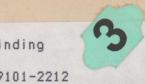
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Calendar

Partners for Children

Partners for Children will meet Tues., Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Elementary School. Topic will be Put Your Heart In It concerning feelings and emotions. Babysitting is available by calling the Elementary School office. Transportation is available by calling 864-8007. Blue & Gold banquet

Haskell Cub Scouts Pack 136 will hold their annual Blue & Gold Banquet Sat., Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Scouts and their families are invited to attend.

Philadelphian Club

The Rule Philadelphian Club will observe Americanism Day Thurs., Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. at the clubhouse. Mary A. Van Deventor of Lueders, a former member of the Womens Air Service Patrol (WASP), will be guest speaker. 3-on-3 Tournament

The Rochester Junior Class will sponsor a mixed 3-on-3 basketball tournament Sat., Feb. 21 at the Rochester gym. Admission will be charged and a concession stand will be available. Mexican food supper

The Rochester Junior Class will sponsor a Mexican supper Thurs., Feb. 19 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Rochester School cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children. A silent auction will be held in conjunc-

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Early voting for Primary begins Feb. 23

The early voting period for the March 10 Primary Election will be from Feb. 23 through March 6, at the Haskell County Clerk's Office.

Those wishing to vote early by mail may obtain an application for a ballot by calling 864-2451. Applications must be received in the County Clerk's Office no later than Mar. 3.

A voter registration certificate or some other form of identification such as a driver's license or birth certificate is required for voting.

City, school elections set May 2

The upcoming elections on Sat. May 2, will determine several local contests for office.

Deadine for filing for two school board single member Districts is Mar. 18. Melisa Robison is incumbent in Dist. 1, and Bob Aycock is incumbent in Dist. 6. Candidates for these do not have to be a resident of the district, but voters must reside in the district to have a vote.

The office of mayor and two Haskell City Council member-atlarge seats are open. Deadline for filing is Mar. 18.

Three seats on the Weinert City Council are up for re-election. Also, Haskell County Water Supply Dist. #1 has three places open for election. Candidates for these may file at Weinert City Hall at the school. They are reminded to

BIG WHEELS, LITTLE WHEELS–Grandson Brett Acosta proudly poses with his new Jr. Dragster and safety firesuit alongside

grandfather Jerry Briscoe and the '74 Vega which Briscoe drives in drag-car races at Wall, Idalou, Abilene and Ennis.

Brett and Jerry enjoy

By Mary Kaigler Third generation drag racing enthusiast, Brett Acosta of Haskell, is definitely on the inside track of race car driving. With his drag-car winning grandparents, Jerry and Linda Briscoe, and his parents, Shelly and David Siegfried, it's a family thing they all enjoy doing together. Jerry Briscoe regularly drives the '74 Vega, that took him two years to build, and Linda Briscoe drives her '69 Camaro, at tracks and events in Wall, Abilene, Idalou and Ennis. Now, with the acquisition of grandson Brett's new Junior Dragster, the family shows no sign of slowing down or getting over the racing contagion they caught several years ago. First-grader Brett's first car was a go-cart. For several years he planned and saved his piggy bank pennies for a Jr. Dragster. But a Jr. Dragster is a work of art; you don't just run down town and pick one up. Interest in Junior Racing is growing and creating a demand for

State Comptroller John Sharp

recently delivered a total of \$290.5

million in monthly sales tax

payments to 1,090 Texas cities and

Cities and counties include sales

taxes collected by monthly filers at

the height of holiday shopping in

December, and reported to the

Comptroller in January, plus

quarterly returns for sales in

October, November, and December,

those expectations," Sharp said.

"For the fifth consecutive year,

Texas is experiencing strong

economic growth, and consumer

confidence is the highest in the

tax rebates to Texas cities totaling

Sharp delivered monthly sales

and all yearly filings for 1997.

This month's payments to Texas

118 counties.

nation."

the vehicles. When trophy-winning dragster Evan Tarpley of Hawley recently moved up into a new driving-age bracket, the Briscoes bought his car for Brett, who is the first one in his age group in this area to have one. The fiber glass bodied, alcohol engine car, complete with roll bars and parachute, was

places, meet other people, and make lots of friends. It's becoming more popular in this area each year. At this time there are seventeen drag cars in Haskell, five in Rule, one in

his younger brothers, Ryder, age five, and Blade, almost two, he said, "Ryder's going to be a cowboy because he likes horses and dinosaurs, but Blade is just

tion with the supper. Kiwanisfest dinner

The Haskell Kiwanis Club will sponsor its annual Kiwanisfest roast beef meal Sun., March 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Children under 3 are free. Tickets will be \$1 more at the door. Tickets are available at Haskell National Bank, First National Bank, Sport-About or from any Kiwanis Club member.

Rule Lions benefit

The Rule Lion's Club will present Rusty Hudelson and the 'Knights of the West' Feb. 20 at the Rule School Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6. Advance tickets may be purchased at Rule City Hall. Contact Malcolm Herttenberger at 997-2324 or 997-2214 for more information. A concession stand will open at 6:15 p.m.

Rule Chamber

The Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Tues., March 3 at 7 p.m. at the Rule School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$7.50 in advance or \$8 at the door. Rusty Hudelson and the South Plains students will present the entertainment. Tickets are available at Rule City Hall or from any Chamber member.

Car Show

The Haskell Fire Dept. is sponsoring a classic car show Sat., March 7 on the square in Haskell. 9 classes of cars, a hot wheels race and concessions will be available. Call Coy Scoggins 864-3694 for details.

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built by John Hardin of Houston. Across the nation the sport of junior racing is growing. With his new car and the required safety regulation firesuit, consisting of helmet, jacket, pants and gloves, Brett, who is just beginning his own run on wheels, will soon be ready to begin competing. Races are held at National Hot Rod Association sanctioned tracks. Five thousand Jr. Dragsters belong to the National Jr. Hot Rod Association. They not only have the opportunity

to win trophies, they also work toward academic scholarships.

Jerry Briscoe says that drag racing is a good family sport for them, giving opportunity to go

\$267.1 million, 11.5 percent higher

than last January's payments of

\$239.5 million. Rebates of \$23.3

million to Texas counties were 9.7

percent higher than allocations of

\$21.2 million in February 1997.

Another \$8.1 million went to 30

special purpose districts around the

percent increase for February, 1998

of \$46,661.32 in comparison to

\$39,862.25 for February, 1997.

1998 payments to date of

Haskell County had a 17.05

show increase for February

Local sales tax receipts

state.

Knox City.

The Briscoes, who own and operate B&B Automotive, have been drag racing together about three years. "Before that," Jerry said, "we were busy working horses and raising kids.We just decided to do something different." Several plaques and pictures hanging on their office wall attest to the fact that they have done it very well.

When asked how and when he learned to drive, which seems to be his main interest, young Brett said his grandfather taught him. "I drive on his lap all the time in his pickup," he said. Sometimes on Saturdays Brett helps with things at the shop, but he also has other interests such as baseball and football.

Speaking of the main interests of

interested in Elmo and Barney. Well, maybe, for this family of

race enthusiasts, one Junior Dragster is enough for right now, anyway.

Brett's handsome car, painted white and red with a blue star, will be on display Sat., March 7, at the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept's Car Show.

bring current voters registration.

Fund established

Friends of Steven Bird have established a Steven Bird Medical Fund at Haskell National Bank to help defray medical expenses incurred after he was recently bitten by a rattlesnake.

\$430.44 in comparison to \$403.99 for February, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$464.22 reflect a 6.46 percent increase over 1997 Rochester had a 3.94 percent increase for February, 1998 of \$1,136.60 in comparison to 1998 payments to date of \$1,436.53 reflect a 6.14 percent increase over 1997 payments to date Rule had a 3.67 percent decrease for February, 1998 of \$2,663.73 in

LAYING IN TWO-Gavino Ortiz (22) puts in two more points for the Indians during the 77-41 win over Olney.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

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\$69,398.37 reflect a 15.59 percent "Retail holiday sales statewide increase over 1997 payments to date comparison to \$2,765.36 for were projected to run well ahead of February, 1997. 1998 payments to of \$60,036.54. those for the previous year, and The City of Haskell had a 19.83 date of \$3,287.17 reflect a 2.49 December sales surpassed even percent decrease over 1997

percent increase for February, 1998 of \$42,084.46 in comparison to \$35,119.37 for February, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$63,847.74 reflect a 17.42 percent increase over 1997 payments to date of \$54,372.95.

O'Brien had a 6.54 percent increase for February, 1998 of

payments to date of \$3,371.40. Weinert had a 27.91 percent decrease for February, 1998 of

of \$1,353.39.

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\$1,093.44 for February, 1997.

\$346.09 in comparison to \$480.09 for February, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$362.71 reflect a 27.85 percent decrease over 1997 payments to date of \$502.78.

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To the voters of Haskell County:

I am Gina Brown, the incumbent for Justice of the Peace and am seeking reelection. I am currently serving my first elected four year term. This position was retained after I completed my appointment for the unexpired term of Roy T.

(Buck) Everett. My other experience for this job also includes two years employment as the clerk for the Justice of the Peace office and this same clerk position in another county.

My husband and I reside in Haskell. I am married to Marshall Brown, a Texas Ranger. I have two grown sons who are both married and one three years old grandson.

The Justice of the Peace position involves many aspects of service to the residents. The civil cases are a busy part as well as the criminal caseload. A variety of skills and knowledge are also required for the documenting and tracking the many reports required.

I have completed Justice of the Peace certified training and attended many advanced hours of continuing education and study for the expertise in the diverse responsibilities required for this position. I have maintained this office on a full time basis and believe my many experiences of "on the job" training is a great asset as well.

I would very much like to meet and visit with all the voters in Haskell County. Unfortunately, if I am to maintain my employment as a full time. position, that is an impossibility. I hope you the taxpayers of Haskell County (who are the ones who pay my salary) will understand the situation and would prefer me to be there instead of "out campaigning."

I invite you to stop by my office in the courthouse or give me a call. I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions or help you with any problems that I can.

As your Justice of the Peace I strive to be fair and impartial to all cases. I will continue to do so if reelected. I stand firmly and proud of my past record in this office. I would appreciate your support for another term.

A vote for Gina Brown for Haskell County Justice of the Peace is an opportunity to have continued leadership and professional experience.

Pd. pol. adv. pd. for by Gina Brown, Treasurer



JOEY KIMBROUGH-The president of the Haskell Livestock Assn. is completing his term after the 1998 show.

SWCD district poster winners

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District has announced the winners of the District Conservation Poster Contest. The contest was held on Feb. 7.

Winners in each grade level are: Kindergarten: 1. Antonio Ibarra, Rochester; 2. Victoria Carrosco, Rochester; and 3. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell.

First Grade: 1. Steven Fillman, Paint Creek; 2. John English, Rochester; and 3. Clint Tyler Byrd, Rochester

Second Grade: 1. Brittney Wright, Paint Creek; 2. Samuel Bitner, Haskell; and 3. Laura Gonzales, Haskell.

Third Grade: 1. Jared Webb, Haskell; 2. Shana Nicholson, Rochester; and 3. Malinda Brueggeman, Haskell.

Fourth Grade: 1. Justin Hannsz, Paint Creek; 2. LaTasha Lewis, Paint Creek; and 3. Sammiw Ruiz, Rochester.

Fifth Grade: 1. Brad Blanks, Haskell; 2. Ricky Wright, Paint Creek; and 3. Johnny Baldwin, Paint Creek.

Sixth Grade: 1. Scarlett Adkins, Paint Creek; 2. A. J. Shaw, Paint Creek; and 3. Amy Tuner, Rochester.

These top three winning posters advanced to the state level in Temple:

Grand Champion: Scarlett Adkins, Paint Creek; Second: Jared Webb, Haskell; and Third: A. J. Shaw, Paint Creek.

Obituaries

Marcus Alexander

Funeral services for Marcus Timothy Alexander, five- of Haskell. month-old infant, of Haskell were held Thurs., Feb. 5 at Survivors include his parents; paternal grandparents, St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Michael Melcher Tim and Jane Alexander of Haskell; maternal officiating. Rosary was held Wed., Feb. 4 in Kinney grandmother, Maria Teresa Acosta of Anson; maternal Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Highland Memorial grandfather and step-grandmother, Ernest and Sarah Cemetery in Stamford under the direction of Kinney Acosta of Stamford; and numerous aunts and uncles. Funeral Home.

Marcus died Sun., Feb. 1 in Stamford.

Christopher Thomas Alexander and Kristy Gail Acosta Acosta, Jr.

Pallbearers were Timothy Alexander Jr., Jacob Born Aug. 17, 1997 in Abilene, he was the son of Alexander, Louis Diaz, Gary Acosta, Jr., and Ernest

E. Randy Robertson

Funeral services for E. Randy Robertson, 77, of San and retired from GTE in 1987. He married Gloria Wood Angelo were held Tues., Feb. 3 in Johnson's Funeral Oct. 12, 1943 in Tampa, Fla. Home Chapel. Graveside services with military honors followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Robertson died Sun., Feb. 1 in Shannon Medical Center.

Leon and Lennie Pink Hicks Robertson. He joined the U. S. Army in 1940 and was stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, with the First Calvary Division. He transferred to the U. S. Signal Corps and then to the U. S. Air Force, Lindsay Robertson and Dreher Robertson. from which he retired in Oct. 1964 as a lieutenant colonel. He joined General Telephone Co. immediately Hospice or a charity of choice.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, James Michael Robertson.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria, of San Angelo; his children, Randy Jr. and wife, Lori, of Kingswood and Born May 5, 1920 in Afton, he was the son of James Lynn Gray and Dick Robertson, both of San Angelo; one sister, Iva Lee Gipson of Haskell; and eight grandchildren, Lisa Robertson, Jason Gray, Jason Self, Ryan Robertson, Cory Robertson, Chad Robertson,

Memorials may be made to Meals for the Elderly,

Gloria Faye Slayton

Graveside services for Gloria Faye Slayton, 52, of Haskell were held Sat., Feb. 14 at Willow Cemetery with Kenneth Blair and Curtis Payne officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Slayton died Thurs., Feb. 12 at a local hospital.

Born Oct. 11, 1945 in Haskell, she was the daughter nephews in Haskell. of George Melton Overcash and Lena Green Overcash.

She worked at various restaurants in Haskell for 37 years.

Hattie Alma Ray

Funeral services for Hattie Alma Ray, 93, formerly of Rule, were held Thurs., Feb. 12 at Blunt Mortuary Chapel in Colorado Springs. Graveside services were held Mon., Feb. 16 at the Rule Cemetery in Rule with Rev. J. R. Williams and Rev. Scott Hensley officiating. Services were under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ray died Mon., Feb. 9 in Colorado Springs, Colo. where she had been a resident for the past twelve years.

Edward Ray Oct. 11, 1925. He preceded her in death in 80904.

Funeral services for Nell Estes, 82, of Rule were held Tues., Feb. 17 at the First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Estes died Sat., Feb. 14 at an Abilene hospital.

Born July 9, 1915 in Spur, she was the daughter of James Ivy Mecom and Cassie Long Mecom. She married John Romaine Estes Aug. 10, 1937. She worked as a

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Jama and Carlos Rodriquez of Cleveland, Tenn; one sister, Sylvia Jo McGhee of Haskell; two grandchildren, Alicia Dawn Rodriquez and Carlos Servando James Rodriquez,

both of Cleveland, Tenn.; two aunts, Sylvia Gibbs and Helen Moeller, both of Haskell; and several nieces and

Pallbearers were Eugene Gibbs, Sammy Decker, Juan Villa, Kyle Martin and Thomas Rodriquez.

1978. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rule and also active in the Calvary Baptist while living

in Colorado Springs. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by two sons, Billy Don Ray and James Edward Ray.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Beth Koon of Joplin, Missouri; one son, Bob M. Ray of Colorado Springs, Colo.; nine grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Silver Key Senior Born June 16, 1904 in Anson, she married Clarence Services, 2250 Bott Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Nell Estes

bookkeeper for Bailey Toliver Chevrolet in Haskell for 20 years. She was a member of the Philadelphian Club, Bridge Club, and 84 Club in Rule. She was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, and a member of the First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two sons, John Reginald Estes and James Franklin Estes; one sister and two brothers.

Pallbearers were her grandsons and nephews.

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Silvestra 'J. B.' Ozuna

Funeral services for Silvestra 'J. B.' Ozuna, 86, of Church with Domingo Ozuna and Vergil Smith direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

home.

'Amelia' Dominquez Dec. 2, 1931 in Stamford. He was grandchildren. a farm laborer for 40 years, and worked at the janitor of the First Baptist Church in Haskell for 20 years.

Ozuna.

James Lee Griggs

Tom McGovern and Rev. Doyle Patterson officiating. Church. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Griggs died Sat., Jan. 31.

Born in Hamlin, he had lived in Lubbock for 11 years. He married Brenda Allison Aug. 28, 1980 in and a brother, Billie Joe Griggs, Jr. of Abilene. Rule. He was the director of Corrections CiviGenics for BRG at the Dickens County Corrections Center. He was educational psychology from Texas Tech and degrees in Lubbock 79416.

Survivors include his wife, Aurelia 'Amelia' Haskell were held Mon., Feb. 16 at the First Baptist Dominquez of Haskell; five sons, Luis Ozuna, Jr. of Henrietta, Domingo Ozuna of DeSoto, Silvestre Ozuna officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the Jr. and Mike Ozuna, both of Denton and Danny Ozuna of Mission; five daughters, Christy Bryant of Plainview, Mr. Ozuna died Sat., Feb. 14 at a local nursing Candie Galindo of Dallas, Susie Gonzales of Dimmitt, Betty Martin and Janie Alexander, both of Haskell; 42 Born Dec. 31, 1911 in Bridgeport, he married Aurelia grandchildren, 48 great grandchildren and 10 great great

Pallbearers were Jacob Alexander, Marty Galindo, He was preceded in death by two sons, John and Jose Kenny Bryant, Josh Gonzales, Johnny Ozuna, Albert Alvarez, Michael Ozuna and Salvador Ozuna.

Funeral services for James Lee Griggs, 43, of psychology and substance abuse, also from Texas Tech. Lubbock were held Tues., Feb. 3 at Trinity Church with He was a 1st degree Mason and a member of Trinity

> Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Brooke S. Griggs of Lubbock; one son, James Craig Griggs of Lubbock; his parents, Bill and Ruby Griggs of Abilene;

Memorials may be made to the James Griggs a licensed professional counselor and a chemical Memorial Scholarship, Texas Tech Center for the Study dependency counselor. He received a graduate degree in of Addiction, College of Human Sciences, Texas Tech,

> Ashton Irby, of Brownwood, wants all of her Haskell County friends to know that she is now a "Big Sister". Baby Brother, Seth Hester Irby, was born Wed., Jan. 28, at Abilene Regional Hospital at 8:45 p.m. He weighed 7 lb. 6 oz. and was 20" long. Parents are Paul and Laurie Irby. Grandparents are Jerry and Wanda Hester of Weinert, Bob and Sherry Smith of Harlingen, and Bob and Gail Irby of Harlingen. Great grandparents are Bobby and Rowena Hester of Haskell, Hugh and Bea Miller of Haskell, and Grace Garling of Harlingen.

Births

Hadley Seth McCormick, son of Craig and Janet McCormick of Haskell, was born at 2:45 p.m., Wed., Feb. 4.

He weighed 8 lbs, 6.5 oz. and was 21 inches long.

The baby's siblings are nine year old Lauren five mar old Tucker and 23 months of Emmalce.





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Manning, High wed

Laura Elizabeth Manning and Kirk William High, both of Fort Worth, were united in marriage Feb. 21 at 7:30 in the evening at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Fort Worth. The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey N. Steenson officiated.

A reception followed at River Crest Country Club. The club was beautifully decorated like an English garden complete with English ivy, large, fresh topiaries spilling with oceana and white roses and accented with amethyst tulips. Guests danced to Big Band music provided by James Davis' nine-piece orchestra. The club provided a buffet dinner and the bride's cake was a five tier, candlelight, tone on tone cake of vanilla with Irish cream filling.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Monroe Manning, Jr. of Fort Worth. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle High of Haskell.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore and elegant, formal gown of imported candlelight satin. Her sleeveless Princess line gown featured a delicate pearl edging on the bateau neckline, the shoulders, and hemline. The back of the dress was adorned with three rows of tiny matching pearl appliques that fell vertically from the low, squareback neckline. A multi-layered illusion veil falling from a headpiece of dainty, porcelain flowers complimented the chapel length train. She carried a simple bouquet of white roses tied with a champagne, French edged ribbon.

Maids of Honor were Elizabeth Ann Barnes of Atlanta, GA and Susannah Gay Parrish of Nashville, TN. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Christopher Culpepper of Fort Worth and Holli High of Austin, the groom's sister. Best man was Rick High of Tulsa, OK. Groomsmen were Ben Brophy of Amarillo, Mitch Watson of Lubbock, and Ralph Manning of Fort Worth, the bride's brother.

The bride is a graduate of Vanderbilt University where she received a Bachelor of Arts in economics and political science. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She is employed by Bank One Investment Management Croup as a Trust Consultant. The bridegroom is a graduate of Texas Tech University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in finance. He is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He is employed by Bank One, Texas as an agricultural lender.

Following their honeymoon in Nassau, Bahamas, the couple will reside in Fort Worth.



engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wheeler of Nocona Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meeks of Electra are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sharon Kaye Wheeler to Scott Bryan Whitaker of Arlington. Whitaker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Whitaker of Allen.

Wheeler is a graduate of West Texas State University and is employed as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Dallas. Whitaker is a graduate of Tarleton State University and is employed as Product Supply Manager with Frito Lay of North Texas.

The couple plan to marry April 7, in Kauai, Hawaii, and make their home in Grand Prairie.

Mama Hearn to celebrate 100th birthday

Mama Hearn (MM Hearn) of Rochester, will celebrate her 100th birthday Feb. 20. A celebration for Mama Hearn will be given by her children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren on Sat., Feb. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Building in Rochester.

Anyone who wants to come by and wish her a happy birthday is welcome. She requests no gifts, just your presence.

China painting teachers meet

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Wheeler is the granddaughter of

the late C. A. and Trudie Wheeler

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Progressive Study Club learns home safety tips

Haskell Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Feb. 12, in the Haskell National Bank Community Room with the theme, Fire In The Stone But Not In The Home, stressing safety in the home.

Members and guests were welcomed by First Vice President, Judy Patterson. Pledge to the American and Texas Flag was led by Mary Kaigler.

Judy Patterson introduced guest speakers for the evening, Bill Steele, assisted by Randy Shaw, members of Haskell Volunteer Fire Department.

Burn Prevention Tips brochure from Shriners Burns Institutes was handed out to members. Steele said from a two year study in the state of Texas, there were 97,167 fires, one every five minutes. The leading cause of fires was cooking fires, second was incendiary or suspicious, and third was heating.

Types of fire extinguishers included different sizes and different ways of extinguishing fires. One held a dry chemical powder which takes away oxygen, another was a wet water chemical for fires of paper and wood and the other was CO2 to put out gas, liquid or electric fires. He stressed to always aim at the base of the fire and demonstrated how to use a fire.

He stressed one should use common sense, use smoke detectors, and have two ways out of every home. Also, have a place to meet after anyone has escaped a burning house, so everyone will know they have escaped safely.

A burning grease fire was demonstrated and extinguished. Caution was urged in products around the home such as hair spray, stove cleaning and other aerosol cans propelled by propane. Oily and greasy rags stored together may ignite as well as steel wool and batteries in which a demonstration was given. Fire

detectors should be changed every six months.

For first aid of a burn, cold water, ice, or shaving cream was suggested. In appreciation of their talk, a donation was made to the Haskell County Library in Bill Steele's name.

Texas met Feb. 11-14 at the r. Gateway Inn Motel in Graham for their general meeting, workshop and board meeting.

The China Painting Teachers of

Leading the workshop, Allene Coupland gave each one attending a kaleidoscope and night light to paint and assemble.

Anita Herren of Haskell was among the twenty-five members from across the state who attended the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the club will be in April in Waco.

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OPINION



In the aftermath of the Feb. 3 execution of convicted pickaxmurderer Karla Faye Tucker, attorney general candidates John Cornyn and Jim Mattox came out in favor of clemency reform, and in particular, a life-without-parole law.

"The clemency process is not simply a rubber stamp for what takes place in the court. There ought to be some standards developed,"Mattox was quoted in *The Dallas Morning News*. Gov. George W. Bush has said he will confer with lawmakers when the state Legislature convenes next year regarding proposed changes in the clemency process.

Mattox, A Democrat and former Texas attorney general, and Cornyn, a Republican former Texas Supreme Court justice, said they favor a law requiring that jurors considering death sentences be told that a life sentence carries a minimum 40-year term. Jurors are not informed of the minimum length of a life term under current Texas law.

"I think jurors need to be told the truth," Cornyn said. "We somehow have the strange notion that juries can't handle the truth, and we filter the kind of information they receive. I have the utmost confidence in the jury system. I think it functions effectively, but only if (jurors) are told the whole story and given the truth."

Mattox faces Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Morris Overstreet and Universal City lawyer Gene Kelly in the March 10 Democratic primary.

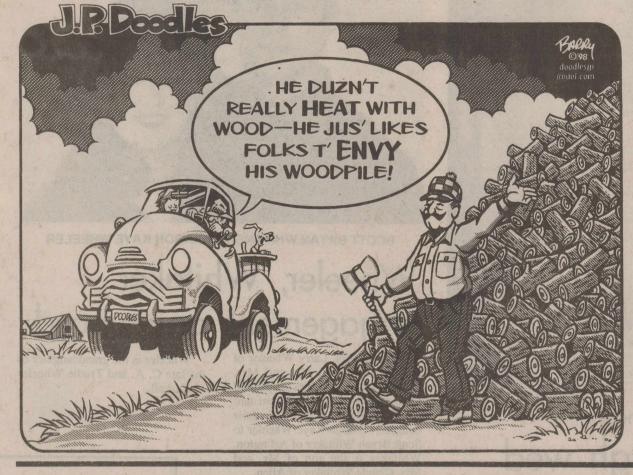
Overstreet, who has proposed legal remedies to the clemency system, voted with the majority of the Criminal Appeals Court in denying Tucker's appeal. In the majority opinion, Overstreet wrote, "I would say that clemency law in Texas is a legal fiction at best." costs about \$68,000 per person a year.

On the Campaign Trail •First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will headline Feb. 15 fundraisers for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro in Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin. The events, featuring coffees, receptions and a \$10,000-acouple dinner are expected to add about \$500,000 to the Mauro campaign coffers.

•Steve Stockman, a Republican candidate for Railroad Commissioner, has notified state officials he forgot to tell them he returned \$75,000 of the \$169,000 he reported raising last year. Chris Cupit, a campaign spokesman, said he advised Stockman not to respond to questions about returning the contribution from James Lightner, a retired Dallas defense contractor.

•Fund raising in the 5th District Congressional race between Democrat Victor Morales and freshman Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Dallas, appears to be lopsided. Morales, a school teacher who was the Democrats' 1996 U.S. Senate nominee, has raised \$34,000, while the Sessions campaign has raised \$335,000. Meanwhile, Sessions has signed a resolution initiating an impeachment investigation of President Clinton.

•While campaigning in South Texas, Rick Perry, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, proposed using the tobacco settlement money to track children's immunizations, control communicable disease, pay healthcare needs for working adults without insurance and retire bonds for water and sewage projects where a lack running water helps spread disease.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 18, 1988 The Haskell Church of Christ will celebrate 100th anniversary with as all-day program.

The third graders of Haskell, collected and crushed cans for donation to Safety City.

Shane Hadaway and Dianah Fischer were listed on Angelo State Univ. dean's honor roll.

20 Years Ago

February 16, 1978 Stanley Hager, of Weinert, won Reserve champion at the Wichita Falls Steer Show with his Angus steer.

Butch Debusk of Sagerton, had a surprise brithday party by his wife on Sunday.

Due to lack of rain, the area lakes are remaining dry.

Mrs. Melba Howard has announced her candidacy for Commissioner Precinct 2, Haskell County.

> 30 Years Ago February 15, 1968

C. A. Thomas, Jr of Haskell, placed sixth at the Wichita Falls District Junior Beef Show. The

In November 1997, Texans

voted to amend the state

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considering a home equity loan.

Hereford steer won champion at the Haskell County Livestock show. The March of Dimes Drive was

a hugh success in Haskell. Tommy Davis and Mrs. David Conner, co-chairmen, of the drive.

The "Operation Sparkle Committee," have staked-off 52 places to plant trees at the new Trailer Park, north of the depot museum.

40 Years Ago

February 20, 1958 M'System has brought the Piggly-Wiggly store announcing the change on Monday. Robert Nix will be manager.

Robbie Lou Roberson, senior at HHS won first place in the conservation essay writing contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Roberson of Haskell.

J. M. Waggoner, retires from West Texas Utilities after 33 years.

50 Years Ago February 19, 1948 Burglars entered the Hub Dry Goods Store during the weekend took between \$25 and \$30, from the cash register. No other merchandise was taken.

Miss Carolyn Williams has received her Bachelor of Business degree from the University of Texas. She is the daughter of Mrs. Carrie Williams of Haskell.

Haskell County's cotton crop for 1947 more than double with a total of 44,729 bales.

80 Years Ago February 23, 1918

Thomas L. Ballard of Camp Travis is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ballard.

John Couch, manager of the Spencer Lumbre Co., had his right foot seriously hurt Wednesday when the wheel of a wagon rolled over it.

A. E. Figle, teacher of the Weaver school, purchased some Belgian rabbits from Woodson and Pinkerton to raise for some war meat at home.

The Red Cross branch at Rochester has shipped out 1,815 surgical dressings and the Rule branch sent 2,450 dressings.



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"Who knows what women can become when they are finally free to be themselves," wrote Betty Friedan in 1963. What indeed?

Linda Briscoe of Haskell has become a fast woman.

She loves to drag race; the faster the better, and it's a fairly new love for this mother of two daughters, grandmother of three grandsons.

Three years ago when Linda and her husband, Jerry Briscoe, began to attend drag races in the area, she caught the racing virus, and it has accelerated into a family-wide recreation activity. Now, both she and her husband regularly drive their own race cars in competition at drag races around the West Texas area and beyond.

"I love it," she bubbles with enthusiasm. When asked why she races, she said, "It's the only thing I've done for myself since having the girls. The adrenalin rush is the biggest high I've ever had."

It was love at first sight, she said, when she saw the '69 Camaro that she race drives now. However, it took her two years to pursuade the owner to part with it. "I kept on hounding him, till I wore him down," she said. Although she runs in the 9.70s, she is not real comfortable with the Camaro yet. "We are still getting used to each other," she said.

Going from Street Class to Pro-Class was quite a change for Linda Her first car was a '74 Datsur 280 Z. According to Linda it ran ir the 12.90s in Street Class, but i ran consistently. In Ennis in 1995 at the Super Chevy Show, the Datsun was 18th out of 280 cars Last year at the Abilene Shoot Ou she made it to the quarter finals winning a jacket. The Datsun which she obviously had a rea feeling for, is still racing and winning somewhere in East Texas Having fun and racing is : family activity. Jerry Briscoe race: a '74 Vega, which took him two years to build. He is head mechanic for the vehicles. Linda says that al. Jerry lets her do is put gas in, wash it and put air in the tires. However she does help Jerry at their shop B&B Automotive in Haskell. Both of their cars will be in the Haskel Fire Department Car Show Saturday, March 7.

Cornyn faces former GOP state chairman Tom Pauken of Dallas and Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson in the March 10 Republican primary.

Sex Offender Program Eyed

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is trying to find out how many of the state's 23,000 convicted sex offenders might be classified as predators.

Meanwhile, a Senate Interim Subcommittee on Sex Offenders is conducting hearings on a proposal that would put Texas' worse sex offenders into treatment programs.

Subcommittee chair Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, said, "We must put into place a new system with which to protect the public."

Such a program may cost dearly. A Washington state program to treat sexual predators •The Texas Farm Bureau Friends of Agriculture Fund endorsed Gov. George W. Bush for re-election. The group is the Farm Bureau's political action fund.

Other Capital Highlights

•In a move to protect its revenues, the Texas Lottery has ordered security officers to begin forcing lottery sellers to get rid of their eight-liner gambling machines. Lottery commission chairman Harriet Miers said the three-member commission supports Attorney General Dan Morales' legal opinion that the casino-style machines are illegal.

•Pat Wood, chairman of the Public Utility Commission, traveled to Texas-Mexico border last week to offer Spanish-speaking consumers tips on how to avoid becoming prey to unscrupulous telephone solicitors. PUC officials said telephone scam complaints have increased sevenfold since September.

Legal Matters By Attorney General Dan Morales

This means you have three days to change your mind and cancel the loan without paying any fee or penalty. In addition, you must wait 12 days between the time you submit your loan application and the day you close on the loan. Other safeguards are:

•You can only lose your home by order of a court.

•You and your spouse cannot be held personally liable for the loan, unless you obtain it by fraud.

•You can repay the loan in advance without paying a penalty, and your lender cannot force you to repay the loan faster simply because the market value of your home goes down.

•Your lender cannot force you to use the home equity loan to pay off another debt. •Lenders cannot use wage

garnishment as security for a home equity loan.

•You are not required to sign

organizations on their own time,

these associations are not affiliated

with the DPS, Thomas said. They

raise money to fund their own

programs, some of which may

The 75th Texas Legislature

enacted a law that requires these

organizations to clarify that they

are not part of the DPS and

prohibits them from implying that

the money they raise will go to the

DPS. In addition, solicitors cannot

use names, symbols or statements

that are similar to those used by

the Texas Department of Public

Safety or the Texas Rangers to

confuse or mislead someone who is

DPS has created an

informational brochure about law

enforcement solicitation for Texas

citizens and has established a

recorded information line on this

being asked to give money.

topic (512-424-5588).

benefit officers and families.

DPS does not solicit funds

Although some law enforcement associations may claim to be raising money on behalf of the Texas Department of Public Safety, they are not affiliated with the agency. The DPS does not benefit from funds the groups and their professional telemarketers raise.

"Over the years, we have gotten numerous questions and complaints from Texas citizens regarding telephone solicitations by law enforcement associations," said Col. Dudley M. Thomas, director of DPS. "The DPS does not solicit financial contributions from private citizens. We receive our funding from the Texas Legislature."

Some organizations solicit funds using names similar to those of the DPS, including "Texas Rangers," "State Troopers," "Texas Highway Patrol" or "Department of Public Safety." While some DPS officers may be members of these any form or applications which has blank spaces to be filled in at a later date.

Home Equity Loan Scams Home equity scams are a growing problem for consumers and law enforcement officials alike. In the most common schemes, a con artist will convince a home owner to take out a home equity loan and invest the cash in a bogus investment, mortgage refinancing offer, home improvement scam, debt consolidation plan, or similar scheme.

•Be leery of anyone who offers to help you get a home equity loan so that you can take advantage of a special one-time-only investment offer.

•Have all of the paperwork relating to the loan reviewed by a lawyer or financial advisor of your choice. Do not rely solely on the advice of a lawyer or accountant brought in by the lender.

Be wary of unfamiliar lenders or investment counselors who offer to process all of the paperwork related to consolidating your debts or investing the proceeds of your loan. They may pocket your cash instead, leaving you with no equity in your home, no cash, and bills still waiting to be paid.

Borrow Wisely

Thoroughly investigate potential lenders and investment offers. Get independent financial or legal advice before you act. Be honest in assessing how much debt you can afford, and shop around to make sure you are getting the best return for you money. Above all, do not let others rush you into making decisions.

Whether your goal is debt consolidation, making home repairs, investing for college tuition, or financing a dream vacation, the basic rules for smart investing are just as valid when considering a home equity loan as they are for any other financial decision. The Briscoe family shows no sign of slowing down their racing interest. Seven-year- old grandson Brett is following in Linda' footsteps. He'll soon be ready to begin racing his new Jr. dragster which recently replaced his go-cart.

Linda, who grew up in Rochester, has positive plans to keep on racing. She sees bracke racing as a 50/50 deal—50% lucl and 50% skill. "If a racer has a good light, they're usually going to win," she said.

Given her revved-up enthusiasn for it, with good lights or with bad lights, it's doubtful that Lind: Briscoe has ever had a bad day at the track.

Thought for the Week

"To be joyful in the universe is a brave and reckless act. The courage for joy springs not from the certainty of human experience, but the surprise. Our astonishment at being loved, our bold willingness to love in return—these wonders promise the possibility of joyfulness, no matter how often and how harshly love seems to be lost.

Therefore, despite the world's sorrows, we give thanks for our loves, for our joys, and for the continued courage to be happily surprised." — Molly Fumi

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OVERALL WINNERS-Leading the pack as Sweepstakes Winner in the Pinewood Derby was Cub Scout Weston Rutkowski, on the left. Best Design Award went to Jared Webb, middle, and Cubby Award went to Hayes Ottaway, on the right.



WOLF CUBS-Pack136 Wolf class winners in the Pinewood Derby were, on the left, Weston Rutkowski #1, Barrett Thomasson #2, and not pictured, Samuel Bitner #3.



BIG BEARS-Cub Scout Bear winners in the Pinewood Derby were, left, Jared Webb #1, Rylie Tatum #2, and B. J. Jacques #3.



WINNING WEBELOS-Pinewood Derby winners, from the left, were Cameron Short #1, Kendall Mitchell #2, Caleb Hudgens #3.

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 23 - 27 Breakfast Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Monday: Cereal, buttered toast/jelly Tuesday: Breakfast burrito Wednesday: Waffles/sryup Thursday: Biscuits/gravy, sausage Friday: Blueberry muffins

Lunch A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are

offered daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School Monday: Chili dogs, potato chips, vegetable sticks, shape ups Tuesday: Lasagna, buttered corn, garden salad, hot rolls, diced pears Wednesday: Fajitas, pinto beans, carrot sticks, sliced peaches Thursday: Steakfingers/gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, buttered hot rolls, fruit salad Friday: Hamburger, french fries, hamburger trimmings, cookies

Paint Creek School Menu

Head Start Menu

Feb. 23-27

Milk served daily with breakfast. Menus subject to change without notice.

Breakfast Monday: Rice Krispies, banana Tuesday: French toast sticks

w/syrup, strawberries Wednesday: Oatmeal, fruit

cocktail Thursday: Breakfast burrito,

orange juice Friday: Toast, apple slices

Lunch Milk served daily with lunch. Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, plum

pear half Wednesday: Corn dog, string cheese, spinach, orange slices Thursday: Beef tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, peaches

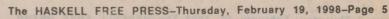
Friday: Fish sticks, corn, broccoli w/ cheese, slice bread

Snacks Monday: Ritz crackers, orange juice

Tuesday: Peanut butter cookie, milk Wednesday: Apple muffin,

milk Thursday: Carrot sticks, ranch dip, crackers, apple juice

Friday: Lemon cookies, orange





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February 23-27

Breakfast Milk and juice are served daily. Monday: Toast, jelly Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy Wednesday: Cereal Thursday: Pancakes, sausage Friday: Donuts Lunch Milk is served daily.

Monday: Stew, chili, cheese toast, salad, cookies, crackers Tuesday: Chalupas, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions Wednesday: Pizza, corn on cob, pineapple cake, carrot sticks Thursday: Corn dogs, cheese, relish, onions, tator tots, peaches Friday: BBQ on bun, fries, pickles, onions, pork and beans, ice cream

ECC Calendar and Menu

Sunday, February 22 11:30 - 1:30 E.C.C. Fund raiser Mesquite smoked brisket dinner Monday, February 23 Lunch-Pork chops, potatoes, broccoli, pickled beets, mixed fruit, milk, tea or coffee

1:00 p.m. China painting

Wednesday, February 25 10:30 a.m. Exercise, Outreach **Health Services**

11:45 a.m. Lou Gilly

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mixed vegetables, peach cobbler, milk, tea or coffee

Friday, February 27 11:00 a.m. Tim and Susanne Townsend singing with guitars

Lunch-Butter beans with ham, turnip greens, tossed salad, potatoes, onions, raisin crisp, milk, tea or coffee

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Students in the News

Hans Overton, a senior Biology student at Angelo State University, has been elected to serve as Chairman of the University Center Program Council (UCPC) Arts Committee at Angelo State University. He also maintains an active role on the UCPC Entertainment Committee and serves as Chairman of the United Campus Ministries (UCM) Social Action Committee.

His duties with UCPC have allowed him to meet and work backstage with such entertainers as Neal McCoy, Martina McBride, The Nixions, The Toadies, and the Vienna Boys Choir.

Overton can be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 9347 ASU Station, San Angelo, TX 76909 or by email at hoverton@usa.net.

He is the son of Wallar and Steffi Overton of Paint Creek.

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Page 6-Thursday, February 19, 1998-The HASKELL FREE PRESS Food Protection Management Training Program is set in Haske

Local food establishments have a chance to show their customers that they really do come first by attending a food safety training seminar taught by Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences in Haskell County and Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences in Knox County. Both County Agents are certified by the Texas Department of Health, Retail Foods Division

as Food Protection Management Program Instructors.

The Food Protection Management Training Program is an effort of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the National Restaurant Association, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association and the Texas Department of Health. The program seeks to better educate food handlers to reduce the risk of

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foodborne illness.

Food managers who participate in the 15-hour course will receive in-depth training in all areas of food safety. The course will cover the latest information in food safety, including: personal hygiene; how to use food thermometers and keep temperature logs; how to store food safely; how to prepare, serve and hold food safely; and methods of cleaning and sanitizing.

Food service establishments that

PUBLIC NOTICE

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

AVISO PUBLICO

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual permitida por la ley estatal es \$3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y \$7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998. con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.

participate in this program will receive numerous benefits. Good food safety practices provide a proactive defense against costs (legal fees, insurance, lost wages, medical claims) of a foodborne illness outbreak. Food service operations can increase the quality of their food and improve profitability by reducing waste with safe food storage and transportation. Also, those establishments under the Texas Department of Health's jurisdiction will receive a 10 percent reduction in license fees annually while the

certification is in effect.

This training and certification is designed for managers of any establishment in Texas involved in preparing or serving food to customers including restaurants, bed and breakfast inns with under seven beds, cafeterias, hospitals, nursing homes, school lunch programs, day care facilities, senior citizens meal sites, grocery stores, convenience stores and mobile vendors.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 24 to 81 million people get sick and more than 10,000 related deaths occur due to food poisoning in the United States each year.

Those who complete the 15 hours training and receive a satisfactory score on the course completion exam will receive certification from the National Restaurant Association. They also will qualify to join the Industry Council on Food Safety and to receive a decal to display in their window, which lets customers know the managers are certified in food safety.

Training materials for the course are provided by the SERVSAFE Program from the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association. The 15

hour course will begin on Thursda night, March 19 and wi tentatively be held on the next tw consecutive Thursday nights March 26 and April 2. The fir: meeting will be held in the Haske County Extension Office located : 101 S. Ave. D in Haske beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Marc 19. The deadline for registering fc the course in Monday, March 2.

The cost of the training is \$99 A brochure containing registration blank has been maile to many of the food establishment. in Haskell County. If you are i. any type of food service busines and have not received the brochurc you may request one from th County Extension Office in eithe Haskell or Knox County.

For more information contac Lou Gilly in the Haskell Count Extension Office at (940) 864-254 or Jane Rowan in the Kno County Extension Office at (940 454-2651.

Harvey presents Art Club program

He gave good advice concerning

Martha Spitzer had a short

Present were Anita Herren, Edna

Wahlen, Charlene Williams,

Florence Larned, Ruth Ann Klose,

Betty Berry, Martha Spitzer, Clara

Homespun

Thurs., Feb. 12, the Homespun

business meeting concerning some

business that had to be initiated

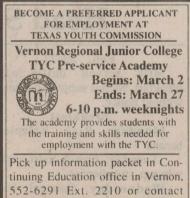
portraits of people and animals.

before the next meeting.

paintings.

The Brazos West Art Club met Feb. 9 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. The meeting began with a snack meal served from a Valentine motif decorated table.

Guest artist was Richard Harvey from Abilene. He is a teacher who does pencil sketches of lots of animals, Indians, and people who have interesting lives. He is a person who makes art very interesting in his methods and acknowledgements of science in his



Harrison Watts at TYC Victory Field

Academy, 552-9347 Ext. 267.

Value You Can See

FCE met in the Extension Office kitchen for a regular meeting. A Mexican food lunch was enjoyed. Delores Medford was hostess and served a delicious cherry pudding dessert. The program "Osteoporosis:

The Silent Disease" was presented by agent, Lou Gilly. Osteoporosis is a major health problem in America and affects one out of two women. It is important that we keep our bones healthy as we age. The disease is a serious debilitating. disease, but is preventable and treatable.

Members present were Francis Fisher, Mildred Robertson, Lennie Blankenship, Joetta Burnett, Betty

Gholson, Fern Livengood, Doroth Brown, Jennie Lyckman, Bobbi Harrison, and Gladys O'Neal. Tw guests, Rene Sanders from Albany and Jonathan Leathers from Benjamin attended.

The next meting will be March 9 and Fern Livengood will focu on painting miniatures which will be interesting. Visitors are alway welcome

Hooks, Margaret Jones, Jan Smith, Coleta Whitfield, Delore Medford, Ophelia Newson, Sharo LeFevre and Lena Tidwell.

meets

Club

First Baptist hosts area WMU meeting

"Following Christ's Examp of Ministry and Witness" was th theme of study for approximatl twenty five area women wh attended the WMU meeting held ; First Baptist Church in Haskel Tues., Feb. 10.

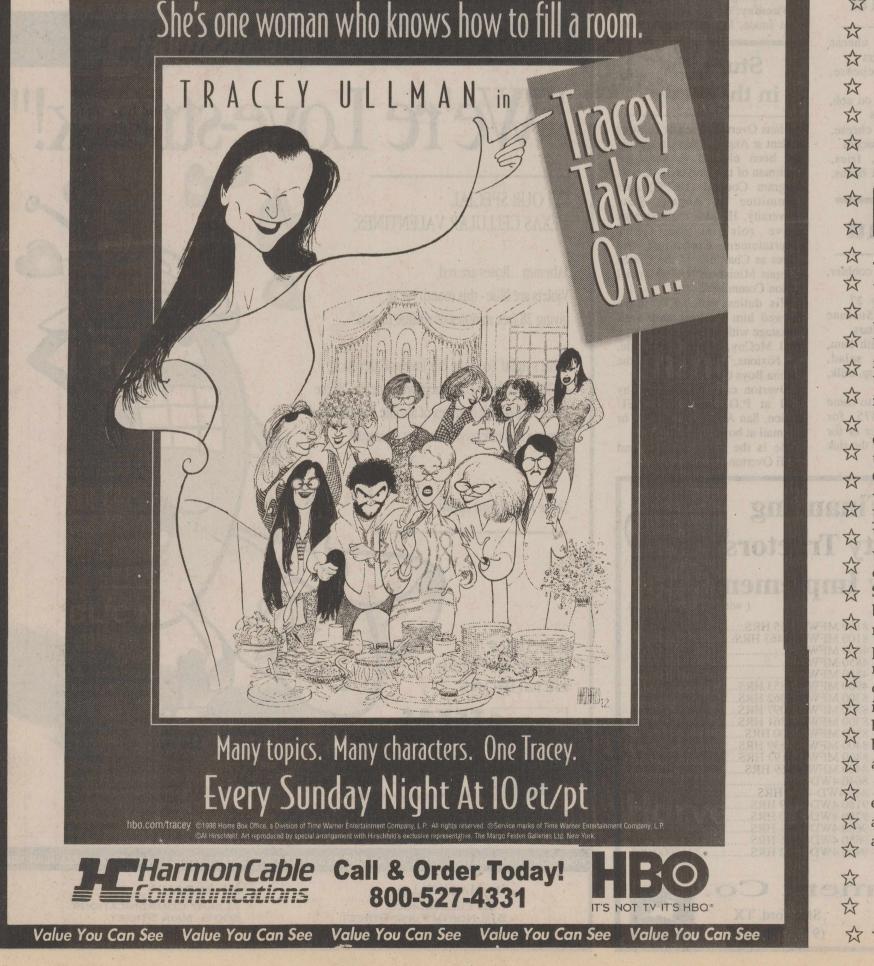
Sammie Turner of Haske reviewed the book, Come Go With Me, written by Dr. C. Anne Davis covering the nine components c the ministering model of Jesus.

ELECT

Penny

Young

for



District Clerk To the citizens and \$ voters of Haskell County. I was born and raised in Haskell County and went to school in Haskell. My parents are May ゴ Belle Benton and the late Jim Benton. I graduated ゴ from Haskell High School in 1981. I married Rocky Young of Haskell and have two sons, Colton who is 8 years old and Jimmy who is 4 years old. Ibegan working for Haskell in 1981 in the Office of the Haskell County Clerk. I was employed in the Haskell County Clerk's Office as a Deputy \overleftrightarrow Clerk for 8 years. I have been employed since 1990 with the Office of the District Attorney for the 39th Judicial District as Office Administrator and Crime Victims Coordinator. During my employment with the District Attorneys Office I have worked closely with the District Clerks of Haskell, Kent, Stonewall and Throckmorton Counties and have become familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the Office of District Clerk. I \overleftrightarrow \overleftrightarrow pledge that I will carry out those duties and \overleftrightarrow responsibilities in an efficient, prompt, fair and courteous manner. My 16 years work experience ☆ in Haskell County Government will enable me to ☆ be a reliable District Clerk that will immediately be able to serve the citizens of Haskell County, and I am looking forward to this opportunity. During my Campaign I will attempt to contact each of you personally, but if I fail to do so, please accept this as a personal solicitation for your vote and support. Thank you, Penny Young Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Penny Young ***********

CONGRATULATIONS Haskell Indians NS 1998 District Champs **1998 Haskell Indians** Team members are: back row, Jason Briles, Coach Coffman, Trey Cheyne, Robert Spells, Shane Steele, Gavino Ortiz and T Nichols. Front row, Trey Rogers, Cy McGuire and Erik Everett Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Food for thought

by Charles H. Spurgeon "Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him."

John 12:2

He is to be envied. It was well to be Martha and serve, but better to be Lazarus and commune. There are times for each purpose, and each is comely in its season, but none of the trees of the garden yield such clusters as the vine of fellowship.

To sit with Jesus, to hear his words, to mark his acts, and receive his smiles, was such a favour as must have made Lazarus as happy as the angels. When it has been our happy lot to feast with our Beloved in his banqueting-hall, we would not have given half a sigh for all the kingdoms of the world, if so much breath could have bought them.

He is to be imitated. It would have been a strange thing if Lazarus had not been at the table where Jesus was, for he had been dead, and Jesus had raised him. For the risen one to be absent when the Lord who gave him life was at his house, would have been ungrateful

indeed. We too were once dead, yea, and like Lazarus stinking in the grave of sin; Jesus raised us, and by his life we live-can we be content to live at a distance from him? Do we omit to remember him at his table, where he deigns to feast with his brethren: Oh, this is cruel! It behoves us to repent, and do as he has bidden us, for his least wish

should be law to us. To have lived without constant intercourse with one of whom the Jews said, "Behold how he loved him," would have been disgraceful to Lazarus, is it excusable in us whom Jesus has loved with as everlasting love? To have been cold to him who wept over his lifeless corpse, would have argued great brutishness in Lazarus.

What does it argue in us over whom the Saviour has not only wept, but bled? Come, brethren, who read this portion let us return unto our heavenly Bridegroom, and

ask for his Spirit that we may be on terms of closer intimacy with him, and henceforth sit at the table with him.

Observe laws when displaying campaign signs

campaign sign on private property

with the owner's permission on

rural roads. However, there are

restrictions regarding sign size and

weight and time periods for

display: The sign should be made

of lightweight material and is

limited to 50 square feet in size.

Signs may be placed as early as 90

days before an election, but no

earlier. And, signs must be

removed within 10 days after the

A list of rural roads can be

obtained from the Abilene district

office at 4250 N. Clack, Abilene,

Texas. Texas is subject to the

Federal Highway Beautification Act

of 1965. Under the federal law, if

the state fails to control signage

visible from interstate and federal-

aid primary highways, Texas may

be subject to sanctions of up to 10

Artwork must be no larger than

32" by 32" framed (framing not

required) and two-dimensional.

Eligible categories are paintings,

prints, drawings or collages.

Artwork must capture the flavor or

depict the heritage of the West

Texas area and 17th District in any

category, which may include but is

Stenholm's Stamford office at 915-

773-3623 or Martha Kiel at Cooper

High School at 915-690-3433.

For more information, contact

not limited to landscapes.

apportionments.

March 27.

in Abilene, April 18.

election.

With the campaign season fast approaching, candidates and their supporters are urged to observe laws regarding placing campaign signs along state highways.

Officials with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) say the laws are intended to reduce clutter along highways so that official traffic control signs are clearly visible for the safety of the traveling public.

Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on state highway right of way. It is also illegal to place a sign, even off state right of way, along most major federal highways in the state without a license or permit. The fine for violating these laws can be as much as \$1,000 per sign per day.

According to Maribel P. Chavez, Abilene district engineer for TxDOT, it is legal to place a

Art competition n announced

Congressman Charlie Stenholm has announced plans for the Seventeenth Annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students in the 17th District of Texas. Since it was first launched in 1982, the nationwide competition has generated thousands of local competitions, involving more than 800,000 high school students. One winning entry from each Congressional District will be displayed in the annual exhibition in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol, an area dedicated to the artistic talents of today's youth.

Students in grades 9 through 12 from Callahan, Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor Counties should enter a preliminary contest to be held in Abilene on March 28. Entries



Basketball scores

Creek 25.

27.

Strickland 1. Paint Creek: Lamb

12, Martinez 5, Goss 16, Davis 6,

JV Score: Rochester 39. Paint

GIRLS

Electra 35, Haskell 33

Rochester 66,

Paint Creek 60

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Nicholson 25, Jackson 13, Hearn 5,

Slaughter 15, Strickland 6, Adkins

2. Paint Creek: Medford 10, Isbell

22, Walton 4, Davis 2, Salinas 15,

JV Score: Rochester 40, Paint

Collecting keychains and

After High School she plans to

Camp is active in the Vocational

Katie Camp, daughter of Jø

Watching TV, drawing, visiting

After finishing High School,

with friends, and "hanging out-

with her mom are her favorite

she plans to move out of Haskell

watching TV are her favorite leisure

get a job and "wait for Mr. Right."

Walters 5, Gardner 2.

Creek 17.

time activities.

Scores by Quarter: 9, 10, 8, 6.

Leading Scorer: McKenzie 16.

Hearn 7, Shackelford 3, Reel 22.

BOYS Haskell 77, Olney 41 Scoring by Quarters: 19, 19, 10, 29. Individual Scoring: Spells, 17, Rogers 8, McGuire 3, Briles 16, Ortiz 15, Cheyne 17, Everett 1.

JV Score: Haskell 48, Olney 47. Haskell wins district championship.

Haskell 67, Electra 49 Scoring by Quarters: 14, 18, 17, 18. Leading Scorers: Briles 18, Ortiz 16, Cheyne 15, Spells 15. JV Score: Haskell 54, Electra 24

Paint Creek 71, **Rochester 69** Scores by Quarters: Rochester: 25, 16, 15, 13. Paint Creek: 13, 23, 20, 15.

Individual Scoring: Rochester: Lopez 1, J. Byrd 9, Adkins 16, C. Byrd 29, Sanchez 3, Aquilira 10,

Students visit Rotary Club

Joseph Rodriquez, son of Mac and Linda Rodriquez, is a member of the Catholic church and is active in Band and Community Based Instruction.

His hobby is watching TV. After finishing High School he plans to work in Haskell.

Foursquare Church, her school activities include participation in Vocational Adjustment Class.

By Joyce Hawkins

and be a good mother.

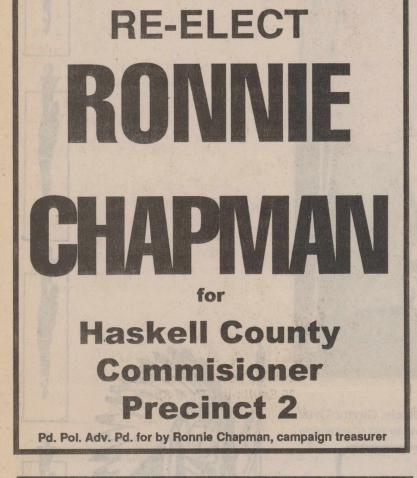
Adjustment Class.

things to do.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilda Medford went to Houston to attend memorial services for Nita's brother-in-law on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wilson of Weatherford visited parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wilson over the weekend and attended church with Mom, Nellie at Trinity Baptist on Sunday morning.

Bernice Hilliard spent the weekend in Abilene visiting with Ellen Hilliard and Jean Ballard and attended the monthly square and line dance at the Wagon Wheel in Tye which was the Valentine dance. Leon and Maxine Ivy did the calling.



percent of the federal should be brought to the Cooper High School Art Department by Winners from the entire 32

counties of the 17th District will be announced at an awards brunch

> Crystal Casillas is the daughter of Charles and Martha Casillas. A member of the New Covenant

Swinney and attended church at

Student in the news

Haskell native, Tomi E. Pheil,

received academic recognition for

the fall semester at Howard Payne

major, was named to the

Presidents's List. She is the

daughter of R. B. and Elizabeth

to receive recognition on the

Students must earn a 4.0 GPA

Pheil, a senior psychology

Trinity Baptist on Sunday.

University, Brownwood.

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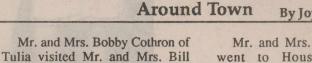
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President's List.



Eight Golden Rules of an **Elected Official**

Those We Serveare the most important people to us.

Those We Serve-

are not an interruption of our work, they are the purpose of it.

Those We Serve-

do us a favor when they call or ask our assistance, we are not doing them a favor by serving them.

Those We Serve-

are not a cold statistic, they are flesh and blood human beings with feelings and emotions like our own.

Those We Serve-

are not people to argue or match wits with.

Those We Serve-

are people who trust us, it is our duty to be trust worthy.

Those We Serve-

are deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give them.

Those We Serve-

are the people that pay our salary no matter what job or position we hold.

THANK YOU

FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE AS YOUR

COUNTY TREASURER

WILLIE FAYE TIDROW

REMEMBER TO VOTE MARCH 10TH

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Willie Faye Tidrow, campaign treasurer

C. A. (Bud) Turnbow **Gives Statement**

I would like to express my thanks to each and everyone in Prec. 4 for your support in the past and would appreciate your vote of confidence in the upcoming March 10th Democratic Primary.

I am running unopposed this time, which I am grateful, as I now can concentrate on the duties of my job rather than bothering you by knocking on your door asking for your vote.

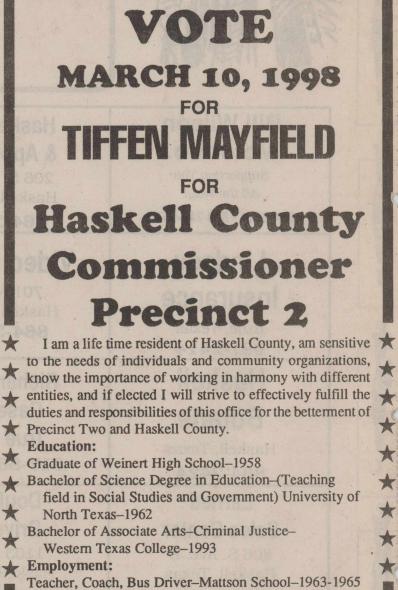
I am a full time commissioner and I'll continue my job as usual. I have enjoyed serving you and consider it an honor to work with you for the betterment of Prec. 4. I feel that I am experienced enough that no road problem is too much for me whether the problem is floods or drouths. My years of experience is an asset in helping with the administration of the County's business in **Commissioners** Court.

Over the years I've come to know most of you by your first name and regardless how you vote, I will count all of you as friends.

Thank you,

C. A. (Bud) Turnbow **Commissioner Prec. 4 Haskell County**

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by C. A. (Bud) Turnbow, campaign treasurer.



Principal, Teacher, Coach, Bus Driver-Weinert School-1965-1967 Farmer-Stockman-1965-present **Community Service:** City Councilman-Weinert, Texas-15 years School Board Member-Haskell CISD-6 years-presently serving Weinert Cemetery Association President-12 years-presently serving Weinert School Dist. representative on Tax Equalization Board-5 years Served on various USDA committees throughout the past 32 years

Your vote and support will be appreciated.

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Tiffen Mayfield, Treas. $\star \star \star \star \star$

Usually, the words "nuisance" and "appreciate" don't seem to fit together. But at the Nuisance Wildlife Appreciation Day here March 11, property owners, crop and livestock producers will look at different approaches to management of damage by coyotes, feral hogs and geese.

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"We most often link 'appreciate' with something we value," said Greg Kaase, Haskell County agent for agriculture with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "But one definition of the word is to judge with heightened perception or understanding', he noted. "And while we may not 'appreciate' what such wildlife does to our property, this program will help us look at not only the problems but some possibilities for profit in dealing with them."

The meeting at the Haskell Civic Center is tailored for residents of Haskell, Jones, Knox,

Stonewall and Throckmorton counties. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. and the program is from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Participants will receive four continuing education units toward certification of pesticide applicators.

Persons planning to attend should preregister with Kaase or their local county extension agent by March 2. If they register by then, the cost is \$10. Registration at the door will be \$20. The registration includes lunch.

In the opening session, Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Service wildlife specialist from San Angelo, will discuss the concept of nuisance wildlife appreciation and use of an integrated pest management approach to the matter.

In another segment, specialists will explain the biology of nuisance species. Rick Gilliland, Texas Animal Damage Control Service, Canyon, will discuss

coyotes. Rollins will discuss feral hogs. Jim Ray, biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at Canyon, will discuss geese.

After lunch, Haskell County Judge David Davis will moderate a panel discussion on "Nuisance Wildlife: Silk Purses or Sow's Ears." Problems caused by geese will be addressed by Haskell County producer Steve Alasbrook. Other panelists will report on feral hogs and coyotes. Discussing income potential from hunting will be Wyman Meizer of Benjamin, coyotes and panelists reporting on feral hogs and geese.

Gilliland will demonstrate alternative methods for controlling nuisance wildlife. Rollings will discuss concerns about the use of pesticides and steps to prevent illegal use of pesticides.

Sagerton News By Dorothy M. Clark

Greetings from a "safe-driving" community! Hopefully this can be said now after 26 people completed the Defensive Driving Course sponsored by A.A.R.P. and the local Hobby Club. Owen Aikin of Rochester was the instructor for the course last Monday and Tuesday and participants were from Rule, Stamford and Sagerton. Thanks to the Hobby Club for giving us the opportunity to attend the class.

Gail Lehrmann from Denver, Colorado has been visiting in the home of her parents, Clancey and Helen. She came especially to attend some basketball games in which her nieces, Jennifer and M'Lynn and her nephew, Brian, were playing in. During her visit she was joined by James and Lanelle Gunter of Claude, and the Stephen Lehrmann family for a Sunday night supper at her parents house.

Stephanie Stegemoeller and two of her college friends, Gretchen of Houston and Rachel of Fredicksburg made a short overnight visit with her parents and sister, Clayton, Paula, and Michelle last Tuesday night, also coming for the Rule-Throckmorton basketball game. Michelle was glad to have her big sister here to help her recuperate from the injury she received from a severe blow to the head in a fall during the fiercely fought game. Throckmorton was victorious, but our girls gave them a run for their money, coming in second in District and will move on to play Spur Tuesday. This game will have been played by the time you receive this "news" so we'll wonder about it at this writing. The Hobby Club met for their

regular meeting last week with Leona Letz serving as hostess. Bibs and lap robes for local care homes were made. Officers were elected to serve for 1998 and included: President, Jo Brown; Vice-president, Peggy Tabor; Sec.Teas., re-elected, Joyce LeFevre; Reporter, re-elected, Mary Neinast; and card chairperson, Wilma Teichelman. 100 percent attendance in membership included Leona Letz, Joyce LeFevre, Wilma Teichelman, Christine Stremmel, Margaret Wendeborn, Mary Neinast, Peggy Tabor, Yvonne Swofford, Ev Ulmer, Margie Hertel, Jo Brown and Dorothy Toney.

James Gellner, Mary Neinast and Corine Lowack attended the V.I.P. Valentine dinner at the center in Stamford last week. Willie Boedeker and his wife of 56 years were selected as Valentine sweethearts. Roland Smith and his band provided the musical entertainment for the evening.

Kenneth Neinast and a friend from Emory enjoyed bird hunting and visiting in the home of his mother, Mary Neinast. Joining them for visiting were Mary's daughter and family, Judy, Roy, Dustin and Doug McEwen.

the season. Leon and Calvin attended the game in which Christi played for her grade school team.

Peggy Adler, daughter of Joe and Dorothy Clark, received the Humatarian of the Year Award from teachers and staff of Barbara Bush Elementary School in The Woodlands where she is Administrative Assistant. The award is given annually to an employee, voted on by staff members to an outstanding employee of the K-4 grade school. Seventy teachers are employed in the school of 750 plus students and she was humbled, but proud to have been chosen for this award by her fellow workers.

Remember the Friendship Club meeting today, Thursday the 19th and next Wednesday evening marks the beginning of the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday services at Faith Lutheran at 7:00 p.m.

processors.' Sweetwater farmer, Wes Sims was re-elected president to lead the

Agency offices.

and soybeans.

Deadline to purchase crop insurance approaching

Glenn R. Brzozowski, CED of the Haskell County FSA Office, reminds producers of spring-planted crops that the deadline to buy federal crop insurance is soon. Producers must decide which crops

crop loss depends entirely on the choices they make prior to the sales closing dates. Most need crop insurance.'

Producers interested in buying crop insurance should contact a

The HASKELL FREE PRESS-Thursday, February 19, 1998-Page 9 Different approaches to be discussed TFU supports removal of federal to help manage area wildlife problems goverment commodity loan rate caps

Delegates to Texas Farmers Union's (TFU) 94th annual convention in Plano, Jan. 30-31, voted to support removal of federal government commodity loan rate caps, which were frozen at 1995 levels under the 1996 farm bill. Delegates also reinforced their support for a floor price for milk.

"The 1996 farm bill severely limited the safety net that family farmers and ranchers so desperately need," said TFU President Wes Sims of Sweetwater. "The result is that processors can widen their profit margin by buying low from the farmers and selling high to the consumer."

In addition, delegates passed a resolution calling for a change in the state law which prohibits land owners from hunting on their own property without a hunting license. While the provision is largely ignored for farmers who kill varmints on their own farms, recent arrests of land owner-hunters led the TFU delegation to call for legislation granting land owners the right to protect their own property without being licensed.

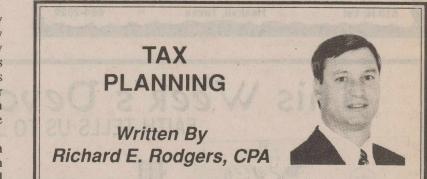
Texas Farmers Union's (TFU) board of directors voted unanimously to support a lawsuit by individual beef producers which calls on the U./S. Packers and Stockyard Administration to enforce its antitrust laws. TFU believes sagging cattle prices are attributable⁼ to the lack of competition in the market. As of 1996, four firms controlled the processing of 87 percent of the nation's red meat.

"The nation's beef processing companies have increasingly used captive supplies of cattle to drive down the market price for fed cattle," said Sims. "These practices are driving down producer prices, while consumers receive no benefit from the lower prices paid by the

Texas Farmers Union. Joe Rankin, a cotton farmer from Ralls, was reelected vice-president.

Also elected district directors were Robert Green of Hartley, Connie Mack Seymore of Merkel, Terry Priesmeyer of El Campo, Charles Lindsey of China Spring, and Robert Smith of Austin.

Delegates elected to represent the Texas organization at the National Farmers Union Convention in Albuquerque, NM, March 6-8 were Billy Arpe of Roscoe, A. J. Priesmeyer of El Campo and Patrick Cox of Buda.



MAKING THE ROTH IRA ROLLOVER DECISION

Roth IRAs are the new retirement accounts that don't offer a tax deduction when money goes in, and also aren't subject to tax when money is withdrawn. An additional feature is the ability of certain taxpayers to roll their current IRAs into Roth IRAs without paying the 10% early withdrawal penalty tax.

Why would you want to do a rollover, since that triggers the ordinary income tax due on your regular IRA? Even if you have to pay a price up front, it turns out that the power of tax-free compounding coupled with tax-free withdrawals can make the switch beneficial for many taxpayers.

Who is eligible? Taxpayers may convert existing IRAs to a Roth IRA if their adjusted gross income, not including the rollover, does not exceed \$100,000, and they are not married filing separately.

You might want to convert an existing IRA if:

•You can pay the tax on the rollover from non-IRA funds.

•You expect to be in your current or higher tax bracket when vou retire.

•You can leave the converted funds alone for at least five years, and preferable more.

If you make a rollover in 1998, the resulting tax bill can be paid over four years instead of all at once. And while this feature will be a bonus for many taxpayers, it won't be desirable from some-for example, certain social security recipients. As you might expect, planning is essential for a successful rollover. For assistance in making decisions under the new retirement account rules, contact us. We can help you determine the best course of action in your particular circumstances

> **RODGERS & COMPANY Certified Public Accountant** 20 Southwest Third Street Hamlin, Texas • 915-576-2356

Hospital

Admissions W. R. Neatherlin, Avoca Dora Bartley, Haskell Tex Little, Rule Catherine Whitaker, Haskell Dismissals Allene Wheatley, Julia Goode, Jon Scott, Delma Matthews, Jerrene Couch, Ruby Letz, Kay Henry

The home of Delbert and Joyce LeFevre was the scene of a family gathering Sunday for Ken, Jill, Kinsey, Tully and Cade Brown, Larry and Susan LeFevre of Rule, Kent, Kathy and Kit of Tuscola and Shane LeFevre of Sundown. Family members were eager to see how Shane was doing after sustaining a broken leg while playing basketball. Grandma reports that he is doing well.

Leon and Mae Stegemoeller spent the weekend in Hewitt visiting with their children, Calvin, Cherri Lynn, Eric, Ross and Christi and Clifford, Theresa and Brannon of Houston. While there, they enjoyed basketball games involving their grandchildren. Mae and Cherri Lynn went to Taylor to watch Ross play in his final District game for the Freshman team of Midway High School of Waco. They were undefeated champs for

to insure and which level of coverage to obtain, before March 15.

"Knee-deep snows in the south and flooding in the west are vivid reminders of the unpredictable weather risks farmers face each year," said Brzozowski. "USDA's ability to help farmers following a

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 659 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, February 14, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

The market was fully steady on all cattle.

Cows: fat, .36-.415; cutters, .36-.39; canners, .18-.28.

Bulls: bologna, .46-.55; feeder, .65-.73; utility, .42-.46.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.21; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.18; 400-500 lbs., .94-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .82-.95; 600-700 lbs., .76-.93; 700800 lbs., .70-.76; 800-up lbs., .65-.74.

cotton and extra long staple cotton,

grain sorghum, peanuts, potatoes

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.08; 300-400 lb., .86-.95; 400-500 lbs., .82-.90; 500-600 lbs., .72-.78; 600-up lbs., .58-.73.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 375-525.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 500-650; aged or small, 375-525.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 625-750; small or aged; 450-600.

M-System Customers

If you do not receive the M-System Grocery circular in your Haskell Free Press, you may pick one up at M-System Grocery Store or at the Haskell Free Press. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

UVFR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE "Conscientious" "Concerned" "Haskell County Native" Dates to remember: Last day to vote by mail March 3 Last day to vote early March 6 **Primary Election March 10**

Your VOTE and FRIENDSHIP is Appreciated

VOTE for

Subject to action of the Democratic Primary

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Wallar Overton, campaign treasurer

crop insurance agent. A listing of To the Voters crop insurance agents is found in all local USDA Farm Service and Citizens of March 15, is the sales closing dates for the following: corn,

Haskell County:

I have enjoyed serving as your County Clerk for the past seven years and even though I don't have an opponent I would appreciate your vote of support in the **Democratic Primary on** March 10th.

Remember early voting begins on Monday, February 23rd and ends on Friday, March 6th.

Thank you, Rhonda Moeller

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Rhonda Moeller, Treas.

NOTICE

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Joan Strickland speaks of library needs at Society's meeting

County Librarian Joan Strickland was the speaker at the Haskell County Historical and Genealogy Society regular meeting held Mon., Feb. 2 in the First National Bank Community Room.

The sources of library funding and a list of library needs were given by Strickland, who also reported on the Friends of the Library project to build a new library

With Eula Peters presiding during a business session, it was announced that copies of cemetery records will soon be on sale by the Society. Vol. I is Highland and Stamford West Cemetery, and Vol. II is Willow Cemetery.

Plans for doing a calendar project later this year were discussed.

Seventeen members and guests were present. Next meeting will be Mon., Mar. 2 at 7:00 p.m.

This Week's Devotional Message: FAITH TELLS US TO JUDGE OTHERS ONLY BY THEIR ACTIONS



ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY -HASKELL-East Side Baptist Church David Page, pastor Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell Christian Church Dusty Garison, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell Church of God Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 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 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 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 Shane Brue, 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 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 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.

He judge our fellow human beings by our experiences with them, and this is as it should be; as long as we rate them by their actions only. We are wrong when we condemn or ridicule them merely because they happen to belong to a certain religion, nationality or ethnic background. The word "prejudice" means pre-judging; and even though we once suffered at the hands of a member of some group, the faith at our House of Worship which teaches us to forgive also for-

Greater Independent Baptist

Church

Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.

301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Freddy Perez, pastor

200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge

1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Jim Turner, pastor

301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend

Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

Gazebo or Pavillion

-PAINT CREEK-

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.

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First Baptist Church

Joel Rister, pastor

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Rev. James Patterson

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.

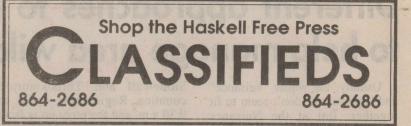
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bids us to judge others on this basis. Remember that bigotry is not born in us but is learned, usually from our parents. So by your example, teach your children this lesson; and that includes the rejection of all ethnic jokes, which are an unwarranted hurt to inflict on anyone. Both prejudice and tolerance can be taught, and you must decide which attitude you want your children to develop.

Union Chapel Baptist Church Rev. Andrew Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Rochester Faith Chapel of Rochester Katherine Byrd, minister Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Hwy 6, Rochester First United Methodist Church 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 Scott Hensley, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 811 Union, Rule First United Methodist Church





FOR SALE: 930 Case propane tractor. Call Rex, 864-2424 or 864-2718. 5-8c

DESIGN YOUR OWN personalized photo graduation announcement cards. 10% off if ordered and paid for before March 31st. Sue's Flowers and Photography, southeast corner square. 940-864-2204. 3-10c

FOR SALE: Two 15" subwoofers in truck box, 300 watt amp, electronic crossover. \$300. 864-2023, leave message. 4tfc

FOR SALE: 4-16 inch, 8 hole. aluminum wheels with Goodyear Wrangler TD's. 864-3757. 7-8p

DID YOU FORGET Valentine's Day? Make it up! Dachshund puppies for sale. Call 915-773-2021.

8c

FOR SALE: Volume I Highland and Stamford West Cemetery Records, Volume II Willow Cemetery Records for \$30 hardcover, and \$20 for softcover plus postage if mailed. Books are available at the Library, Carousel or from Wanda Ham at 940-864-3769. By mail, send request to Haskell County Historical and Genealogy Society, 300 N. Ave. E, Haskell, TX 79521. 8c

SEVERAL GOOD used sleepers, sofas and recliners priced to sell quickly. Kinney Furniture in Stamford. 8c

Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION **OF TEXAS OFFICE OF** GENERAL COUNSEL Oil and Gas Docket No. 7B-0218376 IN RE: Conservation and Prevention of Waste of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas in the State of Texas Austin, Texas January 22, 1998 NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF **BRIDWELL OIL COMPANY** TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY **RECOVERY AUTHORITY** FOR THE RULE WEST UNIT RULE WEST (STRAWN) FIELD **FASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS** Notice is hereby given to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (1998), the Railroad Commission of Texas will hold a hearing on February 26, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (1998). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date. This hearing will be held to consider the application of Bridwell Oil Company for unitization and secondary recovery authority for the Rule West Unit, Rule West (Strawn) Field, Haskell County, Texas. As of this filing, approximately 98.5% of the royalty interests have executed the unit agreement, and 97.5% of the working interests have executed the unit agreement and operating agreement.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Lloyd Muennink, at (512) 478-6623. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

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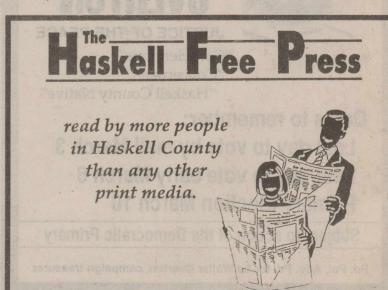
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ANY REQUEST FOR POST-PONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list. TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing, that party should notify the Court Reporter's office at (512) 463-6926, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio tape recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively





communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

All exhibits filed as a part of the record in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

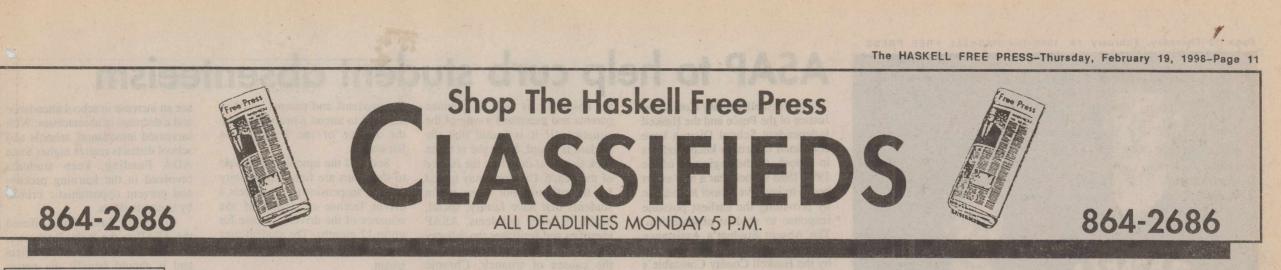
This hearing requires notice by publication.

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NOTICE Haskell County is advertising for an outside Auditor for a three (3) year period 1998-2000. Bids may be taken to the County Judge's Office or mailed to County Judge, David Davis, P.O. Box 905, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Auditors are required to be Certified Public Accountants. Bids will be opened on February 24, 1998 at the County Commissioners' Court meeting. David C. Davis County Judge 7-8c

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HASKELL

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 29th day of January, 1998 by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 9502. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Chano Garcia. Legal Description: 1. The west 100' of Lot 4, Block 70 of the Original Town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 9784. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Ricky Gutierrez. Legal Description: 2. Lots 7-8, Block 79, Carney Addition to the City of O'Brien, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 9887. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. L. C. Johnson Jr. Legal Description: 3. Tract 8, 80x140, Block C, Original Town Outlot 96, Haskell Munty, Texas.

Cause No. 9904. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. William L. Feemster. Legal Description: 4. Northwest corner 80x180 Outlot 96, Tract 7, Block B, Original Town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 9911. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Irene Jenkins, deceased. Legal Description: 5. Lot 6, Block 35, Brown & Roberts Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Lexas.

Cause No. 9968. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. L. G. Sanders, deceased. Legal Description: 6. Lots 1-2, Block 28, A. B. Carothers Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 9976. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Roy Trussell. Legal Description: 7. Lot 4, South 25' of Lot 5, Block H, T & P Addition to City of Hasell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,139. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Jackie Betts. Legal Description:

Block 2, East Side Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas

only) L. Duchess Survey 46, Ab-

stract 118, Lot 1A, Haskell

County Appraisal District v. Dovie

Cain, deceased. Legal Descrip-

tion: 13. Lots 2-3, Block 42, of the

Frisco Addition to the Town Has-

kell, Haskell County, Texas. 14.

Lots 7, 8, 9, and 10, Block Block

15, Frisco Addition to the Town of

Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

15. Lots 1, 2, Block 5, of the Col-

lege Heights Addition to the town

of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

16. Lot 5, Block 42, of the Frisco

Addition to the town of Haskell,

Haskell County, Texas. 17. Lots 7,

8, Block 42 of the Frisco Addition

to the town of Haskell, Haskell

Cause 10,496. Styling: Haskell

County Appraisal District v. Has-

kell Properties Inc. Legal Descrip-

tion: 18. Lots 2-7, Block 21, High-

land Addition to the City of Has-

County Appraisal District v. Joe

Luis Lopez. Legal Description: 19.

Lot 10, Block 51, of the Original

Town of Rule, Haskell County,

County Appraisal District v. Joe

Navarrette. Legal Description: 20.

North half of Lot 8, Lot 9, Original

Town of Rule, Haskell County,

Cause 10,505. Styling: Haskell

Cause 10,499. Styling: Haskell

kell, Haskell County, Texas.

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Cause 10,489. Styling: Haskell

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the south door of the Courthouse Cause No. 10,378. Styling: on Haskell County, in the City of Haskell County Appraisal District Haskell, Texas. v. Lavonta Ward DBA. Legal Levied on the 29th day of Janu-Description: 11. (Building on ary, 1998, as the property of said leased land) B. J.'s Camp (store defendants, to satisfy the judgment only). L. Duchess Survey 46,

rendered in the above styled and Abstract 118, Lot 1B, Haskell numbered cause, together with County, Texas. 12. (Building on interest, at 10 per cent, per annum, leased land) B. J.'s Camp (house and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction. Given under my hand this 29th

day of January, 1998. Johnny L. Mills Sheriff, Haskell County, Texas

6-8c

Garage Sales

ESTATE SALE: 1200 N. Ave. L, Haskell. Feb. 20-21, 8 to 5. Household goods, furniture, washer, dryer, refrigerator, microwave, some antiques, tools, rototiller. By J. Ammons. 8c

YARD SALE: Old and misc. 703 S. 10th. Feb. 20 and 21.

GARAGE SALE: Ladies and girls clothes, end tables, dresser, many misc. 1107 N. Ave. I. Sat. 9 to 1.

Jobs Wanted

HOUSE LEVELING. Floor bracing. Free estimates. References. Call 915-675-6369 anytime. David Lee. 19tfc

CARPENTER WORK, exterior and interior painting, cabinetry, drywall, general carpentry and concrete work. 25 years experience. Mike Hickman, 658-3246 or 658-3941, Knox City. 51tfc

Cause 10,628. Styling: Haskell I WOULD LIKE to do sitting with County Appraisal District v. Jose anyone who needs someone nice. I Contreras, deceased. Legal Dewould also do cleaning or whatscription: 21. North half of Outlot ever chores they would need while 34, of the Brown & Roberts Addi-I was there. Call 940-997-2102 or tion to the City of Haskell, Haskell leave message with your phone 7-8p number.

Cause 10,629. Styling: Haskell

3rd day of March, 1998, which is Miscellaneous the first Tuesday of said month, at

> HOME DECORATORS. Painting, Insulation, Remodeling, water and air filtration systems. Call Bobby O'Neal 940-743-3550. 30tfc

HEALTH INSURANCE at affordable rates. Farmers, ranchers, small business owners 800-991-8281. 7-10p

CUSTOM FRAMING. Country Friends and Frames, 101 N. Swenson, Stamford. 915-773-2661. Complete framing needs. Closed Mondays. 8c

Business Opportunities

FARMER/DEALER business opportunity marketing specialty soil products and fertilizers. Training program provided. Call today 1-800-553-7587. 8-9p

Help Wanted

HOME TYPISTS, PC users needed. \$45,000 income potential. Call 1-800-513-4343 Ext. B-2094. 5-8p

For Rent

FOR RENT: 207 S. 2nd. 3 bedroom. Apply at 107 N. Ave. C. 6-9p

FOR RENT: 1107 N. 10th. Nice 2 bedroom apartment. Central air. Covered parking. 864-3762. 8c

2232.

FOR RENT: 906 N. Ave. E. 2 bedroom house. 864-3762.

EXPERT AUTO WORK REASONABLE RATES

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. 12tfc

Real Estate

FARM FOR SALE: Farm. 247 acres dryland. 10 miles west of Haskell (Helweg farm). Kay 972-378-0098. 1tfc

FOR SALE: 154 acres. 5 miles west Haskell. All cultivation. Good productivity. 940-864-3476. 3-14p

FOR SALE: 50 acres, 2 miles northeast of Rule. Boyd Baird, 940-997-2108. 8-90

FOR SALE: 390.2 acres, 2 1/2 miles NE of Weinert on FM 1720. Call Edwin L. Fly at 940-743-3408.

Insurance

Medicare Supplement

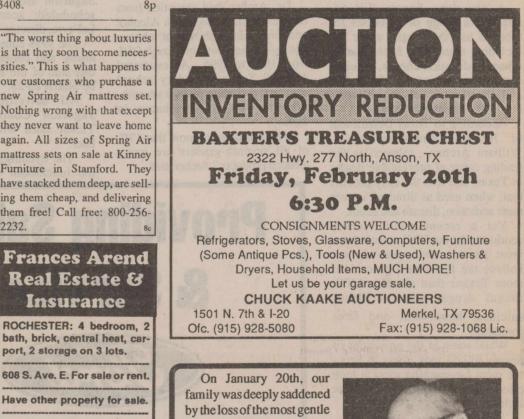
port, 2 storage on 3 lots.

You have met our needs once again with your prayers, flowers, cards, gifts, visits and memorials. We appreciate the ones that came to Lubbock to the funeral-that meant so much to us. To all our friends and family, we just can't thank you enough.

> Brenda, Brooke, Craig Griggs and Helen Allison

I wish to thank everyone from the Hatahoe and customers for all the kindness, generosity, love and appreciation during our family's loss and sorrow. We truly appreciate everykind gesture you have given to us.

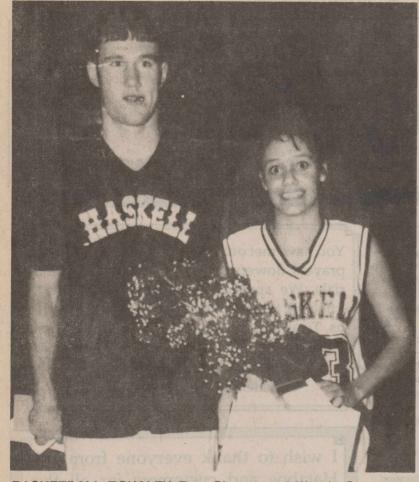
The Gloria Slayton family



man we had ever known. A



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BASKETBALL ROYALTY-Trey Cheyne and Wendy Gray were crowned 1997-98 Basketball Beau and Basketball Sweetheart. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Youth tobacco users face stiff penalties

A new law, Senate Bill 55, imposes a range of penalties for tobacco use by Texans under 18, including mandatory attendance at tobacco education classes, required community service, a \$250.00 fine and suspension of the driver's license for repeat offenders.

According to Texas Department of Health Commissioner Dr. William Archer, tobacco is the leading cause of preventable deaths in Texas, and it is the only product that, when used as directed, causes mass addiction, disease and death.

Yet a recent public survey conducted by the TDH revealed that most parents and youth do not believe the fact that tobacco kills more Texans than alcohol, AIDS, illegal drugs, auto accidents, suicides, homicides, and fires combined.

While some of the provisions of Senate Bill 55 took effect in Sept., the most far-reaching aspects took effect in Jan. Highlights of the law include:

* Prohibits minors from

Dr. Archer said statistics from the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse show that tobacco use by Texas youth increased 25% from 1992 to 1996. An estimated 410,000 Texas secondary school students, including 50,000 seventhgraders, were using tobacco in 1996.

"It's alarming to know that 17% of all seventh-graders are using tobacco products," Archer said.

ASAP to help curb student absenteeism

The Haskell County Constable, Justice of the Peace and the Haskell Independent School District have combined efforts to keep students in school. At the beginning of the 1997-1998 school year a new effort began to improve school attendance by providing the earliest possible response to student absenteeism. The Absent Student's Assistance Program, or ASAP, was initiated by the Haskell County Constable's Office.

In recent years Haskell County has seen an increase in juvenile crime. Students who are frequently absent are at greater risk of dropping out of school and tend to have more involvement with the Juvenile Justice System than their peers who attend school regularly. The ASAP seeks to reduce dropout rates and to deter delinquent or criminal activity through early intervention.

ASAP works as follows: On a daily basis the Haskell Independent School District notifies Constable Kim Bassett of students with unexcused or possible unexcused absences. The Constable then makes visits to the students' households to find the reasons for the absences, as well as to make parents and guardians aware of the situation. If it is found that the student is truant, he or she is taken back to school or before the Justice of the Peace. Citations may issued for the offense. For those truant students that have family, social, health or other problems, ASAP identifies and facilitates the delivery of social services to help remedy the causes of truancy. Chronic truants and their parents are charged and sanctioned by the Justice of the

Peace. Charges may be filed for Failure to Attend School against a student who has unexcused voluntary absences on ten or more days or parts of days within a six-month period, or three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period of school without the consent of the parents. If the parent, with criminal negligence, fails to require the child to attend school as required by law, and the child has unexcused voluntary absences for the amount of time listed, the parent commits an offense called Thwarting Compulsory Attendance. Charges may be filed against the parent.

Annual Sagerton Hee Haw scheduled March 26-28

For the 28th time in as many years, the dates for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw have been scheduled, according to Larry LeFevre, director.

The 1998 edition of the funniest music and comedy extravaganza this side of the Brazos River will be March 26-28.

All activities will be at Sagerton Community Center. Ticket sales will be announced later

The evenings will begin with the lunchroom opening at 5:30 p.m. Music will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. According to Dorothy Clark, music director, the Hee Haw band, a crowd pleaser, is looking forward to providing many toe-tapping favorites.

Thursday night will be designated "Senior Citizen Group Night."

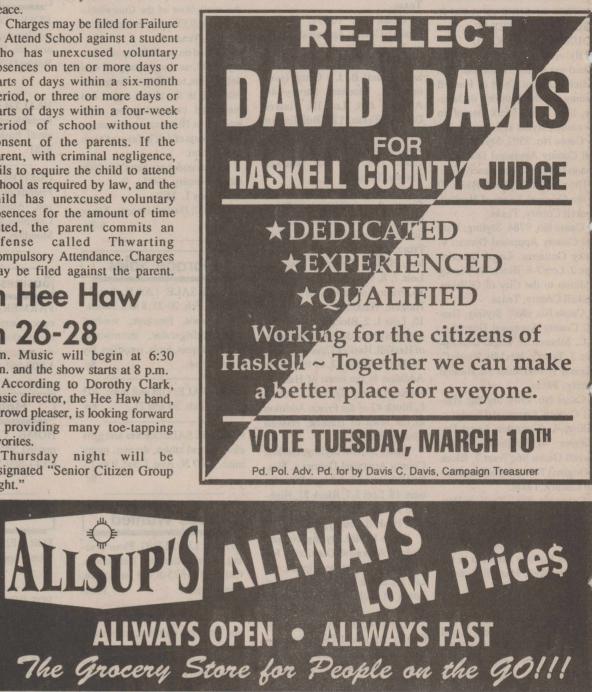
The students and parents are then required to attend a hearing before the Justice of the Peace, Gina Brown.

Some of the sanctions available to the Court are fines, community service, suspension of the student's driver license or denial of the issuance of the driver's license for up to 12 months. The student may be incarcerated if he continues to be truant

Through the ASAP we hope to

see an increase in school attendance and a decrease in absenteeism. With increased attendance, schools and school districts realize higher State ADA Funding, keep students involved in the learning process and prevent opportunistic crime. by truant students.

Constable Bassett has offered the ASAP to the Rule, Rochester, and Paint Creek School Districts and it should benefit the entire county.



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