner.

## Fifth graders pass Math TAKS

As a reward for a 100% passing rate for the 2007 Math TAKS Test, Haskell Elementary fifth grade students and teachers traveled to Abilene Tues., May 22. All students enjoyed a meal at Luby's Cafeteria where they were able to choose from a variety of foods. After lunch, they were treated to a showing of the new movie 'Shrek the

Third.'

With the state passing average being 85%, Haskell CISD is extremely proud of these students' accomplishments. In order to meet the Student Success Initiative requirements, all fifth grade students must pass the Math TAKS to promote to sixth grade. This test encompasses

objectives from mathematical computation to higher level thinking skills.

Students Emmett Benton and Micah Thomas said, "The trip made us feel good because we had worked so hard to earn it." Fifth grade teachers Sherry Adams, Bonnie Fouts, Trish Johnson and Tammie Wallace accompanied the students.

## Fire ants are undercover allies

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

In spite of the destruction fire ants cause, many people are unaware they can actually benefit our ecosystem. While fire ants are notorious for their painful stings, destruction to agriculture, and penchant for striking livestock, there are some underlying benefits to the species.

The topic of beneficial insects is quite common. Biologists have been using beneficial insects to help sustain a balanced ecosystem through careful and monitored introduction. For example, ladybugs are known to feed on harmful aphids and spider mites, and praying mathis feed on nuisances such as flies to control populations.

In his book, The Fire Ants, Dr. Walter R. Tschinkel of Florida State University in Tallahassee explores the notion of fire ants as a friend and foe. Tschinkel has spent more than 35 years researching the invasive species, and his book details the lives of fire ants, the role of fire ants in the ecosystem, and how humans have fostered the successful colonization of fire ants in North America.

Since fire ants first arrived in the United States in the 1930s, an enormous amount of research has been done on the invasive pests. According to Tschinkel, this research has made fire ants one of the most well-know species of ants.

A popular claim made by Tschinkel is that "many people

hate fire ants" without reservation, without reflection. Perhaps that is what fire ants can offer us—something we can all agree to hate."

Tschinkel's fascination with fire ants has fueled his research through the decades. He wrote The Fire Ants to contribute and aid professional biologists and provide research to an open-minded public.

"Fire ants primarily benefit by acting as a general predator in highly disturbed ecosystems that humans create for agriculture and living space," he says. He added that few other ant species are capable of living in an ecosystem so influenced by humans. The reason is still under investigation.

Fire ants prey upon insects that damage sensitive crops such as soybeans, cotton and peanuts. They are ferocious predators, notorious for teaming up together and overtaking larger prey, including scorpions and arachnids. They also have been known to control the populations of stinkbugs in soybean crops.

Despite the beneficial research that has been done in the last few decades on fire ants, there are still many mysteries that researchers continue to unravel. According to Tschinkel, one question he wrestles with is how a colony regulates labor and queen ant functions.

For more information on The Fire Ants, visit the Harvard University Press Web site at <http://www.hup.harvard.edu>.

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## This Week's Devotional Message:



### BRIGHTEN YOUR LIFE WITH THE GOLDEN RULE

Do unto others, the Bible has said.  
As you'd have others do unto you;

And if you will follow this passage you've read.  
You will find it is certainly true  
That in business, your home life or simply with friends.  
It is easier getting along  
If you'll never be forced into making amends,  
Just because you have done someone wrong.  
So to learn more about this unfailing advice  
That will frequently serve as a warning.  
You should go to your church, where it's only the price  
Of an hour on next Sunday morning.

### 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 Renegarbe, 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.m., 11 a.m., 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. T.C. Melton, interim pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell

#### WEINERT

- First Baptist Church**  
Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
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#### ROCHESTER

- Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
Fred Garvin, pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovie 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.m., 11 a.m., 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

## Give blood; summer increases the need

The heavily traveled summer vacation season usually goes hand-in-hand with a rise in vehicle accidents, increasing the need for blood donations, blood experts at UT Southwestern Medical Center say.

However, only about 5 percent of eligible Americans give blood, statistics show.

Just one donation of blood can help many people—a person who loses blood in a roadway wreck, a small child receiving cancer treatment, or an elderly woman getting hip replacement surgery that requires a transfusion—says Dr. Ravi Sarode, professor of pathology and director of the Transfusion Medicine and Coagulation Laboratory at UT Southwestern.

"One of the easiest ways to save a life is by donating blood," Dr. Sarode says.

Volunteers are the only source of blood, as no artificial blood

exists.

Millions of pints of donated blood are used each year to treat accident victims, surgical patients, organ transplant recipients and others. But the red blood cells, platelets and plasma have a limited shelf life. Red blood cells can be stored for six weeks and plasma frozen for a year, while platelets last only five days.

"People can donate blood every eight weeks and platelets every four weeks," says Dr. Sarode.

Individuals who want to donate should contact an area blood supplier for an appointment. For anyone looking for a blood bank, visit the American Association of Blood Banks' Web site at [www.aabb.org](http://www.aabb.org). Donors must be healthy, at least age 16, at least 110 pounds and meet other requirements.

## Weather Whys

#### Green Sky

Q: Why does the sky sometimes look green during a thunderstorm?

A: It's a question that has been asked for centuries and is still not fully answered, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "We know the ancient Greeks reported seeing green skies during thunderstorms, and sailors for hundreds of years have written about green skies," McRoberts explains.

"The most popular theory is that thunderstorms contain a lot of water—often in the form of hail—and this water or ice tends to scatter green light during the strong updrafts that occur in severe storms. That's why many

people say the sky appears green right before a hailstorm."

Q: Does the sky look green during a tornado?

A: It can, says McRoberts, but not always so. "Often the sky appears almost black during a tornado, but sometimes there are greenish looking tints to the clouds," he adds.

"Many tornadoes have hail right around them. What we do know for sure is that green skies do exist, but they are fairly rare. They are almost always an indicator of severe weather, often very dangerous weather, so if you see a thunderstorm approaching and the sky appears to look green, you should take cover immediately."

## ECC Calendar and Menu

- Mon., June 4**  
Lunch—Ham slice, English peas, corn, cranberries, yeast roll, banana cake, milk, tea, or coffee
  - Fri., June 8**  
Lunch—Beef stew, pimento or tuna sandwich, sliced onions and pickles, cherry jello, cookies, milk, tea, or coffee
  - Wed., June 6**  
Lunch—King Ranch chicken, blackeyed peas, glazed carrots, sliced onions, garlic toast, caramel cake, milk, tea, or coffee
- Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Don Allen Bell, Deceased, were issued on December 6, 2006, in Cause No. 4,327, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: Jeffrey Bell.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Kristen L. Fouts, Attorney at Law, 1 Avenue D, Courthouse, Post Office Box 206, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Dated the 22nd day of May, 2007.

Kristen L. Fouts  
Attorney for  
JEFFREY BELL  
State Bar No.: 00786434  
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### NOTICE

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We would like to express our appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce and to all those who sponsored contestants and made donations to make the Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen Pageant possible. To those who took part in the program, you did a great job! To the former queens who helped with decorations, setting up and the program, a great big thank you! Most of all, to all of the contestants--You are all winners! The pageant would not have been the same without each one of you!  
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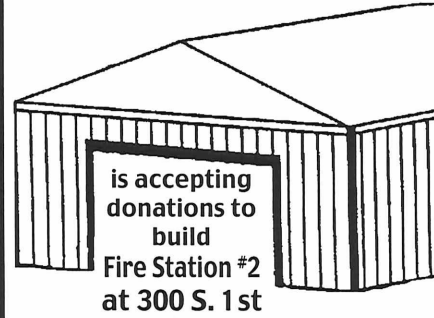
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### Welcome to Wild Horse Prairie Days

The family of Trinidad 'Butch' Rodriguez would like to thank everyone for all the food, flowers, cards, phone calls, and especially all of your prayers in our time of need. Words cannot express how much it all meant to us. We are truly blessed to not only have such a wonderful family, but to also have the love and support of such great friends. May God bless each and everyone of you.  
Thank you,  
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We would also like to give a special thank you to Lisa Shaw at the Haskell Free Press and KVRP for their year round support to help victims of family violence. Thank you!

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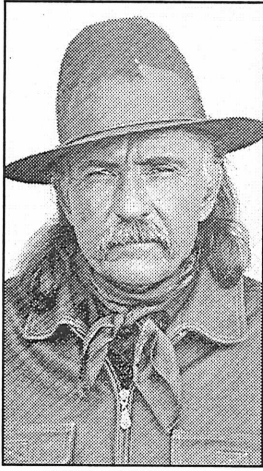


## Meinzer to serve as parade grand marshal

Wyman Meinzer, renowned wildlife photographer and publisher of natural history books on the Panhandle Plains, the Texas skies, and preserving the heritage of the west, will be the Grand Marshal at the 12th annual Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo, June 1-2 at the Haskell Expo Center.

Meinzer earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management from Texas Tech University in 1974. His interest in photography developed and expanded while involved in research at Texas Tech University, and his work of preserving the old west through photography has appeared on 250 magazine covers, including National Wildlife, National Geographic, Field and Stream and more than 50 national and international covers.

His magazine assignments include such locations as Mexico, Montana, Canada, Alaska, and the entire state of Texas. He was the official photographer for the historic event in the capture of the last remaining herd of southern



WYMAN MEINZER

plains bison in existence by the personnel of Texas Parks and Wildlife.

In 1996, he received the "John Ben Sheppard Jr." award from the Texas State Historical Foundation for his preservation of Texas history.

Meinzer lives in Benjamin with his wife, Sylinda, in an old 1887 jailhouse.

## WHPD Calendar of Events

### Ranch horse cutting

The Sam 'Snaky' Graves Memorial Ranch Horse Cutting is set for 8 a.m. June 1 at the Haskell Arena.

### Chuckwagon meal

A chuckwagon meal will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the pavilion area June 1 and 2.

### Ranch rodeo

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo will be held June 1-2 beginning at 7 p.m. Vendors will be indoors and outdoors at the Civic Center June 1-2. An awards ceremony will be held after the rodeo on Saturday night at 10:30 p.m. A dance will be held June 2 from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. with the Cory Bivens Band providing the music.

### WHPD parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held Fri., June 1 at 5 p.m. To enter, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 864-2477 for information on entering.

### Ranch horse competition

The Wild Horse Prairie Days ranch horse competition will be held Sat., June 2 at 8 a.m. at the Haskell Arena.

### Kid's rodeo

The Wild Horse Prairie Days children's rodeo will be held at 2 p.m. Sat., June 2.

### Cookoff

The Wild Horse Prairie Days brisket, rib and chicken cookoff will be held all day Sat., June 2 beginning at 8 a.m.

### Church service

A cowboy church service with Jeff Gore serving as speaker will be held Sun., June 3 beginning 8 a.m.

### Trail ride

The second annual Haskell County Trail Rides will be held the weekend of June 1-3. A 12-mile ride will start at 10 a.m. Fri., June 1 at Wild Horse Knob west of Haskell and will end in the city of Haskell in time to join the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo at 5 p.m. On Sat., June 2, another 12-mile ride will be held on the Circle S Ranch and a short ride will be held on Sun. June 3 after cowboy church. Breakfast and noon meals will be provided. For more information, contact Susan Cockerell at 940-864-2851 or Susan Turner at 940-742-3347.

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## Pokey the Clown to host children's rodeo

Pokey the Clown will be on hand to host the Wild Horse Prairie Days Junior Ranch Rodeo June 1-2 in Haskell.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo is the creation of Doug 'Pokey the Clown' Smith of Panhandle. This event is mirrored after the adult ranch rodeo, but geared to involve young people ages four through sixteen.

Under the National WRCA circuit, with which the Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo is affiliated, the Junior Ranch Rodeo is designed for the entertainment of children and to enable them to experience some

of the skills used by real working ranch cowboys. The activities encourage the youngsters to work together in teams to accomplish competitive goals.

Team events for the Junior Rodeo will include a Pony Express Race, Cow Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking and Calf Branding. All events will involve the use of custom made wooden 'livestock.' The three age divisions will be Pee Wee (4-7), Junior (8-11) and Senior (12-16). The young cowboys will compete on beautiful, handmade stick horses.

Entry fee is \$20.00 per team

with four people on each team. Entry fee includes a trick rope for each one who participates.

Medals will be awarded to the winning team in each age division, along with an invitation to compete in the National WRCA Junior Rodeo in Amarillo in November.

The event, sponsored by Modern Way and The Drug Store, will be held on the grassy area by the Haskell Rodeo Arena at 2:00 p.m., Sat., June 2.

For more information, entry blank and a copy of the rules for each event, call Gerre Larned at 940-864-2454.



POKEY THE CLOWN

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5 PM - PARADE

5 - 7 PM - CHUCK WAGON MEAL

7 PM - RANCH RODEO

8 AM SATURDAY  
**JUNE 2, 2007**

RANCH HORSE COMPETITION

2 PM - KIDS RODEO

5 - 7 PM - CHUCK WAGON MEAL

7 PM - RANCH RODEO

10:30 PM - AWARDS

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