

Baseball games

Haskell JV vs Stamford
Mon., April 21, 4:30 p.m.
at Stamford

Haskell V vs Stamford
Tues., April 22, 4:30 p.m.
at Stamford

Softball games

Haskell JV-V vs Stamford
Sat., April 19, 5 p.m.
at Stamford

Track

Indians and Maidens
Regional Qualifiers Meet
Fri., April 18 at Roscoe

Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., April 19 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Spring carnival

Paint Creek PTO is hosting a Spring Fling Carnival for school age children Fri., April 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Paint Creek football field. Pony rides, air castle, dunking booth, concession stand and lots of carnival games will be offered. Admission is free. The public is invited.

Concert

First Baptist Church of Haskell will host the His Workmanship quartet in concert Sun., April 20 at 6 p.m. The concert is free. A love offering will be taken.

Banquet

The annual Senior Citizens Banquet will be held April 20 at the Haskell Civic Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., sponsored by the Haskell County Commissioners and County Judge. Citizens 60 years old and over eat for free and tickets for all others are \$7 and are available from any County Commissioner, at the County Judge's office, or at the Experienced Citizens Center.

Clean-up day

The Haskell High School Student Council, in conjunction with community clean-up day, will be collecting old, non-working washers, dryers, and hot water heaters. These items may be dropped off across from the new city warehouse on N. 2nd St. in Haskell from 8 a.m. to noon., Sat., April 19.

Booster Club

The Haskell Athletic Booster Club will meet Mon., April 21 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium to plan the high school All Sports Awards Banquet. All booster club members and parents of high athletes are invited to attend.

Pushmobile

Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136 will host the annual Double Mountain District Pushmobile Sun., April 20 at 2 p.m. in front of Haskell Elementary School. A concession stand will be provided offering a hamburger meal for \$5. Proceeds will help with summer camp expenses.

Revival

Calvary Baptist Church, 600 S. 7th St. in Haskell, will host a bilingual revival April 18-20. Evening services on Friday and Saturday will start at 7 p.m. Sunday morning services will begin at 11 a.m.

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City wide clean up to begin Saturday

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"The People's Choice"

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Dudensing is Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen's Pageant was held Sun., April 13 at the Haskell High School Auditorium. Molly Dudensing was crowned the 2008 Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen. A junior at Rule High School, she is the daughter of Lynn and Renee Dudensing.



MOLLY DUDENSING - 2008 WHPD QUEEN

This year, thanks to the generosity of merchants and individuals in our communities, two academic awards are being awarded. Dudensing received a \$750 award and Vanessa Glass, the first runner-up and a senior from Haskell High School, received a \$250 award.

Paige Wheatley, a senior from Haskell High School, was the second runner-up and Lauren Messenger, a senior from Rule, was third runner-up. Other queen contestants were Micaela Dawn Hernandez, Tara Diane Johnson, Meagan Lynn Kimbrough, Veronica Sherrell Session, Pamela Walker and Duste Meshell Wolf.

This year's Junior Miss is Lucy Carmichael, a sixth grade student at Haskell Elementary. She is the daughter of Hew and Beth Carmichael. Also competing were Meghan Glover, Carson Jo Hadaway, Krista Lynn McLemore and Rebeca Dashae Raynes.

Zhenia McTasney, a third grader at Paint Creek Elementary, was crowned Young Miss. She is the daughter of Leiza and Jim McTasney. Others competing in this category were Sara Cheyenne Edwards, Shalon Heidenheimer, Victoria Hertel, Kayla Jo Hunter and Katie LeAnne McLemore.

The Little Miss title went to Vanessa Gonzalez. She is the daughter of Abraham and Teresa Gonzalez and a kindergarten student at Haskell Elementary. Others entered in the Little Miss division were Angelle Marie Maynard, Heavenly Love Perez, Morgan Hope Sanders and Adaline Kashmir Utley.

Lonnie Alvarez, the 2007 WHPD Queen and Ashton Rutkowski, the 2004 WHPD Jr. Miss served as emcees. Mike Harrell was the photographer and Nelda Lane provided piano accompaniment.

Escorts for the pageant were Kyle Kimbrough, Aaron Urich, Payne Utley and Tyler Reese.

Rutkowski, Adams chosen for FCA game

Weston Rutkoski, son of John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski and Travis Adams, son of Brian and Vicki Adams, students at Haskell High School have been chosen to participate in the ninth annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic Sat., June 7 in Abilene's

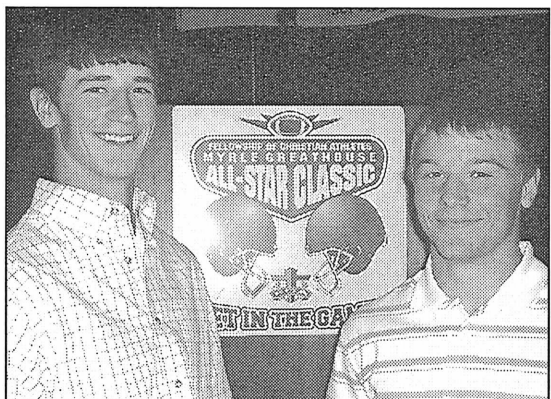
Shotwell Stadium. They were among 90 area football players selected for the game, which benefits the Big Country Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Representing 49 area schools, the roster for the North and South squads were announced Sat., Feb. 2.

The young men were nominated by their head football coaches for the game, which features schools from an approximate 100-mile radius of

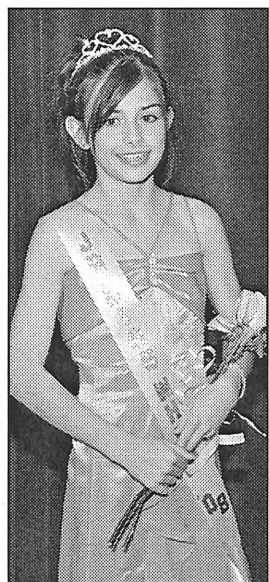
Abilene covering 36 counties. Players from Class A through 5A make up the two squads.

They were honored at a Victory Banquet Sun., April 6 at

the Abilene Civic Center. They will report for two-a-day workouts Wed., June 4. They will be involved in several activities during All-Star week.



NAMED TO FCA ALL-STAR SQUAD-Haskell Indians Weston Rutkowski, left, and Travis Adams were chosen to participate in the ninth annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic June 7 in Abilene.



LUCY CARMICHAEL
WHPD JUNIOR MISS

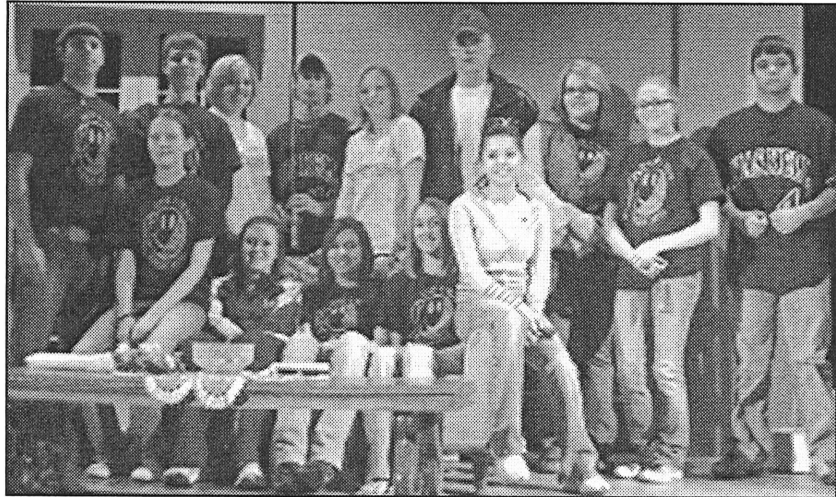


ZHENIA MCTASNEY
WHPD YOUNG MISS



VANESSA GONZALEZ
WHPD LITTLE MISS

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OAP MEMBERS—Members of the the cast and crew of Haskell's One Act Play are, l-r, front row, Maegan Baugh, Kayce Wilcox, Brie Torres, Aubrey Bassett and Vanessa Glass; back row, Austin Marshall, John English, Destini Cooke, Steven Fillmon, Paige Wheatley, Douglas Moore, Tara Myers, Pamela Walker and Ricky Barrett.

OAP receives cast, crew honors

In two UIL competitions, the one act play, "Double Date" earned three All-Star Cast, three Honorable Mention Cast and two

All-Star Crew awards. John English earned All-Star Cast at zone and district. Vanessa Glass and Steven Fillmon earned

All-Star Cast at zone. Tara Myers earned Honorable Mentioned Cast at zone and district. Maegan Baugh earned Honorable Mentioned Cast at zone. Austin Marshall earned Honorable Mentioned Cast at district.

Douglas Moore earned All-Star Crew at district and Aubrey Bassett earned All-Star Crew at zone.

The students also performed five times: at the high school, junior high and for the community as well as Anson for zone and district.

Other members of the OAP cast and crew include Brie Torres, Pamela Walker, Ricky Barrett, Destini Cooke and Kayce Wilcox.

Theater teacher Melissa Tatum directed the production of "Double Date."

"This was a fun play. We dealt with lots of illness this year and went a month and a half without the entire cast at practice together," she said. "I was pleased with the effort the students put into this play, and I believe that was apparent with their performance."

The setting for the 1951 play is a spring day in Mrs. Barton's house in Irvington.

In the play, the scheming girls plan to outsmart the boys, but Uncle Clay and the guys learn what they are up to and turn the tables on the them.

The charming girls, who are from south of the Mason Dixon line, are not used to such discipline.

According to Tatum, both zone and district were very competitive.



NEW AMBULANCE—Haskell County Emergency Medical Service put their new 2008 International Horton Ambulance in service on Tues., April 8. The ambulance was purchased with proceeds of a FEMA grant. EMS personnel proud of their new equipment are, l-r, Linda Haynes, EMT; Tony Haynes, EMT-P; Casey Caldwell, EMT-P, administrator; Randall Martin, EMT-P; Charlotte Arendall, NR-EMT; and Randy Shaw, ECA.

Obituaries

Annie Zeola Kirkpatrick Norwood



ZEOLA NORWOOD

Funeral services for Annie Zeola Kirkpatrick Norwood, 84, of Rule were held Fri., April 11 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Brother Dale Turner, Brother George Walker and Brother George Johnson officiating. Burial was in Friendship Cemetery in the Hefner Community under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mrs. Norwood died Mon., April 7.

Born Aug. 27, 1923 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of the late Earl Kirkpatrick and Lillie America Elliott Kirkpatrick. She married Carl Norwood Oct. 5, 1940 in Munday. She worked for Conner's Nursery and Floral in the early 1960's and then became a partner in the business in 1973. She was a very talented florist who created unique pieces for all occasions. Above all, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother whose greatest joy was watching her children and grandchildren grow up. She loved teaching them how to crochet and quilt, and made sure each grandchild had a handmade quilt of their own. Anything that the kids wanted to learn, she was eager to teach them. Zeola was a resident of Rule for the majority of her life and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She

was greatly loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and seven sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Carl Norwood of the home; sons, Lyndel and wife Betty of Dickinson, Rickey and wife Karen of Port Lavaca; daughter, Debbie Kennedy and husband Rick of Haskell; sisters, Earlene Crisp of Lorraine, Bula Henderson of Magnolia, Arkansas, and Christine Brekenfeld of College Station; grandchildren, David and Pam Norwood, Jeff and Misty Norwood, Chad Norwood, Robin and James Clymer, Eric Norwood, Scott Kennedy, Melody Kennedy; and great grandchildren, Chandler, Chyann, Kade and Rylan Norwood and Katy Clymer.

Memorials may be made to Primitive Baptist Church of Rule. PD. NOTICE

Patsy LaRue Bell

Memorial services for Patsy LaRue Bell, 70, of Arlington were held Sat., March 29 at Faith Chapel Church in Rochester under the direction of Moore Funeral Home of Arlington.

Mrs. Bell died Thurs., March 20 at her Arlington home.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Patsy has been reunited with her husband,

Bobby Dee Bell, Sr., who preceded her in death in 1998.

Survivors include her son, Bobby Dee Bell Jr. and wife, Juanita; daughters, Deeda Katrice Brown and husband Mike, and Michelle Nicole DePriest and husband Jesse; sisters, Dorothy Fry and Kathy Wood; brother, Jimmy Bristow; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; and other loving family members and friends. PD. NOTICE

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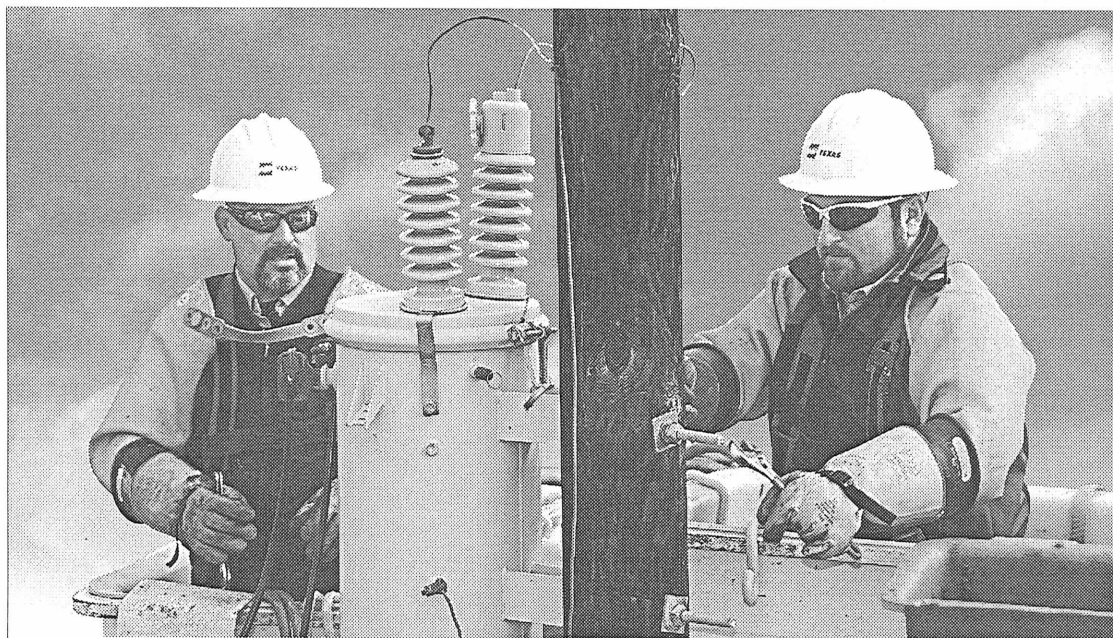
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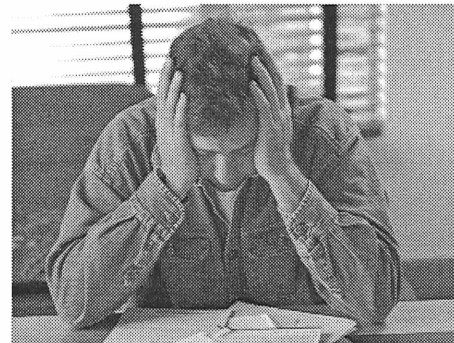


Thompson wins Democratic Party runoff election

Results of the runoff election held by the Democratic Party Tues., April 8 to elect a Railroad Commissioner are:
Mark Thompson 14, Dale

Henry 10.

Thompson was declared the winner and will face Republican Michael Williams in November.

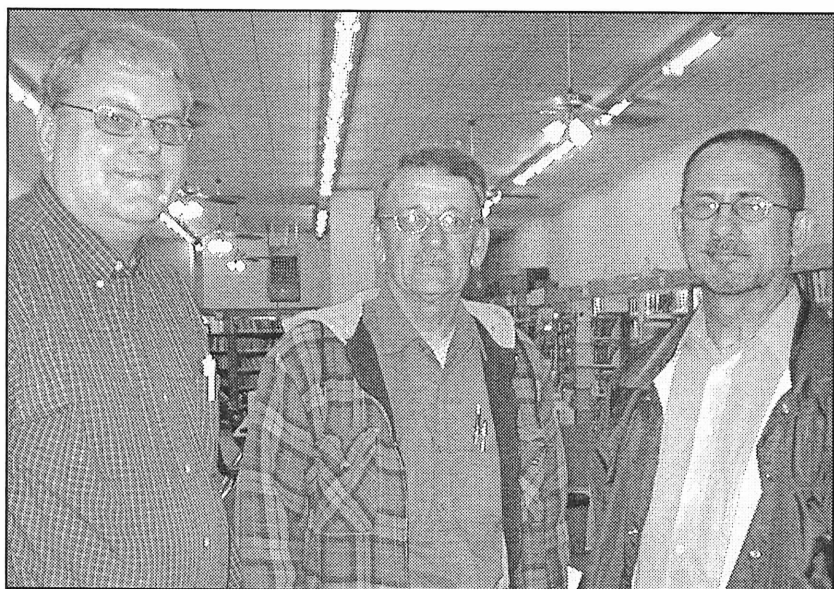


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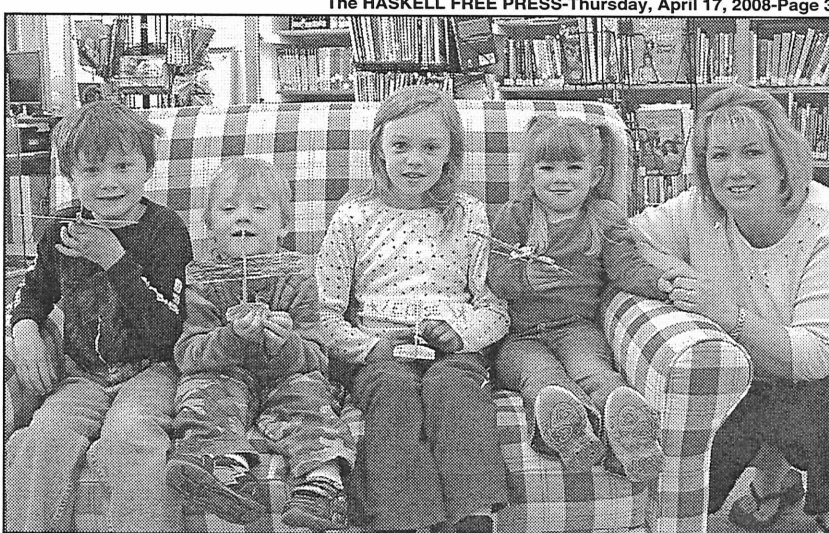
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LAST PAYDAY—Ron Rennegarbe, left, treasurer of the Friends of the Haskell County Library, left, presents the last pay check on March 8 to Charles Cross, center, site manager of ABD Group Contractors and Philip Miller, architect of CADCO. The new library plans to be open on May 12.



FINAL STORYTIME—Paula Rennegarbe conducted the final storytime in the old library Wed., April 9. The group read about and made airplanes. Those attending were, l-r, Jon Townsend, Justin Townsend, Elise Townsend, Cassidy Pheister and her mother, Emmalee Pheister. Storytime will resume at a time to be announced in May after the new library opens.

New library to open May 12

It won't be long now before the new library is open. The present library site is closed and on May 12 the new library plans to be open for use. A grand opening is scheduled for June 1.

The new library has been a long time coming, but with determination, the Friends of Haskell County Library were able to make it happen. Board members are Oleta Cornelius, president; Donna Cole, vice president; Yuvi Cadenhead, secretary; Ron Rennegarbe, treasurer; Loutina White, Louetta Wallace, Erlinda Mayfield, Margo Hollingsworth and Paula Rennegarbe. Ex-officio members are Tiffen Mayfield, Kenny Thompson, Judge David Davis and Joan Frazier. Each member actively participated in the

planning of the library.

Many foundations saw great merit in the project and awarded grants in order to make the Haskell County Library a reality. Foundations awarding grants were Dian Owens, Abilene; Priddy Foundation, Wichita Falls; Meadows, Dallas; Helen Jones, Lubbock; Fields, Haskell; Thorton, California; Dodge Jones, Abilene; Hillcrest, Dallas; and Wichita Falls Area Foundation.

The First Presbyterian Church sold property to the Friends for the parking lot. The First United Methodist Church agreed to sell property at this time that was given to both the Friends of the Library and the church by the Fields Foundation. That sale was divided between the two entities.

Many individuals gave to help the building of the library and the Friends of Haskell County Library will want to recognize these individuals in a special way.

During the time that the library is closed, books will be moved April 15-18. Volunteers are needed to help put books on the shelves as the books are being brought in.

Haskell School Menu

April 21-25 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Smucker's PB&J
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
Wednesday: Cereal, animal crackers

Thursday: Cinnamon roll
Friday: Pig in a blanket

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.

Monday: Chicken quesadillas, salsa, pinto beans, queso, tortilla chips, pineapple tidbits

Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, coleslaw or salad, baby carrots, ranch dressing, applesauce

Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, assorted chips, chocolate chip cookie

Thursday: Sliced turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot roll, pears

Friday: Steak on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, french fries, fresh fruit

Paint Creek School Menu

April 21-25 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Toast or cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Breakfast burritos

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Tater tot casserole, green beans, salad, rolls, chocolate cake

Tuesday: Ham, mashed potatoes, broccoli, rolls, fruit

Wednesday: BBQ sandwiches, french fries, carrot sticks, rice krispies

Thursday: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, corn, salad, cake
Friday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, chips, fruit

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., April 21

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

Wed., April 23

Lunch—Ham and beans, onions, pickles, creamy coleslaw, combread, jello, cookie, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., April 25

Lunch—Beef stew, tuna or pimento sandwiches, onions, pickles, coleslaw, misc. dessert, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Museum groups meet in new building

On April 8, the Knox County Historical Commission and Friends of KCHC met in the new museum building for the second time with 20 board members present, representing each community in Knox County.

The office is open and meetings are conducted in the new building. The office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The displays have not been set up, but many visitors have come by for a tour of the building.

A committee was appointed to approve a collection policy and software has been ordered to catalog all artifacts. This software is used in many museums, including the Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock.

Now that the engraved granite stone display has been completed on the wall of the front porch, the engraved brick display will be started. Board members voted to continue with the outside projects including sidewalks, as soon as possible.

When the engraved granite stones were ordered, six blank

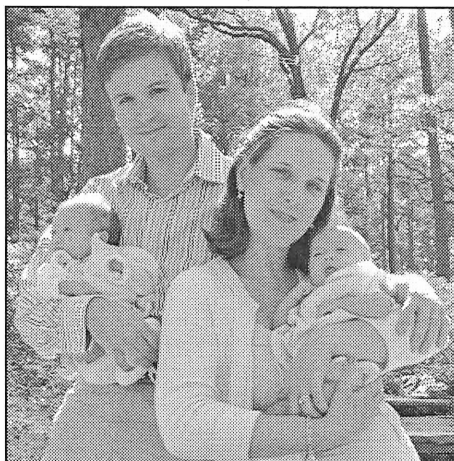
15"x30" stones were included, thinking that when they were set in place, others would be wanting to purchase one. Five stones are available that can be bought or divided into a 7.5" x 15" or 15" x 15" size.

Additional Veterans names are now being requested for the Knox County Veterans Memorial. Call 459-2229 for a form to add a name to the Veterans Memorial. Engraving can be done at the Veterans Memorial and on the museum granite stones at the same time.

The Munday City Wide Garage Sale on June 7 was also discussed. Hamburgers and baked goods, along with the many garage sale items will be sold.

On Sat., June 14, "Breakfast on the Porch" is scheduled at the "Wichita Brazos Museum," with breakfast items and baked goods for sale.

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On Jan. 4, 2008 at Willis-Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana, Josette Madelyn and Abrielle Kathryn were born to Kari and James Podboy. Josie was born weighing 4 lbs. 15 oz. and Abbie weighed 4 lbs. 7 oz. Grandparents are Kenda Josselet, Galveston, Janet and Donald Podboy, Valrico, Florida and Van Josselet, Dalhart. Great grandmother is Jerry Josselet of Haskell. Great aunts are Catherine Bartley and Sandra Sanford, both of Haskell.

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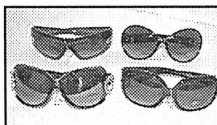
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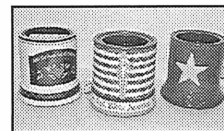
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

State authorities intervene at religious sect compound

AUSTIN - State authorities on April 3 entered YFZ Ranch, a 1,700-acre compound located near Eldorado, owned by the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and under construction since 2004.

Over a period of a few days 416 children and 139 women who resided in the compound were placed in state custody and transported by bus to temporary quarters in San Angelo. The women reportedly left the compound voluntarily.

Emergency calls made to a local family violence shelter prompted the state to take action. A caller who identified herself as a 16-year-old mother reported that she had suffered physical and sexual abuse inside of the compound, according to a six-page affidavit filed in Schleicher County.

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services directed the relocation of the YFZ women and children to San Angelo. An estimated 700 workers took part in the effort. The agency is lining up guardians ad litem and licensed foster care for the children.

The San Angelo Standard-Times reported April 11 that the city of San Angelo alone is paying \$60,000 a day toward the care of the children removed from the compound.

The Texas Department of State Health Services is overseeing medical and mental health services for the children.

The agency reported that about a dozen children have what appears to be chicken pox.

About 25 mental health professionals were on the job as of April 11, along with four doctors and 10 nurses. Plans were made to bring in 14 more doctors and medical assistants to see to the group's needs.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick signed a joint letter to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, addressing costs arising from the situation.

The state's three top officials asked Combs to allow the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to cover allowable legitimate emergency costs for state agencies and local governmental bodies.

Ethics post ahead for Lehmburg

Rosemary Lehmburg won the April 8 Democratic primary runoff for Travis County district attorney, defeating fellow Assistant Travis County District

Attorney Mindy Montford.

By state law, the Travis County district attorney serves as the state's chief ethics prosecutor in addition to the normal district attorney duties.

Current Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle is retiring after 31 years in office. Lehmburg has served as Earle's chief deputy for a decade. Earle endorsed Lehmburg's candidacy.

No Republican filed as a candidate, meaning Lehmburg will run unopposed on the Nov. 7 general election ballot.

AG appoints solicitor general
Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on April 9 announced the appointment of James C. Ho as solicitor general of Texas, replacing R. Ted Cruz.

As the state's chief appellate lawyer, Ho will oversee both criminal and civil litigation before state and federal appeals courts and will represent Texas before the U.S. Supreme Court. Ho also will serve as a top legal advisor to Abbott.

Cruz will return to private practice later this spring. He argued eight cases before the U.S. Supreme Court since his tenure began in January 2003.

Unlicensed locksmiths are caught

The Texas Department of Public Safety in late March arrested seven employees of unlicensed locksmith companies and three employees of unlicensed alarm companies in El Paso. Arrests were made when the individuals offered alarm and locksmith services to undercover officers, the DPS reported on April 8.

"These companies have access to private homes, and the licensing process guarantees that their employees have undergone criminal background checks, are not registered sex offenders and meet basic requirements established by Texas law," said DPS chief, Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr.

Corridor comment period expires

On April 18, a 30-day extension of the public comment period for the Texas Department of Transportation's "Interstate-69/Trans-Texas Corridor Tier One Draft Environmental Impact Statement" expires.

TxDOT Executive Director Amadeo Saenz said the agency conducted more than 500 public meetings on the proposed Interstate 69 and Interstate 35 projects.

Citizens voiced resistance to the proposals at many of the public meetings and hearings.

NEWS ITEM:
Economists expect the mounting financial crisis to LEVEL OUT - eventually...



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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago April 16, 1998

Coach Don Flippin has been named by the Board of Trustees as the new head football coach and athletic director for Haskell Consolidated Independent Schools.

Kris and Jaydee Burks of Hamlin visited in the home of her parents, Fred and Billie Kupatt.

Wendy Gray placed first and Misti Henson placed third in the District golf tournament at Rice Creek Golf Club in Burkburnett.

Richardson's True Value Store adds NAPA auto parts and accessories to its inventory.

20 Years Ago April 21, 1988

Sylvia Alvarez, Dala Harris and Teresa Rodriguez were named the new members of the Haskell varsity cheerleaders. They will join Joy McKeever, Missy Phemister and Teresa Unger.

Fred Hilbers of Stamford Marina caught a 46-pound catfish on a trotline.

Bobby Hobgood, chairman for the Beautify Haskell committee, accepted two donations, one from the Young Homemakers for \$200 and the other from the American Legion for \$400.

Sandra and Don Stafford of Denton visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jetton.

Taylor Wade of Abilene spent the weekend with his grandparents, Alice and Toby Yates.

30 Years Ago April 20, 1978

Haskell High School's one-act play advanced to the Regional contest held in Odessa. Individual honors were awarded to Connie

Frierson, Best Actress; Jackie Mayfield, All-Star Cast; Gil Richardson and Johnny Yearly, Honorable Mention.

300 attend Indian booster club's annual sports banquet. Receiving awards during the banquet were Nathan Frierson, Connie Frierson, Robert Rodriguez, Floradean Hawkins, Chris Colbert, Sherrie Everett, Jim Browning, Sarah Cox and Vonnie Hise.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lancaster of Irving were weekend visitors of Mrs. Audie Stocks.

Travis Dewey of Dead Horse Bay, Alaska visited his mother, Lorene Dewey and his brother, Tom Dewey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Herrington of Winters, visited Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Tidwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Barton, Jamie and Michelle visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Berryhill.

40 Years Ago April 18, 1968

Walter Viars Felker, student at Midwestern University, of Wichita Falls, and Michael of Texas Tech, Lubbock, spent the Easter holidays in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Viars Felker.

Plans to expand the West Texas Utilities Company Power Plant at Lake Stamford were announced. The project is expected to cost \$10-\$11 million and begin in 1969 according to President Roff W. Hardy of Abilene.

Two Haskell Indian tracksters qualify for the regional meet: Derrel Davis in the 440 with a time of 49.9 seconds. and Joe Diaz in the 880 with a time of

2:10.2.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Starr and children, Suzanne, Selina, Sara and Doug visited in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Lane and Mr. and Mrs. Dugan Starr.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Isbell and son, Jimmy of Denton visited with their parents, Colonel and Mrs. James A. Isbell and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Pierson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jack Price and children, Julie Beth and John David of San Antonio visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Payne and his mother, Mrs. W.L. Price during the Easter holidays.

50 Years Ago April 17, 1958

Mrs. James H. Kelley has just completed a course in beauty training at Scoggins beauty Academy in Abilene.

Weinert Lions Club named new officers. M.W. Phemister, president; Harlan Weinert, first vice president; Tom Lum, second vice president; Ted Boykin, third vice president; Elmer Shackelford, secretary and treasurer; B.L. Cass, Lion tamer; Raymond Mathison and J.A. Mayfield, directors.

Four Haskell teachers attended the 30th annual convention of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association in San Antonio. Attending were Mrs. K.H. Thornton, president of the local C.T.A.; Mrs. F.W. Martin, local secretary; Mrs. Scott W. Greene and Madalin Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Collins and David of Memphis, visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Collins and brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wooten.

Mrs. Ray Alexander of Portland, Oregon visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Vick.

100 Years Ago April 18, 1908

The following ladies were visitors at Mrs. Theo Wright's this week, Mrs. J.V.W. Holmes of Sweetwater, Mrs. W.O. Dutton of Stamford and Lillie Bizzell of Albany.

Prof. Harlan Hester of Weinert visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Hester.

T.J. Lemmons returned from Salton Valley, California, where he went several weeks ago with the expectation of remaining. He says it is too hot there for him and did not like the country otherwise, hence he returned.

Postmaster John B. Baker attended a meeting of the Republican State Committee at Dallas.

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

April 10, 2008

Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade finished higher Thursday as cotton, like most other commodities, continued to be inundated by an influx of money from hedge and pension funds, among others. The scenario pushes futures contracts higher but drives cotton buyers to the sidelines.

With technical issues driving the market, fundamental issues are of little interest to cotton traders. In fact, the market essentially ignored the monthly USDA supply/demand report which showed both the U.S. 2007-08 cotton crop and world ending stocks were on the rise.

USDA estimated an increase in U.S. cotton production at 19.4 million bales, up from 19.03 in its March report. One cotton market observer pointed out that the 370,000-bale increase in the department's U.S. production figure was easily the largest for the month of April in the last 10 years. Traders were not impressed by the fact that most analysts had expected a cut to exports which did not materialize.

Cotton futures prices slipped in early business after the release of USDA's supply/demand data on Wednesday, but once crude oil prices took off and the metals and grains complex followed suit, fiber contracts staged a rally of their own. Even news of beneficial rain in the key cotton growing state of Texas failed to dampen the market's climb.

Stormy weather was reported in Texas this week as damaging winds, hail and locally heavy precipitation were reported in many areas. Cotton producers on the High and Rolling Plains were pleased to see some long-awaited precipitation to boost pre-planting moisture levels.

Meteorologists now say long-range weather forecasts indicate a less-than-favorable rainfall pattern in West Texas during the main May through June cotton planting period. Pre-planting moisture and intermittent rainfall throughout the season is of the utmost importance. Irrigated acreage comprised approximately 52 percent of the planted cotton area on the Texas High Plains, according to 2006-07 data, including several hundred thousand acres of high-yielding subsurface irrigation. However, a sizeable amount of acreage is irrigated with small wells and requires supplemental rainfall for optimum yields.

Meanwhile, analysts said USDA's first crop progress report of the season did not offer any gems for cotton traders. Seven percent of the crop is estimated to have been planted compared to six percent last year and an average of seven percent for the past five years. At this early point in the cotton season, reports came from only three states, Arizona, California and Texas.

In other news, USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton were more than two times the four-week average as sales reached 483,800 bales in the week ended April 3. China was by far the major buyer with Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand and Turkey rounding out the list of top five consumers. Net sales of 1,100 bales for delivery in 2008-09 were for Peru.

Export shipments of 276,500 bales were up 28 percent from the previous week and 29 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico and Indonesia.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas steadily increased as 15,216 bales were sold in the week ended April 10 compared to 11,133 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 60.25 to 63.80 cents per pound versus 57.56 to 61.81 cents per pound one week earlier.

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Master of Memory series to begin

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Your memory is only as good as the information that your brain takes in—if you don't learn it to begin with, you will never remember it. In the first lesson of the 'Master of Memory' series, participants will explore how the brain takes in new information and processes it. There are several different ways to learn new things and those attending may be surprised at how each person learns new information.

The two part series is scheduled to begin Tues., April 22 and conclude the following week on April 29. The weekly class will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon. To

accommodate those who cannot attend the morning sessions, they will be repeated in the evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. All sessions will be held at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building located east of the hospital in Haskell. The general public is invited to participate and the series is being offered free of charge.

'Master of Memory' is being conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service—Haskell County and more information can be obtained about the program series by contacting Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at 101 S. Ave. D. in Haskell or by calling 940-864-2546.

**Letter to the Haskell CISD Community
from the Haskell CISD Board of Trustees
and the District Leadership Team**

This letter is being published to address concerns over the methods used by the district in handling a grievance filed by a group calling themselves "The Concerned Citizens of Haskell County." The district wishes to let all community members know the facts about the grievance and the reasoning behind the decisions made and procedures used concerning this grievance. The grievance that appears with this letter is dated January 23, 2008. It was read into the public record at the January 23, 2008, school board meeting during the public comment section.

It is understood that some of the members of this group only wish to be heard or to receive answers to questions. This is, also, the desire of the district – to answer as many questions as possible and we have tried to do this through our response to their grievance.

The grievance process is very clearly outlined in Haskell CISD Board Policy. These rules, which in essence are the community's rules, have been in place long before this board was seated. These rules are essentially the same rules found in just about every school district in Texas. They are there to assure an orderly method for resolving grievances and complaints, especially those that arise from the community.

The overall goal of Haskell CISD's grievance policy is to resolve as many issues as possible at the lowest and most informal level possible. We are always available to offer answers to questions. If someone can't get the answers they need at the informal level, then they can follow the procedures for grievances. (There are three levels, with the last level being a formal hearing before the Board of Trustees.)

In the January 23, 2008, grievance, the district met with representatives from the Concerned Citizens on February 6, 2008, to try and resolve the issues of the grievance in an appropriate manner. We were unable to do so at that informal conference because the representatives of the group would not give us any specifics about the nature of the complaint. We, also, offered to meet with them individually after that meeting just in case they wanted to deal with the issues on a more private level. Only about three people actually came to talk to us in that way. We listened to them and tried to address their concerns. The reason the district wanted this meeting was to attempt to resolve the issues in a fair and reasonable manner. Without knowing the specifics of the grievance, we could not provide answers.

The group was represented by an attorney when it first filed the grievance. Any time any person or group of persons utilize the services of an attorney to file a grievance, the district has the obligation to refer to the district's legal counsel to assure that there are no procedural or legal errors. Therefore, because the group chose to handle this grievance through its attorney, the district had to ask legal counsel for help. To date, the district's legal bill for this grievance is over \$8,000.

It is still the desire of the school district to resolve issues. Our number one goal is to make sure all students have the opportunity to experience the most success possible in their education.

Again, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the District Leadership Team if you have specific questions concerning this issue or any other school district issue.

Thank you,
Haskell CISD District Leadership Team

**Attachment to Public Complaint Form
Concerned Citizens of Haskell CISD – January 23, 2008**

This is an amended grievance filed by the Concerned Citizens of Haskell CISD (hereinafter referred to as "Grievants").

On or about January 7, 2008, the District reassigned Mr. Jimmy Lisle from his position as full time building principal of Haskell Elementary to mornings at the elementary and afternoons at the high school campus. Upon information and belief, Haskell Elementary, which is the largest campus in Haskell CISD, is without a male administrator or male employee from noon each day until dismissal. Grievants are concerned that Haskell CISD is failing with respect to providing a safe and secure environment at Haskell Elementary.

A stated District goal is to build strong relationships with students, parents, and the community. Mr. Lisle, who has devoted a lifetime career at Haskell CISD and has a proven track record of building quality lasting relationships among teachers, parents, community and students, has been removed as the fulltime principal at Haskell Elementary School. Grievants say that Haskell CISD is failing its goal to build a strong relationship with students, parents and the community.

Another District goal is effective communication between students, parents, community, and District staff. This goal is in jeopardy. In light of recent job reassignments and the matter in which same were communicated and implemented, many District employees feel threatened and intimidated. Also, communication has not appeared to follow the proper chain of command and it appears that personnel have been assigned to campuses without the knowledge and/or approval of their building administrators, in violation of Texas Education Code Sec. 11.202.

There has been a substantial amount of discussion and confusion with respect to the many recent job reassignments at Haskell CISD. Grievants question whether the School District Administration has followed its ethical, moral, and/or legal duty in making such reassignments.

There was a Board of Trustees meeting held on January 16, 2008. On January 15, 2008, a member of the Concerned Citizens of Haskell tried to obtain a copy of the Agenda for this meeting. The District refused such request, stating that the Agenda was not for public use. This clearly was in violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Education Code §26.007.

Grievants' counsel also has requested a copy of the posted Agenda for the meeting held January 16, 2008. As of this date, counsel has not received a copy, however, upon information and belief, Grievants understand that the Board of Trustees gave notice on its Agenda that it (the Board) would discuss and possibly act only with respect to the Superintendent's evaluation. Since the January 16, 2008 Board meeting, the District's Superintendent has publicly announced that the Board of Trustees evaluated him and also extended his employment contract. Grievants hereby request that the District provide them a copy of the posted Agenda for the January 16, 2008 Board meeting and the Board minutes of such meeting. This request is made pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.

The District failed to post its Agenda for the January 16, 2008 Board meeting on the District's internet website, as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act (§551.056) and Board Policy BE(LEGAL). Additionally, the District violated §551.022 by failing to provide a member of the Concerned Citizens of Haskell a copy of the posted Agenda for the January 16, 2008 Board meeting. Additionally, upon information and belief, the January 16, 2008 Agenda failed to sufficiently state all matters which would be discussed and/or acted upon. More specifically, upon information and belief, the posted agenda failed to give notice to the public that the Board would consider and take action on the Superintendent's contract of employment, in violation of the Open Meetings Act and Board policy. Grievants say that if the Board of Trustees extended the Superintendent's contract of employment without posting notice of same, the District's action with respect to the Superintendent contract has violated the Texas Open Meetings Act and §26.007, Texas Education Code.

Additionally, the District has violated Board Policy DC(LEGAL) and §11.1513(d), Texas Education Code by employing an elementary school counselor, inasmuch as this position was not timely and properly posted.

Members have visited, informally, with certain District officials about their concerns. Unfortunately, most of the Grievants' concerns have not been addressed and/or dealt with. Grievants request the following:

1. That the Board of Trustees retain an outside independent investigator to fully investigate all of the serious concerns listed herein;
2. That after a thorough investigation is completed all violators of law be admonished publicly and that action, as appropriate, be commenced against them; and,
3. That the District rescind all unlawful actions it has taken.

The Grievants, the community, and more importantly, the children of Haskell CISD have been harmed by the District's above-described wrongful and unlawful action. The Grievants shall rely upon certain board policies and applicable law, some of which is described above. Additionally, Grievants will rely on the Agenda for the January 16, 2008 Board of Trustees' meeting. Grievants reserve the right to supplement this information.

February 18, 2008

Dear Concerned Citizens of Haskell:

Thank you for meeting with me and my administrative team on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, to discuss your concerns. Although you have already presented your complaints to the Board of Trustees during the public comment portion of the January 23, 2008 meeting, I welcome this opportunity to address your concerns about our school system.

Assignment of Principals

The first concern listed is that the District reassigned Mr. Jimmy Lisle from his position as full time principal of Haskell Elementary to mornings at the elementary school and afternoons at the high school campus. Specifically, the complaint is that this led to the elementary campus' being without a male administrator or male employee from noon each day until dismissal. During our Level II conference, a spokesperson for the Concerned Citizens stated that the grievance was specifically for a male administrator and not a male employee, and that same spokesperson for your group also demanded that any future administrators for that campus must also be male.

As you know, we have been without a principal at the high school for several months. Mr. Lisle's assistance is needed at the high school to help out until a new principal is hired. To alleviate your group's fear caused by the lack of a male being present at all times, I have taken steps to ensure that at least one male employee is assigned to the elementary campus for each hour that school is in session. Additionally, Mr. Lisle has been provided a school district cellular phone for the purpose of conducting school business. He is available each afternoon for any issue that might arise on the elementary campus.

Please note that Haskell CISD cannot discriminate on the basis of gender in making hiring decisions. Future hiring decisions will be based on nondiscriminatory factors and not based on gender.

Strong Relationships

The second concern listed is that the grievants feel that the district is failing in its goal to build a strong relationship with students, parents and community. The complaint states that Mr. Lisle has devoted a lifetime career to building such relationships—a statement with which I agree. The complaint does not provide any other specifics regarding this concern, nor were any raised at our Level II conference. No specific relief regarding this concern has been requested; accordingly, none has been granted or denied.

Recent Job Assignments

The third grievance listed concerns recent job reassignments and the matter in which same were communicated and implemented. The only specific example provided in the Level II meeting was the movement of professional and paraprofessional staff to fill the District's Alternative Education Program (DAEP).

Staff members were indeed moved to staff the new Alternative Education Program at Haskell CISD. The district severed its contract with Munday CISD at the semester break as a cost savings measure. In order to allow for a fully staffed program, some of the present staff was assigned to fill other roles than they had previously in the district. The meeting to make these moves was attended by administrative representatives from each campus, and the discussions held were frank and open. Only one member of that committee did not understand the outcomes that were discussed. All the others knew that the decisions had been made and a plan had been developed. Assigning personnel within the District is a specific role of the superintendent for any school district in the state of Texas. In the absence of any timely and formal complaint from a building level administrator in the District, there is no grievance for staff placement. As to the matter in which the reassignments were communicated, I would again ask that any of those employees who have specific issues approach me to seek reconciliation.

As for the financial issues in dealing with reassignments, these issues have been discussed by the district leadership team for several months. The grievance makes accusations against the district for frivolous expenditures, however, there were no specific instances given at the Level II hearing. Included in this reply are several spreadsheets that show the spending of the district for several years. Haskell CISD also posts its check register and financial information online each month. Please let me know if there is a specific question I can answer concerning our expenditures.

Request for Meeting Agenda

The fourth complaint listed concerns the agenda for a board meeting held on January 16, 2008. A member of the Concerned Citizens stated that an attempt was made to obtain a copy of the agenda. The grievance states that the District refused the request, but that is not accurate.

To our knowledge, the only member of the community who attempted to obtain a copy of any board agenda prior to that meeting was not only offered a copy of the agenda but was also mailed a copy of the agenda for the regular January board meeting. Attached to this letter is appendix A and appendix B which are statements from Haskell CISD employees that state that the agenda was not only offered but was refused by the member of the Concerned Citizens.

TAKS Irregularities

The fifth grievance concerns the TAKS irregularities from the 2006-2007 school year and "any other TAKS issues that still exist." There is no formal declaration of injury or request for relief associated with this complaint, which makes it a moot point. Nonetheless, I provide the following for informational purposes.

There have been four testing issues/irregularities involving the elementary campus concerning the state mandated TAKS testing procedure. These include: 1.) improper documentation for student testing arrangement for elementary students, 2.) teacher monitoring issues for students completing their assigned exam, 3.) non-return of sealed and bar-coded testing material from the 2004 testing year from the elementary campus, and 4.) the non-return of confidential testing material from the 2007 testing year from the elementary campus. Each of these issues has been addressed or is being investigated by the Texas Education Agency. If any member of the Concerned Citizens wish to ask specifics of the four TAKS irregularities from the elementary campus, either myself or the district testing coordinator would gladly meet with them.

Posting of Agenda on Website

The sixth complaint is that the agenda for the January 16, 2008 board meeting did not include all the actions that were taken at that meeting and that the agenda was not posted on the District's website.

This issue has been addressed by the Board of Trustees. The District acknowledges that the agenda was not posted on the website prior to the board meeting. The district also acknowledges that the agenda could have been more specific in naming employees of interest under the District Employees agenda. For these reasons, the Board revisited the subjects listed on the January 16, 2008 agenda and has taken appropriate personnel action for all involved. The board met in a properly posted, called meeting on January 31, 2008 to ratify the actions taken at the January 16, 2008 meeting. This agenda was duly posted, including on the District's website, and was complete. Additionally, the district has contracted with the Texas Association of School Business Officials and the Texas Association of School Boards for additional training for all central office employees responsible for agenda creation and posting. As additional information, copies of all board agendas for the past two years have been included in this response. Finally, a copy of the agenda requested by counsel for your group has been sent to him via facsimile.

Posting for Counselor Position

The seventh complaint is that the district has violated Board Policy and the Texas Education Code by not timely and properly posting for the position of elementary counselor. The position was timely and properly posted as required by state law. Moreover, this complaint is untimely, as district policy requires all grievances to be presented within fifteen business days of the date you first knew or with reasonable diligence should have known of the decision or action giving rise to the complaint. Because the board hired the counselor at a public meeting on November 16, 2007, this complaint is untimely under the Board's policy. Nonetheless, the District is working with the Texas Association of School Boards to provide a complete analysis of the District's hiring procedures. This will include specific assignments for district personnel and any additional training that each will need.

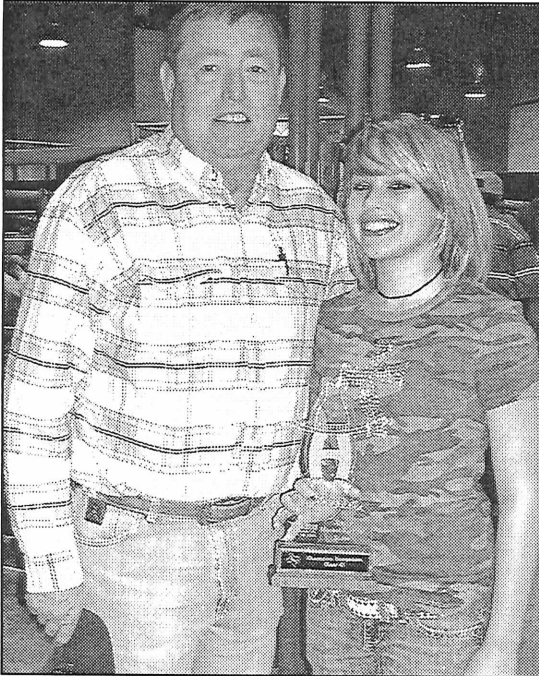
To the extent that the Concerned Citizens have presented specific complaints, we have addressed those concerns herein. The general relief sought by the Concerned Citizens group has been granted to the extent allowable by law. The district has retained outside assistance to investigate real or perceived deficiencies in its procedures. Additionally, the District has commenced additional training to assure that any mistakes made or perceived to have been made will be rectified. The board has already addressed and rectified the agenda errors, and appropriate personnel actions have been taken where specific deficiencies have been identified.

Lastly, the District, and especially myself would again extend the invitation to any member of your group or any member of the community who wishes information concerning the district to come and visit. The doors to our offices are always open. Haskell CISD has attempted to be transparent in our financial and record keeping. Please do not hesitate to let us know if there are any more specific questions.

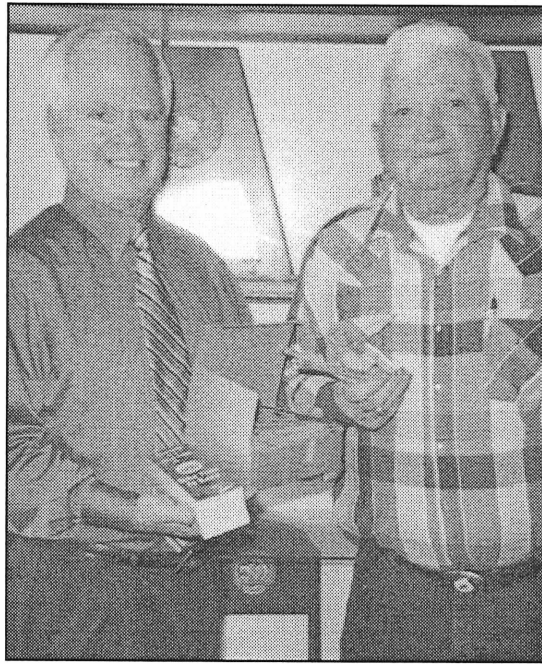
Sincerely,
James "Buck" Gilcrease

Enclosures: Financial Spreadsheets, Appendix A, Appendix B

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WINS TROPHY—Kymbre Kupatt of Rule, Rochester Junior High eighth grade student, won the first place in her class of Hampshires in the Junior Market Barrow Show during the Houston Livestock Show. Kenny Cockerell, left, is her FFA Advisor.



STUDENTS RECEIVE GIFT—Superintendent David Parr, left, of Rule School received pencils and book markers for every student of Rule School from the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Making the presentation is J.N. Cornelius, 33 Scottish Rite Mason. The support and hard work of the Masons of Texas in promoting the "Take Time To Read" partnership with Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children continues to grow. Hundreds of thousands of book marks and pencils were distributed across the state. Texas Masons support schools and the rewards of reading aloud to children and supporting activities that encourage reading are often reinforced by the very ones they want to influence with this program—the children. Texas Scottish Rite assists children with dyslexia and have schools that children may attend as well as training sessions teachers may attend to help them learn ways to help students with dyslexia.




FIRE ACADEMY GRADS—Haskell firemen Charlotte Arendall, left, and A.J. Shaw received certificates for completing the SFFMA Mid West Texas Fire Fighter Training Academy during graduation ceremonies held at the 139th Semi-Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Texas Firemen and Fire Marshal's Association Sat., April 12 in Stamford. They completed instruction in Fire Department Organization, Forcible Entry, Ladder Practices, Fire Hose Practices, Fire Streams, Ventilation Practices, Rescue Operations, First Aid, Fire Behavior, Safety & Protective Clothing, Ground Cover, SCBA, Ropes & Knots, Portable Extinguishers and Live Fire Training.

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 When can a businessperson take a tax deduction for an unpaid account receivable? What amount can a businessperson deduct? The answer to these two questions can be confusing. The IRS guidelines contain the term "worthless" in dictating when a business bad debt is deductible. The deduction can be taken when and to the extent that the debt becomes partly or totally "worthless." Taxpayers must satisfy three criteria under the "worthless" definition. First, the debt had some previous value. Second, the taxpayer had a reasonable expectation of collecting the debt. Third, the taxpayer has no reasonable hope that the debt has any value in the future.
 The accounts receivable a business incurs in its daily routine of providing goods or services to its clients usually meet the first two criteria. The third criterion, future value, may be determined by a single event. A bankruptcy filing by your client may fully satisfy the question of future value. The future value is nothing. Another common event, the assignment of the account receivable to a collection agency, may answer some taxpayers' questions of future value. The future value is reduced by the amount of the commission the agency charges upon collection.
 In order to deduct the amount of an unpaid account receivable, the taxpayer must first have included that receivable as income. Therefore, cash-basis taxpayers may not deduct unpaid accounts receivable because no amount was ever included in income. However, they may deduct the costs associated with the sale when the receivable becomes worthless. Accrual-basis taxpayers can deduct unpaid accounts receivable as they meet the guidelines. For a bankrupt client, the amount may be the total receivable. In the case of an assignment to a collection agency, the agency's commission may be deductible.

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Haskell Pre-K and Head Start students to register Friday

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for Prekindergarten and Head Start classes for the 2008-09 school year Fri., April 18 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Haskell Elementary library.
 To be eligible for enrollment in Prekindergarten, a child must be 3 or 4 years of age on Sept. 1, 2008 and must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or qualify for free or reduced lunches; or be homeless; or be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States; or the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or has ever been in foster care. If you are interested in this program for your child, please be sure to register Fri., April 18.
 To qualify for Head Start, a child must be 3 or 4 years old on



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City Council report

Members of the Haskell City Council met in regular session Mon., April 14. Mayor Ken Lane, Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers, Bob Smith and Jason Hall were in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford was absent.
 Mayor Lane called the meeting to order. Invocation was given by Councilman Guess.
 The council approved a resolution and order canceling the May 10 City election.
 A joint election agreement with Haskell CISD was approved.
 The zoning request by the Development Corp. of Haskell, Haskell County and the City of Haskell to change a 42.78 acre parcel within the northeast part of a 113.53 acre tract out of the northeast part of Out Lot 100, Brown & Roberts Subdivision of the Isidor Ramos Survey 109, Haskell County, Texas inside tract 12, 12A and 12C from agriculture to commercial use to better fit the needs of the prison for future expansion was approved.
 Mayor Lane gave an update on the prison.
 Approval to hire Tommy Rodriguez as summer help was approved. Approval was required by the council under the nepotism policy.
 The capital improvement program plan with Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division to rehabilitate the airport and lights over the next two years was approved.

An amendment to the Code of Ordinances pertaining to trees was approved.
 In the Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson reported: Nikki Wallace of Haskell will be the new pool manager.
 Clean up week is April 19-26 and citizens are encouraged to make every effort to beautify Haskell.
 Citizens were reminded of the weed ordinance which reads: "Health and Sanitation, Division 4. Weeds and Wild Growth Sec. 8-151: 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."
 Supervisors have been given their employee evaluations to be completed by mid-June. Evaluations will be available during budget hearings.
 The final paperwork has been completed for the Assisted Living Center to be built on the east side of Haskell. Construction should begin soon.
 Approval was given to pay all bills.

Beef cattle workshop set

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
 Ranchers are feeling the pinch of higher input costs. Couple this with the potential of lower calf prices over the next few years and the situation quickly becomes serious. Ranchers should begin now to identify those costs on their ranch that are too high so they can change.
 Then, as calf prices fall over the next several years, as analysts predict, the ranch will be able to profit. For commercial ranchers to prosper in low prices, it is imperative that they know how their operation is performing from both a production and financial standpoint.
 To assist ranchers in determining these numbers as well as other performance measures, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is offering three Beef Cow-calf Standardized Performance Analysis (SPA) Workshops. Dates and locations include: April 22 at the Young County Arena in Graham; April 30 at the Management, Instruction and Research Center, 7945 Grape Creek Road in San Angelo; and May 7 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center south of Vernon. Each workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m.
 These are working workshops where the ranchers will be assisted in completing their own analysis. SPA provides ranchers an opportunity to analyze their ranch operation from both a production and financial side. SPA facilitates the comparison of an operations performance between years, producers, production regions, and production systems. SPA is intended to be used as an annual tool by the cow-calf producer.
 These are intensive workshops with the intent being ranchers completing the analysis for the 2007 calf crop. Registered participants will be sent forms to organize data before the conference. Confidentiality of the producer's data will be maintained. Individual conferences will be held with producers. Each ranch will be provided an assistant and a computer. It is important to register early so you can be advised on how to organize your data for the SPA analysis.
 Interested persons can obtain additional information or register by contacting Stan Bevers, Extension Economist, at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Vernon at 940-552-9941, ext. 231 or Bill Thompson, Extension Economist, at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo at 325-653-4576.



MEMBERSHIP PINS—Two members of Rule Chapter No. 989, Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Chapter of Texas, received pins for their years of membership. Making the presentation was Worthy Matron, Oleta Cornelius, left. Receiving membership pins were, center, Betty Thompson for 25 years, and Anita Baldree Dozier, right, for 50 years.



GIRLS TRACK—The Paint Creek girls track team competed in the district track meet held in Roby Fri., April 4. Team members are, front row, l-r, Briana Wigley, Ariel Blair and Shanna Armstrong; back row, Lacresha Escamilla, Brittany Waggoner and Brittany Martinez.

Postal scam reported in Haskell

Haskell Postmaster Debbie Tanner has reported that a postal customer in Haskell received a letter from Canada stating he had won \$315,000.00 in a sweepstakes. It was, of course, a scam.

The mailing included a check for the customer to deposit and then wire three fourths of that amount back to the Canadian mailer for taxes, etc. The Haskell customer would then get the remainder of the \$315,000.00. Our postal customer was smart enough to check it out.

The customer called the local Haskell Post Office and was told that it sounded like a foreign sweepstakes scam. Postal Inspectors were called, and, yes, they said it was a scam and to send the inspectors the information to be consolidated with other such reports.

Tanner reminds customers that cross-border fraud is a serious problem—and it appears to be

growing. Today, the Internet and cell phones make it easy for victims to be targeted from anywhere in the world.

The most common cross-border frauds involve:

- Phony prize promotions
- Foreign lottery schemes
- Advance-fee loans
- Travel offer scams
- Unnecessary credit card loss "protection"

U.S.-Canadian cross-border fraud task forces are helping stop these crimes, making it tougher for scam artists to practice their deceit. The task forces share information, investigators and other resources. All partners gather consumer complaint information and contribute to the legwork involved in building a case. As a result, more and more con artists are being stopped and prosecuted.

Post office officials encourage consumers to recognize the

following warning signs. They may keep you or a loved one from being victimized:

•Be wary of anything that promises large sums of money, such as sweepstakes or lottery winnings, in exchange for your advance payment, donation or investment.

•Don't be pressured into making a decision about an offer. Check it out first!

•Be cautious about businesses that try to conceal their mailing addresses and phone numbers and evade questions about their operations.

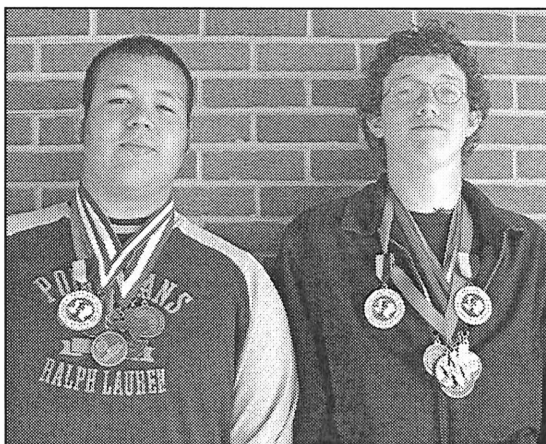
If you receive something in the mail that sounds too good to be true, Tanner suggests that you check it out before you become a victim of a scam. Call 1-800-782-6724 or go to www.usps.com/postalinspectors or www.LooksTooGoodToBeTrue.com or call your local Post Office.

Track meet results

Rule and Paint Creek competed in an area track meet. Results include:

Boys

- Team totals: 1. Rule 103; 14. Paint Creek, 14.
- 100: 3. Brennan Medford, Paint Creek, 11.23.
- 200: 5. Brennan Medford, Paint Creek, 23.11.
- 1,600: 6. Cade Brown, Rule, 5:10.25.
- 3,200: 3. Cade Brown, Rule, 11:06.76.
- 400 relay: 1. Rule, 44.31.
- 800 relay: 1. Rule, 1:31.96.
- 1,600 relay: 2. Rule, 3:32.91.
- 110 hurdles: 1. Stephen Pace, Rule, 14.51.
- 300 hurdles: 1. Stephen Pace, Rule, 39.81.
- Shot put: 3. Matt Ruiz, Paint Creek, 41-4 1/2.
- Triple jump: 1. Jonathan



ADVANCE TO REGIONAL—Two Paint Creek High School students have advanced to the Regional track meet. Matt Ruiz, senior, left, advanced in the shot put and Brennan Medford, sophomore, advanced in the 100 meter dash.

- Rincon, Rule, 43-11 1/4. 28.23.
- Pole vault: 1. Kyle Simpson, Rule, 12-6. 1,600: 4. Kate Rowan, Rule, 6:06.51.
- 3,200: 4. Kate Rowan, Rule, 13:30.72.
- Discus: 6. Lauren Messenger, Rule, 90-7 3/4.

Girls

- Team totals: 16. Rule 10; Tied for 20. Paint Creek 0.
- 200: 6. Allison Petty, Rule.

Honor rolls named by Rule ISD

Rule ISD has announced the honor rolls for the fifth sixth weeks.

First grade: A honor roll, Kourtney Hertel, Avery Tanner and Brittany Macias; A-B honor roll, Leann Manske.

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

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Austin Redden.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Haley Macias and Kylie DeVille; A-B honor roll, Sarah Campbell, Samantha Lewis, Kade Lowack, Cody Percell, Braden Tanner, Shanisha Vanderbilt and Chris Holder.

Fifth grade: A honor roll, Christina Herrera, Stormie Hollabaugh and Ryan Pace; A-B

honor roll, Jonah Caddell, Daniel Campos and Keelie DeVille.

Sixth grade: A honor roll, Steven LeFevre; A-B honor roll, Charlie Thomison and Selena Weidler.

Seventh grade: A honor roll, Josh Quintero; A-B honor roll, Daniel Turner and Daryl Williams.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Jenny Dudensing and Allison Petty; A-B honor roll, Grace Burgess and Brittany Roberts.

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Vicky Benavides, Lorena Diaz, Nick Johnson and Joseph Turner.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Tate Clark, Molly Dudensing, Marty Hall, Andrew Hertel, Kelsie Miller and Rance Sorley; A-B honor roll, Steven Anderson, Vinnie Perales, Zeb Petty and Tiffany Rios.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Callie Papanas, Jay T. Spitzer and Adam Vasquez; A-B honor roll, Dario Aguilar, Chad Burcham, Tara Johnson, Lauren Messenger, Stephen Pace and Jonathan Rincon.

Drought planning field day set April 24 in San Angelo

A drought planning tools field day will be held Thurs., April 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 7887 U.S. Hwy. 87 N., in San Angelo.

The workshop is a joint production of the National Drought Mitigation Center and the Texas AgriLife Research & Extension Center, sponsored by the USDA's Risk Management Agency.

- Morning topics will include:
- Drought update: Climate services and monitoring tools available from the National Weather Service in San Angelo;
 - Drought impact reporter: putting a face on drought;
 - Developing a vegetation drought response index: Monitoring vegetation stress from a local to national scale; and
 - Grazing management after fire and drought.

Afternoon topics include:

- GreenLeaf: Taking a Google approach to agricultural decision support;
- Managing risk on the ranch: A guide to help better prepare for and respond to drought;
- Building a new drought monitor/decision support system: Putting it all together;
- Drought frequency in Central and West Texas: Past vs. future;
- Rangeland/pasture drought insurance program update; and
- U.S. Department of

Agriculture programs available for ranching losses.

Drought tools will be presented to:

- help with management decisions;
- have some experimental predictive capability;
- help communicate with claims adjusters and policy makers; and
- help track market conditions.

To register by April 18 or for more information call 325-653-4576.

Rule Kindergarten to register

Registration for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten will be held for Rule students Wed., May 7 from 2 to 3 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 necessary 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-

do-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, contact the school at 997-2115, 997-2246 or 997-2521 to make arrangements for another time. It is important that this is done before school dismisses in May.

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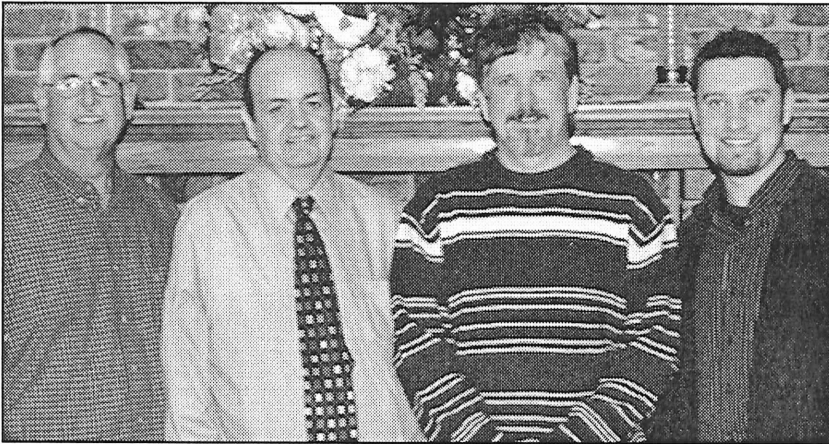
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TO PRESENT CONCERT—His Workmanship of Vernon, a 'good old southern gospel praise quartet,' will be presented in concert Sun., April 20 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. Members of the group are, l-r, J.F. Cadenhead, Joe Bob Richie, Dale Hughes and Jason Cox.

Gospel quartet to present concert

Sun., April 20, at 6 p.m., First Baptist Church of Haskell will feature the quartet, His Workmanship, in concert.

Born from Calvary Baptist Church in Vernon, His Workmanship combines energy, talent and enthusiasm for their craft with their calling and desire to minister to others. His Workmanship is quickly establishing themselves in the Vernon and surrounding areas. Their name stems from

Ephesians 2:10, which states, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." His Workmanship truly enjoys bringing those good works by way of 'good old southern gospel quartet praise.' Singing songs such as: I Bowd on My Knees and Cried Holy, to heartfelt songs such as: Through the Fire and Let Freedom Ring, His Workmanship tries to bring the message of Jesus

to the needs of His people.

Members of the group are Joe Bob Richie, Dale Hughes, Jason Cox, and J.F. Cadenhead, a former Haskell resident, and son of Dr. Frank and Billie Cadenhead.

The concert is free to the public. A love offering will be taken. For more information, contact First Baptist Church at 864-2581.

CLASSIFIEDS

Public Notices

ORDER OF CANCELLATION

De Orden De Cancelacion
The City of Haskell hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 10, 2008 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

El City of Haskell por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el mayo 10, 2008 de conformidad, con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:

Candidate (Candidato)
Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidatura)
Bobby Neil Smith, Mayor
Jason Hall, Councilman
Robert Tribbey, Councilman
A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Dia de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elección.

Ken Lane
Mayor (Alcalde)
Louetta Wallace
Secretary (Secretario)
4-14-08

Date of adoption
(Fecha de adopción) 16c

NOTICE

The Knox County Sheriff's Office is offering the following vehicles for sale through sealed bids:

1999 Volvo truck tractor. Purple in color, good tires. 430 HP Detroit Series 60 Diesel engine. Runs good.
1997 green Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4, 4 door. Leather interior, 24 inch wheels with good rubber. 5.7 V-8 engine, customized. Very nice.

2003 black Chevrolet extended cab custom built pickup. 23 inch wheels with good rubber. 5.3 V-8 engine, PS/PB, sounds great and looks very nice inside and out.

1994 Fontaine flatbed semi-trailer.
Also: 1995 Ford Thunderbird, 2 door. Can be seen at Knox City City Hall.

Sealed bids must be mailed to Knox County Sheriff's Office, P.O. Box 257, Benjamin, Texas 79505.

Envelopes containing the sealed bids must be clearly marked on the outside indicating the sealed bid inside. Bids must be received prior to April 30, 2008. Vehicles are located at the Knox County Sheriff's Office, 104 South Stewart, Benjamin, Texas. Dean W. Homstad Sheriff, Knox County 16-17c

THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HASKELL §

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 11th day of March 2008, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 11,268. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Daniel Patrick Conn Ind/dba Lone Star Gameroom. Legal description: 1. West 5' of Lot 1, and East 95' of Lot 4, Block 70, Original Town Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,307. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Jessie Bryant Childress, Deceased Unknown Heirs of. Legal description: 2. Lots 11, 12, Block 10, Highland Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,317. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Mark Adams Ind/Heir of Marjorie Adams, Deceased. Legal description: 3. A .0666667 Royalty Interest in Lease 17209, Whalen 1 (Sagerton South Congl) XOPHI Energy, RRC No. 17209, Abstract 897, Survey 14, W.L. Bowman, Block 2, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,346. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Katherine B. Byrd Ind/dba Byrd's Cashway Lumber. Legal description: 4. Lots 1-4, Block 29, Original Town Addition to the Town of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas. 5. Lots 4-12, Block 31, Original Town Addition to the Town of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,484. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. R.A. Chapman Jr. Legal description: 6. Lots 7, and Lot 8, Block Y, Miller Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. 7. Lots 7, 8, 9, Block 33, Frisco Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 2:30 o'clock p.m. on the 6th day of May 2008, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 7th day of April, 2008, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

All bidders must now display proof of compliance with 34.015 of Texas Tax Code.

Given under my hand this 7th day of April, 2008.
David Halliburton, Sheriff
Haskell County, Texas 15-17c

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. is seeking candidates for Haskell County to serve on its Board of Directors. Candidates must be willing to work

toward meeting the needs of the Low-Income persons of our six county service area. The Board of Directors meet five times per year or as may be directed by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. All interested persons should contact Dana Myers at 940-989-3538 by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 18, 2008.

An election will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the Judges Office in the Haskell County Courthouse, located in Haskell, Texas. The purpose of the election will be to elect a new member to the Board of Directors of the Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. All interested Haskell County residents are encouraged to participate. 15-16c

NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WEINERT

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has notified the Haskell County Water District #1 water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Nitrate. The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established the MCL for Nitrate at 10 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for Nitrate indicates a level of 20.0 mg/L.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

At the present time we are currently looking into ways to correct this problem. If you are pregnant or have an infant under six months including in this public water system as a customer, we have made arrangements with local grocery store in Haskell (Modern Way) so that you may get bottled water at the City of Weinert's expense.

If you have any questions or would like to know if you are currently being served as a customer of this public water system please feel free to call or contact the City Secretary Patricia Horan, c/o City of Weinert, Box 248, Weinert, Texas 76388 at 940-673-8223.

Our Public Water System ID# is 1040004. 16c

La REGISTRACION del KINDERGARTEN

La Escuela de enseñanza primaria de Haskell tendrá registracion para kinderpara el ano escolar 2008-2009 viernes, el 25 de abril. Para asistir Kinder, un niño tener 5 años en o antes del 1 de septiembre de 2008.

Los estudiantes que no estan matriculados actualmente en Haskell Elemental registrarà entre 9:00-10:00 de la mañana o entre 1:00-2:00 de la tarde. Traiga por favor a su niño a la oficina elemental.

Los estudiantes que son matriculados actualmente en Prekindergarten, Headstart, o Early Childhood serán matriculados durante su tiempo de la clase. Los padres de estos estudiantes no necesitan asistir matricula.

Cada necesidades del niño para traer su certificado de nacimiento, el registro de la inmunización y tarjeta de seguridad social a la matricula. Los padres necesitan traer su licencia de conducir. Los requisitos de la inmunización que deben ser encontrados antes del primer día de Kinder son: Tres vacunas de la polio de dosis inclusive uno recibido en o después de los cumpleaños cuartos, cuatro vacunas de DTP/Dtap de dosis inclusive uno recibido en o después de los cumpleaños cuartos, dos vacunas de dosis MMR (o una dosis MMR y una vacuna de sarampión de dosis), tres vacunas de la hepatitis B de dosis y una vacuna de varicela de dosis o documentacion de habiendo tenido varicela.

Llama Peggy a Adàn en 864-2654 si usted tiene cualquier pregunta. 16c

This Week's Devotional Message:



YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE EYES OF GOD

In this age of computers, in every regard
We have all been reduced to a hole in a card.
Oh, how simple it was in our house by the road,
Till they added the zip and area code!
In your place of employment, or out in your car,
You're a serial number wherever you are;

And you find your identity harder to claim
When you're known by a number instead of a name.
So, there's one thing to do: let your faith lead the way
To the place where you still can be someone today.
If you go to your church, you'll be happy to find
In the eyes of the Lord you are one of a kind!

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
Dr. Jim Heflin, interim 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 Rennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a.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**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
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**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

SAGERTON

- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephania Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- First Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**
Tom Long, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethel 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 Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

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**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

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Garage Sale

GREAT GARAGE SALE: Sat., April 19. 8 a.m. til 7:00 P.M. Union Ave., Rule. Next door to the Methodist Church. Electronics, furniture, toys, clothes and more. 16c

GARAGE SALE: Refrigerator, stove, microwave, table and chairs, 38" TV, coffee table, end tables, recliners, couch, interior doors, metal tables, filing cabinets, much more. Sat. 8 a.m. S&S Storage, 203 N. 2nd East, Haskell. 16c

CARPOR SALE: 607 S. Ave. G. Pickup tires, gasoline sickle mower, tools, bed frame, 5 and 6 gallon plastic water jugs, baby bed and much more. Fri.-Sat., April 18-19. 8 to 5. 16c

Miscellaneous

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Public Notices

NOTICE Section 00010- Advertisement for Bids Project: Multipurpose Building for Haskell Elementary School; Owner: Haskell Consolidated Independent School District; Architect: Newberry Roadcap Architects, Inc., 3300 S. 14th St., Suite 340, Abilene, Texas 79605. 325-795-0005; Site: 306 South Avenue G, Haskell, Texas

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK: A new multipurpose building composed of concrete slab on grade, EIFS, metal studs, steel columns and beams, steel purlins and girts, standing seam metal roofing, ceramic tile floors in toilets, composition floor tile, carpeted walls, painted CMU wall finish, acoustical tile ceilings, translucent wall assemblies, HM and wood doors on HM doorframes, millwork, painting gymnasium equipment,

mechanical, plumbing and electrical.

Exterior work is restricted to sidewalk, covered walkway and minimal finish grading.

TYPE OF BID: Submit Proposals in lump sum entitled General Construction and include all portions of General, Mechanical and Electrical Work including allowances, separate cost of designated Alternate.

TIME AND PLACE OF BID RECEPTION: Competitive Sealed Proposals will be received by the Superintendent of Schools at his office located at 605 North Avenue E, P.O. Box 937 Haskell, Texas 79521.

1. BID PROPOSAL DATE CHANGED: Proposal Form with Base Bid and Alternate, and Bid Security are due by 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at which time proposals shall be time stamped, opened and publicly read aloud.

2. Modifications or alterations to Base Bid and Alternate submitted after 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2008 will not be considered.

3. Fax submissions will not be considered.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A pre-bid conference will be held at 3:45 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at the job site. Attendance is recommended but not mandatory.

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Aggies to Muster April 21

Former students of Texas A&M University in Haskell, Jones, Stonewall, Knox and Kent Counties will assemble April 21 for the 2008 annual Aggie Muster in Rule at the old railroad depot (Bobcat Den) located on Highway 380 at the Slim Sorrell's Park.

The Muster activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the park and will consist of a brief ceremony recognizing "Absent" Aggies including those that have fallen in battle.

The service will be followed by a meal and fellowship in the depot. Muster is open to all former students and their families, parents of students, and friends of Texas A&M.

The Muster tradition is over 120 years old and more than 350 Musters will be held around the world this year. Wherever two or more Aggies are—at work, on the road or on a sand dune, they will muster.

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same as Texas Aggies pay their respect to all those who are absent because of death since the last Muster. When the names of the "honored dead" are called from the Muster roll call, a friend of the deceased answers "Here" for them.

If you plan to attend, call Wallar Overton at 940-864-2958 or Glenn Brzozowski at 940-864-3158 for meal reservations. Meal cost is \$7 per plate and former student dues are \$5.

City wide clean up to begin

The City of Haskell has announced the dates for the city wide clean up week.

The landfill will be open Sat., April 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; April 21-24 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.; Fri., April 25, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sat., April 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Two trailers will be available during the week for use for half day only by residents who do not have their own trailer. Personal

trailers and trucks hauling loose trash must be tarped. Bulky items, lumber, tin, etc. must be tied down.

Trailers and loads will be weighed on the scales, but there is no charge for dumping. TCEQ requires that the city records the weight of landfill items.

Chemicals, tires, batteries, anything with Freon, asbestos, roofing materials and paint will not be accepted during clean-up

week. Bulky items will be picked up if they are placed by the dumpster and arrangements are made through City Hall by calling 864-2333.

This service is provided for citizens in the city limits of Haskell only. Those with loads for the landfill may be asked for proof of residence, such as the customer's water bill.

Haskell Kindergarten to register April 25

Haskell Elementary School will have Kindergarten registration and screening for the 2008-09 school year Fri., April 25. To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2008.

Students who are not currently enrolled at Haskell Elementary will register and be screened between 9 and 10 a.m. or between 1 and 2 p.m. 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 fourth birthday; four doses DTP/DtaP vaccine including one received on or after the fourth 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 need more information.

Calendar

TT alumni meeting

The Rolling Plains Chapter of the Texas Tech Alumni Association will meet for the chapter meeting, dinner, auction and golf tournament Mon., April 28. The golf tournament will begin at 1 p.m. at the Haskell Country Club. Entries should be made prior to tee time by calling David Burson at 940-864-4655. Registration and reservations for other events to be held at the Haskell Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. may be made by calling Mike Guess at 940-864-8555.

Garage sale

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale and market on the square Sat., May 3. Application forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd St. or by calling 864-2477. Deadline to register is Wed., April 30 at noon.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., April 24 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Revival

First Baptist Church in Rochester will hold revival services Fri., April 18 through Sunday morning April 20. Brother Troy Culpepper will lead the services, assisted by Bobby O'Neal, music leader. Evening services are at 7 p.m. Sunday morning services begin at 10:45 a.m. followed by a covered dish luncheon. Everyone is invited.

Safety car seat

You may be eligible for a free safety car seat for your child. For more information, call the Texas Dept. of State Health Service at 325-773-5681.

Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 22 edition. Space is limited to the first sixteen pictures received. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office or call 864-2686 for details.

Writers meet

The Creative Writers Group of Seymour will meet April 19 at the Senior Citizen's Center, 500 E. Belknap St. in Seymour. Everyone is welcome to attend.

T-shirts

T-shirts featuring a message to help spread awareness about autism are available from Taylor's Team for \$15 or purchase two for \$25. Proceeds benefit Autism Speaks! Help bring knowledge, awareness and answers by supporting Taylor's Team. Call Melissa Burson at 256-2509 to purchase a shirt.

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