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Baseball games

Haskell vs Anson
Fri., March 23, 7 p.m.
at Hamlin

Haskell vs Stamford
Mon., March 26, 4 p.m.
at Stamford

Haskell vs Stamford
Tues., March 27, 4:30 p.m.
at Haskell

Softball games

Haskell V, JV vs. Olney
Fri., March 23, 4:30 p.m.
at Haskell

Haskell V, JV vs. Stamford
Tues., March 27, 4:30 p.m.
at Haskell

Calendar

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays weather permitting.

Chili supper

The American Legion will host a chili supper Sat., March 24 at 6:30 p.m. for all the 2001 legion and auxiliary members and their families. Dues can be paid at the door.

Paint Creek reunion

Lyla Mary (Mickler) Isbell is upgrading addresses of alumni for the upcoming Paint Creek Reunion. Addresses should be submitted to Mrs. Isbell at 705 N. Ave. E Apt. 3, Haskell, Texas 79521 or to TaTa@westex.net.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., March 24 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand in Texas will open at 5:30 and the music will start at 6 p.m. No admission is charged. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

Rule, Rochester ball

Rule and Rochester T-ball, softball and baseball organizational meeting will be held Mon., March 26 at 6 p.m. at the Philadelphian Club, 701 Union, in Rule. To register or for more information call Terry Threet 997-2839.

Class of '61 reunion

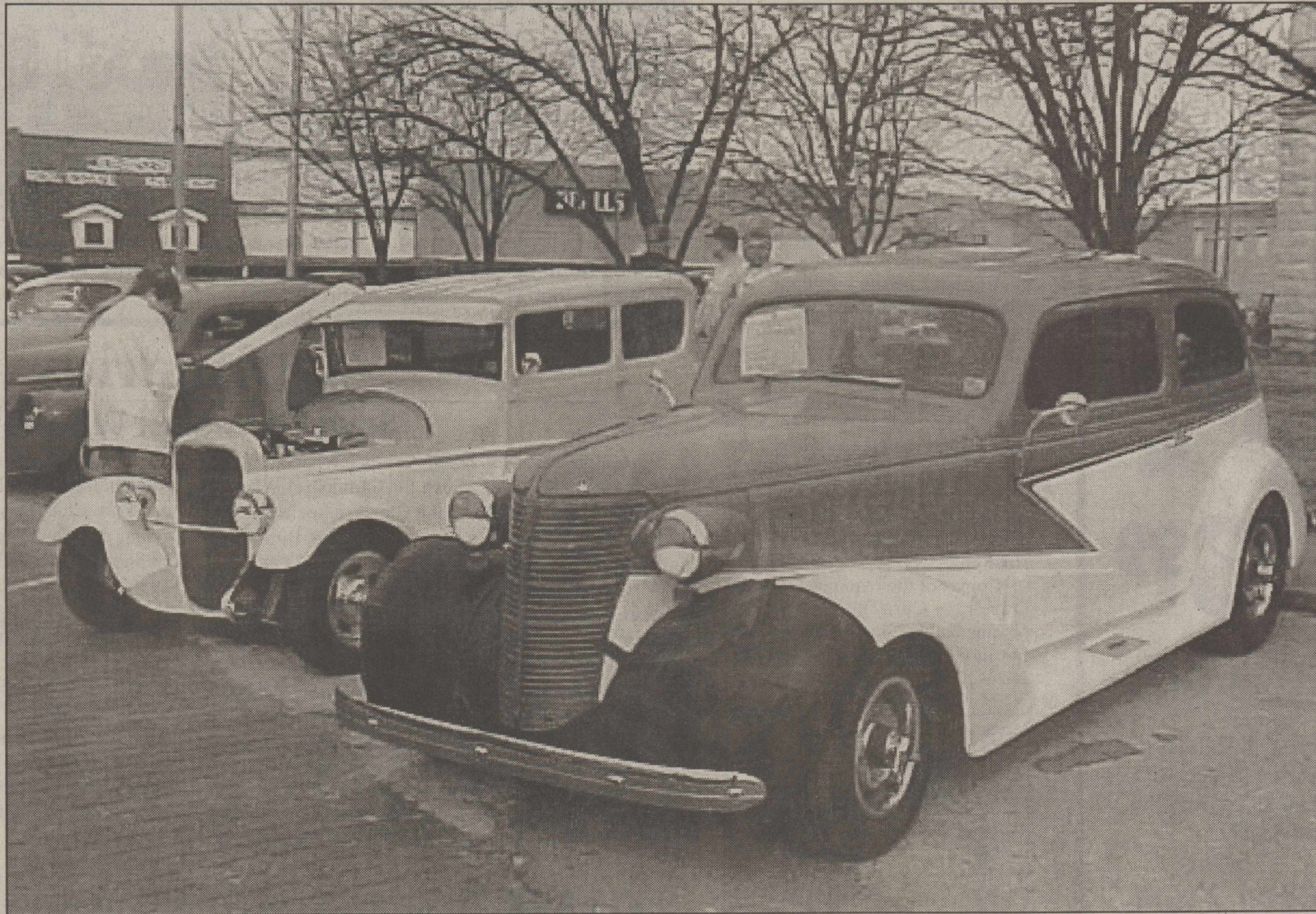
The Haskell class of 1961 will meet for a 40th reunion Sat., April 21 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Gene Leonard, Fred Smith, Jane Dement and June Park (the Bell twins) will provide entertainment at 8 p.m. Family and friends are invited.

Fighting Back award

Coach Darrell Hunt has announced that Michael Lindsey received the All District 8-2A Fighting Back from Adversity Award.

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CLASSIC CARS AROUND THE SQUARE—One hundred and five entries made a colorful scene in the downtown area Saturday, as

participants and spectators from a wide area gathered in the city to enjoy a day of related activities, fun and food.

Certification required to sell cattle

By Mary Kaigler

Although the BSE, commonly called Mad Cow Disease, now spreading in England and European countries and making the national and international news for the past several weeks, has not spread to the United States, the government is nevertheless taking action to help prevent such an outbreak.

It has been proven in Europe that the best way to contain the spreading of Mad Cow Disease in cattle, should an occurrence be detected, is to avoid the feeding of mammalian tissues such as ruminant meat and bone meal to cattle. As a result, the practice of feeding meat and bone meal to cattle was banned by the FDA in 1997. However, upon audit and inspection, the FDA has determined that there has been less than 100% compliance with this ruling.

As a method of keeping track of potential possibilities for Mad Cow Disease, and as a preventive measure, the Federal Dept. of Agriculture is now requiring all

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Sanders has best of show entry at Car Show

The 105 entries in the Fifth Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. Classic Car Show wheeled into town Saturday not even raising a dust in the misty weather, but raising a great deal of enthusiasm and interest in the crowds that came out for the day's activities.

With the streets around three sides of Haskell County Courthouse safely blocked off, spectators and participants of all ages were free to view the cars, shop at downtown stores, sidewalk sales, various vendor booths set up around the perimeter, and eat hamburgers and french fries cooked on the spot by Volunteer Firemen.

Entries in the Car Show were brought from Aledo, Breckenridge, Burkburnett, Vernon, Aspermont, Colorado City, Rochester, Wichita Falls, Abilene, Roscoe, Haskell, and Cushing, Moore and Mustang, Oklahoma. Judging for the eleven classes of vehicles began at 1:30 p.m., with cash prizes and trophies awarded at 3:30.

Best of Show was awarded to Jacky Sanders of Aledo, for his turquoise two-door 1957 Chev. hard top.

The People's Choice award went to Craig Jordan of Abilene, for his 1977 Chev. pickup.

The Farthest Distance Traveled award went to Patty and Terry Bailey who came 330 miles from Cushing, Oklahoma.

Winners in the Cars Pre '64 Class were: 1st, '57 turquoise, 2-door hard top Chev., Jacky Sanders, Aledo; 2nd, '55 red, 2-door hard

top, Jack Jenkins, Breckenridge; 3rd, '56 red/black Ford Crown Victoria, Jacky Sanders, Aledo.

Cars '65 and Up Class winners were: 1st, '70 white Chev. Chevelle, John McLean, Vernon; 2nd, '66 multi-colored Mustang, Tony Sweatman, Merkel; 3rd, '69 red/black Chev. Camaro, Kenny Walker, Burkburnett.

Antique Cars, Trucks, thru '50 Class winners were: 1st, '51 black Chev., George Giles, Aspermont; 2nd, '41 orange/green Ford pickup, Donny Camp, Colorado City; 3rd, '51 black custom DeSoto, W. A. Strickland, Rochester.

Street Rods Pre-'49 Class winners were: 1st, '34 2-door Plymouth, Gene Brawner, Mustang, Oklahoma; 2nd, '48 red Chev. coupe, Ronnie Bruno, Wichita Falls; 3rd, '29 yellow Ford coupe, David Atnip, Moore, Oklahoma.

Winners in the Race Car Class were: 1st, '86 Chev. Camaro, Johnny Wright, Abilene; 2nd, '67 Ford Mustang fastback, Lamar Berry, Roscoe; 3rd, '68 Chev. Camaro, Ben McGee, Haskell.

Older Pickups Pre-'84 Class winners were: 1st, '66 blue Chev., Johnny McElroy, Abilene; 2nd, '77 yellow Chev., Craig Jordan, Abilene; 3rd, '70 orange 4X4 Chev., Bailey Toliver, Haskell.

Pickups '85 and up Class winners were: '87 Chev., Paul Whisenhunt, Abilene; 2nd, '00 red/gray Chev. S-10, Bryan Schroth, Abilene; 3rd, '85 black Chev., Wayne Gray, Burkburnett.

Winner of the Antique Tractors

Class was: 1st, '55 IH Super C, Red Emert, Haskell.

Motorcycles Class winners were: 1st, '00 Harley, Kirby Krupa, Abilene; 2nd, '01 Honda, Felix Rodrigues, Haskell; 3rd, '78 Kawasaki dragbike, Bud Weeks, Abilene.

Restoration in Progress Class winners were: 1st, '67 gold Mercury Cougar, Dave Miller, Haskell; 2nd, '64 red Mustang, Wes Steele, Haskell; 3rd, '63 1/2 white Ford Galaxie, Sammy Decker, Haskell.

Brett Siegfried of Haskell won the Junior Dragsters Class award.

Tod Emert won 1st place in the Kids Hot Wheels Race. Bryson Trussell won 2nd place.

In the Fan Belt Throw, Red Emert won the Adult game and Matt Bowers won the Youth game.

Fifty-three kids competed in the kids tractor pull.

Pedal Pull results are:

4 year olds - 1. Riley Meiner 2. Max Weise 3. Taylor Buchanan 4. Shawn Myers 5. Austin Trussell 6. Harrison Martin

5 year olds - 1. Dustin Daniels 2. Jessika Jones 3. Sydney Franklin 4. Colton Farthing 5. Kyle Kimbrough 6. Elizabeth Powers

6 year olds - 1. James Bowers 2. Jasmine Klose 3. Preston Morrow

7 year olds - 1. Chris Wolsch 2. Bryson Young 3. Jimmy Young

8 year olds - 1. Zachary Trussell 2. Sara Weise 3. Kelsie Adams 4. Megan Kimbrough 5. Dillon Emert

9 year olds - 1. Selina Rodriguez 2. Judith Isbell 3. Laura Bowers 4. Tyler Rodriguez 5. Daryl Tucker 6. Christian Myers 7. McKenzie Barrington

10 year olds - 1. Justin Meier 2. Will Braeggen 3. Raul Villarreal 4. Brett Siegfried 5. Tara Myers 6. Jonathan Martinez 7. D. J. Rodriguez 8. Stephen Glines; Participants - Stephanie Belstine and Claire Isbell

11 year olds - 1. Levi Hodge 2. Ashley Rodriguez 3. Clyde Frierson 4. Nick Ensminger 5. Weston Rutkowski 6. Zachary Young 7. Colton Young 8. Aaron Rodriguez

12 year olds - 1. Joshua Barbee 2. Gary Frierson 3. Matt Westerman 4. Chris Glines 5. Matt Bowers

Names in bold face are state qualifiers. The top two boys and the top two girls qualify for state. State certificates will be mailed in August. Boys and girls pull separately at State.

The Tractor Pull was sponsored by Bill Wilson Motor Co. and Quality Implement.

Commissioners sell lots, make appointment

At the Mar. 12 meeting of the Haskell County Commissioners' Court approval was given for the sale of three lots in block 17 in Rochester to Jane Short for \$100.00 by the Haskell County Appraisal District.

Mike New was appointed to serve on the salary grievance committee for 2001.

Approval was given for the bond to the state for Bobby Collins, Tax Assessor-Collector.

Also approved was a resolution for the Probation Office calling for the submission of a proposed application for State and Federal Assistance in the amount of \$5,193.00 for purchase of Juvenile Services in the County. The application will be sent to the office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program.



SKYWARNING—Warning Coordination Meteorologist, Buddy McIntyre of the National Weather Service in San Angelo presented a Severe Weather Spotter Training class in Haskell Mon., Mar. 19. Attending were members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept., local law enforcement, amateur radio operators, and local news media representatives.

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Floradean Cockerell and son Jimmy came to her mom's Joyce on Tuesday, spent the night and took Joyce to Abilene Wednesday for a doctor appointment.

Little Miss Audree Cochran spent the week in Aspermont with grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cochran.

Friday night Margaret Tatum took her grandchildren Aubree and Caden Tatum to Childress where they met their parents Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Tatum of Hartley. The children had been here a week visiting with relatives. Joyce and Gary Hawkins went with Margaret; they had dinner and visited with Jonathan and Candis.

Bobby Scheets and Christy Blocker of Midwestern University in Wichita Falls spent the weekend in Haskell. Colin Howeth of Knox City met them here and along with Creora Tatum, they attended the car show and later went to Abilene.

While in Abilene they had lunch and went bowling.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Blake, missionary in music, was at Trinity Baptist Church Sunday night for a musical program.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Toliver and Golda Colbert were their children Robin and Leann Colbert from the Metroplex.

On Wednesday of last week Kaye Derrick of Fort Worth came to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Paris Barton for the day. Kaye took Fannie Mae's sister, Rosemary Caudill, to Fort Worth to catch a bus home to Kentucky. Rosemary had visited for two weeks.

Rozelle Wilkerson's cousin and husband L. M. and Juarcy Roy from Pecos came on Saturday. They took Rozelle to Lubbock for treatment Monday. They will visit for a few days.

Lee and Polly Gray of Midland spent last weekend with his mother Faye Gray.

Marci Elmore to minister in Romania



MARCI ELMORE

Marci Elmore, daughter of W. O. and Mendi Elmore and granddaughter of Marie Elmore, will be traveling to Romania as a missionary this summer.

Elmore will be serving on a team of 10 interns with Buckner OrphanCare International for 10 weeks, May 29 through August 11. As one of 10 interns on her team, she will lead Christian camps for orphans using drama, songs, games, testimonies and small group time. Through these activities she will have the opportunity to build relationships with the children and teens at these

camps. Those relationships will give Marci the chance to share the gospel.

Each intern is responsible for raising their own funds and for having a team of prayer supporters for this ministry experience. The trip will cost \$3,750. If you would like to make a financial contribution, make checks payable to Buckner OrphanCare International and mail the contribution to: Marci Elmore, HPU Station, Box 764, Brownwood, TX 76801.

If you cannot contribute financially, Marci asks that you contribute in a more important way: pray. Pray that God's purpose will be accomplished in the lives of the orphans, her teammates and her life as well.

Buckner OrphanCare International is the international division of the Buckner Foundation based in Dallas. The Buckner Foundation was started in 1879 by Dr. Robert Cooke Buckner and now has three main divisions—children and family services, elder care and adoption and maternity services—which minister to tens of thousands of people each year.

Marci is currently a senior at Howard Payne University majoring in Communication and Political Science.

Harrison presents Art Club program

The Brazos West Art Club met March 12 in the Haskell National Bank Community room.

President Peggy Middlebrook conducted a short business meeting. Plans for a workshop April 21 with Kaye Franklin were finalized.

The slate of officers for the coming year were presented and elected.

Bobbie Harrison, member artist

of Knox City, brought the program. Harrison explored techniques on how to create various and interesting art forms using pencil and India ink.

Hostesses were Jenny Lyckman and Peggy Middlebrook. Thirteen members and one guest, Dorthea Monroe, were present.

Esme Glenn, noted Abilene artist, will be bringing the April 9 program.

Progressive Study Club visits Artwalk

Thur., Mar. 8, members of the Haskell Progressive Study Club traveled to Abilene to visit the Grace Museum and Art Walk during the club's Art and The Women of the Millennium program.

After viewing the Beyond Dimension exhibit of Italian artist Benini; Termespheres: The Geometry of Visual Space by Dakota artist, Dick Termes, and the World of Clementine Hunter, folk artist, the group enjoyed supper at McKay's Bakery.

Curator and guide for the Museum tour was former Haskell resident and member of the Study Club, Shay White Bennett.

The group toured several shops who were displaying art. At the Center for Contemporary Arts they saw one of the life-size fiberglass buffaloes that have since been painted for the "No Bull..It's A Buffalo!" competition. Later in the spring, the buffaloes will be displayed throughout the Big Country, along with other selected sculptures.

The next stop was at the Abilene Civic Center to attend a reception for five area artists, including Becky Richardson Tubbs of Anson. A former resident of Haskell, Tubbs often works with transparent watercolors, and has

been featured on a filming of "Texas Country Reporter." Several of her works are owned by Haskell residents, and she has also painted murals in some Haskell homes.

The next meeting of the club, April 12, will be a program on Women of the Millennium Involved with Youth. Several Haskell elementary teachers will be guest speakers.

Area Choir Festival to be held in Lueders

Sunday, March 25 is the date for the second annual Double Mountain Area Choir Festival to be held at the Big Country Baptist Assembly in Lueders.

Church choirs and music groups from the Double Mountain Area will assemble at 4:00 p.m. at the campground tabernacle for a music program that will feature children's and adult church choirs from the combined Baptist association of

Haskell Knox and West Central, which make up the Double Mountain Area.

Children's choirs, solos, combos and small groups will perform at 4:00 p.m. followed by a supper at 5:00 p.m. and adult choir performances at 6:00 p.m.

For more information contact the Big Country Baptist Assembly at 915-228-4095 or Chuck Simms at 915-823-4166.

Riding in back of pickup is dangerous

by Lou Gilly

Haskell County Extension Agent Every year there are crashes involving children or adolescents riding in the bed of a pickup truck.

If these victims are lucky enough to survive, they could still sustain head injuries, which can

take years to recover from. Too often victims don't survive.

Because riding in the open bed of a pickup is so dangerous, it is also illegal for children under the age of twelve. To prevent injury and possible death, never ride in the bed of a truck and buckle up every time you are in a vehicle.

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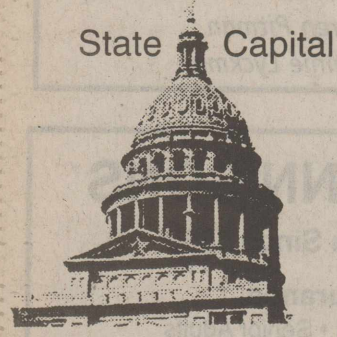
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OPINION



State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — The political season is over for a while, but another campaign is under way in Texas.

Like traditional politics, it has to do with power. But in this case, it's electric power.

At stake is the cash that service providers will be able to generate when electric deregulation starts in Texas next January.

It is a complicated issue.

The Texas Public Utility Commission, through Burson-Marsteller, one of the world's largest public relations firms, has begun an extensive public education campaign on electric utility deregulation.

All this traces to the last session of the Legislature and its passage of Senate Bill 7.

The law provides that beginning Jan. 1, 2002, Texans served by investor-owned utilities (as opposed to cooperatives or city-owned) would be able to choose the retail company that will provide their electrical service.

These companies are generally referred to by the PUC as Retail Electric Providers (REPs). So far, 20 have received permits from the PUC to operate in Texas, but only four are up and running.

The REPs will buy power from power producers and sell it to the consumer at retail prices. The theory is that the competitive market will mean lower utility rates for Texans.

Some 86 percent of the state currently is served by private utilities, so most Texans will have the option of picking their provider.

While big money is being spent to help Texas consumers understand this complicated new law, surveys have shown that most Texans know about deregulation is what they have heard about the debacle in California.

Last summer, that state experienced rolling blackouts and consumers were hit with electric bills two or three times larger than they had been. The

state is continuing to struggle with the problem.

PUC Chairman Pat Wood III has said repeatedly that for several reasons, the most important two being a better power supply and a better deregulation law, the blackouts and exorbitant bills won't happen in Texas.

Because of the California mess, and other factors, legislation has been introduced to keep most of the Panhandle out of the program for a while.

Two other pieces of legislation deal with providing a fall back for Texas in the event problems develop.

With 5 percent of eligible Texas customers being able to start switching providers as of June 1, the marketing already has begun.

The most intense selling will be in the big markets, Houston, Dallas, and the Rio Grande Valley.

Folks in rural areas won't see much offered early on, though programs will expand depending on the market.

Here's the bottom line:

Texans who want to go to the trouble of shopping around will pay less for their electricity.

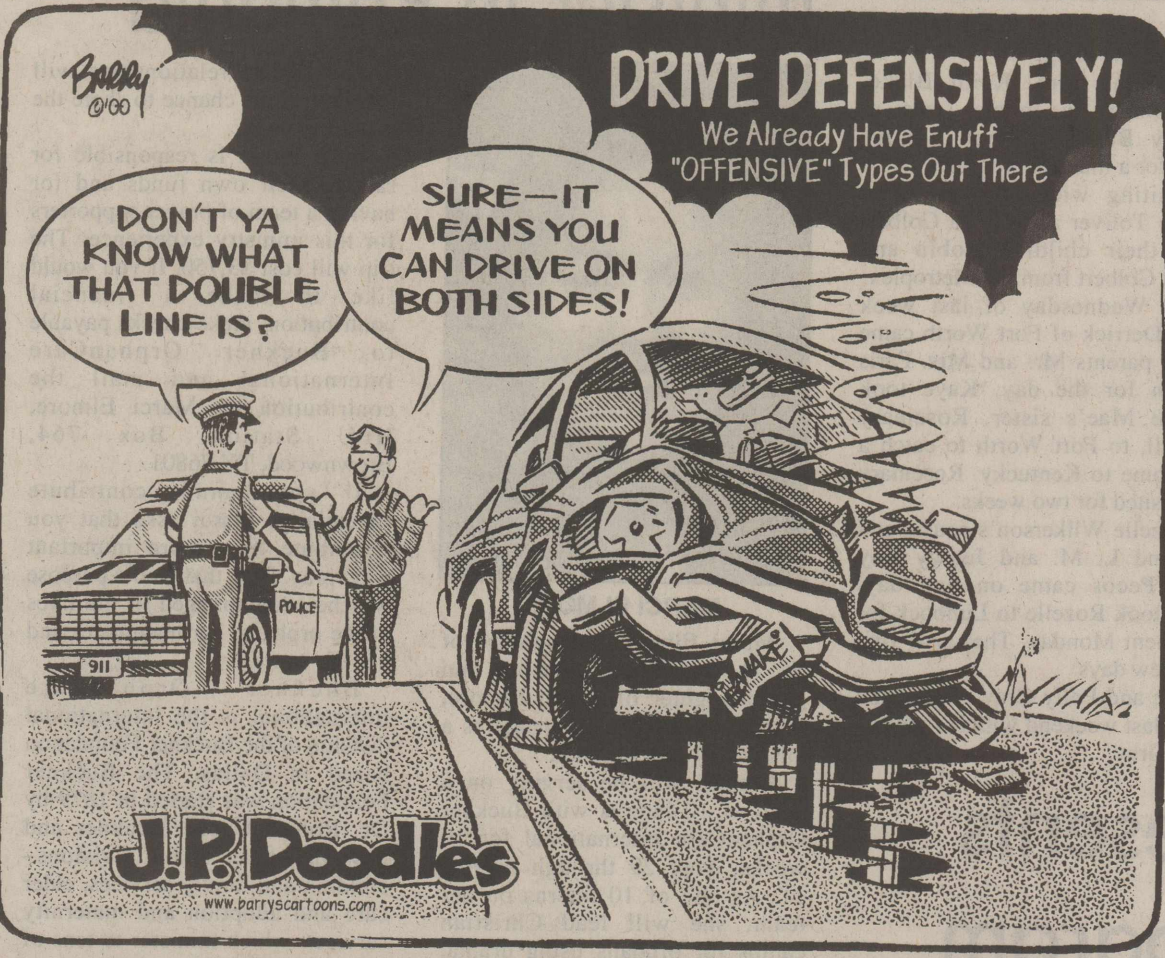
In Houston, for example, the average customer uses about 1000 kilowatts a month. That currently costs a little less than \$100. New providers will be offering prices that will cut that bill 10 percent.

That is \$120 in savings annually for an average customer who wants to look for the best deal.

Industrial and commercial customers, with higher rates to start with, will enjoy bigger savings.

Even though users can get lower rates, for a time, higher natural gas costs may make deregulation a wash.

To learn more about electric deregulation, call toll free 1-866-PWR-4-TEX or visit www.powertochoose.org.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

We knew it was likely to happen, and the Texas 2000 census figures released last week verified it. Haskell County has lost 10.7% of its population during the last ten years. That means 727 of our folks have left for greener pastures of one sort or another. More are dying than being born. More are moving out than moving in.

But we are not alone in this trend among rural communities. Eleven of the twenty-three Big Country counties experienced a population loss during the last decade, while the overall State population swelled to 20.9 million.

While there are many contributing factors to the decline of rural populations, such as the drying up of oil production and water during the latter part of the decade, job drain to larger markets, the slow down in farm profitability and size of families, hard facts and numbers don't lie.

But numbers can only count, indicate and measure. Numbers alone don't give the whole story of a region. The value of living in this small rural-area community cannot be measured by the numbers alone. Our real worth as a people and place are not diminished by the count.

Can you measure in statistics the value of living in a caring community atmosphere of coming together in concern, prayers and physical aid for one another? Of a place where you can personally know all of your children's school teachers, and regardless of a diversity of lifestyles, and have the

supportive fellowship of a faith community group?

Although many opportunities afforded by more populous places are missing here, and concerns are justified that our economic situation is hanging in the balance without the development of diversified sources of income, there is still an overriding quality of life to be enjoyed in this community

which should be recognized and appreciated as one of our greatest assets.

And, as we move toward doing everything we can in our small town to healthfully solve this enigma of rural Texas in the 21st century, we should not lose our perspective or despair because "things just ain't what they used to be."

Things in life are never "what they used to be," and thank goodness for some of the changes many of us have lived to see happen. Life does move on, yet our standard for success as a community cannot be based solely on our size. The community will be alive and an enriching place in which to function in this new millennium if we believe it can be, in a positive effort to be a part of the process of change.

Knowing that we live in a place that cannot be all things to all people in offering commerce and services, we can, nevertheless, join together with a positive spirit in creative ways to promote, right here in River City, a quality way of life that honors the best of what it

means to be human.

If we build on it and become known as that sort of united, caring, serving community of people, will they come?

Who knows? At the least, it might be an idea that escalates and helps to staunch the pessimistic self-fulfilling view that "the town is dying."

In the meantime, joining together in some of the more tangible projects being promoted by our community leaders won't hurt either, and may even take care of that census deficit next time around.

With the Regional Jail and Detention Center growing closer each day to being completed, we are not without hope of having new job opportunities and the accompanying economic spin-off developing in our area.

When these job opportunities do develop, we'll be on the right track to making our town a friendly place where newcomers are welcomed and find themselves wanting to live and raise their families.

It is going to be up to us as individuals and community as to whether we let ourselves become a defeated, closed-minded victim of the changes we see going on around us, or become a strong community, open to necessary changes and new opportunities, while retaining our best and highest values, regardless of our size.

Coming together is the beginning. Staying together is progress. Working together is success.

Check corn seed before planting

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced recently that farmers should not plant any corn unless they are certain that the seed has been tested and found free of the protein Cry9C.

According to USDA, farmers should insist that seed companies verify that the seed corn has been tested for the protein Cry9C to ensure that only tested seed is planted this spring.

StarLink is the trade-name for corn genetically modified to be pest resistant by producing a protein called Cry9C. The protein acts as a pesticide and is able to protect the plant from pests, such as the European Corn Borer. The protein was developed by Aventis Crop Sciences, a subsidiary of the French company, Aventis S. A. and sold through various U. S. seed companies.

Last week some seed companies reported finding isolated occurrences of extremely low levels of Cry9C in seed originally intended for sale this year. Based on aggregate information voluntarily provided by the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA), of those companies reporting, it is estimated that less than one percent of corn seeds for 2001 planting, may contain Cry9C protein.

Companies involved have recovered and taken control of all lots of hybrid corn seed found to have this protein. Seed companies routinely test their products for impurities and many took steps to detect Cry9C before USDA recommended testing procedures December 29, 2000.

Major seed companies have informed USDA of their intent to continue following recommended testing procedures designed to detect Cry9C and USDA will monitor this activity. In the event Cry9C is found, these companies will not sell the corn seed for planting.

USDA continues to work closely on this issue with the Food and Drug Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, Iowa State University, National Corn Growers Association, American Seed Trade Association and Aventis.

Additional information can be obtained from your local USDA office.

Hospital

Admissions

Vernon Wofford, Stamford
John Rousseau, Haskell
Joe Teague, Haskell
Stephen Bracken, Munday
Dixie Asher, Haskell
Irene Muse, Haskell
Willie Castillo, Haskell

Dismissals

Violet Young, Virginia Smith,
Ida Boyd, John Therwhanger, Lillie Slayton

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 21, 1991

Recipients of Haskell's "outstanding citizens" are Dr. and Mrs. J. Frank Cadenhead.

Rusty Stocks, who led the Haskell Indians to a 22-9 record this past basketball season, was chosen as a member of the Abilene Reporter-News' all-area basketball team.

Regina Dever won first place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 66.43 at the Bulldog Relays in Wylie.

Tamra Earlene Burnett, a Tarleton State University senior

from Haskell, has been chosen for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

20 Years Ago March 19, 1981

Two students from Rule have been recognized for academic achievement at Texas A&M University. Recipients of the "Distinguished Student" are Joseph E. Brass and Colleen Townsend.

Haskell Club Scouts Stoney Trussell, Cole Larned, Chris Jennings and Kevin Mitchell portrayed modern American heroes during the '81 Scout Show.

Director of the Experienced Citizens Center Marsha Whittemore presented gifts of recognition to volunteers Viola Tidwell, Slover Bledsoe and Marie Bartley.

30 Years Ago March 25, 1971

The Sagerton 4-H Club members met in the basement of the Faith Lutheran Church. Tami Letz and Darla Dean are new members.

Mrs. Arlis Hearn of Rochester hosted a surprise party for Mrs. George Mullino in the Hearn home.

The 4-H Cooking Club of Rule met in the home of Mrs. Wallace Allison. Ten members were

present. They included: Carol Dudensing, Amelia Moore, Fran Wilson, Sandy Oliver, Norva Lehrmann, Jami Barbee, Jan Allison, Lanell Whittaker, Terry Flores and Susan Lewis.

40 Years Ago March 23, 1961

Jennabeth Weaver, a junior in Haskell High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlos Weaver, has been selected as Haskell's representative at the 1961 session of Bluebonnet Girls' State at Austin.

W. D. Larned of Bill Wilson Motor Company was presented Ford Motor Company's 300-500 Club award at a banquet at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas.

Leland A. Thane of Haskell Implement Company, Massey-Ferguson dealer in Haskell, recently attended a one-week advance technical course at the M-F Service Training Center in Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Oscar Bruce and Mrs. W. H. Pitman attended the annual conference of the Women's Society of Christian Service in Vernon.

50 Years Ago March 22, 1951

Organization of Haskell, Shackelford and Jones Counties as the north area of the Chisholm

Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, was completed at a recent meeting of Scout executives and leaders. Attending the meeting were Dr. McCall and W. O. Holden of Haskell, D. S. Gothard of O'Brien and R. M. Walker and Joe Hix of Weinert.

Royce Smith, assistant football coach in Haskell High School for the past two years, was named head football coach to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jack Roten.

90 Years Ago March 25, 1911

Rural route carrier George D. Foster has bought a new 1911 model Wagner motorcycle from E. E. Marvin and will use it in carrying mail.

Congressman Smith has advised Postmaster John B. Baker that the Post Office Department has authorized a new rural mail route out of the Haskell office. It will be designated Route 4.

Quite a crowd of Haskell's young people went to Stamford on the 6:40 train Sunday evening, returning the same evening on the 10 o'clock train.

W. A. Black, J. A. Bailey and M. S. Shook left Monday for San Antonio where they will attend the Cattlemen's Convention.

Go Indians! Go Maidens!

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Haskell School Menu

March 26-30 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast on a stick
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: French toast sticks
Thursday: Sausage and biscuit
Friday: Cereal, 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: Sluggers (BBQ drumsticks), potato smiles, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, ice cream
Tuesday: Chili dogs, French fries, pickle spears, fruit cocktail, Sunshine bars
Wednesday: Roast turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, fried okra, hot biscuit, sliced peaches
Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, baby carrots with Ranch dressing, corn, chocolate pudding
Friday: Fish portions, green beans, coleslaw, hot rolls, apple

City Storm Warning Siren Testing Fridays at noon

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Mar. 26
 Lunch-Chicken enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, peaches, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Wed., Mar. 28
 11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
 Lunch-Meat loaf, lima beans, potatoes, pickled beets, peanut butter chews w/glaze, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Thurs., Mar. 29
 Sagerton Hee Haw senior night 8:00 p.m.

Fri., Mar. 30
 Lunch-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, peas and carrots, tossed salad, garlic toast, Jello, brownies, milk, tea or coffee

Sat., Mar. 31
 Sagerton Hee Haw senior matinee 1:30 p.m.
 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.

Cow Country Track Meet results

County winners in the Throckmorton Cow Country Track Meet are:

Girls
 800 - 1. Garcia, Rochester, 2:41.17; 3. Lopez, Rochester, 2:46.93

Boys
 1,600 - 1. Garcia, Rochester, 6:11.29
 Triple Jump - 3. Lisle, Rule, 29-11
 1,600 - 2. Falkner, Rule, 5:15.56

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FOR SALE: 1989 Olds Cutlass Ciera, 73,000 miles. New tires, radio. Call Lori 940-864-2498. 12p

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FOR SALE: Crocheted table cloths. Call 940-864-3245. 11-12p

FOR SALE: Above ground swimming pool. All equipment included. With deck. Call after 5:30, 864-5034. 12-13c

FOR SALE: Misti Henson's prom dresses. Size 6. \$45 each. To see go by Sue Bingham's home, 1206 N. Ave. L or call 864-3774. 12c

COOKWARE: We stopped doing dinner parties! Have beautiful new 17-piece sets left! Heavy, brilliant surgical stainless steel! 100% waterless! Was \$1749.00, now \$439.00! Lifetime warranty! 1-800-434-4628. 12p

FOR SALE: Casio CTK-500 keyboard and stand. \$75. 864-2023. 12ls

Garage Sales

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS Sale: Antiques, crafts, gifts and store fixtures. Discounts on merchandise. Everything must go. Peddler's Village, 304 S. First, Haskell. 10-13p

CITY GARAGE SALES in Throckmorton, March 31, 8 a.m. Booth information call 940-849-4402. Maps at courthouse square. 12-13c

GARAGE SALE: Sat. 8 til noon. 104 S. Ave. L. Misc. Weather permitting. 12p

BIG GARAGE SALE: Sat. 8:30-4 in the back of Plum Cute. Clothes, household items, some furniture, misc. 12p

ANTIQUA TRACTOR SHOW and open house. Sat., April 7, 10 to 3. Richardson's, Haskell. 12-14c

GARAGE SALE: Sat., March 24. 8:30. 1206 N. Ave. J. 12c

Jobs Wanted

HOUSE LEVELING. Floor bracing, slab, pier and beam. Insurance claims, free estimates. References. No payment until work satisfactorily completed. David Lee & Company, 915-675-6369 50fc

WILL CLEAN HOUSES, odd jobs. Call 864-5433 anytime. Ask for Catherine. 12p

MOWING JOBS WANTED. Call 864-2855, leave message. 12-15p

For Rent

FOR RENT: 604 N. 3rd. 2 bedroom apartment. 864-3762. 12c

FOR RENT: 4 bedroom, 1 bath. Fenced yard. 940-864-3504. 11fc

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, carport, fenced backyard. 205 N. Ave. M. 864-3439. 12p

Help Wanted

MUNDAY NURSING CENTER accepting applications for part time LVN Treatment Nurse-3 days weekly; PRN LVN; Full time CNA. 2-10 shift; PRN CNA 6-2 & 2-10. Competitive salary/benefits. Apply 421 W. F Street. 940-422-4541. EOE. 10fc

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This Week's Devotional Message:



BRIGHTEN YOUR LIFE WITH THE GOLDEN RULE

Do unto others, the Bible has said,
 As you'd have others do unto you;
 And if you will follow this passage you've read,
 You will find it is certainly true
 That in business, your home life or simply with friends,
 It is easier getting along
 If you'll never be forced into making amends,
 Just because you have done someone wrong.
 So to learn more about this unfailing advice
 That will frequently serve as a warning.
 You should go to your Church, where it's only the price
 Of an hour on next Sunday morning.

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

Church of God
 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 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

Troy Culppepper, 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

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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
 Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
 Sunday School 10 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Arturo Jr. Flores
 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

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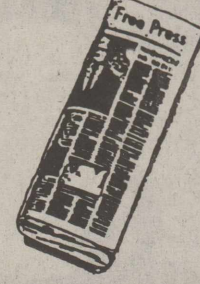
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Public Notices

ORDER OF ELECTION
An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 5, 2001 for the purpose of: Electing three regular term trustees to Paint Creek ISD Board of Trustees.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Paint Creek ISD Assistant Principal's office, Rt. 2, Box 190, Haskell, Texas 79521 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 18, 2001 and ending on May 1, 2001.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Max Calk, Paint Creek ISD, Rt. 2, Box 190, Haskell, Texas 79521. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than close of business on April 27, 2001.

March 21, 2001 is the last day to file for application for a place on the ballot.

Issued this 5th day of March 2001.

ORDEN DE ELECCION
Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el May 5, 2001 con el proposito de:

Electando tres turnos regulares al Paint Creek ISD Board of Trustees.

La votacion en edelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Paint Creek ISD en la oficina del Principal Asistente, Rt. 2, Box 190, Haskell, Texas 79521 entre las 8 a.m. de la mañana y las 4 p.m. de la tarde empezando el April 18, 2001 y terminando el May 1, 2001.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Max Calk, Paint Creek ISD, Rt. 2, Box 190, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el April 27, 2001.

March 21, 2001 is the last day to file for application for a place on the ballot.

Issued this 5th day of March, 2001. 11-12c

NOTICE

The City of Haskell is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of a police car. Bids will be accepted at the City Administrator's office until 2:00 p.m. April 5, 2001 at which time bids will be opened and tabulated. Haskell City Council will accept or reject any or all bids at the regular scheduled City Council meeting to be held April 9, 2001 at 7:00 a.m. Specifications may be attained at the Haskell City Hall. The City of Haskell reserves the right to accept any or all bids. 11-12c

NOTICE

The City of Haskell is accepting sealed bids for roofing and painting of several buildings belonging to the City of Haskell and the Development Corporation of Haskell. Bids will be accepted at the City Administrator's office until 3:00 p.m. April 5, 2001 at which time bids will be opened and tabulated. Specifications may be attained at the Haskell City Hall. Haskell City Council will accept or reject bids at the regular scheduled City Council meeting to be held April 9, 2001 at 7:00 a.m. The City of Haskell reserves the right to accept any or all bids. 11-12c

NOTICE

The City of Haskell is accepting sealed bids for general liability, auto coverage, property, public official and police liability insurance. Specifications may be picked up at Haskell City Hall, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bids will be accepted in the City Manager's office until 4:00 p.m. April 5, 2001 at which time bids will be opened and calculated. The Haskell City Council will accept or reject bids at the regular City Council meeting to be held at 7:00 a.m. April 9, 2001. The City of Haskell reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 11-12c

NOTICE

The Haskell Housing Authority of the City of Haskell will hold a Public Meeting May 7, 2001 at 4:30 p.m. to receive comments on the change of the Capitol Fund Budget for 2000 and the Five Year

Plan. All documents are on display at the office of the Haskell Housing Authority Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. 12c

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

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 28th day of February, 2001, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 9780. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Stella Gibbs, Ms. Legal Description: 1. Lot 5, Block 31, Original Town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 9794. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Thelma Becktold. Legal Description: 2. Lot 7, Block 11, Original Town of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 9803. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Leo Harris. Legal Description: 3. Lot 4, Block 1, Harrell Addition City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,111. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. W. M. Castleberry. Legal Description: 4. Lots 1, 2, Block 18, Original Town of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,569. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Jackie Dale Isbell. Legal Description: 5. Lot 5, Block 2, McConnell #85, to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,580. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Domingo Tonche. Legal Description: 6. Lot 8, Block 26, Brown

& Roberts Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,785. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. H. L. Sherrill. Legal Description: 7. Lot 3, Block C, McConnell #85 City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,852. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Lonnie W. Hodgin. Legal Description: 8. Lot 14, 15, Block 1, Pierson Addition, City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. 9. 100.00 acres out of Abstract 3, Patrick H. Anderson Survey #73, Tract 5, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,864. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Dale McFadden. Legal Description: 10. Lot 5, 6, Block A, Stephens

Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,908. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Louise Platt. Deceased. Legal Description: 19. SE21' x 100' of Lot 5, NE28' x 100' of Lot 6, Block 30, B & R Addition, City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on the 3rd day of April, 2001, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 1st day of March,

2001, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 10 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

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HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 bedroom. 708 S. Amity Ave., Rule. Call 997-2370. 8tc

HOUSE FOR SALE: 4 bedroom, 2 living rooms, 2000 sq. ft. Water well, CH/A. 302 S. Ave. C. 940-997-0061. 10-13c

HOME FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, laundry room, garage, carport, water well. 1301 N. Ave. L, Haskell. Call 940-864-2855. 10-13p

FOR SALE: Brick home. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Remodeled. Hardwood floors. CH/A. Water well, cellar, garage and carport. 600 N. Ave. F. 864-5530. 12-15c

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Large utility, large dining area, 2 car garage, carport in back. Sets on 100x100 size lot. 864-2021 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Shown by appointment only. 12tc

HOME FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 baths, fireplace, large fenced backyard. Storage galore. Large apartment/office/workshop. Good location. Will sell with or without barn and 3+ irrigated acres. 304 S. Ave. H. 940-864-3651. 12tc

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)
District: Abilene
Contract 6068-24-001 for THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING & RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on April 4, 2001 at 1:00 a.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$794,911.34.
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 3055
State Office: Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
District Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79601. Phone 915-676-6800.
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The words 'thank you' just are not enough to say to you at this time. I will cherish your love and concern for me after the death of my son, Doyle. Your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits have meant so much to me. For this I say thank you.
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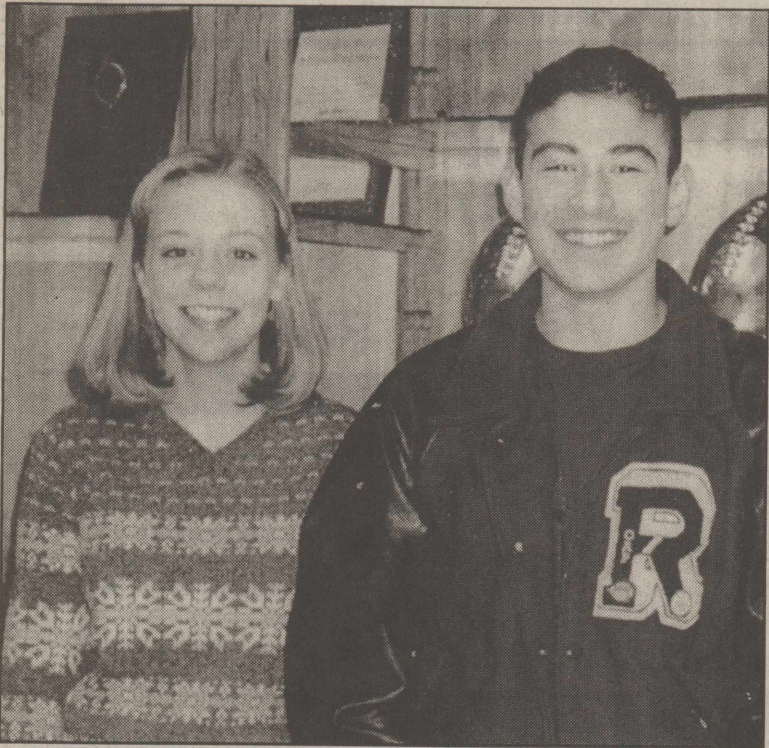
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SENIOR FAVORITES—Named Rule High School Senior class favorites are Janae Smith and Tony Navarrette.



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City Council meets

At the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council, Mar. 12, the Council appointed Brian Burgess as a new member of the Housing Authority Board, and re-appointed Wallace Bird to the Board.

After discussion of House Bill 1736, concerning the Telecom Collation formed to help bring advanced communication services to

rural areas, the Council voted for Haskell to join.

Action was taken to apply for a 50-50 matching grant of one hundred thousand dollars to replace park equipment.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday



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National Ag Week set March 18-24

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has announced that Mar. 18-24 is National Agriculture Week in Texas.

"During this week, we honor the farmers and ranchers whose dedication and commitment to the land and the people of Texas extends all year," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week is the time to honor the hardworking individuals in our state's food and fiber industry. It is also a good time to recognize the impact that agriculture has on our daily lives.

"In this new millennium, Texas' farm and ranch families face ever-increasing challenges. Yet, they continue to fulfill an enduring legacy that ensures people worldwide have an abundant, reliable and affordable supply of food, natural fiber, horticultural and other agricultural products," she said. The commissioner kicked-off National Agriculture Week in Texas with a proclamation signing Mon., Mar. 19, at the State Capitol.

Agriculture is the second-largest industry in Texas, generating \$80 billion throughout the state's economy. The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of

farms and ranches, and approximately 80 percent of the land is involved in some form of agricultural production. From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most diverse state in the nation in agricultural production. One out of every five working Texans has a job in agriculture.

Texas farmers and ranchers grow a lot of the food people eat every day-- onions, pecans, peaches, cabbage, melons, spinach, cucumbers and potatoes. Texas also is a big producer of cotton, cattle and poultry. In addition, trees are used to make computer paper, goat's milk to make cheese, corn

for cereal and for laundry detergent, and animal fats and proteins to make toothpaste and crayons. Also, antifreeze is a pork byproduct, and oyster shells are used for artificial reefs.

Agriculture also has a major role in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment. As we go forward to the new millennium, agriculture will continue to meet the basic needs of the world while providing opportunities for progress beyond food and clothing.

"For generations, Texas farmers and ranchers and their families have worked hard to build an industry that accounts for about 7 percent of the total U. S. agricultural income. Texas is the nation's second leading state in agricultural production," Combs said.

"It is incredible when you think that only a small number of people produce our food and fiber, and many times do so against difficult odds," she said. "Yet they continue to produce a quality, cost effective product that serves people worldwide. National Agriculture Week gives us an opportunity to recognize those producers who continue to enrich our lives."

Crop disaster payments

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced that payments of more than \$1.1 billion began March 16 under USDA's Crop Disaster Program. So far, about 450,000 applications from 160,000 farmers have been approved and more are expected. Final payments and statewide totals will be announced when all payments are made.

"American farmers are still feeling the pressure of low prices and in many cases, the effects of natural disasters," said Veneman. "These payments will assist farmers in this difficult time."

Signup for the CDP began Jan.

18. Farmers should contact their local USDA Service Center or Farm Service Agency county office to file an application. To be eligible, farmers must have suffered at least 35 percent loss to one or more of their 2000-year crops due to natural disasters. Eligible farmers will receive payment soon after approval of their application. The deadline to file an application will be announced later.

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, provided funds for the CDP. Last year, USDA issued more than

\$1.2 billion in crop disaster payments.

For information on this and other USDA program, contact your local USDA Service Center or the FSA local office, usually listed in telephone directories under "US Government, Department of Agriculture."

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 899 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Mar. 17, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Light cattle 2-4 higher. Stocker feeder cattle steady; packer cattle 1-2 lower.

Jerseys, Longhorns, Holsteins, cripples, knots, bad eyes and goons \$5-\$30/100# less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .36-.44; cutters, .38-.46; canners, .25-.35.

Bulls: bologna, .52-.57; feeder, .75-.81; utility, .48-.53.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.60; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.38; 400-500 lbs., 1.00-1.35; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.15; 600-700 lbs., .87-.98; 700-800 lbs., .83-.94; 800-up lbs., .74-.84.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.35; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.28; 500-600 lbs., .85-.96; 600-up lbs., .68-.93.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 475-625.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 675-830; aged or small, 550-650.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-950; aged or small, 575-675.

Students to make solar-powered cars

Students from Haskell Jr. High are putting their creativity to the test as they prepare to compete with other schools across the state in the Sixth Annual TXU Electric & Gas Model Solar Car Races.

It is no coincidence that these solar-powered cars, representing the cutting edge of renewable energy, will be built in schools served by TXU Electric & Gas, a national leader in the use of wind power, another renewable energy source.

They are among 34 schools that will meet for the regional qualifying races March 31 at Clack Middle School in Abilene. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., followed by judging at 11:00 a.m., with the actual racing of the cars to begin at noon.

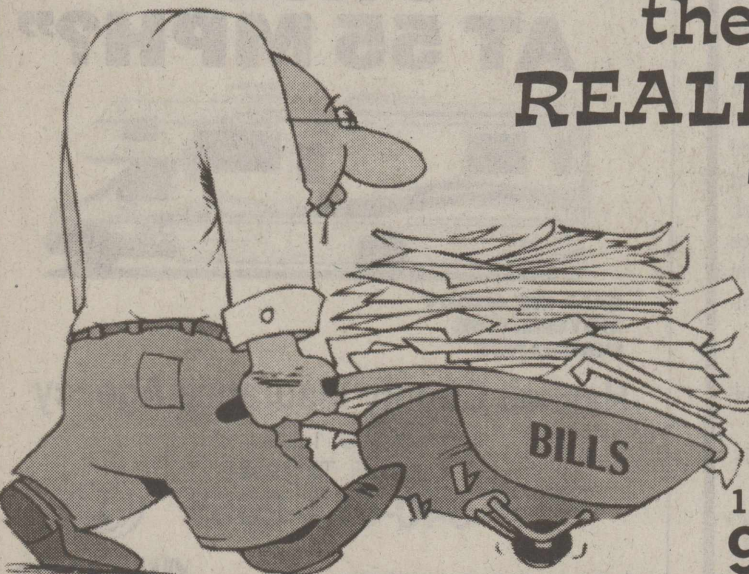
"These students are scoring a triple-play for the environment," said Shelley Burnett, TXU Electric & Gas representative. "They are

using solar technology, working in an area of Texas powered partly by wind energy and preparing for the celebration of Earth Day 2001."

A team from grades 6-9 at each participating school will build the model car from a kit, complete with solar collector, supplied by TXU Electric & Gas. Four winners from the area competition will advance to the championship race April 21 in Fort Worth to take on the winning schools from four other regions of Texas.

"The championship race will be held on the eve of Earth Day," said Burnett. "These races symbolize our commitment to the development of clean, environmentally friendly energy sources and they give the students hands-on experience with a prospective energy source of the future."

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