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Baseball games

Haskell vs Albany Fri., March 30, 5 p.m. at Albany

Haskell JV vs Albany Mon., April 2, 5 p.m. at Haskell

Haskell V vs Olney Tues., April 3, 5 p.m. at Olney

Softball games

Haskell TBA March 30 *******

Haskell V, JV vs. Albany Tues., April 3, 4:30 p.m. at Albany

Calendar

Brisket dinner

Boy Scouts from Troop 136 who will be attending the National Jamboree are sponsoring a brisket dinner Sun., April 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door or at Kay's Cleaners.

Softball Association

Haskell Girls Softball Association will register girls ages 5-18 Mon., April 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall Meeting Room. Coaches and volunteers should also register at this time.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting for Sun., April 1 has been cancelled.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., April 2 in the First National Bank Community Room at 7 p.m. Mrs. Bellinghausen's English students will present the program.

Storm sirens

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

Paint Creek reunion

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

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.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., April 5 at 9:30 a.m.

4-H Fashion Show

Haskell County 4-H clubs will present a Fashion Show Sat., March 31 at 3 p.m. at Wal-Mart in Stamford. 4-H'ers who would like to participate by modeling, reading commentaries, working music or performing other tasks should contact their club manager for instructions. For more information contact your club manager or the Haskell County Extension Office at 864-2658.

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TOP JUMPERS FOR HEART AND STROKE-Haskel! Elementary students winning first place in their class for raising the most funds during the annual Jump Rope for Heart Event were: front left, fifth grader Shelby Morrow, with \$645.75; second grader Nathan Meredith, with \$150.00; top left, fourth grader Kimie Hannsz, with \$175.00 and third grader Miranda Johnson, with \$125.00. Altogether, 189 students collected a total of \$3,868.74.

Eleven local PiPs students perform at Abilene Festival

Eleven players from the Haskell PiP group performed at the 10th Annual PiP Festival held in Abilene March 9 and 10. The PiP Festival is a gathering of members from all over Texas and Oklahoma. Players compete with other members of their age group in various events.

The Haskell Players competed in various individual events and as a group in the Mini-Group Performance. Places were given to the top two teams. While the Haskell "11 Little Indians" did not place in the top two they were very pleased with their performance and found it to be a great experience.

All eleven participating Haskell members competed in the individual events as well.

Austin Page competed in the first year 6 year old boys division in the Drop Pass, Spin, 2 Ball Dribble and the Between the Legs Pass. He placed second in the Drop Pass the fourth in the Spin.

Taylor Therwhanger competed in the second year 7 year old boys division in the Between the Legs Pass, the Obstacle Speed Dribble and the Figure 8 Dribble. He placed first in the Between the Legs Pass and second in the Obstacle Speed Dribble.

Kelsie Adams competed in the second year 8 year old girls division in the Obstacle Speed Dribble, Figure 8 Dribble, the Drop Pass and the 2 Ball Dribble.

Paige Adams competed in the second year 10 year old girls division in the 2 Ball Dribble, the Obstacle Speed Dribble, the Between the Legs Pass and a Trio Performance. She placed second in the 2 Ball Dribble.

Hanna Wallace competed in the second year 10 year old girls division in the PiP Lay-Ups, 2 Ball Dribble, the Between the Legs Pass and in a Trio Performance.

She placed third in the PiP Lay-Ups and fifth in the 2 Ball Dribble.

Ashton Rutkowski competed in the second year 10 year old girls division in the PiP Lay-Ups, the Between the Legs Pass, the Obstacle Speed Dribble and in a Trio Performance. She placed fifth in the PiP Lay-Ups, fourth in the Between the Legs Pass and third in the Obstacle Speed Dribble.

Rutkowski, Wallace and Adams competed together in their Trio Performance and won first.

Travis Adams competed in the second year 11 year old boys division in the Between the Legs Pass, the 2 Ball Figure 8 Dribble, PiP Shots and in a Duo Performance. He placed second in the Between the Legs Pass.

Weston Rutkowski competed in the second year 11 year old boys division in the Obstacle Speed Dribble, Fantasy Lay-Ups, PiP Shots and in a Duo Performance. He placed first in the Obstacle Speed Dribble, second in the Fantasy Lay-Ups and sixth in the

Adams and Rutkowski competed together in their Duo Performance and placed fourth.

Lacey Peiser competed in the second year 10 year old girls division in the Ankle-Waist-Ankle Circles, PiP Shots, Spin and Trio Performance. She placed first in the Ankle-Waist-Ankle Circles, fifth in the PiP Shots and fourth in the

Stephanie Grand competed in the first year 12 year old girls division in the Ankle-Waist-Ankle Circles, PiP Lay-Ups, Between the Legs Pass Around the Back and in a Trio Performance. She placed sixth in the PiP Lay-Ups.

Erin Hise competed in the first year 12 year old girls division in the PiP Shots, Fancy Lay-Ups and in a Trio Performance. She placed

the Fancy Lay-Ups. Hise, Grand and Peiser competed together in their Trio Performance and placed sixth.

Jump Rope for Heart funds raised by local students

Elementary second, third, fourth and fifth grade students jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in their sixth annual Jump Rope for Heart event.

One hundred and eighty-nine children participated with eighty collecting donations this year. The students raised \$3,868.74 for the American Heart Association. Funds raised for Jump Rope for Heart help fight heart disease and stroke, the nation's #1 and #3 killers.

The overall top collector was fifth grader, Shelby Morrow with \$645.75. Morrow almost doubled her donations from last year and has been the top collector three years running. In fourth grade, Kimie Hannsz collected the most

donations with \$175.00. The top collector in third grade was Miranda Johnson with \$125.00 and in second grade, Nathan Meredith had the most donations with \$150.00.

"This year's event was a big success," said Tiffany Thomas, Jump Rope for Heart coordinator/P. E. teacher. "I am very proud of all the jumpers and everyone seemed to have a lot of

Jump Rope for Heart is a program designed to promote physical fitness and heart health through the fun activity of jumping rope. It is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education,

Rural recycling collection set Friday, March 30

by Brandon Anderson

Haskell Co. Extension Agent The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is offering rural Texans the opportunity to dispose of empty plastic pesticide containers, used motor oil, oil filters and lead

acid batteries free of charge. Empty plastic pesticide containers must be clean, triplerinsed or high-pressure rinsed to be accepted. No hazardous waste or tires will be accepted. Oil filters will not be accepted from businesses and oil filters recycling is limited to two barrels per participant. All agricultural chemicals will be accepted excluding, pesticides or herbicides containing 2, 4, 5-T -Silvex (quantities less than 5 gallons can be accepted), biomedical wastes, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, fertilizers, nutrient materials that

are neither hazardous nor contain pesticide admixtures, pesticides or wood preservatives containing pentachlorophenol. The TNRCC reserves the right to refuse this service to businesses.

A collection will be held Friday, March 30 at the Haskell County Gin from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Haskell County Gin is located 1/2 mile north of Hwy. 380 on Ave. B

Texas Country Cleanup is cosponsored by the TNRCC's Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division, Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Department of Agriculture, Ag Container Recycling Council and the USAg Recycling.

For more information about the collection program, contact Brandon Anderson, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag at (940) 864-



ELEVEN LITTLE HASKELL INDIANS-Local members of Players in Progress performed at the 10th Annual PiP Festival in Abilene, Mar. 9-10. Competing with members from over Texas and Oklahoma in individual events and as a group, were: Austin Page, Taylor Therwhanger, Kelsie Adams, Paige Adams, Hanna Wallace, Ashton Rutkowski, Travis Adams, Weston Rutkowski, Lacey Peiser, Stephanie Grand and Erin Hise.

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JOE SWINNEY

Swinney receives certification

Joe Swinney, a Haskell County maintenance section employee, received a service certificate during a recent supervisors' meeting in Abilene. Swinney, a maintenance technician, was presented the award to honor his five years of service with the Texas Department of

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 407 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Mar. 24, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Short run due to rain. Jerseys, Longhorns, Holsteins, cripples, knots, bad eyes and goons \$5-\$30/100# less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .35-.44; cutters, .40-.47; canners, .20-.34.

Bulls: bologna, .50-.60; feeder, .68-.80; utility .45-.55.

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Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.35; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .85-.95; 600-up lbs., .55-.89. Bred Heifers: medium frame,

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Public notice bills threaten tradition

Texas has for decades worked to fully inform its citizens by requiring that public notices be printed in local newspapers.

Several bills now before the Legislature threaten that tradition of publishing important notices while allowing exclusive publication on the Internet, at the option of state and local governments.

There is nothing wrong with using the Internet to expand public notice. That's already happening without much prompting by the state. However, for the foreseeable future, newspapers remain vital to the process of public notice.

The bills are S.B. 872 by Jon Lindsay (R-Houston) and S.B. 853 by Sen. Chris Harris (R-Arlington). Lindsay's bill would allow for Internet posting of public bid notices. Harris' bill is more sweeping and would allow publication on the Internet of all public notices required by state law.

In both bills, electronic publication could be instead of, not in addition to, publication in newspapers.

Let's say up front that newspaper publishers likely would lose revenue because of the change. However, for most daily newspapers, legal advertising represents a small percentage of revenue, usually much less than 5 percent. The percentage for weekly newspapers is higher.

The real losers if this legislation passes would be the public.

In this debate, it is essential for all to understand the underlying purpose of such advertising; it is not just functional, aimed only at public officials and contractors who do business with the government. It is for everyone.

All citizens have a right to information about public bidding, meetings, tax foreclosure sales, and



DOLPH **TILLOTSON** Guest

Columnist

adoption of new tax rates and budg-

The fact is, not enough Texans have Internet access or use what they do have — at least not yet. A 1998 U.S. Department of Commerce study set Texas's statewide rate of access at only about 24.5 percent. Admittedly, that likely is somewhat higher today.

However, there remains an undeniable digital divide between those who have access to the Internet and those who don't. It appears obvious that those without Internet access are the most economically disadvantaged among us. Access also is much lower in rural than in urban

The best data available seems to be a June 2000 report titled "Government Services and Computer and Internet Use in Texas," compiled by the University of Texas. It concludes that about half of all Texans have at least limited Internet access, but fully half the polling sample agreed "the Internet is insufficiently available across the state to rely on it for providing govemment services."

Simply put, allowing Internetonly posting would put such information off-limits to all who do not possess the money, the skills and training, the hardware or software to surf the net. That's a bad idea.

It's an even worse idea when one considers how newspapers still may

Habit is an important part of what newspapers offer. The state of Texas has invested millions over the years in training citizens to look for public notices in their local newspaper. We should not toss this aside without a great amount of planning and thought.

Further, a majority of Texas newspapers already have their own Internet presence. The Texas Press Association reports that more than half of the state's 550 newspapers have Internet editions. Of those, 111 Texas newspapers currently are posting legal notices to the Internet.

In many cases (including The Galveston County Daily News), legal posting on the Internet is a free service offered to enhance the value and reach of legal advertising published in the paper.

Surely there is a way to harness the power of a print-Internet partnership to serve the people of Texas

Some in the Texas Legislature may relish the notion of taking a small amount of revenue away from their local newspaper.

Others may sincerely believe the state should make more and better use of Internet technology. It is hard to argue with that notion. It's also logical, however, that expansion onto the Internet should be phased and appropriate to the growth in genuine Internet access and use.

The bills on the table today could essentially end access to huge quantities of public information for all but our most technologically advanced - and wealthiest - citi-

It is an idea whose time has not

Dolph Tillotson is president and publisher of The Galveston County Daily News. He writes frequently on public information issues on behalf of the newspapers of Texas.

Obituaries

Wanda Bell Morrison

Funeral services for Wanda Bell Morrison, 75, of Haskell were held Wed., March 21 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jimmy Griffith, Rev. Kevin Hall, Dr. Troy Culpepper and Rev. Greg Rake officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Morrison died Mon., March 19.

Born April 24, 1925, she was the daughter of Cy and Dollie Johnson of Elbert. She graduated from Throckmorton High School in 1942 and married Pat Morrison July 1, 1944 in Newcastle. She had lived in Haskell County since 1952. For many years, she served as the secretary at Paint Creek School before retiring in 1986. A faithful member of First Baptist Church, Wanda loved to lead the singing in her Sunday School Department and to serve bereaved families. She was a loving mother, a de-

voted "Mamma," and an avid basketball fan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Janay Morrison; and a brother, Elmer brother. Wilburn Johnson and wife, E. D., of Elbert; one sister-in-love, Virginia "Sister" Johnson of Elbert; a number of nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Pallbearers were Andy Gannaway, Bob Aycock, Keith

Everett, Carl Milburn, Steve McGuire, Max Calk, Larry Cunningham and Phil Coleman. Honorary pallbearers were Don Nanny, Abe Turner,

Survivors include two daughters, Vicki Ashby and

husband, Mike, of Bonham and Jo McGuire and husband,

Mike, of Haskell; four grandsons, Chad Ashby of

Marshall, Scott Ashby and wife, Stephanie, of Euless,

Cy McGuire of College Station and Zac McGuire of

Haskell; one great grandson, Noah Ashby of Euless; one

Milbert Opitz, Floyd McGuire, Dr. Joe Thigpen, Dan Griffith, R. V. Earles and Charles Swinson.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 301

N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas 79521.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam

Slavton: three sons, Charles Hugh Slavton, Robert Wayne

Slayton and Curtis Ray Slayton; and siblings, Garnie Lee

Stephens, Arthur Hugh Stephens, Lila Mae Sifford, Lola

Survivors include one son, Franklin Wallace Slayton

of Rule; one daughter, Helen Janell Sonntag of Mesquite;

one brother, Joseph Arthur Stephens; and one sister,

Bessie Harwell and James Owen Stephens.

Lillie Pearl Slayton charter member of Grace Temple Baptist Church in

Funeral services for Lillie Pearl Slayton, 92, of Rule were held Sat., March 24 at Grace Temple Baptist Church in Terrell with Rev. Mike Smith and Rev. Toby Irwin officiating. Burial was in Oakland Memorial Park under the direction of Anderson-Clayton Bros. Funeral Home. Arrangements were by Holden-McCauley Funeral Home. Mrs. Slayton died Mon., March 19 in Haskell.

Born in 1908 in Temple, Okla., she married Sam Slayton Oct. 6, 1928 in Kaufman. He preceded her in death in December of 1964. She worked as a nurse's aide

at the state hospital in Terrell for 15 years. She was a

Margret Fay Kirk. Delila Petrich

Graveside services for Delila Petrich, 89, of Abilene were held Fri., March 23 in Roberts Cemetery near Haskell with Rev. Donald "Duckie" Boring officiating. Services were under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Mrs. Petrich died Mon., March 19 at an Abilene nurs-

Born Nov. 28, 1911 in Wise County, she worked as a nurse's aide at Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell for 17 years before her retirement. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. She moved to Abilene

from Haskell in 1985.

Survivors include one son, George Petrich of Placeville, Calif.; four daughters, Thelma Cowart of Milton, Florida, Rose Hass of Abilene, Annie Wolthers of Shalimar, Florida and Alice Gayle Haberkamp of El Paso; two brothers, Horace Boring of Anson and James Boring of Arizona; two sisters, Leta Bell Houdent of Decatur and Beaula Robertson of Bridgeport; 23 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Suez Shrine Center, Abell-Hanger P.T.F., 2915 Loop 306, San Angelo, Texas 79604.

John M. 'Jack' Rousseau

Funeral services for John M. "Jack" Rousseau, 78, of Haskell were held Sat., March 24 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Dr. David Page officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Rousseau died Thurs., March 22 at a local hospi-

Born April 7, 1923 in Cook County, he served in the U. S. Army in World War II. He worked as a maintenance foreman for the Texas Highway Department. He was a member of the American Legion, Haskell Country Club, First Baptist Church of Haskell where he was involved in the Businessmen's Bible Class. He was a avid

golfer and loved to spoil children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Travis James and Louise Q. Rousseau and two brothers, Mauzee and Boyd Rousseau.

Survivors include four sisters, Imogene Freshour and Evelyn Henderson, both of Haskell, Mary Henderson of Kemp and Ruby Pritchard of Abilene; one brother, Paul Rousseau of Haskell; one sister-in-law, Louise Rousseau of Oak Cliff; nieces and nephews: Jimmy Freshour of Big Spring, Martha Jarred of Haskell, Janie Stone of Early, Frank Henderson, Jr. of Kemp, Tony Pritchard of Plano, Diane Walker of Lawn, Sandra Galvan of Houston, Travis Rousseau and Billy Rousseau, both of Dallas; 14 great nieces and nephews, and 11 great great nieces and neph-

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Bobwhite, Buckskin camps available

by Lou Gilly Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Parents, got an ambitious teen with a little too much time on his or her hands this summer? Then consider "enlisting" your child in one of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Bobwhite or Buckskin Brigades. The camps use bobwhite quail and white-tailed deer as vehicles to equip young people with communication skills and leadership development in an outdoor setting. The skills they learn will serve them well regardless of their future career

The Buckskin Brigade is set for June 3 - 7 at La Bandera Ranch near Carrizo Springs. Dates and locations for the three Bobwhite Brigades are: Rolling Plains camp, June 23 - 27, Krooked River Ranch, Lueders; South Texas camp, July 15 - 19, La Bandera Ranch, Carrizo Springs; and East Texas camp, July 22 - 26, Pinewoods Conservation Center,

Cadet age limits are 13 - 17 years-old, but preference is given to incoming high school sophomore and junior students (15 - 16 years

The intensive four-day camps are designed to make quail or deer experts of their participants. Cadets are schooled in quail or deer biology and management by leading wildlife scientists from

4-H Clubs to meet April 2

The Junior and Senior Haskell 4-H Clubs will meet together Monday, April 2, at 6:00 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. A short business meeting will be held for both Clubs followed by a program.

The guest speaker will be Ron Opitz. Opitz is the Plant Manager for the Haskell Power Plant - AEP (American Energy Producer). The topic will be Energy. After the program, refreshments will be served. The meeting will adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Reminder to all 4-H'ers interested in the 4-H Photography Project: Deadline for pictures to be turned in to the Haskell County Extension Office is April 5 at 5:00 p.m. Pictures will be judged immediately following deadline.

across Texas. After graduation, each cadet is encouraged to present quail or deer management educational programs in his or her home county. The camps have earned several state and national awards for conservation education. The 300 cadets graduated since the camps' debut in 1993 have conducted over 3,000 educational

"I'm not sure who's more impressed with the camps - the cadets themselves or their parents," said Dr. Dale Rollins, San Angelobased Extension wildlife specialist and the camps' originator. "Each year I have a parent lament 'Where was this type of camp when we

"Every year after the camps I meet a lot of parents who ask whether there could be a career in wildlife management for their child. I tell them there are such careers, but to be successful, you have to outshine the competition. Camps like the Bobwhite and Buckskin Brigade provide a unique opportunity for youth to meet wildlife professionals. The teens can then decide whether this is really the line of work they want to

The camps' sponsors include: Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Quail Unlimited, local soil and water conservation districts and private landowners.

Applications can be obtained from the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell, or call County Agents Brandon Anderson or Lou Gilly at (940) 864-2658 or 864-2546 for more information.

Helen Holdsworth, San Antonio-based Bobwhite Brigade executive director, handles Bobwhite Brigade applications and information. She can be reached at 210-467-6578.

Tamara Trail, Educational Director for the Texas Wildlife Association, is in charge of Buckskin Brigade applications and information. Contact Trail at 1-800-839-9453.

Costs varies among the camps. Scholarships are available for those who request them for at least half the tuition. Organizers stress that inability to pay should not be a reason for not applying. Deadline for application is April 15.



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Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

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Ouida Sue Gibbs, formerly of Haskell, and Glen Hines were married Mar. 24, 1951 at the First United Methodist Church in Rule. The couple has lived in

Levelland forty-three years. They have four daughters, Glenda Gallagher, Linda Hines and Paula Crowder, all of Lubbock, and Nancy Welch of Big Spring.

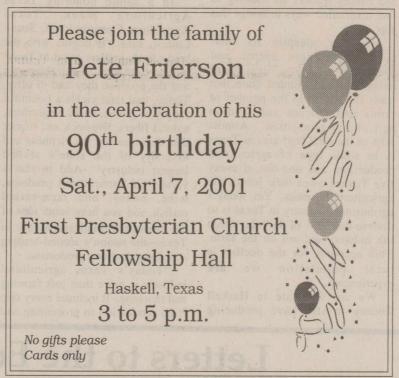
They have four grandchildren, Stephanie Arehart, Matthew Gallagher, David and Eric Welch, and one great grandson, Taylor

Births

Todd and Cherie Harris of Anson are the proud parents of a baby girl, Chianne Marie, born March 19 at Abilene Regional Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz.

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OPINION



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Much of what's going on in the Capital City these days has to do with liquidity in one form or the other.

In terms of financial House liquidity, the Appropriations Committee chaired by San Angelo Rep. Rob Junnell—has put a proposed pay raise for Texas' 228,000 state employees on hold.

That was something of a set back for state workers counting on a pay hike, since the week before the Senate Finance Committee had given the nod to a \$563 million state worker pay raise proposal.

The Senate measure, sponsored by Austin Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, would provide Texas' state workers with either a 5 percent raise or a \$100 a month salary increase, whichever was greater.

But state workers still have a chance of getting a raise.

As Junnell explained, he wants to wait until there are better numbers on how much health insurance for teachers will cost. Another variable is what the bottom line will be on the state's Medicaid costs.

The final pay raise decision will come some time in April or

container law Open progresses

All the talk about iffy pay raises, high tech layoffs and evaporating stock market values is enough to drive a person to drink. Just don't drink and drive.

If you do occasionally pop the top on a cool one, a measure making progress this session could dry up alcohol in motor vehicles.

A strengthened open container law, which would make it illegal for anyone to have an open alcoholic beverage in a vehicle, has made it out of committee.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving has advocated a tougher law for years.

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Current law only prohibits a driver from having an open

Since it's pretty easy for a driver who sees a police officer to hand his or her can or bottle to a passenger (assuming the officer has not seen the driver taking a swig), the current law is the legal equivalent of 3.2 beer.

One point still at issue is a part of the bill which says it still would be okay to keep booze in the trunk. But in a pickup, or a sport utility vehicle the requirement is to keep the alcohol behind the last upright seat. In a pickup, obviously, that could still be within reaching

Some folks see that as a watering down of the law.

Good ole H20

In the grand scheme of things, water is a lot more important than beer.

El Paso historian and writer Leon Metz opined in a recent article that El Paso is a city in

The biggest problem, he said, is water. Or lack of it. A decade from now, he said, the city could have serious water supply difficulties.

Water is a major issue almost anywhere in Texas.

Under consideration in the Legislature is Senate Bill 2, Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown's 61-page omnibus water bill.

The measure would create a Texas Water Policy Council, provide the blueprint for a groundwater management area and establish fees, fines and taxing authorities to pay for the state's 1997 Master Water Plan.

Almost everyone agrees that it's important to have a plan and start taking steps to make sure Texas has adequate water for the

The difficulty comes when you start talking about who gets how much water and from where. It'll be a fight.





From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

With the decline of the agricultural economy upon which Haskell has been built and largely dependent since the county was first laid out, it may be easy for us to feel that profitable agriculture is a thing of the past, having no relevance for our future.

And of course, given the continuing high costs of production and low returns in the market place, it surely may never again be the whole answer to our area's

This decline is the reason city and county leaders are looking to find diversified ways to bridge this

However, despite its fastgrowing business sector and commercial diversity, Texas is still an agricultural minded state that leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches and land in agricultural production. Almost 80% of the total land area in Texas is in some type of agricultural production, and one out of every five Texans owes their job to the agricultural business. Yet, today's agribusiness industry in Texas is so diverse that 98% of the jobs within the industry are not on the farm. This accounts for the decline in rural population we are experiencing.

We are fortunate in Haskell County to still have producing farms and ranches. We are proud of our farmers, and are aware of their continuing struggle to find equitable returns for their

investments and labors. Although the economic landscape of our county's future may have to change, we owe a debt of gratitude for the rich heritage left to us by those who opened up and developed this county, and to those who still continue to plant and work the farms and ranches. We honor their efforts.

In a salute honoring Texas Agriculture Week, Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Susan Combs, said, "It begins with the land. Early settlers came to Texas in search of acres to call their own and the promise they had to offer. Today, that land yields a bountiful supply of grains, fruits, vegetables, natural fibers, livestock and timber that distinguishes the richness and diversity of the state's second largest industry. Add to this a variety of horticultural products. wine, honey, and farm-raised catfish, and you have some idea of the strength behind agriculture in Texas--the nation's second-leading state in agricultural production.

"Today's Texas agricultural industry is more than just farming and ranching. It includes every step from production to processing and

from transportation to retailing. In short, everything necessary to get our agricultural products from the producer to the consumer.

"Texas agriculture is land management and space-age science. It is bankers and buyers. It is fashion designers and software engineers. It is research and technologies that have added quality and convenience to agricultural products of today and have our industry poised to meet the global demands of tomorrow.'

Ag Commissioner Combs, added that, "Texas agriculture begins with the land, but encompasses a dynamic, diversified industry providing products essential to our lives, livelihoods and lifestyles. And as we look to the future, Texas agriculture continues to stand as an economic giant as big and as broad as the Lone Star State itself.

As we here in Haskell County begin to open up and plow new fields of opportunity for economic growth we will continue to be enriched by our agricultural setting and background.

By wisely integrating the resources of our past and the diversified opportunities of the present, we can help assure a strong economic future for Haskell

We need parents to know "It's

Up to You" to make a difference in

a child's life. During the month of

April, helpful tips on childcare and

safety will be going out to parents

in our area, to provide information,

support and encouragement. We all

have opportunities to reach out to

parents in our families,

neighborhoods, places of worship

making child abuse prevention

efforts thrive in all aspects of our

community. Remember, "It's Up to

Haskell County Child Welfare

You" to help prevent child abuse.

This April, please be a part of

and places of employment.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

> 10 Years Ago March 28, 1991

A car owned by Melissa Greenwood was badly damaged when a large part of a tree fell on it while it was parked on the east side of the courthouse.

District Clerk Carolyn Reynolds and County Clerk Rhonda Moeller were among more than 450 county and district clerks and staff members who took part in the 19th annual County and District Clerks' Seminar at Texas A&M University.

20 Years Ago March 26, 1981

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Several area families made plans to organize the Haskell Horse Club. Nine members were elected to serve as the board of directors. They included: Cliff Morris, Bud Lane, Jerry Kuykendall, Phil Henshaw, Jerry Briscoe, Robert Weaver, Donna Chambers and Maxine Hannsz, all of Haskell.

The HHS tennis team placed second overall at the Quanah tournament. Don Kretchmer and Lupe Rojas of Haskell took top honors in boys doubles. Kerry Therwhanger tied for first place

Local farmers Rick Perry and Ken Lane joined other members of the Texas Farmers Union on Capitol Hill lobbying for new farm legislation.

30 Years Ago April 1, 1971

Haskell Jaycees Charles Thornhill, Leroy Macon, Bill Mercer and Don Comedy attended the Rattlesnake Round-up in San

The Paint Creek FFA Land Judging team placed second in District and fifth in Area at Abilene in the annual Abilene Christian College judging contest. Team members are Gary Shaw, Tommy Pritchard, Billie Green and Robert

Riva Hitt and Janay Tibbets of Rochester were named All-District guards for the 1971 basketball season. Louise Byrd was chosen All-District forward.

Three Haskell County students were named to the fall honor roll at North Texas State University. The three are Basil T. Murphy, Haskell; Gail Lehrmann, Old Glory; and Ives Trammel, Rule.

40 Years Ago March 30, 1961

Troveta Posey, 13-year-old student in Rochester schools, was named champion in the Haskell County Spelling Bee held in the High School auditorium.

Twenty-three Haskell High and Junior High School students participated in the University Interscholastic League Solo and Ensemble contests in instrumental music on the A.C.C. campus in Abilene. Scoring the top superior rating were J. D. Stocks, Dennis Rueffer and Robert Speer.

Selected as best actress in the district 6-AA play competition at Spur was Jan Herren of Haskell, with Sherry Burson, Haskell, runner-up and Phil Bledsoe of Haskell was runner-up for best actor title.

50 Years Ago March 29, 1951

Dedication service of the Independent Baptist Church will be April 3-8. Rev. J. H. Brown is pastor.

Four members of the Indian track squad will participate at the annual Invitation Track Meet in Brady. The track team is Eldon Amonett, Rufus Dodson, Bill Thomas and Frank Clarkson.

The Texas Theatre will discontinue all midnight shows.

90 Years Ago April 1, 1911

John Bell has purchased the Palace Market and sold his harness and saddle business to Swope and Whitman.

The Board of Trade, cooperating with the school trustees, has organized a boys hog club among the school boys. Fifteen boys were enrolled in the club.

Mrs. Stephens, who has been visiting her granddaughter Mrs. J. U. Fields, has returned to her home at Windom.

Vernon Cobb of the Cobb settlement was in the city Wednesday. He reports his part of the county in good condition and says that corn is up to a nice stand and that the land is in fine condition for cotton planting.

Letters to the Editor

Haskell County schools will

Dear Editor:

Children are a vital part of our communities. Their development will determine the future of our communities. It's up to us as a community to make a difference in our children's lives. It's up to all of us to keep children safe from abuse and neglect. We can do this as individuals and together as a community.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and this year's statewide theme is "It's Up to You." The Haskell County Child Welfare Board is hoping to create an awareness of child abuse and help educate people in our community on how to prevent it. During the month of April,

part of preventing child abuse in

participate in a different activity. each week to promote awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month. make our students aware of and a

Week one is "Blue Ribbon Week" and there will be cash prizes for students whose names are drawn and who are wearing their blue ribbons. During week two, poster contests will be conducted by the elementary grades, with the theme "It's Up to You: Ten Ways to Prevent Child Abuse." Bookmarks will be provided for every K-12 student during week three. Students will receive pencils and activity sheets during the fourth and final week of Child Abuse Prevention Month. With these activities, we hope to

25-member boys' "corn club" in Jack County, west of Fort Worth.

It was formed to teach children new methods of agricultural production and food preservation. But 4-H has evolved into an organization dedicated to the development of young people. It remains rooted in the heart of rural communities, but it thrives in cities - where most

Dear Editor,

Sincerely,

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to Haskell Elementary's Jump Rope for Heart event this year. I especially appreciate prize contributions from local merchants such as Dairy Queen, Sonic, Sport About and

I would also like to thank all the parents for being so understanding and allowing the kids to go out and collect donations.

Lastly. I am very proud of the second, third, fourth and fifth graders who unselfishly spent their spare time collecting donations to help such a wonderful cause.

Thanks to all you, this year's event was a huge success.

Tiffany Thomas Jump Rope for Heart coordinator/P. E. teacher

For more information on Texas Haskell http://www.texas4-h.tamu.edu.

4-H members reach million mark

Haskell Co. Extension Agent Each child in Texas 4-H is now

literally "one in a million." 1.2 million Texas children ages 5 to 19 took part in one or more 4-H programs last year.

Texas 4-H began in 1908 with a

Hospital

Admissions Robert Kirksey, Throckmorton Alice Griffin, Haskell Dismissals

Stephn Bracken, Willie Castillo, Joe Teague, Vernon Wofford, Dixie Asher, Montie Muse, Alex Godsey, Elbert young people in Texas now live. In fact, more than half of Texas 4-H'ers live in Houston and surrounding Harris County. Harris County actually has more 4-H'ers than any other state.

4-H, visit the Web site at

County Agent urges livestock owners to be vigilant about foot-and-mouth disease

by Brandon Anderson Haskell Co. Extension Agent Governmental and industry precautions against bringing footand-mouth disease into the United States are at a all-time high, with animal health officials urging livestock owners to be continually vigilant against the disease which is ravaging much of the livestock industry in Great Britain and

The U. S. Government last week began disinfecting some European travelers' shoes, luggage and clothing to protect American livestock from the disease. Also, U. S. Department of Agriculture health inspectors are closely questioning airline passengers returning from the European countryside.

The Texas Animal Health Commission is presently printing posters and accompanying brochures and placing them in livestock auctions, feed stores, local coffee shops and anywhere livestock owners might congregate. People needing further information may also receive a brochure by contacting the TAHC office, (512) 719-0700, ext. 710 or 734.

According to the Texas Animal Health Commission, foot-andmouth disease has been diagnosed in 34 countries during the past 18 months. The latest outbreaks have occurred in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Argentina and France. On March 20, officials announced the Netherlands might be the second nation in continental Europe after France to have livestock diagnosed with the disease, the Reuters wire service reported. Agriculture Ministry officials in the Netherlands said preliminary tests showed antibodies to the illness.

The only continents currently free of the disease are North America, Australia and Antarctica. According to Dr. Bruce Lawhorn, veterinarian with the Texas Agricultural Extension

Service and Department of Large Animal Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, the highly contagious disease can cause serious, chronic illness in clovenfooted animals such as cattle, swine (feral or wild and domestic), sheep, goats, captive and wild deer, elk, bison and llamas. It also can cause high mortality in young livestock, such as pigs

Livestock develop blisters in the mouth, tongue, muzzle, teats and skin between the hooves of infected animals, Lawhorn said.

Dogs and cats cannot get the disease but can be "mechanical carriers" - they can infect livestock after being contaminated with the virus, he said.

"If you travel to Europe or any continent having recent outbreaks, don't take a chance on bringing it. back on clothing or footwear," he said. "Laundering clothes and disinfecting boots and shoes before returning is very important."

Ranchers, swine producers and other livestock owners need to remain vigilant to keep the disease out of the United States.

Lawhorn's recommendations

·Limit vehicle traffic and visitors to your property. If you were planning to have visitors from countries with foot-andmouth disease, postpone their

•Make sure footwear that has been worn anywhere off the farm is cleaned and disinfected before being worn on your premises.

•Swine producers are accustomed to isolating new animals for 30-60 days before being introduced to the farm. This bio-security measure should be practiced at least for 14 days by other livestock producers

since foot-and-mouth disease is usually apparent in animals infected for five days or less (except sheep may take longer to show obvious lesions).

•Swine premises approved for the use of waste food should continue to follow the requirement of boiling table scraps for at least 30 minutes before feeding.

Animals cannot currently be vaccinated in the U.S., Lawhorn

"A vaccinated animal has antibodies, just like an infected animal, so the kicker is, if an outbreak were to occur and government officials use vaccination to limit the spread, the vaccinated animals must eventually be slaughtered before international trade can be resumed," he explained.

People who visit farms in foreign countries are encouraged to be completely frank and indicate this on the U. S. Customs form when returning to the United States. This will generate an interview by a U.S. Department of Agriculture official, but it is time well spent since any necessary decontamination steps will help keep foot-and-mouth disease out of our country, Lawhorn said.

Don Harris

Travelers should expect to have their luggage inspected and any meat products they may have with them taken away and incinerated at a facility near the airport.

The USDA has established a toll-free telephone center to respond to questions from the public, industry and media regarding its response to the outbreak of footand-mouth disease in Europe. The number is (800) 601-9327.

The phone center is staffed by veterinarians and import/export experts from USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service who can explain the restrictions and regulations regarding people and products arriving at U. S. ports-of-entry from foot-and-mouth affected countries.

Any suspicious signs or lesions in animals should be immediately reported to the Texas Animal Health Commission, (800) 550-8242. Suspicious cases may also be reported to any veterinarian in the state or to the Texas Veterinary Diagnostic Lab at (979) 845-3414 or toll-free at (888) 646-5623.

More information is available on the Texas Animal Health Commission Web site. http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/

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San Angelo Relays results

The Haskell High School boys placed fifth with 38 points in Division IV at the San Angelo Relays Saturday, March 24.

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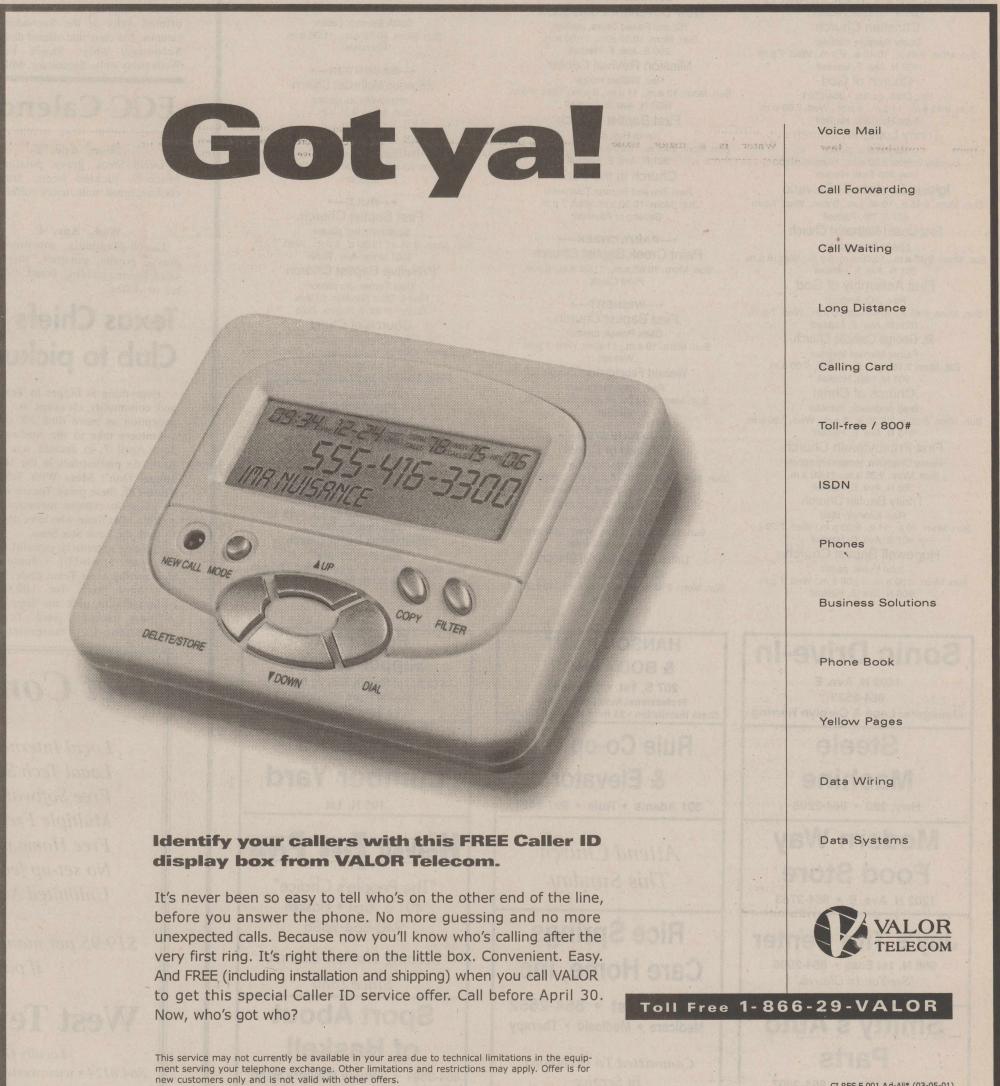
Cook burgers to correct temperature

by Lou Gilly Haskell Co. Extension Agent People who cook burgers on gas grills could have a food safety problem if they rely on color to determine when the meat is adequately cooked. USDA researchers found that burgers with brown centers are not necessarily cooked and safe to eat.

The researchers cooked ground beef patties on a gas grill and used a thermometer to determine when the burgers reached safe temperatures. The also cooked burgers until the meat color turned brown without using a thermometer. Premature browning was not evident in frozen patties that were thawed and then cooked. However, beef that was frozen in bulk, thawed, formed into patties and immediately cooked showed brown color at unsafe temperatures.

The research confirms current USDA recommendations: always use a meat thermometer to be sure that burgers are cooked to one hundred and sixty degrees Fahrenheit.





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BATTER UP-Melissa Buerger, Haskell junior, goes to bat for the team during the Varsity Girls' winning 21-0 softball game with Olney, Fri., Mar. 23. Photo by Bill Blankenship

This Week's Devotional Message:



During our childhood, we were often so them all the year 'round. They are the carried away with April Fool jokes that ones who consider attending their House we continued them the next day. Then, of Worship a waste of time, because things someone would admonish us with the are going well for them at the moment. So little two-liner, "April Food is past; you're don't be a fool, but start now-if you the biggest fool at last!" However, after haven't already-to seek God's help and we grew up, we learned that fools are not guidance. Then, when something does go hard to find, and that we don't have to wrong, you'll be better prepared to solve wait for a special occasion but can see it or cope with it. It's the wise thing to do.

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.

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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.

---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

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·--ROCHESTER---Church of Christ Steve Wilis, 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.

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. 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

Artuo Jr. Floves 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

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HEATHER STEELE



MEGAN BIRD

Students visit Rotary Club

Heather Steele is the daughter of Bill and Pam Steele.

In school she is active in softball and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

A member of the A-honor roll, she was named 1st team All-District catcher in her sophomore year and received honorable mention All-District in her junior year.

Being with friends is her favorite leisure activity.

After finishng high school, she plans to attend Texas Tech

Megan Bird is the daughter of Ricky and Sharon Bird.

She is active in basketball, cheerleading and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a member of the A-honor roll, was chosen Sophomore of the

Year and received honorable mention All-District. Among her favorite things to do

in her leisure time are being with friends, talking on the phone and listening to music.

After finishing high school she plans to attend Texas Tech

Haskell School Menu

April 2-6 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Monday: Pigs in a blanket Tuesday: Breakfast pizza Wednesday: Cereal, toast Thursday: Sausage and biscuit Friday: Cinnamon 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: Steak fingers with gravy, macaroni and cheese, green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad Tuesday: Chili beans with cheese, cornbread, coleslaw, orange Wednesday: Popcorn chicken,

hot rolls, peanut butter pie Thursday: Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, tortilla chips and salsa, Spanish rice, sliced peaches

mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables,

Friday: Tuna sandwich or pimento cheese sandwich, French fries, pickle spears, apple

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Apr. 2

Lunch-Steak, gravy, potatoes, broccoli, pickled beets, fruit, cookies, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Wed., Apr. 4

Lunch-Meatballs, mushroom gravy, greens, potatoes, tossed salad, banana pudding, bread, milk,

Fri., Apr. 6 Lunch-Beef cheese macaroni, cabbage slaw, green beans, brownies, bread, milk, tea or coffee Announcements begin at 11:45

a.m. followed by lunch. All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club to pickup trash April 7

Everything is bigger in Texas and community cleanups are no exception as more than 100,000 volunteers take to the roadways Sat., April 7, to declare war on trash. As participants in the 16th annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off, these proud Texans will be going to extreme measures to pick up after those who have dared to trash the Lone Star State.

'We're extremely grateful for the way Trash-Off volunteers demonstrate their Texas pride, but it's hard work for 100,000 volunteers to pick up after 17 million people," said Texas Department of Transportation

(TxDOT) Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell.

In Haskell County, one of the

Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) groups has already signed up to participate in the Trash-Off. That group is the Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club headed up by Ervin Frierson. Look for them around 9 a.m. April 7 east of the city on US 380. Other AAH groups in Haskell County wishing to take part in the clean-up still have time to sign up, Mary Beth Kilgore. Abilene district AAH coordinator, said. To sign up call Erlinda Mayfield, Haskell County AAH coordinator, at 940-864-

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Real Estate

Public Notices

PUBLIC HEARING

Texas Parks & Wildlife Program

public hearing at 7:00 a.m. April 9,

2001 at City Hall for the purpose of

reviewing elements contained in a

parks improvement application that

will be submitted to the Texas Parks

& Wildlife Department. Persons

with disabilities wishing to attend

this meeting should contact City

Hall to arrange for assistance. Writ-

ten comments will also be accepted

by the City until the public hearing

Public Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

sued out of the District Court of

Haskell County, Texas, styled: In

Re: The Delinquent Taxes of Farm-

ers Gin Company; Cause No.

10,953; I, David Halliburton, Sher-

iff of Haskell County, Texas, and

Kenny Watson, Chief Appraiser of

the Haskell County Appraisal Dis-

trict, on or about the 7th day of

March, 2001, did levy upon and

seize all of the furniture, fixtures,

machinery, equipment, inventory

and vehicles belonging to Farmers

Gin Company, Rochester, Haskell

Pursuant to the terms of such

Tax Warrant, such property will be

sold at public auction, to be con-

ducted at Farmers Gin Company,

Rochester, Haskell County, Texas,

at 1:30 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday,

April 10, 2001. The property may

be inspected, prior to the sale, be-

ginning at 1:00 p.m. on the day of

but is not limited to, the following:

1) Farmall 560 LP Gas Tractor, 2)

John Deere Tractor w/blade, 3)

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Cargo Star 50, 4) Clark Forklift, 5)

Assorted gin equipment and tools,

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Thanks again,

Kenny, Susan and Chase Cockerell

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 Thank you, dear friends, for your love and encouragement expressed with hugs and prayers, calls and cards, food and flowers. God has blessed our family with your friendship and His presence. We have received strength for this time from both.

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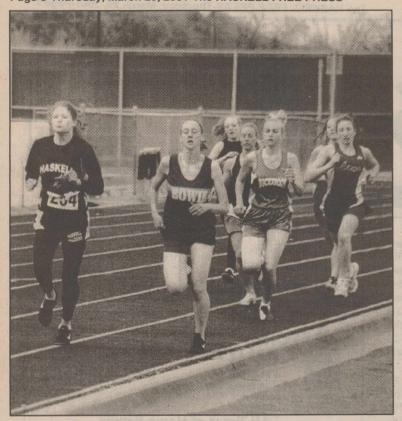
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FAST TRACKING-Brittany Lindsey of Haskell led the field to win first place in the 800 Meter Run at the Possum Kingdom Relays, Photo by Bill Blankenship

Pasture Recovery Program underway

Beginning March 26, the Haskell County Farm Service Agency will be accepting applications for the 2001 Pasture Recovery Program (PRP), announced Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director. The Pasture Recovery Program provides financial assistance to producers who own or operate pastureland on which livestock is normally grazed, but was damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster, not limited to drought, during calendar year 2000.

PRP will be available only in counties that have been approved for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) for natural disaster damage sustained in calendar year 2000. Eligible land must be established pasture utilized for grazing and does not include land from which hay or silage is normally harvested.

"Texas farmers and ranchers have suffered extensive losses over the past year and pastureland is no exception," said Brzozowski. "The Pasture Recover Program will help farmers and ranchers re-establish pasture that has been damaged or destroyed to the extent that reseeding is required. Sign-up will begin March 26 and run through May 11," he said. No applications

will be accepted after the final date. According to Brzozowski, 2001 PRP payments will be calculated at 65 percent of the average cost of reestablishing the approved forage crop. Authorized PRP conservation practices are limited to reseeding with seedbed preparation and reseeding without seedbed preparation. Payment rates for these practices are established by the FSA State Committee and provide for the cost of seed, seeding



and fertilizer on a per acre basis. Seeding mixtures must be preapproved by the Farm Service

Producers interested in PRP must own or operate land approved for PRP and utilize the land for

livestock grazing purposes. PRP applicants are responsible for restoring and maintaining the forage crop on eligible land for the duration of the three-year PRP contract. Additionally, the applicant's gross annual income cannot exceed \$2.5 million and individuals must certify that pasture damage resulted from occurrence of a natural disaster.

"FSA welcomes this opportunity to help Haskell County livestock producers recover from the devastating drought of 2000," said Brzozowski. "Maintaining good cover on grazing lands benefits the livestock industry and reduces the potential for loss due to erosion," he said.

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to provide \$40 million in PRP assistance by Section 806 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,

For more information regarding Pasture Recovery Program eligibility and to schedule an appointment to file an application, contact the Haskell County office at 940-864-2617.



IN THE FAST TRACK-Stephanie Hodge of Haskell, center, outdistanced the field to win 1st place in the 100 Meter Dash at the Possum Kingdom Relays, Mar. 17. Photo by Bill Blankenship



RUNNING AHEAD AT POSSUM KINGDOM-Haskell's Tyrone Billington takes 1st place in the 100 Meter Dash at the Possum Kingdom Relays, Sat., Mar. 17. Photo by Bill Blankenship





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