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Calendar

Homework workshop

Region 14 Education Center will be hosting 'Homework a Family Affair,' a homework workshop for parents and staff, at Haskell Elementary from today, March 6, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Child-care is provided. Call 864-2654 for information.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the City Hall annex today, Thurs., March 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Homecoming

The Old Glory schools homecoming will be held Sat., Aug. 30 (Labor Day weekend). Homecoming committee members are Herbert Vahlenkamp 817-989-2821, Alene (Trice) Collins 817-864-2243, Martha (Neumann) Bruns 817-864-2193, Billie Joe (Baitz) Freeman 817-997-2618, Celinda (Vahlenkamp) Allison 817-997-2202, and Shirley (Davis) Smith 817-997-2530. Please contact Herbert Vahlenkamp, Rt. 1, Old Glory, TX 79540 or Shirley Smith, P. O. Box 304, Rule, TX 79547 with address changes.

Kuenstler to speak

Rev. Truett Kuenstler will be the guest speaker March 9 at the First Baptist Church in Rochester for the 11 a.m. service. Bro. Kuenstler, the former pastor of First Baptist Church for fifteen years, is presently the chaplain at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Everyone is invited. Truett and his wife, Laverne, will both be present.

Revival

The Church of God in Haskell will hold a revival March 9-12 with Rev. Gilbert Deltoro, evangelist. Evening services will begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Philadelphian Club

The Rule Philadelphian Club will observe their 75th anniversary Sat., March 15 at 2 p.m. at the Clubhouse. The diamond jubilee celebration will be celebrated with a program of a brief history of the club and special recognition of past officers and invited guests.

Eastern Star

The Rule Chapter No. 989 Order of the Eastern Star will meet Thurs., March 6 at 7:30 p.m. for a stated meeting.

Study Club

The Haskell Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Community Room. Theme will be 'There's Within My Heart A Melody.' Great Women Christian Leaders singing review will be presented by guests June Gill, music; Betty Dun, vocalist; and Annadelle Turnbull, narrator.

Spring Break

Students from Haskell CISD and Paint Creek ISD will be enjoying spring break next week March 10-14. Regular classes will resume on Monday, March 17.

Hee Haw

Dates for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw have been set. The 1997 edition of the funniest music and comedy extravaganza this side of the Brazos River will be April 3-5 at the Sagerton Community Center. The evenings will begin with the lunchroom opening at 5:30 p.m. Music will begin at 7 p.m. with the show starting at 8 p.m. Tickets sales will be announced at a later date.

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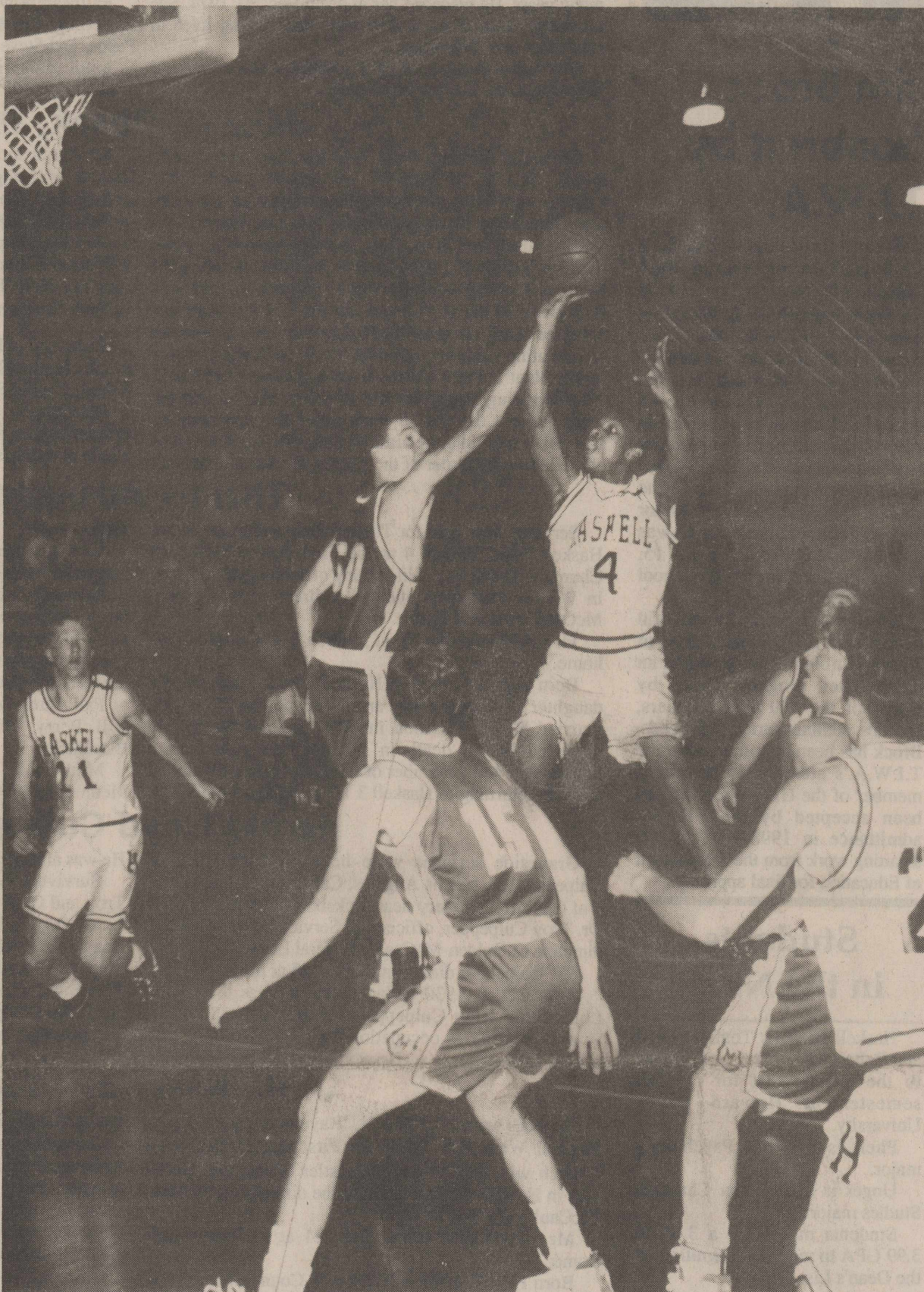
Watch for children during Spring Break

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TWO POINTS—Indian Carl Riley shoots for two against Mason during the game for the area title. The Indian stomped Mason 74-50.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

CRP sign-up underway

Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director of the Haskell County FSA Office announced that the 15th Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Sign-Up No. 15 opened Mon., March 3, and will extend through Fri., March 28. Eligible landowners can sign up at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office.

During the sign-up period, operators of eligible cropland and those with expiring CRP contracts may apply to participate in the CRP. Payment terms and cost share assistance are determined by each contract. The term of the contract must run for 10 to 15 years.

Under the CRP, farmers and

ranchers receive a rental fee and cost-share assistance from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) in return for converting environmentally sensitive acreage to desirable environmental practices. Planting permanent vegetative cover on highly erodible land and certain other acreages can improve water and air quality as well as benefiting many species of wildlife.

The USDA recently published new regulations governing the CRP, under which only the most environmentally sensitive land may be enrolled. The purpose of the change is to maximize environmental benefits and keep the most productive land working.

Acreage currently under CRP contract that are due to expire can be re-offered for participation. "Here in Haskell county we have 39,981 acres enrolled in the program, and the contracts on 21,273 acres will expire this fall," said Brzozowski. "Much of that acreage will be eligible for re-enrollment under the new rules, and operators will have to apply during this sign-up period if they want to participate."

Existing CRP contracts cannot be extended, and new contracts must be executed for all acreage enrolled this year.

The sign-up period does not apply to certain highly desirable environmental practices, including field windbreaks, shelter belts, riparian buffers, filter strips, and shallow water areas for wildlife. Farmers and ranchers can apply at any time for contract for these special practices under FSA's Continuous Sign-up program.

Haskell City Council election slated May 3

Persons who wish to file for seats on the Haskell City Council may do so until March 19.

Seats for re-election include two year terms currently held by Kenny Watson, Fred Hernandez and Sue Medford. A one-year term for the seat currently held by Don Kretschmer is also up for re-election. Kretschmer was appointed to fill the term of David Davis, who was elected County Judge.

Don Kretschmer has filed for the unexpired one-year term. Fred Hernandez and Sue Medford have also filed for a two year position.

To file for a seat on the council drop by city hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Election day is May 3.

Indians lose to Italy, 81-63 in second round

The Haskell Indians ended their season against Italy on Saturday at Wisdom Gym in Stephenville. Italy defeated the Indians 81-63 to earn the right to play in the state tournament in Austin.

Haskell never gained the lead in a high pressure game against Italy. They got within 5 points on a field goal by Casey Burgess and two Matthew McCord layups in the third quarter, but just couldn't

overcome Italy's lead.

McCord led Haskell's scoring with 20 points followed by Burgess with 15 and Jason Briles with 11.

Matthew McCord and Casey Burgess were named to the all-tournament team.

The Indians finished an exciting basketball season 28-4.

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| Haskell | 17 | 22 | 10 | 14 | 63 |
| Italy | 30 | 18 | 16 | 17 | 81 |

Indians defeat Peaster in first round of play

The Haskell Indians played Peaster in the first round of the regional tournament on Friday night in Stephenville.

Haskell pulled ahead in the final 11 seconds to break a tie by making free throws to claim a 96-93 win.

The Indians led 93-90 when Peaster's Travis Hull was fouled on a 3-point attempt with 22 seconds remaining in the game. Hull's free throws were good making the score tied at 93.

Casey Burgess was fouled by

Peaster who made two free throws for a 95-93 lead. Bobby Ortiz drew a foul as Peaster moved the ball up the court with four seconds left in the game.

Haskell inbounded the ball and Carl Riley was fouled. He made one of two free throws with 2.6 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

Haskell claimed the victory 96-93 to move up the bracket to meet Italy on Saturday.

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| Haskell | 25 | 28 | 16 | 27 | 96 |
| Peaster | 26 | 18 | 20 | 29 | 93 |

Car show winners named by Fire Dept.

Over thirty entries were made in the first annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department's car show last Saturday. Entries began coming in around 8 a.m. Saturday morning.

Classes and winners are as follows:

Late Great through 64: 1st place Jerry Stocks, '55 Ford; 2nd place Walter Buerger, '31 Model A; and 3rd place Jim Caldwell, '56 Nash.

Street machines: 1st place Richard May, '30 Model Ford; 2nd place James Dunlap, '48 Ford; 3rd place Robert Villages, '55 Chevy.

Hot rods: 1st place Jerry Briscoe, '72 Vega; 2nd place Linda Briscoe, '74 Datsun; and 3rd place Carlos Andrada, '74 Cuda.

Older pickups through 80: 1st place John Watson, Jr., '64 Ford; 2nd place Cody Stocks, '62 Ford; 3rd place Joe DeLaCruz, '67 Chevy.

Pickups 80 and up: 1st place Derek Franklin, '92 Chevy; 2nd place Coy Scoggins, '95 Chevy; and 3rd place Roy Scoggins, '89 GMC.

Winning the People's Choice award was Richard Allen May, with his '30 Model Ford. James Dunlap won the Best of Show trophy, with his '48 Ford.

A drawing was held for a mountain bike that was won by Bill Markunas.

A Hot Wheels race was held for the kids at 1:30. Winning 1st place was Bryson Trussell. Otis Thomas won 2nd place.

Deadline to file for Rule Council is March 19

Terms of councilmen Sid Hester, Ernie Carreon and James Marquis will expire on the Rule City Council. Holdovers will be Tammie Sorrells, Bobby Robinson and Mayor Malcolm Hertenberger. Deadline for filing is March 19. No one has filed for available positions as of press time.



HOT RACE—Firemen Danny Stocks, Kenny Watson and Coy Scoggins watch the finish line to determine the winner during the Hot Wheels race held at the car show on Saturday.

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JIM BROCK

Jim Brock honored by T.I.W.A.

Jimmy Don "Jim" Brock, a 1958 graduate of Haskell High School, was recently honored by the Texas Interscholastic Wrestling Association (T.I.W.A.), the U.I.L. version of High School Wrestling.

Brock was inducted into the T.I.W.A. Hall of Honor by the Executive Director, Jim Giana. He was recognized for his outstanding contributions and dedication to the sport of amateur wrestling in the state of Texas as an administrator and friend. This award was presented to Brock, Feb. 15, preceding the Texas High School Championship Finals.

Brock was presented a beautiful plaque with a gold plated state of Texas emblem along with an autographed program signed by many; of the 500 plus wrestlers, coaches, administrators, and friends. Brock has been instrumental in the T.I.W.A.'s attempts to become a member of the U.I.L. Wrestling has been accepted by the U.I.L. for admittance in 1998-1999 and is awaiting work from the State Board of Education for final approval.

Students in the News

Haskell students Tomi E. Pheil and Rebecca K. Unger were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Howard Payne University.

Pheil is a senior Psychology major.

Unger is a freshman Christian Studies major.

Students must earn a 3.65 to 3.99 GPA to receive recognition on the Dean's List.

Obituaries

Fadua Salman

Services were held for Fadua Salman, 85, of Haskell, formerly of Rochester, N.Y., Feb. 26 at Faith Chapel in Rochester with Sister Kathryn Byrd officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Salman died Mon., Feb. 24 at a Haskell hospital.

Born Sept. 6, 1911 in Choufat, Lebanon, she married Frank Salman on May 1, 1941 in Mexico. They owned and operated Frank's Department Store in Rochester for many years. He preceded her in death Dec. 20, 1974. She moved to Haskell about five years ago, having lived in Rochester over fifty years.

She was a member of Faith Chapel in Rochester and belonged to the Eastern Star Lodge.

Survivors include two daughters, Naviha Aboul Hosn of Fort Worth, and Laela Martin of Haskell; two brothers, Nagib Hassanielle and Samia Hassanielle, both of Mexico City, Mexico; two sisters, Zahia Sabb of Mexico City and Sue Ameen of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Joel Aboul Hosn, Kathy Dominequez, Andy Martin and Katy Martin; and six great-grandchildren, Joe Mac Aboul Hosn, II, Jessica Aboul Hosn, Najat Balack, Ricky Dominequez, Jamilla Dominequez and Hayat Dominequez.

Pallbearers were Raja Hassen, Fareed Hassen, Bob Easterling, Randy Hollingsworth, Bill McSmith, Steve Pepper and Steve Barbour.

Memorials may be made to the Noah Project, Haskell, TX 79521.

Jake C. Dusak, Sr.

Graveside services were held for Jake Christopher Dusak, Sr., 71, of Haskell Sat., March 1 at Bolivar Cemetery with Rev. Owen Rushing officiating. Services were directed by Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Dusak died Wed., Feb. 25 in an Abilene hospital.

Born March 10, 1925 in East Bernard, he attended Bernard Prairie School. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U. S. Navy on the U.S.S. Kwajalein for three years. He moved to Haskell in 1969 to work as an operating engineer, building the West Texas Utilities power plant at Paint Creek. He was a member of Local 178 Operating Engineers for 45 years. He worked for Riley Stoker Corp. for 35 years. After his retirement, he sold bar-b-q around the Haskell area. He was a member of the Fraternity Order of the Eagles. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah "Pat" Dusak of Haskell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Margie and John Ledbetter of Sanger, and Nina and Wayne Converse of Woodward, Okla.; one son, Jake Dusak Jr. of Haskell; two brothers, Frank Dusak of Houston and Albert Dusak of Wharton; three sisters, Sophie Hadjik of Rosenberg, Lucy Prazek of Houston, and Bertha Engleheart of East Bernard; five grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers were Jeffery Converse, Danny Pilcik, Mark Pilcik, Mike Sons, Steve McEwan, Tony Krause, Lenard Sanders, and Bud Howeth.

Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605 or donor's favorite charity.

Thelma Atkinson

Services were held for Thelma Perry Atkinson, 87, of Haskell Tues., March 4 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Sid Parsley officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Atkinson died Mon., March 3 at a Haskell care home.

Born Sept. 24, 1909 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of Wayne Perry and Gertrude Hamilton. She married R. A. Atkinson in 1969 in Fort Worth. He preceded her in death in August 1994. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church, returning to Haskell 3 1/2 years ago from Water Valley.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Hoyt Perry and Press Perry.

Survivors include four nephews, Ray Perry and Don Perry, both of Haskell; Gene Perry of Stanton, and Bill Perry of San Antonio; two nieces, Frances Blacklock of Austin and Jane Perry of Fort Worth; and several great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Ray Perry, Gene Perry, Don Perry, Bill Perry, Rick Perry, Billy Perry and Wayne Blacklock.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell, TX 79521.

Harold Lloyd Culpepper

Graveside services were held for Harold Lloyd Culpepper, 66, of Los Angeles, California Tues., March 4 at Cundiff Cemetery near Jacksboro with his brother, Dr. Troy Culpepper, officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Culpepper died Thurs., Feb. 27 at his home.

Born Oct. 8, 1930 in Jacksboro, he was the son of Lonnie and Ruth Culpepper. He was a U. S. Army veteran, serving as occupation forces in Germany, and also in the Korean War. He worked as a factory laborer.

He was affiliated with the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include one brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Troy and Gene Culpepper of Haskell; one step-brother, L. C. Bays of Arkansas; four step-sisters, Blanche Baggett and Johnnie Hilliard, both of Lewisville. Jean Meeks of Mineola, and Dorsey Schneekloth of Seattle, Washington; two nephews, James Culpepper of Abilene and Robert Culpepper of Dallas.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell, TX 79521.

J. R. 'Raymond' Davis

Services were held for J. R. 'Raymond' Davis, 94, of Haskell Wed, Feb. 26 at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Truett Kuenstler officiating. Burial was in Howard Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis died Mon., Feb. 24 at a Haskell care home.

Born Feb. 9, 1903 in Robertson County, he came to Haskell County in 1906. He married Lillian Pirkle on Jan. 8, 1922 in Haskell. She preceded him in death on Sept. 1, 1988. He was a farmer and a member of the Paint Creek Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers, five

sisters, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Survivors include three daughters, Retha Region of Abilene; Frankie Bose of Hawley, and Johnnie Lytle of Midland; three sons, Boyd 'Red' Davis of Hobbs, N.M., Taylor Davis of Clyde, and Jerry A. Davis of Wichita Falls; 16 grandchildren, 50 great grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James Robert Crawford, Jack Daniels, Jack Medford, Bobby Gene Tidwell, Billy Jack Ray and Clois Thomas.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehab Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605.

Mable Witt

Graveside services will be held for Mable Witt, 91, of Haskell Friday in Mounds Cemetery in Mounds, Okla.

Mrs. Witt died Sat., March 1 at Munday Nursing Home.

Born April 4, 1905 in Oklahoma Territory, she married Raymond Witt.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include one nephew, Charles Harvey, of Haskell.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, Mounds, Oklahoma.



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ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY—Webelos Scouts who earned their Arrow of Light award were honored with a special ceremony at the Blue and Gold Banquet held Saturday night. Presented with the Arrow of Light were Ross Halgrove with his parents Tom and Peggy Halgrove, Joseph Felty with his parents Dewayne and Jonita Felty, A. J. Shaw with his parents Randy and Lisa Shaw and Ryan Barnes with his parents Todd and Cindy Barnes. Scoutmaster Kenneth Patton of Troop 136 made the presentation of Cub Scout's highest award to the Webelos. Scott Kennedy also earned the award but was unable to attend the banquet.

Haskell FHA members journey to Arlington

Ten members of the Haskell Chapter of Future Homemakers of America attended the Region 2 Conference held in Arlington, on Feb. 28-March 1. The chapter members were among approximately 1000 delegates that attended the two day conference. The youth developed theme, "Unlock the Possibilities with FHA/HERO" was carried out through workshop and general

sessions where members discovered ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth. Those attending from Haskell were Meg McManamon, Angela Craig, Misty Silvas, Bergen Peiser, life skills that are beneficial in every aspect of life. National FHA Week was Feb. 10-14. The 52 members of the Haskell Chapter had activities each day in recognition of this event.

Lori McDermott, Katie Thompson, Kevin Wallace, Albert Enriquez, B.J. Opsahl, and Demi Casiano. Traveling with group were Betsy McManamon and Wanda Thompson, adviser. Future Homemakers of America is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Through this organization, members gain many leadership and

Paint Creek FHA members attend conference

The Paint Creek Chapter of Future Homemakers of America attended the Region II Conference held in Arlington on Feb. 28-March 1. The chapter members were among approximately 1000 delegates attending the two day conference. The youth developed theme, "Unlock the Possibilities With FHA/HERO" was carried out through workshop and general sessions where members discovered ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth. Some of the issues that were addressed at the meeting were: Public Relations, Family Ties, Depression, Eating Disorders, and Child Abuse.

STAR Events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) are competitive events in which members participate at regional meetings. These events allow the members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition. Selina Salinas, Delinda Strickland, and Emily Wheat presented a tri-fold display that contained all the activities that the chapter participated in so far this year. The STAR Event they entered was Chapter Showcase. The team placed first at Regional and will go to state competition in Dallas on April 17-19. Amy Barbour, Halee Walton, and Crystal Hill also participated in a STAR Event entitled Focus on Children. They gave a presentation and showed a video about a project they

completed with the children in Paint Creek's day care center. They also placed first and will advance to state.

This weekend was very informative for the FHA/HERO Chapter. The following people were present in addition to the STAR Event participants: Ashley Medford, voting delegate, Yolanda Rodriguez, April Terrell, Susan Acosta, Heather Hobbs, Stefanie Isbell, and Bridgett Silvas. Mrs. Cherry Pittcock and Mrs. Launa Medford attended as sponsors.

The delegates heard Chad Foster, the inventor of McDonald's playground surface, speak about the importance of always talking to people, no matter who they are because you never know who

you're taking to and who can help you later on in life.

Future Homemakers of America is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Future Homemakers of America is considered the "best kept secret."

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Child Care Providers meet in Stamford

Haskell Jones County Child Care Providers met on Mon. for the Feb. meeting at the home of Skeet Dennis in Stamford. Following a pot luck meal, the program "Avoiding Child Care Burnout" was presented (the first course in a series of three for Professionalism) by Mary Daniel from People for Progress Inc. Child Care Training Services of Sweetwater.

Meetings in March and April are scheduled for the remaining courses. Door prizes were awarded following the meeting. Persons in child care and child development centers attended from Haskell, Munday, Knox City, Throckmorton, also Stamford and

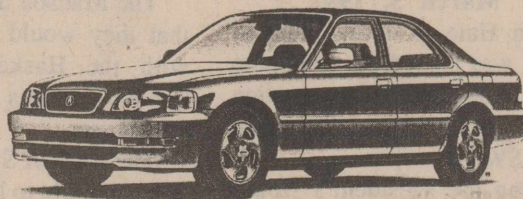
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Providers were Sherry Ellis, Monica Campos, Lois Howard, Sue Carol Mullin, Melyn Wittenborn, Matilda Koonsman, Lola Lowe, Jeannie Bennett, Latisha Morre, JoAnne Flores, Lynda Wardwell, Betty Weaver, Brandi Lee, Darla Clawson, Tiffany Riggs, Maria Arancel, Nina McClintock, Millie Gomez, Emilia Alvarada, Skeet Dennis, Lisa Bustamante, Bill Dennis, Denise Dennis.

Next association meeting is at Stamford City Hall March 10th, all area providers are urged to attend. Call 864-3870 or (915) 773-2590 for more information.

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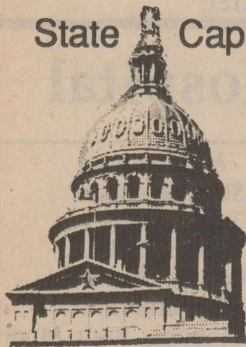


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HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said last week Texas' compulsory insurance law is not working because about one-fourth of all drivers are uninsured.

Speaking to a Senate committee, Bomer suggested that the state could pass a law that would require insurance companies to communicate with the Department of Public Safety "and let them know when an insurance policy is written and when it is canceled."

Then, he said, computers could be used to make sure drivers have valid policies.

Many drivers buy fake insurance cards to get their automobile license tags and inspections, while others buy policies and cancel them as soon as they get their license tags or driver's licenses, Bomer said.

While Bomer was voicing his concerns about uninsured motorists before the Senate Nominations Committee, the House Insurance Committee heard testimony on bills that would:

- Automatically jail drivers who are caught without insurance for six days and subject them to stiffer court penalties;

- Increase the fine for uninsured motorists; and

- Limit the right of uninsured motorists to sue.

Another bill favored by much of the insurance industry would eliminate the requirement that all drivers carry insurance. The industry has voiced support for a no-fault insurance system where drivers involved in accidents are compensated by their own companies.

Bomer, who favors a no-fault system, said the compulsory insurance law has been troubled because it is not liked by insurance companies and drivers who opt to go without insurance.

Judicial Elections Criticized

Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips criticized the way judges are elected in Texas, because, he said, it erodes confidence in the justice system.

Phillips, a Republican, also said he is concerned that so few minorities are elected to the bench.

Last week, in his State of the Judiciary Address to the Senate and house members representing three judicial committees, Phillips said, "Sadly, the results of these races are determined far more by party strength than by the individual merit of the candidates."

Phillips urged the lawmakers to draft legislation that would allow the governor to appoint judges, and then let voters decide whether a judge should retain office.

Furthermore, Phillips said, the perception outside of Texas is that justice is for sale, because of

money that gushes into election campaigns. Citing campaign reports, Phillips said \$50 million was spent on Texas appellate court races from 1988 to 1994.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he would push for judicial election reform.

"Black and brown people in Texas go into a courtroom looking for justice and the only black thing they see is the color of the robe and the only brown thing they see is the wood paneling," Ellis was quoted by *The Dallas Morning News*.

Loan Program Introduced

A home improvement loan program for low-income families was introduced last week by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The program combines private and public money to provide \$13.3 million for loans to low-income families who live in cities under 50,000 population. Half of the money is earmarked for colonias—the subdivisions near the border with Mexico that don't have water and sewer services.

The 20-year loans, at 6.99 percent interest, are capped at \$25,000.

Bivins' Tenure Bill Passes

The Texas Senate passed a bill filed by Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, that would require state colleges and universities to evaluate tenured faculty and administrators at least every six years.

Tenure is a status that is awarded to those who show excellence in teaching and research. A tenured professor cannot be fired without due cause.

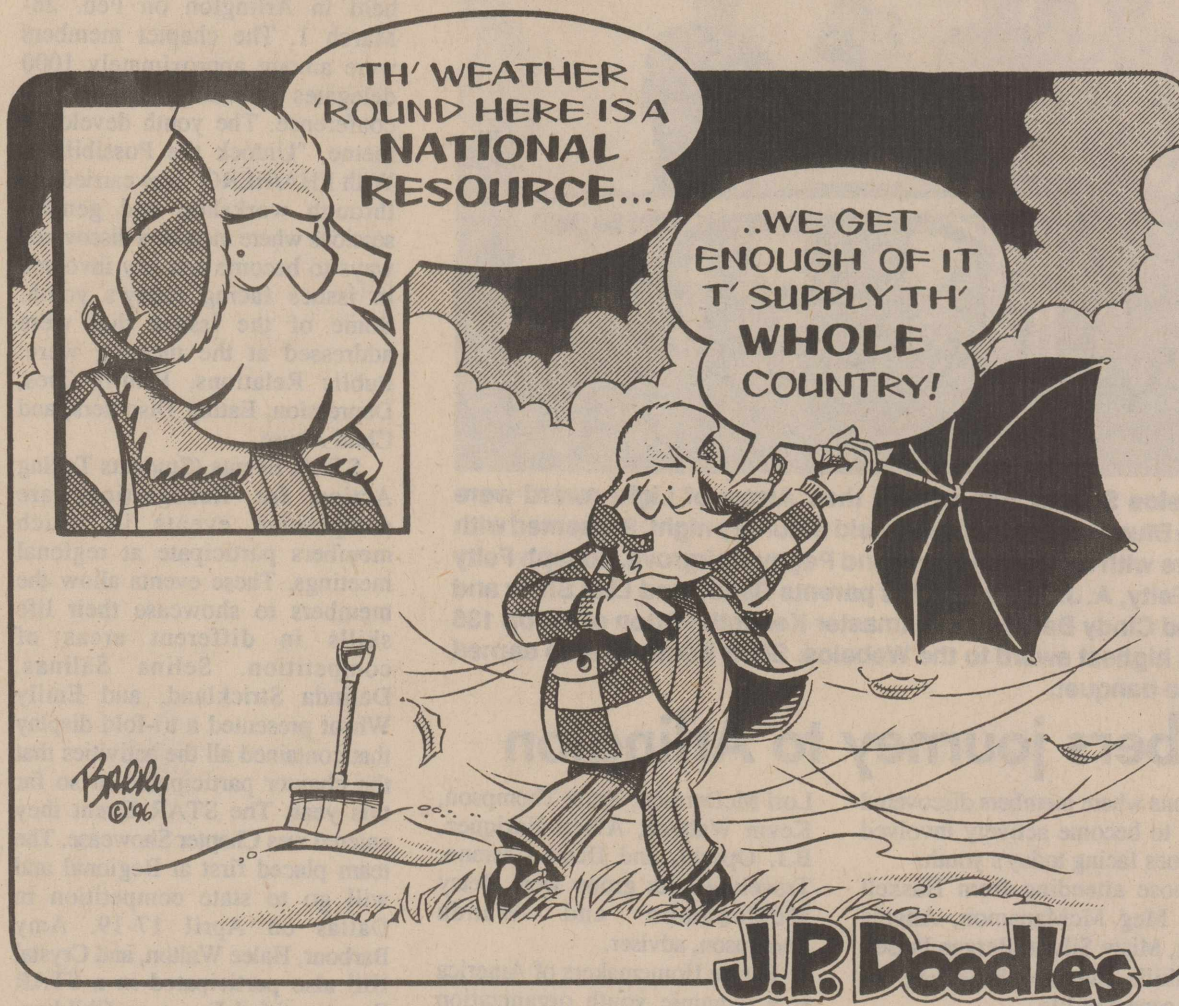
Opponents say tenured professors already face annual reviews.

Bivins' bill tightens those reviews, which have been regarded as "slack" by some university officials. The legislation addresses complaints Bivins has received from parents, students and faculty about professors who coast after earning tenure.

Other Capital Highlights

- State Sen. Drew Nixon, R-Carthage, publicly apologized three days after being charged Feb. 18 with soliciting prostitution on Austin's South Congress Avenue. Nixon offered no excuses for his behavior, but said he had no plans to resign from public office. He returned to work Feb. 24.

- The state Senate voted 31-0 to exempt the University of Texas' plan to expand its football stadium from a law protecting the state Capitol. A deck under construction on the stadium's east side would block views of the Capitol from the plaza of the Lyndon B. Johnson Library on the UT campus. Other Capitol-view-obstructing expansions are planned.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 5, 1987

Caryn Hale, a fifth grader at Haskell, was named the champion of the Soil and Water Conservation poster contest, sponsored by the Haskell SWCD.

Making the President's Honor List at Texas Tech were Holli A. High, Joey E. Kimbrough, both of Haskell and Donna Lee Tanner of Rule.

Girl Scouts celebrated Girl Scouting's 75th birthday with a ceremony on the courthouse lawn.

20 Years Ago March 3, 1977

Mr. Myron Baird and Mrs. Jack (Jane) McAdoo each received "The Outstanding Citizen Of The Year" award at the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The twenty-one member Haskell Indian Stage Band participated in the Hamlin School Stage Band Festival. They were awarded first place in the Class A Division.

First place winner in the Light Weight Hereford division went to Stanley Hager of Weinert at the San Antonio Stock Show.

30 Years Ago

March 2, 1967

The Mattson School announced that they would be consolidating with the Haskell and Weinert School Districts starting the next school year.

The Haskell Spanish II students went on a trip to Nuevo Laredo and Monterey, Mexico.

Special entertainment at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet was the Haskell High School vocal group, The Nineteens.

40 Years Ago March 7, 1957

District coaches selected players for All-Star Cage teams, some of the players chosen were: John Clifton and Robert Starr, Haskell and Charles Stenholm, Stamford.

Sagerton—The Stutch and Chatter Club met in the home of Mrs. R.O. Gibson, those present were: Mesdames B. Hess, M.Y. Benton, Cliff LeFevre, G.A. Leach, Ethel Laughlin, John Clark and R.N. Shield.

Paint Creek—Mrs. Ray Perry entertained for her little son Rickey with a birthday party on his 7th birthday.

50 Years Ago

March 6, 1947

Wallace H. Cox and J.B. Claiborne filed for places on city council.

In the want ads section, L.E. Firestone was selling a 1939 Ford truck with a practically new HP motor for \$350.

Atkeison's Food Store had some great prices such as:

- 50 lb. Gold Medal flour—\$2.49
- 2 lb. Velveta Cheese—\$.88
- 8 oz. Miracle Whip—\$.38
- large heads of lettuce—\$.10
- Chuck Roast (per lb.)—\$.35

90 Years Ago March 9, 1907

A. Chaney of Wild Horse Prairie was in town and reported that the farmers in his section were pretty well up with their work and the preparation for planting the new crop. He says there is not much wheat on the prairie this year, but a considerable acreage of oats.

H.C. Melton purchased Dr. Pratt's home in the North part of town.

A.J. Glasgow of Munday said that the cotton seed oil mill in Munday was about completed and would begin crushing seed at once.

Legal Matters

By Attorney General Dan Morales

Beware Bogus Business Opportunities

Have you ever dreamed of someday owning your own business? You may have even considered investing in a business franchise or work-at-home opportunity. Unfortunately, some opportunities are little more than scams in disguise.

While there are many legitimate business opportunities, we at the Office of the Attorney General feel Texans should check out all offers carefully before investing time and money.

A growing problem

The Council of Better Business Bureaus reports that bogus business opportunities topped their list of complaints in three of the past five years. Common business opportunity frauds involve vending machines, pay phones, amusement games, greeting card display racks, and independent travel agent franchises. In recent years, the Internet has given scam artists a new market to work in, allowing them to dress up old scams with new frills and reach large numbers of people at low cost.

Regulations

Many franchises and work-at-home offers are regulated under the Texas Business Opportunity Act. These include businesses that require you, the buyer, to pay \$500 or more to start the business, AND promise you will earn or are likely to earn a profit exceeding the initial investment, AND promise that the seller will do any one of the following actions as part of the deal:

- provide locations or help you

find locations on property not owned by either you or the seller for the use of or operation of the products, equipment, supplies, or services the seller is leasing or selling;

- provide a sales, production, or marketing program (this does not apply to businesses that have registered trademarks);

- buy back any products, supplies, or equipment purchased, or any product made, fabricated, grown or bred by the purchaser using equipment or products sold or leased by the seller.

How to spot a fraud

The most common sign of a business opportunity fraud is a requirement that you pay a fee before any information is disclosed. Avoid such "opportunities" if you are promised substantial earnings with minimal effort or training. Don't be deceived by these promises—success in any enterprise requires work and risk.

Before investing in a business opportunity, evaluate it thoroughly. Ask if the seller is covered by the Texas Business Opportunity Act. Covered companies should provide you with a detailed disclosure statement. Other steps you should follow include:

Check the references given by the seller, and don't settle for just a few references—they may be shills paid to make the company look good.

Get all promises in writing, including refund policies, limitations and restrictions.

Avoid plans that pay a commission for recruiting

additional distributors. These may just be pyramid schemes.

Be wary of offers that take all checks. Legitimate businesses will check you out—they want to know if you have the necessary traits for success.

Be wary of multi-level marketing plans that require you to buy expensive inventory without having an inventory buy-back program.

Ask for written verification of any earnings claims the company makes, and be skeptical of all earnings claims no business takes off right away. The more money the seller says you can make, the more you should investigate those claims for accuracy.

For work-at-home opportunities, get specific information about the tasks you must perform, when, how and by whom you will be paid, your total costs, and what you will receive for the money you give them.

Evaluate the opportunity's market potential independently don't rely solely on what the seller tells you.

Finally, be sure to seek the advice of others you trust. Ask a lawyer, accountant, or business advisor to review contracts and disclosures.

For more information

For more information on consumer issues, contact the nearest branch of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, call our toll free hotline at (800) 621-0508 or visit our Internet site at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>.

Reducing soil erosion should be CRP's top priority

The National Cotton Council urged lawmakers recently not to lose sight of the Conservation Reserve Program's (CRP) original goal—reducing soil erosion.

In testimony on behalf of the Council, Jackie Burris, a Wellman, TX, cotton producer, told a House subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation and Research that important gains made under CRP over the past decade should not be undone by dramatically altering existing goals and operating procedures.

"We appreciate that continued success of the program is dependent on a broadening of its objectives to include air and water quality, and wildlife without inadvertently competing for productive acres," Burris said. "It will be counterproductive, however, to change the CRP so drastically that highly erodible acres that need to remain in the program are no longer eligible."

Burris said the Council has concerns about the CRP's Environmental Benefits Index which will be used to calculate which land is ultimately able to participate. He said that index will actually exclude a significant percentage of existing contracts covering land that should be in the program. He added, however, that the Council was encouraged by assurances from FSA Assistance Deputy Administrator Parks Shackelford that there would be no significant geographical shift in current CRP acreage under the new criteria.

"In the most highly erodible areas, like West Texas, landowners will be left with very few options if they are unable to continue to participate in the CRP," he noted. "Because of fixed costs, such as property taxes, there will often be

little choice except to cultivate the land."

Burris said the Texas plains has more acres currently enrolled in the CRP than any other region of the Cotton Belt, and the program has an important environmental and economic impact on that region.

Burris also testified that there has been a good deal of confusion regarding how soil type maps were used to determine rental rates for land entering the CRP.

"Allowing those closer to the land to determine its true economic value will encourage participation and further the goals for the program," he said.

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department held its First Annual Car Show on Sat. March 1st. We had a super turnout, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out and helped support the fire department. As advertised, the money raised will go toward the building of a new county fire truck. With your support, we were able to raise over \$1000.00. We continue to need your support and donations in order to reach our financial goal for the truck.

We appreciate all the parents who brought their children to the Hot Wheels Race. This event had more cars than the main event, but both were fun and that was one of the objectives.

Thanks go to all the businesses that donated door prizes, items for the car entry appreciation bags, and the ice. Thank you to all the people in the community and within the fire department who donated their time to help. A special thanks to the firemen's wives.

Look for our 2nd Annual Car Show!

For the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department,
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Food for thought

by Charles H. Spurgeon
"The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."

1 John 4:14

It is a sweet thought that Jesus Christ did not come forth without His Father's permission, authority, consent, and assistance. He was sent of the Father, that He might be the Saviour of men. We are too apt to forget that, while there are distinctions as to the persons in the Trinity, there are no distinctions of honour.

We too frequently ascribe the honour of our salvation, or at least the depths of its benevolence, more to Jesus Christ than we do the Father. This is a very great mistake. What if Jesus came? Did not His Father send Him? If He spake wondrously, did not His Father pour grace into his lips, that He might be an able minister of the new covenant? He who knoweth the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost as he should know them, never setteth one before another in His love; he sees them at Bethlehem, at Gethsemane, and on Calvary, all equally engaged in

the work of salvation.

O Christian, hast thou put thy confidence in the Man Christ Jesus? Hast thou placed thy reliance solely on Him? And art thou united with Him? Then believe that thou art united unto the God of heaven. Since to the Man Christ Jesus thou art brother, and holdest closest fellowship, thou art linked thereby with God the Eternal, and "the Ancient of days" is thy Father and thy friend.

Didst thou ever consider the depth of love in the heart of Jehovah, when God the Father equipped his Son for the Great enterprise of mercy? If not, be this thy day's meditation. The Father sent him! Contemplate that subject. Think how Jesus works what the Father wills. In the wounds of the dying Saviour see the love of the great I AM. Let every thought of Jesus be also connected with the Eternal, ever-blessed God, for "It pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put him to grief."

submitted by Sam Bitner

Conservation poster contest winners named

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District are proud to announce the winners of the 1997 Conservation Poster Contest. Each participating school participated in the district contest. The top three winners from the district contest will advance to the Texas State Region-5 contest.

Students could choose from two major themes to create their poster: Backyard Stewardship or Harmony-People and Places. "Backyard Stewardship" theme emphasizes that how successful soil and water conservation is accomplished by individuals, farmers and ranchers, working together to provide a healthy environment. The "Harmony-People and Places" theme stresses the interrelationship between people and their environment. Everyone lives, works and plays in different environments yet everyone needs to strive to practice good stewardship toward our natural resources.

District winners are:
Kindergarten: 1st John English, 2nd-Tyler Byrd, 3rd-Shane Strickland, all from Rochester.

Grade 1: 1st-Charlie Myers, 2nd-Alice Blair, 3rd-Randall Pace, all from Paint Creek.

Grade 2: 1st-Kristen Martinez,

Haskell, 2nd-James Haggard, Paint Creek, 3rd-Paden Brown, Rochester.

Grade 3: 1st Jackie Lopez, Haskell, 2nd-Michael Bailiff, Paint Creek, 3rd-Heather Hodges, Paint Creek.

Grade 4: 1st-Misti Woodall, Paint Creek, 2nd-Joey Buerkle, Rochester, and John Dulaney, Paint Creek, 3rd-Jeremy Bogle, Paint Creek.

Grade 5: 1st-Amy Lynn Huggins, Paint Creek, 2nd-Jesse Medford, Paint Creek, 3rd-Amy Turner, Rochester and Casey Duniven, Paint Creek.

Grade 6: 1st-Tiffany Byrd, Rochester, 2nd-Tamera Taylor, Rochester, 3rd-Kristie Caldwell, Rochester, and Elisa Flores, Paint Creek.

The Grand Champion entry was Tiffany Byrd from the sixth grade in Rochester. Her poster was titled "Every Drop Counts". Tamera Taylor, Rochester sixth grader, had the runner-up poster. Kristen Martinez, Haskell second grader won third overall with her poster.

Judges, Ernestine Herren and Kay Henry, stated what a fine job all the students did in presenting their ideas on conserving all natural resources.

Food supplements may not be as beneficial as ordinary foods

Today, sales of foods in pill or supplement form marketed for their health benefit exceed \$6 billion annually in the United States. In 1988, \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion was spent annually on vitamin/mineral supplements along with the expectation that the supplement will insure optimal health.

Don't be easy prey for supplementation abuse. Instead look to increasing fruit and vegetable consumption (currently

11 percent or less of the population consumes no fruits or vegetables). Also, include other foods containing beneficial health components as part of a varied diet based on the principles of the Food Guide Pyramid.

Before taking any dietary supplements which also could be dangerous, consult with your personal physician about the real health benefits of the supplement.

Submitted by Lou Gilly, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent

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This Week's Devotional Message:

FAITH SHOWS THAT THE RIGHT PRAYERS GET ANSWERED



Each of us can recall some incident in which a specific prayer was not answered, with a vivid memory of the bitter disappointment we experienced at the time. Indeed, in some cases the resentment may have aroused serious doubts about the validity of faith in the Almighty. Nevertheless, the fault lies in praying for the wrong things, such as unwarranted material

benefits or for some advantage to be gained at the cost of another's downfall. The right kind of prayers will always be answered, because they ask only for wisdom, guidance and the strength to accept whatever comes along; which, as you will learn at the Church of your choice, will bring you a state of contentment and serenity that you can achieve in no other way.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL**
- East Side Baptist Church**
David Page, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
 - Christian Church**
Frank Summers, preacher
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - Church of God**
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Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
 - Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
 - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Vergil Smith, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
 - First United Methodist Church**
Sidney Parsley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
 - Church of Christ**
Dale Huff, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - First Presbyterian Church**
Jasper McClellan, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - Trinity Baptist Church**
Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Freddy Perez, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Tues. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Jim Turner, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**
Werth Mayes, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 - Weinert**
 - Weinert Methodist Church**
Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Weinert
 - Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crowover
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
- ROCHESTER**
- Church of Christ**
Jim Pratt, minister
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West on Main Street, Rochester
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Ed Buerkle, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
 - Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Rev. Andrew
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
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Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester
- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Daniel Ramey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton
 - Faith Lutheran Church**
Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton
- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**
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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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 - Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
 - First United Methodist Church**
Daniel Ramey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
 - New Life Baptist Mission**
Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule
 - Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Matt Herrington, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
 - West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



WHEN CAN YOU DEDUCT A HOME COMPUTER?

Can you get any tax benefit from that home computer you bought for Christmas? Maybe you can, but there is a maze of rules to negotiate.

Generally, you may deduct the cost of your home computer to the extent that you use the computer for business or investment activity. For example, if you use the computer 60% for your business, 30% for tracking your investments and preparing your personal tax returns, and 10% for writing personal letters, 90% of the cost is deductible.

In the above example, suppose you are self-employed and that you spend \$3,000 on a computer setup. You can depreciate \$1,800 of the cost (60% of \$3,000) over six years, or you can make an election to expense the entire \$1,800 in the current year if you have at least \$1,800 of business income. You can depreciate, but not expense, the \$900 of the cost (30% of \$3,000) allocable to investment use as a miscellaneous itemized deduction. Such deductions yield a benefit only to the extent their total exceeds 2% of your adjusted gross income.

If your computer is not used more than 50% for business, depreciation is limited to the straight-line method, and the expensing election is not available. Investment use does not count for this test.

An employee may deduct as a business expense the cost of a computer only if its purchase is for the convenience of the employer and is required as a condition of employment. As with other employee business expenses, this deduction is subject to the 2% of adjusted gross income limitation.

One final point—a home computer is generally considered to be "listed property," so it is subject to strict substantiation rules regarding business or investment use. To protect your deduction, keep a log of your computer use.

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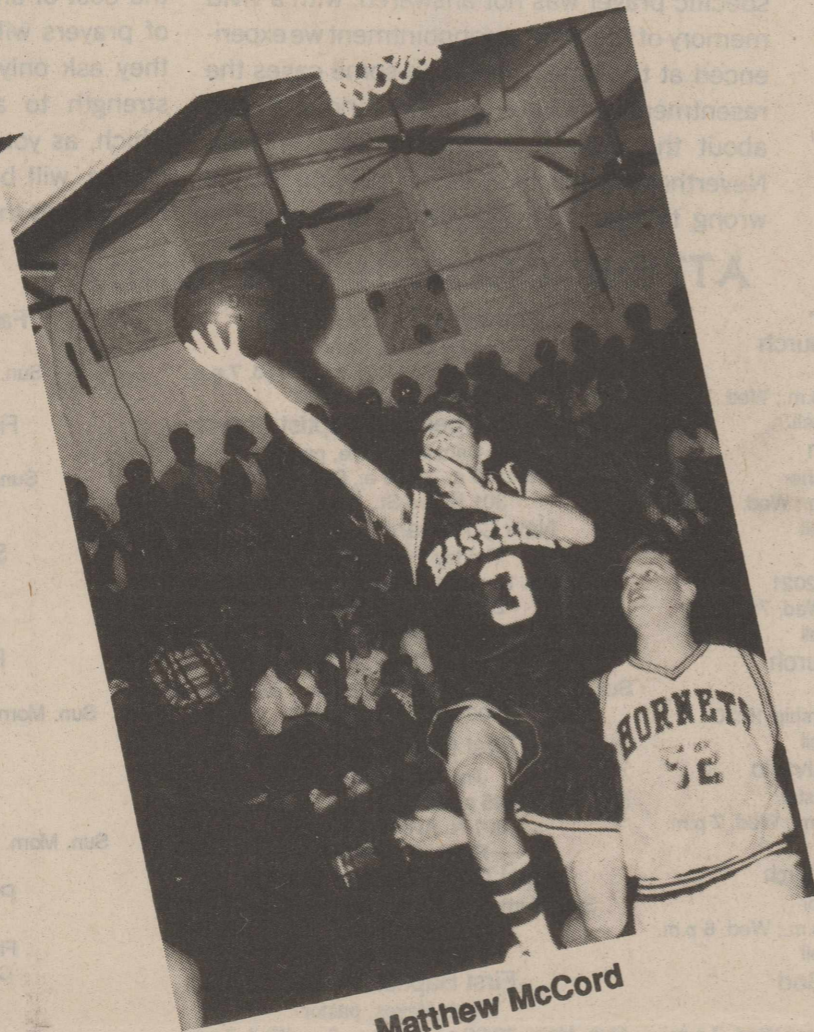
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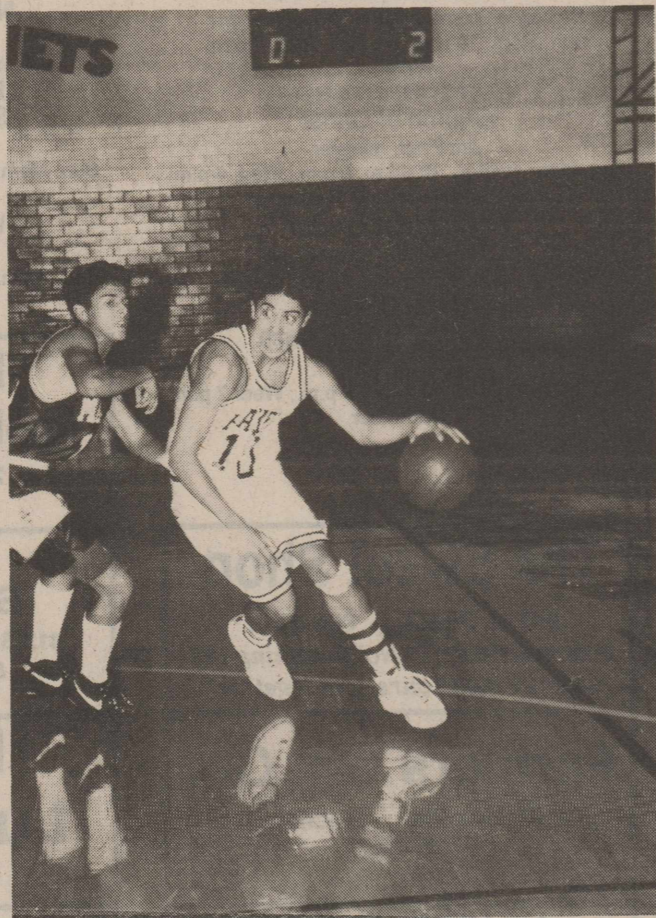
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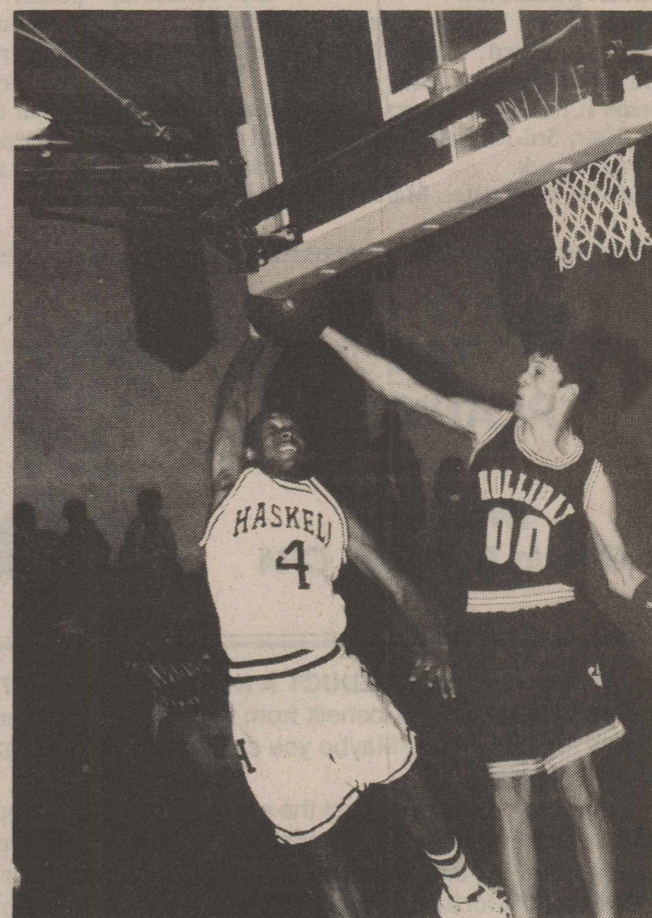
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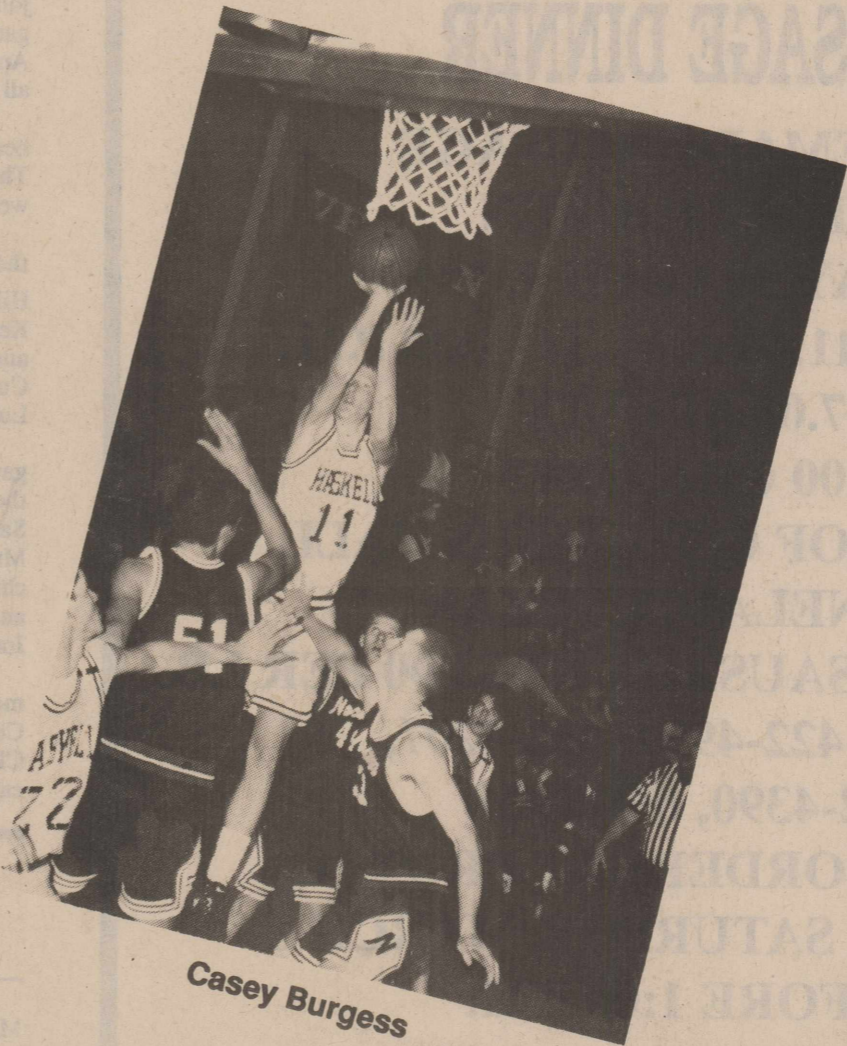
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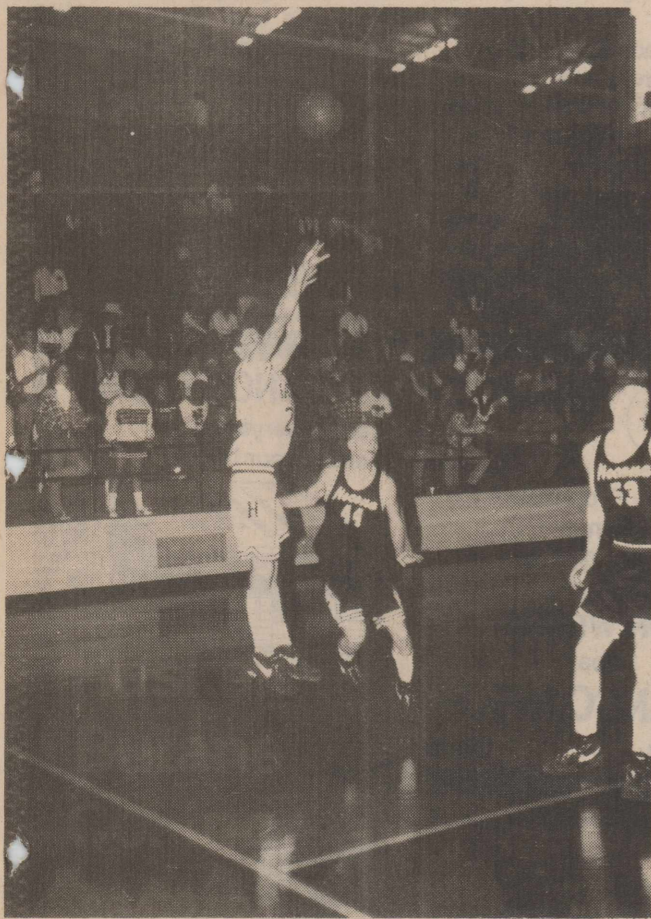
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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Rodriguez spent several days in Arlington visiting their son, Steven, and while there, they celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary with Steven hosting a large barbeque dinner in their honor.

Visiting with Audree McCallum in Rice Spring Care Home was her son and daughter-in-law, J. Brian and Jimmie McCallum of Oklahoma City, OK and helped celebrate Audree's 94th birthday on the 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Gary spent several days visiting he mother Grace Aycock in Ruidoso, NM.

Freda Piland spent the day in Abilene visiting with sister-in-law

Margie Melton.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Gray were son, Lynn Gray, of Grapeland, son-in-law, Chuck Hicks, and grandson and wife, Michael and Jennifer Hicks, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Turnbow of Weinert and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Freeby. After leaving Lynn, Chuck and Richard were going to Midland to pick up Lee Gray and all going to the Big Bend area for a few days outing.

Grace McKelvin has been to Arlington to visit Mr. and Mrs. Connie Hester.

Renae Garcia of Ranger spent Sun. night with his mother Paula Garcia. He picked Mitch Mayfield up in Abilene and they attended the funeral services for Dan Benton on Mon.

Bobby and Barbara Druessedow of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fischer and joining them to play 84 and other games were Ernest and Lil Peiser. Ann Druessedow and Francis Fischer all went out to eat later.

Visiting Mrs. Linsey Cox was her sister Eulilia Oats of Abilene. They had lunch at the ECC and went shopping.

Visiting Bernice Hilliard over the weekend was her son, Ken Hilliard of Martin, coming with Ken were two work buddies, John and Noral of Waco also Kirk Cunningham and son Jason of Lubbock who came on Fri.

The children of Mae Lou Yeldell gave her a surprise birthday party at the Burkett's Family Restaurant Saturday night, the children were Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Williams and children, Arlington; Birdie Goudeau and children, Haskell and Frank Jordan and his family.

The Greater Independent Mission met at the Haskell Healthcare Center where their member I.V. Clayton is a resident, everyone enjoyed meeting out there with her.

Students in the News

Robert Huff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Huff, of Haskell, was among the 72 new members inducted into Harding University's chapter of Alpha Chi on Feb. 23. Alpha Chi is a nationally affiliated society encouraging and recognizing superior scholarship.

Harding's chapter, the Arkansas Eta chapter, is open to the upper 10 percent of the senior class with a minimum 3.60 grade point on 104 semester hours, and to the upper 10 percent of the junior class with a minimum 3.80 grade point on 80 semester hours.

Huff, a junior majoring in mathematics, attended Haskell High School before entering Harding.



RACE WINNERS—Bryson Trussell, left, won the Hot Wheels race at the car show on Saturday. Otis Thomas, right, won 2nd place. Their cars outpaced a field of approximately thirty entries to claim the titles.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

A reminder of upcoming events at Faith Lutheran Church that include LMM/Altar Guild meeting Thurs. night at 7:00, Home Communion at 11:00 Fri. morning, March 7, Rolling Plains Conference at 3:00 p.m. Sun. the 9th, Faith Circle at 2:30 p.m. on Tues. the 11th and regular Lenten worship service on Wed. night at 7:30 followed by Church Council meeting at 8:00.

Congratulations are in order for Jennifer Lehrmann who won First Place with her pig at the Houston Livestock Show. Her entry placed first in its weight division of the Cross. A lot of hard work goes into the grooming and training of these show animals and the students are to be commended for their dedication. Needless to say, the parents and grandparents also play an important part in encouraging the youngsters. Best wishes to all local participants.

More congratulations to two other Sagerton students who made the Dean's list at their respective colleges, Jonathan Lammert who is majoring in Engineering at Texas A & M and Craig New, majoring in Psychology at Texas Tech. Craig will be graduating in May.

Clifford, Teresa and Brannon Stegemoeller of Arlington spent the weekend in the home of Leon and Mae Stegemoeller. This was little Brannon's first visit to his grandparents home and he was the center of attention as other relatives came to visit. They included his great-grandmother, Emma Raphael

of Stamford, Marvin and Verlene Stegemoeller of Rochester, and Tami and Kami Baitz, Paula, Stephanie and Clayton Stegemoeller.

Maxey and Judy Thompson of Colleyville visited this past weekend with her mother, John L. Brooks, and her brother, Jacky and Peggy Tabor. On Sun. they attended worship services at the Methodist Church.

Joe and Dorothy Clark spent the weekend with their children, Don, Patsy and Tom Bivins of Valley View. On their way home Sun., they stopped in Olney to visit with their granddaughter, Emmalee Bivins who has recently moved there. Emmalee is the office manager of the new CellularOne Branch that recently opened there.

Relatives and friends from Sagerton and surrounding towns were in Fillmore, Oklahoma Sat for the funeral service for Johnny Paul Hertel, son of Johnny and Katherine (Bivins) Hertel. The Hertels attended church in Sagerton many years ago and are related to and acquainted with many people here. Those going from around here were Joe and Dorothy Clark Melvin and Annela Baitz, Kennet and Eloise Hertel of Hamlin, Butc and Sue Hertel of Haskell, Janic Cannon of Abilene and the Do Bivins family of Valley View.

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Monthly Calendar of Events

MARCH 1997

Haskell Independent School District

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | | | 1 | | |
| *Denotes District Games | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Beginning of 5th Six Weeks Holiday Tennis Tour, Boys at Wichita Falls H.S. Girls Golf, Anson JV Baseball vs. Rotan, Here | 3 | PPE Meeting 7:00 Elm. Cafeteria Holiday Tennis Tour, Girls at Wichita Falls H.S. Boys Golf, Anson Junior High UIL | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | | HS Baseball Graham Tourney JH Track, Munday | HS Baseball Graham Tourney | HS Baseball Graham Tourney | HS Baseball Graham Tourney HS Track, Munday | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | | |
| | | | Spring Break | HS Baseball Haskell Tourney | HS Baseball Haskell Tourney | HS Baseball Haskell Tourney NHS Washington Trip | | |
| 16 | ACU Judging Contest JV-JH Tennis at Stamford NHS Washington Trip | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | |
| | NHS Washington Trip | HS Baseball vs. Holliday, There HS Boys and Girls Golf Abilene NHS Washington Trip | NHS Washington Trip | NHS Washington Trip | HS Baseball vs. Seymour, Here Texann HS Tennis Tourney, Stephenville | HS Track Aspermont Texann HS Tennis Tourney, Stephenville | | |
| 23 | Tennis Tourney Olney HS Boys Golf, Quanah JV Baseball vs. Holliday, Here | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | |
| | Boys District Tennis Tourney JV Baseball vs. Holliday, There | Kindergarten Cap & Gown Pictures HS Baseball vs. Olney, There District One-Act Play Contest, Vernon VRJC PPE Meeting 7 p.m. Cafeteria | HS UIL Wichita Falls | HS Girls Golf Burkburnett HS UIL | HS UIL | Bad Weather Day NO SCHOOL HS Track, Hamlin | | |
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For Sale

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FOR SALE: Antique kitchen cabinet with sifter. \$400.00. Mary Rike, 864-2332. 10p

LA-Z-BOY and LANE 2 for 1 recliner sale: \$399 and up per pair. Lifetime warranty on the mechanisms. Come in our back door. Kinney's in Stamford. 10c

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ATTIC TREASURES. A new selection of T-shirts available at Peddler's Village. 10p

DRASTIC REDUCTIONS: One of our show windows is packed with closeout bargains: \$800 sleeper-sofa now \$399, \$399 lounge chair for \$169, \$169 mirror top end table at \$49, \$300 brass table with glass top only \$69, \$399 swivel rockers for \$169, \$120 brass lamp at \$19, \$135 wood end table \$29, \$149 coffee table \$39, choice of \$20 unframed prints only \$5. Come in our back door. Kinney's in Stamford. 10c

FOR SALE: Good used electric stove, used dryer, 1989 Ford F150 pickup. Call 864-2498 after 5 p.m. 10c

Garage Sales

MOVING SALE: Furniture, odds and ends. Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1200 Adams, Rule. 10p

YARD SALE: Sat. 9-3. 1000 N. 8th St. We've moved and re-modeled. Lots of stuff. 10p

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Sat., March 8, 8 a.m. til 7 Two recliners, dryer, lots of kids clothes, toys, and misc. 1107 N. Ave. K, Haskell. 10p

LAST GARAGE SALE: Early sales, late sales, king size bedroom suite, regular bedroom suite, chairs, Fri., March 7th. 601 Loup Avenue, Rule, TX. 10p

Miscellaneous

HOME DECORATORS. Painting, Insulation, Remodeling, water and air filtration systems. Call Bobby O'Neal 817-743-3550.

CUSTOM FRAMING. Country Friends and Frames, 101 N. Swenson, Stamford. 915-773-2661. Complete framing needs. Closed Mondays. 10c

Wanted

CASH PAID for old lever action Winchester rifles, Colt pistols and most other guns and western memorabilia. A. C. Richardson at store Hwy. 277 N. 12fc

WANTED: Graze out wheat pasture. Call 800-234-9545. 9-11p

Jobs Wanted

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FIGHT HEATING and cooling costs with extra attic insulation. Blown today! Call Tracy for free estimate 817-658-5170. T-N-T Insulation, Knox City. 7-10p

ROTOTILLING—garden plots and flower beds. Accepting yards for mowing. Reasonable and dependable. Call 864-3536 after 5 p.m. or leave message. 9-12p

Help Wanted

WANTED: Part-time secretary, work up to 20 hours per week. Computer, phone and organizational skills essential. Apply at Haskell City Hall or for more information call 817-864-3424. Salary negotiable pertaining to experience. 10-11p

HAIRDRESSER NEEDED: Great location, up to date shop, clientele. East side of square, Haskell. Classic Cuts, 864-2956 or home 864-3301. 10c

NEEDED: Full time installer/technician. Experience preferred. Applications can be obtained at 902 N. Swenson, Stamford, TX. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 10-11c

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For Rent

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom furnished house. 864-3504 or 864-2647. 8fc

FOR RENT: 1107 N. 10th. Nice 2 bedroom apartment. Central heat/cooling, covered parking. 864-3762 or 864-3708. 10c

Real Estate

FOR SALE: 70 acres 5 miles south of Haskell. 100 acres 5 miles west of Haskell. David Burson, 505-627-8307 days or 505-627-0059 nights. 4fc

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 1 bath brick home. Recently updated. 1501 N. Ave. H. 864-2238. 7fc

FOR SALE: Nice 2 bedroom brick with CH/A, carport and large pecan trees. Corner lot. \$22,500. Call Jason Tanner, Dalzell Realtors, 915-691-1300 or 915-695-2246. 9-10c

FOR SALE: Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Refrigerated air, washer-dryer connections. Paneled and carpeted. Has large garage with storage. 1021 N. 6th. 864-2035. 9-10p

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LOT FOR SALE: 310 S. Ave. L. English I Addition Block 3A. Call 817-441-8396. 10-13p

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath on large lot, water well, double carport. Call 817-864-3206, leave message. 10p

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, brick house in Haskell. Metal storage building, water well, central A/C and heat. Fenced yard. Call 864-6108. 10fc

Public Notices

76388, Attention: City Secretary. City Council has the right to accept or reject all bids. 10-11c

NOTICE

The City of Haskell will be accepting sealed bids at the City Hall in the City of Haskell until 5:00 p.m. on March 25, 1997 for the following:

Materials and construction of restrooms and concession area to be used for baseball games and rodeo events located at the Haskell Fair grounds.

Specifications may be picked up at Haskell City Hall, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council to be held at Haskell City Hall on March 25, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. The City of Haskell reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 10-11c

ORDER OF ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 3, 1997 for the purpose of: Electing two regular term trustees to Paint Creek ISD Board of Trustees.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Paint Creek ISD assistant principal's office, Rt. 2, Box 190, Haskell, Texas 79521 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning April 14, 1997 and ending on April 29, 1997.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Max Calk, Paint Creek ISD, Rt. 2, Box 190, Haskell, Texas 79521.

NOTICE

Haskell County Commissioners' will accept bids until 10:00 o'clock A.M., March 25, 1997 at the office of County Judge in the Haskell Courthouse, Haskell, Texas for the sale of a used 1992, 140G motor grader, serial #5MD01572 for Precinct #1. Contact Bill Hester, Commissioner Precinct #1 to arrange to inspect motor grader.

Haskell County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Haskell County Commissioners' Court By: Judge David C. Davis

NOTICE

Competitive bids will be received by the City of Weinert, Weinert, Texas 76388 for the following city lots: Block 28 Lots South half of 18, 19, 20; Block 27 South half of lots 8, 9, 10, 11; Block 11 lots 1, 2, 3, 4. Sealed bids will be taken until May 15, 1997 at which time bids will be opened and bidder will be notified by City Secretary. Bids will be sealed and mailed to City of Weinert, Box 248, Weinert, TX

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Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el April 25, 1997.

March 19, 1997 is the last day to file for application for a place on the ballot. 10c

NOTICE OF ESTRAY

Date: February 25, 1997
PERSON REPORTING ESTRAY: TSWCRA-10 Scott Williamson, Haskell, TX.

LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHEN FOUND: Area of junction of Knox, Haskell, King and Stone-wall Counties.

LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHILE IMPOUNDED: Knox Feed Lots, Knox City.

DESCRIPTION OF ESTRAY: Kind of animal: Cow; Breed: Angus type; Color: Black; Sex: Mature female; Age: approxi-

mately 8 years; Size: Approximately 900 lb. Brand: Earmark, Identifying Characteristics: LC left hip, also poss. V left hip.

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY
On the 25th day of February, 1997, I impounded the above mention estray and, on the 25th day of February, 1997, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Knox County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Knox County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 15th day of March, 1997, said estray will be sold at public action/sheriff's sale at Haskell Livestock Auction.

Witness my hand this 25th day of February, 1997.

Michael L. Carlson
Sheriff, Knox County, Texas 10-11c

As we have had to face one of the most difficult times of our lives, our wonderful family and friends have been a great source of comfort and support. Thank you for the encouraging cards, the phone calls, the beautiful flower arrangements and all of the memorial gifts. We treasure each one. Thank you for the many years of love.
The family of Helen Wiseman

We want to thank all the friends that were here when we were so in need. Thanks to the hospital, Rice Springs, doctors and nurses who gave so much time to us.
E. J. and Elizabeth Stewart
Gentry and Mavis Middleton
Riley and family
Nancy Kay and family

The family of J. R. 'Raymond' Davis wishes to thank all their friends and relatives who have helped during the time our father was ill. We also wish to thank the doctors and the Rice Springs Care Home who have been so kind during this time. For all the prayers, flowers and food, we say thank you.
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Melvin and Frankie Bose and family
Gerald and Johnny Lytle and family
Retha Region and family

Dear Friends,
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