

Calendar

Pee-Wee track

The Rule Pee-Wee track meet for elementary students through sixth grade will be held Thurs., May 15. Rule Booster Club will operate a concession stand serving hamburgers and snow cones. Call Brenda Turner at 996-2521 to help in the concession stand.

Rule awards

Rule Elementary School awards program will be held Tues., May 20 at 1 p.m. in the Rule auditorium for grades K-5.

Dinner

A dinner will be held Sun., May 11 at the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center after church. Donations will be accepted to help Weston Rutkowski with expenses to attend the Diamond Head Classic football game trip to Hawaii.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., May 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. A salad supper will be served and officers will be installed.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 17 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Sunday worship

The First United Methodist Church of Haskell invites everyone to join them in worship at the Haskell City Park Sun., May 18 at 10:50 a.m. A potluck lunch will follow the worship service. Bring your Bible and your lawn chair and join us. For more information, call 864-3202.

Class reunion

The Class of 1988 will hold their 20th class reunion Sat., May 24 at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. For information, call 817-999-0680.

Welding classes

The Haskell Ag Department will host two welding classes this summer for all ages and experience levels. The first class will be held in June and July. The second class will begin in July and continue into August. Each session is for four nights. For more information call Justin Cox at 325-370-6571 or email jcox@haskell.esc14.net before May 20.

Fund-raiser

The Rule senior class will play in a benefit basketball game against the Rule faculty Fri., May 16 at 7 p.m. in the Rule gym. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. Proceeds from the event benefit the Rule basketball camp fund.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Thurs., May 8 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are asked to attend.

Veterans' pictures

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

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Happy Mother's Day

The Haskell Free Press

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FINISHING TOUCHES—Haskell County librarians Joan Frazier, left, and Marilyn Griffith are putting the final touches on the new Haskell County Library. The library is set to open Mon., May 12 at 9 a.m. Patrons are asked to inquire at the desk about policies for the new library including the limit of time for computer usage to one hour per patron. An open house is scheduled for Sun., June 1 from 2 to 4 p.m.

School board election is May 10

The election for the Haskell CISD School Board will be conducted on Sat., May 10 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Haskell City Hall, 301 S. 1st St., in Haskell.

Filing for the Single Member District #2 position were incumbent Donnie Rieger, Leonard Howard and Debbie Earles.

Filing for the Single Member District #3 position were incumbent Mynea Short and Joey Thomas.

To vote in the election, voters must live in Single Member District #2 to vote for that school board member and voters must live in Single Member District #3 to vote for that school board position.

Pace honored with Eagle Court of Honor

Stephen Pace, member of Haskell Boys Scout Troop 136, was honored during an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony Tues., April 29 at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

Members of Troop 136 opened the ceremony with the posting of the colors.

His brother, Webelos Scout Ryan Pace, lead the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath and the 12 points of the Scout Law.

Opening the Eagle Court of Honor and conducting Master of Ceremonies duties was his Scoutmaster Leland Terry.

Terry introduced Kenneth Patton of Abilene, Pace's first Scoutmaster; Kent Brown of Abilene, Scout Executive for the Texas Trails Council; Doug Paxton of Abilene, District Executive for the Texas Trails Council Double Mountain District; and Wallar Overton of

Paint Creek, Troop Committee Chairman for Troop and Pack 136.

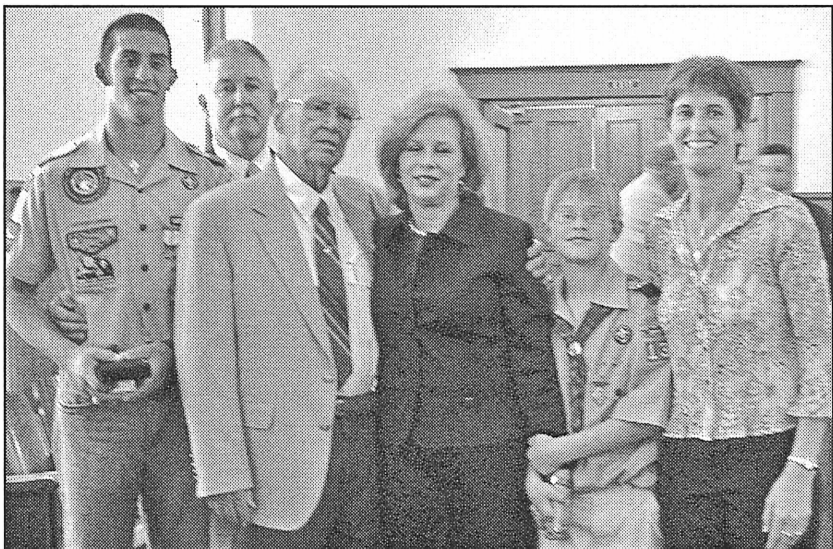
His grandfather, Lynn Pace Jr. introduced the speaker for the evening, Texas' First Lady Anita Perry, a cousin of Eagle Scout Pace.

Sammy Ferguson, Advancement Chairman of the Double Mountain District gave the Eagle charge. Perry, assisted by Ferguson, made the Eagle presentation.

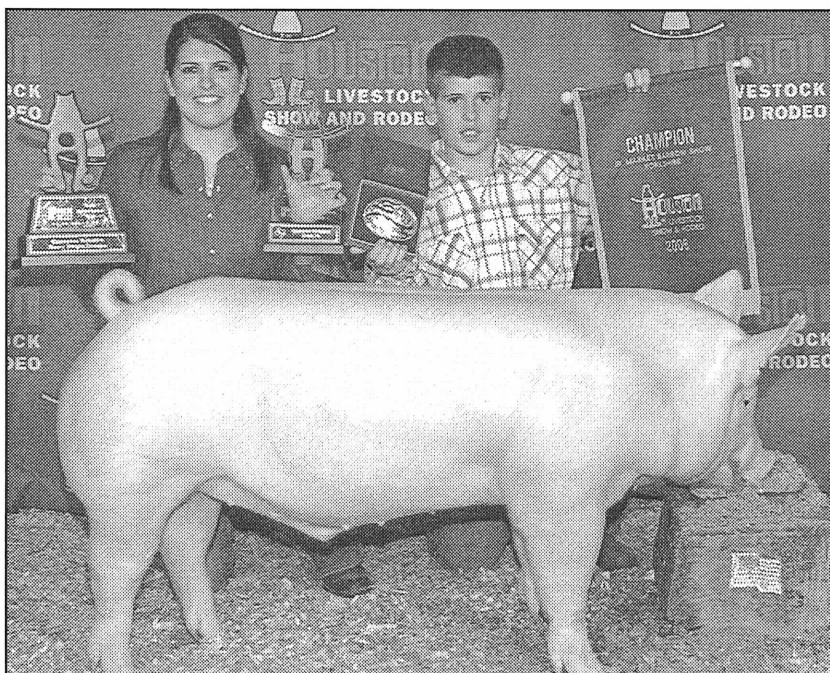
Pace presented Eagle pins to his parents, Patrick and Carmel Pace of Rule. He presented an Eagle Mentor pin to his grandfather, Lynn Pace Jr.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church.

Pace restored the old school bell at Rule that had been out of commission since the 1950's for his Eagle project.



EAGLE COURT OF HONOR—Honoring Stephen Pace, left, during his Eagle Court of Honor Tues., April 29, were family members, l-r, his dad Patrick Pace, his grandfather Lynn Pace Jr., cousin and First Lady Anita Perry, brother Ryan Pace, and mom Carmel Pace.



BREED CHAMPION—Cole Hutchinson, a member of the Haskell Jr. FFA, won Breed Champion with his Yorkshire at the Houston Livestock Show March 19. Winning this title qualified him to participate in the Grand Drive televised over the Houston Rodeo Network. A seventh grader at Rochester Junior High, he is the son of Wayne and Cheryl Hutchinson. His FFA advisors are Kenny Cockerell and Justin Cox. Helping him display his awards is his sister, Kimie Hutchinson.

Torres, Rodriguez named to 5-2A All-District golf team

The Haskell Maiden golf team finished in third place and medaled at the District 5-2A Golf Tournament. Members of the team were Mali Torres, Ashley Meier, Marissa McGhee, Shambrie Rodriguez and Meagan Kimbrough.

The Haskell Indian team of

Simon Rodriguez, John English, Scottie Rodriguez, James Williams and Weston Rutkowski finished in fourth place.

Mali Torres and Scottie Rodriguez were named to the District 5-2A All-District Golf Team.

Wheatley named to list

Haskell Maiden Paige Wheatley, senior, pitcher was named honorable mention Player of the Week by the Abilene Reporter-News Tues., April 29.

The Maidens beat Coleman 2-1 on a three-hitter with 15

strikeouts in game 1 of a three game series for the Bi-District title.

Coleman took the final two games to end the Maidens' season.

Rule state qualifiers

Results of the state qualifiers meet held Fri., May 2 at McMurry University in Abilene include:

Boys 400 relay: 1. Rule 43.46.
Pole vault: 3. Kyle Simpson, Rule, 13-0.

Other Bobcats qualifying for state include:

110 hurdles: Stephen Pace.
300 hurdles: Pace.
Triple jump: Jonathan Rincon.

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Some groups still not wearing safety belts

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County
Safety belts have been proven effective in saving lives, yet there are still some groups that are resistant to wearing them. Young adults, teens, pickup truck drivers and their passengers, as well as nighttime motorists are at greater

risk because they are less likely to wear safety belts. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), more than half of the motor vehicle crash fatalities in these groups are found to be unrestrained. Young drivers and their

passengers in the 16-24 year old age group, especially males, have the lowest usage rate among all age groups. Crash data from 2006 show that among those killed in crashes, 64 percent of teenagers were not buckled up at the time of the crashes.

Drivers and passengers in pickups, especially young males, consistently have the lowest safety belt usage rates of all motorists. Pickup trucks are twice as likely as passenger vehicles to roll, and considering Texans' love affair with pickup trucks, this is a serious concern. In fact, half of all fatalities in pickup trucks are due to rollover crashes. In a pickup, safety belts can reduce the risk of dying in a rollover crash by up to 80 percent.

Nighttime hours (6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.) bring out more unbuckled drivers and passengers. Crash records show nearly two-thirds of those killed during nighttime hours were not wearing seat belts compared with less than half of daytime passenger vehicle occupants killed.

"Staying inside the vehicle during a crash can save your life. Occupants who are ejected from a vehicle are four times more likely to be killed," said Bev Kellner, Texas AgriLife Extension Service program manager for Passenger Safety. "Most ejections are due to the failure to wear a safety belt. NHTSA data show that in 2006, 75 percent of ejected passenger vehicle occupants were killed. But among motorists who were in serious crashes and buckled up, 77 percent survived."

That's the reason behind the Click It or Ticket campaign, which begins mid-May each year and brings increased enforcement of the safety belt and child restraint laws.

This year, the Memorial Day Click It or Ticket mobilization starts on May 19 and goes through June 1. The campaign will feature an emphasis on daytime as well as nighttime enforcement. With a network of agents around the state, Extension is focused on helping to get the word out about the upcoming Memorial Day Click It or Ticket mobilization. The goal is to reach groups who are still not convinced of the importance of wearing their safety belts.

The message is simple—buckling up will keep you from receiving a ticket—better yet, it may very well save your life.



CLASS OF 1953—The Haskell High School Class of 1953 attended a class reunion at the MCM Elegante Suites in Abilene April 11-12. Attending were front row, l-r, Patsy Turnbow Milliman, Dolores Burnett Foster, Barbara Merchant Rhoads, Fran Mullins Stiewert, Eva Adkins Dunnam, and Jean Redwine Richards; middle row, Joe Kimbrough, Diane Clare Williams, Peggy Sonnemaker Middleton, Daniel Sloan, Coleta Worrell Whitfield and Jimmy White; back row, Ken Lane, Sam Matthews, Ann McFarlin Thomas, Nathan Tinkle, Wayne Bradford, Dale Dixon and Doug Dendy.

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In extreme conditions or with certain physical problems, the body may be unable to maintain its normal body temperature. When this happens, body temperature can rise or fall to the point that serious medical problems occur.

Risk factors

- Age: The elderly are at high risk because their temperature regulation mechanisms are not as effective.
- Disease processes: People with heart or lung problems are at higher risk because of increased oxygen needs.
- Medications: Some medications interfere with the process of perspiration and other mechanisms that the body uses to cool itself.
- Environment: Heat combined with high humidity is dangerous because perspiration does not evaporate well and cooling is not as efficient.

More on heat-related illness in the next article.

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

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Obituaries

Margaret Herren Myers



MARGARET MYERS

Memorial services for Margaret Herren Myers, 67, of Phoenix, Arizona will be held Sat., May 24 at 10 a.m. in the lower level of the First Presbyterian Church in Haskell.

Mrs. Myers died Feb. 19 of natural causes at her home in Phoenix.

Born Sept. 30, 1940, she was the daughter of Ernestine Cox Herren and Samuel Pruitt Herren. She attended Haskell schools and graduated in 1959. She attended McMurry College and Hardin-Simmons University. In 1960, she married Gene Elder Cross. They had two children, Margaret Ann

Cross and Thomas Gene Cross. In 1982, she married Zirl Myers. They lived in Arizona for 23 years. She was a member of Paradise Valley Baptist Church in Phoenix. She was an avid reader and enjoyed quilting and other arts and crafts.

She was preceded in death by her father, Samuel P. Herren in 1993; and husband, Zirl Myers in 2005.

Survivors include her mother, Ernestine Herren; her children, Margaret Ann and Thomas Cross; her sister, Louisa Archibald; and three grandchildren.

PD. NOTICE

Tommy Drew Culberth



TOMMY CULBERTH

Graveside services for Tommy Drew Culberth, 64, of Haskell will be held Thurs., May 8 at 2 p.m. in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Culberth died Mon., May 5.

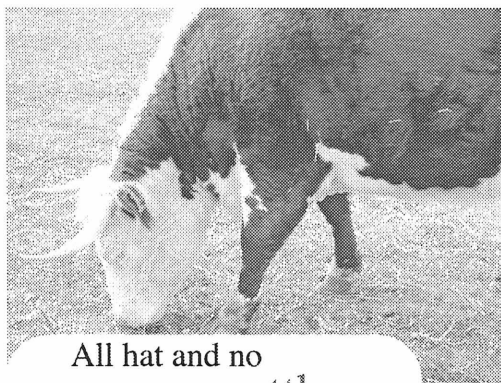
Born Oct. 14, 1943 in Girard, he was the son of the late Frank Drew Culberth and Emma Rinehart Culberth. He married Erna Parris April 6, 1963. She preceded him in death March 2, 2006. He retired from the military after proudly serving 20 years with the United States Army. He

served in Vietnam and was also stationed in Vilseck, Germany. He lived at Veda's Camp at Lake Stamford for 15 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Survivors include sons, Brian Drew Culberth of Aztec, New Mexico, Rodney Parris and wife Patti of Killeen; daughters, Tonya Culberth of Ohio, Rowena Miller and husband Bill of Belton, Pat Lopez and husband Frank of Houston; brother, Johnny Lee Culberth of Topeka, Kansas; sister, Priscilla Lomas of Lake Stamford; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. PD. NOTICE

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Sisters complete marathon

Tracy Fry McNeff of Chickasha, Oklahoma and Trina Fry Watson of Wichita Falls completed the Oklahoma City 2008 Memorial Half Marathon

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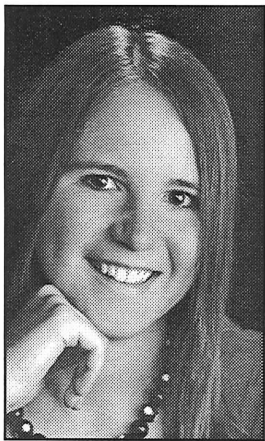
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LACEY PEISER

Student visits Rotary Club

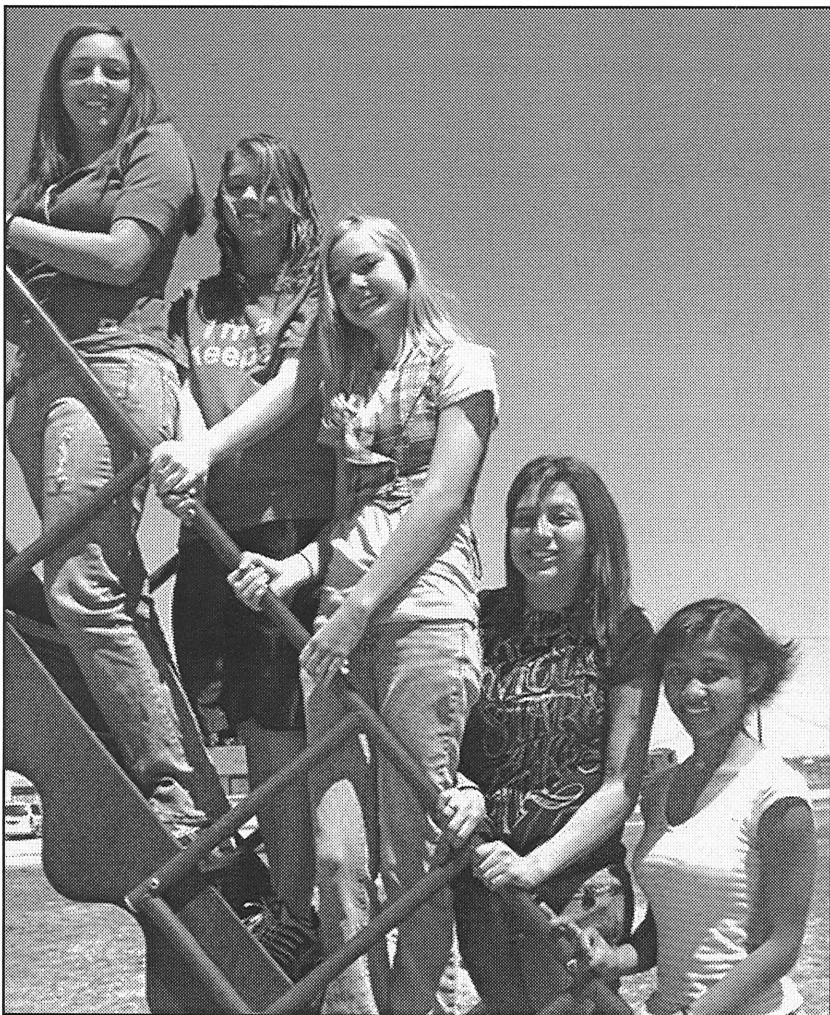
Lacey Peiser is the daughter of Robbie and Charlotte Peiser of Haskell.

At Haskell High School, she is involved in basketball, academic UIL, serves as president of National Honor Society, and is president of the Fellowship of Christian Students.

She was named first team all district in basketball during her junior and senior years; and has competed at the academic regional UIL meet during all four years of high school.

She enjoys hanging out with her friends and mowing.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University and graduate with a degree in accounting.



PIRATE CHEERLEADERS—Paint Creek High School cheerleaders for the 2008-09 school year are, l-r, Brittany Waggoner (mascot), Jessica Pendegraft, Katrina Buerger, Samantha Lopez and Lacesha Escamilla. Their sponsor is Barbara Utley.

Entries sought for WHPD art contest

Art entries are being sought for the Wild Horse Prairie Days Art Show to be held Friday and

Saturday, June 6-7 at the Haskell Civic Center.

Categories include:

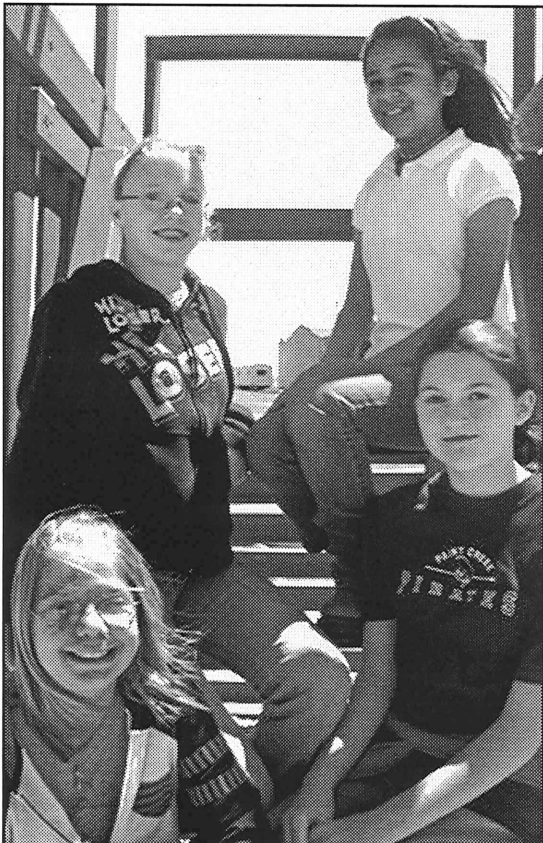
Category 1: Art and Photography. Division 1. Youth 18 years and under; Division 2. Landscapes; Division 3. Portraits; Division 4. Still life; Division 5. Photography; Division 6. Class work; Division 7. Miniatures (unframed max. 5"x7").

Category 2: Three dimensional art. Division 1. Sculptures; Division 2. Metal art;

Division 3. Wood working and carving.

Category 3: Hand-crafted cowboy gear. Division 1. Hand-crafted leather items (no saddles); Division 2. Hitched hair and braided items; Division 3. Hand-crafted spurs, bits, buckles.

Call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 940-864-2477 for more information.



JUNIOR HIGH PIRATE CHEERLEADERS—Paint Creek Junior High cheerleaders 2008-09 are, front, l-r, Stormy Darnell and Kadie McCord; back, Caitlin Medford and Baliegh Lopez. Tammi Hawkins is their sponsor.

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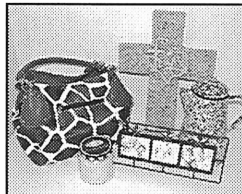


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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Secretary of state sets record straight on May 10 ballot

AUSTIN—Secretary of State Phil Wilson said he received in recent days many inquiries about a statewide proposition to provide school tax relief to elderly or disabled taxpayers.

Voters will find no such proposition on their May 10 ballot.

"Information being circulated across the state regarding a constitutional amendment election to provide school property tax relief is inaccurate," said Wilson, the state's chief elections officer.

"Texans are heading to the polls to cast votes for many important initiatives and races, but there will not be a statewide proposition on the ballot."

Early voting for the May 10 elections began April 28 and ended May 6.

Senators hear report on YFZ

Carey Cockerell, director of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, testified before a state Senate committee about the agency's ongoing investigation of the polygamist YFZ Ranch near Eldorado.

On April 30, Cockerell told the Senate Health and Human Service Committee that state investigators are still checking for evidence of various forms of child abuse that may have been committed at the 1,700-acre compound.

The focus had been on minor girls, but the agency turned some of its attention to minor boys.

The number of ranch children in state custody and placed in foster care increased to 464 when one of the girls delivered a healthy baby boy at a hospital in San Marcos on April 29.

Custody hearings for ranch children are to be completed in early June, Cockerell said.

Lt. Gov. supports voter I.D. ruling

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on April 28 made public his support of the U.S. Supreme Court's April 27 ruling in Crawford v. Marion County Election Board, upholding Indiana's voter identification law.

The Indiana law requires citizens voting in person to present government-issued photo identification at the poll. The main stated purpose of the law is to detect and deter voter fraud.

The ruling, Dewhurst said, "is a victory for democracy in our nation and I'm pleased that the court agreed with the vast majority of Texans who want to protect the sacred American principle of 'one person, one

vote."

"With this legal challenge now behind us, I look forward to passing a fair voter I.D. law in Texas next year that fully protects the voting rights of all U.S. citizens registered to vote in Texas."

State lawmaker arrested for DUI

State Rep. Mike Krusee, Round Rock, was charged with drunken driving in north Austin on April 30.

Krusee, a House member since 1993, was booked into the Williamson County jail late in the evening and released on bail the next morning.

He is chairman of the House Transportation Committee and also is a member of the House Judiciary Committee.

Delisi named transportation chair

Gov. Rick Perry appointed his former chief of staff, 35-year-old Deirdre Delisi of Austin, as chair of the Texas Transportation Commission, the five-member board that oversees the Texas Department of Transportation.

Former chair Ric Williamson died in office in January. Hope Andrade of Boerne served as interim chair after Williamson's death.

Perry also appointed William Meadows of Fort Worth to the commission. Meadows was vice chairman of the North Texas Tollway Authority.

Delisi and Meadows are subject to confirmation by the Texas Legislature. If confirmed, their terms will expire Feb. 1, 2013.

Early 1968 LBJ tapes are released

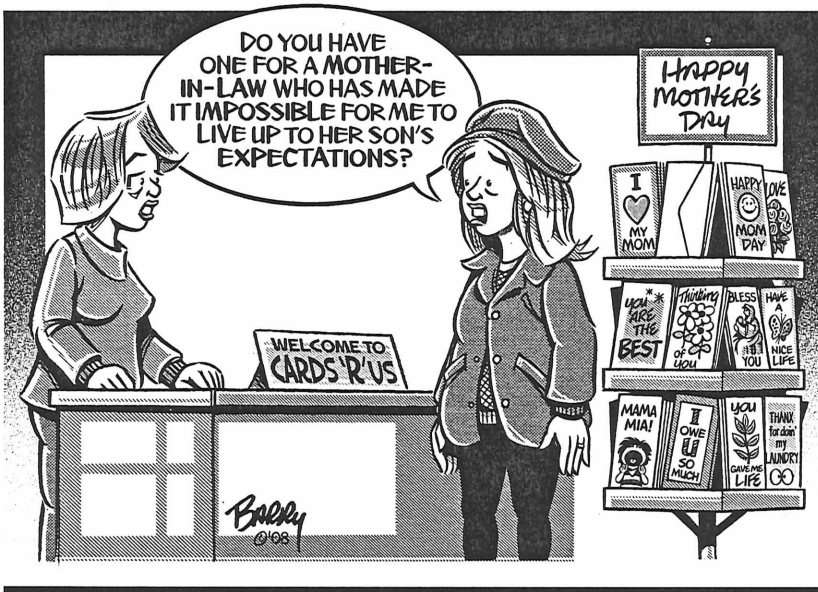
The Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library at the University of Texas at Austin announced on May 1 the release of a new batch of President Johnson's recorded telephone calls from January through April 1968.

Among topics the president discussed in these 13 hours of recordings:

- Johnson's decision not to seek re-election
- The Pueblo Incident
- The Tet Offensive
- U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy's entry into the presidential race
- The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Correction

In the previous State Capital Highlights, the name of the chairman of the House Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform was incorrectly reported. The chair is Rep. John Otto, R-Dayton.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago May 7, 1998

Two Haskell High School students, Robert Spells and Timothy Masias, competed at the Austin Region II 2-A meet.

The Haskell High School girls golf team of Amanda Rapp, Jodi Thigpen, J.J. Comedy, Wendy Gray and Misti Henson qualified for the state golf tournament. As for the school history, this was the first for a girls golf team.

Mathew Cunningham and Timothy Jordon visited the Rotary Club.

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Cole Larned has been named a United States National Collegiate Award winner in Exercise and Sports Sciences. Larned is the son of Sammy and Gerre Larned.

20 Years Ago May 12, 1988

Dalyn Gilly of the Haskell FFA placed first in the Double Mountain District Public speaking contest with her speech, "Cottonseed: The New Staff of Life."

Ron Yancy has been named head coach and athletic director at Rochester. He succeeds Rocky French who resigned to take a position at Seymour.

Twenty four students named to the all "A" honor roll were: seventh graders, Brooke Baker, Holly Hobgood, Mark Jones, Stacey Martin and Marsha Moore; freshmen, Tiffany Bradford, Becky Cline, Nole Hadaway, Craig Hanson, Rod Jeter, Rusty Stocks and Shelia Unger; sophomores, Davis Chapman, Kyle Darden and Julie Nanny; juniors, Joy McKeever; and seniors: Lori Darden, Sheree Dumas, Wayne Geilhausen, Sharla Jetton, Steven Klose, Matt Lane, Tiffany Moeller and

Michael Rodriguez. 30 Years Ago May 11, 1978

Haskell Indian band traveled to Six Flags in Arlington to participate in a band contest.

Little Dribbler all stars named were Denise Young, Kelli Whisenhant, Pam Weise, Kelly Wallace, Lori McGee, Tamala Randle, Stephanie Browning, Julie Roewe, Kami Madina, Tina Lacey and Shawn Holt. Coaches were Debbie Mitchell and Leona Hanson.

Zora Medford, dietary employee at Haskell Memorial Hospital, was honored by being chosen "Employee of the Month."

Mrs. Clifford Pruett, Dena and Paula of Stillwell, Oklahoma visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Farrell.

The students at Paint Creek have elected class favorites for 1977-78 school year. They were seniors, Leta Dodds and Ray Russell; juniors, Gena Fischer and Debra Wells; sophomores; Pollyann Garcia and Don Haynes; and freshmen, Patricia Atkinson and Duke Pendergraft.

40 Years Ago May 9, 1968

Paving of the streets at Willow Cemetery have now been completed.

Don Nanny Haskell County Farmer, received the Lions and Fort Worth Press Outstanding Conservation Award.

Darrel Davis wins first place in Austin running the 440 yard dash in 49.4 seconds.

Anita Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Powell, has been selected Valedictorian. Salutatorian is Pamela Reeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reeves. Derrell Davis, son of Loudell Davis was chosen highest ranking boy.

Darlene Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Abbott of Haskell, won first place in the Haskell County Spelling Bee.

50 Years Ago May 8, 1958

Harvey Pearsey of Norwalk, California spent the week in Haskell visiting his father, Irion Pearsey and his brother, Leon Pearsey and family.

Mrs. H.K. Fry returned home after spending two weeks visiting in the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy K. Fry and son, Billy Jr. in Corpus Christi.

Robert Lee Holcomb of Rule High School was named district winner in the 1958 FFA Tractor Operators' Contest held in Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Oates left on a trip to Jacksonville, Florida where they will visit their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Oates and children.

100 Years Ago May 9, 1908

S.F. Shannon, the assistant postmaster for some time, has been appointed to that position in Abilene.

Work on the Haskell ice plant is nearing completion and soon, for the first time in history, the people of Haskell will be cooling themselves with ice made in Haskell.

H.S. Post and family left to visit several places in Southern Texas, including San Antonio and Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Buie of Weatherford were visitors in Haskell several days. When Buie was teaching school in Jack County, Mrs. M.S. Shook and Spence Bevers attended his school.

Doctors P.H. Chilton and E.B. Gebhard, formerly of Haskell, have opened a modern sanitarium in Gorman.

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton futures have had only two positive sessions in the last eleven. Losses in outside markets spilled over to the cotton market again on Thursday as speculative and trade selling pressured cotton for the second half of the trading session, and season-high export sales figures from USDA were undercut by dismal shipment data.

USDA data showed U.S. export sales reached a marketing year high of 642,700 bales in the week ended April 24. The figure was more than three times the previous week's sales and two and a half times more than the four-week average. Of the total, top consumer China accounted for 429,700 bales, Turkey bought 38,500 bales, and Thailand rounded out the list of the top three buyers with purchases totaling 36,700 bales.

Export shipments of 159,900 bales were down 38 percent from the previous week and the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico, Indonesia and Turkey. According to analysts, the shipment number was disturbingly low, and the container shortage is really starting to hit home.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas were slightly higher as 1,441 bales were sold in the week ended May 1 compared to 1,047 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 58.04 to 58.87 cents per pound versus 60.96 to 62.91 cents per pound one week earlier.

Meanwhile, USDA reported cotton planting in the United States continues to lag behind the normal pace in all states except Louisiana, and a prolonged period of warm dry weather is urgently needed in some states to allow planting activities to gain momentum.

Texas is an exception, where the combination of hot, windy weather has increased soil moisture evaporation rates. Hence, some irrigated cotton growers on the High and Rolling Plains already have applied water in advance of planting. In dryland fields, a general, slow-soaking rain is needed to ensure adequate moisture for proper seed germination. The planting window for the northern High Plains usually begins around May 5, and since fields already are prepared for the upcoming season, planting likely will begin as soon as soil conditions reach optimal levels.

Fieldwork continues in the rest of Texas, and in the Upper Coastal Bend planting is nearing an end. Almost two-thirds of the crop has emerged, and although young growth appears good, timely rains will be needed throughout the growing season to ensure healthy stands.

In the western United States, almost the entire California San Joaquin Valley crop is in the ground, and the hot weather there will help spur germination. Young stands are thriving under the favorable conditions, and early growth appears to be fairly good. Planting is expanding at a rapid pace in Arizona, and farmers have reported emergence in some of the earliest planted fields.

Next week, the trade will turn its focus to the monthly supply/demand report from USDA. In addition to new U.S. cotton figures, the report will contain the first look at world supply in the 2008-09 marketing year.

"It will be interesting to see whether USDA expects China and India to cut back on cotton plantings in favor of food and feed crops," an observer said. "Some in the industry now expect China's producers to cut cotton acreage by 15 percent which would reduce the country's crop by five million bales or so."

Letter to the Editor

To the citizens of Haskell:

The end of my time as mayor of the city has come, and there are a few things I would like to pass on to you. If you remember, I once asked you to join me an attempt to change the destiny of Haskell. A leader can't lead you where you don't want to go; he can only help you go to where you want to be.

In the past few years there have been a lot of changes in the area, as farming has moved toward more mechanization and the use of chemicals. The result is that Haskell has had fewer and fewer people in the economy.

Fourteen years ago as I began work with the city, this fact loomed large on the horizon. The objective was to create jobs as this change began to happen. I have never seen the people around me work so hard. Whatever we tried to do, people were there wanting to help. Haskell has a spirit that is unbelievable; you can see it when you see our boys or girls play a ballgame, compete in UIL,

run a race, or show a calf. The people working for Haskell are the same way. They work hard, and they show a lot of spirit. Of course, these volunteers work with no pay and with little or no credit until something goes wrong. Then they are noticed.

Some of the places these people volunteer are: the Hospital Board, Ambulance Board, Fire Department, School Board, Zoning Board, Education Foundation, Park Board, Cemetery Board, Civic Center Board, County Club Board, City Council, Junior Livestock Association, Water Board, Development Corporation, Housing Board, Assisted Living Board, Library Board, several civic clubs, Boy Scouts, Chamber Board, Wild Horse Prairie Days Committee, and various committees with the Extension Service, not to mention all the churches. These are but a few of the places that people serve this community. The Commissioners and the

County Judge, along with others, are paid, but give service to the community way beyond their pay scale.

I have loved working for the community and I believe that working together we have done well. Granted, we still have a lot to do. But not many small towns in West Texas have created as many jobs and progressed as much as Haskell has. It has been great to be a part of Haskell's transformation from being just another agricultural town to one also having an industry that provides jobs. Even now, the Development Corporation has several projects that are looking good.

As my term expires, I see great hope for Haskell. As Winston Churchill put it "I do not see this as an end, but I see it as the end of the beginning." Here's wishing Bob Smith and all who help him Godspeed.

With great love for this community,
Ken Lane

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City Council report

Members of the Haskell City Council met in a regular session April 28 with Mayor Ken Lane, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford and Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers, Bob Smith and Jason Hall in attendance.

Mayor Lane called the meeting to order followed by the invocation, led by Councilman Bowers.

The council approved an ordinance amending the existing gas franchise between the city and Atmos Energy.

Discussion in a public hearing session to extend the curfew ordinance was received followed by approving a resolution to extend the curfew ordinance.

The council approved a resolution authorizing the Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant application and agreement submitted by Police Chief Tom Bassett.

City Administrator Brandon Anderson gave an update of the mid year budget. The council approved the resolution

concerning the proposed budget amendments.

Anderson's administrator's report included the following:

- Many citizens took advantage of the annual clean up week.

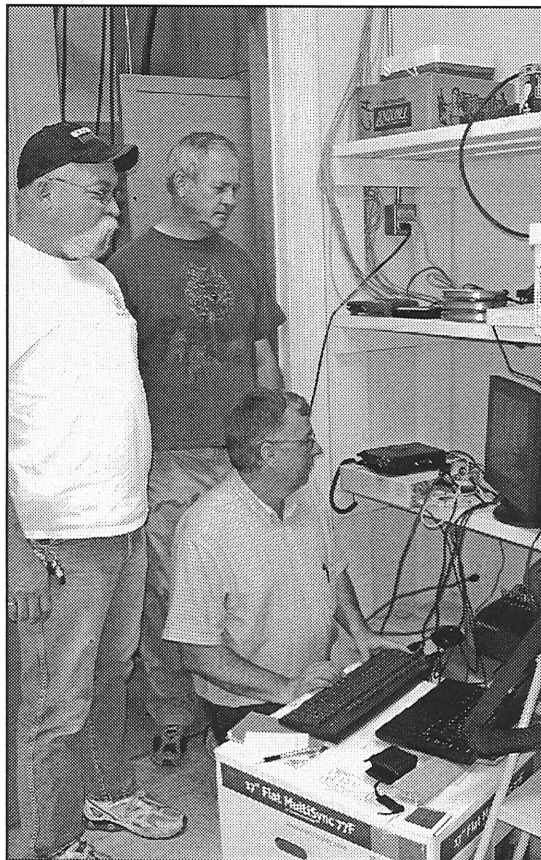
- Three employees have been hired for summer work.

- The city is awaiting an update from Bill Bryan with Detain, Inc. concerning the sale or refinancing of the prison.

- Construction is scheduled to begin soon on La Vista Place, the assisted living facility funded through USDA.

- The creek project continues with cleaning out and smoothing of the dirt around the area. The city is waiting on the concrete man to replace the weirs.

- A meeting with TxDOT to discuss the placing of signage off the new re-route on Hwy. 277 was held. A meeting is planned with a sign company and local business owners concerning TxDOT regulations allowing informational signage along the highway.



READY FOR EMERGENCIES—Haskell ham radio operator, Randy Shaw N5NTB, left, looks on as Abilene ham radio operators, Bill Shaw KJ5DX, center, and Randy Robinson N5JZH, upgrade the Haskell amateur radio repeater. KCARC is the Abilene amateur ham radio club that helps Haskell club members maintain the local repeater. KCARC members work with volunteer emergency communications and the Skywarn program as a part of the National Weather Service. The Haskell repeater can be linked to other repeaters in Abilene and San Angelo providing local radio operators the ability to talk directly to the National Weather Service in San Angelo during weather events. Local amateurs have the capability to provide communications for Haskell County and its citizens during any emergency situation.

Postage rates to increase May 12

Demand for the Forever Stamp continues to increase as the May 12 stamp price change approaches. In the past several weeks, Postal Service customers have been buying Forever Stamps at a rate of about 30 million per day, bringing the amount sold to more than 6 billion since they were first offered in April 2007.

"We knew the Forever Stamp would be a big hit with our customers and we continue to replenish our stock to meet demand," said Debbie Tanner, Postmaster. "We introduced these stamps as a customer

convenience to ease the transition during price changes, and they also deliver economic value."

The Forever Stamp, as the name suggests, can be used to mail a one-ounce first-class mail letter at any time in the future without additional postage, regardless of when the stamps are purchased or used and no matter how prices may change. Customers who buy Forever Stamps now at the current first-class mail stamp price of 41 cents will save a penny when the price of stamps—including the Forever Stamp—increases to 42 cents on May 12.

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership or property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

Contact any staff member of Kenny Watson at 940-864-3805 or come by the Haskell County Appraisal District, 604 N. 1st St.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that review problems with appraisals and other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in

person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

Haskell CAD
604 North First Street, P.O. Box 467
Haskell, Texas

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Haskell County Appraisal District, 604 N. 1st St., P.O. Box 467, Haskell, Texas 79521. 940-864-3805.

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division, P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the

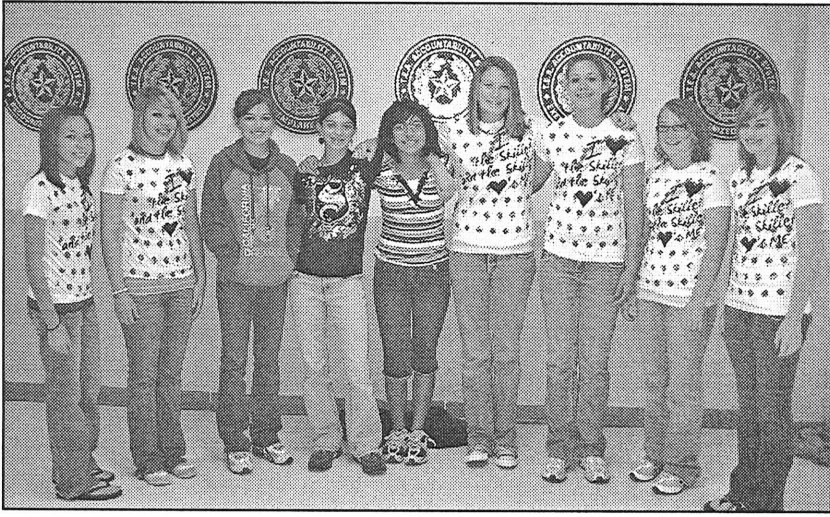
notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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ATTEND CONCERT—Students from Rochester Junior High attending a Christian rock bands concert featuring Skillet, Pillar, and Decyfer Down in Abilene March 27 were, I-r, Sasha Walker, Kymbre Kupatt, Cailey Foster, Morgan Frierson, Veronica Robledo, Carson Hadaway, Sara Duncan, Mackenzie Thomas and Lisa Hibbits.

Haskell Memorial Hospital receives tobacco funds monies

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has distributed \$92.3 million to Texas communities from the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account.

The money will help two cities, 159 counties, and 135 hospital districts recover their costs for indigent health care provided during 2007.

Haskell Memorial Hospital received a payment of \$34,840.36. The hospital reported \$782,249.46 of unreimbursed health care expenditures for 2007.

"This year the state is sending 12 percent more money to communities responsible for

providing indigent care," Combs said. "This money comes from Texas' settlement with tobacco companies and will help communities offset the costs of providing medical care for those who cannot pay."

The Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account, established after the state settled a lawsuit against tobacco companies, as of Dec. 31, 2007, had a balance of \$2.4 billion. The Comptroller manages and oversees the fund, with the guidance of the 11-member Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account Investment

Advisory Committee.

This year's distribution to local entities increased by about \$9.6 million over last year's distribution. Since the first distribution of funds in April 2001, local entities have received nearly \$430 million from the trust fund.

Cities, counties and hospital districts receive annual distributions of tobacco settlement money, based upon the amount of unreimbursed indigent health care they report to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Feral hog removal program receives funding

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) recently awarded Texas AgriLife Extension Service \$1 million for the agency's new Texas Feral Hog Control Program: Moving Towards A Long-Term Abatement Strategy.

Texas is home to more than 2 million feral hogs, the largest feral hog population in the U.S., and their numbers continue to increase due to high reproductive

potential and the lack of natural predators.

Feral hogs wreak havoc on property, livestock, crops and pastures across the state and frustrate landowners because of their destructive nature. In fact the Extension Service estimates the statewide annual economic damage caused by feral hogs is close to \$52 million.

The 80th Legislature directed

this \$1,000,000 in funding following a \$500,000 pilot project funded by the 79th Legislature. The pilot program was administered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Tech University through a TDA grant in 2006-2007 and did provide technical assistance to landowners at three sites, and promote educational events for other landowners statewide. The pilot project succeeded in removing more than 3,000 feral hogs, saving landowners/agricultural producers nearly \$3 million in losses.

Energy Star sales tax holiday for appliances set May 24-26

During Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes when they purchase certain energy efficient appliances and other household equipment bearing an Energy Star label. Shoppers are expected to save about \$2.6 million in state and local sales taxes.

"The Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday is a new annual tax holiday that gives Texans an extra incentive to replace old appliances with energy efficient models," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Shoppers will pay no sales tax on selected Energy Star products and they will save even more on their future utility bills as Energy Star qualified appliances use 10-50 percent less energy and water than standard models, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency."

The Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday applies only to the following appliances and household equipment: air conditioners priced less than

\$6,000, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs, programmable thermostats, refrigerators priced less than \$2,000 and clothes washers, but not clothes dryers. Energy Star does not label clothes dryers, because most models use about the same amount of energy.

To qualify for the sales tax exemption, the Energy Star logo must appear on the appliance, the packaging or the Energy Guide label. The tax break also applies to catalog or Internet sales of eligible products during Memorial Day weekend and to items placed on layaway or removed from layaway during that weekend.

"Conservation and energy diversity are critical for Texas to continue meeting the needs of a growing population and a thriving economy," Combs said. "The Legislature created the Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday to reward Texans for choosing the most energy efficient appliances

available and helping preserve the state's energy resources."

Energy Star is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. To earn the Energy Star, a product must meet strict energy efficiency guidelines.

According to Energy Star, qualified dishwashers use at least 41 percent less energy than conventional models meeting federal minimum standards. Qualified refrigerators use at least 15 percent less energy than conventional models; central air conditioners use 14 percent less energy; room air conditioners use 10 percent less energy; and ceiling fans that have earned the Energy Star are about 50 percent more efficient. Energy Star fluorescent light bulbs use about 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs.

The Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday is separate from Texas' annual August sales tax holiday on clothing and shoes, which this year is scheduled for Aug. 15-17.

USDA uses survey to measure crop production

The Agricultural Yield Survey is a primary tool used by USDA's National Agricultural Service (NASS) to measure crop production throughout the growing season. Data are collected each month from producers of:

- Small grains (May-August) winter wheat, oats
- Hay (August-October) alfalfa, other hay
- Row crops (August-November) corn, cotton, dry edible beans, peanuts, rice, soybeans, sorghum

The Agricultural Yield Survey is conducted in all states except Alaska and Hawaii. Data is gathered from a selected sample of producers who grow at least one of the crops of interest. The first month, respondents provide information on acres planted, acreage for harvest and expected yield per acre.

In the following months, the same operators update their expected yield per acre, enabling NASS to track any production changes that might result from

changing growing conditions.

Data collection methods include:

- Telephone—Computer-assisted telephone interviewing (or CATI) is the primary method.
- Mail—Participants fill out and mail back the questionnaire that was mailed to them.
- Internet—A new, secure electronic data reporting (EDR) option is the timeliest, most cost-effective method.
- Personal interviews—An interview with a NASS representative can be requested by the respondent.

Data from the Agricultural Yield Survey is a critical component of NASS's Crop Production Report, which provides a monthly measure of the current state of U.S. agricultural production. The survey enables NASS to track and

report on any changes that might occur due to weather, pests, disease and other factors.

All sectors of the U.S. agricultural industry—producers, buyers, suppliers, policymakers and others—rely on crop production estimates to make sound business decisions.

For example:

- The information can help producers develop marketing plans for their operations, determining what to produce and how and when to sell it.
- The information enables the industry to forecast transportation and storage requirements and evaluate export potential.
- USDA agencies and State Departments of Agriculture use the information to determine crop insurance and disaster aid payments along with other program benefits.

Crawford receives award

The Texas Tech University College of Engineering named Duffer B. Crawford, a former Haskell resident, as recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Engineer Award at a luncheon on the Texas Tech University campus April 4.

The Distinguished Engineer Award was established during the 1966-67 academic year to recognize the most outstanding alumni of the Texas Tech University College of Engineering. Since that time, 189 graduates of the College of Engineering have received this honor.

Recipients of the award must be distinguished in their profession, an inspiration to their peers, and have demonstrated a

continuing interest in areas outside the field of engineering.

Born in Ranger in 1919, Crawford is a 1941 chemical engineering graduate of Texas Technological College. He worked for a variety of organizations in his highly successful career, from the Manhattan Project to significant Liquefied Natural Gas breakthroughs at M.W. Kellogg Corporation. Crawford holds patents in low-temperature processes and continuous production of diverse materials. Since retiring from M.W. Kellogg, he has worked as a cryogenic consultant, specializing in review of new technology as it applies to the Liquefied Natural Gas Industry.

Wheat field day set

Wheat Producers from the Rolling Plains will have an opportunity to attend a Wheat Field Day Thurs., May 15 at the AgriPro Wheat Breeding Facility in Lockett.

Co-Sponsors of the field day, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, AgriPro Wheat, Syngenta Crop Protection, DuPont and Estes Chemical, have organized the day around topics of current interest to area producers. Dr. Bill Raun of Oklahoma State University will lead a discussion of the new GreenSeeker technology which is designed to rapidly evaluate crop health and nutrient needs. Dr. Gaylon Morgan from Texas AgriLife Extension Service in College Station will be in the field to inform producers about the economics of leaf rust infection and control. Dr. Todd Baughman, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

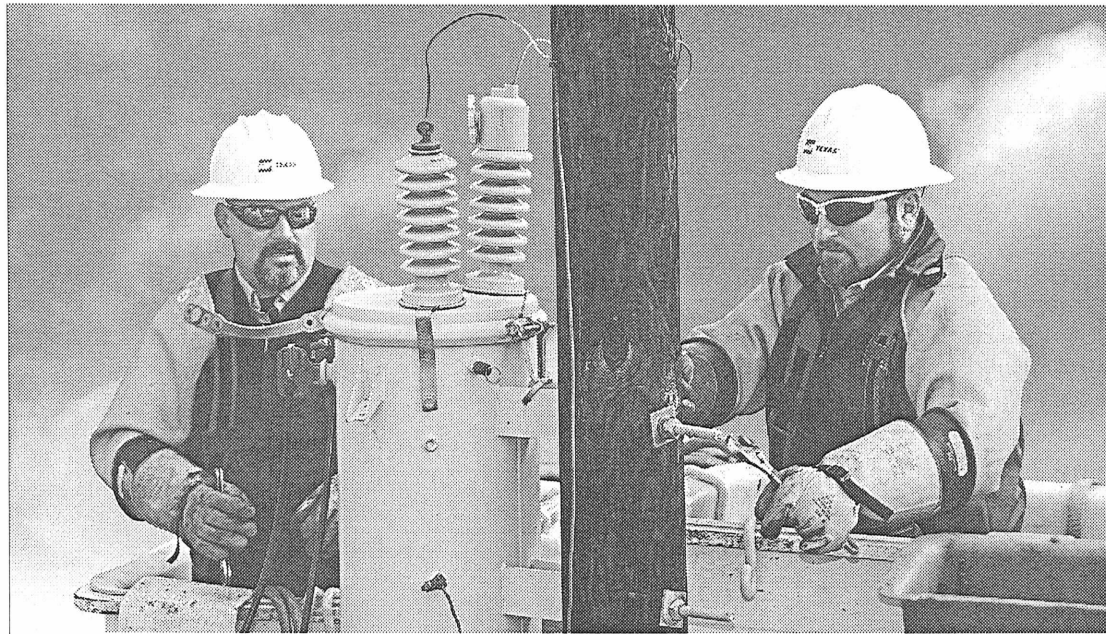
in Vernon will team with Rob Borchardt of AgriPro Wheat to introduce producers to the newest wheat and triticale varieties from AgriPor, Texas A&M, Oklahoma State and others.

Representatives from various crop protection suppliers will offer advice on maximizing crop profitability. Prior to a sponsored lunch, Rachel Myers with The Texas Wheat Producers Board, will explain to producers how their checkoff dollars are reinvested in marketing and research to assist in farm profitability and efficiency. Also, a panel of area producers will share their experiences utilizing anhydrous ammonia as a topdress fertilizer in the spring.

Participants will be eligible for 3 C.E.U.'s.

For more information call: Langdon Reagan 940-552-5474 or Rob Borchardt 940-552-8881.

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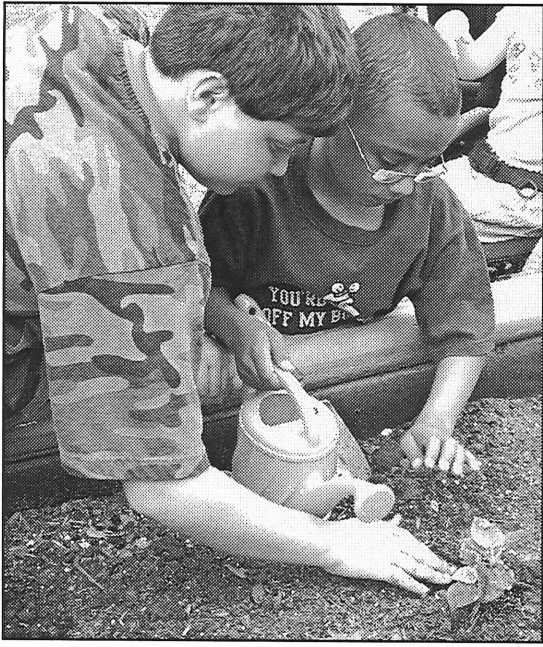
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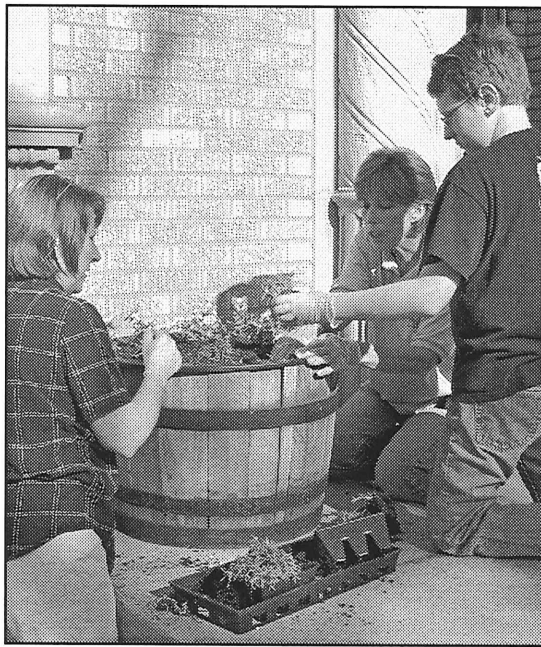
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PLANT FLOWERS—Haskell fifth grader Dakota Baumbach, left, assists Kindergarten student P.J. Pryor plant a flower outside the Kindergarten classroom. The project is funded by a Learn & Serve Grant.



SPRING PLANTING—Karen Smart, left, and Edie Strickland, center, help Rochester Junior High student Steven Schmeigner with spring planting at the school's campus.



DIRT MANICURE—Kindergarten student Shelby Stone waits to wash up after the dirt manicure she received while helping to plant flowers at the Haskell Elementary School. The project was made possible by a Learn & Serve grant.

USDA to conduct survey

During the upcoming June Area Survey, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be out and about accounting for approximately 1,400 square miles of land throughout the state.

As part of the nationwide survey, NASS representatives will be knocking on the doors of producers on selected land to collect information about their land uses and agricultural activities.

"The June Area Survey is one of the largest and most comprehensive surveys conducted each year by NASS," explained David Abbe, director of the NASS Texas Field Office.

"By providing an in-depth look at land uses and agricultural activities, the survey provides the most timely, accurate and useful information on the current condition of U.S. agriculture. "Understanding that the information we gather is only as good as the source it comes from, we are counting on the most reliable, frontline source of information for this survey—the producers themselves," added Abbe.

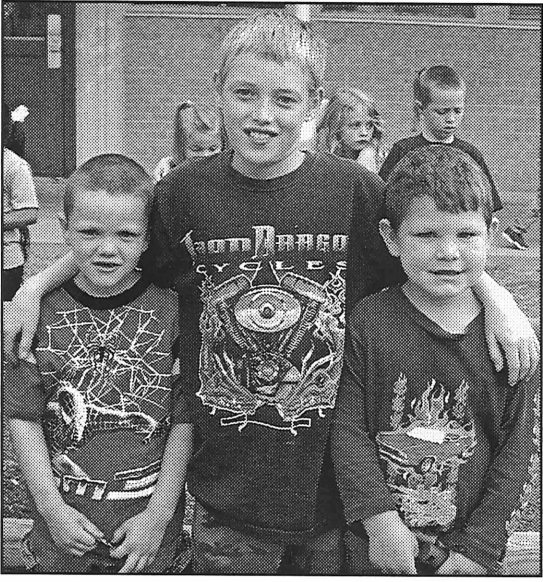
During the first two weeks of June, NASS representatives will visit predetermined areas of land

in Texas and conduct personal interviews with the owners and operators of any farm or ranch on that land. NASS will collect information on farm numbers, crop acreage, genetically modified crop acreage, grain stocks, livestock inventory, cash rents and land values, and the value of sales.

The information from the June Area Survey will be used extensively by NASS in its ongoing survey and estimation programs. The survey provides direct data, or is a critical component, for a host of NASS reports, including: the monthly Crop Production report, annual Acreage report and inventory reports for Cattle, Hogs and Pigs, and Sheep and Goats.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Abbe.

All reports are available on the NASS web site www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Texas Field Office at 1-800-626-3142.



PLANTING BUDDIES—Haskell fifth grader Richard Wilson, center, wait with Kindergartners Braxton Jackson, left, and Steven Crain, right, for their turn to plant flowers during a planting project at Haskell Elementary School. The project is funded by a Learn & Serve grant.



BEAUTIFYING THEIR CAMPUS—Nichole Smith, left, and Stacy Lowe help beautify the Rochester Junior High campus with a spring planting of flowers.

Water shut-off

You should know where the main water shut-off valve is on your property.

You'll need to use that valve if you ever have a major water emergency like a water line break. In fact, every member of your household should know where the valve is. And everyone should know how to close it. It's also a good idea to mark the main shut-off with an easy to locate identification tag.

The plumbing fixtures in your home also have a shut-off valve to use for minor repairs and emergencies. Show family members how to operate them and where they are located on sinks, toilets, water heaters and the washing machine.

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SPRING PLANTING—Haskell Elementary students, l-r, Rudy Gonzalez, Reagan Hadaway, Alyssa Abila finish planting a gold lantana in front of the school. Riley Meinzer and Amie Munoz, back, wait to water the plants. This project is a continuation of a Learn and Serve grant received by the school district.

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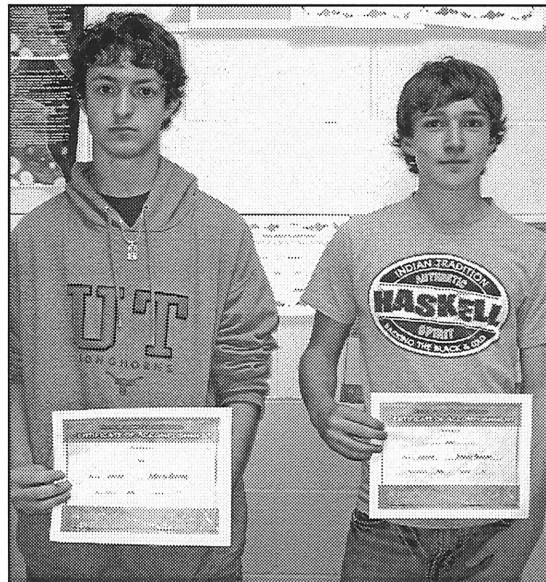
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SEVENTH GRADE MAVIS LEADERS—Leading the Rochester Junior High with their keyboarding scores are, l-r, Carson Hadaway, 53 wpm; Shelby Dunnam, 51 wpm; Caitlan Johnson, 39 wpm; and Delecia Garcia, 37 wpm.

Haskell School Menu

May 12-16
Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast bagel
Tuesday: Blueberry muffin
Wednesday: Cereal, graham crackers, Elementary: Bluebonnet breakfast
Thursday: Cheese omelet, toast
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: Popcorn chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot roll, pineapple tidbits
Tuesday: Beefy nachos, salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, Mandarin orange salad
Wednesday: Corndogs, macaroni and cheese, baby carrots, ranch dressing, fresh fruit
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, breadstick, Italian green beans, peaches, HS only: fried okra
Friday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cookie, Elem. and JH: fries, HS: assorted chips, HS only: Outdoor picnic



EIGHTH GRADE MAVIS LEADERS—Ryan Baumbach, left, and Dylan Cooke lead the Rochester eighth grade on the Mavis Beacon keyboarding program. Baumbach types 51 wpm with 96 percent accuracy. Cooke scores 47 wpm with 96 percent accuracy.

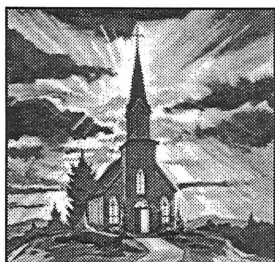
Paint Creek School Menu

May 12-16
Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: French toast
Tuesday: Toast or cereal
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Biscuits, gravy
Friday: No school
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Tater tot casserole, blackeyed peas, salad, peach cobbler
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, chocolate cake
Wednesday: Ham, mac and cheese, squash, salad, bread, apple crisp
Thursday: Hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, fruit
Friday: No school

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., May 12
Lunch—Porkie meatballs and tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, Coke cake, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., May 14
Lunch—Turkey pattie, gravy, potatoes, ranch beans, onion, pickles, garlic toast, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., May 16
Lunch—King ranch chicken, onions, pickles, green beans, sweet potatoes, cornbread, jello, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

This Week's Devotional Message:



GIVE YOUR MOTHER THE LOVE AND HONOR SHE HAS EARNED

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

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East Side Baptist Church
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600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
Ron Renniegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.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
—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
—RULE—
First Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
Church of Christ
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
First United Methodist Church
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 Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
—PAINT CREEK—
Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
—O'BRIEN—
O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

HHS receives TxDOT All-Night Party grant

To help defray the cost of all-night high school graduation events, the Texas Department of Transportation is again awarding area high schools with a mini-grant.

Called Project Celebration 2008, Haskell High School is among 29 high schools in the Abilene District taking part in TxDOT's graduation program. Each participating school will receive a \$350 mini-grant.
"According to the traffic safety coordinator, these mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Celebration event, but to provide seed money for schools to start and support alcohol and drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover expenses such as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rentals and the like.
Mitchell said this program, which began in 1984 with only two schools, is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state.

CTFC holds annual stockholders meeting

Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA recently held the area stockholders meetings in Brownwood, Coleman, Haskell, San Angelo and Brady. Voting stockholders of the association elected four directors to serve three-year terms. Those elected were Chris West of Baird, Robby A. Halfmann of Ballinger, Jerry Don Klose of Haskell and Mike Finlay of Lohn. Current Board members in addition to those elected include Cody Richmond of Blanket, Larry Damron of Comanche, Richard L. Johnson of Coleman, Mickey Dillard of Eden, A. Wayland Shurley of Stamford, Brent M. Heinze of Miles and Glenn T. Miller of Brady.
The association expressed its appreciation to Lavon Beakley from Rule for his service as a board member for the past twenty-seven years and

presented him with a plaque and a watch for his dedicated service. James Isenhower, CEO, informed the stockholders of the association's financial condition and results of operations. The association has worked to keep interest rates as low as possible for the borrowers and returned a patronage in the amount of \$2.5 million to the stockholders in March of this year. The association continues to remain financially strong with excellent earnings and capital positions. In 2007, the association closed 366 loans for nearly \$88 million. The association has the ability to provide financing to our stockholders for all their agricultural credit needs including short-term, intermediate-term and long-term operating and real estate loans. This ability not only provides the association with expanded opportunities for growth and diversification, but also provides the public with a premier source of stable and competitive agricultural financing. Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA has offices in Coleman, Brownwood, Comanche, Haskell, San Angelo, and Brady with 22 employees to serve approximately 2,000 customers in 20 counties in West and Central Texas.

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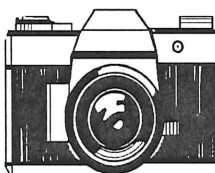
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
The Haskell Bancshares, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan, and Robert Howard, Dan R. Griffith and Andrew Gannaway, acting as trustees of The Haskell Bancshares, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan, Haskell, Texas, is applying to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to control up to approximately 18.04% of the outstanding shares of common stock of Haskell Bancshares, Inc., Haskell, Texas, the parent company of the Haskell National Bank, Haskell, Texas, pursuant to the Change in Bank Control Act of 1978 (12 USC 1817(j)).

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Banking Supervision, P.O. Box 655906, Dallas, Texas 75265-5906. The comment period will not end before May 28, 2008, and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262 (as revised, 49 Federal Register 5603 (February 14, 1984)). Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25 (1984). To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the notice, contact Mr. Vincent Pacheco, Director of Applications, at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, at 214-922-6244. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received by the Reserve Bank on or before the last date of the comment period. 19c



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Candace Brister

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District would like to thank all the area churches who accepted our soil stewardship material to distribute during Soil Stewardship Week. As you are all aware of, there is a great need of taking care of this land the Good Lord has provided us with. It is with great appreciation that you take the time to get the information out to the community through the inserts we provide for your bulletin and even greater if you can use the Church Leaders Guide for a sermon or just for some helpful information. Once again, thanks to all the churches who participated in helping celebrate Soil Stewardship Week. If by chance we missed your church, please feel free to call the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District at 940-864-8516 ext. 4 to get on the list for next year. We will gladly distribute it to any and all churches of Haskell County.

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1402 N. AVE. K. Nice three bedroom, two bath home. Property has large kitchen-dining, living and utility room, covered back porch, two carports, good storage buildings, large trees and some furniture.

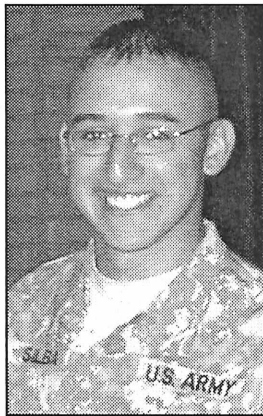
201 N. AVE. F. This property is a "must see" and is one of Haskell's finest! The two-story beautiful vintage home is located on "Brick Street" with many desirable qualities and amenities. The downstairs floor has an entry accessing the stairway to the upstairs, a half bath, the formal living and dining rooms, kitchen and breakfast area and the family den. These areas have 10 ft. ceilings with beautiful crown molding, wood floors, a fireplace and French doors. Upstairs there is a landing at the top of the stairway, three large bedrooms, two baths and a sleeping porch. There is a basement, well and sprinkler system, detached garage and apartment and many other items too numerous to mention. Please call for an appointment.

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Jeff Silba visits local school campuses



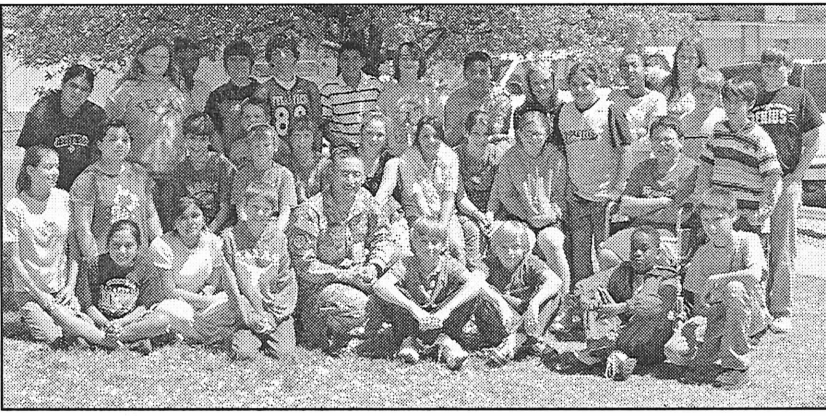
JEFF SILBA

U.S. Army Specialist Jeff Silba visited the Rochester Junior High Fri., May 2. He is the son of Jesse and Francis Silba of Haskell.

Introduced by his former teacher, Cathy Bartley and his aunt Dora Torres, he shared information about his involvement with the Army while stationed in Northern Iraq.

Home on leave since April 16, Silba returned to Iraq May 5 to serve nine more months. When he returns, he will begin three more years of service in the Army. His future plans include joining the Austin Police Department and working his way up to the Austin Swat team.

Silba told his audience that he enlisted in the Army because he

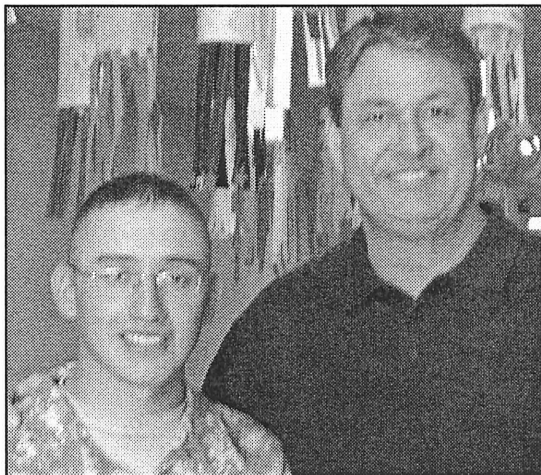


LESSON FROM IRAQ—Haskell Elementary sixth graders enjoyed hearing about Army life in Iraq Fri., April 18, from a former Haskell student, Jeffry Silba. Pictured are, l-r, front row, Christina Villa, Jamaica Castorena, Josh Frame, Jeffry Silba, Kyle Kimbrough, J.T. Schmegner, Nate Dever and Kelby Bell; middle row, Beca Raynes, Selena Rojas, Colton English, Zach Tatum, Micah Thomas, Emmett Benton, Emily Fouts, Megan Glover, Marlee Andrada, Maegan Hearn and Andrew Hearn; back row, Rocio Ortega, Kelly Crain, April Brown, Seth Rock, Aaron Waggoner, Jared Masias, Matthew Martinez, Daniel Contreras, Kaley Mathis, Zierra Alexander, Jasmine Dever, Cheyenne Hill, Austin Trussell, Dakota Silvas and Braeden Alves. Their social studies teacher is Tonya Cypert. This project is a final activity for a Veteran's Learn & Serve Grant. Program coordinators are Paula Everett and Debbie Miller.

had two cousins who were serving in the military who were his role models.

He is in charge of four, soon to be five, soldiers. Soldiers learn to trust and protect each other at all times. His friends are like his family.

He shared stories about family life in Iraq.



SILBA VISITS—Jeffry Silba, left, recently promoted to Spc. in U.S. Army, visited Haskell Elementary sixth grade classes to thank students for all the thank you notes and packages that were sent to his troop stationed in northern Iraq. He talked about his day-to-day activities in the Army and expressed his appreciation for all the support from home. Pictured with him is his former elementary principal, Jim Lisle.

Rule awards program set

The Rule High School awards will be presented Tues., May 13. The meal will be served at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria followed by awards in the auditorium.

The menu includes spaghetti, salad, garlic toast and cobbler, cherry or peach. Cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for junior high and elementary students. High school students being honored will not pay. Everyone else that eats will be expected to pay.

Freshman parents are responsible to clean up the kitchen and cafeteria either following the meal or awards. Be prepared to stay until things are cleaned.

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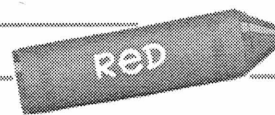
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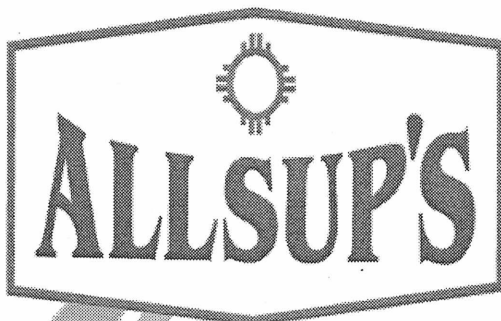
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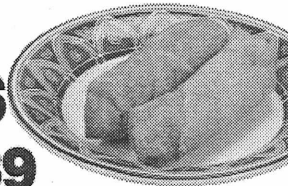
ASSORTED FLAVORS
POWERADE
32 OZ. BOTTLE

2 FOR \$2.00



ALLSUP'S **"MOO"**
BUY 12 GALLONS OF FRESH ALLSUP'S MILK... GET ONE FREE!
Collect 12 Milk "Moo" Stickers Today & One Gallon Free Milk For A Year!

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**LANA'S
EGG ROLLS**
2 FOR \$1.39



**BAR-S PREMIUM DELI
TURKEY
BREAST**
12 OZ. PKG.

\$2.59



**BAR-S 12 OZ. PKG.
MEAT FRANKS**

89¢

MORE SPECIALS

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| LANA'S APPLE PIE ROLLS PER ORDER | 2 FOR \$1.39 |
| ALLSUP'S ICE CREAM GALLON | \$3.79 |
| BLUE BUNNY COOL TUBES 4 OZ. | 2 FOR \$1.00 |
| DON PABLO'S ASST. TORTILLA CHIPS REG. \$2.49 | 3 FOR \$5.00 |
| M&M MARS CANDY BARS SELECT GROUP REGULAR SIZE | 2 FOR \$1.00 |
| SHURFINE ORANGE JUICE GALLON | \$3.99 |
| ALLSUP'S SANDWICH BREAD 24 OZ. / 99¢ EACH OR | 2 FOR \$1.69 |
| ALLSUP'S WHEAT BREAD 24 OZ. / \$1.09 EACH OR | 2 FOR \$1.89 |
| BAR-S BACON 12 OZ. | \$1.99 |
| NISSIN CUP-O-NOODLES ASST. 2.25 OZ. | 2 FOR \$1.00 |
| CHEETO'S ASSORTED FLAVORS REG. \$1.29 | 99¢ |
| MALT-O-MEAL CEREAL DYNO BITES REGULAR OR COCOA | 2 FOR \$6.99 |
| PUFFS TISSUES 96 CT. OR 132 CT. | BUY ONE GET ONE FREE |

COMBO MEALS

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| COMBO NO. 1 BACON/EGG BISCUIT & 16 OZ. COFFEE | \$2.09 | COMBO NO. 6 3 TAMALES, HOWLERS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.69 |
| COMBO NO. 2 SAUSAGE/EGG BISCUIT & 16 OZ. COFFEE | \$2.09 | COMBO NO. 7 2 HOT LINKS WITH BREAD & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.59 |
| COMBO NO. 3 BBQ SANDWICH & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.09 | COMBO NO. 8 2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.69 |
| COMBO NO. 4 HOMESTYLE POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.79 | COMBO NO. 9 CHIMICHANGA & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.49 |
| COMBO NO. 5 SPICY POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.79 | COMBO NO. 10 2 BEEF & BEAN BURRITOS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP | \$2.69 |