

Obituaries

Kathryn Helen Douglas

Funeral services for Kathryn Helen Douglas, 58, of Old Glory were held Sat., Feb. 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell with Pastor Gary Bruns officiating. Burial was in Old Glory Cemetery in Old Glory under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Douglas died Thurs., Feb. 8 at an Abilene hospital.

Born Sept. 16, 1942 in Stamford, she was the daugh-

ter of Benno and Frieda Erdman. She married Fred Douglas Oct. 5, 1974 at Zion Lutheran Church in Abilene. She was a resident of Old Glory and a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Douglas, of the home; one son, Frederick Douglas of Old Glory; one daughter, Virginia Douglas of Old Glory; and one sister, Florence Peden of Old Glory. PD. NOTICE

Willa Nell Rogers

Funeral services for Willa Nell Rogers, 93, of Haskell were held Sat., Feb. 10 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. David Page officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rogers died Thurs., Feb. 8.

Born in 1908 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of J. A. and Mattie Smith. She married Floyd M. Rogers in Haskell in 1925. She was a homemaker and a nurse's aid. During her lengthy career as a nurse's aid, she had the opportunity to deliver many babies. She was known throughout the community for her kind and caring ways and for her great love of people. She especially enjoyed

feeding the homeless and the children of her neighborhood. She was a Baptist and loved the East Side Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband and seven children.

Survivors include three daughters, Betty Long of La Plata, N.M., Donna Dunckhurst of Farmington, N.M., and Kay Booe of Jefferson; one son, Floyd Rogers of Haskell; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Wallace Bird, Frank Jenkins, Mike New, Hollis Calloway, Kenneth Jarred, James Bevel and Jim Bowers. PD. NOTICE

Glen Watson Cox

Funeral services for Glen Watson Cox, 76, of Haskell were held Sun., Feb. 11 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Kevin Hall and Rev. Truett Kuenstler officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cox died Fri., Feb. 9 at his home in Haskell.

Born Oct. 2, 1924 in Lamesa, he served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He married Dorothy Muse Cox Feb. 22, 1947 in Stamford. He worked as a pumper for Texaco for 30 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Haskell.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Lindsey Cox and two sisters, Sammie Higgins and Imogene Burrus.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Cox, of Haskell; two daughters, Jody Biba and Nelda Rogers, both of Haskell; three sisters, Savonne Giddens of Midland, Carline Craver of Breckenridge and Julia Cox Conner of Haskell; four grandchildren, Mike Blocker, Christine Blocker, Jason Biba and Kenneth Rogers.

Pallbearers were Kyle Martin, Randall Martin, Marshall Mims, John Leek, Colin Howeth and Davy Bolin.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory St., Abilene or Friends of Haskell County Library, P. O. Box 923, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

Dale Bradshaw

Funeral services for Dale Bradshaw, 73, of Abilene were held Tues., Feb. 13 at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Homes Chapel of Memories with Todd Snyder and Less Jackson officiating. Burial was in Fort Phantom Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Bradshaw died Sat., Feb. 10 in an Abilene hospital.

Born at Calf Creek, he was a graduate of Aspermont High School. He was a self-employed rancher and cattle buyer. He moved to Abilene in 1950 from Guthrie and married Dorothy Fulton in Lovington, N.M. in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edd Warren Bradshaw and Bessie Briscoe Bradshaw; and one brother, Edd Neil Bradshaw.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of Abilene; six daughters, Jan Scott of Sugarland, Mrs. Ronnie Godsey

(Ann) of Bridgeport, Mrs. Clayton Williams (Dana) of Chino, Calif., Mrs. Dion Rice (Nan) of Clyde, and Mrs. Todd Snyder (Lana) of Sweetwater; a step-daughter, Melissa Seaton, of Angleton; one sister, Mary Ann Bradstreet of Lubbock; fifteen grandchildren, Ben and Amy Scott, Tisha and Bobbi Stewart, Kenneth Godsey, Ashlie, Eric and Clay Williams, Brandon and Brent Rice, Lindsie Nicholson, Mason Snyder, Beau and Garrett Egbert, and Connor Seaton.

Pallbearers were Benton Pruitt, Don Weinacht, Fred Baggett, Clay Baggett, Gary Morrow and Mike Morrow. Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehab Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605 or Ben Richey Boys Ranch, P. O. Box 6839, Abilene, Texas 79608. PD. NOTICE



RULE JR. HIGH PEP SQUAD—Back row, l-r, are Taylor Falkner, Ashley Lisle, Candice Sorley, Samantha Griffin, Sara Hunt, Jordan Baitz, Maria Amaya. Front row, Cassidy Cooper, Rose Cooper, Kortney Kupatt, Cristina Arieta, Kendra Scheets and Gay Lynn Gary.

Plans set for Texas Midwest Day

Texas Midwest Day in Austin will offer several opportunities for regional recognition on Feb. 21, when hundreds of citizens, including a delegation from Haskell, converge on the State Capitol.

Dr. T. Shawn Brewer, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Eastland, will be Pastor of the Day in the House of Representatives, offering the prayer after the 10:00 a.m. roll call in the House.

While visiting the House of Representatives, the Texas Midwest delegation will be recognized with a House Resolution authored by Rep. David Counts,

(House District 70). A Senate Resolution jointly sponsored by Sen. Tom Haywood (Senate District 30), Sen. David Sibley (Senate District 22), and Sen. Troy Fraser (Senate District 24), will be presented as the group visits the Senate Chamber.

Arrangements for an exclusive Open House at the Governor's Mansion have been set for representatives of Texas Midwest and Texas Forts Trail. Visitors from the region will be able to roam through the Governor's home and hear from docent's stationed in each room.

Haskell is one of five cities hosting an early evening Texas Midwest Tailgate reception honoring State Legislators and State Agency directors.

Nicki Harle, TMCN executive director, said, "Without a doubt, Texas Midwest Community Network and the Texas Fort Trail will reach new heights of recognition not only at the state Capitol, but also throughout the region."

Haskell area citizens wishing to join the group going to Austin by chartered bus may contact Teri Bland at 940-864-5777.

TBWEF announces more transfers

In addition to Patrick Burson, who was reported in *The Free Press* last week as the new zone manager for the Southern High Plains/Caprock Eradication Area for Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc, three other former Haskell area men have also been appointed to positions with the organization.

Joey Hogan, former Haskell

resident, has been named the Southern Blacklands Eradication zone manager. Formerly zone manager to the Northern Rolling Plains Eradication zone, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He joined the Foundation in 1996 as a field unit supervisor and was later promoted to district supervisor in the Munday office. Hogan is expecting to be based in the

Bryan/College Station area.

Wes Jones, formerly of Rule, where he farmed and ranched for 16 years, has accepted the zone manager's position in the Northern High Plains Eradication zone. He began working for the Foundation in 1996 as a field unit supervisor in the Rolling Plains Central Eradication zone before moving to Olton, to take over the Littlefield/Springlake district. Jones will be based in Plainview.

Terry Futch, formerly of Haskell, has accepted the logistics director position at Foundation Headquarters in Abilene. Before becoming zone manager in the Northwest Plains, he served as the assistant zone manager in the Rolling Plains Central Eradication zone. He farmed for 16 years and served 10 years in the Marine Corps, where he specialized in logistics. He will be in charge of inventory, acquiring equipment and securing leases for all Foundation offices. In addition to these duties he will also assist the program director and assistant program director in the training and quality control of all field personnel.

American Legion News

The American Legion will meet Tues., Feb. 20 at 7:00 p.m., with doors open at 6:30.

Members are reminded that the 2001 membership cards are delinquent, and that as of Dec. 31, 2000, all members must have in their possession the new 2001 card, especially to qualify for the Legion

and Auxiliary discounts.

Local leadership is reaching out to younger veterans. Anyone who is on active duty or a reserve member of the American armed forces, is invited to join the ranks of the local Legion, and to be a part of the organization that has protected military rights and benefits for over 80 years.

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Buckner and First Baptist Church of Haskell present:

A Community Q&A on Buckner Services

Sunday Feb. 18, 3 p.m.

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Buckner Clinical Director Adela Jones, LMSW, will facilitate the discussion. In addition, First Baptist Church and Pastor Kevin Hall will observe "Sanctuary of Life Sunday" during the morning and evening services Feb. 18.

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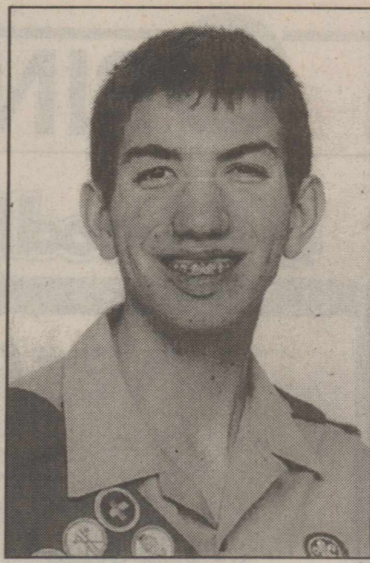
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TRENT GIBSON

Trent Gibson earns Eagle Scout badge

Trent Gibson, 17, was recognized at a Boy Scout Court of Honor Feb. 11 at Wesley United Methodist Church of El Reno, Okla.

The candlelight ceremony recognized the El Reno High School sophomore's accomplishments since he began his scouting in first grade as a Tiger Cub, culminating with the presentation of the Eagle rank.

A reception followed in Arnold Family Life Center. Gibson belongs to Troop 381, Will Rogers District, Last Frontier Council, where he has served as librarian, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader and senior patrol leader.

He has earned 27 merit badges for the Eagle rank. His Eagle project was the creation of a reading garden at Carnegie Library enlisting the aid of more than 20 volunteers. Scouting honors include Brotherhood of Order of the Arrow, vice chief of the Will Rogers Chapter, Ma-nu 133 Lodge, God and Country Award and Arrow of Light.

Presenters at the Court of Honor were Fred Kemp as master of ceremonies; Tom Dupuis, Scoutmaster; executive Scout representatives; Scouts K. J. Cassidy and Donald Cantrell; other Troop 381 members; and Farron Kemp, past recipient of the rank of Eagle Scout.

Gibson has attended Scout camps at Camp Kickapoo, Camp Slippery Falls, Camp George Thomas and Camp Wehinahpay in New Mexico. He plans to attend the National Boy Scout Jamboree in July at Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia, with the Last Frontier Council, where more than 35,000 Scouts will gather.

Gibson is a member of the 10th-grade boys basketball team at EHS, plays golf and snow skis. He is a member of the El Reno High School Band and Wesley United Methodist Church youth group.

He is the son of Mark and Dana Gibson of El Reno and grandson of Elaine Gibson and the late James Gibson, Emma Bland of Haskell and the late H. E. Bland. He has a sister, Emily.

Charles and Leatrice Swinson of Haskell also attended the ceremony.

Sick homes is TEEA program topic

Eleven members and the agent met in the kitchen of the Haskell County Extension office building. The roll call was answered with "When was the last time you changed/cleaned the air conditioner filters?" This introductory question led to a discussion which would lead right up to the speaker's topic for the day.

Business was discussed. The District Spring Meeting will be in Iowa Park March 9. The car pool will leave Haskell at 7:30 a.m. on

that day. The Haskell TEEA will be responsible for the announcement/invitation to the District Cultural Arts Event which will be held in Weinert. The Tri-County Rally Day sponsored by Baylor County in Seymour will be held the latter part of March.

The program was presented by the agent, Lou Gilly. Members were questioned about their usual household habits and were informed that many ideas were incorrect and

that not only were we becoming sick in our own homes, but we may have sick homes. Entitled, "Healthy Indoor Air," the program addressed Biological Pollutants which are or were living organisms. It was quickly pointed out that even a spotless home may permit the growth of biological pollutants. Two major factors that create conditions for biological pollutants to grow are nutrients and constant moisture with poor air circulation.

A home should have a normal temperature of 70 degrees with a humidity of 50 or below. Moisture from daily activities in the home, cooking, bathing and even over-watering indoor house plants can create an environment for mold, mildew and bacteria which in turn may cause allergies and viruses. Extra precautions to control dust mites, pet dander and general accumulation of breeding places can help reduce allergens.

Key points presented were what indoor biological pollution is, whether your home or lifestyle promotes its development and how to control its growth and buildup.

With spring on the horizon, members went home energized to get rid of their clutter, such as mail, bills, records and paperwork, magazines, newspapers, bags, containers, jars and of course, memorabilia.

Refreshments were provided by Frances Fischer and Dolores Medford.

They have four children, one deceased, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Hilliards celebrate anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lennis D. Hilliard of Plano recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married Jan. 6, 1951, in San Francisco.

Lennis is a retired electronics engineer for Sperry Corp. and a retired instructor for DSC Communications. He served 4

years in the Navy during the Korean War.

Florence Marie Hilliard is a retired receiving clerk and cashier for Target.

Garden Club learns about butterflies

The Haskell Garden Club met Thurs., Feb. 8 in the Haskell National Bank Building.

The business meeting was called to order by President Sue Hertel. After the business meeting, Melyn Wittenborn introduced the guest speaker Janie Sandbothe. Sandbothe gave a very informative program on the life of the butterfly. She told of the four stages of life, the type of plants that attract butterflies and the type

of habitat in which they survive best.

Hostesses were Mary Kammenga, Hazel Hale and Jo Ann Grant. Refreshments were served to Florence Peden, Margie Dorner, Sharon Lusk, Ruby Holt, Melyn Wittenborn, Betty LeFevre, Frances Bowen and guest Janie Sandbothe.

The next meeting is Thurs., March 8.

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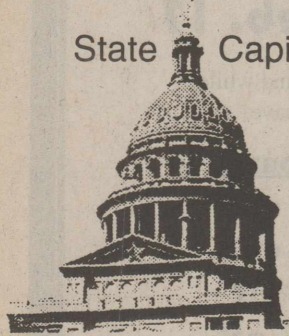
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—If you're planning on coming to the capital city to see the Legislature in action, or to make your wishes known to one of the lawmakers from your area, it might be a good idea to brush up on Texas Legislative Speak before you do.

Keeping track of the colorful metaphor often employed to describe the legislative process in Texas would have delighted Ambrose Bierce, author of the famous "Devil's Dictionary." But Bierce disappeared in Mexico in 1914 and has not been seen since.

So here, with a nod to Bierce's trailblazing lexicography, are some helpful terms and their definitions.

Bad Ole Bill: Any proposed legislation to which you or the group you are being paid to represent opposes.

Sound Public Policy: Any proposed legislation which you or the group you are being paid to represent favors.

Making Sausage: General term for the legislative process. As with all hot links, one generally does not want to see how a bill is made.

Eating Their Young: The decennial process also known as redistricting.

Gonna have to kiss the pig: Being forced to take action you don't like or believe in for the greater good, as in blocking a Bad Ole Bill or pushing through Sound Public Policy.

One also can propose to kiss a pig if a particular measure passes or fails.

Sometimes, good things just seem to happen. This is described by observing that **even a blind hog occasionally finds an acorn.**

Dogs are particularly important in most legislative discussions.

When the puppy comes out of the dog: After all the hearings and amendments, what the bill looks like when engrossed. As with newborn canines, it often is

difficult to trace the parentage of a particular measure or aspect thereof.

Legislative surprises sometimes happen when even some of your strongest supporters are like Ivory Soap, **only 99 percent pure.**

Of primary import in considering a measure before the legislature is **whether you have a dog in the fight.**

Even so, of course, whether **that ole dog will hunt** is another significant factor. At times, it's best to **let sleeping dogs lie**, particularly if you **don't have deep enough pockets to bet on that dog.**

Hogs and dogs are not the only important mammals in Texas legislative metaphor.

Camels, creatures first seen in Texas in 1857 when the U.S. Army experimented with using them instead of horses in the Southwest, are vital to any legislative discussion.

Here's why: When a group of men and women elected to represent our viewpoints meet every two years to pass law, neither side on an issue is likely to get everything it wants. This is how lobbyists continue to make their mortgage payments, even in the interim.

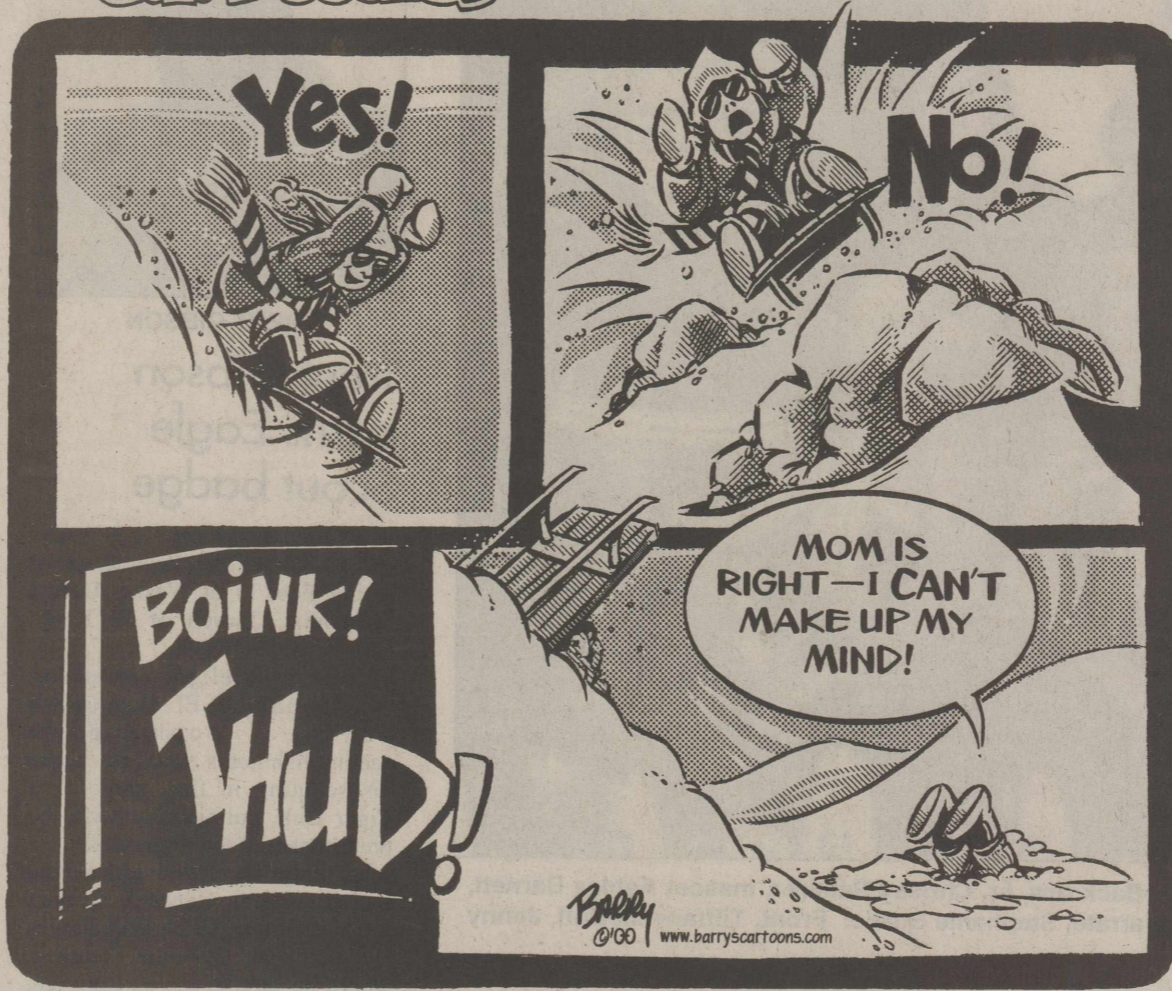
Sometimes, merely making progress on proposed legislation is important. This is known as **the camel getting its nose in the tent.**

Of course, if you or those you are paid to support do not want to lose even an inch of ground, it is a bad thing for you if the camel gets his nose in your tent.

Should the entire animal ever make its way in your tent, the interior would quickly get very messy. Conceivably, the camel could not only wreck the place, he could take it down.

Sometimes, especially if you do not have a dog in the fight, it's best simply to **fold your tent.** No matter if it's a Bad Ole Bill or Sound Public Policy, a camel can't get its nose in a folded tent.

J.P. Doodles



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

The circles of ripples we make as we move through the ever-flowing stream of life are ever-widening, and surprisingly, seem to continue to touch the shore of other's lives, even after we are gone. Sometimes, even the lives of strangers.

Our friend Fran Carroll, a talented young woman who, among other endeavors, owns and operates the picturesque Trailsong bed and breakfast in the beautiful hill country of Wimberly, near Austin, recently sent me a clipping from the *Austin-American* newspaper she thought I might be interested in.

It was a small article about the death of a lady I never knew. But as I looked into the smiling eyes and pleasant countenance in the photo, (obviously taken when she was a young woman), I was drawn to this woman who had died in Austin on Christmas eve, but had once lived in Haskell.

Mary Emma Davis was born in Haskell, March 9, 1911, to Bosque

Monroe Whiteker and Myrtle Nicholson Whiteker.

She grew up here and went to school, and wanted to attend college. But her college education was interrupted by the Great Depression. However, she was able later to resume her studies in Austin, graduating from the University of Texas in 1939. She was said to have had fond memories of her time spent at the University, and to have been appreciative of the opportunities it afforded her.

The sketchy newspaper notice said she taught school in Haskell County. Ernestine Herren, who compiled a history of the early Haskell County Schools, remembers that Mary Emma Whiteker taught at the Pleasant View school in the north east part of Haskell County in 1935-1936.

On June 12, 1941, Mary Emma married J. C. Davis Jr., who became the County Judge of Haskell in 1943. Now, fifty eight years later, we again have a County Judge Davis. However, they are not related.

The couple moved to Austin when he joined the Office of the Attorney General. For many years J. C. Davis Jr. was the head of the State and County Affairs Division of the State Attorney's Office.

The tall, slender, dark haired girl who grew up and taught school here so many years ago, had three sons, Jay Davis of Livermore, California, Robert Davis of Springfield, Virginia, and Walter Davis of Austin. Also, she had two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Ernestine Herren remembers that Mary Emma's mother, Mrs. Whiteker, was a caring, civic minded woman who often worked with Ernestine's mother-in-law, the wife of Colonel Herren, on welfare projects helping those in need.

Perhaps that personal attribute of wanting to aid the less fortunate is echoing in Mary Emma Davis' choice of memorials following her death; the Austin and Travis County Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 14, 1911

Wayne Hester of Rochester is on the President's List of Scholars at East Texas State University. Hester achieved a 4.0 grade point average.

Kaki Stapleton of Haskell had the reserve champion Shorthorn steer and Ross Shaver of Rochester had the second place lightweight Hereford steer in the Wichita Falls Junior Beef Show.

The entire membership of the Paint Creek Boy Scout Troop 148 was seated as delegates on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives to present the Chisholm Trail Council's Report to the State. Scouts presenting the report to the State included Hans Overton, Marcus Overton, Casey Thompson, Jim Crawford and Cody Ender.

20 Years Ago February 12, 1911

Gene Long was elected president of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce for 1911. Other officers elected were: Von Marr, first vice president; Suzanne Starr, second vice president and Charles Thornhill, treasurer.

Ann Dwyer, a medical missionary to Yemen, spoke to the W.M.U. of First Baptist Church. James Franklin has been named

a vice president of the Bank of Dallas. Franklin is a native of Haskell and was employed with Haskell National Bank from 1958 to 1967.

30 Years Ago February 18, 1911

Alexia Mayfield has been announced as Weinert's 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mayfield.

Karen Bartley, daughter of Mary Bartley, has been selected the 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow at Paint Creek High School.

Larry LeFevre of Rule is one of the tri-captains of the 1971 McMurry Indian Track Team.

Elbert Johnson was installed as the new Chamber of Commerce president.

40 Years Ago February 16, 1911

Jack Hammer of Weinert exhibited the first place heavy weight steer in the Wichita Falls Junior Beef Show. Ricky Perry of Paint Creek exhibited 2nd place heavy weight steer.

Capt. and Mrs. Robert McAnulty and baby daughter, Barbara Jo, arrived from England for a visit with the officer's mother, District Clerk Carrie McAnulty.

J. W. Wallace, a senior halfback, was awarded the Booster Club's Most Conscientious Player award at the Booster Club Banquet. The Jaycee Sportsmanship Award in basketball went to Ben Anderson, senior guard on the A team. The Jaycees football award

went to Joel Nanny, senior end on the Indian football team.

50 Years Ago February 15, 1911

The Ruth Bible Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Leroy O'Neal for the regular business meeting and a Valentine Day party. Edith Wheatley gave the devotional.

Mr. and Mrs. Trav Everitt and Mrs. Otis Matthews spent the weekend at Camp Chaffee, Ark., where they visited their sons, Pvt. Felton Everett and Pvt. Curtis Matthews who are in training there.

Nathan Tinkle, Nelda Vaughter and Larry Wheeler, Haskell High School Band students played in the West All-State Band at the T.M.E.A. Convention in Galveston.

90 Years Ago February 18, 1911

The Haskell Telephone Company reports that at least ten new phones have been installed in the Cottonwood community.

Mrs. J. U. Fields gave a 6 o'clock dinner to the following young ladies Wed. evening: Misses Fields, Graham, Meadors, Anthony, Anlida and Lucille Hughes.

Joe Stokes shipped two cars of bulls and Earl Cogdell shipped one car of bulls and two cars of steers to the Forth Worth market. The animals had been fed here during the winter and brought top prices on the market.

Dr. A. J. Lewis will return to Haskell in a few days and resume his veterinary practice.

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn
Attorney General

Q: While my father was in a nursing home, I spent a lot of time visiting him and the other residents. Now that he has passed away, I would like to continue working with nursing home residents. Any suggestions?

A: I commend you for your desire to help others. As Attorney General, one of my top priorities is to protect our most vulnerable Texans, including the elderly. With the help of volunteers such as you, we can work to ensure that no nursing home residents are abused or neglected.

One organization that you might be interested in is the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, which is run through the Texas Department on Aging. The Ombudsman Program provides assistance to residents of long-term care facilities such as nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Ombudsmen are specially trained and certified volunteers or professionals who advocate for the residents of long-term care facilities. The volunteer ombudsmen are supervised by professional staff ombudsmen from the Area Agencies on Aging offices located throughout the state. The Area Agencies on Aging are supported by the Texas Department on Aging.

Ombudsmen help facility residents and their families resolve problems and differences that they may have with facility staff by defining concerns, explaining rights, and identifying possible courses of action. In most cases, ombudsmen can help resolve problems easily.

In cases that involve serious abuse and neglect, complaints are referred to the appropriate regulatory agencies. In all cases, complaints are handled confidentially, and no information is released without the permission of the resident or his or her legal guardian.

To become a volunteer ombudsman, you must complete a three-month internship and finish 35 hours of initial certification training. Once you are certified as an ombudsman, you must complete 12 hours of continuing education per year.

All ombudsmen have the resources of the Department on Aging and other local regulatory agencies available to assist them in their goal of helping elderly residents and their families.

For more information on the Ombudsman Program, contact the Texas Department on Aging at (800) 252-2412, or visit their Web site at www.tdoa.state.tx.us.

You can also help elderly citizens by supporting a local Triad program. Triads are joint efforts by local law enforcement agencies and senior community leaders to help prevent the victimization of elderly citizens.

The program was started by the National Sheriffs' Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the American Association of Retired Persons. Currently, more than 100 Triads operate in Texas.

The focus of each Triad is determined by the needs of the community. Triad-sponsored programs include ongoing crime prevention, telephone reassurance for isolated or frail seniors, refrigerator cards with emergency medical information, and visits to shut-ins.

For more information on Triads, contact Nancy Gresham in my Elder Law and Public Health Division at (512) 936-1317 or (800) 806-2092. You can also contact her by e-mail at nancy.gresham@oag.state.tx.us.

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RULE JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS—At top, Jennifer Murray. Middle, l-r, Keli Smith, Miranda Roberson, Sam Kittley. Bottom, Holly Wolsch, mascot Joanna Lehrmann and MacKenzie Miller.

Area Basketball scores

Girls
Haskell 39, Hamlin 25
 Scoring by quarters: Haskell 6, 12, 9, 12. Hamlin 9, 7, 4, 5.
 Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 15, T. Lindsey 7, Bird 6, Chemister 4, Thompson 3, Price 2, Buerger 2.

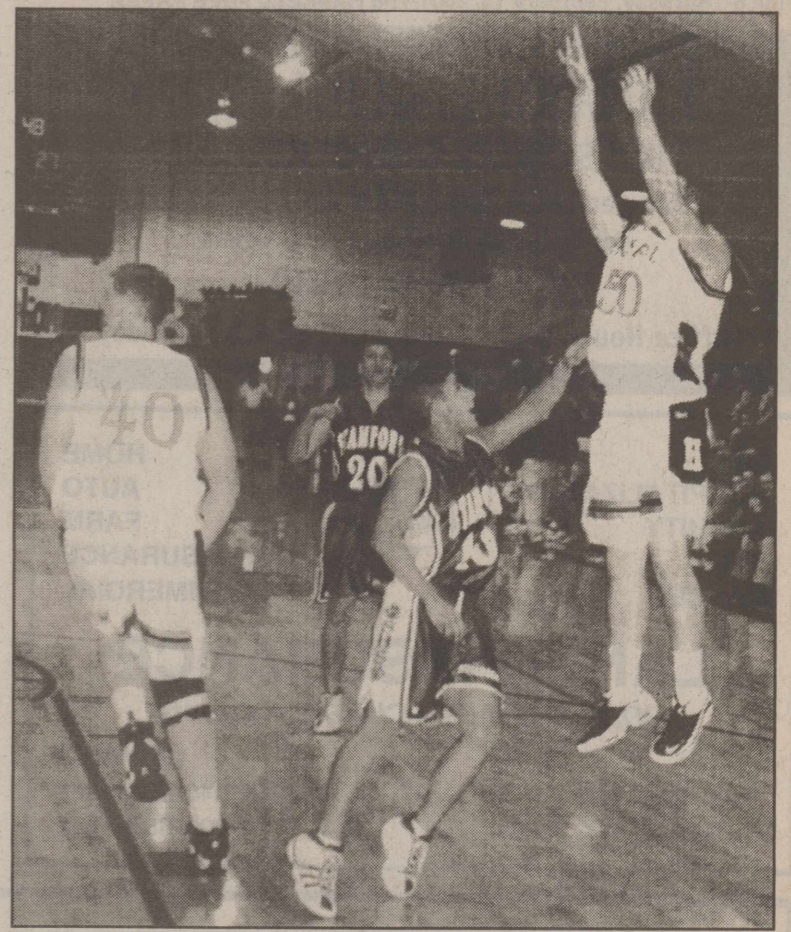
Benjamin 58
Rochester 53
 Scoring by quarters: Benjamin 16, 16, 12, 14. Rochester 9, 21, 11, 12.

Scoring for Rochester: Garcia 18, Adkins 13, Stoddard 10, Byrd 4, Turner 4, Penman 4.

Boys
Haskell 43, Stamford 41
 Scoring by quarters: Haskell 18, 10, 8, 7. Stamford 8, 16, 6, 11.
 Scoring for Haskell: Huff 12, Threet 8, Hunt 6, C. McGuire 6, Garcia 5, Z. McGuire 3, Lindsey 3.
 JV Score - Haskell 41, Stamford 34.

Benjamin 64
Rochester 41
 Scoring by quarters: Benjamin 14, 18, 19, 13. Rochester 10, 7, 11, 13.

Scoring for Rochester: Hasty 11, McGhee 9, Baker 9, Taylor 7, Garcia 5.



INDIANS AND BULLDOGS—Haskell Indian, #50 Jimmy Huff flies to put one up and in, backed up by Indian #40 Cliff McGuire, during the game with Stamford, Fri., Feb. 9. Photo by Kis

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Greater Independent Baptist Church held an installation service for their pastor Rev. Samuel Blackwell. Special singers and the following churches attended: The Weeping Mary, Anson; Rev. Smith, Bethsadia, Anson; Rev. K. Decker, Mt. Olive, Snyder; Rev. Sweet, Holy Temple, Hamlin; Rev. Brown, West Bethel, Rule; Rev. Dever, Revival Center, Haskell; Rev. Hodge, West Buelah, Munday; Hopewell, Haskell; Rev. Lewis, Union Chapel; Rev. Walker, Mt. Olive, Stamford; Rev. Hooper, New Macedonia, Aspermont; Rev. S. Wade, St. Paul, Knox City; Rev. Reece, Liberty COGIC, Knox City; Elder

Ward. Greater Independent Baptist Church will have a Black History Program Sun., Feb. 18 at 3:00 p.m. The theme is "Freedom," James 2, 12-13. The guest speaker will be Minister Burrows, assistant pastor of St. Paul IME Methodist, Abilene. Everyone is invited.

Angela Jordan is back home after surgery at Scott and White. She is Mae Lou Yeldell's granddaughter and Frank Jordan's daughter.

Friday of last week Nedra McCauley and Marc Robison met Nedra's brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. J. Brian McCollum of Oklahoma City in Wichita Falls.

They had lunch and visited. J. Brian brought information of Pearl Harbor as he is a veteran of Pearl Harbor for Marc's daughter Macy. She is doing a research paper on Pearl Harbor. Marc left Sunday going back to Louisiana.

Lynn Gray of Grapeland spent the weekend with his mom Faye. Saturday they went to Abilene to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hicks.

Jan Gannaway of Lubbock came Thursday and took her mother Anita Herren to Lubbock for a check-up.

Bernice Hilliard attended the Country Cousins monthly square dance in Tye Saturday night.

Bobby Scheets of Midwestern, Wichita Falls, spent the weekend with mom Minnie Scheets. Saturday Bobby and Creora Tatum went to Abilene to shop for tires for her car. Minnie's son, Jessie of Abilene, also spent the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvil McFadden spent the weekend in Lubbock visiting with son Mr. and Mrs. Brandon McFadden.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hilliard of Odessa visited his mom Bernice Hilliard and also her mom in Rule over the weekend.

Starr meets with Historical Society

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society held a meeting Mon., Feb. 5 at the First National Bank Community Room. Suzanne Starr from the Hendrick Cancer Center talked about the history of tobacco use. She emphasized the fact that smoking causes cancer.

During the business meeting, Wanda Ham suggested that the genealogy books in the library be bar coded. Johnny Scoggins discussed the moving of the library

into the Hassen Building on the square.

Attending were Johnny Scoggins, Wanda Ham, Lowell and Eula Peters, Dolin Hughes, Mattie Felker English, Maxine Miller, Frances Lane, Pete and Swede Kittley, Kenneth and Martha Jared, Darlene Bellenhausen, Hortense Lees, June White, Mae Lou Yeldell, Marilyn Griffith, Ernestine C. Herren, Iva Lee Gipson, Suzanne Starr and Linda Lane-Blaise.

Indian Relays set March 3

In announcing the Haskell Indian Relays, set for Sat., Mar. 3, Coach Kerry Therwhanger said there will be a workers meeting in the high school weight room at 8:00 a.m. before the meet starts at 8:30.

Any parent or community member who is interested in helping with the track meet is

asked to contact Coach Therwhanger at 864-2539.

"The community has always supported the kids in our programs, and we hope for a great turnout again this year. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the meet," he said.

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 1:00 - 5:00 Thursday, March 22

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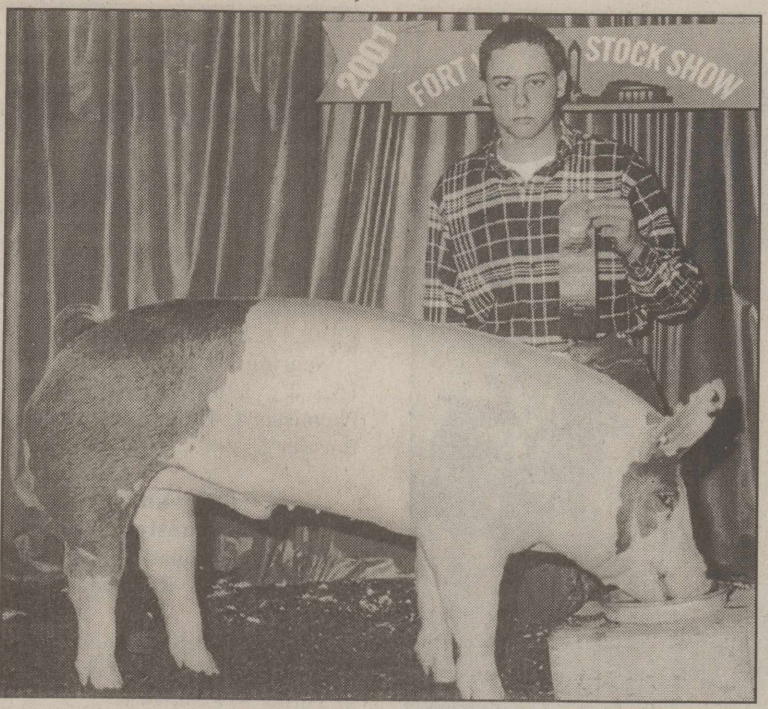
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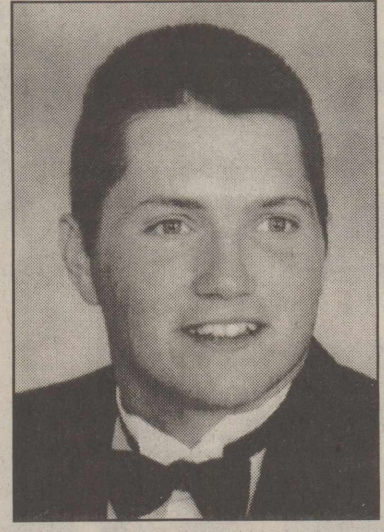
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STOCK SHOW WINNER—Bronc Davis of the Paint Creek FFA Chapter exhibited a first place Crossbred in the Junior Barrow Show, Feb. 1, during the 105th Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth. Judged by Jim Perry of Bethel, Missouri, 2454 head were entered in the barrow show.



TROY CARAWAY



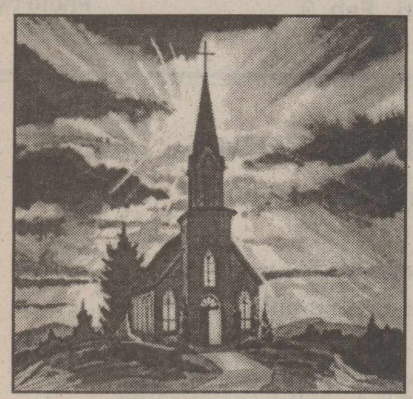
DUSTIN THREET

Students visit Rotary Club

Troy Caraway is the son of Russell Caraway. He is a member of the Church of Christ in Haskell. Active in football, he received Honorable Mention on offense/defense in 1999, and on defense in 1998. In 2000 he was named to 1st Team, All-District. He received the President's Award, A Honor Roll in both 1999 and 2000. Among Caraway's favorite things to do are work, wood working, hunting and fishing. His future plans after finishing high school include working until he enrolls in college. He is hoping to play football at Eastern New Mexico University.

Dustin Threet is the son of Larry and Tommi Barbee. He attends East Side Baptist Church. School activities for him include football, basketball and baseball. In football he received Honorable Mention, defense, in 1998, and was named to 1st Team All-District Offense in 2000. He received the President's Award in 1999, and was named Football Hero in 2000. His favorite leisure-time activities are hunting and doing carpentry. After finishing high school, Threet plans to attend college, and perhaps play football at Ranger Junior College or Tarleton State University.

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.; 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**
 Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
 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**
 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**
 Brett Anderson, 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**
 Henry Chisholm, temporary supply
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 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**
 Bobby Ray Wade, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.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**
 Kevin Hall, 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
 Chris Powell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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- ROCHESTER**
Church of Christ
 Steve Wills, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
 Troy Culpepper, pastor
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
 Rev. Clarence Walker
 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
 Tommy Wilson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
 Stan Leaf, 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**
 Shane Brue, pastor
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 Sunday School 10 a.m.
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 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
 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. 19-23
Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Toaster pastries
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
Wednesday: Pigs in a blanket
Thursday: Sausage & biscuit
Friday: Cereal and toast

Lunch
 A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar is offered daily at the Secondary campus. Ala-carte line offered daily Secondary only. Snack bar Wednesday only-Secondary. Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School.
Monday: Chicken fajitas, onions/bell peppers/cheese, pinto beans, sliced peaches
Tuesday: Chicken spaghetti, fried squash, green beans, hot rolls, chocolate layered dessert
Wednesday: Chili beans, grated cheese, cornbread, coleslaw, fresh apple
Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, corn, baby carrots with Ranch dressing, ice cream
Friday: Submarine sandwiches, lettuce/tomatoes, pickle spears, French fries, oatmeal cookies

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Feb. 19
 9:00 a.m. Miracle Ear Hearing
 Lunch-Pinto beans & hamburger, sauerkraut salad, onion slices, mixed fruit, cookie, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Wed., Feb. 21
 11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
 Lunch-Chicken/gravy, green beans, Jello vegetable salad, baked corn, peanut butter chews, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Fri., Feb. 23
 Lunch-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pinto beans, tator tots, fruit cobbler, 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.

TAX PLANNING



Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA

A NEW YEAR MEANS NEW TAX RULES

There are tax-law changes and new cost-of-living adjustments to take into account as you begin your 2001 tax planning.

- The capital gains rate drops two percentage points for assets with a holding period of more than five years. For taxpayers in the 28% or higher tax brackets, the five-year rate decreases from 20% to 18%. For taxpayers in the 15% bracket, the five-year rate decreases from 10% to 8%. Special rules apply in order to qualify for these new rates.
- The standard mileage rate for business driving increases from 32.5 cents to 34.5 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2001. The rate for medical and moving mileage increases from 10 cents to 12 cents per mile.
- The maximum earnings subject to social security tax increases from \$76,200 to \$80,400. As before, all earned income is subject to Medicare tax.
- The prior-year safe harbor percentage for estimated tax payments required of taxpayers with an adjusted gross income in excess of \$150,000 increases from 108.6% to 110%.
- The Section 179 expensing limit for business equipment purchases increases from \$20,000 to \$24,000.
- The maximum deduction for student loan interest increases from \$2,000 to \$2,500.
- In late December 2000, Congress passed legislation reinstating the use of the installment method of accounting for small businesses.
- The 2001 contribution limit for defined contribution plans increases to \$35,000. The maximum elective deferral to SIMPLE plans increases to \$6,500.
- IRA deductions are allowed for more people covered by company retirement plans. Single taxpayers can make fully deductible contributions until income reaches \$33,000; for marrieds this threshold figure is \$53,000.

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No. 4090
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES DON PIERCE, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Don Pierce were issued on January 22, 2001, in Cause No 4090, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to Becky Gordy.

The residence of such Executrix is Haskell, Texas. The address is:
Becky Gordy, c/o L. W. Jones, III, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 1085, Haskell, Texas 79521.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 9th day of February, 2001.

Becky Gordy, Independent Executrix of the Estate of James Don Pierce, Deceased

By: L. W. (Bill) Jones, III
Attorney for the Estate. 7c

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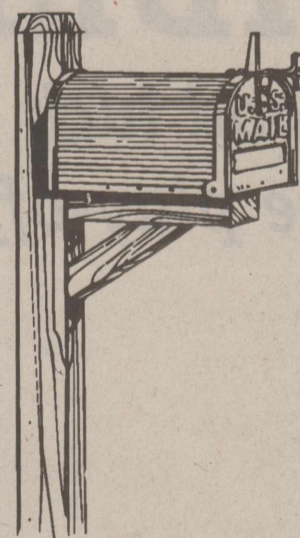
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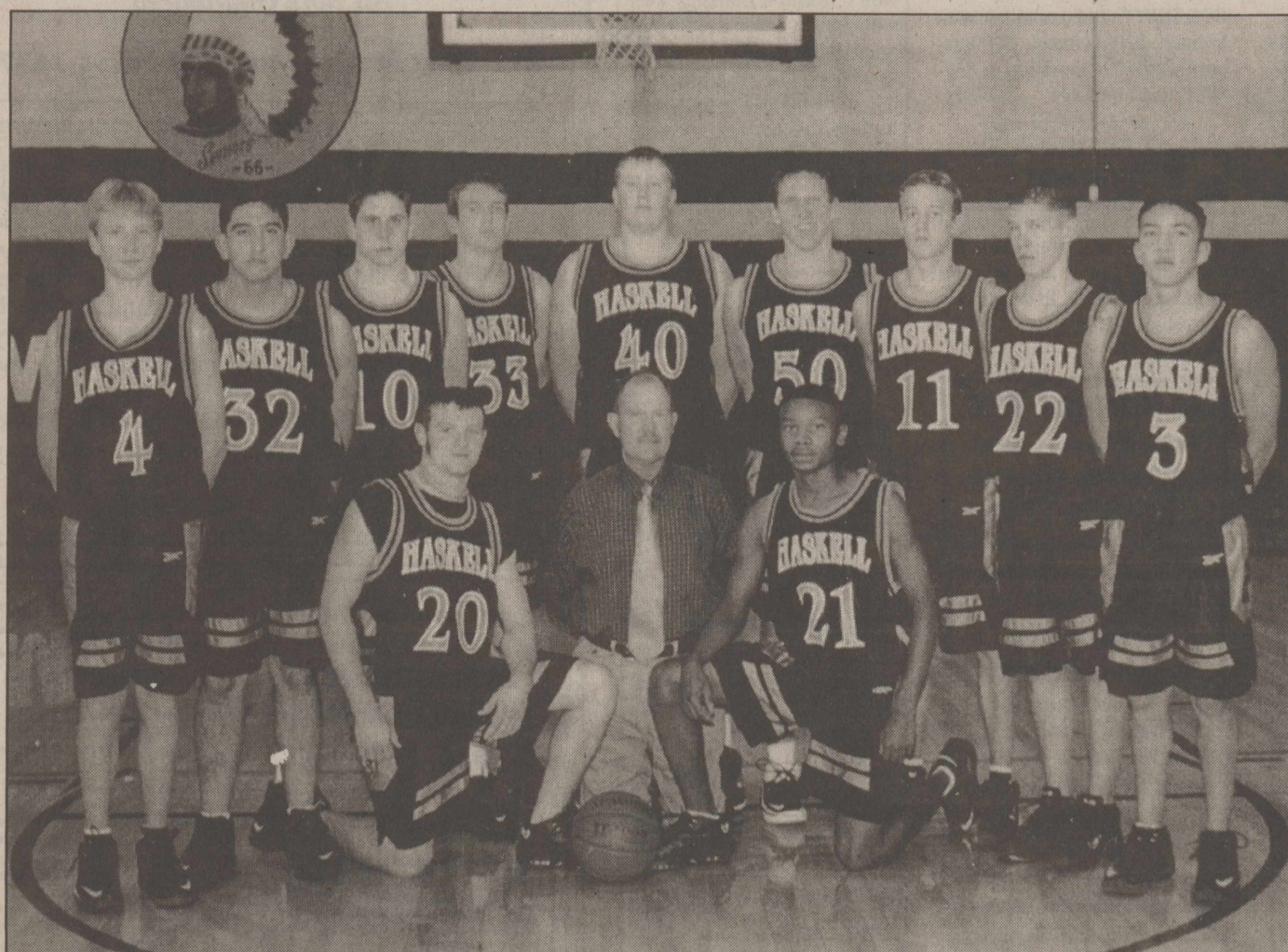
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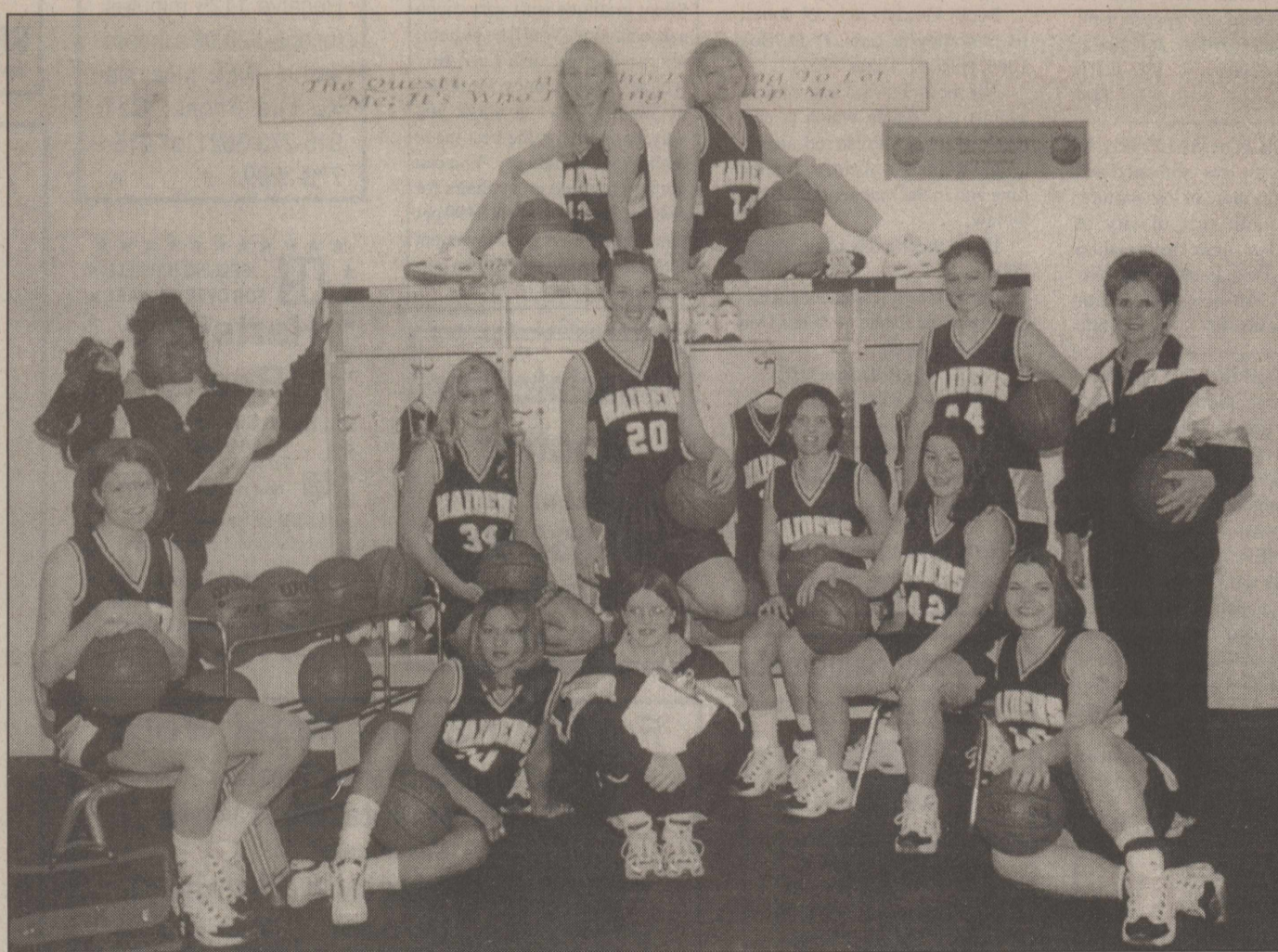
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