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Basketball games

Haskell
JV-B, V-B vs Archer City
Fri., Feb. 12, 6 p.m.
at Archer City

Calendar

Cooper Fiddlers

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

Wed., Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. Finley is a gifted speaker, musician and singer.

Chamber banquet

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a banquet Thurs., Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Tumbleweed Smith will be the speaker. Tickets are \$10.

Partners for Children

Partners for Children will hold a Lunch & Learn for 3rd grade parents Thurs., Feb. 18 at noon in the Elementary Library. 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.

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.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Feb. 12 at noon in the jury room of the Courthouse. The annual dinner theatre will be discussed.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Feb. 18 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.

Calf roping

A calf roping will be held Sun., Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell County Arena. B ropers will rope 3 for \$45 and A ropers will rope 3 for \$60. For more information call Carl Hopkins 940-849-3257 or Tim Layman (940) 864-8500. A concession stand will be available.

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GENERATIONAL—Five generations of one Haskell family made a happy picture recently as they gathered to celebrate a new addition. Great-great grandmother, Doris Roberts holds Tristen Bailey Pheister. Standing, from the left, are grandfather Randy Pheister, great-grandmother, Doris Jean McMeans, and the baby's father, Joseph Pheister.

January sales tax receipts show county-wide decline

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered the first sales tax rebates, kicking off 1999 with a total of \$163.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,096 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 5.1 percent increase over the \$155.7 million allocated in to cities and counties in January 1998.

"I am delighted to begin serving in the office of Comptroller as the State of Texas begins another promising year," Comptroller Rylander said. "Sales tax rebates to cities and counties are 5.1 percent higher this January than those for the first month of last year, as consumers continue to show their confidence in the growing Texas economy."

January's payments include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in November, at the start of the traditional holiday shopping season and reported to the Comptroller in December.

Rylander delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$150.5 million to Texas cities, 5.6 percent higher than January's payments of \$142.4 million. Rebates of \$13.3 million to Texas counties were virtually unchanged from those paid in January 1998. Another \$4.8 million went to 37 special purpose districts around the state.

Haskell County had a 33.32 percent decrease for January, 1999 of \$15,158.93 in comparison to \$22,737.05 for January, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$15,158.93 reflect a 33.32 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$22,737.05.

The City of Haskell had a 34.07 percent decrease for January, 1999 of \$14,347.26 in comparison to \$21,783.28 for January, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$14,347.26 reflect a 34.07 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$21,763.28.

O'Brien had a 32.83 percent decrease for January, 1999 of \$22.69 in comparison to \$33.78 for January, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$22.69 reflect a 32.83 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$33.78.

Rochester had a 17.19 percent decrease for January, 1999 of \$248.37 in comparison to \$299.93 for January, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$248.37 reflect a 17.19 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$248.37.

Rule had a 24.19 percent decrease for January, 1999 of \$472.58 in comparison to \$623.44 for January, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$472.58 reflect a 24.19 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$623.44.

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increase for January, 1999 of \$68.03 in comparison to \$16.62 for January, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$68.03 reflect a 309.32 percent increase over 1998 payments to date of \$16.62.



LION HONORED—George Fouts, a 50 year member of the Haskell Lion's Club, was honored by the Club with a surprise celebration in his honor Jan. 26. The Haskell native operated Fouts Dry Goods until his retirement in 1983. In his award Fouts was praised by fellow Lions as being "the one you could always count on to be there when there was work to be done." Pictured from the left, are Mayor Ken Lane, Fouts, his wife Helen, and Lion's Club president, Brian Burgess.

Youth basketball program to begin Monday

Beginning the activities of Haskell Youth Basketball in the little gym Mon. at 5:45, will be the introduction of all boy participants, including 40 fifth and sixth graders and 43 third and fourth graders.

Following the introductions will be games between the Spurs and Blackhaws and the Kiowas and Mohawk teams.

Coaches for the boys teams are: Apaches, Jerry Coker and Terry Blanks; Spurs, James Lindsey and Michael Lindsey; Blackhaws, Larry Barbee and Mike New; Kiowas, Donnie Reiger; Mohawks, Carl Milburn and Ronnie Webb; Tejas, Glenda Gayle Rutkowski and Vickie Adams; Tomahawks, Bill Markunas and Denise Mills; Sioux, Gil Richardson and George Brown; Comanches, Kara Thomasson and Tom Long; Warhoops, Tammy

Kimmell and Sammy Bitner.

Tuesday night at 5:45 all girl participants, including 28 fifth and sixth graders and 44 third and fourth graders, will be introduced. This will be followed by games between the Roadrunners and Jokers, and the Jazz and Bandits teams.

Coaches for the girls teams are: Jokers, Ricky Bird and Mark Wallace; Bandits, Joe Zarate; Jazz, Lynette and Robert Tribbey; Roadrunners, Kara Thomasson and Jerri Buerger; YoYo's, Paula Garcia; SuperSonics, Karen Mitchell and Joe Ray Torres; Stars, Marc Robison; Rockets, Vonnie Hise and Jerri Sue Hise; Blazers, Scott Bingham and Debra Bartley.

Officers for this year are Conrad Roewe, president; Donnie Rieger, vice-president; and Billie Lindsay, treasurer.

Haskell Chamber Banquet set February 25

Abe Turner, General Manager of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce has announced that Tumbleweed Smith, well known humorist from Big Spring, will be the featured speaker at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center, Thurs., Feb. 25.

Another highlight of the

program will be the recognition and presentation of the Citizen of the Year award.

Beginning at 7:00 p.m., the community event is planned and expected to be a fun-filled evening, for everyone.

Tickets for the Banquet are now on sale at \$10.00 each by members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Filing period for City election set Feb. 15- March 17

At the 7:00 a.m., Feb. 8 meeting of the Haskell City Council, the order and resolution of the next City Council election were approved.

The three Council seats open for election this year are those of Doris

McMeans, Sue Medford, and Fred Hernandez.

The filing period for each of the three, two-year term positions is from Feb. 15 through Mar. 17.

The City election will be held Sat., May 1. Dates for early voting will be announced later by the City.

Rule Bobcat Basketball scores

The Rule Bobcats kept their record perfect in District 23-A with a 63-30 win over the Benjamin Mustangs. Senior Michael Hertel led all scorers with 19 points for the Bobcats. Others scoring were Brian Lehrmann 16, Cody Tibbets 12, Josh Smith 6, Grant Hisey and

Joe Sotelo 4 each and Justin Coker 2. The Bobcats jumped out to a big 1st quarter lead 18-4 and never let up. Rule led 37-10 at the half and 55-18 at the end of the third quarter. Rule is 14-7 for the season.

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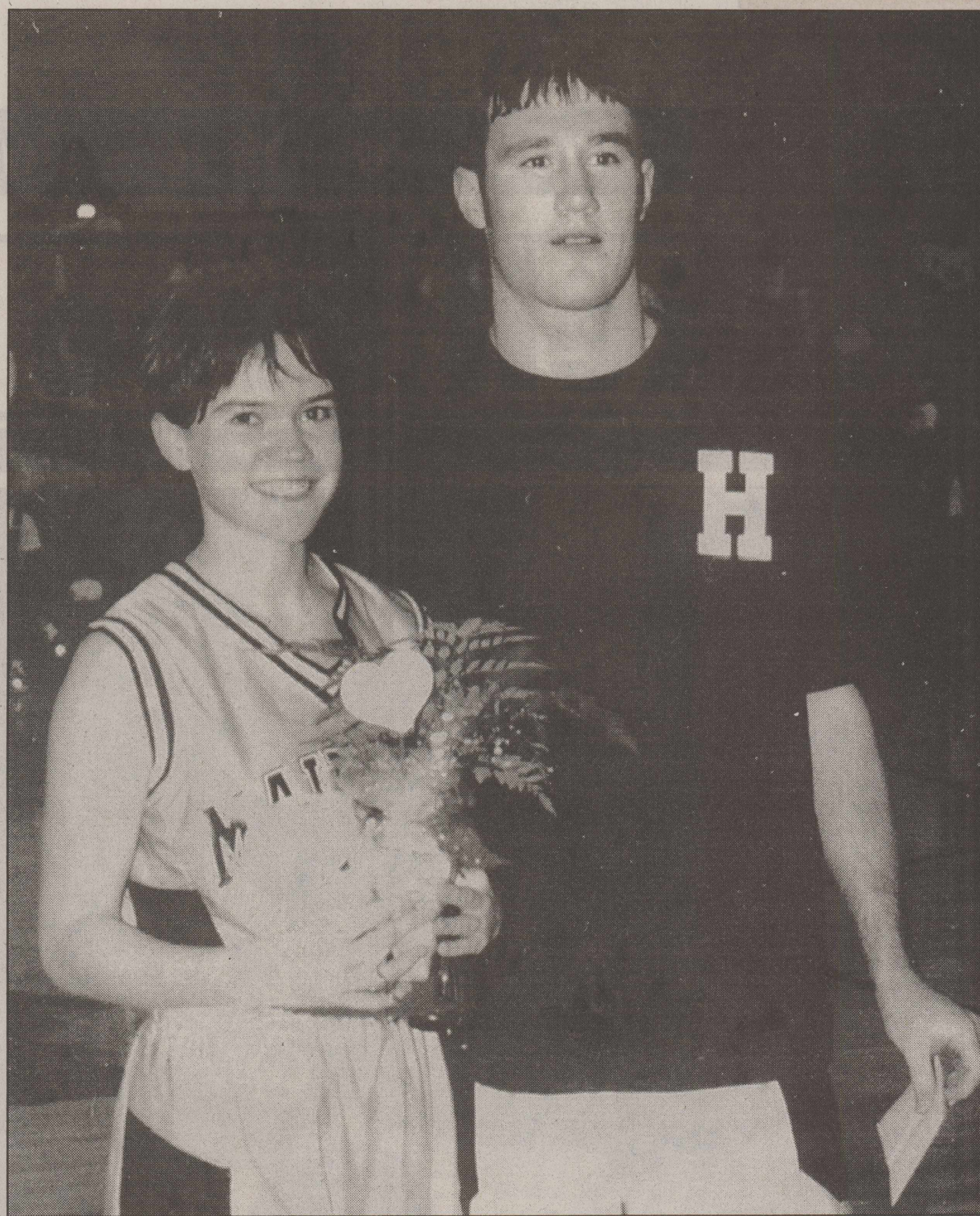
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FAVORITES—J. J. Comedy #10, and Trey Cheyne, #32, were named Basketball Sweetheart and Basketball Beau during the Haskell-Electra game, Feb. 5. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Haskell Basketball scores

Girls

Haskell 47, Olney 30
Scoring by quarters: Haskell 20, 8, 8, 11. Olney 13, 0, 5, 12.

Individual scoring for Haskell: J. J. Comedy 2, Nikki Wallace 6, Deshea Plemister 3, Tiffany Cadenhead 4, Tiffany Lindsay 15, Bree Burgess 2, Shayne McKenzie 12, Misty Rodela 2, Brittany Bartley 1.

Records—Haskell 5-3; Olney 4-4.

Haskell 48, Electra 39

Scoring by quarters: Haskell 12, 12, 6, 18. Electra 8, 9, 10, 12.

Individual scoring for Haskell: J. J. Comedy 7, Nikki Wallace 10, Deshea Plemister 2, Tiffany Lindsey 4, Bree Burgess 7, Shayne McKenzie 18.

Records—Haskell 6-3; Electra 5-4.

JV score—Haskell 29, Electra 27.

Boys

Haskell 52, Olney 58

Scoring by quarters: Haskell 10, 16, 10, 16. Olney 19, 14, 13, 12.

Individual scoring for Haskell: Trey Cheyne 25, Jason Langford 10, Robert Spells 6, Jimmy Huff 6, Dustin Threet 3, Cole Earles 2.

Records—Haskell 3-4; Olney 5-2.

JV score—Haskell 43, Olney 34.

Haskell 51, Electra 55

Scoring by quarters: Haskell 4, 14, 19, 14. Electra 11, 15, 15, 14.

Individual scoring for Haskell: Trey Cheyne 15, Robert Spells 14, Trey Rogers 5, Cole Earles 5, Jimmy Huff 4, Shane Steele 2, Dustin Threet 2, Jason Langford 2, Michael Lindsey 2.

Records—Haskell 3-5; Electra 5-3.

JV score—Haskell 46, Electra 17.

Rule Ladycats Basketball scores

The Rule Ladycats remain undefeated in District 23-A play with a 64-49 win over the Benjamin Lady Mustangs. Seniors Lezli Jenkins and Deborah Wilson led scorers with 24 and 22 points. Leading scorer for Benjamin was M. Larned with 20.

Other scorers for the Ladycats were Tiffany McDuff with 6, Latisha Trussell 5, Stephanie Stephens 3, Tiffany Ramirez and Yolanda Rodriguez with 2 each. Rule led 14-13 at the end of the first quarter, but then outscored Benjamin 20-2 in the second quarter for a 34-15 halftime lead.

The Ladycats full-court press paid off causing 15 steals. Deborah Wilson had 9, Tiffany Ramirez and Tiffany McDuff had 3 each. It was a big night for rebounds with Lezli Jenkins pulling down 20 and Tiffany McDuff 12. Deborah Wilson also had 7 assists.

The Ladycats are 2-0 in this half of the district after going 3-0 in the first half. Rule is 15-10 on the season.

Obituaries

Taylor and Ashleigh Bradford

Taylor Elizabeth and Ashleigh Sue Bradford, infant daughters of Randy and Mindy Bradford of San Angelo, died Fri., Jan. 29, at a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside services were held Mon., Feb. 1 in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with Rev. Scooter McCurdy officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include their parents; paternal grandparents, Kathy and Ralph Bradford of Christoval; maternal grandparents, Sue and Ben McGee of Haskell; paternal great-grandparents, Fay and Paul Winchester and Bernice and Ray Doyle, all of San Angelo; and maternal great-grandparents, Sally White of San Angelo and Elsie McGee of Haskell.

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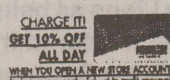
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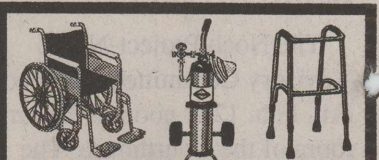
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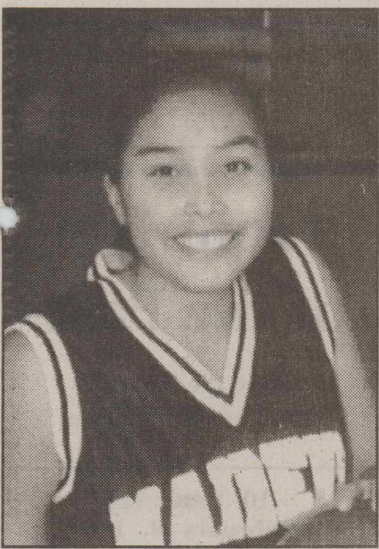
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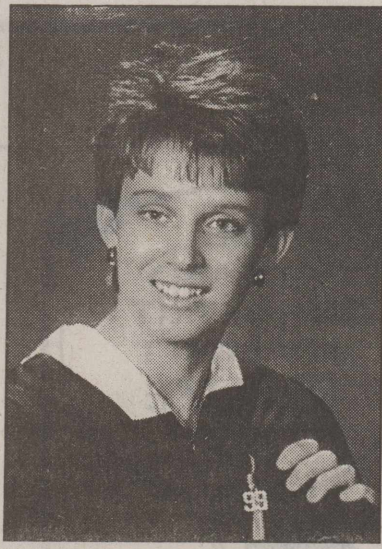
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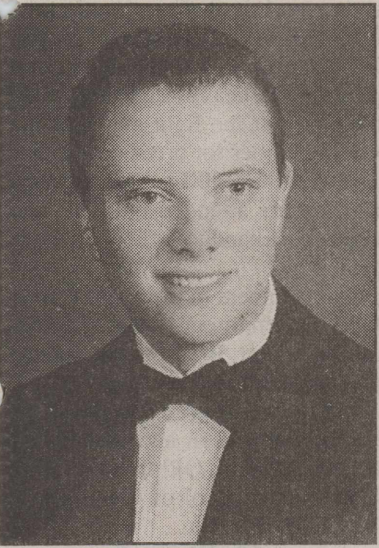
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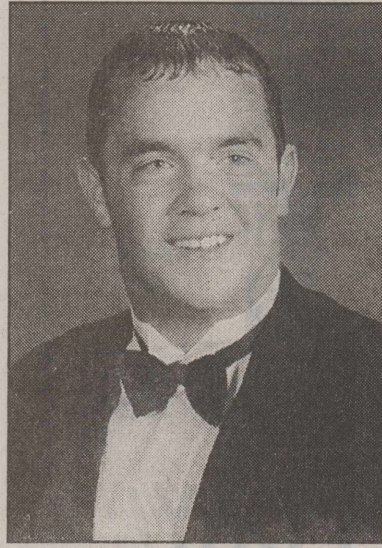
ROSALINDA GONZALES



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STEPHEN MIDDLETON



JASON HOBGOOD

Haskell students visit local Rotary Club

Rosalinda Gonzales, daughter of David and Rosa Gonzales, is active in track, basketball, cross country, softball and UIL events at Haskell High School.

Special awards and recognitions she has received are the Cross Country Award for '96, '97 and '98; Softball Award, '98; Track Award, '98; 2nd Team, All-Star District Softball; and being asked to play softball for a Texas team in Hawaii.

She attends First Assembly of God Church.

Favorite pastimes for Gonzales include running, hanging out with her friends, and listening to music.

After finishing high school, she plans to attend Tarleton State University or the University of Texas-Pan America.

Shayne McKenzie is the daughter of Rod and Doy Jeter.

Among her school activities are basketball, track, cross country, FFA and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Special awards she has received include taking 2nd place in High Jump State; named two years on 1st team All District Basketball; one year on 2nd team All Big Country Basketball; one year on 1st team All Big Country Basketball and receiving the Lone Star FFA Degree.

After finishing high school McKenzie plans to attend Oral Roberts University on a basketball scholarship, and also run track.

Jason Hobgood, son of Bobby and Debbie Hobgood, is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, National Honor Society and football, baseball, track and tennis.

Special recognitions for him have been All-district nominations in football for three years; baseball All-district nomination one year; being named baseball offensive Most Valuable Player; the State Solo and Ensemble Contest; and receiving appointments to both the Naval and Military Academies.

Hobgood's favorite leisure-time activities are hunting, fishing, camping and sleeping. He attends the First Baptist Church.

His future plans after high school include attending either West Point or the Naval Academy, pursuing a possible career in the Military or medicine.

Stephen Middleton is the son of David and Patti Middleton.

His school activities include participation in the Student Council, National Honor Society, band, and varsity golf.

Special recognitions for him include attending the American Legion Boy's State.

Middleton likes to play golf and video games and spend time with his friends. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church.

After high school he plans to attend Western Texas University in Snyder.



AMY ARP - KEITH BOWLES

Arp, Bowles plan to marry June 26th

Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Arp of Levelland announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn Arp to Gregory Keith Bowles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Bowles of Rule. The bride-elect graduated from Levelland High School in 1992 and received a Bachelor of Science from Eastern New Mexico University in 1997. She is employed by Wylie ISD in Abilene.

The prospective groom graduated from Knox City High School in 1993. He received an associate degree from South Plains

Jr. College and attended Midwestern University. He is attending the D.P.S. Academy in Austin and plans to graduate in April 1999.

Amy is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Arp of Ropesville and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Williams of Paris, TX. Keith is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bowles of Rule and Mrs. Novis Pitcock of Rule.

A June 26 wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Levelland.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting with Joyce Hawkins on Sat. was son and wife Bobby and Darlene Hawkins of Lewisville.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Tatum Tues. and Wed. was her mother and husband Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kennedy of Hedley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Don White of Jackboro visited parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank White and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis over the weekend.

Deniece Conn and children Sabrina and Andrea spent Sat. with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carroll, in Weinert. Also visiting with the Carrolls were her brother and wife Deryle and Brenda Briles of Odessa.

Visiting Gladys O'Neal over the weekend were her two sons Dr. Barry O'Neal of Irving and Randy

O'Neal of Amarillo.

Joseph Hawkins of Wichita Falls was in Haskell for the weekend visiting parents Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hawkins and other relatives and friends.

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Esme Glenn presents watercolor tips to artists

The Brazos West Art Association met Feb. 1 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

The president, Martha Spitzer, conducted a brief business meeting. Denia Cunningham read the minutes and Ruth Ann Klose, treasurer, gave a report. A nominating committee was appointed by the president. Those appointed were Ruth Ann Klose, Denia Cunningham and Peggy Middlebrook.

The mural was discussed and the club is very proud to have it redone. It is an asset to our town which the club is proud to recognize the beauty and fond memories of doing it.

Esme Glenn was the guest artist. She is widely known in this area as an outstanding artist. She used watercolors and did a splendid illustration and introduction on blending the colors for leaves and flowers of beautiful tulips. She demonstrated how the paints can blend and talk to you by water blending. It was very interesting.

The hostesses were Doris Jordan and Denia Cunningham.

Those present were: Betty Berry, Dorothy Brown, Bobbie Harrison, Anita Herren, Doris Jordan, Ruth Ann Klose, Florence Larned, Fern Livengood, Jennie Lyckman, Peggy Middlebrook, Martha Spitzer and two guests from Rule, Oleta Baird and Margie Casey.

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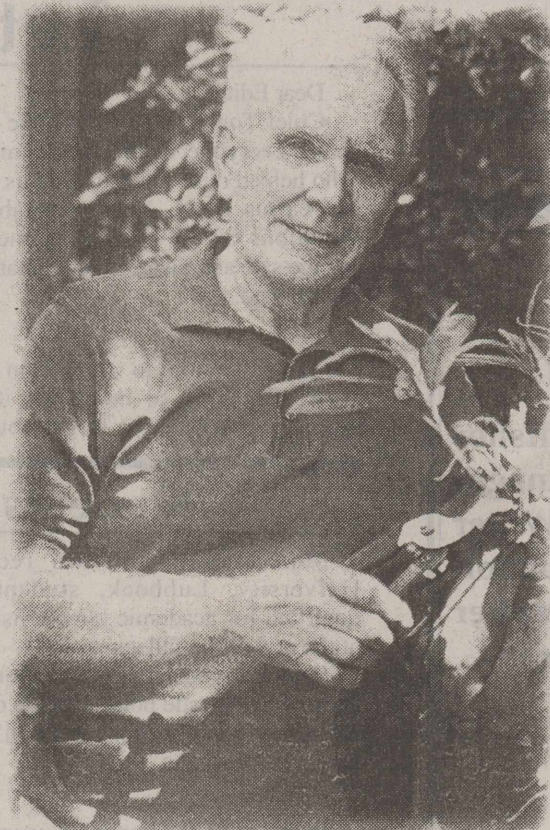
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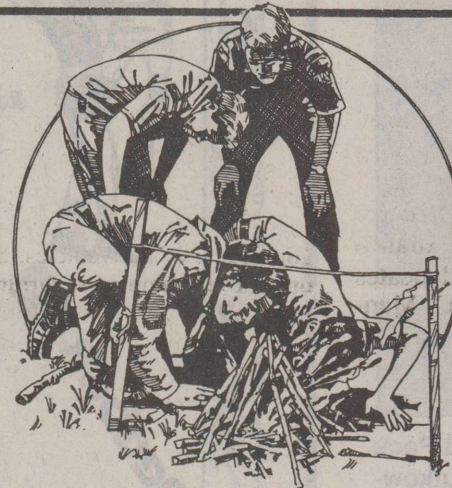
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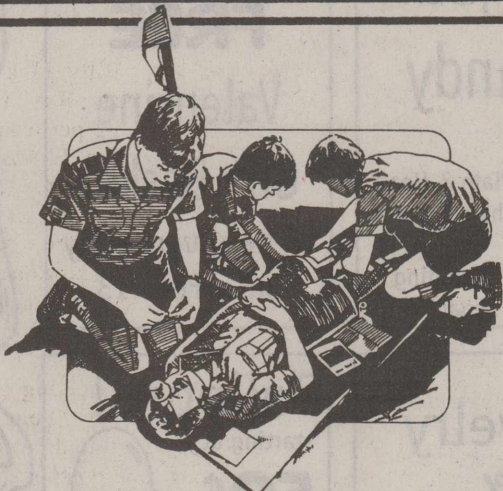
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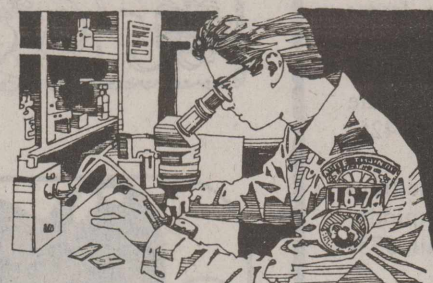
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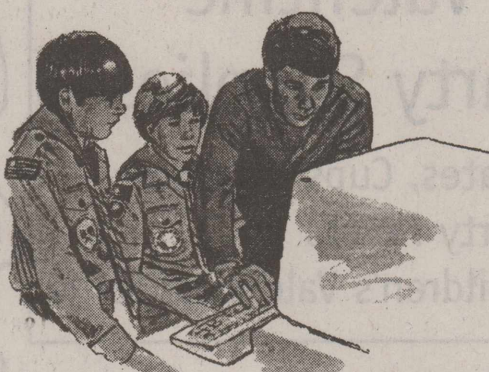
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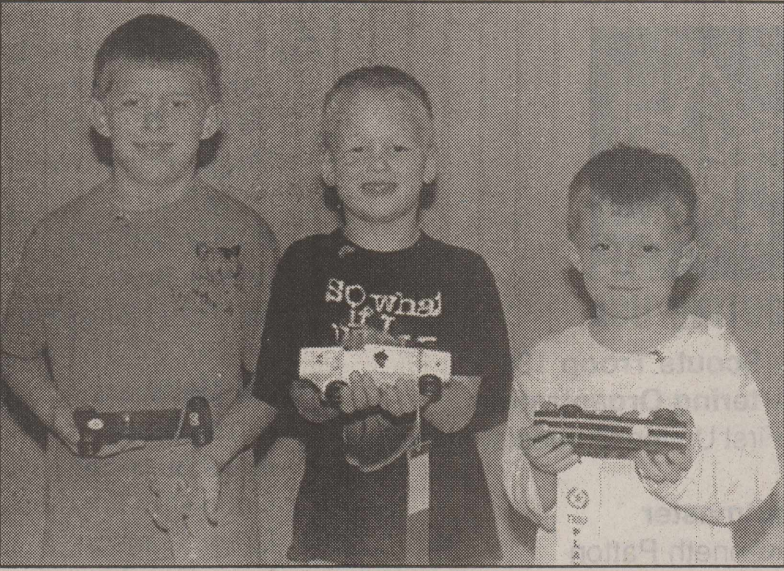


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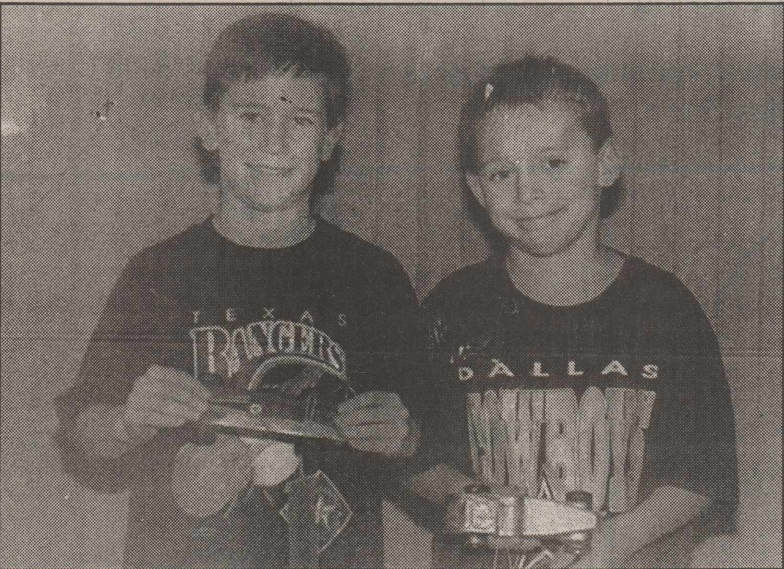
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LEADERS OF THE PACK—Members of Cub Scout Pack 136 taking overall honors in the Pinewood Derby Sun., Feb. 7, were from the left, Weston Rutkowski, Sweepstakes Award; Brennan Medford, Most Scout Spirit-Cubby Award; Rylie Tatum, Most Original Award; and Quinten Berry, Best Design Award.



TIGERS—Cub Scout Tigers winning in the Pinewood Derby held Sun., were, on the left, Callen Pittman, First place; McCauley Robinson, Second place; and James Williams, Third place.



BEAR CUBS—Cub Scout Bears winning in the Cub Scout Pack 136 Pinewood Derby, Feb. 7, were, from the left, Weston Rutkowski, First place; and Will Brueggeman, Second place.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 915 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Feb. 6, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Good run of fresh cattle. Springer cows and pairs 40-75 higher; stocker cattle 3-5 higher. Feeder cattle 2-3 higher.

Cows: fat, .36-.42; cutters, .32-.38; canners, .18-.29.

Bulls: bologna, .42-48; feeder, .48-64; utility, .35-.44.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.10; 300-400 lbs., .88-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .80-.94; 500-600 lbs., .78-.85;

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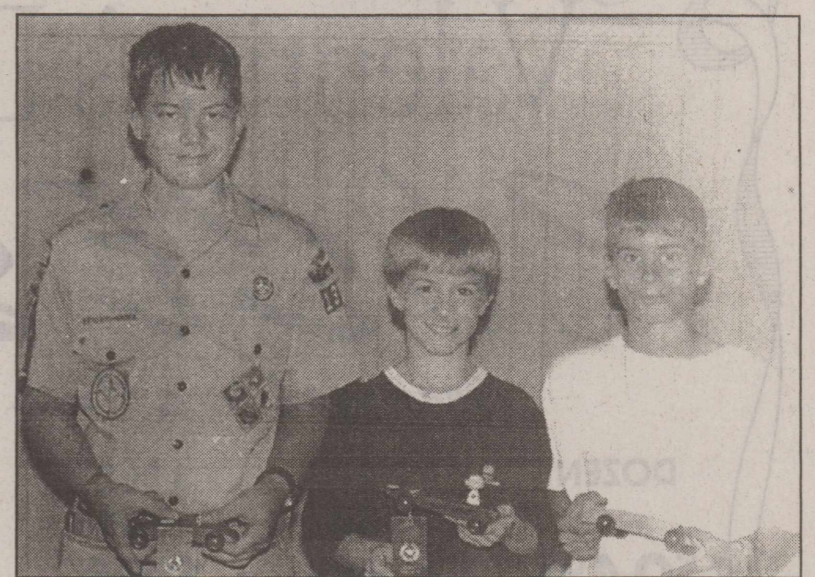
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WINNING WEBELOS—Members of Webelo I winning in the Pinewood Derby were, left, Jared Webb, First place; Rylie Tatum, Second place; and Codye Perry, Third place.



WEBELO II WINNERS—Cub Scouts winning in the Pinewood Derby were Webelo II members, from the left, Cameron Short, First place; Kory Foster, Second place; and Cody Kretschmer, Third place.

Paint Creek Basketball scores

<p>Girls Woodson 69 Paint Creek 42 Scoring by quarters: Paint Creek 7, 8, 13, 14. Woodson 12, 22, 9, 26. Individual scoring for Paint Creek: Ashley Medford 14, Stefanie Isbell 12, Selina Salinas 5, Halee Walton 4, Brandy Gardner 6, Delinda Strickland 1. ***</p>	<p>Benjamin 77 Scoring by quarters: Paint Creek 10, 8, 8, 15. Benjamin 13, 28, 18, 18. Individual scoring for Paint Creek: Ashley Medford 19, Stefanie Isbell 6, Halee Walton 5, Selina Salinas 4, Brandy Gardner 4, April Terrell 2, Heidi Hope 1. Records—Paint Creek 0-2; Benjamin 2-1. ***</p>
<p>Boys Woodson 56 Paint Creek 53 Scoring by quarters: Paint Creek 11, 14, 12, 16. Woodson 14, 13, 10, 19. Individual scoring for Paint Creek: Eric Hearn 11, Jodie Reel 16, Blayne Davis 12, Hegan Lamb 6, Chris Hobbs 2, Wayne Briggs 4, Arron Duniven 2. ***</p>	<p>Boys Paint Creek 44 Benjamin 40 Scoring by quarters: Paint Creek 12, 17, 4, 11. Benjamin 12, 12, 9, 7. Individual scoring for Paint Creek: Hegan Lamb 4, Blayne Davis 6, Eric Hearn 8, Wayne Briggs 7, Jodie Reel 11, Chris Hobbs 2, Arron Duniven 2, Scott Stephens 4. Records—Paint Creek 1-1; Benjamin 0-3. ***</p>

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Achievement award honors Roberta High

The family of the late Roberta Williams High of Haskell, accepted the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy Professional Achievement Award in her honor during the school's annual Honors Convocation Sun., Feb. 7 in the

Sybil B. Harrington Lecture Center at the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy in Amarillo.

The award acknowledges High's long standing support of the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy and of the profession. High, who died Nov. 10, was a pharmacist in Haskell where she and her husband, Doyle High, owned and operated The Drug Store.

Roberta and Doyle High encouraged many young people from the Haskell community to study pharmacy. Today, many of these people are pharmacists in all types of practice, both urban and rural, community and hospitals.

High was also involved in pharmacy practice at various levels including retail practice, nursing home consultant practice, and small hospital practice. In Feb., 1998 she was appointed to a six-year term on the Texas State Board of Pharmacy by Gov. George W. Bush. At the time of her death, she served as vice-president of the board. She was also active in West Texas Pharmacy Association.

Arthur Nelson, dean of the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy said, "She was an integral part of her community, giving of herself both professionally and personally. Her love for people and the profession of pharmacy was exemplary."

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Masters meets with Historical Society

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society held a meeting Feb. 1 at the First National Bank Community Room.

Guest speaker, Nancy Robinson Masters, talked about her childhood at Stamford during the dust storms and hard times of the 1950s. She emphasized that if you could read and write, you were rich, whether you had much money or not.

Present were Johnny Scoggins, Wanda Ham, Eula and Lowell Peters, Doris Butler, Dolin and Carolyn Hughes, Ernestine C. Herren, Margaret Kitley, Pete Kitley, Swede Kitley, Wanda and Jim Irby, Maxine Miller, R. S. Sanders, Wayne Dunnam, June White, Dee Sprayberry, Ellen Lundquist, Elizabeth Stewart, Martha Jarred, Hortense Lees, Dorothy Cox and Nancy Robinson Masters.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Local stock shows are over, Jr. High basketball is over and the new month is rapidly moving on. It's no small wonder that these old bones are weary...just trying to keep up with all the activities going on around here!!

Kami Baitz's name was omitted from the list of local stock show winners last week. She won Reserve Grand Champion in the rabbit division with her New Zealand Buck. She is the daughter of Fred and Tami Baitz and her proud grandparents are Melvin and Annella.

Jill Brown's Jr. High girls basketball team finished the season undefeated and are sporting big smiles as the season ended. Sagerton girls on the team included Kinsey Brown, daughter of Jill and Ken; Abby Dudensing, daughter of Lynn Dale and Renee; M'Lynn Lehrmann, daughter of Steven and Karen; and Kristen Hertel, daughter of Mike and Cheryl. We are proud of the achievements of these fine athletes and their coach who are our own special citizens and look forward to following them through the coming years at Rule School. Brady Standifer, son of Lana and Bob Culpepper, is a member of the boys Jr. High team.

Both boys and girls high school basketball teams achieved District championships this year and gave us nail-biting games to watch. Jill also coaches the girls' team and Sagerton girls playing are Mandi Hunt, daughter of Bud and Mary Beth and Yolanda Rodriguez, granddaughter of Joe and Margie Luevano. The boys are coached by Paul Page and Sagerton boys on the team are Michael Hertel, son of Mike and Cheryl and Brian Lehrmann, son of Steven and Karen. Mrs. Minnie Monse's grandson, Josh Smith, is also a member of the team and these three boys team up with the other Rule boys for some high scoring, team effort playing that results in the district win. The first District playoff game will be held next Tuesday, team and place to be announced later. We wish them continued success and thank them

for representing our community so well.

The monthly community meeting and supper was held last Tuesday night at the community center with James Gellner, Mary Neinst, Wilma Teichelman and Corine Lowack hosting the brisket and bean supper. Margie Hertel gave the financial report during the business meeting and Mrs. Joe Clark posted the hostess list in the kitchen for the upcoming year. She reminded everyone to call her or make other arrangements if they are unable to serve on the month assigned. Each hostess will be called in advance of duties. Hosts for the March supper will be the Clancy Lehrmanns, J. B. Toney and the Zells. Those in attendance Tuesday night included John and Sue Guinn, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Alvin and Alice Bredthauer, Margaret Wendeborn, Charles and Dorothy Clark, Odene Dudensing, Frances Clark, Margie Hertel, Danny and Brittany Lammert, G. W. and Ophelia LeFevre, Leona Letz, Clay, Michelle and Megan Toney, Joe and Dorothy Clark and Jack and Peggy Tabor.

Lynn Dale Dudensing, newly elected fire chief, brought the fire truck down to the gin Wednesday morning for the Farmers' Breakfast and gave a demonstration and instruction for operating the equipment. Most of the men in the community are able to operate the truck and should be able to work together to maintain service in case it is ever needed.

Clyde Stegemoeller of Richardson spent the weekend with his parents, Leon and May, attended the basketball games Friday night at Rochester and also visited with his grandmother, Emma Raphelt, in Stamford.

Also visiting Mrs. Raphelt were Leslie and Kay Baitz of Leander. The Baitzs visited other family members, Melvin and Annella Baitz, Bill and Margie Hertel and the Kenneth Hertels of Hamlin.

Dean Quade brought the message during the morning worship service at Faith Lutheran in the absence of Pastor Zell. He did an outstanding job and members who were unable to attend really missed a good message. Pastor Stan Leaf will be delivering the sermon next Sunday while the Zells are on vacation. On Wednesday night, Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday worship services will be held with Holy Communion beginning at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night worship services will continue to be held each week during Lent. Members and visitors are encouraged to attend.

Ten ladies met at Faith Lutheran Church last Wednesday to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They plan to meet for several more Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 to complete this project before Easter. Many people responded by bringing material and we thank everyone who participated in this worthwhile effort.

Maxey and Judy Thompson of Talala, Okla. spent the weekend in Sagerton visiting with her mother, John L. Brooks, who is a patient in the Haskell Hospital. They also visited with Jack and Peggy Tabor and enjoyed supper out at the Rule Drug Store Cafe with Peggy's brother, the Bobby O'Neals of Rochester. We wish John L. a speedy recovery.

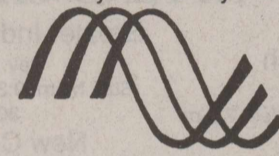
Josh Freeman, son of Tony and Billie Jo, won first place at the Ft. Worth Stock Show with his Lightweight Duroc pig. Good going, Josh!!

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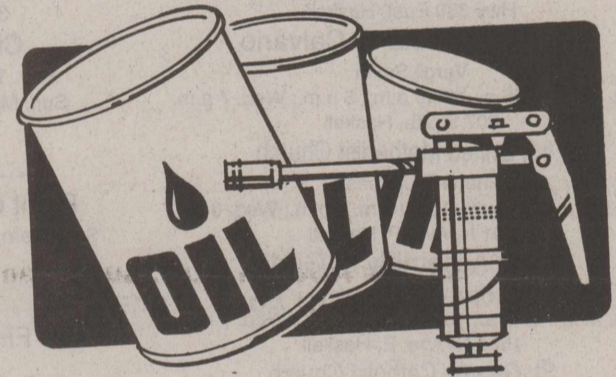


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Federal funds in the amount of \$272,572 are available to pay 80% of the cost of providing Head Start services to children in the counties of Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, and Stephens. Ten percent of the enrollment opportunities must be available for children professionally diagnosed as having a disability.

All agencies interested in applying should submit a letter of intent to the DHHS Regional Office in Dallas. Letters of intent should be received by February 17, 1999 and submitted to:

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1:00 p.m. China painting
Wednesday, Feb. 17
11:00 a.m. Exercise by Outreach Health Services
11:45 a.m. Lou Gilly
Lunch-King Ranch chicken, peas w/carrots, cole slaw, pumpkin pie,

bread, milk, tea or coffee
Friday, Feb. 19
11:00 a.m. Texas State Hearing
Lunch-Pork chops, potatoes, broccoli, pickled beets, mixed fruit, 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.

Head Start Menu

Feb. 15-19
Milk served daily with breakfast. Menus subject to change without notice.
Breakfast
Monday: No School
Tuesday: Waffle w/syrup, orange juice
Wednesday: Cream of Wheat, strawberries
Thursday: Toast, pears
Friday: Blueberry muffin, orange juice
Lunch
Monday: No School
Tuesday: Deli sandwich of ham and turkey, carrots, apple wedges

Wednesday: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, apricots, roll
Thursday: Macaroni & cheese with ham, mixed vegetables, orange wedges
Friday: Sloppy Joes on bread salad, apple slices
Snacks
Monday: No School
Tuesday: Pudding, vanilla wafers, milk
Wednesday: Cheese/crackers, milk
Thursday: Cinnamon graham crackers, milk
Friday: Oatmeal cookies, grape juice

This Week's Devotional Message:

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Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
St. George Catholic Church
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
Church of Christ
Dale Huff, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
First Presbyterian Church
Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
New Covenant Foursquare
Freddy Perez, pastor
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.
Weinert
Weinert Methodist Church
Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Weinert
Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crownover
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 15-19
Breakfast
Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Cereal offered daily.
Monday: No School
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Waffles/syrup
Thursday: Biscuits/gravy and sausage
Friday: Cinnamon toast
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: No School
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets/gravy, creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, fruit cocktail
Wednesday: Chili dog, curly fries, carrot sticks, pudding cake
Thursday: Hamburger, tater tots, hamburger trimmings, ice cream
Friday: Fish strips, pinto beans, seasoned spinach, cornbread, diced pears

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 15-19
Breakfast
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Toast, jelly
Tuesday: Sausage, eggs, toast
Wednesday: Pancakes, sausage
Thursday: Waffles
Friday: Donuts
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Pizza, corn, salad, peach cobbler

Tuesday: Chalupas, cheese, lettuce, corn, tomatoes, hot sauce, brownies
Wednesday: Roast beef, brown gravy, peas, creamy potatoes, bread, pears
Thursday: Barbecue on bun, fries, pickles, Jello
Friday: Ham or tuna sandwiches, chips, pickles, cheese, tomatoes, pork & beans, ice cream

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Abstinence.

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When it comes to teen sex, guess who's making news as a way to prevent pregnancy? None other than Mom and Dad.

New research indicates that parents have far greater influence on their children's sexual decision-making than previously thought. **1** Apparently, what parents say **does** matter when it comes to preventing teen pregnancy.

Over two decades of study confirm, that families—particularly parents—are important influencers of whether their teenagers become sexually active. Studies reveal that parent/child closeness is associated with reduced teen pregnancy risk. **2** The closer teens are to their parents, the more likely they are to remain sexually abstinent. **3**

So if you're thinking about handing your teens a condom, **don't**. You'd be better off giving them yourself... your views, your expectations, your values, your unconditional love.

"But wait a minute," some of you are saying. "I'd be embarrassed to talk about that stuff and besides, my kid thinks he knows everything already." Maybe not—if he's anything like the youth surveyed by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Those teens said they want their parents to talk with them about sexuality issues. **4**

If parents don't, there are others who are all too happy to fill young minds with their own thoughts on teen sexuality. ("Don't have sex until you're ready. And when you do, use a condom.") And chances are, they won't be the views you—or most of mainstream America—hold. Only 14 percent of Americans say it's okay for teens to be sexually active as long as they have access to birth control. **5**

More than two-thirds of both adults and teens say it is very important for high school students to be given a strong message from society that they abstain from sex. **6** Yet, the government spends millions to promote the "safe sex" ideology in our schools. Without parental input, officials hand out condoms and pills to kids who then assume they're expected to use them. Whose kid is it, anyway?

Why the family factor makes a difference.

The connection between parental involvement and reduced teen pregnancies is not just a random blip on the cultural radar. A recent study of adolescent health published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* concluded that teens who felt "connected" to their parents were far less likely to initiate sex at a young age. **7** The teen you nurture today very well may be the young adult who can resist peer and hormonal pressure tomorrow.

A parent's belief system also plays a major role in teens' sexual behavior. Findings are rolling in to support the notion that when parents hold strong opinions on the value of abstinence and the risks of teen sexual involvement, their children are at less risk for teen pregnancy. **8** Good grief, you mean underneath those baggy clothes and earrings is a teen who listens to Mom and Dad? Apparently so.

In a recent *New York Times*/CBS News poll, nearly half of all teenagers say sex before marriage is "always wrong." **9** At the same time the *Times*/CBS poll was released, a new National Center for Health Statistics study concluded that teen birth rates fell 12 percent between 1991 and 1996 **10**—about the same time that there was a surge in abstinence programs across the country.

But what about teens who've decided not to wait? Shouldn't they be taught proper condom usage? That sounds great in theory, but the highest reported rate of consistent condom usage is about 50 percent—and that's among *adult* couples with one HIV-positive individual. **11**

Studies show that parent/child closeness is associated with reduced teen pregnancy risk. ²

Don't miss the significance of this. Who should be more motivated to use condoms than couples with one partner infected by HIV? Yet, half of these couples did not use condoms every time. What are the chances that teens will do better? In national surveys and other large-scale studies among the general population, only five to 17 percent report that they use condoms consistently. **12**

Protected sex really isn't.

Real-life statistics show that the use of condoms isn't a guarantee against becoming pregnant or contracting a sexually transmitted disease. And latex offers very unreliable protection against genital herpes, chlamydia and, worst of all, human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV causes

genital warts and most cervical cancers which kill nearly as many women each year as AIDS. **13,14**

The young teenager who is told that this little latex device is safe and reliable may not know she is risking illness, infertility and even death. Why are we settling for risk reduction when we can have risk elimination?

And no condom on earth can protect a teen from the pain of a broken heart.

They claim protection. We guarantee it.

Focus on the Family believes our kids deserve better. By abstaining from intercourse until marriage, and then staying faithful to an uninfected partner, one can enjoy sex without negative health consequences. This is the only true "safe sex."

Though once vilified as culturally irrelevant and unworkable for teens, abstinence does work.

A study of the Washington, D.C., Best Friends program is a good example. Only one percent of this program's participants became pregnant, and 90 percent remained sexually abstinent. **15** In a 1996 study on adolescent sexuality, researchers noted a 54 percent decrease in recent sexual activity one year after teenagers were taught an abstinence curriculum. **16** The data seem clear that when you give teens an unambiguous message and raise the bar for their behavior, they respond by saying "no" to premarital sex.

True love can wait.

In fact, since 1994, more than 2.4 million teens between 15 and 19 have pledged to remain sexually abstinent until marriage. **17** When adolescents report that they've made a pledge to save sex until marriage, they are more likely to delay intercourse. **18**

Findings like these are hard to ignore. Even Congress has allotted \$250 million over five years to implement abstinence-until-marriage programs. **19** This comes after squandering three billion taxpayer dollars on "safer sex" education—with dismal results.

You don't need to concede the battle for your children's sexual health to peers, popular culture and the media. You have more influence with your teens than you think. Use it. Tell them about abstinence.

Most sex ed ignores the most important sex organ: the brain.

The idea behind abstinence education is somewhat radical: kids are given credit for using their minds—not their bodies. And what **are** handed out in these programs are respect and relationship-building skills. How do teens respond? Enthusiastically. They themselves tell us they want help resisting sexual pressure.

In an Emory University survey of 1,000 sexually experienced girls 16 and younger, nearly 85 percent said they would like to learn, "How to say no without hurting the other person's feelings." **20** With findings like these, it comes as no surprise that 62 percent of high school girls who've already tried sex indicated they "should have waited," according to a 1994 Roper-Starch study. **21**

After two decades of being taught that "yes" was the expected answer, it seems apparent that today's teens want to be empowered to say "no." Parents, are we hearing them?

Our kids deserve a guarantee—the truth that abstinence until marriage is the only 100 percent successful way to avoid unwanted pregnancy and STDs.

The only sex that isn't hazardous to your health.

What many spouses have suspected, researchers now have verified: married couples have the best and most satisfying sex. **27** Not only is physical intimacy more rewarding in marriage, but enjoyment is greater if sexual expression is shared with only one partner in a lifetime. **28**

So, Mom and Dad, take heart. Stay involved with your teens. Don't write them off as lost, hard-headed or unapproachable. They want to talk with you about love, sex and values. And they're far more open to the abstinence message than you might think.

If you agree with Focus on the Family that abstinence is best, tear out this ad and save it. Take it to your next school board meeting. Send it to your congressman or senator. And by all means, share it with your teenagers. And be the kind of parent who gives your teens what they really need: yourself.

Abstinence.
It works every time.

- Ten percent of all 15- to 19-year-old females become pregnant each year. ²²
- More than 80 percent of pregnant girls under age 17 who give birth and keep their babies end up on welfare, costing society a staggering \$21 billion a year. ²³
- Three million new cases of STDs among teens are reported each year. ²⁴
- Up to 29 percent of sexually active adolescent girls have been found to be infected with chlamydia. ²⁵
- A study of sexually active college women showed that 43 percent acquired HPV infection within a three-year period. ²⁶

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