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Basketball games

Haskell
JV-GB, V-GB vs Electra
Fri., Feb. 5, 4 p.m. at Haskell
Haskell 7th, 8th & 9th
vs. Seymour
Mon., Feb. 8, 5:00 p.m.
Girls There, Boys Here
JV-GB, V-GB vs Seymour
Tues., Feb. 9, 4 p.m. at Seymour

Paint Creek vs Benjamin
Fri., Feb. 5, 4 p.m. at Benjamin
Paint Creek vs Rochester
Tues., Feb. 9, 4 p.m. at P.C.

JV-V Baseball
Haskell vs Hamlin, Scrimmage
Mon., Feb. 8, 4:30 p.m. at
Hamlin

Calendar

No winners

No winner was named in the Super Bowl contest sponsored by the Haskell Free Press. Many entered the annual contest, but no one predicted the correct score.

Finley to speak

Ruth Finley, founder and president of Declare His Glory Conferences, will speak at the Haskell Foursquare Church, Wed., Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. Finley is a gifted speaker, musician and singer.

Pinewood derby

Cub Scout Pack 136 will hold their annual pinewood derby Sun., Feb. 7 at 1:30. The location is to be announced later. For information call Bo Tatum 864-2665.

Enchilada dinner

The Calvary Baptist Mission youth will hold an enchilada dinner Sat., Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mission Annex, 600 S. 7th. The group is raising funds to attend the Hispanic Baptist Youth Congress in April. For more information or to place an order call 864-2391 or 864-3144.

Cooper Fiddlers

The Cooper Fiddlers of Abilene will be presented in concert Thurs., Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

Senior Citizens night

Fri., Feb. 5 will be Senior Citizens Night at the Haskell/Electra ball game. All fans age 60 and older will be admitted free. This is the last home game of the season. The girls' game begins at 6:30, followed by the boys' game. The JV games are at 4 and 5 p.m.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Feb. 7 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The meal will be stew.

Partners for Children

Partners for Children will hold a meeting Tues., Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell Elementary Library titled "Baking for Valentine's." For more information call 864-2654.

Kiwanisfest Feb. 14

The Haskell Kiwanis Club has scheduled its annual Kiwanisfest Sun., Feb. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$6.50 at the door. Tickets for children are \$3.

Dinner

The youth of the First Methodist Church will host a chicken and spaghetti dinner Sun., Feb. 7 at the Fellowship Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plates are \$5. Carry-outs are available. Tickets are available at Kay's Cleaners.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Feb. 4 at 9:30 a.m.

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TAKING OFFICE—With District Judge Charles Chapman presiding, Doyle High of Haskell took his oath of office as a member of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. Owner/operator of The Drug

Store in Haskell since 1976, High was appointed by Gov. George W. Bush to fill the unexpired term of the late Roberta Williams High. High's term will extend until April 2001.

County voters approve underground water district

As a result of the Jan. 26 vote, Haskell and Knox Counties approved forming a Haskell/Knox Underground Water Conservation District.

In Haskell County the vote was 321 for and 174 against the measure. The Knox County vote was 216 for with 93 against.

When set up, the district will have the authority to regulate how much water may be pumped from underground sources, and to issue permits for the removal of water.

The new water district will be

governed by a board of five people from each county who will be appointed by county commissioners. Board presidents or chairpersons from one county will serve one term. The chairperson for the next term will be chosen from the other county.

Haskell County Judge David Davis said board members will be chosen within the next month. One full-time employee will probably be required to manage the district, he said.

Saying that this is mainly aimed

High appointed to board

Haskell druggist, Doyle High, has been appointed to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy by Gov. George W. Bush.

He will fill the unexpired term left after the sudden death of Roberta Williams High, Nov. 10. The term will extend until Aug. 21, 2001.

The board is responsible for regulating the practice of pharmacy in the state, including licensing applicants and pharmacies and setting standards for recognition and approval of degree requirements for

colleges of pharmacy.

High, owner/operator of The Drug Store, has lived in Haskell since 1969.

He serves as chairman of the board of the Legend of the Southwest, a co-op of 550 independent drug stores.

A native of Oklahoma, High earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a master's degree in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Kansas.

Commissioners meet

With county income running below last year's, County Commissioners reported at the Court's Jan. 26 meeting that most of the difference is due to the sale of road equipment last year.

Gina Brown, Justice of the Peace, presented the needs for replacing her computers.

Commissioner Kenny Thompson, Pct. 3, reported on work being done to improve the facilities at the Anchor at Lake Stamford.

Working in conjunction with the City of Haskell, the county will haul debris of torn down buildings to the landfill.

A problem with the insurance and roof at the County Jail will be looked into by the County

Attorney.

County employees will attend several sessions of the County safety meeting planned for Feb. 17.

The Court approved the application presented by District Judge Charles Chapman for a grant to renew the Court Coordinator position, which will cover the next two years. This grant program went into effect last June.

Bonds for all newly elected officials were approved.

Greg Kaase, County Agent, Agriculture, submitted his resignation, effective Feb. 1. He will be going to work at College Station where his wife is attending Texas A&M University.

Letter writing campaign encouraged for jails

In the continuing effort to secure the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Intermediate Sanction Facility, the Development Corporation of Haskell, Inc. has made letters available at various locations in Haskell County. The letters are already addressed to the Criminal Justice Committee. Members of the Texas Senate and the House of Representatives.

The previous letters written to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Board of Directors had an overwhelmingly positive impact on the chances of our effort. It is now vitally important that the citizens of Haskell County use these letters or write their own letters to help in bringing the prison to Haskell.

Each individual signing them may mail the letters or take them back to the place they picked them up. The Development Corporation of Haskell, Inc. will gather them up and mail them.

Letters may be picked up at the following locations:

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First American Bank, Haskell
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Paint Creek School Office

at people coming from the outside, not local water users, Judge Davis said, "I feel like this is going to be a good thing because it lets us

control our underground water resources, but it also means there is going to be another tax, which is not good."

Cooper Fiddlers to perform Feb. 11

The widely acclaimed Cooper Fiddlers musical group of Abilene, under the direction of Mark Best of Cooper High School, will bring their infectious fiddle sound and unique combination of fiddle tunes and swinging country dance music to Haskell Thurs., Feb. 11, in a concert at the High School Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Progressive Study Club of Haskell in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Art Club, Young Homemakers, and the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, the performance is being brought as a gift to the community. Admission is free; reserved seating will be by ticket,

which may be obtained from members of the contributing organizations. Non-reserved seating will be limited.

The Fiddlers are booked for engagements from San Antonio to Wichita Falls, and Abilene to Amarillo, performing for civic clubs, banquets, athletic events and parades. This past February they performed with Sony Classical recording artist and famous fiddler, Mark O'Conner, in San Antonio at the Texas Music Educator's Association Convention. They were invited to Russia for the International Junior Olympics, and they traveled to Branson, Missouri to open the show for the Country Tonight Theatre.

The group has recorded a CD, "This Texas That I See", and a music video, "San Antonio Rose and The Cotton Eyed Joe."

Performing along with the twelve Fiddlers are director Mark Best on guitar, director Linda Bratton on fiddle, Stan Smith on bass, pedal steel, and guitar, Aaron Garmon on piano, and Brian Hanner on drums.

Progressive Study Club hostesses providing light refreshments for the evening are Nancy Toliver, Billie McKeever, Mary Kaigler, Francine Johnson, Oleta Cornelius, Marjorie Huss and Betty Waincott.

The performance begins at 7:00 p.m.



COOPER FIDDLERS—Appearing at Haskell High School Auditorium Thurs., Feb. 11, the group of young musicians from Abilene will be entertaining in a free concert of their special fiddling tunes.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 864-2686

Obituaries

Ralph Delton Troyer

Funeral services for Ralph Delton Troyer, 80, of Artesia, N.M. were held Sat., Jan. 30 in Metzler-Froelich Memorial Home with Rev. Mike Fanning officiating. Burial was in Park Hill Cemetery, Bloomington, Illinois.

Troyer died Mon., Jan. 25 in Artesia General Hospital, Artesia, N.M.

Born March 30, 1918 in the Carlock-Hudson area of McLean County, Illinois, he was the son of Arthur Daniel Troyer and Mabel Sarah (Stuckey) Troyer. He has resided in Artesia since 1977. He was an elder at First Christian Church, a member of Kiwanis and the Chamber of Commerce Trailblazers, a 32nd Degree Mason with 30 plus years membership in Jacksonville, Illinois Lodge #570 and a member of Ballut Abyad Temple in Albuquerque, N.M. He was a Life and Health Insurance executive in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico. He was

named to Personalities of the West and Midwest 1969-70 and was a charter member of the Oklahoma Home Office Life Underwriters Assn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Evelyn Troyer and Mildred Troyer Orrick; two brothers, Alvin D. Troyer and Raymond A. Troyer and one nephew.

Survivors include two daughters, Margo Ann Troyer of Rule, and Kay Ellen Troyer of West Tawakoni; one son, Kim Allan Troyer of Jacksonville, Illinois; the children's mother, Elinor (Selders) Troyer of Jacksonville, Illinois; two grandchildren, Craig Allan Troyer of Hinsdale, Illinois and Amy Lynn Troyer of Jacksonville, Illinois; a companion, Virginia Elkouri of Artesia; one brother, Lloyd D. Troyer of Park Ridge, Illinois; three nephews and two nieces.

Zelvin Tilley

Funeral services for Zelvin Tilley of Dallas will be held Sat., Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Mount Mariah C.M.E. in Rusk. Arrangements are under the direction of McGowan

Funeral Home in Kilgore. Tilley died Sat., Jan. 30 at the V.A. Hospital in Dallas.

Rochester School receives funding

Congressman Charlie Stenholm announced that Rochester Independent School District (ISD) has received \$37,524 in E-rate

funding from the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD). This money will be used to help Rochester ISD develop telecommunications services, internal connections and Internet access.

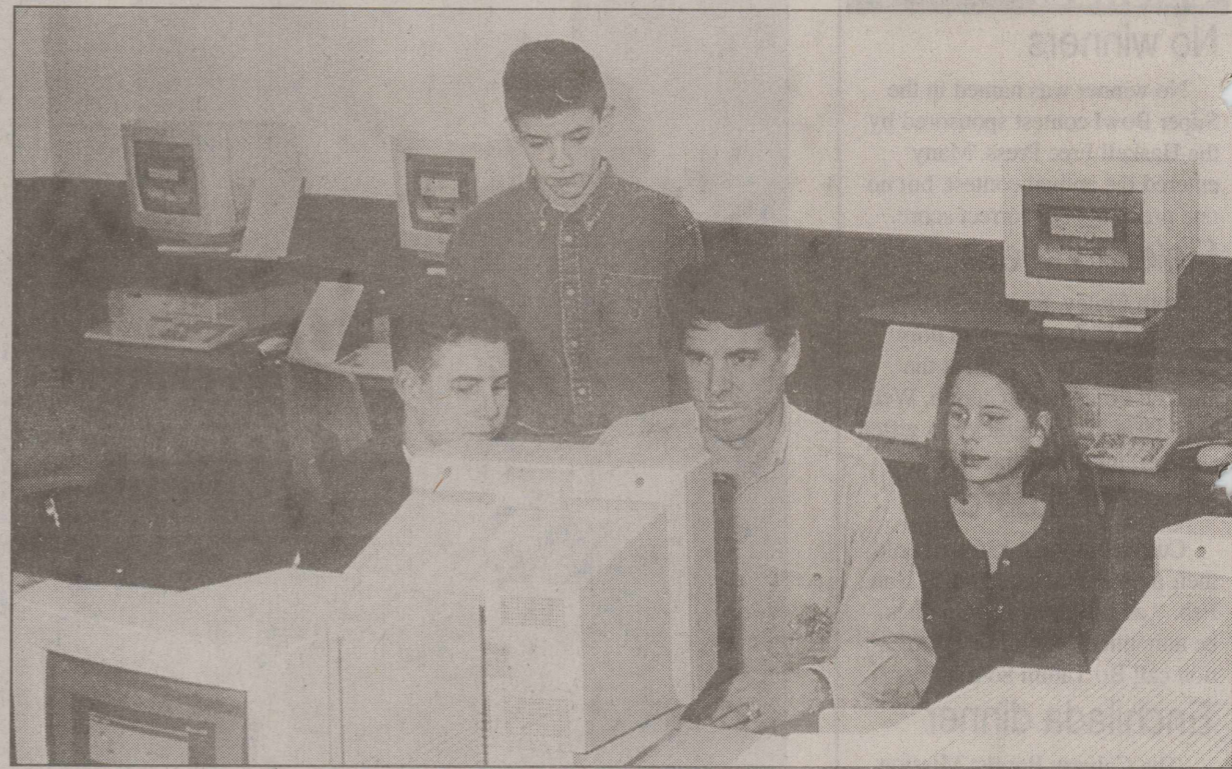
"I support programs like the E-rate that result in direct services to rural areas," Congressman Stenholm commented. "By helping rural and under-funded school districts provide current technology for their students, the E-rate is helping to ensure that equal educational opportunities are available to students across the nation, regardless of location or income."

This was the sixth wave of funding commitment decisions sent out by the SLD. Several more waves are expected to be announced in upcoming weeks.

The E-rate program was created as a part of the federal Telecommunications act of 1996 to ensure that all eligible schools and libraries in the United States have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services. Application is open to all public and private K-12 schools and public libraries. Discount funding is calculated according to a school's level of economic disadvantage (based on percentage of students eligible for the national school lunch program) and their location, rural or urban.



LEARNING SESSION—U. S. Congressman Charles Stenholm (D 17th District) receives instructions about the new iMacs in the elementary computer lab from Haskell CISD technology coordinator Debi Burson, as students Kelsie Adams (Kindergarten), Paige Adams (second grade), Matthew Brown (fourth grade), and Chris Villarreal (sixth grade) observe.



ON THE NET—Ross Hairgrove (standing) shows his uncle, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry and his children Griffin and Sydney how to find the high school's new web page on the Internet.

Haskell students travel Internet

By the time Haskell CISD students graduate, they see a computer as a tool, not a trademark. Having dual literacy on Apple and PC computers, the graduating seniors are armed with twice the hardware knowledge of most graduating seniors.

The benefits are immediate and far reaching.

"No one knows what the operating system will be five years from now. By exposing our students to both types of computers, we give them an immediate technology edge in college and the work force, plus giving them diversity and flexibility in computer usage," said Debi Burson, district technology

coordinator. In Haskell elementary school, students are introduced to Macintoshes then moved to PCs in junior high and high school. Also, upperclassmen can hone their desktop publishing skills by revisiting the Macintoshes in the newspaper and yearbook departments in high school.

Although classified as an economically disadvantaged school, the Haskell CISD is committed to keeping up-to-date technology for its 704 students.

"We are able to provide the best technology advantage to our students because of state technology funding, TIF grants and other technology grants that have helped the district stay abreast of our instructional objectives," said Robb McClellan, the district's network administrator and grant writer.

The School board recently replaced the elementary lab's 575 and 580 Macintoshes with iMacs, Apple's new upgraded computer featuring a blazing 3G processor and Internet capabilities.

"We have 21 computers in the lab, all linked to the Internet. When classes come to the lab, every student now has Internet access, thanks to the new iMac," said Debbie Miller, elementary computer teacher.

February is Internet month for the elementary, and Miller will coordinate lessons on the Internet with the classroom teacher. In March, the lab will be open to the parents and interested citizens during Public School Week.

The secondary school labs use Dell Computers. "Every year I'm amazed at the adaptability of the seventh graders to switch from Macs to PC. They are flexible in their approach to computers at this age," Pam Thigpen, junior high computer teacher, said.

The advanced students have designed and now maintain a web page for the high school. The address is www.haskell.esc.14.net.

Billie McKeever, Haskell CISD superintendent said, "We're pleased that our district can offer every student opportunities to use technology. Today's students look at computers as a necessary tool. Also, all students as well as teachers have access to the Internet."

Included in Haskell's technology plan are distant learning, Cisco Network Academy, and interactive classrooms.



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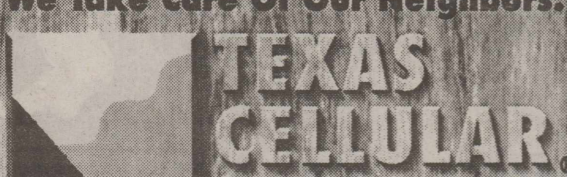
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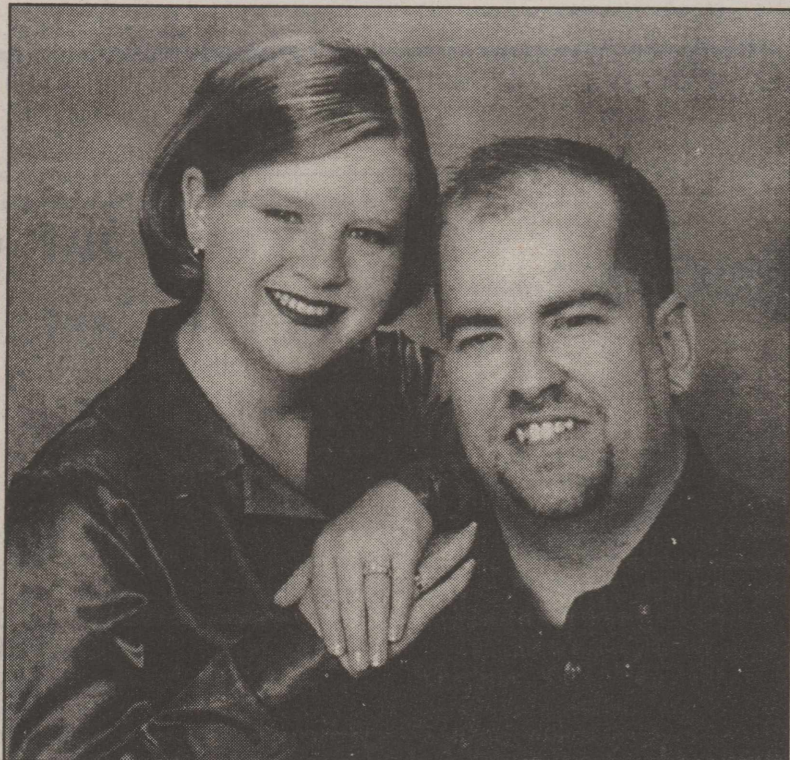
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ANDREA BROYLES - GEORGE WATSON

Broyles, Watson to wed July 24

Andrea Rae Broyles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Broyles of Loveland, Colorado, and George Brown Watson, son of the late Tom and Mary Watson of Haskell, have announced their engagement to be married.

The wedding is planned for July 24, at the University Park Holiday Inn in Fort Collins, Colorado.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Thompson Valley High School.

She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from Texas Tech, and is employed by *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Haskell High School in 1987. He attended Texas A&M, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from the University of North Texas in 1992. He is employed by *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*.



MR. AND MRS. GARLAND MEDFORD

Christmas wedding unites Payne, Medford

A Christmas theme set the scene, Dec. 19, at the wedding and wedding reception of Onjel Yvonne Payne of Rule and Garland Heath Medford of Haskell.

Held in the home of Danny and

Vickie Medford, parents of the groom, the ceremony was performed by Marvin Griffin of Seymour, a longtime family friend.

The couple will reside in Haskell.

Ila K. Gross awarded CCS certification

The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), the association for the nation's 38,000 medical record and health information management (HIM) professionals, recently awarded Knox City resident Ila K. Gross Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) credentials. CCS certification signifies that Ms. Gross passed a difficult exam designed to measure her healthcare coding skills. Healthcare coding is the process by which diagnoses and treatments are converted into numerical values, which are used to determine the amount of payment for healthcare services. Healthcare coding also is the underpinning of medical research, outcomes measurements and methods of determining the cost effectiveness of patient care.

"CCS certification is the ultimate symbol of competency in the area of healthcare coding," AHIMA president, Claire R. Dixon-Lee, PhD, RRA, said. "Anyone who has passed the certification exam has proven his or her coding expertise beyond the shadow of a doubt."

A total of 1188 individuals took the CCS examination in 1998. The test was administered on Sept. 18. The names of the 812 CCS recipients will appear in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of AHIMA*, the national publication for healthcare coders and other HIM professionals.

Ms. Gross, also an Accredited Record Technician and licensed vocational nurse, is employed by Haskell Memorial Hospital.

FCE Council meets

Haskell Co. FCE Council met Jan. 20 in regular session. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Betty Sanders. Joetta Burnett read "Clock of Life." Roll call was answered by 10 members and Agent Lou Gilly.

Jane Smith reported on progress of preparation for the concession stand at the Jr. Livestock Show. All supplies are donated by members. This is the only fundraiser with most profits used to support Haskell Co. 4-H member activity.

TAFCE Chairman Dolores Medford gave an update on Dist. Spring meeting to be hosted by Stephens Co. and held in Breckenridge April 1.

Tri-Co. Rally will be March 25

hosted by Knox Co.

Agent Lou Gilly reported on the BLT Grant that has given the office the funds to obtain some needed equipment.

Refreshments were served by the Homespun Club.

Students in the news

Hannibal-LaGrange College of Hannibal, Missouri has released the names of students who qualified for the Dean's Academic List for the fall 1998 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, the student must maintain a grade point average between 3.0 and 3.4999 while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

Included are Chris and Marci McSmith of Haskell.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

We in and around Haskell are so thankful for the wonderful rain that was sent our way this past week. I'm sure it didn't near break the drought but is a good start and pray more will soon come.

Olga Ruiz of Aspermont was in Haskell last Thurs. on business. She says tell all her Haskell friends and old customers hello and anytime they are in the Aspermont area come by her place of business and say hello.

Elenor Davis is back home after a week's visit in Odessa with daughter Mary Alice and family.

Visiting with Hope Josselet over the weekend was her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Baccus of Mansfield.

Bernice Hilliard spent the weekend in Abilene visiting her daughter Pat Shaw and attended the area square and round dance at the Wagon Wheel that was hosted by the Country Cousins. Square caller was Jay Miller of Garland.

Dr. Frank and Billie Cadenhead have returned from a few days in

Puerto Rico.

Wendle Gipson is very ill in the hospital in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Schults are spending some time in Haskell and visiting cousin Carolyn Pippin while here. She is the former Kathleen Davis.

James Brown from Tucson has been visiting with mother Dorothy Brown and other relatives. He purchased a new pickup while here.

Ernestine Herren celebrated her birthday Sun. The Bailey Tolivers had her over for lunch.

Visiting with Mae Lou Yeldell was all of her children, Frank and his family and Birdie and her children Edith, Ronny and Ebony Williams from Arlington.

Susie Mae Jackson was surprised Sun. morning by her church family. They had her 87th birthday celebration.

After the 5th Sun. mission program Rev. L. C. Johnson, Sr. brought the message; the theme was Family Worship and the text was Joshua 24:15, Job 1:4-5 and Luke 4:16 and 2:41.

The black history program will be Sun. Feb. 14 3:00 p.m. Missionary Ardell Willis from Lubbock will be the guest speaker.

The Community Brotherhood was at Greater Independent Tues. night. The sermon was brought by Elder Hodge. Other guests were West Bethel, Rule; Weeping Mary, Anson; West Beulah, Munday; Macedonia, Aspermont and Revival Center, Haskell.

Angela Jordan is home from the hospital, but is still asking for your prayers.

Hospital

Admissions

Vivian Roberson, Haskell
Marvin Stanford, Haskell
Colene Hutchens, Goree

Dismissals

Garland Edwards, Lucy Hunt,
Willie Andress, Henrietta Ray,
Allen Davis, Elnora Duke, W. D. Crowder, Jr., Willard Skipworth,
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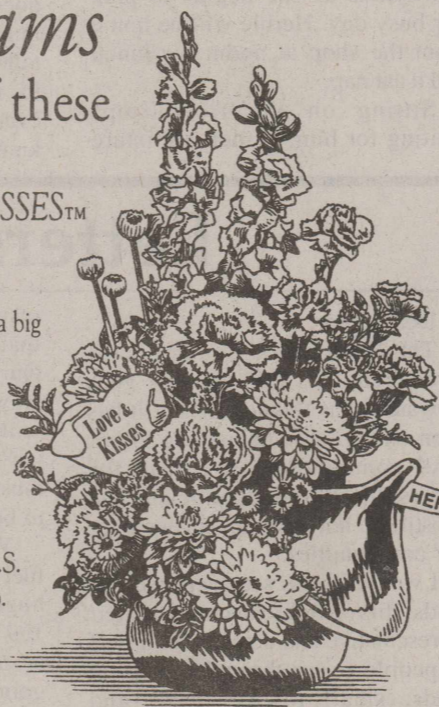
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Robison named to Coaches Hall of Fame

Tom Robison, a 1953 graduate of Haskell High School, was inducted into the Coastal Bend Coaches Association Hall of Honor in Corpus Christi, Sat. Jan. 16.

Robison is the son of long time Haskell residents, the late John E. and Callie Robison. His sister is Anita Hosea of Munday. He is a graduate of North Texas State University.

At Gregory-Portland High School, Robison helped build an impressive powerhouse as the baseball coach.

After coaching his team to three state championships at Corpus Christi Academy from 1967-71 Robison became a teacher in Portland from 1971-87.

During his 12-year tenure as

baseball coach of the Wildcats, Robison then guided his team to eight district titles before moving to Johnson City, Tenn. to become principal of St. Mary's high school from 1987-89.

Besides baseball, Robison's resume at Gregory-Portland High School includes stints as ninth-grade football coach, assistant varsity football coach and boy's soccer coach.

His total combined number of championships with the Wildcats is 23.

He returned to Texas to coach baseball and football in Liberty City from 1989-91, then retired after a two year teaching stint at Willis Point Middle School.

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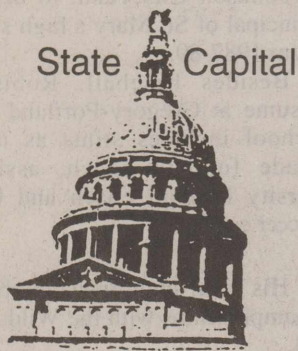
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OPINION



State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Re-inaugurated Gov. George W. Bush on Jan. 27 focused on education in his annual State of the State address.

"TAAS scores have increased across the board for every ethnic group in every subject at every grade level tested," Bush said. ...

"Our curriculum is one of the most rigorous in America. ... [and] 'We are proving that when you raise the bar, people rise to the challenge.'"

Bush said he will submit a balanced budget and propose a \$2 billion property tax cut amounting to 13 cents for every \$100 of property value.

He also proposed:

- Eliminating consumer taxes on diapers, over-the-counter medicines and Internet access;
- Cutting small-business taxes; and
- Enacting a research-and-development tax credit to foster innovation and new technology.

Bush's address contained repeated references to "the national spotlight." And although the governor may have been speaking only of Texas, his words resounded with a "presidential" ring.

Better Scores, Fewer Transfers

Fewer schools are subject to a law allowing students at "poor-performing schools" to transfer to better schools, the Texas Education Agency reported last week.

That's because more students are passing the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills — the math, reading and writing test by which schools are rated.

Two hundred and 81 of Texas' 7,053 schools appear on the list of poor-performing schools.

Improvement is the trend: In 1998, 575 schools made the list, while 1,150 schools were listed in 1997.

Slower Growth Predicted

The Texas Index of Leading Economic Indicators points to slower growth in 1999 than in recent years, according to new Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

"As I pointed out to the Texas Legislature in my biennial review estimate, the Texas economy is healthy, but future economic growth will occur at a slower, more moderate pace," Rylander said.

Texas' economy, however, will continue to grow at a faster rate than the U.S. economy, she said.

State Rep Seeks Ban on Ads

The Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department would be prohibited from mentioning the name of any brand-name alcoholic beverage in campsite catalogs and park brochures under legislation filed by state Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler.

Banning commercial messages would blow a hole in funding the agency has been receiving from corporate sponsors.

But Berman says mixed messages are inappropriate.

"If they're going to advertise on television against drinking while boating or hunting, then it's a double standard when they display Budweiser signs all over the place," Berman was quoted by the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Judges Get More Respect

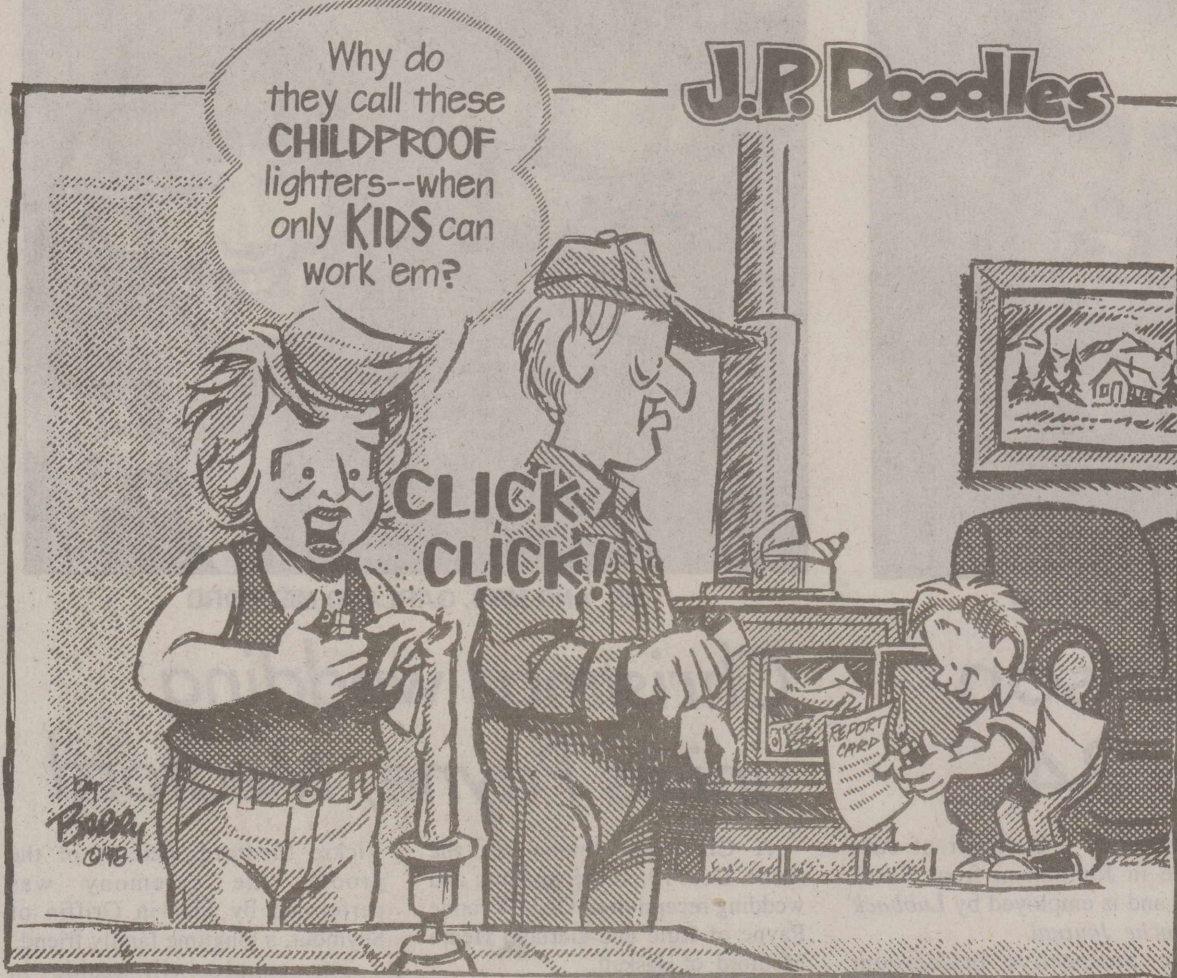
A study released last week by the Texas Office of Court Administration shows 71 percent of Texans consider judges "very" or "somewhat" honest and ethical.

Lawyers fared not as good — 40 percent — while journalists were slightly better at 48 percent.

Politicians, however, drew an honest-and-ethical rating of 26 percent from the 1,215 Texans who responded last summer to the poll conducted by the Survey Research Center at the University of North Texas.

Other Highlights

- Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, wants to curb unwanted telemarketing calls. He has filed legislation that would allow the state to fine telemarketers who call Texans who have placed their names on a no-call list.
- Public school teachers rallied outside the Capitol last week, calling for a \$6,000 across-the-board pay raise.
- Joblessness plagues the oil industry. Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association reports unemployment claims increased from 1,200 to more than 4,700 in 1998.
- The three-member Texas Railroad Commission last week elected Commissioner Tony Garza as chairman of the oil- and gas-regulating agency. Garza said steps must be taken to help marginal oil and gas wells survive currently depressed prices.
- U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of Austin is presiding over what is expected to be a multi-week hearing on conditions in Texas prisons. In 1979, Justice declared the prison system cruel and unconstitutional, resulting in a series of reforms.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

The following remembrance of her grandparents, Lennie and Herbert Homesley, was written by Ginger Peterson of Canton, who is now a proud and doting grandmother herself. She is the daughter of Eloise Koonce Homesley of Haskell and my brother, Jack Homesley of Dallas. I share it here with her permission.

by Ginger Homesley Peterson
Guest Columnist

Occasionally, my mind takes me on a mental journey to a special place. My body cannot get there anymore, because time has closed the physical door that leads there. My mind must enter as a child while I'm there and time is suspended.

First, I see a house that I feel must have been standing since the beginning of time. I am always met at the door with warm hugs and happiness at my arrival, and once inside, I know that this home must be the closest place to heaven I will ever feel on earth. It's the home where my Granny and Herbie live.

There is a peacefulness here that surround me like one of Granny's warm quilts. It's a tidy house; filled with knickknacks—each one with a story and a memory of how it came to be there. I remember the stories because Granny told them to me.

Behind the house is a carefully tended garden with lots of vegetables, waiting to be harvested and canned. On the back porch hangs a big, silver pan that Granny uses to gather fresh peaches for my cereal.

After breakfast, I wash the dishes while she hums a medley of old hymns as she begins to plan her busy day. Herbie will be home from the shop at noon; for lunch and a cat nap.

Sitting on the front steps waiting for him, I smell a mixture

of the red geraniums blooming beside me and the good meal being prepared in the kitchen. Suddenly, I see his truck coming down the street, and filled with excitement, I run to meet him.

Holding hands we walk together into the house. His hands are so large and I can smell the gasoline he used on them to remove the grease of the motors he'd been re-winding all morning. After he goes to the bathroom to finish scrubbing them with Borax and the little brush that always sets on the sink, he is ready to join Lennie in the kitchen.

I've already had my hug and for the next few moments, I stand aside like a little shadow, quietly watching Granny and Herbie embrace. She is so tiny—no taller than I—but her hugs are strong and I hear her hand patting Herbie in the back. He holds her as if she were a delicate, porcelain doll that might break if he weren't careful. I watch them and I wonder if I will ever find anyone to love me like that when I grow up.

After lunch and small talk about our morning, it's time for Herbie's daily nap and I know that for the next little while, I must be quiet. I like to spend the time in the living room, sitting in Herbie's big chair. It's like sitting on a king's throne. There are always three things I can count on being beside the chair: a reading lamp, his tobacco-spit can and his Bible.

In bookshelves behind the chair are lots of books. It seems to me that Herbie is probably one of the smartest men in all the world. He reads a lot, but I notice that mostly he reads his Bible and I know he does that because he loves Jesus so much. I know he does, because he tells me about Him and takes me to church and speaks well of everyone. I'm so proud for them to know I'm his granddaughter.

The ticking of the big mantle clock distracts my thoughts and I see that it's time for Herbie to go back to work.

After he leaves, Granny and I must hang out the laundry we washed before lunch. As I watch her tie the ribbons on her sun hat, I realize that these chores are not work to her. She takes such pride in being a housewife, that each task is a labor of love. She knows how to do everything; cook, sew, take care of children and just which styles are "in" this year.

But, most important, she seems to know me so well. I can tell her my secrets and know they will be kept. When I am with her, I feel "grown up" and special. She takes the time to teach me things and is so patient with me. (Could it be possible that she loves me as much as I love her?)

It seems like we just started and already the clothes are all hung out and popping in the breeze. Soon, Granny will be sending me out to see if they are dry.

Dinner is already cooking in the oven and after I take the trash to the alley, Granny and I will sit in the living room and share a Dr. Pepper. We have cleaned house, done the laundry and soon Herbie will be home for the day.

As I sip my Dr. Pepper and thumb through the new issue of *The Ladies Home Journal*, I notice Granny looking at the clock.

I can see a little spark of anticipation in her eyes and I realize that after all these years, Herbie's arrival still creates excitement in the heart that loves him.

Oh, how I love to re-visit this place that has no address, nor can be found on any map—this wonderful place and time that will remain forever only in the boundaries of my heart.

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

February 2, 1989
Bailey-Toliver Chevrolet-Oldsmobile has announced the acquisition of the Chevrolet-Olds dealership in Sweetwater.

Justin Stewart of the Haskell 4-H showed the grand champion steer at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show. The grand champion heifer was shown by Faye Mullino of the Rochester 4-H, the grand champion barrow by Joey Mathis of the Rule FFA and the grand champion lamb by Dalyn Gilly of Haskell FFA.

W. R. (Bill) Baker of Knox City was named interim superintendent of the Haskell CISD. Baker will serve until the Board names a successor to Dr. James A. Kemp.

20 Years Ago

February 1, 1969
The Rule Chamber of Commerce met at the Bluebonnet Cafe with nine members present. Plans were made for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Hale Farm Supply will hold an open house on their 10th anniversary. The open house will feature the completely remodeled facility with an expansion of 8,700 square feet addition.

Jimmy Donald Browning has been named to the Dean's List at McMurry College. Browning's grade point average for the fall semester was 3.78.

30 Years Ago

January 30, 1969
Members of the Haskell Industrial Committee, with Clay Smith, chairman presiding, met at Felker's Restaurant.

The Rainbow Sewing Club met in the home of Mrs. Ann Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Herren attended the State Democratic Executive Committee meeting held at the Driskill Hotel in Austin. Mrs. Herren is a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee. She is Committee woman from the 24th District.

Mrs. Ella M. Thoebler has purchased the Texas Theatre. She will move to Haskell from Davenport, Iowa with her two children.

40 Years Ago

January 29, 1959
The newest member of the office personnel of the Haskell Free Press is Mrs. Charlie Redwine in the bookkeeping and office supply department. Mrs. Redwine was formerly bookkeeper for Queens Roofing Company.

A. M. Turner of Haskell is in Washington D.C. as a member of a delegation of the Farmers Union visiting the nation's capital in the interest of the farm industry.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith have purchased the Westerner Cafe on the east side of the courthouse square. After remodeling and redecorating the cafe will reopen as Smith's Cafe.

50 Years Ago

February 3, 1949
A new drying machine was installed by the Johnson Helpy-Selfy Laundry southeast of the square.

Two students from Haskell, Thomas Brite and James Reynolds, received their bachelor's degrees from North Texas State College recently.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. (Ern) Lowe are in New York City attending the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Dotson and Ralph Duncan were guests at the Ladies Night program of the Rochester Rotary Club.

90 Years Ago

January 30, 1909
Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Moore of Waxahachie were recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Irby.

R. C. Montgomery and H. M. Rike of the Farmers National Bank were business visitors in Weinert.

The name of the post office at Carney has been changed to O'Brien. The change was made on petition of local citizens because Carney was confused with other post offices of similar names.

Obid Wilson at the City Meat Market shipped 125 turkeys to Abilene.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Heart of the Country is the rural areas. As this country goes forward it has to know where it has been and what is happening to our rural communities. We read the papers, listen to the politicians and we still do not have any answers for our communities.

I would like to see everyone that reads this article to contact their representative and demand for a staff of people to go through our rural lands, small towns, farms and ranches and see where our agriculture industry is going today. I can only speak for myself; I am a farmer and a veteran and I love my country. I know all my neighbors are slowly disappearing, losing their farms due to the prices of crops, drought, chemicals,

insurance and many other reasons that would take too long to list. Our agriculture prices, seed and the way we sell our products along with the insurance we are forced to pay to be in the federal program must change, in order for us farmers to be able to stay in business.

What happened to alternative fuel sources in production? We have huge piles of small grain from 1997 to 1998 that are just sitting in storage and on the ground, just going to waste that could be used to create a fuel source. Are we just going to depend on overseas oil? Are we going to buy all our products (cotton, corn, wheat, oil, etc.) from other countries? Fair trade, is it actually FAIR; we have open borders, but only one way it seems! Will all of our oil refineries and all of our farming communities turn into museums of the past? Can't we use our technology to produce new fuel sources to power our great nation? If we lose our rural communities and farm lands, our highways will turn into another

Route 66, a barren land with our cities expanding to capacity and our farm lands turned into useless ground.

We the people should have a say so in this great land of ours and we should stop thinking that some of our politicians really have "us" in their best interest. I am hoping we stir enough interest in Washington to bring some of the politicians down out of their soft chairs and out from behind their huge desks to form a taskforce to poll our communities and listen to what our people have to say about what is happening in our rural communities, not in the big cities.

Where our Heartland goes our country goes."

We all need to be accountable for our communities. We cannot maintain our economy by purchasing so many products from other countries, we cannot buy friendship. We need to take care of our own. "OUR COUNTRY"!!!

Jack H. Neathery
Rochester

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Brandy Gardner to attend National Youth Law Forum in Washington, D.C.



BRANDY GARDNER

Brandy Gardner of Haskell will participate in the 1999 National Youth Leadership Forum on Law, from March 16-21 in Washington, D. C. Brandy, in the class of 2000 at Paint Creek High School, will be among 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across America who have attained the qualifications required to participate in the Forum. Brandy was selected because of her outstanding academic achievements and her interest in a legal career.

During the Forum on Law, Brandy will join her fellow outstanding students in Washington, D. C. for 6 days of discovery and mentorship at some of America's most prominent legal institutions. The students will gain valuable knowledge and experience through visits to federal departments and universities such as the United States Department of Justice, the United States Supreme Court, the American University Washington College of Law, George Mason University School of Law, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, University of Maryland School of Law as well as several prestigious law firms located in and around the Washington area. Intensive daylong concentrations at these and other institutions allow students to explore many different types of law as well as be exposed to the varying nuances that so often define proper legal procedures.

Students will also have the opportunity to study and learn from some of America's most distinguished legal scholars. Prominent leaders in the legal community who have addressed the students in the past are of the caliber of Professor Nadine Strossen, President, The American Civil Liberties Union, Christie

Warren, Judicial Fellow, The U. S. Supreme Court, Justice David H. Souter, U. S. Supreme Court, Thomas Henderson, Jr., Esq., Executive Director, Association of Trial Lawyers of America and Victoria Toensing, Esq., Partner, diGenova & Toensing.

Concentrations include maximizing the potential of law school, defense and prosecution techniques at the federal level, national legal issues versus international legal issues, advocacy law issues concerning civil rights and social issues and ethics and the legal profession. A comprehensive overview of the U. S. Supreme Court is part of the curriculum, with its power, prestige and importance analyzed.

The National Youth Leadership Forum is a non-profit educational organization that sponsors highly specialized, career-oriented programs for outstanding secondary youth with demonstrated leadership potential. The National Youth Leadership Forum develops and conducts annual Forums on Law, Medicine, Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy.

Many students are nominated to participate in these Forums by high school teachers and guidance counselors. The National Youth Leadership Forum greatly values the recommendations of educators when evaluating a student's potential participation in a Forum.

Interested educators, parents and students are encouraged to contact the NYLF Office of Admissions for additional information at (202) 628-6090 or by e-mail at info@nylf.org. NYLF's website is located at www.nationalyouth.org.

Due to the cost of this trip, Miss Gardner is seeking sponsors to help with expenses. The approximate cost of this program will be \$1,600. Various fund raisers are planned to aid this young lady. If you would like to help, please mail your donations to P. O. 82, Haskell 79521-0082 or contact Miss Gardner at (940) 864-2992. All gifts are greatly appreciated.

She is the daughter of Sharee and Roland Gardner of Haskell.

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Haskell Basketball scores

Girls Haskell 67 Archer City 43
Scoring by quarters: Haskell 18, 15, 20, 14. Archer City 11, 14, 9, 9.

Individual scoring for Haskell: J. J. Comedy 7, Nikki Wallace 18, Deshea Plemister 1, Tiffany Lindsay 5, Bree Burgess 7, Shayne McKenzie 27, Brittany Bartley 2.

Records-Haskell 4-2; Archer City 3-3.

JV score-Haskell 32, Archer City 33.

Boys Haskell 63 Archer City 47
Scoring by quarters: Haskell 11, 18, 15, 19. Archer City 10, 10, 11, 16.

Individual scoring for Haskell: Trey Cheyne 21, Trey Rogers 12, Robert Spells 10, Shane Steele 4, Jason Langford 4, Cy McGuire 3, Jason Isbell 3, Michael Lindsey 3, Cole Earles 2, Ethan Brown 1.

Records-Haskell 3-2; Archer City 0-5.

JV score-Haskell 35, Archer City 27.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 520 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Jan. 30, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Demand good on all classes; springer cows 20-40 higher. Short sale due to rain.

Cows: fat, .28-.35; cutters, .29-.37; canners, .12-.25.

Bulls: bologna, .40-.46; feeder, .57-.64; utility, .36-.40.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.08; 300-400 lbs., .88-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .80-.94; 500-600 lbs., .72-.82;

600-700 lbs., .68-.74; 700-800 lbs., .65-.72; 800-up lbs., .55-.67.

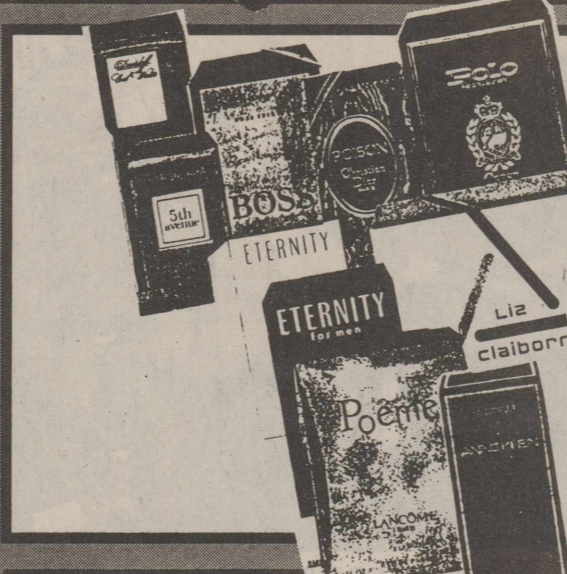
Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .75-.89; 300-400 lbs., .72-.84; 400-500 lbs., .68-.83; 500-600 lbs., .64-.75; 600-up lbs., .48-.68.

Bred Heifers: medium frame 400-525.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 475-580; aged or small, 350-550.

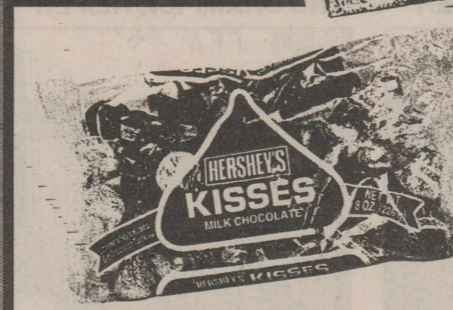
Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 550-680; aged or small, 450-550.

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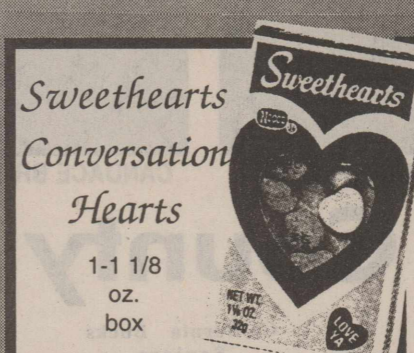
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(229)

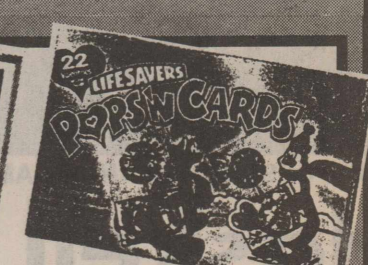
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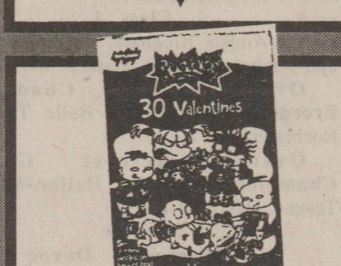
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Lifesavers Pop'n Cards

7 oz. pack
3.79 value
(56)

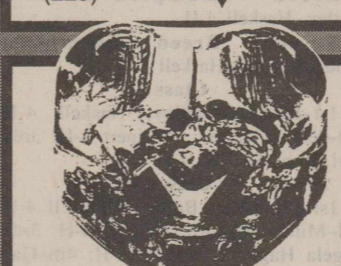
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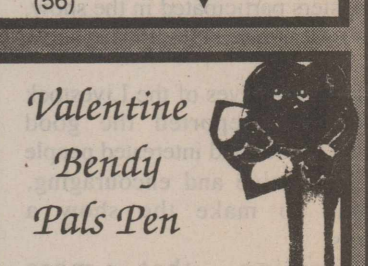
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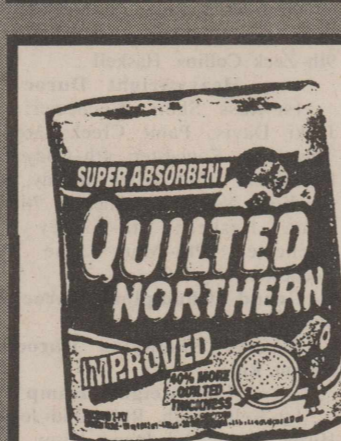
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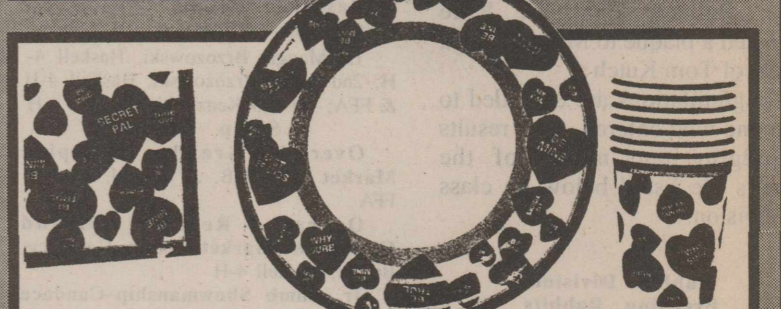
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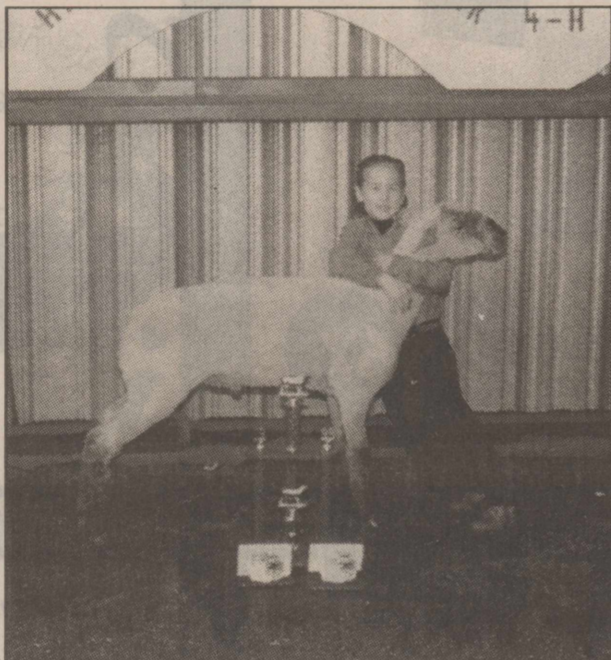
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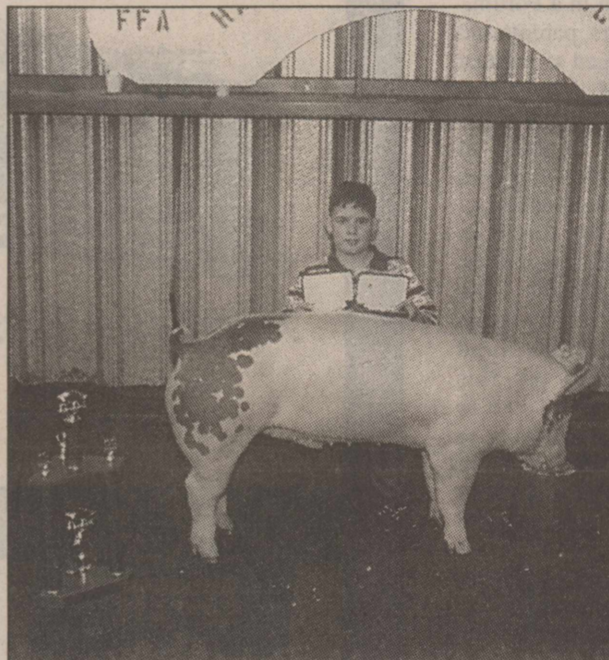
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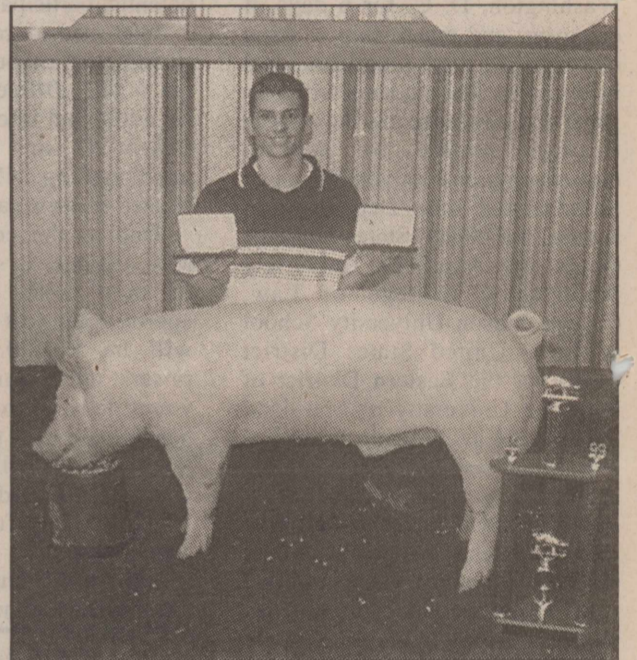
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BRIAN LEHRMANN - GRAND CHAMPION SWINE

Haskell County Junior Livestock Show results

Total sales of \$55,000.00 during the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show, held Jan. 28-30, at the Haskell County Show Barn exceeded last year's total by \$2,500.00.

Ninety-one Haskell County youngsters participated in the show, with ninety-one sales in the show ring.

Representatives of the Livestock Association reported the good turnout of kids and interested people was supportive and encouraging, helping to make the show a success.

Expecting that more contributions in support of the Show may still be coming in this week, Dale Bullinger said he was pleased that the sales were good this year despite the slow-down in the oil industry and other business. All such contributions will be appreciated, he said.

This year's show was dedicated to the memory of Tom Kutch, of Rule. Patrick Pace of Rule presented a plaque to Myrtle Kutch, widow of Tom Kutch.

Congratulations are extended to everyone who entered. The results of judging and names of the winners are listed below by class and division.

- Rabbit Division**
Breeding Rabbits
Overall Grand Champion Buck-Crystal Burton, Haskell 4-H
Overall Reserve Grand Champion Buck-Kami Baitz, Rule FFA
- Overall Grand Champion Doe**-Crystal Burton, Haskell 4-H
Overall Reserve Grand Champion Doe-Crystal Burton, Haskell 4-H
- California Does**
Senior
1st-Crystal Burton, Haskell 4-H
Breed Champion-Crystal Burton, Haskell 4-H
New Zealand-White Does
Senior
1st-Crystal Burton, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-Cassidy Brown, Rochester 4-H
New Zealand-White Does
Junior
1st-Crystal Burton, Haskell 4-H
Breed Champion-Crystal Burton, Haskell 4-H
Reserve Breed Champion-Crystal Burton, Haskell 4-H

- Broilers**
Grand Champion-Maggie Brzozowski, Haskell 4-H
Reserve Grand Champion-Jenny Brzozowski, Haskell 4-H & FFA
1st-Maggie Brzozowski, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-Jenny Brzozowski, Haskell 4-H & FFA; 3rd-MacKenzie Miller, Rule 4-H & FFA
- Market Lamb**-B. J. Opsahl, Haskell FFA
- Sheep Division**
Overall Grand Champion Market Lamb-B. J. Opsahl, Haskell FFA
- Overall Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb**-Candace Brister, Haskell 4-H
Jr. Lamb Showmanship-Candace Brister, Haskell 4-H
Sr. Lamb Showmanship-B. J. Opsahl, Haskell FFA
- Finewool**
Class I
1st-Candace Brister, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-Ross Bullinger, Haskell 4-H
Class II
1st-Candace Brister, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-B. J. Opsahl, Haskell FFA
- Breed Champion**-Candace Brister, Haskell 4-H
Reserve Breed Champion-B. J. Opsahl, Haskell FFA
- Medium Wool**
Class I
1st-B. J. Opsahl, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-Ross Bullinger, Haskell 4-H
Class II
1st-B. J. Opsahl, Haskell FFA; 2nd-Candace Brister, Haskell 4-H
Breed Champion-B. J. Opsahl, Haskell FFA
Reserve Breed Champion-Candace Brister, Haskell 4-H
- Southdown**

- Class I**
1st-Caleb Hudgens, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-Bryce Hudgens, Haskell 4-H
Breed Champion-Caleb Hudgens
Reserve Breed Champion-Bryce Hudgens
- Steers**
English Division
Breed Champion-Brittany Bartley, Haskell 4-H
Reserve Breed Champion-Mindy Howard, Haskell 4-H
Class I
1st-Brittany Bartley, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-Jeremy Hager, Weinert 4-H; 3rd-Levi Terry, Haskell 4-H
Class II
1st-Chambray Bartley, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-Mindy Howard, Haskell 4-H; 3rd-Angela Hager, Weinert 4-H; 4th-Gary Frierson, Haskell 4-H
Class III
1st-Mindy Howard, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-Rusty Howard, Haskell 4-H
- American Division**
Breed Champion-Levi Terry, Haskell 4-H
Reserve Breed Champion-Rusty Howard, Haskell 4-H
Class I
1st-Levi Terry, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-Rusty Howard, Haskell 4-H
European Division
Breed Champion-Clyde Frierson, Haskell 4-H
Reserve Breed Champion-Stephen Pace, Rule 4-H
Class I
1st-Heath McCulloch, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-Eric Hager, Weinert 4-H
Class II
1st-Clyde Frierson, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-Stephen Pace, Rule 4-H; 3rd-Courtney Buerger, Paint Creek 4-H
Overall Grand Champion Steer-Brittany Bartley, Haskell 4-H
Overall Reserve Grand Champion Steer-Mindy Howard, Haskell 4-H
Jr. Beef Showmanship-Amy Turner, Rochester 4-H
Sr. Beef Showmanship-Missy Teague, Haskell 4-H
- Angus Division**
Breed Champion-Missy Teague, Haskell 4-H
Reserve Breed Champion-Justin Teague, Haskell 4-H
Class I
1st-Missy Teague, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-Justin Teague, Haskell 4-H
Hereford Division
Breed Champion-Mary Belle Turner, Rochester 4-H
Reserve Breed Champion-Mary Belle Turner, Rochester 4-H
Class I
1st-Mary Belle Turner, Rochester 4-H; 2nd-Teddy Sue Harris, Rochester 4-H
Class II
1st-Mary Belle Turner, Rochester 4-H

- Class III**
1st-Amy Turner, Rochester 4-H; 2nd-Cliff McGuire, Haskell 4-H
- Simmental Division**
Breed Champion-Amber Bingham, Haskell 4-H
Reserve Breed Champion-Amber Bingham, Haskell 4-H
Class I
1st-Amber Bingham, Haskell 4-H; 2nd-Amber Bingham, Haskell 4-H
Overall Grand Champion Breeding Heifer-Mary Belle Turner, Rochester 4-H
Overall Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer-Missy Teague, Haskell 4-H
- Swine**
Lightweight Duroc
1st-Keil Rowan, Rule; 2nd-Kortney Kupatt, Rule; 3rd-Jacob Manske, Rule; 4th-Jacob Manske, Rule; 5th-Candice Everhart, Paint Creek; 6th-Shana Nicholson, Rochester; 7th-Kyle Michaels, Haskell; 8th-Adam Lee, Haskell; 9th-Kara Ann Cox, Rochester; 10th-Joanna Lehmann, Rule
Mediumweight Duroc
1st-Cody Byrd, Rochester; 2nd-Samantha Kittley, Rule; 3rd-Kerri Newton, Rochester; 4th-Keil Smith, Rule; 5th-Mykel McGhee, Rochester; 6th-Tara Lisle, Rule; 7th-Mandy Hearn, Paint Creek; 8th-Kyle Kittley, Rule; 9th-Zack Collins, Haskell
Heavyweight Duroc
1st-Ross Short, Rochester; 2nd-Jacki Davis, Paint Creek; 3rd-Laci Townsend, Rochester; 4th-Cody Byrd, Rochester; 5th-Jennifer Murray, Rule; 6th-Kerri Newton, Rochester; 7th-Kyle Hunt, Haskell; 8th-Ashley Lisle, Rochester; 9th-Mary Jane Short, Rochester
Grand Champion Duroc-Ross Short, Rochester
Reserve Champion Duroc-Keil Rowan, Rule
Lightweight Hamp
1st-Keil Smith, Rule; 2nd-Jonathan Hisey, Rule; 3rd-Jenny Hisey, Rule; 4th-Joanna Lehmann, Rule; 5th-Brady Standefer, Rule; 6th-Cary Ann Cox, Rochester; 7th-Tandi Townsend, Rochester; 8th-Jonathan Hisey, Rule; 9th-Grant Hisey, Rule; 10th-Ricky Truelson, Rule
Mediumweight Hamp
1st-M'Lynn Lehmann, Rule; 2nd-Kortney Kupatt, Rule; 3rd-Trey Kittley, Rule; 4th-Jeffrey Rodriguez, Rochester; 5th-Michelle Stegemoeller, Rule; 6th-Caitlin Frierson, Haskell; 7th-Caitlin Frierson, Haskell; 8th-Jeffery Murray, Rule; 9th-Samantha Griffin, Rule; 10th-Cody Byrd, Rochester; 11th-Bronc Davis, Paint Creek
Heavyweight Hamp
1st-Daniel Earle, Rochester; 2nd-Kerri Newton, Rochester; 3rd-Laci Townsend, Rochester; 4th-Chase

- Cockerell, Rochester; 5th-Sam Long, Rochester; 6th-Kyla Jones, Haskell; 7th-Jenny Brzozowski, Haskell; 8th-Nikki Lee, Haskell; 9th-Marcie Stoddard, Rochester; 10th-Ashley Lisle, Rochester
Grand Champion Hamp-M'Lynn Lehmann, Rule
Reserve Champion Hamp-Keil Smith, Rule
Lightweight OPB
1st-Chrissy Ramirez, Rule; 2nd-Jeffrey Murray, Rule; 3rd-Keil Rowan, Rule; 4th-Jason Isbell, Haskell; 5th-Tandi Townsend, Rochester; 6th-Erika Nicholson, Rochester; 7th-Brandy Gardner, Haskell; 8th-Jodi Thigpen, Haskell; 9th-Jace Manske, Rule; 10th-Justin Louder, Rule; 11th-Jennifer Murray; 12th-Clay Ender, Paint Creek; 13th-Brandy Gardner, Haskell; 14th-John Mark Hodgins, Haskell; 15th-Tiffany Loving, Haskell
Mediumweight OPB
1st-Keil Rowan, Rule; 2nd-Josh Smith, Rule; 3rd-Mykel McGhee, Rochester; 4th-Tiffany Ramirez, Rule; 5th-Kortney Kupatt, Rule; 6th-Richie Culppepper, 7th-Ross Short, Rochester; 8th-Matthew Pierce, Rule; 9th-Tandi Townsend, Rochester; 10th-Clay Ender, Paint Creek; 11th-Jodi Thigpen, Haskell; 12th-Kyle Hunt, Haskell; 13th-Mary Jane Short, Rochester; 14th-Tara Lisle, Rule
Heavyweight OPB
1st-Brian Lehmann, Rule; 2nd-Daniel Earle, Rochester; 3rd-Jace Manske, Rule; 4th-Cody Byrd, Rochester; 5th-Ashley Lisle, Rochester; 6th-Keith Wilcox, Rule; 7th-Michelle Stegemoeller, Rule; 8th-Will Brueggeman, Haskell; 9th-Kerri Newton, Rochester; 10th-Rusty Howard, Haskell; 11th-Mandy Hearn, Paint Creek; 12th-Gay Lynn Gary, Haskell; 13th-Angela Aycock, Haskell; 14th-Kortney Kupatt, Rule; 15th-M'Lynn Lehmann, Rule; 16th-Zack Collins, Haskell
Grand Champion OPB-Brian Lehmann, Rule
Reserve Champion OPB-Daniel Earle, Rochester
Lightweight Cross
1st-Keil Rowan, Rule; 2nd-Michelle Stegemoeller, Rule; 3rd-Tara Lisle, Rule; 4th-Lucas Hisey, Rule; 5th-Keith Wilcox, Rule; 6th-Grant Hisey, Rule; 7th-Laci Standefer, Rule; 8th-Sam Long, Rule; 9th-John Mark Hodgins, Haskell; 10th-Conrado Palacios, Haskell
Mediumweight Cross
1st-Keil Rowan, Rule; 2nd-Brian Lehmann, Rule; 3rd-Heath McCulloch, Haskell; 4th-Tandi Townsend, Rochester; 5th-Brittany Griffin, Rule; 6th-Kara Pierce, Rule; 7th-Cliff McGuire, Haskell; 8th-Kyla Jones, Haskell; 9th-Brandon Early, Haskell; 10th-Amy Aycock, Haskell
Heavyweight Cross
1st-Daniel Earle, Rochester; 2nd-Jonathan Hisey, Rule; 3rd-Kerri Newton,

- Rochester; 4th-Kerri Newton, Rochester; 5th-Cody Byrd, Rochester; 6th-Cody Byrd, Rochester; 7th-Kyle Michaels, Haskell; 8th-Matt Huggins, Paint Creek; 9th-Leanna Smith, Rochester; 10th-Chance Muhle, Rochester
Grand Champion Cross-Keil Rowan, Rule
Reserve Champion Cross-Brian Lehmann, Rule
Overall Grand Champion-Brian Lehmann, Rule
Overall Reserve Champion-Keil Rowan, Rule
Lightweight Duroc Gilt
1st-Tandi Townsend, Rochester; 2nd-Chase Cockerell, Rochester; 3rd-Chase Cockerell, Rochester; 4th-Heath McCulloch, Haskell; 5th-Kyla Jones, Haskell
Heavyweight Duroc Gilt
1st-Mary Jane Short, Rochester; 2nd-Jeffrey Rodriguez, Rochester; 3rd-Maggie Brzozowski, Haskell; 4th-Caitlin Frierson, Haskell; 5th-Chance Muhle, Rochester
Champion Duroc Gilt-Mary Jane Short, Rochester
Reserve Champion Duroc Gilt-Tandi Townsend, Rochester
Hamp Gilt
1st-Kerri Newton, Rochester; 2nd-Daniel Earle, Rochester; 3rd-Matt Huggins, Paint Creek
Champion Hamp Gilt-Kerri Newton, Rochester
Reserve Champion Hamp Gilt-Daniel Earle, Rochester
White OPB Gilt
1st-Will Brueggeman, Haskell; 2nd-Cody Byrd, Rochester
Champion White OPB Gilt-Will Brueggeman, Haskell
Reserve Champion White OPB Gilt-Cody Byrd, Rochester
Black OPB Gilt
1st-Cliff McGuire, Haskell; 2nd-Marcie Stoddard, Rochester; 3rd-Laci Townsend, Rochester; 4th-Ross Short, Rochester; 5th-Jeffrey Rodriguez, Rochester; 6th-Kyla Jones, Haskell
Grand Champion Black OPB Gilt-Cliff McGuire, Haskell
Reserve Champion Black OPB Gilt-Marcie Stoddard, Rochester
Cross Gilt
1st-Kyle Michaels, Haskell; 2nd-Laci Townsend, Rochester; 3rd-Jonathan Hisey, Rule; 4th-Brandon Early, Haskell; 5th-Kyle Michaels, Haskell
Grand Champion Cross Gilt-Kyle Michaels, Haskell
Reserve Champion Cross Gilt-Laci Townsend, Rochester
Overall Champion Gilt-Kerri Newton, Rochester
Overall Reserve Champion Gilt-Cliff McGuire, Haskell
Jr. Swine Showmanship-Keil Rowan, Rule
Sr. Swine Showmanship-Brian Lehmann, Rule

Missy Teague is new Angus Assn. member

Missy Teague, Haskell, is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

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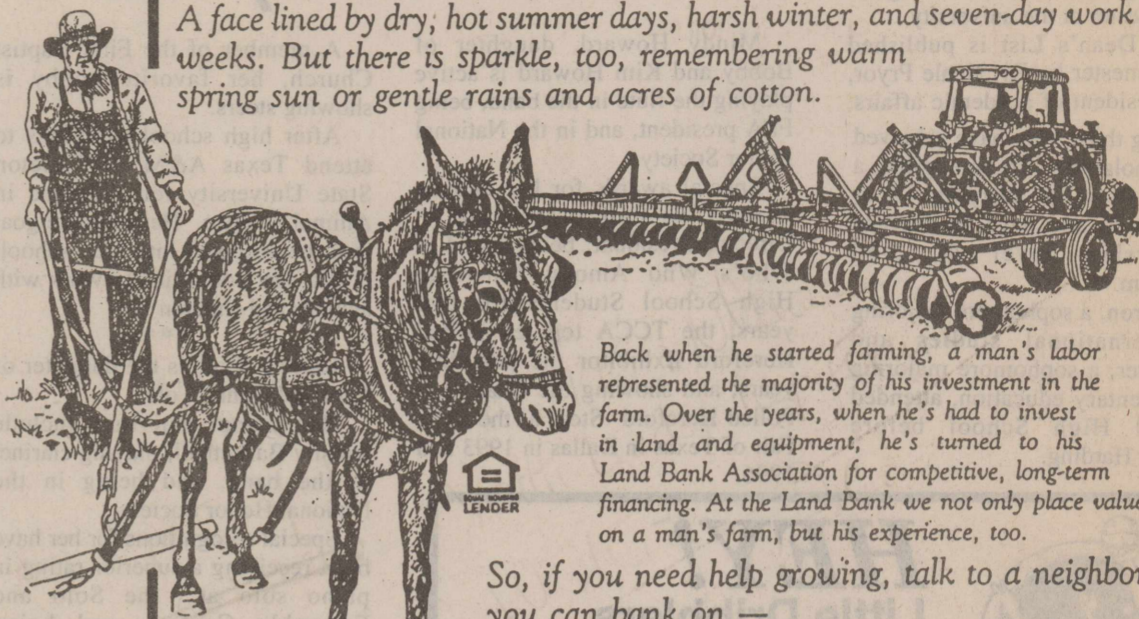
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Rule Seniors set bake sale Feb. 6

The Rule Senior Class will sponsor a bake sale Sat., Feb. 6 at Wal-Mart in Stamford. The Senior Class is trying to raise money to go on their Senior trip to Cancun, Mexico. If you are interested in a special dessert to be made for you, contact Cheryl Hertel or Suzie Wilson at the Rule ISD at 940-997-2521. The bake sale will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Other fund raisers by the Rule Seniors includes a \$25.00 gift certificate that has been donated The Branding Iron in Rochester. The seniors are promoting this for Valentine and will be selling chances for this dinner at the home basketball games or you may contact any senior or call the Rule ISD and talk with Cheryl Hertel or Suzie Wilson at 997-2521. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Also at each home basketball game, the seniors are holding a Mid-Court Basketball Shoot sponsored by Bill Wilson Motor Company of Haskell. A name is drawn at halftime of both the boys and girls basketball game and the person is given a shot at making the basket from mid-court. The winner gets \$100.00 from Bill Wilson Motor Company.

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Calendar

Rule banquet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce annual banquet will be held March 9 at 7 p.m. in the Rule Schools cafeteria. Tickets are \$8. The meal will be catered by the Rule Junior Class. Nominations for Man and Woman of the Year need to be submitted at Rule City Hall by Feb. 19.

Rule Chamber to meet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will meet Feb. 9 at 12 noon in the School Library.

Testing

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) will be administered Feb. 23, 24 and 25 at Rule ISD. Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to retake the exit level TAAS test or the TEAMS test should pick up a registration packet in the school counselor's office. The form must be completed and returned to Iowa City, Iowa no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29. For more information, call Leslie Kupatt 997-2783.



Students in the News

Making the Dean's List for the fall semester at Vernon Regional Junior College was Tonya Lewis of Knox City. Tonya is enrolled in VRJC nursing program.

She is the daughter of Brenda and Darrell Parker of Knox City.

Sarah R. Cothron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cothron, Haskell and Dacia G. Phemister, daughter of Mrs. Lisa Milburn of Haskell are among the 1,067 Harding University students included on the school's Dean's List for grades achieved during the fall semester at the university.

The Dean's List is published each semester by Dr. Neale Pryor, vice president of academic affairs, honoring those who have achieved high scholarship. To be eligible, a student must be carrying 12 or more hours and have an average scholarship level of 3.50 minimum.

Cothron, a sophomore majoring in international studies and Phemister, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, attended Haskell High School before entering Harding.



MINDY HOWARD



KERRE COLE

Students visit Rotary Club

Mindy Howard, daughter of Bobby and Kim Howard is active playing the flute in the band, being FFA president, and in the National Honor Society.

Special awards for her include Texas Club Calf Association Jr. Director President; being listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students for two years; the TCCA top ten Polled Hereford Exhibitor the past five years; and showing the Champion Polled Hereford Steer at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas in 1993 and 1996.

A member of the First Baptist Church, her favorite hobby is showing steers.

After high school she plans to attend Texas A&M or Tarleton State University for a degree in Animal Science. Her ultimate goal is to be accepted into Vet. school. If not, she would like to work with animals and children

Kerre J. Cole is the daughter of Ford and Donna Cole.

Her school activities include Varsity Basketball, playing clarinet in the band, and being in the National Honor Society.

Special recognitions for her have been receiving a superior rating in piano solo at the Solo and Ensemble Contest, and being elected class secretary.

Among her favorite things to do are reading and shopping. She is a member of First Baptist Church.

After finishing high school, Cole plans to possibly attend A&M University, graduating with a master's degree.

Shane Steele, son of Bob and Sherry Burkett, is active in football, basketball and track.

He likes to hunt and fish, hang out with friends, dance and participate in recreational sports. He attends East Side Baptist Church.

Steele's plans after high school include attending Tarleton State University, playing linebacker while preparing for a career as a coach and history teacher.

Trey Rogers is the son of Flint and Lisa Nanny.

His school activities include football, basketball and baseball. A special award for him was being named as First Team All-District punter.

His favorite hobbies and leisure activities are hunting, hanging out with friends, and playing with his five-year-old brother.

He attends East Side Baptist.

After high school Rogers plans to attend Vernon Junior College and become a physical therapy assistant.



EXPO '99—Crews at the Quality Implement Co. in Munday worked to get equipment ready for the John Deere Expo '99, which drew a large crowd of guests, Thurs. Jan. 29.

John Deere Expo '99 held

Quality Implement Co. of Munday, Seymour and Stamford held their first John Deere Expo on Jan. 29, with 360 guests, exhibitors and personnel present for the event.

The three dealerships joined together to present various displays, such as John Deere Cross Search, tractor accessories, batteries, new products, re-manufactured products, preventive maintenance, oil and filters, Deere credit, PowerGard, seeding equipment, 8400T truck tractor Ride and Drive, lawn and garden products, and engine overhaul kits.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m., displays and demonstrations were presented by employees of Quality Implement Co. and representatives of John Deere.

After a brisket lunch, served from 11:00 to 1:30, the day ended at 3:00 p.m. with a drawing for prizes and gifts provided by Quality Implement Co., John Deere Credit, John Deere PowerGard, and Fastline Publications.

Winners were as follows: Wade Schreiber, John Deere Comforter; set of four John Deere glasses, Lianne Tidwell, Will Taack, R. L. Spivey, and Marvin Zeissel; John Deere Thermometer, Kregg Sanders, Chris Shelton, and Bill Williams;

John Deere Basketball, Matt Mueller, Ricky Moeller; John Deere Thermos Coffee Mug, Herbert Vahlenkamp, Tommy Bibb, Paul Chambers; John Deere Coffee Cup, Leona Elliot; John Deere Hooded Sweatshirt, John Matus, John Deere Umbrella,

Gilbert Casillas, Carl Rueffer; Set of two John Deere Coffee Mugs, Larry McLaren, Mark Hertel; John Deere Clock, Beatrice Schmidt-Ivy, Jimmy Ray Albus;

John Deere Laundry Hamper, Calvin Steinbach; John Deere Throw, Feba Jo Stout and Jim Waldron; Fastline Cap, Bobby



VIEWING EXHIBITS—Guests at the John Deere Expo '99, held in Munday by Quality Implement Co., of Munday, Seymour and Stamford, enjoyed the various displays of exhibitors during the day-long meeting Thurs., Jan. 29.

Brock, Chris Orsak, Walter Buerger, John Grindstaff, Donald Boydson, Tony Burson, Patrick Burson, F. L. Jenkins, Jr., and Mike Cox; John Deere Credit Jacket, Sammy Nauert; John Deere Portfolio Notebook, Randy Kuehler, Oran Brigham, and Joey Thomas; John Deere Credit Sweater, Bryon Gass; John Deere Iron Skillet, Odene Dudensing; John Deere 8300 Toy Tractor, C. F. Bratcher and David Key; John Deere Thermos, Ferdie Walker and Mrs. E. A. Lowack; John Deere Pocket Knife, J. R. Mueller; John Deere Watch, Leona Partridge; John Deere Pillow, Kenneth Sanders, Doug Tidwell and Wendell Partridge.

Is your child too sick to go to school?

As the winter season of colds, flu and related illness gets into full swing, how can parents tell if their child is too sick to go to school?

Dr. Jane Corboy of Houston's Baylor College of Medicine says

any of the following symptoms can warrant staying home:

*A fever of 100.5 degrees or higher;

*A rash that might be contagious;


*Vomiting.

"If going to school might endanger the child's health or make other students sick, parents should

keep the child at home," said Corboy, assistant professor of family and community medicine.

"Usually it will be obvious the child feels so bad he or she would not be able to pay attention in school."

If the child complains of headaches and stomachaches, which are hard to verify by observation, Corboy recommends that parents look for additional symptoms, such as a pale or flushed face or a low energy level, to confirm the child isn't just trying to play hooky.



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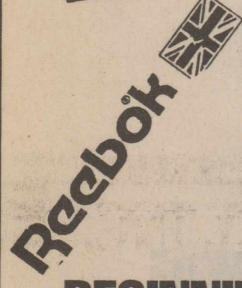

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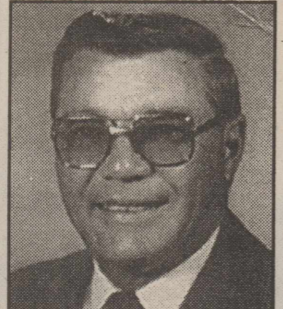



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Have no fear. Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code comes to the rescue of most small business owners by allowing you to immediately write off up to \$18,500 of the cost of new equipment and furniture. And then, after deducting the \$18,500 you go ahead and depreciate the remaining balance of your purchases in the old 'slow boat' way. For instance, say you bought \$50,000 of new equipment in 1998. You can expense \$18,500 of the cost and take first-year depreciation on \$6,400 on the remaining balance of \$31,500. Total deduction for the 1998 tax year: \$24,800 - almost half of what you paid.

It gets better! Although \$18,500 is the maximum 1998 expensing election, it will gradually increase to \$25,000 by the year 2003. The 1999 deduction will be \$19,000.


Of course, since we are dealing with the tax law, there are some catches, so be sure to consult your tax advisor. For instance, if you purchased over \$200,000 in fixed assets last year, the expensing election is phased out to zero once you hit \$218,500 in new equipment purchases. Also, the Section 179 expensing election may not exceed your taxable income from your trade or business, although any excess may be carried forward indefinitely.

Special rules apply to automobiles and to equipment that is used only partly for business. Also, beware of the special rules for S corporations, partnerships, and married individuals filing separately. No Section 179 deduction is allowed for trusts and estates.

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Rule students learn during 'Career Day' presentations

Jill Randall, Career and Vocational Equity Specialist from Region 14 Education Service Center in Abilene, was recently the guest of school counselor, Leslie Kupatt, and all students and teachers at Rule Elementary and Rule Middle School.

In a "Career Day" presentation and discussion by Randall, second

grade students, participating by wearing smocks representing various careers, from artists to veterinarians, learned about the work involved in each type of job, the education needed, and the working conditions of each. Several students inquired about salaries related to some of the jobs.

Meeting with Middle School students for a day of Career Investigation and Exploration, Randall presented a program on "What's My Line?" From this the students learned about career equity and gender stereotyping in careers. Informed about salaries for different careers, they learned about the importance of high school courses in preparing for jobs.



CAREER LEARNING—Seventh grade students of Rule Middle School who recently heard a presentation of the program "What's My Line?", given by Jill Randall, Career and Vocational Equity Specialist from Region 14 Education Service Center in Abilene, were, back row, l-r, Calvin Sorley, Rickey Truelsen, Matthey Hensley, M'Lynn Lehmann, Shawn Makalii, and Randall. Middle row, left, are Eberado Puebla, Abby Dudensing, Kyle Kittley, Breanna Marquis, Lisa Caddell, Matthew Pierce, and Kristen Hertel. Sitting, left, are Kinsey Brown, Jonathan Hisey, Vanessa Perez, Forrest Hatley, Cristina Flores, and Brittany Griffin.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Well, well, we're beginning a new month with water in the rain gauge! Much needed rain fell and every drop penetrated down into the dry soil. Everyone had big smiles on their faces Sunday and a glimmer of hope for the upcoming crop year. More moisture is needed, but we are certainly thankful for this beginning. Joe and Dorothy Clark left Sagerton for a weekend in Houston and Montgomery where they visited with their daughter, Peggy, David and Christopher Adler and their granddaughter, Anna and Jeremy Willis. Perhaps they should leave more often if it brings rain!

J. B. and Dorothy Toney are happy to announce the arrival of a granddaughter, Lauren Renee McAden who was born on January 22. Her parents are John and Rene McAden of Abilene and she has a big brother Josh who will be helping take care of her.

The Rule Livestock Show was held last week with the following results for the Sagerton youth: Swine: Overall champion: Brian Lehmann with a Yorkshire. Senior Showmanship: Michelle Stegemoeller. Cross Reserve Champion: Michelle Stegemoeller,

also first with her Light Weight, third with her Hamp, Grand Champion with her Spot and first with her Heavy Weight Spot. Brian Lehmann's other wins included: First with his Middle Weight Cross, second with his Middle Weight Hamp, Grand Champion York and First with his Light Weight York. Kymbre Kupatt won second with her Light Weight Duroc and Kortney Kupatt placed third with her Heavy Weight Spot and also third with her Heavy Weight York. Jacob Manske won third with his Light Weight Duroc and Jace Manske placed third with his Light Weight York, first with his Heavy Weight York and Reserve Champion with his York. Brady Standifer placed third with his Light Weight Hamp and Joanna Lehmann won second place with her Heavy Weight Spot.

We have some high class pigs in the community and some real hard working youngsters.

The home of Joyce and Delbert LeFevre was the scene of a mini Stegemoeller family reunion last Thursday as cousins met for the day. Those in attendance included Harvey and Marion Stegemoeller of

Evanston, Illinois; Kenneth and Nan Stegemoeller of Bullard; Adell Wells of Littlefield; Wanda Stegemoeller of Lubbock; Marla, Dan, Kimberly and Travis Hawkins of Knox City; Brenda, Robert Ace, Samuel, Matthew, Daniel and Joseph Turner of Rule; Kent LeFevre of Tuscola; Larry LeFevre of Rule; Dahlia Perkins of West Columbia and Mary Neinst, Leon and May Stegemoeller, Jill, Kinsey, Tully and Cade Brown, all of Sagerton.

The Sagerton Hobby Club has ordered and will be erecting a large sign soon that will announce all current events. It will be erected in a prominent place so that all citizens will be aware of activities that are taking place in the community.

Results in the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show held Friday found Sagerton students winning in the following events: Duroc: Class 1—second place, Kortney Kupatt 3. Jacob Manske. Hampshires: Class 2—1. M'Lynn Lehmann 2. Kortney Kupatt. Grand Champion Hampshire Barrow—M'Lynn Lehmann. Other pure breeds—Class 3-1. Brian Lehmann 3. Jace Manske. Grand Champion OPB—Brian Lehmann. Crossbred Hogs, Class 1-2. Michelle Stegemoeller. Class 2-2. Brian Lehmann; Reserve Champion Crossbred Barrow, Brian Lehmann. Congratulations!



CAREER DAY—Rule second grade students attending the program given by Jill Randall of Abilene, were, back row, l-r, Vinnie Tabb, Andrew Hertel, Steven Anderson, Randall, Richie Rogers, Kelsie Miller, Kristy Judd, Rance Sorley, and Zeb Petty. Front row, l-r, are Molly Dudensing, Lacey Stephens, Wesley Short, Josh Ramirez, and Lee Jones.

Rule Ladycats Basketball scores

The Rule Ladycats traveled to Harrold to take on the Ladyhornets and came out the victors with a 65-44 win. Senior Lezli Jenkins had a great night with 32 points. The Ladycats jumped out to a 23-4 first quarter's lead and never let it go. Other scorers for the Ladycats were Tiffany McDuff 14, Deborah Wilson 13, Stephanie Stephens 3, Latisha Trussell 2 and Mandi Hunt 1.

The Rule Ladycats defeated the Northside Lady Indians 50-38 last week. The Ladycats jumped out to a 15-4 first quarter lead and never slowed down the whole night. Lezli Jenkins had 18 points, Deborah Wilson 12, Tiffany McDuff 9, Stephanie Stephens 8, Yolanda Rodriguez 2 and Tiffany Ramirez 1. The Ladycats moved

their season record to 13-10 with the win.

The Rule Ladycats remain undefeated in District 23-A play at 4-0 with a 73-50 victory over the Paint Creek Lady Pirates Friday night. The Ladycats were led by Lezli Jenkins with 30 points and Deborah Wilson with 19. Paint Creek was led by Stefanie Isbell with 28 points. Jenkins also had 18 rebounds for the game and Tiffany McDuff had 10. Deborah Wilson and Stephanie Stephens each had 5 steals.

Other scorers for the Ladycats were Latisha Trussell with 7, Tiffany McDuff 6, Stephanie Stephens 5, Yolanda Rodriguez 3 and Tiffany Ramirez 2. The Ladycats moved their season record to 14-10.

Students in the news

Chad Teichelman of Sagerton is among students who have been named to the President's Honor List for the fall 1998 semester at South Plains College, Levelland.

Named to the Dean's Honor List is Amy Hisey of Rule.

Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a 4.0 or straight A grade point average while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of college-level work.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List maintain a minimum 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of college-level work.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued in Jan. by Rhonda Moeller, Haskell Co. Clerk include:

Justin Heath Stewart and Amy Dlyn Barbour, both of Haskell
Lennis William Jones, III and Jolanda Ramirez Martinez, both of Rule

Rodney Lynn Medford and Ember Ashley Josselet, both of Haskell

Jerry Dean Hannsz and Carla Whitfield Dahlquist, both of Haskell

Rule Bobcat Basketball scores

The Rule Bobcats defeated the Harrold Hornets 56-51 in a close fought basketball game. Brian Lehmann led the Bobcats with 28 points, followed by Michael Hertel with 18. Rule led 13-10 at the end of the first quarter, Harrold led 32-26 at half, Harrold led 42-40 at the end of the third quarter, but when it really counted the Bobcats pulled the game out in the fourth quarter and won 56-51. Other scorers for Rule were Josh Smith and Cody Tibbets with 4 each and Grant Hisey added 2.

The Northside Indians held on to defeat the Rule Bobcats 55-52 in a fast paced contest. Rule trailed

most of the ballgame but never could overcome the Indians' shooting. Grant Hisey led the Bobcats with 16 points, Brian Lehmann 13, Josh Smith 11, Michael Hertel 7 and Cody Tibbets 5. Rule boys are 12-7 on the year.

The Rule Bobcats remained undefeated in District 23-A basketball play with a 77-62 defeat over the Paint Creek Pirates Friday night. Brian Lehmann led Rule with 28 points and Cody Tibbets had 20. Paint Creek was led by Blayne Davis with 18 and Hegan Lamb with 17. Rule's season record is 13-7.

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ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, Feb. 8
 11:15 a.m. Social Security update with advisor Glyn Hammons
 Lunch-Roast, brown gravy, potatoes, Harvard beets, fruit cobbler, bread, milk, tea or coffee
 1:00 p.m. China painting
Wednesday, Feb. 10
 11:00 a.m. Exercise by Outreach Health Services
 Lunch-Mexican style chicken, Mexican rice, refried beans, tossed salad, caprirotada, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Friday, Feb. 12
 Lunch-Hungarian goulash, macaroni, glazed carrots, tossed salad, Valentine cake, bread, milk, tea or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.
 All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

Haskell, Rochester Fire Depts. receive equipment

Haskell and Rochester Volunteer Fire Departments took advantage of equipment aid available from the Texas Forest Service. Both departments acquired two free tracked vehicles, courtesy of the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) equipment program administered by the agency. Under the FEPP program, equipment acquired through the military is transferred to qualifying fire departments at no cost.

for information on the Industrial Helping Hands program. Volunteer fire departments may save money in another way. A self-insurance vehicle liability insurance pool also administered by the Texas Forest Service offers liability coverage for \$250 per vehicle, ambulances excluded. Volunteer fire departments can also purchase firefighter clothing, hand tools and water handling accessories at discount prices through the Fire Safe program. Fire Safe sales to date exceed \$3.7 million, according to the state forestry agency.

Detailed information on volunteer fire department assistance programs is available from the Rural Fire Defense Section, Texas Forest Service Fire Control Department, P. O. Box 310, Lufkin, TX 75902-0310, phone 409-639-8130.

This Week's Devotional Message:

IT'S ABOUT TIME — FOR FAITH TO MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT



How soon the days and years will pass
 We know beyond a doubt;
 Like sand within the hourglass,
 The time is running out.
 Of course we can't reduce its speed,
 But to a great extent,
 By doing any kindly deed
 It can be wisely spent.

In Church, your faith will show you how
 To make each moment last
 Enough to do some good right now,
 Before it joins the past.
 You'll learn you have so much to give,
 As time alone will tell;
 And so, it's not how LONG you live;
 What matters is, how WELL!

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL**
- East Side Baptist Church**
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
 - Christian Church**
Dusty Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 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.m.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
 - Hopewell Baptist Church**
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- GREATER INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH**
Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- NEW COVENANT FOURSQUARE**
Freddy Perez, pastor
Bilingual Services
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.
Gazebo or Pavillion
- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**
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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 - Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crownover
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Weinert
- ROCHESTER**
- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
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
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
 - First United Methodist Church**
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester
- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Daniel Ramey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton
 - Faith Lutheran Church**
Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
 - Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
 - Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
 - First United Methodist Church**
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

Head Start Menu

Feb. 8-12
 Milk served daily with breakfast.
 Menus subject to change without notice.

Breakfast
Monday: Rice Krispies, plums
Tuesday: French toast sticks w/syrup, strawberries
Wednesday: Oatmeal, fruit cocktail
Thursday: Home made breakfast burrito, orange slices
Friday: No School

Lunch
 Milk served daily with lunch
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich w/ham, vegetable soup, banana
Tuesday: Spaghetti w/

hamburger meat sauce, lettuce/tomato salad, pear half
Wednesday: Corn dog, string cheese, spinach, orange slices
Thursday: Beef tacos, lettuce/tomatoes, Spanish rice, peaches
Friday: No School

Snacks
Monday: Ritz crackers, orange juice
Tuesday: Peanut butter, cookies, milk
Wednesday: Apple muffin, milk
Thursday: Carrot sticks, Ranch dip, crackers, apple juice
Friday: No School

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 8-12
Breakfast
 Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Cereal offered daily.
Monday: Cinnamon toast
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Sausage & pancake on stick
Thursday: Biscuits/gravy, sausage
Friday: No School

Lunch
 A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the High School. Milk and tea are served daily at the

High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.
Monday: Taco salad, refried beans, grated cheese, lettuce/tomatoes, fruit cobbler
Tuesday: Pizza, pickle spears, buttered corn, frosted Jello
Wednesday: Chicken & spaghetti, fried okra, seasoned green beans, buttered hot rolls, fruit salad
Thursday: Hamburger, French fries, hamburger trimmings, Shape-ups
Friday: No School

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 8-12
Breakfast
 Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Breakfast tacos
Thursday: Toast, jelly
Friday: Donuts

Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken strips, gravy, black eyed peas, cream potatoes,

rolls, applesauce
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat, green peas, salad, garlic toast, coconut cake
Wednesday: Hoagie sandwiches, chips, pickles, lettuce, peaches
Thursday: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, tater tots, relish, chili beans, apple crisp
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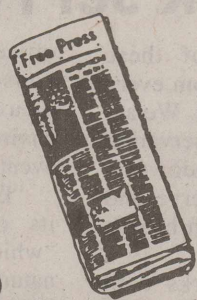
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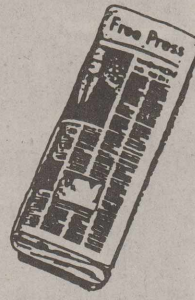
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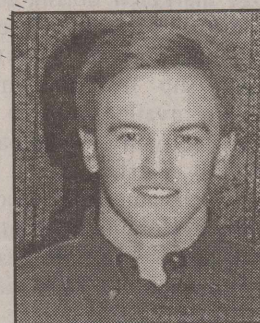


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- EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY.** Large three-bedroom, two bath brick, large living, basement, two-car garage, central heating and cooling, two water wells, two large lots. 301 Addison Drive.
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- BRICK STREET LOCATION.** Very spacious two-bedroom, two bath with two living areas on corner lot. Fenced yard with sprinkler system, carport and two-car garage. 1300 N. Ave. F. Price Reduced.
- LARGE LIVING ROOM.** Three-bedroom, one bath, carport and utility room, extra lot with water well. 902 N. S.
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- SPACIOUS AND AFFORDABLE.** Three bedroom, two bath, or two bedroom and den, living room. Large kitchen, fireplace, fenced yard, great outside storage. 1405 N. Ave. E. Price reduced.
- EXCELLENT BUY.** Would make good first home. Brick floor, three bedroom, one bath, with some hardwood floors and beamed ceiling, wood burning stove. Central heat and water well. Excellent condition. 1005 N. Ave. K.
- FOUR LEVELS AND FOUR BEDROOMS.** Rock home with two baths, unique design on corner lot. Extra living quarters or apartment in rear. 807 N. Ave. E.
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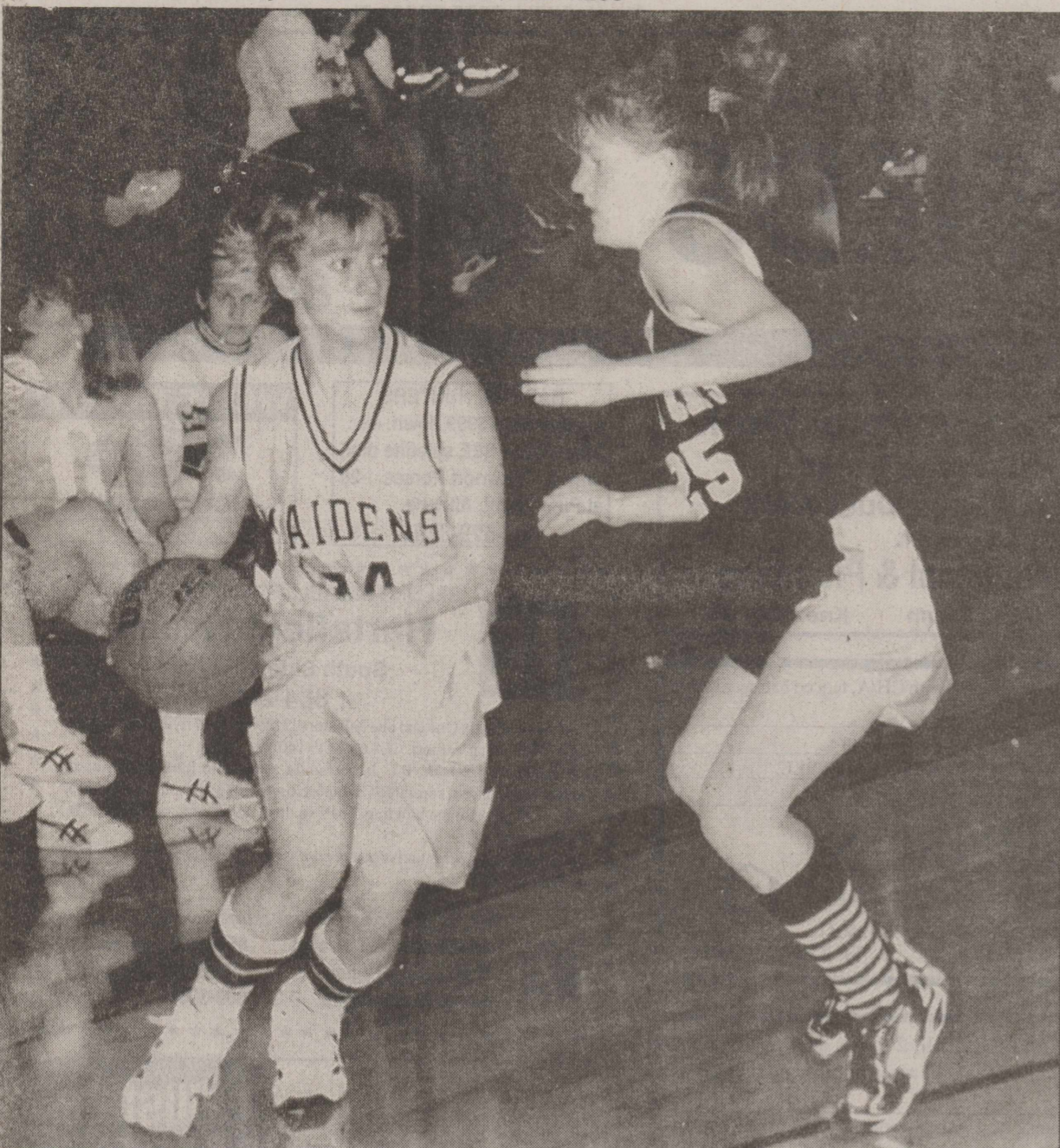
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MAIDEN MOVING ON—Haskell Varsity Maiden #24 Tiffany Lindsey handles the ball in the Maiden's game with Archer City which ended for Haskell, 67-43. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Hog producers payment program announced

Glenn R. Brzozowski, CED of the Haskell County FSA Office is announcing that USDA will make approximately \$50 million in direct cash payments to small hog producers to help them weather the current economic crisis.

Producers will qualify for the direct cash payments if they marketed fewer than 1,000 hogs during the last 6 months of 1998 and are still in operation. Two restrictions apply. First, producers are not eligible for payments on hogs marketed under fixed-price or cost-plus contracts. Second, any operation whose gross income for 1998 was greater than \$2.5 million will not be eligible for payments.

Eligibility is based on marketings during the last 6 months of 1998 to avoid distorting current marketings. The 6th month period also accommodates the marketing practices of small producers who may not market hogs every week or month, but who need help to weather the

current economic crisis.

Producers will be paid up to \$5 per slaughter-weight hog (or the equivalent for feeder pigs and other swine) multiplied by the number of hogs marketed during the last 6 months of 1998. The actual payment may be less than \$5, given the limited amount of funding available under the law. Producers will only be paid on up to 500 market hogs (or the equivalent number of feeder pigs), so the maximum payment that will be paid to any operation is \$2,500.

Payments will be made through USDA's Farm Service Agency local office. From Feb. 1 to Feb. 12, 1999, FSA will conduct a sign-up for the payment program. During this period, producers will be required to apply for the program at their local FSA office.

Producers will be required to certify that they meet the eligibility requirements of the program. FSA will have an application form that producers will fill out when they sign up for the program. It is expected that the form will require producers to include the name of the operation

and a list of persons involved in it, the number of finished and feeder pig marketings in the last 6 months of 1998 and the buyers of the hogs and pigs.

The form is also expected to include a statement affirming that the producer is still in business, a statement affirming that the producer did not market his hogs under fixed-price or cost-plus contracts and a statement affirming that the producer is aware that USDA will be conducting spot checks. For those producers selected for spot checks, additional information may be requested.

Any producer who receives a payment based on erroneous information will be required to repay USDA and may face criminal prosecution.

Payments will be made about 2 to 3 weeks after the end of the sign up period.

Call the Haskell County FSA Office at 940-864-2617 or come by its location at 506 South Second for more information.

Natural Resources Week set Feb. 8-12

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is celebrating Feb. 8-12, as Natural Resources Recognition Week in Texas. In a statement issued by USDA-NRCS State Conservation John P. Burt, the week is designed to encourage all Texans to reflect on the importance of natural resources in our daily lives.

"Our abundant natural resources of soil, water, air, plants and animals continue to provide us with a healthy environment," Burt

said. "The wise use of these resources sets us apart from every other country in the world. We are fortunate to have a conservation ethic that encourages landowners and all citizens to conserve and protect those things which benefit all of us."

In Texas, NRCS works with 216 Soil and Water Conservation Districts to address local resources issues. As part of the local celebrations, various activities are planned at each USDA - NRCS

office in Texas. These will include conservation tours, displays, educational programs, environmental awareness and other events.

"Each office will participate in its own program," Burt said, "which will be tailored to local natural resource issues or concerns. We have a real opportunity to have people across the state become better aware of our environment and the work of our conservation programs in Texas."

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Fire technology study available

The West Central Texas Tech Prep Consortium has developed a procedure whereby high school students from the West Central Texas Region may receive college credit for courses completed in the Tech Prep Fire Technology Program. A partnership consisting of Stamford I.S.D., Haskell I.S.D., Abilene Fire Department, Stamford Fire Department, Cisco Junior College, Amarillo College and Tech Prep has been organized in order to make this possible.

The course offered this semester at Stamford High School is a study of the history and philosophy of fire protection; a review of statistics associated with loss of life and property by fire; and a review of the agencies involved in fire protection and career orientation in the fire science fields. Instruction includes the fundamentals of fire science, products of combustion, methods of fire extinguishment and extinguishing agents. The class is being taught by a team of professional fire fighters from Abilene and Stamford. The class is on Tues. and Thurs. mornings 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

This is a pilot program to determine the interest that students in the Big Country might have for this interesting career opportunity. The expansion of the program is unlimited and could possibly be expanded next school year by utilizing the Stamford ISD Distance Learning facility to transmit the class to students and other volunteer fire fighters across the state.

For additional information contact Bobby Campbell, WCT Tech Prep at (915) 672-8544 or Tommy Bearden, High School Principal (915) 773-2701.

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