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Linnie Marie Hickman

- Haskell V. vs Hermleigh at Hermleigh Tues. 4:30**
- Baseball games**
- Merkel Tournament Varsity Thurs. thru Sat.**
- Track meets**
- Saturday at Olney**
- Calendar**

Hamburger supper

Weinert Fire Department will host a hamburger supper and political forum Sat., March 7 at the Haskell American Legion Hall beginning at 5 p.m. The supper, consisting of hamburgers, chips and drinks, will cost \$4.00. Tickets are available at the door. Political candidates are invited to participate in the forum. Take-outs will be available.

Study Club

Haskell Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Susan Keeling, Executive Director of Noah Project will be guest speaker.

EMS CE course

A continuing education course for all levels of EMS will be held after March 1. For information call Todd Barnes 864-2621 ext. 212 or 864-3067.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the City Hall annex Thurs., March 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Special speaker

Haskell Church of God will feature a special speaker at Sunday services March 8. Speaker will be Gale A. Barnett, state overseer of the Church of God.

Lunch 'N Learn

Third grade parents will have a Lunch 'N Learn at Haskell Elementary School March 5. Parents must register for the free meal to begin at 11:15. Meet in the school's foyer.

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. Proceeds benefit the Haskell Fire Dept.

Benefit sale

Haskell Church of God will hold a rummage sale Sat., March 7 at 803 S. 8th.

Foundation dinner

'Raising Readers' will be the theme for the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation Dinner March 21 at 7:30 at the Civic Center. The program will feature Teacher Appreciation and Outstanding Student Readers. Guest speaker will be Don Harkins of Beaumont. Tickets are \$25 and be purchased from any Foundation member or at the school office.

Mammography

Haskell Memorial Hospital will sponsor a mammography screening day Thurs., March 5. The service, through United Regional Health Care System's Women's Mobile Diagnostic Unit, will be located on the parking lot of the hospital. Pre-registration is a requirement and can be done by contacting Delia at 940-864-2621.

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Vote Tuesday

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SHOWY CARS—Classic cars such as the 1964 Galaxy XL500 shown at last year's show can be seen at the Haskell Volunteer

Fire Department Classic Car Show March 7, which will include 9 classes of vehicles and a Hot Wheels race for kids.

Classic Car Show set Saturday

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department will host a classic car show Sat., March 7 in downtown Haskell. Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third places in 9 classes.

Classes include 1. Late Great-64, 2. Street Machines, 3. Hot Rods, 4. Older pickups-73, 5. Pickups '74 and up, 6. Cars '65 and up, 7. Antique Cars and Trucks 50 & down, 8. Antique Tractors, and 9. Motorcycles. Best of Show and People's Choice winners will also be awarded.

A Hot Wheels race will be held for the kids. Food will be available.

Entry fee is \$15. Late entries made on the day of the show will be \$18.

For more information call Coy Scoggins at 940-864-3694.

MHMR forum to be held Saturday

On Sat., March 7, a public forum will be held by the Helen Farabee Center and Rolling Plains State Operated Community Services, to receive public input about the services offered by community based mental health and mental retardation agencies to individuals with mental retardation.

Discussion at the meeting will be on what services are considered most important, and what barriers people face when trying to access those services.

The meeting will be from 11:00 to 12:00 a.m., at the Mental Health Clubhouse, 1201 North 1st, in Haskell.

City approves new Corporation

At a called meeting of the Haskell City Council held Mon., Mar. 2, approval of all members was given to a letter of intent to form, along with the County, the Rolling Plains Regional Corporation in support of such projects as a juvenile detention center and original county jail and prison of Haskell County.

Also approved was the appointment of Don Kretschmer, Fred Hernandez and Ken Lane to the Board of Directors of the Rolling Plains Regional Corp.

TxDOT presents improvement plan to County

At the Feb. 24 meeting of the Haskell County Commissioner's Court, appreciation was expressed to the public for the support given the brisket lunch benefit for the Experienced Citizens Center. More than 500 meals were served.

Approval was given for Todd Barnes to use the County Courtroom for EMS classes in March.

Otis Elevator was paid \$12,000.00 for services repairing and replacing the valve on the Courthouse elevator.

The Paint Creek Water Board vote was assigned to Kenny Thompson.

Among the improvements

planned for Haskell County highways reported to the Court by Earl Proctor of TxDOT, were: turning County Road 110 into a Farm to Market within a year and a half; several bridges built; work at the south edge of the county on Hwy. 277; a possible truck route through Haskell, and an eventual by-pass of the City, either on the east or west, to dramatically reduce the amount of traffic through Haskell.

Castagna and Gregg CPA firm was hired for two years as county auditors.

On a motion by Prec. 1, Commissioner Bill Hester, bids will be opened March 24, for

purchase of two new motor graders, and sale of the two older ones. Surplus equipment in Prec. 1, a 1981 Chevy 1/2 ton pickup and a 1997 Mac truck will be taken to the public auction in Stamford on Mar. 7.

The decision to stay with Abilene Drug Task Force was made

by the Court.

Due to public opinion voiced after the Court's Sept. 8 decision to allow Constable Kim Bassett's use of the deputy's car that has been replaced, the decision was made to table the discussion until Mar. 9. At the Feb. 24 meeting Bassett restated her duties and the fact that she does not overstep them.

Harkin to speak at Foundation Banquet

By Mary Kaigler

Teacher appreciation and recognition of outstanding student readers will continue the evening's focus on the theme of "Raising Readers" at the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation Banquet to be held at Haskell Civic Center on Sat., March 21.

Featured speaker will be Texas entrepreneur, Don Harkin, a dynamic individual with an amazing "rags to riches" story to tell. The prominent Beaumont business man, franchise owner of seven Casa Ole' restaurants and founder of Crazy Jose's Patio Cafe, Harkins overcame towering obstacles including suffering from polio and tuberculosis at an early age, and dropping out of school while still functionally illiterate. He did not learn to read until he was an adult.

Despite early set backs, Harkins zeal and determination helped him overcome the adversity.

In 1992, he received the prestigious Horatio Alger Award along with such luminaries as Former Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, U. S. Supreme Court Justice, Clarence Thomas, and author Maya Angelou.

Combining his enthusiasm for life with a patriotic love for his country, he is a frequent motivational speaker on overcoming adversities, hoping to ignite within all a burning desire to accomplish and excel. His speeches throughout the country are aimed at young and old alike to seek higher education no matter what the station in life.

Harkin's story of fighting illiteracy all over the world has been featured in *Parade Magazine*, Earl Nightingale tapes, *Modern*

Maturity and hundreds of newspaper articles and TV and radio interviews. An autobiography and movie of his life story will soon be completed. Tickets for the evening are \$25.00, and may be bought from any Foundation Board member, or at the school Administration Office.

Get out and vote on Tuesday, March 10

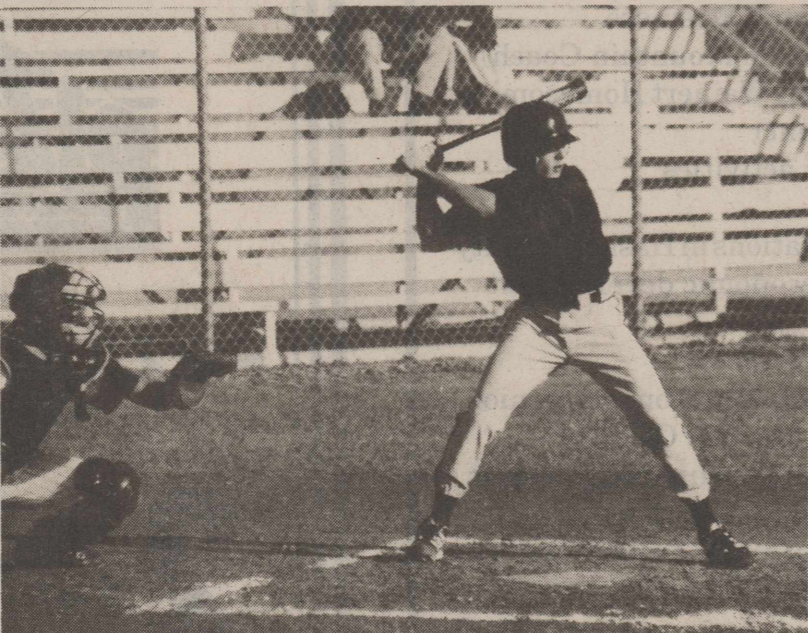
The Haskell County Clerk Office reported Monday that early voting on the March 10 Primary Election has been unusually heavy, with 185 ballots received to date. Last day for early voting is March 6.

County polling places will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Locations are as follows:

- Pct. 1. Catholic Church Center
- Pct. 2. Assembly of God
- Pct. 3. County Extension Bldg.

- Pct. 4. Exp. Citizens Center
- Box 5. Rule High School
- Box 6. Rochester Fire Dept.
- Box 7. O'Brien City Hall
- Box 8. Weinert School
- Box 9. Paint Creek School
- Box 10. Sagerton Com. Room

Haskell County Republican Party Primary voting place will be in the Community Room of Haskell National Bank.



BATTER UP—Will Trammell goes to bat during the Varsity Boys Baseball game with Anson which ended Haskell 9, Anson 4, after being called after five innings on account of darkness.

Photo By Bill Blankenship



DOUBLE HEADER—Misty Rodela (30) sends one in during the games with Stamford which Haskell won 15 to 9 and 21 to 4. It was the first Girls Softball game ever for Haskell.

Photo By Bill Blankenship

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OBITUARIES

Linnie Marie Hickman

Funeral services for Linnie Marie Hickman, 84, were held Sat., Feb. 28 at East Side Baptist Church with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Pastor David Page officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hickman died Thurs., Feb. 26 at a local nursing home. Born April 15, 1913 in Montague County, she graduated from Haskell High School. She was a LVN and worked for Haskell Memorial Hospital for over 20 years. She married Harold Eugene Hickman Sept. 23, 1968 in Haskell. He preceded her in death June 6, 1981. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by one son, Albert Vernay Teague; one brother, Tom Hise, and one sister, Lydia Green.

Survivors include one grandson, Jeff, and his wife, Lisa, of Haskell; three great grandchildren, Missy Lynn, Justin Lee and Maggie Couilla Teague, all of Haskell; one brother, Sterling Hise, and his wife, Virginia of Haskell; two sisters, Lilly Green of Snyder, and Dorothy (Mrs. Clarence) Chapman of Abilene; one sister-in-law, Audry Hise of Flint; and her step-mother, Jewel Baggett of Haskell.

Pallbearers were Charlie Woods, T. J. Brueggeman, Terry Joe Brueggeman, Wilbert Klose, Justin Teague and Vergil Smith. Honorary pallbearer was Frank Jireik.

Memorials may be made to East Side Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 600 N. 1st East, Haskell, TX 79521.

Edward W. Kreger, Jr.

Funeral services for Edward W. Kreger, Jr., 76, of Blanco were held Tues., March 3 at Crofts Funeral Home in Blanco with Dr. J. B. Fowler of San Antonio officiating. Burial was in Blanco Cemetery in Blanco under the direction of Crofts Funeral Home.

Mr. Kreger died Sun., March 1 at Fredericksburg. Born Jan. 25, 1922 in Welnet, he was the son of Edward W. Kreger, Sr. and Florence Docia Wilkinson. He married Elsie Faye Turner. He had served in the Army Air Corp. and was a veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mrs. Ernest (Ruby) Marion

of Scott City, Kansas and Mrs. J. B. (Nina) Dunnam of Haskell; and one brother, Jesse H. Kreger of Haskell.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie Kreger; one son, Joe Kreger of Blanco; one daughter, Carol Smith of Blanco; one sister, Bertha Marion of Walsh, Colo.; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons were pallbearers: William Massey, Paul Elrod, Wayne Liecek, Jerry Smith, Jr., Manly Kreger, Jarrett Kreger and Justin Kreger.

Viola Josephine Teague

Funeral services for a former Haskell resident, Viola Josephine Teague, 87, of Abilene were held Wed., Feb. 25 at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Ron Curtis officiating. Graveside services were held Wed., Feb. 25 in Highland Cemetery in Stamford.

Mrs. Teague died Mon., Feb. 23 at her home in Abilene. Born in Stamford, she moved to Abilene in 1993. She retired after working as a LVN with Stamford Hospital for 20 years. She was a homemaker and a member of East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

She was the widow of Jack Grillett and Robert Lee "Bob" Teague. She was preceded in death by a step-son, Albert Vernay Teague.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Jo Cole of Abilene and Helen Horn of Minden, La.; one step-son, Clarence Grillett of Shreveport, La.; one step-daughter, Jeane Day of Las Vegas; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Ella Mae Winters

Funeral services for Ella Mae Winters, 76, of Lindsay, Okla., were held Sun., Feb. 22 at the B. G. Boydston Funeral Home Chapel in Lindsay, Okla. with Rev. Bill Love officiating. Burial was in Green Hill Cemetery under the direction of Boydston Funeral Home.

Mrs. Winters died Thurs., Feb. 19 at Norman Regional Hospital. Born May 21, 1921 in Alma, Ark., she was the daughter of Charles Dean and Oma Dean. She married Harold Orren (Pete) Winters Oct. 12, 1940. He preceded her in death Dec. 12, 1996. She was a cook who worked for M&M Donuts. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, fishing and

visiting her friends. She was a homemaker and lifetime resident of Lindsay. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by one son, Charles Ray Winters in 1949; her parents; one brother, Bud Dean; and two sisters, Betty Jo Jean and Helen Guinn.

Survivors include one son, Harold Wayne Winters of Dibble, Okla.; one daughter, Linda Jane Mayhan of Ft. Bridger, Wyo.; five sisters, Ellen Strings of Austin, Thelma Dunlap of Haskell, Ollie Mae Phillips, Louise Irvin and Dorothy Johnson, all of Ft. Smith, Ark.; three brothers, Carl Dean of Pocola, Doyle Dean of Roland and Bill Dean of Moffett; six grandchildren; Blake Mayhan, La Quana McDaniel, Dallas Mayhan, Stephanie Winters, Dessarae Malone and Kyle Winters; nine great-grandchildren: Jenna Mayhan, LaKisha Mayhan, Shania Mayhan, Bodie Mayhan, Ray McDaniel, Janie Mae McDaniel, Ryan Malone, Travis Malone and Kelly Winters.

Ora Childress

Funeral services for Ora Childress, 86, of Haskell were held Wed., Feb. 25 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Turner and Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Childress died Mon., Feb. 23 at a local nursing home. Born Oct. 9, 1911 in Haskell, she remained a lifelong resident. She married C. C. Childress Jan. 16, 1929 in Rule. He preceded her in death Sept. 10, 1976. She was a member of the Baptist Womens Missionary Union, Brazos Valley Art Assn., and First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for over 60 years.

She was preceded in death by one brother, C. C. Burson, Jr. and one sister, Robbie Roberts.

Survivors include one daughter, Patsy Billington of Coos Bay, Ore.; one son, Charles C. Childress of Abilene; four sisters, Cleo Scott of Temple, Maxie Inglis of Houston, Pauline Norman and Leta Norman, both of Haskell; two brothers, Vernay Burson and Earl Smith, both of Haskell; her step-mother, Nita Burson of Haskell; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Don Oates, Wayburn Oates, Frank Jenkins, Kenneth Sanders, Tim Burson, Mike McGuire, Dave Miller and Ronnie Chapman.

Honorary pallbearers were Biggon Drinnon and Jim Bob Bowers.

Noble Land

Funeral services for Noble "Snowey" Tater Land, 77, of Haskell were held Fri., Feb. 27 at Trinity Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Blai officiating. Burial was in Johnson Memorial Cemetery in Munday under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Land died Tues., Feb. 24 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born Feb. 24, 1921 in Comanche, he had lived in the Haskell community since 1965. He was water superintendent for the City of Haskell for 10 years. He served in the U. S. Navy as a Seaman 1st Class and was involved in seven major battles in the Pacific. He served on World War II on the USS Maryland as a gunners mate. He was awarded the American Theatre Ribbon, Phillipine Ribbon, two Battlestars, an Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and seven Battlestars and a Good Conduct medal. He married Frances Maas July 24, 1945 in Bernerton, Wash. He was a member of the Snyder Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, of Haskell; two sons, Robin Land of Denton and John Lane of Haskell; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bill Shaw, Bill Swinney, Frank Garcia, Joshua Salazar, L. C. Johnson and B. J. Ray.

Honorary pallbearers were Howard Reding, Tim Burson, Dr. Frank Cadenhead, Dr. Wayne Cadenhead, Dr. Joe Thigpen, Jeremiah Salazar, Jared Salazar, John Aaron Land and Wilda Medford.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Lucy Chatwell Williams

Funeral services for Lucy Chatwell Williams, 93, of Calico Rock, Ark. were held Tues., March 3 at Rule United Methodist Church in Rule with Tommy Wilson and Daniel Ramey officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Eddie's Family Funeral Home of Calico Rock, Ark.

Mrs. Williams died Fri., Feb. 27 at her daughter's home in Calico Rock, Ark.

A former resident of Rule, Mrs. Williams was born in Brown County. She was a member of Rule United Methodist Church. She married Arthur Franklin Williams in 1926 in Anson. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, C. Sue Pousson and her husband, James H. Pousson of Calico Rock; two sisters, Mary Hagle of Stamford and Louise DeJarnett of San Antonio; four grandchildren: J. Mark Pousson of St. Louis, Missouri, Suzette and Jeff West of St. Louis, Missouri, Tim W. and Kathy Pousson of O'Fallon, Missouri and Matt F. Pousson of O'Fallon, Missouri; two great grandchildren: Alexandra and Jakob Pousson of O'Fallon, Missouri.

Mary Christina Diaz

Funeral services for Mary Christina Diaz, 28, of Breckenridge will be held Thurs., March 5 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Breckenridge with Rev. Cecil W. Harper officiating. Burial will be in Breckenridge Cemetery under the direction of Morehart Mortuary.

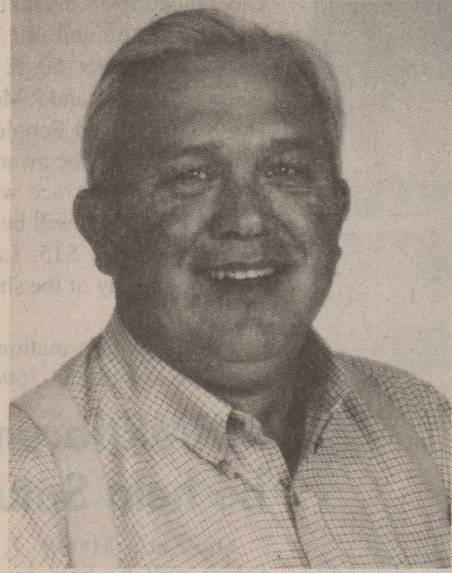
Diaz died Sat., Feb. 28 in Fort Worth.

Born Jan. 15, 1970 in Haskell, she graduated from Throckmorton High School in 1988 and attended Tarleton State University for two years. She worked for DJ Convenience Store in Stephenville for six years. For the past three years, she worked for American Airlines in the International Reservations department at DFW Airport.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Survivors include her parents, Raymond Diaz of Boise, Idaho and Christina Diaz of Breckenridge; five brothers, Jesse R. Diaz, Jr., Bobby J. Diaz, Christopher J. Diaz, Franky L. Diaz and Steve C. Diaz, all of Breckenridge; two sisters, Milisa Ann Diaz of Mingus and Sandra L. Diaz of Breckenridge; and five nephews.

Pallbearers will be Bobby J. Diaz, Dusty Lee Brandon, James Hill, Jerry Emmons, Norman VanKirk and Ed Porter.



★ ★ ★ RE-ELECT ★ ★ ★ DAVID DAVIS

For HASKELL COUNTY JUDGE

As the March 10th primary draws closer, I want to take this opportunity to inform the voters of Haskell County about some of the things going on right now in our county.

The Rolling Plains MHMR Community Operated Center is an integral part of our county. The services it provides are numerous and beneficial to all. Right now we are working to merge the MHMR Center with the Helen Farabee Center in Wichita Falls. This merger is mandated by the State of Texas and is necessary in keeping our center operating. There are 9 representatives for 21 counties on the Advisory Board. As County Judge, I represent Haskell, Knox and Baylor counties. My #1 goal is to ensure that through this merger, the citizens of this area continue to receive the same services as always in Haskell County.

Another area I want to address is the growing need to provide guidance and opportunities for the young people of our county. In cooperation with the Haskell County Probation Office, we are constantly trying to find ways to ensure that we provide the youth of today with every advantage to become the productive leaders of tomorrow. Without the help of the communities of Haskell County, we will not be as successful as we could be if we join forces to work together.

The Haskell County Library is one of our county's most important assets. Through the efforts of all our communities, we are in the process of acquiring funds to add more space at our library without using taxpayer's money. During this time of change, we are also in the final stages of providing Internet service at the library for all patrons. Our aim is to provide the best services possible at the Haskell County Library.

The Experienced Citizens Center remains a vital part of our county, providing a service for all those who wish to participate in the program. The ECC deserves and needs the support of the whole county. We are presently doing everything possible to continue providing services while making improvements. Through an effort by the ECC and county officials, a very successful fundraiser was held February 22 which will enable services to continue.

As County Judge, my goal is to have the criminal docket current. We have scheduled two docket calls per month to help accomplish this goal. I have a current civil docket and am available as necessary for the disposition of all civil court matters—probates, guardianships and others.

We now have a very active Historic Commission. There are several people who are very active from around the county. We, as a commission, are looking forward to putting signs up at all the old schools in Haskell County. More projects are to be announced later. The work the group is doing is extensive and very time consuming. They are to be commended for all their efforts. Each one of you are invited to attend and participate.

I hope the job I have tried to do for the past year and one-half will speak for itself. I have tried to do everything possible to be fair, honest and straight forward with all. I have enjoyed this short time and look forward to working for Haskell County to make it even better than it is today.

Thank you to all who have helped in this undertaking. Enough thanks can never be given.

Working with the citizens of Haskell County, together we can make a better place for everyone. I ask for your continued support. On March 10th make your voice heard and exercise your right to vote.

- Reared in Haskell County
- Business Owner
- Served on Haskell CISD School Board (Past President), Haskell City Council, Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, Housing Authority Board, Haskell County Ambulance Board, Noah Project
- Active on the recycling board, American Legion, Haskell County Historical Commission, Haskell County Livestock Association
- Serving on Haskell Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Serving on Aspermont Small Business Development Center (Double Mountain Coach)
- Served on Haskell/Mattson/Weinert Homecoming Association (Past President)
- Volunteers for numerous activities in Haskell County
- Supports all youth organizations in Haskell County
- Recognizes the need for economic development in Haskell County
- Understands the budget process
- Working to have representation from our senior citizens for leadership in Haskell County
- Working to have all city and community leaders work together for leadership and ideas
- Works with all the County's Fire Departments to help update their equipment and make their services better
- Veteran serving one year in Korea

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Wilson, Manske plan April wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson of Rule announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jaclyn Denise, to Tony Paul Manske, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Manske of Stamford.

The bride-elect graduated from Rule High School and attended Texas A&M University. She is currently pursuing a finance degree

at McMurry University.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Stamford High School and attended Clarendon College. He is currently self-employed.

The couple plans an April 10 wedding and will reside in Stamford.

Philadelphian Club hear WASP program

Americanism Day was observed by the Rule Philadelphian Club Thurs., Feb. 19, when the club met in the First Baptist Church of Rule for a video and program by Mary A. VanDeventer of Lueders.

Introduced by President Orheanna Greeson, Mary VanDeventer is the former Mary Alice Putnam. She was born in Lueders and attended school there, graduating in 1940. She attended Southern Methodist University and TSCU before joining the Womens Air Service Patrol (WASP). She was accepted into the program and trained at Sweetwater. After graduation, she was stationed at Moore Field in Mission, where she towed targets for aerial gunnery and ferried planes. After the WASP were disbanded, she returned to TSCU and received her B. S.

Degree in January of 1996. She taught school at Lueders one year, then attended American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York, worked for American Academy and married R. W. VanDeventer in 1951. She taught school in Lueders for 20 years, retiring in 1983.

VanDeventer showed a video, explaining the WASP (Womens Air Service Patrol) program and held a question and answered period.

A gift was presented to Ms. VanDeventer in appreciation of her talk and members enjoyed cookies and coffee furnished by hostesses Opal Grice and Mildred Chambers.

Members are to bring books and magazines for Haskell County Library and gifts for Noah Project at their March 19, meeting.

Students visit Rotary

Jaime Adrian Palacios, son of Conrado Palacios Sr. and Eva Palacios is active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Olympiad Team in science, baseball and Multi Occupational Cooperative Training.

He is president of the Catholic Youth Organization at St. George Catholic Church. Last summer he attended Engineering Camp at U.T. Austin, where he was recognized for being the most talkative student.

Favorite hobbies for Palacios are working on his truck, playing baseball and watching TV.

After high school he plans to attend San Angelo State or Sul Ross State, majoring in civil or architectural engineering.

Chris McSmith, son of Bill and Carol McSmith, is a member of

First Baptist Church, the FBC Youth Group and FBC Youth Choir.

His school activities include Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Number Sense, Math and Science Team, Clean Slate Organization and football, baseball, tennis, track and band.

Special awards for McSmith have been Singles Tennis District Champ 1997, 2nd team All District Kicker 1996, Sophomore of the Year and attending Boys State.

Among his hobbies are spending time with his family and raising money and support for mission trips.

After high school, he plans to attend Oklahoma Baptist University, then perhaps doing missionary work to which he feels called.

Nutrition to be feature of March articles

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co Extension Agent
In cooperation with the Haskell Free Press, the Haskell County Extension Office will be taking the opportunity to observe March as National Nutrition Month®. National Nutrition Month® is a nutrition education and information campaign sponsored annually by the National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics of the American Dietetic Association and its Foundation.

The slogan for the 1998 observance, "Make nutrition come alive. It's all about you," reinforces the importance of nutrition as a key component of a healthy lifestyle. It is designed to communicate the flexibility of nutrition recommendations, dietary guidelines, and the Food Guide Pyramid as the framework for daily food choices that can be personalized to each individual's food preferences, nutritional needs, health status, and lifestyle. It is a call to action that challenges Americans to take responsibility for their food and nutrition habits.

The month long observance will include a series of four news articles. The first article follows in the form of a survey to allow you to take a closer look at yourself and your current food decisions and your lifestyle. Three more articles will follow that will explore the focus for National Nutrition Month®, "personalized nutrition." These articles will be written to help you gain the basic nutrition knowledge needed to make informed food choices and develop sound eating habits.

To secure more nutrition related information of any kind, please feel free to come by the County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or call Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent - FCS at (940) 864-2546.

Rate Your Plate

Take a closer look at yourself—your current food decisions and your lifestyle.

Think about your typical eating pattern and food decisions.

Do you consider nutrition when you make food choices?

Try to eat regular meals (including breakfast), rather than skip or skimp on some?

Usually Sometimes Never

Choose nutritious snacks?

Usually Sometimes Never

Try to eat a variety of foods?

Usually Sometimes Never

Include new-to-you foods in meals and snacks?

Usually Sometimes Never

Try to balance (caloric) intake with your physical activity?

Usually Sometimes Never

Now for the details. Do you Eat at least 6 servings* of grain products daily?

Usually Sometimes Never

Eat at least 3 servings* of vegetables daily?

Usually Sometimes Never

Eat at least 2 servings* of fruit daily?

Usually Sometimes Never

Consume at least 2 servings* of milk, yogurt, or cheese daily?

Usually Sometimes Never

Go easy on higher-fat foods?

Usually Sometimes Never

Go easy on sweets?

Usually Sometimes Never

Drink 8 or more cups of fluids daily?

Usually Sometimes Never

Limit alcoholic beverages (no more than 1 daily for a woman or 2 for a man)?

Usually Sometimes Never

*Serving sizes vary depending on the food and food group.

Sample Serving Sizes

Bread, cereal, rice and pasta group, 6 to 11 servings: 1 slice (1 oz.) enriched or whole-grain bread;

1/2 hamburger roll, bagel, English muffin, or pita; 1/2 cup cooked rice or pasta; 1 ounce (1 cup) ready-to-eat cereal.

Vegetable group, 3 to 5 servings daily: 1/2 cup chopped raw, non-leafy vegetables; 1/2 cup cooked vegetables; 1 small baked potato (3 ounces); 3/4 cup vegetable juice.

Fruit group, 2 to 4 servings daily: 1 medium fruit (apple, orange, banana, peach); 3/4 cup fruit juice; 1/2 cup canned, frozen, or cooked fruit.

Milk, yogurt and cheese group, 2 to 3 servings daily: 1 cup milk, buttermilk, or yogurt; 1 1/2 ounces natural cheese (cheddar, mozzarella, Swiss); 1/2 cup frozen yogurt (1/2 serving).

Meat, poultry, fish, beans, eggs and nuts group, 2 to 3 servings daily: 2 to 3 ounces cooked lean meat, poultry or fish; 1/2 cup cooked legumes (equal 1 ounce meat); 1 egg (equals 1 ounce meat).

Fats, oils and sweets, use sparingly: sugars, salad dressings, oils, cream, butter and soft drinks.

Score yourself:

Usually = 2 points

Sometimes = 1 point

Never = 0 points

If you scored

24 or more points: Healthful eating seems to be your fitness habit already. Still, look for ways to stick to a healthful eating plan—and to make a "good thing" even better.

16 to 23 points: You are on track. A few easy changes could help you make your overall eating plan healthier.

9 to 15 points: Sometimes you


eat smart—but not often enough to be your "fitness best." What might be your first steps to healthier eating?

0 to 8 points: For your good health, you are wise to rethink your overall eating style. Take it gradually—step by step!

Whatever your score, make moves for healthful eating.

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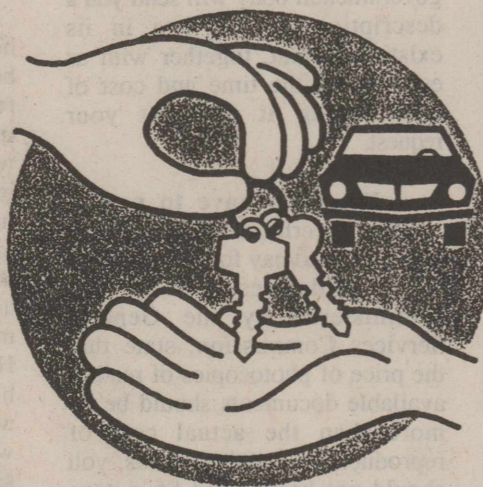
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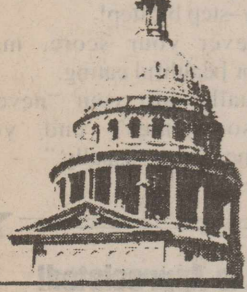
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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Most Texans say private attorneys who sued tobacco companies for the state should get \$2.3 billion in fees after settling the case, says a random-sample telephone poll of 1,015 Texans.

The poll, commissioned by the Dallas-based Institute for Strategic Communications, found that only 54 percent of Texans approve of the settlement that will net a \$15.3 billion windfall for the state, the largest settlement in the history of litigation. But 70 percent said the contract between the state and the lawyers who negotiated the tobacco settlement should be honored.

The results of the poll go against efforts by several lawmakers and Gov. George W. Bush, who have sued to reduce the fees attorneys would collect under a contract with attorney General Dan Morales for 15 percent of what the state collected, if anything.

Bush called the survey a "push" poll structured to yield certain results. His spokeswoman, Karen Hughes, told the *Austin American-Statesman*, "Nowhere in the poll are people told that the taxpayers could end up stuck with the bill for these multibillion-dollar attorneys fees. To the contrary, respondents are inaccurately assured at the very beginning that the state would have to pay nothing no matter what the outcome of the case."

But Dr. James Gibson, a political science professor at the University of Houston who conducted the poll, said, "These are not the results we expected. Apparently a significant percentage of Texans who disapprove of the settlement believe the lawyers should still receive their fees."

Gibson also said the results contradict any notion that the issue is partisan: 69 percent of Democrats, 70 percent of Republicans and 73 percent of independents surveyed said the contract should be honored.

Special Ed Scores to Count

Special education students' test results must be part of a rating system that will figure into school standings next year, according to an advisory sent to school districts by education Commissioner Mike Moses.

"Special education student results will be aggregated with all other student (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) results at the campus and district level," Moses wrote in a letter to school superintendents. Campus and district scores are used each year to rate schools.

Currently, those test scores are

not counted with scores of other students, though nearly 12 percent of public school children are in special education classes.

A state law passed in the 1997 Legislature requires that special education students' scores be included in the ratings.

TABC Nixes MADD Request

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission last week declined to draft a rule that would prevent people younger than 21 from entering bars.

A motion to draft a rule by commissioner John T. Steen, Jr. of San Antonio failed due to lack of support by the other two members of the commission.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving had requested a rule which would have prohibited Texans under the legal drinking age from entering establishments that make more than half of their revenues from the sale of alcoholic beverages, unless that are accompanied by a parent, spouse or legal guardian.

Anti-Tobacco Push Is On

The Texas Department of Health has launched its "Tobacco is a Dead End" television and radio campaign to warn teen-agers about new penalties against under-18 tobacco users.

Under a 1997 law sponsored by state Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, violators risk losing their driver's licenses, spending time in tobacco education classes and paying fines of up to \$250.

Smoking among students in grades seven through 12 increased 25 percent between 1992 and 1996, according to the Texas Commission of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. About 400,000 of 1.7 million secondary school students in Texas use tobacco.

Insurance Review Ordered

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said last week that auto insurance rates have gotten too high in Texas and may need to come down.

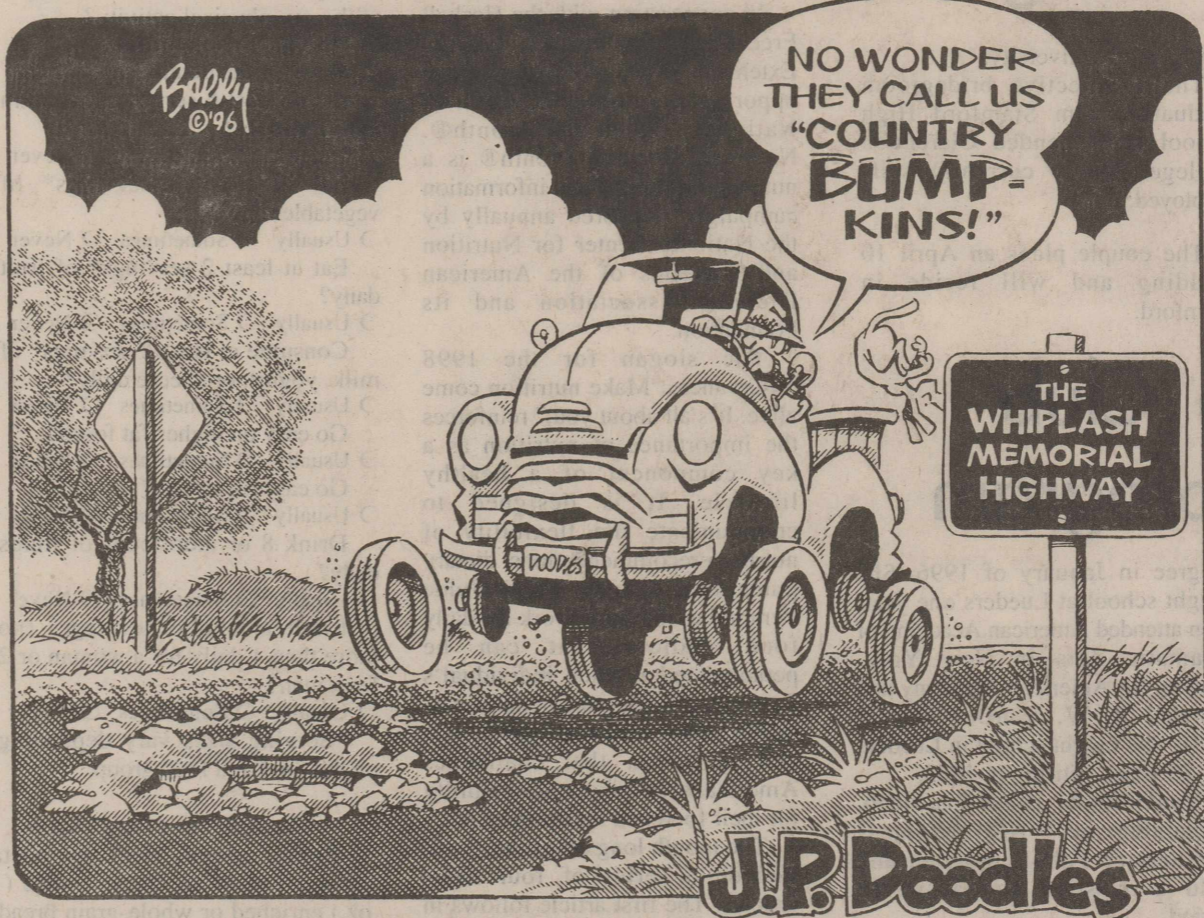
He said the rates of all insurers will be looked at closely, in light of record profits by companies in 1996.

"We are looking at them with great diligence," Bomer said. "There is some urgency to make sure these rates are justified. Just because a company reduced its rates does not mean they are justified. Their rates may need to come down even lower."

Strep Cases Total 57

At least 57 people in Texas have been infected by invasive group A streptococcus since Dec. 1, the Texas Department of Health reported Feb. 26.

Statewide, 11 people have died of the infection, which can destroy muscle and fat tissue or damage internal organs through toxic shock syndrome.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 3, 1988

Joy McKeever was named to the all-district 7-2AA team. Missy Davis and Robyn Weaver were named to the second team.

Brooke Baker and Deanna Scheets, Haskell student's took first and second place in writing competition at the Big Country Writing contests. Nichole Cothron was recognized for "excellence in creativity."

20 Years Ago March 2, 1978

J.D. Kupatt of Rule was elected to serve as vice president of the Texas Co-op Ginners Association.

The Haskell Christian Church has a new minister-evangelist, Tom Jones of Kansas.

Sherrie Everett, of Haskell was named to the girls all-district basketball team. She made second team guard.

Stanley Hager of Weinert, won a calf in the Calf Scramble at the Houston Livestock Show.

30 Years Ago March 7, 1968

Linda Steele and Patricia Toliver, Haskell High Speech students presented their speeches to the Lions Club meeting.

Haskell Indians placed third in the Winter's track meet. The mile-relay team took the record with a 3:32.8.

40 Years Ago March 6, 1958

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Odis Taylor and children are home from Germany to visit his mother, Mrs. Ann Taylor of Haskell. He will be stationed at Travis AFB in California.

McCain's Laundry has added new washers and dryers and will be open six days a week.

The Bowling Alley is now in operations at the Bynum's building. Jerry Larned is now the owner.

50 Year Ago March 4, 1948

A demonstration for the

mechanical respirator, or "Iron lung", will be given at the American Legion, by the Haskell Fire Department.

Cookie Shaver of Rochester, was honored on his fourth birthday. A number of his little friends were present for the happy occasion.

Sixty-two members and guests were present at the annual FFA banquet that was held Feb. 20 in the Haskell High building. S. H. Vaughter was guest speaker.

80 Years Ago March 9, 1918

Sanders and Wilson moved their office from the Pierson building to the Sherrill building this week.

Martin Arend and daughter, Miss Martha, of the Vontress section were in Haskell.

W. H. Parsons of Haskell, has just ordered 500 baby chicks and plans to go into business on a major scale.

Willie Whitaker, stationed on the East Coast, will sail in a few days for the submarine zone.

Legal Matters

By Attorney General Dan Morales

Every citizen of Texas has a fundamental right to know how elected and appointed officials are conducting public business. Two state statutes, the Texas Open Records Act (also called Public Information Act) and the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide that citizens may obtain copies of government documents and attend meetings of governmental bodies.

As Attorney General, I am charged with interpreting the open government laws. I am fully committed to the principle that governmental activity should be open to public scrutiny and at a minimum cost and inconvenience to tax payers.

We advise and educate state and local government officials on their responsibilities under the open government laws. We also issue open records decisions whenever government agencies seek to withhold documents requested by citizens.

Your right to know

Any information in the possession of a governmental entity is generally available to the public. Public information includes phone logs, salaries, personnel evaluations, many transcripts and record of meetings, and so on. Some kinds of documents are confidential by law and cannot be released. These include certain medical records, psychiatric records, juvenile offender records, student records, and some personnel records.

The Open Records Division within the Office of the Attorney General issues decisions about whether particular records of governmental entities may or may not be withheld under the Act's exceptions. In 1997, we issued nearly 3,000 decisions to governmental entities throughout the state.

Although the state's judicial system is not covered by the Open

Records Act, records of the judiciary may be made available at the court's discretion or under other provisions of the law. Also, records of private companies, individuals, or employees are not covered by the Act, unless the private entity is supported in whole or in part by public funds.

How to make a Request

To make an open records request, write a letter to the governmental body from which you are seeking information. Do not call—the law does not require compliance with a verbal request. However, thanks to a recent amendment to the law, you can make your written request by fax or electronic mail. You may ask to inspect the documents in person or to have copies made for you.

Be as specific as possible about the information you want. A request for "all pertinent records from 1993-1994" will not be granted as such. You will get a letter asking you to narrow your request.

Governmental bodies must answer requests for documents or information that actually exist. They are not required to answer factual questions or to furnish information that has yet to be created, but might exist sometime in the future. If your request cannot be met within ten days, the agency will send you a written notice saying when the documents will be available. This can happen when documents are in use or in storage, if you have asked for a large number of documents, or if one of the exceptions to disclosure may apply.

Electronic copies

Many public records now exist in electronic form. If this is true for the information you want, you may ask for copies either in paper or in electronic format. An agency is required to provide copies in electronic format upon request, provided it has the technological

ability to make the copies, does not have to buy any hardware or software to meet your request, and does not violate copyright laws by making the copies.

Sometimes public information only exists as raw data, and may not be readily available in the format you need. In this case, a governmental body will send you a description of the data in its existing format, together with an estimate of the time and cost of reformatting it to meet your request.

You may have to pay

The governmental body may require you to pay for photocopies. Cost guidelines, which are administered by the General Services Commission, state that the price of photocopies of readily available documents should be no more than the actual cost of reproduction. In other words, you should not be charged \$5 a page when the going rate is approximately a dime a page.

If the estimated cost of the photocopies or data is more than \$100, the governmental body may ask you to post a bond or cash prepayment for the anticipated cost of reproduction.

For more information

For more information on the Texas open government statutes, visit our home page at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>, or call our Open Government Hotline at (512) 478-OPEN (6736). For a copy of our Open Records Handbook or Open Meetings Handbook, write to: The Office of the Attorney General, Research and Legal Support Division, P. O. Box 12548, Austin, TX, 78711-2548, or call (512) 936-1715.

Government exists to serve the people. This office will do everything in its power to make certain that you continue to have access to the information that your government possesses.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

"Do not forget your friends, or the friends of your father," wrote the wise teacher in Proverbs 27:10.

It is to our credit as caring people that we are quick to visit those who have to be in the hospital. But the sad thing about it is that very often it takes just such a crisis or emergency for us to think of other's needs for hearing from us. Many times when those we are accustomed to seeing out and about are no longer able to be out and doing the things they always did, we find that "out of sight" means out of mind and even heart as well.

Especially for those who must now live alone, perhaps disabled and shut-in, physically incapable of doing the things they always enjoyed doing, it is disheartening. Even though the body is weak, the mind and spirit still long for companionship and communication with others of like mind and spirit.

Before we brought Dad from the place where he'd led a full life as a business man, elder of the church and teacher, to Haskell to live his last years with us, I saw this happening for him. I could do little about it except to feel for him and write the following story.

Out of Sight, Out of Mind and Heart

Drying the saucer and cereal bowl, he puts away the last of his breakfast. Taking the little grocery bag of trash to the dumpster, he stops to check the outside temperature, then looks at the sky, trying to guess the day's weather.

Since his sweet Lennie died the place is too quiet. Sixty-six years of love and companionship are hard to let go; he's lonely without her and the life they had together. Doorbells and phones have quit ringing; friends his age have quit driving and dialing, and his legs have quit carrying him places like they used to do. He misses going to church, and he misses the members of the class he taught so long. He wonders how they are doing these days, and if they miss him.

Suddenly, the sound of the mailbox lid rattles the quietness of the morning. He goes to look in it only to find it empty, though stuffed with the usual junk mailings to "occupant." Putting them into the trash bag for tomorrow's trip to the alley, he settles into his worn leather rocking chair until it's time to fix himself a few bites of lunch. Loneliness, like the ache in his old bones, settles in with him.

He doesn't remember how long he slept; he decides it must have been quiet a while. The hospital room he doesn't remember coming into is unfamiliar to him when he wakes. During the busy, steady pace of nurses and doctors coming in and out, some visitors come in to see him. He feels ill-at-ease and unkempt looking, while slipping in and out of the effects of the medications dripping into his arm. He appreciates them coming to see him here, but he is too tired right now; he's not able to keep track of who is there or what they are saying.

Later, back home again, well and clear-minded and into the day-in, day-out routine, he puts away a few dishes, brushes a few crumbs, takes out a bit of trash, re-checks the weather, and brings in impersonal mail.

With the long, empty morning still stretching out ahead for him he thinks about how nice it would be now to have a visit with some of those who came to the hospital to see him. He wonders if he'll have to wait until he has to go there again, sick and near death, for folks to remember that he is still alive.

Shuffling into the living room he opens up the venetian blinds to get the morning sunlight. He sighs as he settles down into the contours of the old, familiar chair, while the old, familiar loneliness settles down around him once again.

Thought for the Week

"Go often to the house of the friend, for weeds choke the unused path." Ralph Waldo Emerson

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New marketing club to be established March 18 in Haskell

by Greg Kaase
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
The signing of the 1996 Farm Bill ushered in a new era for farmers. The new program is billed as the farm program that lets farmers plant for the market, but the new flexibility is likely to bring an increased level of volatility. As farmers in the U.S. and abroad react to volatile prices, we could see great swings in acres planted to different crops. The new farm bill sets the stage for a new environment for economic decision making. The producer that survives in this new economic environment must have superior risk management skills.

The marketing/risk management skills of U. S. producers must improve if they are going to successfully complete in the dynamically changing worldwide agricultural industry of the next century. The task of raising producers' marketing/risk management skills is a formidable one, requiring intensive educational programming.

Marketing clubs have proven successful in raising producers' marketing skill levels. Generally, a group of 10 to 20 producers organize with the assistance of the Extension Service. They meet once or twice monthly to learn about risk management techniques.

Clubs, as a group, often trade options to gain experience at a limited risk. The usual life of a marketing club is one to three years, depending upon interest. This method of education has some tremendous advantages over traditional short duration educational workshops. The learning process is not so rushed, allowing producers more time to absorb new information. The longer time frame over which contact is maintained and education takes place allows for more hands-on practice and observation of actual market dynamics and the benefits/costs of various marketing/risk management alternatives. The success and growth of marketing clubs in Texas has been hindered, to some extent, by a lack of local leadership, lack of financial/personnel support by the Extension, and inadequate marketing knowledge by club leadership.

The Master Marketer Program is designed to help train marketing club leaders. In January 1996, the pilot Master Marketer Program was begun. Producers from the Texas Panhandle went through 64 hours

of marketing education (including crop insurance and production risk) in Amarillo. The best instructors were selected from universities and businesses across the U. S. After completion of the program, the 60 producers from 28 counties were asked to work with their county Extension agent to establish and lead marketing clubs in their home counties. This first group has already helped to establish over 20 new marketing clubs.

In January and February of 1998, a fourth group of Master Marketers, made of 48 participants from 15 counties, were trained in an 8 day training program in Vernon. Producers, with an expressed interest in marketing education program (64 hours). The four 2-day sessions of training were designed to help the selected producers move well beyond their current level of marketing expertise. These highly trained producers are now prepared to serve as volunteers to work with the county agent in starting and leading marketing clubs in their own county. The end result should be an expansion in the number of volunteer educators, and valuable educational opportunities for

producers within a cost effective framework that circumvents the personnel and resource constraints currently hindering marketing/risk management educational efforts.

The Haskell County Extension Service, along with recent graduates of the 1998 Master

Marketers Program will be organizing a new marketing club in Haskell on March 18. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Time and location of this first meeting will be the Haskell County Extension Office at 7:00 a.m.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1258 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, February 28, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

The market was fully steady on all cattle.

Cows: fat, .36-.415; cutters, .35-.42; canners, .25-.32.
Bulls: bologna, .48-.53; feeder, .45-.66; utility, .46-.50.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .98-1.22; 300-400 lbs., .92-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .87-1.04; 500-600 lbs., .78-.88;

600-700 lbs., .73-.84; 700-800 lbs., .68-.73; 800-up lbs., .58-.67.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .85-1.20; 300-400 lb., .82-1.00; 400-500 lbs., .74-.85; 500-600 lbs., .72-.82; 600-up lbs., .65-.78.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 390-560.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 475-670; aged or small, 400-525.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 625-725; small or aged; 475-600.

In the Service

Air Force Airman 1st Class Carisa J. Garcia-Alloway has been named airman of the quarter.

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments.

Garcia-Alloway is a public affairs information manager assigned to the 341st Space Wing Public Affairs at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, Mont.

She is the daughter of Rudy J. and Gloria A. Garcia of Sweeney.

Her husband, Charles, is the son of Mike Haley of Haskell, and Debra Haley of Brazoria.

The airman is a 1995 graduate of Sweeney High School.

Army Pvt. Lewis M. Stone III has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and

ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Stone is the stepson of Rusty Schonertstedt of Buffalo Gap, and grandson of Kaye and Larry Schonertstedt of Weinert.

He is a 1997 graduate of Jim Ned High School, Tuscola.

Army Staff Sgt. Gavino Ortiz Jr. has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army. Ortiz, a network controller, is assigned to the 413th Signal Company, Darmstadt, Germany.

He is the son of Gavino and Tomasa Ortiz of Haskell.

In 1978, Ortiz graduated from Rule High School.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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		Houston Livestock Show	Houston Livestock Show	Merkel V. Tournament Houston Livestock Show Science Olympiad TAAS Reading Exit Only Jr. High UIL Olney	Science Olympiad Houston Livestock Show Merkel V. Tournament	Science Olympiad Math & Science Meet Cooper HS Houston Livestock Show Track Olney Merkel V. Tournament
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Softball Hermleigh at Hermleigh				Math & Science Meet TBA FFA Career Development Clinic College Station
Spring Break						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Boys Golf Quannah 4:30 Cheerleading Practice Graham at Graham JV Baseball PPA Sibling Rivalry	Rotan at Haskell Softball V & JV Stamford at Stamford Girls Golf San Saba	Cheerleading Try Outs	Baseball Rotan at Rotan Softball Loraine at Loraine	Track Haskell
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
FFA Career Development Event Sweetwater	Tennis Tournament Seymour Aspermont at Haskell JV Baseball Logo Vista Girls Golf Wichita Falls	Logo Vista B Golf Wichita Falls Range Judging Contest 4 p.m. Avoca HS Holiday at Haskell Softball Coahoma at Haskell JV-V PPE Discipline Part 1		TSU Invitationals FFA CDE's in Stephenville JH Track Stamford Career Breakfast 7th Grader's 7:15	FFA Career Events Canyon Seymour at Seymour Softball JV & V Anson at Anson	FFA Career Event Clarendon Track Stamford
29	30	31				
	Rotan at Rotan JV Boys Golf at River Creek Burk Burnett Olney at Haskell	FFA Career Event ACU HS UIL at Midwestern Softball Hawley at Hawley JV & V Golf Girls River Creek Burk Burnett PPE Discipline Part 2				

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Common Sense

Rick Hardcastle thinks it is time we applied a little common sense to state government. Rick thinks we need to spend less, not tax more. Rick knows how to meet a budget and knows how to plan for the future. Government should be no different.

A Neighbor

Rick Hardcastle has called Vernon, Texas, home for 38 years and knows what community is all about. A graduate of Vernon High School in 1974, Rick went on to attend Vernon Regional Junior College and Tarleton State University. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children who attend local schools.

A Choice

Rick Hardcastle thinks it is time the voters of District 68 had a choice. Effective leadership comes from new ideas, and new ideas combined with a little common sense can help restore the principle that government works for us—not the other way around.

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Kemp wins math contests

Joshua Giles Kemp, a sixth grader at Brownfield Middle School, recently competed in a TMSCA (Texas Math and Science Coaches Assn.) contest in Brownfield. Students from twenty schools around West Texas competed. Kemp placed first in Number Sense. He also placed first in Calculator Math and in Mathematics. His scores in Number Sense and Calculator Math were high enough to qualify for the state competition to be held in San Antonio in April.

Kemp is the grandson of Giles and Jean Kemp of Haskell and the son of Giles and Dee Kemp of Brownfield.

Students in the news

Ryan Eugene Olson, a Texas Tech student, majoring in Agricultural Economics, was recognized by the University for Scholastic achievement, qualifying for the Dean's Honor List. This recognition is accorded to those students only, who have attained a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9, while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours, during the past semester.

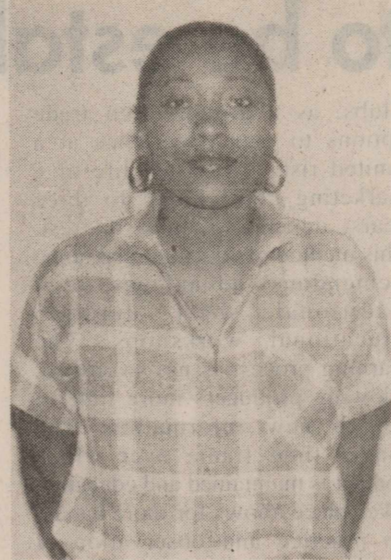
Robyn Sue Ramey and Cory Wade Robinson of Rule were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 1997 semester at Abilene Christian University.

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Dever named Bealls Associate of the Quarter

Sherry Dever, associate at the Bealls located at 9 Ave E. in Haskell, received the Associate of the Quarter award for Nov. 97, thru Jan. 98 for their outstanding performance. Congratulations and great job, Sherry.

The award was presented at the Feb. 28 storewide meeting.

Bealls is owned by Stage Stores, Inc. which operates 623 stores in 23 states under the names of Anthony's, Bealls, Palais Royal, Sperry's, Stage, and Stage-Milliken.

In the service

Army Pvt. Joey R. Saucedo has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Saucedo is the son of Ruben D. and Janie Saucedo of Rochester.

He is a 1997 graduate of Rochester High School.

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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.

Child safety seats are lifesavers

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Child safety seats really do work. Children, especially those under the age of 5 are vulnerable in collisions because of the size and shape of their bodies. Safety seats are designed to spread the forces of a crash over more of the body for front-facing toddlers, and cradle the fragile neck and back of rear-facing infants.

Child safety seats are the most effective occupant-protection devices used in motor vehicles today. If used correctly, they are 71 percent effective in reducing fatalities in children under the age of 5 and 69 percent effective in reducing the need for hospitalization. Unfortunately, parents often do not know the basic who, what, when, where, why and how of child safety seats.

Who should use a child safety seat? Texas law requires all children aged two and under be restrained in a child safety seat. Children 2-4 years of age are required to be in a child safety seat or in a seat belt.

A parent may ask what kind of safety seat should be used. All children should be restrained in a safety seat that is appropriate for age and weight, and also meets federal safety standards. Infants up to 20 pounds should ride facing the rear of the vehicle in infant-only or convertible seats. Children weighing about 20-40 pounds should ride in a belt-positioning booster set until adult belts fit them properly. Older children wear vehicle safety belts and keep the lap belt low and snug across the hips. The belt must not ride up over the abdomen, and the shoulder belt must not cross the face or front of the neck.

When should a child safety seat be used? Use a safety seat every time on every trip. Do not make the deadly mistake of using a car seat only on freeways or for long trips. Most car crashes happen within 25 miles of home. If a child rides with friends, relatives or babysitters, be sure the driver has correctly installed the safety seat and that it is used properly every time the child is in the car. Older children will likely have the habit of buckling up on every ride if this

has been expected from birth.

Where should a child safety seat be placed in the car? The back seat is the safest place for all children to ride. Never place a rear-facing infant seat in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag. A passenger-side air bag could strike back of the seat and seriously injure or kill a baby. If a toddler convertible seat must be placed in the front seat of a vehicle, move the seat position back as far as possible from the dashboard.

Many parents often ask why should safety seats be used. It's the law in Texas for children under 4 to be restrained. Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death and injury for children ages 1-5 in the United States. Correct use can save lives and injuries. In a crash or sudden stop, an unbuckled adult holding a baby can crush the child into the windshield or dashboard.

There are many different types of seats and they all seem to install differently. It is important that parents know how to properly install child safety seats into motor vehicles. Parents must read their vehicle owner's manual and child safety seat use instructions very carefully. A special locking clip may be necessary to hold your vehicle safety belt in place so you can anchor your safety seat properly.

More information about child safety seats can be obtained by calling Safe Riders at (800) 252-8255, the Passenger Safety Education Office at (409) 845-3850 or contacting your local County Extension Agent, Lou Gilly at (940) 864-2546.

Water testing available

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
City water is continually tested to make sure it's not contaminated. But what about all the country folk who draw their water from wells?

The TEX*A*Syst program was designed with those people in mind. Extension associate Monty Dozier says a mobile screening operation is attracting a great many water well owners. If the sample turns out positive for the intestinal bacteria fecal chloroform, the well owner will be referred to the local health department.

Dozier recommends well water be checked every year or two. Besides the water screenings, the TEX*A*Syst program has a series of publications and is developing a series of videos. They outline ways of reducing the risk of groundwater contamination that touch on several areas such as livestock waste and pesticide runoff.

The series includes an assessment survey to help well owners determine the pollution potential based on their soil and other geological characteristics.

AVISO PUBLICO

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.

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.

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Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

Now the time has come for us to throw off the woollens of winter and let the beauty of Spring fill our homes. It is now time to be in the business to make all our thumbs turn green and to help us achieve the pinnacle of Martha Stewart. Do you know Martha? She loves flowers and gardening. She can go to the fields and gather twigs, broomweed and native plants and make a beautiful flower arrangement. We can fill our garden with plants that cut well, quince, forsythia, curly willow, pussy willow are a few that grow in our climate. These can be found in deserted gardens in the country side of our county and may be in full bloom begging to be clipped. The trend for spring is nature in her most natural dress is what is there for us. All we need is to be relaxed and work with moss, clay pots, and ferns and be relaxed to enjoy Spring.

Mother Nature stirs herself after the long sleep of winter and sees March come in like a lion. It is time to plant seeds of annuals for summer and fall blooming.

Plant dahlia tubers in deep holes, and be sure to stake them as they grow. Feed your pansies with a liquid manure and also your

perennials.

If you have perennial phlox divide them. Also make cuttings from chrysanthemums or separate older plants.

Prune your fruit trees, shade trees if they need it. Also check your roses.

If you haven't done it, feed your lawn and don't miss any spots. Set out pansies and daisies for early color.

Feed all established fruit and nut trees. Caladiums, amaryllis, cannas also.

Plants that are kept indoors during the winter and are taken outdoors to spend the warmer months on the patio or in your garden must be given special care.

House plants should receive fertilizer once every 4 to 6 weeks during the spring through fall growing season.

Turn plants weekly to keep them shapely.

Quotes:

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Matthew 7:12

King James Version

Great Spirit, help me never to judge another until I have waked two weeks in his moccasins.

Sioux Indian Prayer



GRANTS AWARDED—Receiving \$500.00 Mini-grants for enhancement of academics in their classrooms were Haskell teachers Kent Carroll and Missy Burson. Haskell CISD Educational Foundation president, Doyle High, made the presentations.

Educational Foundation awards two mini-grants to teachers

The Haskell CISD Educational Foundation has awarded two more Mini-grants to further enhance academics in the classroom.

Doyle High, president of the Foundation, presented \$500.00 checks to Kent Carroll, secondary math teacher, and Missy Burson, kindergarten teacher.

Carroll plans to use the grant money to fund a stock market study project for math students.

Burson will purchase a Science Enrichment Kit for all three kindergarten classes.

Foundation grants are made possible by gifts and donations from individuals and organizations, and from fund raisers.

Business management seminar set March 20-21

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent Operating a family business is not easy. Both professional and personal issues arise. To help families manage better, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has created the Family and Owner - Managed Business Program.

Extension agricultural economist Dr. Danny Klinefelter says, "It's a brand new service that offers annual memberships to an exclusive group. Members have

access to special seminars and topical information. But more importantly, they became part of a network to share ideas, experiences and advice."

The program kicks off with a conference March 20-21 at the George Bush Presidential Conference Center at Texas A&M University. Nationally-recognized family business specialists will offer suggestions for building healthier families and family firms.

Spring Trail ride to benefit Rehab

The Spring Trail Ride for Rehab is scheduled for Lamshead Ranch near Albany. Registration will begin April 17 after 3 p.m. and continues Sat., April 18 beginning at 8 a.m. Volunteer Trail Ride Chairmen are Kelly Gill, Mac Sayles, and Thomas Hicks.

The weekend will feature a day-long ride on Saturday and a shorter ride on Sunday morning, and three meals will be served. Saturday evening entertainment will be provided by Jean Prescott, named Female Vocalist of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists in 1996 and 1997 and Female Entertainer of the Year by the Western Music Association. Other weekend activities will include an auction of numerous items, a raffle of spurs made by R. F. Ford, and a Sunday morning worship service.

Cost for trail ride is \$40 minimum per adult and \$15 minimum per child 12 and under.

Pre-registration and a \$25 deposit is required. A negative Coggins test is also required.

To sign up for the trail ride or for additional information, contact John Thomas - Abilene, (915) 793-3508, Eva Horton - San Angelo, (915) 949-9535, or after 7 p.m., Mac Sayles - Tuscola, (915) 554-7884.

Superhero pretending can benefit children

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent Remember back when you had to look up to all the "big" people and tasks like tying your shoe were still a challenge? It was fun to imagine yourself as a superhero and take on the powers you wished for in everyday life.

Children naturally imitate fearless superheroes who can overcome any obstacle in their path. When children begin leaping and tumbling about, however, adults worry that accidents will happen. Sometimes adults discourage superhero play for fear that it will become too disruptive or that children will engage in it at inappropriate times.

Keep in mind that this type of play gives children the chance to face their fears and show off physical feats. When supervised by adults, "superhero play" can help children improve their language skills and teach them to work together to solve problems. It also encourages creativity. When children begin pretending they are superheroes, adults can help them make the most of it. Here are some tips:

•Show children that superheroes are not special just because they are physically powerful. Point out when superheroes show kindness and helpfulness to others. Praise children when they do the same.

•Talk about real heroes with children. Introduce them to people like Helen Keller and Martin Luther King, Jr. and discuss how everyday people can demonstrate acts of courage and goodness.

•Point out the difference between movies, TV and real life. When you see actors pretend to leap out of windows or jump over

speeding cars, explain to children why they shouldn't "try this at home."

•Make the rules about when and where superhero play is allowed. You may limit this sometimes rough-and-tumble play to outdoors, or during recess time. Be consistent - if "flying" indoors is not allowed on Monday, it shouldn't be allowed on Tuesday.

•Help children build on their interests through superhero play. Watching Star Wars may lead to learning about space travel. A Spiderman comic book may lead to exploring the world of insects. Always keep your eyes open to learning opportunities for children.

•Be on the lookout for overly aggressive play. Get involved if you see a child become frightened or angry. When the laughter stops, and threats or complaints begin, help children get back on track or end their play. Show them you are there to help, and offer options. Maybe it's time to take a break, or to find out why the frustration occurred. In any case, make it clear that physical or verbal aggression are not acceptable.

•Give children the chance to make choices and take on responsibilities. Children become bored when activities are not challenging, and frustrated when they are too advanced. Keep a close eye on children so that you know when they are ready to take on new challenges, like helping with a recipe or dressing themselves.

•Praise children when they accomplish real "feats" like putting together puzzles or learning to spell their own names. Children may still imitate superheroes, but they'll have more confidence both during play and in everyday living.

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

The last report on the basketball season brings congratulations to students of our community as well as grandchildren of residents from other Schools. Brian Lehrmann, son of Steven and Karen and Michael Hertel, son of Mike and Cheryl were named to the All-District 15-A team and Jennifer Lehrmann, daughter of Steven and Karen was named Co-MVP in the District Girls 15-A. Bill and Margie Hertel and Clancey and Helen Lehrmann are the proud grandparents. Bill and Margie also had a granddaughter, Misty Smith, named on the All-District team

where she was on the Spur team. Mrs. Minnie Monse's great-granddaughter, Vanessa Lehrmann was nominated the MVP player in District 4-4A. She plays for the Sweetwater team. We salute all these outstanding athletes.

The Sagerton Methodist Church members met last Thursday night for their regular monthly supper and social. Those attending were: G. W. and Ophelia LeFevre, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Johnny and Sue Guinn, Jack and Peggy Tabor, Herbert and Christine Stremmel, Andrea Kittley, Charles and Dorothy Clark, Wilma

Teichelman, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Frances Clark and the Pastor and his family, Daniel, Robin, Matthew and Andrew Ramey.

Rehearsals for the Sagerton Hee Haw are underway under the direction of Larry LeFevre.

Hee Haw tickets available March 11

Sagerton Hee Haw fans will be marking their calendar.

Tickets for the 28th annual song and comedy show will go on sale on Wed., March 11, beginning at 8 a.m.

Tickets will be available at the home of J. B. and Dorothy Toney in Sagerton or by calling 940-997-2688. Mail orders may be sent to the Toney's at Rt. 2, Box 10A, Sagerton, Texas 79548. Tickets are \$3.

The 1998 edition of the Hee Haw will be held March 26-28 at the Sagerton Community Center.

Doors to the lunchroom will open at 5:30 p.m. Auditorium doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with music provided until the show starts at 8 p.m.

Like last year, the first night's performance will be designated as Senior Citizens Night for area groups and organizations.

Menu on Thursday will include sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. On Friday and Saturday nights, a plate lunch will be offered, along with pie and other items, including sandwiches.



HONORED EMPLOYEES—Members of the Haskell county roadway maintenance section received awards during the Texas Department of Transportation's annual Safety Awards Banquet in Abilene. From the left (standing) they were Benny Harvey, Joey Swinney, Chris Medford, Clarence Walker, Earl Proctor, section supervisor, Ricky Martin and James McFadden, assistant section supervisor. Kneeling are Don Thompson, Kyle Martin, Vernon Session, Danny Kierepka and Mike Poteet. Joining the group was the safety mascot, Mr. Safety, Joe Dan Jones of Snyder.

TxDOT urges local input for list of maintenance projects

Earl Proctor, roadway maintenance section supervisor for the Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene district, spoke at the Haskell County

Commissioners Court on Tues., Feb. 24, regarding TxDOT's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and past and future projects in Haskell county.

The TIP, a three-year plan, is a list of projects that TxDOT will be working on between the years 2000 through 2002.

"At this time we are soliciting public input for projects to be added to this list," Proctor said. "As we believe local elected officials and citizens know best what work is needed in their areas, we are asking you to mail in your suggestions. You can send them to me at P. O. Box 752, Haskell, TX 79521, or to Joe Higgins, P. E. Higgins is the Hamlin area engineer. His address is P. O. Box 637, Hamlin, TX 79520."

Proctor said that once input has been received from all areas in the Abilene district, the final selection of projects to go on the TIP will be based on the merits of the individual project and how the project stacks up against other projects in Abilene's 13 county district.

TxDOT's maintenance supervisor emphasized during the meeting that local support is a very important factor in the selection process.

According to Proctor, this past year the major project was the sealcoating of US 380 from Rule through Haskell with a portion of that project to be redone during the summer of 1998.

Projects in progress include survey work on County Road 110 in hopes of having it become a

Farm to Market Road and survey work on the railroad right of way which is a part of making US 277 to Wichita Falls a full four lane road.

Future roadway work is coming along very nicely for this county, Proctor said. Bids are to be let in March to completely rehabilitate the western end of FM 2407 north of Rule. Also, US 277 from the south city limits of Haskell to the Knox county line is scheduled to be sealcoated this summer. Another project scheduled to be bid in November is a complete rehabilitation of US 277 north from Stamford to just south of Haskell City limits.

"In addition," he said, "I have submitted a proposal that the comfort station on US 277 be rehabilitated and fully enclosed."

Proctor also reported to the commissioners that TxDOT has just signed a one year contract with Goodwill Industries of Abilene to pick up litter and mow the highway right of ways from one mile south of Haskell to one mile north of town and also for the same distance east and west of town.

Proctor concluded by thanking the commissioners for their support on all improvements to US 277 and mentioning some items the commissioners might want to have included on the new TIP. One is adding an alternate truck route to US 277 and another, the rehabilitation of Business 277 within the Stamford city limits. That project would add drainage and curb and gutters with four driving lanes and a passing lane.

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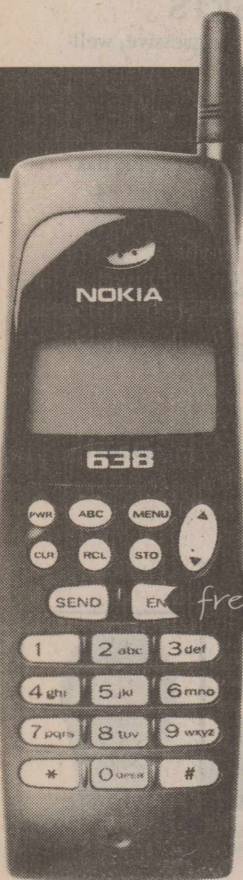
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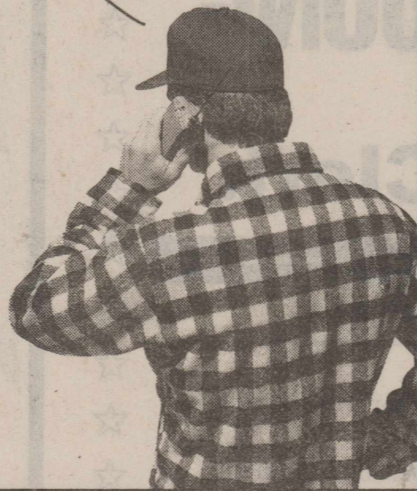
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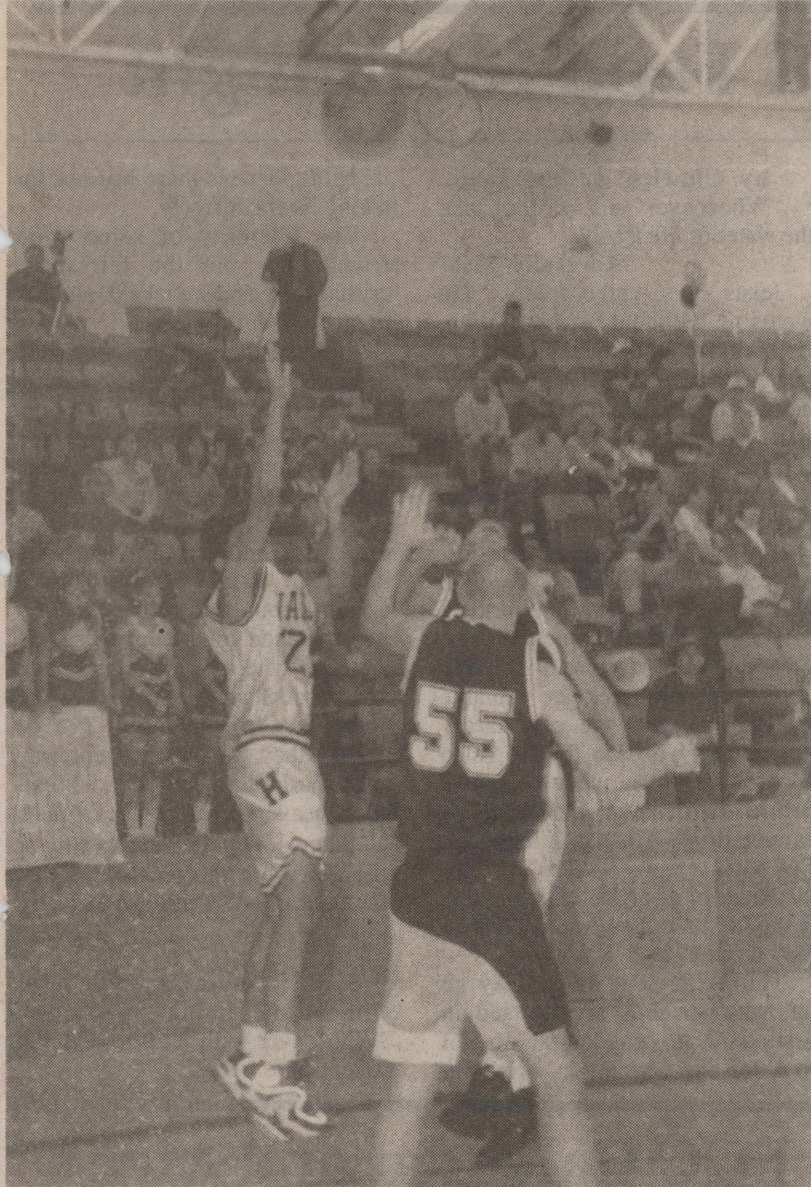
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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins



BYE BI-DISTRICT—In a 69-58 Bi-District loss to Chico, the Haskell Indians lost their bid for District 9 IIA championship, after finishing first in the District. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Local law enforcement agencies receive training fund allocations

Law enforcement agencies across the State of Texas are required to meet standards set by the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). Many of these training programs cost between \$55.00 and \$75.00 per officer. A class on crime-scene investigation or fingerprinting will cost \$125.00, and a 360-hour basic peace officer certification class costs between \$775.00 and \$800.00.

State Comptroller John Sharp has recently delivered more than \$6 million in supplemental training funds to help local law enforcement agencies across the state.

The law enacted by the Legislature in 1995 requires that

20% of the total amount collected from a special \$2.00 court cost is to be allocated equally among the state's law enforcement agencies. The remaining 80% is allocated based on the number of eligible law enforcement positions each agency had as of Jan. 1.

From a complete listing of all counties in the state, Haskell County's 1998 allocation from the fund for training is as follows:

City of Haskell Police Dept.—\$916.48; City of Rule Police Dept.—\$652.10; Dist. Attorney, 39th Dist. Haskell—\$652.10; Co. Attorney, Haskell County—\$1,009.49; Haskell County Constable—\$652.10; Haskell Co. Sheriff's Office—\$1,358.50, and City of Rochester Police Dept.—\$652.10.

Hersel and Lois Johnson of Alva, OK, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Merchant and others. They had lunch with the Merchants at the E. C. C. on Wed. The Johnstons are former Haskell residents.

Visiting with Joyce Hawkins on Saturday was her brother and wife, Dolan and Karon Vaughn of Panhandle.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mapes of Haskell, OK, has returned home after spending a few weeks with his sister, Freda Piliand, who is recovering nicely from knee surgery.

Christopher, Melissa Zachery and Garet Tatum went Durant, OK, to visit Melissa's grandmother, Jean Jenkins, and great-grandmother, Cuba Pena.

Gladys O'Neal had her two sons spend the weekend with her. They are Dr. Barry O'Neal of Irving and Randy O'Neal of Amarillo. On Saturday, they all went to Cisco and visited cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Neal and on Sunday, the boys went to church with mom, Gladys. They had a good

time visiting.

Mae Lou Yeldell celebrated her 73rd birthday, Saturday at the church. Her children, Edith and Ronny Williams and baby, Ebone; Birdie Goudeau and her children; Frank Jordan, wife, Donna and his children had a surprise birthday for her. A beautiful cake and a dinner and goodies were served. Other guest included her sisters, Birdie Benford, Susie Jackson, her brother-in-law, Rev. L. C. Johnson, Sr., her nephew, Johnny Johnson and his children; L. C. Johnson, Jr. and his children; Willie Mae Sampleton, Rule; Benson 00, Rule; her pastor, Rev. C. Wade and her husband, Rev. Sammy Wade.

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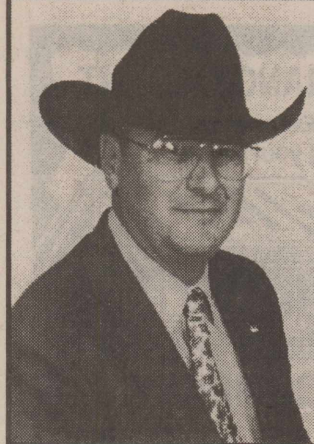
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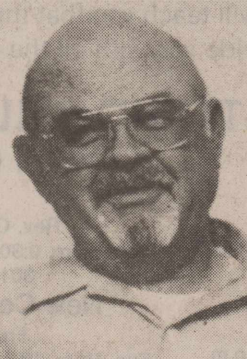
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- ◆ Democratic Precinct Election Judge 6 years
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- ◆ Sunday School Teacher/Church Administrative Council
- ◆ Paint Creek Board of Trustees 18 years
- ◆ Scoutmaster 20 years

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Abe Turner named board's secretary

Abe Turner of Haskell has been elected as Secretary of a new Board of Directors of Council Finance, Inc., a non-profit corporation affiliated with the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

The purpose of the council is economic development for a nineteen county region. Council Finance, Inc. works closely with the U. S. Small Business Administration and local banks to lend money to small businesses.

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Presbyterians to install new minister Sunday

In a worship service to be held at 2:00 p.m., Sun. March 8 at First Presbyterian Church in Haskell, the Parishes of First Presbyterian Church of Haskell and First Presbyterian Church of Throckmorton will install Rev. Luther S. Hollowell II as their new minister. Rev. James Pitts of Westminister Presbyterian Church, Abilene, will deliver the sermon. Rev. Hollowell received his Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1996. His ordination was held at Westminister Presbyterian Church in Abilene on March 1.

Rev. Hollowell and his wife, Beverly, are longtime residents of North Central and West Texas, having grown up in Abilene. Both say they look forward to a long, successful ministry in this area.

Food for thought

by Charles H. Spurgeon
 "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Revelation 22:17
 Jesus says, "take freely." He wants no payment or preparation. He seeks no recommendation from our virtuous emotions. If you have no good feelings, if you be but will, you are invited; therefore come!

You have no belief and no repentance,—come to him, and he will give them to you. Come just as you are, and take "Freely", without money and without price.

He give himself to needy ones. The drinking fountains at the corners of our streets are valuable institutions; and we can hardly imagine any one so foolish as to feel for his purse, when he stands before one of them, and to cry, "I cannot drink because I have not five pounds in my pocket."

However poor the man is, there is the fountain, and just as he is he may drink of it.

Thirsty passengers, as they go by, whether they are dressed in fustian or in broadcloth, do not look for any warrant for drinking,

its being there is there warrant for taking its water freely.

The liberality of some good friends has put the refreshing crystal there and we take it, and ask no questions.

Perhaps the only persons who need go thirsty through the street where there is a drinking fountain, are the fine ladies and gentlemen who are in their carriages. They are very thirsty, but cannot think of being so vulgar as to get out to drink. It would demean them, they think, to drink at a common drinking fountain; so they ride by with parched lips. Oh, how many there are who are rich in their own good works and cannot therefore come to Christ! "I will not be saved," they say, "in the same way as the harlot or the swearer." What! go to heaven in the same way as a chimney sweep. Is there no way as the glory but the path which led the thief there? I will not be saved that way.

Such proud boaster must remain without the living water, but, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

This Week's Devotional Message:

FAITH EXPOSES THE UGLY FACE OF GREED

The compulsion to acquire more and more material wealth becomes a chronic disease with many of us, which seems to worsen with the passage of time; and the flames of greed are fed by its own successes. Friendships can be destroyed and even close relatives have turned against each other over this worst form of selfishness; while additional earthly punishments take the form of impaired health and higher taxes. Faith in God is sorely needed to help us regain our perspective and to see the true values of life. Regular attendance at the Church of your choice will teach you that the only real wealth is the love of God, which will provide you with all the material things you will ever need.

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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 Garrison, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God
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 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
 Gary Bruns, pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Vergil Smith, interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
 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
 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
 Dale Huff, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church
 Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
 Rev. Kenneth Blair
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
 John Lewis, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
 Freddy Perez, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center
 Rev. William Hodge
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church
 Jim Turner, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park
 Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
 Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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Paint Creek Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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 Joel Rister, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Methodist Church
 Rev. James Patterson
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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Church of Christ
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 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
 Ed Buerkle, pastor
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
 Rev. Andrew Rochester
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

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.
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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
 Daniel Ramey, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule

New Life Baptist Mission
 Jesus Herrera
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
 Matt Herrington, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church
 Rev. Robert Sweet
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, March 9
 Lunch—Ham, potatoes, carrots, harvard beans, chocolate cake, milk, tea or coffee

Tuesday, March 10
 Election Day - Go Vote

Wednesday, March 11
 10:30 a.m. Exercise, Outreach Health Service

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check, Outreach Home Health
 Lunch—Hamburgers, hamburger salad, beans, tater tots, fruit cobbler, milk, tea or coffee

Friday, March 13
 Lunch—Swiss steak, mixed vegetables, potatoes, mixed fruit/jello, cookie, milk, tea or coffee

Student in the news

Midwestern State University recently inducted ten students in to the Xi Iota Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society. Inductees include a former Haskell resident, Sharla D. Carver, of Knox City. Sigma Theta Tau recognizes superior achievement and development of leadership qualities in basic professional programs in nursing. Candidates are chosen from junior and senior undergraduates, graduate students, full-time faculty members of the educational unit, and nurses possessing a baccalaureate or higher degree who have shown marked achievement in the field of nursing. Student membership is restricted to the upper one-third of a class.

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn Formation, North Herrin Unit Lease, Well Numbers 3-5 & 5-7. The proposed injection wells are located 7 miles northwest of Haskell in the Herrin, N. (Strawn) Field, in Haskell County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4776' to 4789' and 4762' to 4770' respectively.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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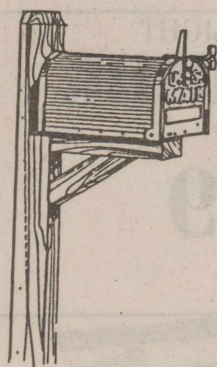
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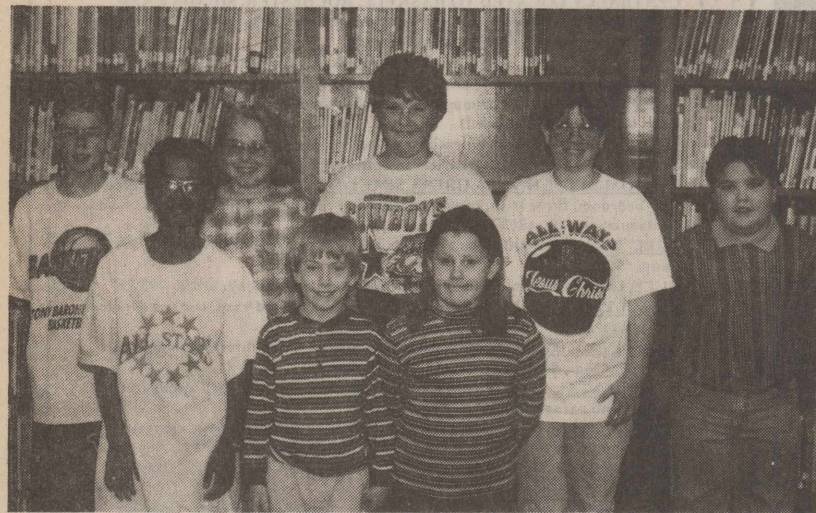
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AR 50 CLUB—Accelerated Reading program students from Haskell Elementary School have each passed more than 50 tests over library books read. By midterms they had read a combined total of 3777 books, earning membership in the AR 50 Club.

Sixth graders successful in innovative reading program

Haskell Elementary School students in Grades 1-6 have finished their first semester working on the new Accelerated Reading (AR) program. The innovative reading program



100 POINTS OF ENLIGHTENMENT—Haskell Elementary students who have earned over 100 reading points in Accelerated Reading include, left to right, back row, Ross Hairgrove, Meagan Wallace, William Baxter, Debbi Long, Drew Garison, and front row, Otis Thomas, Bryan Richardson and Jennifer Farber.

is designed to help students develop higher order thinking skills, improve test scores, and create a lifelong love of reading. After students select and read a book, they take a computer test over the book. Passing the test, points for that particular title are added to their record. They can then accumulate points, redeeming them for prizes in the AR program.

Individual projects for the program include special recognition of students who make an average of 80% on AR tests; AR 50 Club for students who have passed more than 50 tests; and 100 Points List for those who have earned more than 100 points.

Sherry Adams, teacher at Haskell Elementary, may be contacted at 864-2654, about this exciting reading program. contacted at 864-2654, about this exciting reading program.

Gary D. Druesedow makes statement to the voters

I am Gary Druesedow, a candidate for the office of County Judge, Haskell County, Texas subject to the action of the Democratic Primary March 10, 1998. I am a fourth generation native son of Haskell County. I attended the Haskell public schools and graduated from Haskell High School in 1965. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree and a Master of Science in Physical Education degree from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. I received an Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force in 1974. I returned to Haskell County in 1976 and became engaged in farming and ranching. The past sixteen years I have been producing Registered Black Angus Cattle and actively involved in the American Angus Association, Texas Angus Association and the promotion of Certified Angus Beef for the American consumer. I have two sons, Harrison and Dawson Druesedow who are very capable of looking after our farming and ranching interests. I have been involved in various civic, social, and educational programs relating to the benefit of our youth in Haskell County. I have served as Vice President and President of the Haskell-Mattson-Weinert Homecoming Association. I have served on the tax equalization board for the Haskell Consolidated School District prior to the Haskell County Tax Appraisal District being formed. I am a member of the First United Methodist Church in Haskell, having served on the Administrative Council and fulfilling various duties to meet the needs of the church.

I believe in the democratic process; that allows each elected official, to have a qualified opponent, when the salaries of those elected officials are generated by the taxpayers money. I am that qualified opponent, and I firmly believe that I have presented you, the voters in Haskell County, with a qualified choice in this election March 10, 1998. I am committed to being a full time County Judge for you, the citizens of Haskell County, and I am dedicated to perform the duties in a professional, fair, honest, and impartial manner, irregardless of creed or color. As I have traveled within the boundaries of Haskell county the past nine weeks, I have had the opportunity to visit with almost each and every one of you at your place of work, home, social events, stock shows, or athletic contests. Your continued encouragement, support, and confidence in me as a person has been very rewarding and exhilarating and I certainly appreciate it. Should I be elected or not on March 10, 1998, the rewards of renewing past acquaintances and making new acquaintances with the good people of Haskell County, will never be forgotten.

In closing, I want to personally say thank you again, to those individuals across our county, who approached me last fall, and encouraged me to be a candidate for the office of Haskell County Judge. Your appreciation can never be repaid for what you have helped me accomplish in such a short time, and I greatly respect and admire you for that.

For those of you who have recently become of age to vote, I ask that you please vote in this very important election, as you will soon become the leaders of Haskell County in the near future.

My promise to you, the voters of Haskell County!

"I will do the best I can, to bring about those things that are in the best interest of Haskell County."

Respectfully,
Gary D. Druesedow
Candidate for the office of
Haskell County Judge

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Nuisance Wildlife Appreciation Day is March 11

The Nuisance Wildlife Appreciation Day will be held at the Haskell Civic Center on Wed., Mar. 11 for residents of Haskell, Jones,

Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m.

and the program will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration cost at the door is \$20.00. Lunch is included in the registration cost.



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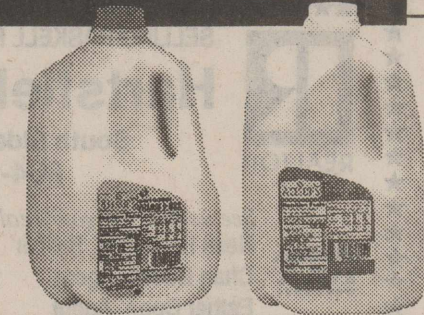
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