Basketball games

Haskell JV-B, V-B vs Stamford Fri., Feb. 8, 6 p.m. at Stamford Softball games

Haskell, Eula, Clyde, Hawley Scrimmage Sat., Feb. 9, TBA at Haskell

Haskell, Eula, Clyde, Hawley Scrimmage Tues., Feb. 12, 6 p.m. at Haskell

Calendar

Fish fry dinner

The Paint Creek Senior Class of 2002 will hold a catfish dinner Sun., Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Paint Creek Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door and \$3 for children. Proceeds will benefit the senior trip to DisneyWorld.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Mall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Feb. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will hold a variety show and silent auction Fri., Feb. 22 at the new Rolling Plains Regional Jail beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased from any advisory committee member, he Noah Project office in the

courthouse or at the door. Barbecue and all the trimmings will be served. Proceeds benefit victims of family violence served by the group.

Gardeners to meet

A program on "Garden Plan and Varieties" will be presented Mon., Feb. 18 at 6:45 p.m. at Haskell National Bank Community Room by Texas Cooperative Extension Crooked River Master Gardener Association. Steve Chaney, C.E.A. Horticulture of Wichit County, will present the program. For more information, call Haskell Co. Extension Office at 864-2658.

Smorgasbord

Members of the Bethel Lutheran Church will host a wedish smorgasbord Sat., Feb. 23 in Ericksdahl. Tickets are \$12. Seatings are at 5:00, 6:00, 6:45 and 7:45 p.m. For reservations, call Gina Buerger 915-773-5226 or Tena Tankersley 915-773-

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Feb. 14 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room, 600 S. Second St. in Haskell. Clinic times are 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., Feb. 8 at noon. Final plans for the fund-raiser to be held at the Rolling Plains Regional Jail will be discussed.

ECC peach cobblers

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will be taking orders for peach cobblers through Feb. 11 at 5 p.m. Two sizes are available: a 16 serving size is \$10 and a 8 serving size is \$5. Orders can be picked up Feb. 12 after 3 p.m.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Becky Tubbs, well known artist from Anson, will be the guest artist doing a watercolor.

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Upper-level college courses to be offered in Has

After an accumulation of negotiations over several years, more progress was made last month

toward offering citizens of the Rolling Plains access to upper-level college classes leading to a college

On January 25, representatives

met in Haskell with prospective students, reviewed transcripts and prepared degree plans. Forty

prospective students came from the local area and from as far away as Aspermont and Anson. Actual classes should begin in summer 2002.

With the goal of becoming a satellite campus, Midwestern University will offer bachelor of applied arts and sciences and bachelor of applied science with teacher certification degree programs. Principal certification will also be offered. Haskell CISD Superintendent Billie McKeever said "We hope to later expand and offer business and nursing degrees as well."

Currently, Haskell has an articulation agreement with Vernon College for junior classes.

"Haskell is the last area in the state not served by an easily accessible four-year college," McKeever said. "This will give people of the area an opportunity to receive a degree here in Haskell."

Upper level classes will be taught by MSU professors, local people and through distance learning. Classes will be held at Haskell Secondary School.

Obtaining these courses was made possible through a collaborative effort, McKeever said. "School officials worked with county officials, Mayor Ken Lane, the Economic Development Board, State Representative David Counts, Governor Rick Perry and former Haskell school board member, Texas' First Lady, Anita Perry."

To learn more information about the upper-level college classes, contact Superintendent McKeever at 940-864-2602.



REVIEWING THE PROSPECTS-Midwestern State University education personnel, Dr. Ann Estrada, program chairman; Dr.

certification officer, prepare to review education credentials of 40 prospective students of upper-level undergraduate courses that

Michaelle Kitchen, associate professor, and Dr. Clarence Darter, will be offered at Haskell Secondary School, beginning this summer.

On a fact-finding mission to gather information about the Rolling Plains Regional County Jail and Detention Center, a representative of the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons visited the facility, Tues.; Jan 29. He was accompanied by Congressman Charles Stenholm's District Manager, Mark Lundgren of Stamford.

Congressman Stenholm also assisted in arranging for the Immigration and Naturalization Service to send a site selection coordinator from the Dallas Regional Office to visit the local site on Thurs., Feb. 7. Lundgren will again accompany them.

Haskell County and City of Haskell have invited the county judges, commissioners and sheriffs from 14 regional counties to attend an informal meeting and tour of the Regional County Jail facility Fri., Feb. 8. Management and Training Corporation (MTC) will host a lunch and provide information about operations of the jail as well as

respond to questions from the county officials. Some of the counties have already agreed to use the facility to house their inmates and other

counties are considering doing so. Other federal and state agencies are being contacted to conduct site visits as soon as possible. These visits by the agencies that house inmates in facilities like the one in Haskell County is the first step in securing a contract or agreement with them to use the newly constructed

Management and Training Corporation, with whom Haskell County and the City of Haskell have contracted to operate the facility, are already on site and preparing to start up the operation. MTC has a temporary office at 407 South 1st

Street in Haskell. Committed to purchasing locally as much of their start-up material and supplies as is feasible, MTC has already purchased or contracted to purchase two pickup trucks and three vans for their operation. A unit in Post will use one of the vans.

More than 50 televisions have been purchased locally and a number of local firms are bidding on other items, such as sports equipment, hardware, tools, office supplies,

medical supplies, etc. MTC has employed 21 new employees as of Jan. 25, and 14 of the employees began training Jan. 26. Five of the new employees are already certified as security officers, and two do not require the training. Twelve of the new employees receiving training will be security officers. One of the employees will work in maintenance and one will be

a cook. Included in the 21 employees are

an accountant, a secretary and a lieutenant, who will be supervisor of the security personnel. Four more security officers will be employed in the next few weeks.

James Elam, Director of the Development Corporation of Haskell, said the County, the City of Haskell, the Development Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce are pleased that MTC is committed to hiring and purchasing locally where possible.

After almost four years of concentrated effort on the part of many, the new Rolling Plains Regional County Jail and Detention Center will be dedicated Sat., Feb.

23 at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony and tour the facility. MTC will host a barbecue lunch at noon.

Several elected officials who represent the area have been invited to attend and speak at this event. The list includes: Governor Rick Perry, U. S. Congressman Charles Stenholm, Commissioner of Agriculture Susan Combs, Speaker of the House Pete Laney, Texas Senators Craig Estes and Robert Duncan, State Representatives Rick Hardcastle, David Counts and Robert Junell and the Executive Director of the Commission on Jail Standards, Terry Julian.

realignments

While some schools in Region 1 District 8 were realigned during the UIL Biennial Reclassification process Monday, Haskell sports teams will remain at 2A for the next two years. The deciding factor for 2A classification was made on the basis of an enrollment from 180 to 344. In the last four biennial reclassification periods, from 1994 to 2002, the minimum enrollment number for 2A qualification has

increased by ten every period. This year Hamlin and Albany have been dropped from Class 2A to Class A. Hamlin is now in District 9A and Albany is in District 12A.

Teams in District 8-2A are Anson, Cisco, Clyde, Eula (basketball only) Eastland, Haskell, Hawley and Stamford.

Region 2 District 7 six-man football teams are Aspermont, Paint Creek, Jayton, Lueders-Avoca, Rule

Region 3 District 9 six-man teams are Benjamin, Chillicothe, Guthrie, Harrold, Rochester and Vernon Northside.



VISITING THE SCHOOL BOARD-Haskell Elementary Accelerated Reading students in the sixth grade were recognized during the Jan. 24 school board meeting for outstanding achievement in reading. These top readers had passed over 400 AR tests since the beginning of the school year. Back row, I-r, Jennifer Farber, Leslie Tonche, Laura Gonzalez and Hannah Page. Front, Eric Markunas, Meredith Harvey, Paige Wheatley and Ashley Belcher.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 411 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Feb. 2, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cattle 1-2 higher. Feeders steady to 1 higher. Demand good on all classes of cattle.

Jersey, longhorns, holsteins, cripples, bad eyes, knots, \$5-\$30 less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .36-.45; cutters, .38-48; canners, .20-.30.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.58; feeder:

Bulls: bologna, .48-.58; feeder: 65-75; utility: 34-49

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200 - 300 lbs., 1.10-1.50; 300-400 lbs., .98-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .92-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .88-.95; 600-700 lbs., .84-.92; 700-800 lbs., .75-.86; 800-up lbs., .68-.80.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.35; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.00; 400-500 lbs., .78-.95; 500-600 lbs., .75-.90; 600-up lbs., .60-.80.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 525-650.

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Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 775-900; aged or small, 625-725.



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Obituaries

Lillian Buerger

Kuenstler officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Buerger died Tues., Jan. 29 at an Abilene hospital.

Born March 25, 1930 in Tabor City, N. C., she was the daughter of Lacy and Mazie Suggs. She married Willie Buerger Aug. 7, 1957 in Conway, S.C. She was a homemaker and enjoyed needlework. She was a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Wendell Craig Buerger.

Survivors include her husband of Haskell; one son and daughter-inlaw, Fritz and Jerri Buerger of Haskell; two daughters and sons-inlaw, Brenda and Ted Evans of Abilene and Vivian and Randy Luster of Grapevine; four brothers, James Suggs of St. Petersburg, Florida, Lacy Suggs Jr. of Chadbourn, N.C. Robert Suggs and Thomas Suggs, both of Tabor City, N.C.; six sisters, Elouise Payne of Smithfield, Virginia, Verniece Shaw, Hilda Shaw and Carolyn Smith, all of Chadbourn, N.C. LouFloy Harrelson and Maggie Suggs, both of Whiteville, N.C.; 10 grandchildren, Joseph, Matthew and Benjamin Pace, Jena Sedberry Vaughan, Christy Sedberry Doughty, Melissa, Monica and Michael Buerger, Wendell Craig Buerger Jr., and Daniel Buerger; two great great grandchildren, Brenden Vaughan and Hunter Wayne Doughty.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association or M. D. Anderson Hospital.

Zora Maxine Medford

Funeral services for Zora Maxine Medford, 88, of Haskell were held Mon., Feb. 4 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Shane Brue officiating. Burial was in Howard Cemetery.

LILLIAN BUERGER

Buerger, 71, of Haskell were held

Thurs., Jan. 31 at First United

Methodist Church in Haskell with

Rev. Shane Brue and Rev. Truett

Funeral services for Lillian

Mrs. Medford died Fri., Feb. 1 at a local hospital.

She liked to camp and travel. In her early years, she

She liked to camp and travel. In her early years, she was a member of 4-H. She retired from Haskell Memorial Hospital as head of food services. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Guinn Medford and great granddaughter, Cristi Bates.

Survivors include one daughter, Flossie Bates of Haskell; one son, Bobby Medford of Haskell; one sister, Joyce Bunkley of Abilene; seven grandchildren, one stepgrandson, 17 great grandchildren, three step-great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Robert Bartley, Mike Guess, Don Thompson, John Sam Rike, Danny Medford, W. O. Elmore, Joel Nanny and Ben McGee.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church in Haskell or the donor's favorite charity.

PD. NOTICE

Edward Owen Aikin

Memorial services for Edward Owen Aikin, 51, of Big Spring will be held Sat., Feb. 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Dale Huff and Bret Anderson officiating. A private (family only) gathering will accompany the interment of the cremains in the Rochester cemetery. John Greeson, minister of Rule Church of Christ, will preside.

Mr. Aikin died Fri., Jan. 25 in Big Spring. He had requested that his remains be cremated. Those services were

handled by Nalley-Pickle-Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Born June 13, 1950 in Eugene, Oregon, he was a disabled Viet-Nam and Korean veteran.

Survivors include his parents, Owen and Elda Aikin of Rochester; one brother, Otto Aikin and his wife, Cindy, of Snyder; and one sister, Linda Kay Aikin of Dallas.

Sheriff issues appeal in fight against crime

Responding to an increase in the number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff David Halliburton has announced that Haskell County Citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association

Membership appeals from the Sheriffs' Association will go out in the mail shortly. The funding from membership dues provides critically technical resources, training and legislative support on key criminal

justice issues.

In addition, dues will used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and

safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers. Contributions to the fund are tax-deductible.

"With government funding

becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the Associate Membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before," said Sheriff Halliburton. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play."

The Associate Membership Program was begun to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local sheriffs protect lives and property of citizens.

of Haskell

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," the sheriff said. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It's a valuable investment in our future."

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a nonprofit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of Texas citizens. The executive director is Steve. M. Westbrook. The headquarters are located in Austin.

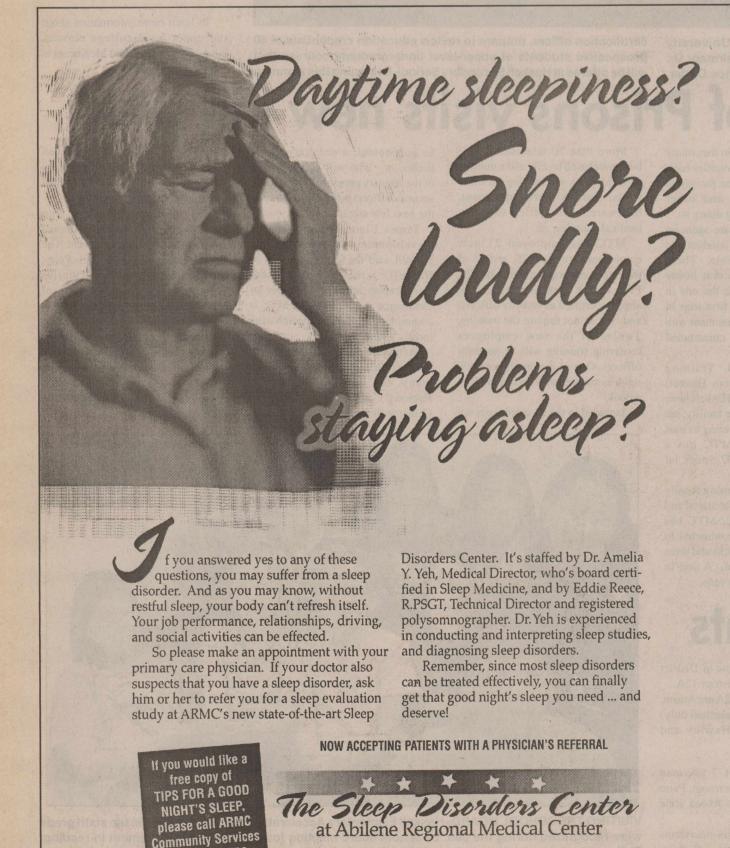
The Sheriffs' Association of Texas does not make solicitations by phone. Any such phone calls from someone who uses the Association's name should be reported to the local sheriff or county district attorney.

or county district attorney.

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can obtain it by contacting the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at 1601 S. IH-35, Austin,

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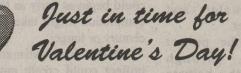
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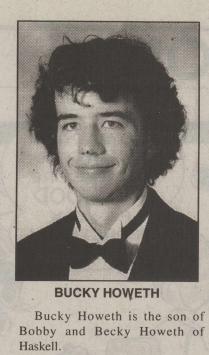
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Active in track, he attended the State Track Meet as an alternate and was a Cross Country Regional qualifier in his sophomore year. In his junior year he competed at the Texas Relays. In his senior year, he was named Most Spirited.

Running, listening to music and hanging out with friends are his favorite pastime activities.

After finishing high school, he plans to move to California in the not too distant future.

Kyle Michaels is the son of Betty and Steve Michaels of Haskell.

He attends First Baptist Church. In school he is active in football, baseball, F.F.A., F.S.A. and band. He was voted Class Favorite in the

7th and 12th grades and named Best Eyes as a senior.

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attend Hardin-Simmons University

or South Plains College to study

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the 2002 Fort Worth Stock Show, Jan. 13. **Aubrey Bassett wins** at paint horse show

ALL AROUND WINNER-Aubrey Bassett of Haskell sits astride

One Terrific Journey after winning two first places, one second

and one fifth place in the Western Pleasure Walk-Trot Class at

competed in the Western Pleasure Walk-Trot class at the Paint Horse Show at the Fort Worth Stock Show,

Competing against 17 other contestants ages 11 years old and under, she was judged by four judges, and was awarded two first-place prizes plus a second place and a fifth place. This made her winner of the circuit award for the walk-trot class. As winner of the overall class award

she was given a stock show blanket. The daughter of Tom and Kim Bassett of Haskell, Audrey has been

Aubrey Bassett of Haskell near Abilene, under the guidance of trainer Caprize Hammett. The horse she rode is named One Terrific Journey, and is owned by Belinda Dutton at Spirit Wind.

Audrey plans to compete at the San Antonio and Houston Stock Shows in February and March.

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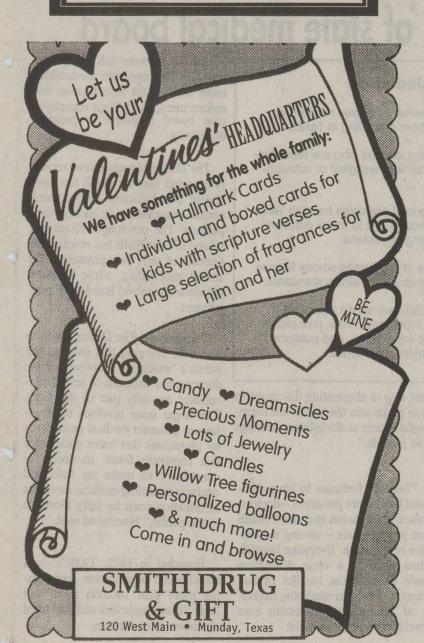
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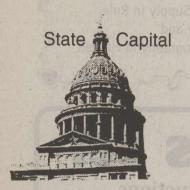
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN - One of the first laws dealing with transportation in Texas provided that each county seat be connected by a first-class road.

By statute, a first-class road was a clearing 40 feet wide. Stumps less than 8 inches across were to be cut even to the ground. Stumps bigger than that were to be rounded off at the top so wagon wheels could more easily get over them.

The early day lawmakers who passed that legislation would be slack-jawed at what the 21st century may hold for transportation in Texas.

Gov. Rick Perry announced early last week a far-reaching transportation plan that could cost \$175 billion and revolutionize the system of getting people, goods and utilities from Point A to Point B.

Called the Trans Texas Corridor, the system would tie together highways, rail lines and utility right of way for a network that would span the state.

"We need a transportation system that meets the needs of tomorrow, not one that struggles to keep up with the needs of yesterday," Perry said in announcing the plan.

The corridors, which would connect Texas' major urban areas, would be made up of six highway traffic lanes—three in each direction—and six rail lines, three in each direction.

One rail line would handle high-speed commuter trains, one would be for high-speed freight and one would accommodate a short haul regional freight system.

Another feature of the corridor would be a utility easement for petroleum, natural gas, electric, water and communications lines.

Funding for the project would come through partnerships with private companies or other public entities, with toll money, bond issues and loans and grants.

This became legally possible

with the passage by voters last fall of a Constitutional amendment creating a Texas Mobility Fund.

Still, the journey from concept to reality will not be without a few figurative stumps.

Southwest Airlines did not waste any time taking off in opposition to the plan, saying it did not want to compete against government.

While the big construction contractors, the H.B. Zachary Companies, will like the idea, the little guys are not quite as enthusiastic. They worry that they would miss out on the action, since the project as envisioned is more of a turnkey deal and not necessarily subject to the state low bid process.

Spokesmen for the two most visible Democratic gubernatorial candidates, Dan Morales and Tony Sanchez, also found issue with the plan announced by the Republican incumbent.

Morales' campaign said the project would cover a lot of privately-owned land and possibly sites of cultural significance, and Sanchez' voice said the project would sure cost a lot, even if some of the load is carried by the private sector.

"It's a visionary plan," said someone connected to the highway construction industry who for reasons of political expediency did not want to be quoted by name. "But the devil is in the details."

Those devilish details will be developed by the Texas Department of Transportation, which the governor charged with doing the job by this summer.

Though Perry said construction on some phases could begin as early as this year, completion might take a quarter century or longer.

Perry has estimated the project could create more than 400,000 new jobs and as many as 2 million new jobs in business growth the new transportation system would foster.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 6, 1992

Mindy Ballard's steer, "Tiger," won the reserve grand champion Limousin steer at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth. Ballard is a senior at Rochester High School.

Julie Roewe, a University of Texas at Arlington student from Haskell, has been selected for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for the 1991-92 academic year. She is the daughter of Conrad and Betty

Kirk William High was named to the President's list and Wayne Allan Geilhausen was on the Dean's list at Texas Tech. High and Geilhausen are both seniors.

20 Years Ago February 11, 1982

Kristi Alves, senior student at Haskell High School, was selected the first alternate to the All State High School Band.

Faye Mullino, Michelle Scoggins and Chad Ballard, all of Rochester, have been accepted as junior members of the American Hereford Association.

Rick Messenger with Exxon Company in the Mid Continent Production Division has been promoted from Drilling Technician to Drilling Superintendent. Messenger is originally from Haskell and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R.

Messenger of Haskell. 30 Years Ago February 10, 1972

Pam Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, and a senior at Haskell High School, has been named to Merit's Who's Who Among American High School Students.

The Haskell Maidens ended their basketball season by defeating Hamlin 51-49. Terry Walton led with 19 points, followed closely by Pam Colbert with 17, Mary Elliott with 7 and Glenda Gayle Chapman and Pam Klose with 4 each.

Randy J. O'Neal of Haskell has earned "Distinguished Student" ranking at Texas A&M University. He is a sophomore civil engineering major.

> 40 Years Ago **February 8, 1962**

Six members of Boy Scout Troop 36 will receive the Eagle Award at a Court of Honor to be held in the First Methodist Church. Scouts who will receive the award are Eddie Smart, Eddie Hester, Tommy Hester, Barry O'Neal, Bill Perry and Jimmy Bynum.

Marlene Letz, vice president of the senior class of Haskell High School, has been elected Student Guest of the Rotary Club for the month of February.

Sandra June Regeon is the winner from Haskell High School of the 1962 Betty Crocker Search for the

American Homemaker of Tomorrow contest.

50 Years Ago **February 7, 1952**

Capt. James R. Barnett, U. S. Army Chaplain who has been stationed in Germany for several years, gave an interesting talk on farming methods and customs of that country at a meeting of the Haskell Future Farmers.

Theodore J. Bruggeman of Haskell, who is now serving with the U. S. combat forces in Korea, has been promoted to sergeant.

Sgt. Bailey Lee Toliver, who has been stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, has been transferred to Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Toliver, Sr. of Weinert.

> 90 Years Ago February 10, 1912

Henry Johnson left Wednesday for the American Colony at Santa Lucretia on the Mexican Isthmus, about 500 miles south of the City of Mexico. Johnson has interested a number of people in this country, including B. A. Barnes of Arlington, who was to join the excursion Thursday morning at Fort Worth.

A. C. Hinkle of the northeast side was in town Wednesday and reports that a heavy acreage of oats is being sown in his vicinity.

Fannie Isbell of Munday visited here the first of the week with Mrs. T. J. Arbuckle.

Vaccine may treat tumors

Wouldn't it be great if we could treat tumors with a vaccine? Doctors are finding new ways to do this.

Doctors have long been working on ways to treat cancer. One approach has been to arm immune cells with weapons specifically targeted for fight tumors. This "vaccine" would then allow the tumor to be attacked without harming the rest of the body, like many of today's cancer treatments do.

Researchers have found ways to do this, but the current methods are expensive, difficult and time consuming. Scientists have to remove dendritic cells, specialized disease-fighting white blood cells, from the body, culture them, load them with the cancer-fighting antigens, and then inject them back into the body. This process takes about 10 days, and when you're fighting cancer, every day counts.

Now scientists at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas have found a new way to make the vaccine, inside the body. The immature form of the dendritic cells can be found in the skin. When these cells are exposed to a certain chemical, they mature and migrate to the lymph nodes, where they become part of the body's defense system. The UT Southwestern scientists developed a way to trap these immature cells in the skin, arm them with antigens, then get them to mature and enter the lymph nodes so they can go to work attacking tumors. With this method, it's only about 24 hours before the armed dendritic cells are fighting tumors.

This work has been successful in the laboratory. Now researchers hope to find a way to make the process work in a clinical setting on human cancer patients.

Gin Report

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O'Brien Gin	21,36
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Rule Co-op Gin	5,38
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Sagerton Gin	2,80
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Griff's Gin	3,83
Weinert Gin	5,85
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Business group urges reform of state medical board

AUSTIN - Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce (TABCC) President Bill Hammond is calling on legislative oversight committees to take immediate steps to reform the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners (BME), delivering a list of 10 reforms.

"There are too many good doctors who are being harmed by physicians who are abusing the system for the state's oversight agencies to sit idly by," Hammond said. "This state cannot afford to look the other way when so many Texas businesses and Texas consumers - are struggling to keep up with rising health care costs."

Hammond delivered the reforms to the House Insurance Committee and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on behalf of the and guidance necessary to protect the physicians.

"It is clear that medical errors are reaching crisis proportion in Texas and need to be addressed immediate- more people than from motor vehicle ly. According to a national survey, it is estimated that medical errors cost Texas \$1.2 billion a year. TABCC's proposals call for stricter penalties to discipline doctors and for improved errors and fraud," he said.

Key Reform Measures

 Prohibit a person whose medical license has been revoked or suspended in another jurisdiction from practicing in Texas.

 Make it easier for regulators to pursue doctors who are repeatedly accused of wrongdoing or of providing negligent or substan-

Require BME to report all accusations of physician fraud to Texas Department of Insurance (TDI). Require TDI to make outcome of cases public and identify offending physicians.

 Require hospitals to report identities of physicians whose license privileges suspended for breach of quality or ethics standards.

 All records in cases resulting in disciplinary action against a physician - including suspension, reprimand, fines, probation and license revocation - are public information, and published on BME website. Complainant remains confidential.

TABCC, and urged state officials to for full public disclosure of discipliprovide the BME with the funding nary hearings and actions involving

"Nationally almost 100,000 people die each year unnecessarily because of medical errors, that's accidents, breast cancer, or AIDS," Hammond said. "Medical errors are a result of inaction. An important providers," Hammond said.

The recommendations also call first step in eliminating this problem is to make sure the public has meaningful access to disciplinary hearings and records."

"Texas is fortunate to have dedicated health care providers - doctors, nurses, pharmacists and allied health care professionals - serving the citizens of this state. Everyone benefits a costly disease that we all have to when there is a clear distinction work hard to cure. These reforms are made between the handful of bad not unreasonable considering the actors and the overwhelming majorioversight in the area of physician money and lives that are lost daily as ty of honest, ethical health care

The 10 reforms call for stricter penalties for physician misconduct, more funding for investigation and enforcement, and adding non-physician board members to promote objectivity.

The Dallas Morning News recently reported that the BME has been lenient on physicians who commit sexual misconduct or molest their patients. The newspaper found that since 1997 the BME has revoked the licenses of only two physicians for sexual misconduct, while 37 other physicians received less severe punishment.

"I commend The Dallas Morning News for bringing this issue to the public's attention. However, these documented instances of sexual misconduct are only part of the story. The larger issue involves unnecessary or incorrect medical procedures by physicians that harm patients or that constitute fraud. In order for consumers to make an informed decision regarding medical care, that information must be fully available to the public," Hammond said.

Founded in 1922, TABCC is a broad-based organization representing more than 140,000 small and large Texas employers and 200 local chambers of commerce.

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Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair on Sun. were his sister and her husband, Shirley and Ted Freeman of Aspermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jetton were here over the weekend. He visited his mother, Faye Jetton, and Dorothy spent time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Raynes of Weinert.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Walters of Abilene visited his dad Wayne Walters, and other relatives over the weekend.

Glendon and Donna Hawkins of Anson visited his mom, Joyce, on Monday and had lunch with her.

Mon. afternoon Margaret Tatum took mother Joyce Hawkins to Abilene for an eye check-up.

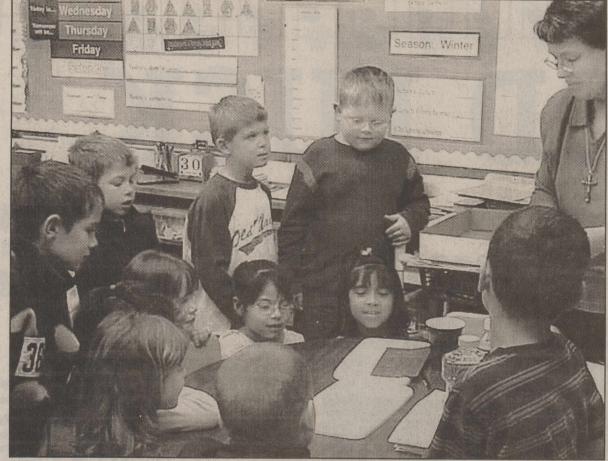
Births

Andrew Reece Hester was born Fri., Jan 18 in Abilene. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 18 3/4 inches long.

Proud parents are Wayne and Tricia Hester of Anson.

Grandparents are Billy Wayne and Sheila Hester of Rochester, Jane Patterson of Plano and Harold Patterson of Sherman.

Great-grandparents are Bobby and Rowena Hester and W. A. and



MAKING TRAIL MIX-First grade students of Doris May Watson celebrate the first 100 days of school Jan. 30, by assembling trail mix using items in groups of two, five and ten to total 100. Included were peanut and plain M&M's, goldfish crackers, Cheerios, Reese's Pieces, popcorn, marshmallows and raisins. After reading stories and books about 100, the students made a book using critical thinking skills explaining the term 'one hundred.

The Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) and its members across the state are leading the assault on one of the nation's fastest growing crimes with launching of a statewide consumer information campaign attacking Identity Theft.

Identity Theft affects as many as 750,000 new victims each year and costs consumers, merchants, and the financial industry billions of dollars. It occurs when someone steals personal information such as Social Security or driver's license numbers and uses it to establish credit by applying for loans or credit cards to

"Fueled by the growth of the Internet, the number of consumers falling victim to identify theft has risen dramatically over the past few years," Christopher Williston, President and Chief Executive

Officer of IBAT, said in announcing

the movement. "We are going to use

every means possible to get the

message out to Texans in all parts of

buy merchandise and services.

the state. And, that message is 'Your Privacy is our Priority'. The campaign - "Don't Let Someone Else Steal Your Good Name" -- will be the principal project of the more than 40,000 bankers who

make up the membership of IBAT. It includes print and electronic media materials in both English and Spanish geared to providing tips to consumers on how to avoid becoming victims of Identity Fraud. 'We believe our organization and

its membership offer the best vehicle to get the word out to all of Texas, since our institutions are located in virtually every community throughout the state," Williston said. This information campaign is just the beginning.

We will also be meeting with our state officials to determine possible legislation to stamp out this critical problem."

The Federal Trade Commission reports that its fraud hotline receives

U.S. Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Network reports that Identity Theft documented by financial institutions nearly tripled between 1999 and 2000. The Social Security Administration says reports of misuse of Social Security numbers on its fraud hotline increased by more than 500 percent between 1997 and

Here are just a few tips to protect "your good name":

•Carry only a few credit cards with you.

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·Watch out for "Shoulder Surfers", people who lurk behind you when you are at an ATM and get your PIN number to gain access to your

·Check your credit card statements carefully and immediately report unauthorized purchases.

•Never write down PINS and passwords, memorize them and do not use any part of your Social Security number, mother's maiden name, your birth date or address.

•Don't leave paid bills in your

•Check your credit report at least

Zetta Dutton, all of Haskell. Rule school to start gifted program

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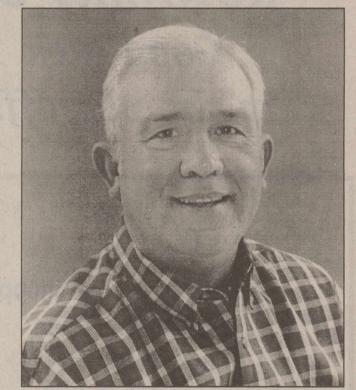
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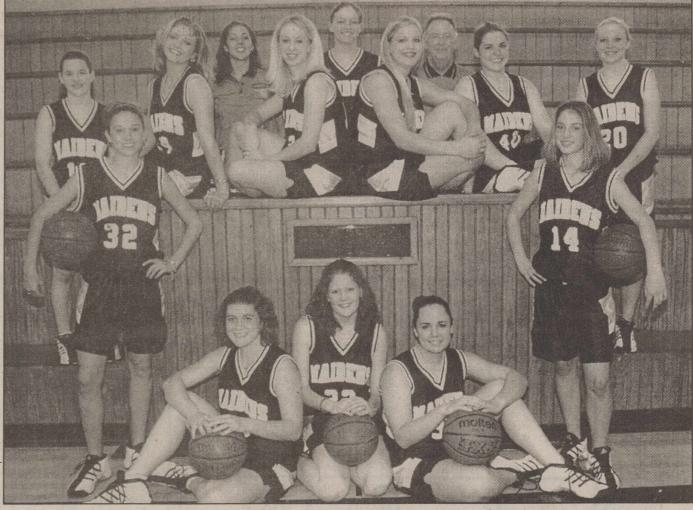
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HASKELL MAIDENS: Front row from left: Katie McKnight, Brittany Lindsey and Whitney Hise. Standing: Lynzie Harlan and Calina Kendall. Back row: Morgan Cox, Tiffany Lindsey, Coach Shawna Faircloth, Nikki Wallace, Melissa Buerger, Mindy Price, Coach David Middleton, Katie Thompson and Mandy Adams.

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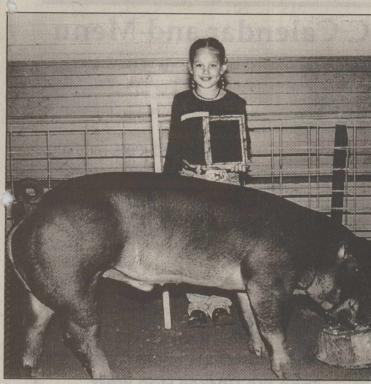
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Births

Brian, Shelby and Peter welcome home their new sister, Mallory Jo Grace Copeland, born Jan. 18 at 4:47 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and

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was 20 inches long. Parents are Michael and Michele Copeland of Haskell.

Maternal grandparents are Wix and Joann Gaston of Sudan. Paternal grandparents are George and Carol Copeland of Brownwood.

Great grandparents are George and Juanita Copeland of Iredell and

Students in the news

Three students from Haskell recently named to the Fall 2001 Dean's List at McMurry University, were: Kristy Arellano, senior, majoring in Biology; Keith Medford, senior, majoring in Multidisciplinary Studies III and Kelli Moeller, senior, majoring in Multidisciplinary Studies III.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

Mary Jane Short of Rochester has been named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University for the Fall 2001 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes those who have a 3.5 grade point average or better. Mary Jane is a junior agriculture communications major at Tech.

Some of her activities include Chancellor's Ambassadors, Agri-Techsans, Sigma Alpha agricultural sorority, Agricultural Communications of Tomorrow and Golden Key International Honor Society, into which she was recently inducted. She currently serves as second vice-president of Sigma Alpha and is national president of agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow.

Chancellor's Ambassadors serve as hosts and hostesses for all of the Chancellor's events. participate in the black-tie Chancellor's Council dinners and assist in hosting the chancellor's luxury boxes at football and basketball games, among other

Ambassadors are chosen by application and interview. Out of about 100 applicants and 80 interviewees, 22 new Ambassadors were chosen in spring 2001. Ambassadors come from all majors but have more than 60 hours of course work at the time of application.

Mary Jane is the daughter of Larry and Linda Short and granddaughter of Warren and Jane Short, all of Rochester, and the granddaughter of Bernice Hilliard of Haskell.



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Wednesday: Steak fingers/gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot rolls, apple crips

Thursday: Frito pie with cheese, corn, garden salad, Valentine cake Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce/ tomato/pickles/onions, French fries, ice cream

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Feb. 11

Lunch-Lincoln Logs, copper pennies, scoop of honesty, a serving of humility and humannese greatemancipator-dessert, milk, tea, or

Wed., Feb. 13

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check 11:00 a.m. Singing

Lunch-Roast beef, brown gravy, potatoes, pea salad, cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Feb. 15 Lunch-Chicken enchiladas, Mexican corn, Spanish rice, Mexican bread pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

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From the beginning, we have assigned major decision that would affect our our leaders the awesome task of guiding destiny. That was the secret of their our nation through the storms of war, greatness, they had the humility to rely economic crisis and social conflict. Some on a higher source of wisdom. Those of of them were undoubtedly better at it us who don't bear that much than others, and all of them were a responsibility would still do well to mixture of virtues and weaknesses. follow their example and go to our Nonetheless, they had one thing in House of Worship, to seek the best common. They all prayed for God's advice for the well-being of ourselves

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 James Rinker, 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.

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

607 S. 7th, 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 Steve Beatty, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

306 N. Ave. E, Haskell **Trinity Baptist Church** Tony Grand, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 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

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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. Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Harrison Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

---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

---O'BRIEN--O'Brien Baptist Church Kyle Gulledge, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.

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Faith Chapel of Rochester Katherine Byrd, minister Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Hwy 6, Rocheste First United Methodist Church Dolan Brinson, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Rochester

-SAGERTON-Sagerton Methodist Church Tommy Wilson, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. Sagerton Faith Lutheran Church

Deborah Nissen, 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

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

Bill Trice, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. Gladstone Ave., Rule West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Sweet Sun. Mom. 10 a.., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m. 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

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Written By James E. Rodgers, CPA



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However, different limitations apply for children, seniors over 65, and in other special situations. It may be beneficial for you to file a return even if you are not required to do so. For example, you must file a return to receive a refund of income taxes withheld or to claim certain tax

Check your children's need to file a return. The filing requirements for children vary depending on whether their income is from investing, working, or both. Your child needs to file a 2001 tax return if he or she had any of the following:

1. Earned income only (wages) of more than \$4,550.

2. Unearned income only (i.e., interest and dividends) or more than \$750. (In some cases, parents may elect to report a child's unearned income on their own tax return.)

3. Both earned and unearned income totaling more than the larger of (a) \$750 or (b) earnings (up to \$4,300) plus \$250.

4. Net self-employment income of \$400 or more.

If you are the caretaker for elderly parents, don't overlook their filing requirements. Even though they may not have filed a returned for years, review events that may require them to file a return for 2001.

Don't forget about state income taxes. Even if you moved from a state last year or split your time living between states, you might be required

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Public Notices

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NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WEINERT

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has notified the Haskell County Water District #1 water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Nitrate. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established the MCL for Nitrate at 10 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for Nitrate indicates a level of 13.09 mg/L.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

At the present time we are currently looking into ways to correct this problem. If you are pregnant or have an infant under six months including in this public water system as a customer, we have made arrangements with local grocery store in Haskell (Modern Way) so that you may get bottled water at the City of Weinert's

If you have any questions or would like to know if you are currently being served as a customer of this public water system please feel free to call or contact the City Secretary Robert Horan, c/o City of Weinert, Box 248, Weinert, Texas 76388 at 940-673-8223

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TO: The Unknown Heirs of Agnes Ann Winchester, Deceased On the 29th day of January, 2002, Jo Ann Winchester Hagler filed an Application for Declaration of Heirship in a proceeding styled 'The Estate of Agnes Ann Winchester, Deceased" and bearing the number 4,112 in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas. The Court will hear the aforesaid

Applications at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 10 days, exclusive of the day of publication, from the date this citation is published, which will be Monday, the 18th day of February, 2002, at the County Courthouse of Haskell County, in Haskell, Texas.

All persons interested in the aforesaid estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest to or answer to said Application for Declaration of Heirship, should they desire to oppose or contest it.

Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Haskell County, Texas, in Haskell, Texas.

The officer serving this citation shall, in compliance with the law, serve it by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in this, the county in which such proceeding is pending, for not less hereof, exclusive of the day of publication said newspaper bears shall be the day of publication.

office in Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, this 29th day of January,

Rhonda Moeller Clerk of the County Court

Haskell County, Texas 6p

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF **ELECTION CHANGES**

Independent School District ("School District") has submitted. election changes to the United Section 5" en el sobre y la primera Stated Department of Justice for its review under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1973c. These changes are a redistricting or redrawing of the single-member districts used to elect School District Trustees. This change is intended to be implemented starting with the next election of the School District on

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> Telephone: 1-800-253-3931 or (202) 307-2385.

Mr. Eddie Bland Assistant Superintendent Haskell Consolidated Independent School District

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El Distrito Escolar Independiente y Consolidado de Haskell ha sometido cambios en la manera en que conduce elecciònes al Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos. El Departamento de Justicia examinarà estos cambios bajo la ley de derechos de votación, 42 U.S.C. § 1973c. Estos cambios son cambios en las fronteras o lìmites de los 7 distritos electorales en el Distrito Escolar que elegen miembros de la Mesa Directiva del than 10 days before the return date Distrito Escolar. Se piensa instituir estos cambios empezando con las publication, and the date of elecciones en el día 4 de Mayo, 2002. Cualquiera persona puede pasar revista a una copia completa GIVEN UNDER MY HAND de los documentos que el Distrito AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Escolar mando al Departamento de Justicia. Se revista esta copia en la Officina de la Superintendente Ayudante del Distrito Escolar, Señor Eddie Bland, Calle 600 North

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S) District: Abilene

Contract 6082-17-001 for ROUTINE STREET SWEEPING in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on February 27, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$70,677.00.

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 at the expense of the contractor.

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 family of Richard Nolen

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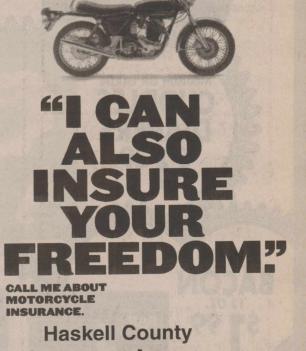
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LOOKING AT UPPER LEVEL COURSES—Leslie Kuenstler of Paint Creek, teacher's aide in Stamford, discusses course requirements with Dr. Grant Simpson, dean of the West College of Education at Midwestern State University. MSU personnel were in Haskell to review education credentials of prospective students of upper level undergraduate classes which will be offered locally, beginning in summer 2002.

Area Basketball scores

Girls
Haskell 65, Albany 49
Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 22,
B. Lindsey 4, T. Lindsey 13, Hise 1,

Price 10, Thompson 16.

Nicholson 2, Turner 2.

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Benjamin 74, Paint Creek 56
Scoring for Paint Creek: Isbell 8,
Woodall 2, Brzozowski 6, Gonzalez
16, Wade 11, Hope 7, Walton 4,

Rule 62, Rochester 44
Scoring for Rule: Lisle 28,
Marquis 10, Dudensing 8, Brown 6,
Caddell 4, Lehrmann 4, Wolsch 2.
Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 19,
Garcia 14, Ramos 4, Martinez 3,

Haskell 51, Olney 33
Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 11,
Kendall 3, Cox 2, B. Lindsey 3, T.
Lindsey 5, Hise 2, Harlan 2, Price 9,
Thompson 7, Buerger 7

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Rochester 58, Paint Creek 41

Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 29, Garcia 11, Turner 8, Martinez 5, Nicholson 3, Brown 2.

Scoring for Paint Creek: Wade 12, Brzozowski 10, Walton 9, Hope 4, Gonzalez 2, Isbell 2, Lopez 2.

Rule 85, Benjamin 61
Scoring for Rule: Dudensing 18,
Lisle 17, Brown 7, Caddell 2,
Lehrmann 15, Marquis 12, Hertel 14.
Boys

Haskell 60, Albany 36 Scoring for Haskell: Webb 2, Hunt 3, Z. McGuire 11, Goudeau 5, Loyd 12, O. Garcia 3, Steele 2, C. McGuire 13, Burgess 9.

Olney 67, Haskell 41 Scoring for Haskell: Z. McGuire 10, C. McGuire 8, M. Garcia 4, Hunt 4, Burgess 4, Loyd 3, O. Garcia 3, Steele 2, Goudeau 2, Webb 1.

Benjamin 77, Rule 55 Scoring for Rule: Smith 19, Turner 16, Stephens 9, Standefer 6, Falkner 3, Flores 2.

City to take action against loose dogs

In back to back meetings, Mon., Jan. 28, the Haskell City Council considered the full agenda of their regular meeting and a public hearing on items of city planning and development.

In a discussion of action to be taken on the Northside Gulf Station and property, which the city has purchased and will have torn down, approval was given to authorizing the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to take out the gas tanks and do evaluation and soil remediation at the site.

Approval was given for the transfer of the contract the city has with Scott Barley to John Kroll of Southwestern Development Co. The contract to do the gas lines to the new prison was funded by a grant the city received from the Texas Capital Fund.

Following a discussion about the growing concern of numbers of loose dogs in the city, the Council issued a warning to all dog owners, that an ordinance is in effect against letting dogs run at large. The fine for an owner's first citation about a dog running loose is \$85.00. A second citation will be \$100.00. After that, is a possible impoundment of the dog. If efforts to contact and notify the owner fail, the impounded animal will eventually have to be put down.

and action was taken to approve the adoption of the finalized Recreation and Open Space Plan which was begun two years ago through a grant received by the city from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, giving a comprehensive plan for the city parks and recreation areas.

Also, action was approved concerning the resolution adopting the Economic Development Plan, which includes the mapping of city streets, sewer lines, water lines, and zoning. The total cost of the now finalized plan is \$18,430.00, with \$12,600.00 of that amount coming from grant funding.

Rochester ISD fund-raiser

The Rochester ISD is one of ten area schools participating in the malls4schools program being promoted by business sponsors in Abilene. In the project, sanctioned by the Rochester ISD administration, faculty and staff, students will work to accumulate bonus points toward winning one of ten cash prizes from \$200.00 to \$7,50.00.

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