

Basketball

Haskell
Boys 7th-8th-9th vs Eastland
Thurs., Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m.
at Eastland

JVG, VG-B vs Eula
Fri., Jan. 10, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

JVG-B, VG-B vs Eastland
Tues., Jan. 14, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

Paint Creek
Paint Creek vs Guthrie
Fri., Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m.
at Guthrie

Paint Creek JH vs Rule
Mon., Jan. 13, 5:30 p.m.
at Rule

Paint Creek vs Rochester
Tues., Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m.
at Rochester

Calendar

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Barry Arthur, accomplished artist of Sweetwater, will demonstrate a landscape using oils. All guests are welcome.

Food distribution set Sat., Jan. 18

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 1303 N. Ave. I in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., Jan. 10 at noon. Plans will be made for the annual dinner theatre and silent auction.

Grief group to meet Thursday, Jan. 9

A grief group will meet Thurs., Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at 522 S. Second in Haskell. Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one is invited to attend. Grief is a lifelong process and comfort can be found in the company of those who have experienced loss. For more information call Helen Wilson 940-256-0357 or 864-5188.

Kids Company

resume

First Baptist Church Kids Company for children age 4 through 6th grade will resume Wed., Jan. 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Kids Company offers Bible study, praise time, music and fun. If you need a ride on the van, call 864-2581.

DiscipleNow Weekend set

First Baptist Church's DiscipleNow 2003 begins Thurs., Jan. 9 with a two hour kick-off party at 7 p.m. offering kids a time to register for the weekend. The weekend begins Fri., Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. and continues through Sun., Jan. 12 at noon.

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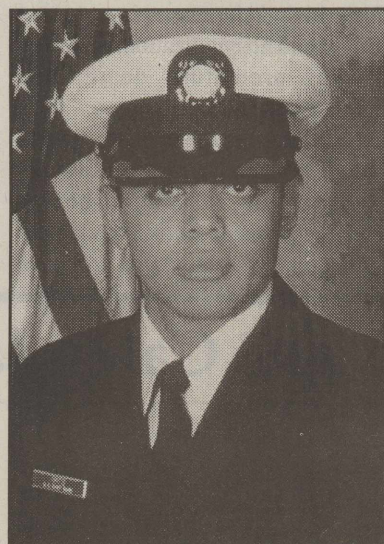
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NEW OFFICIALS—Sworn in during a ceremony held in the Haskell County Courtroom are, back, l-r, Charles Chapman, District Judge, Tiffen Mayfield, Commissioner Prec. 2, David Davis, County Judge, Bobby Smith, Commissioner Prec. 4. Front, Rhonda Moeller, County Clerk, Penny Anderson, District Clerk, Willie Faye Tidrow, County Treasurer, and Lynn Dodson, Justice of the Peace.

Ortiz named Coast Guard Combat Veterans "Person of the Year"



GAVINO ORTIZ III

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Gavino Ortiz III, a 1998 graduate of Haskell High School, has received yet another prestigious award for his efforts in saving the lives of seven swimmers whom he rescued from drowning in a strong rip tide during tropical storm Berry, off the beach of South Padre Island National Seashore on Aug. 4, 2001.

For his extraordinary actions on that day, which reflect great credit to himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of humanitarian service, he has received the Coast Guard Silver Lifesaving Medal.

Arriving on the chaotic scene at the beach, on the afternoon of Aug. 4, Ortiz saw five people in the water, 75-100 yards offshore in danger of drowning. With two Coast Guard small boats unable to reach the group due to sandbars and a six-foot breaking surf, he instinctively plunged into the water and swam toward the victims, using their cries for help as his reference to their location. He recovered a 59 year-old man, placed him on a nearby tourist's inflatable mattress, and then recovered two other individuals who

were drowning nearby. One of the men slipped underwater, overcome by fatigue, forcing Seaman Ortiz to dive beneath the surface to recover him. He then turned his attention to two other individuals who were drowning 20 yards further out to sea. Quickly swimming to their location, he dove beneath the surface to recover one of the men and revived the man with a stomach thrust while swimming him to the inflatable mattress. Swimming to shore with the mattress and all five victims in tow, he then noticed a Cameron County Texas Parks Police officer exhausted and struggling to the surf line. Pushing the raft through the surf line, he placed the officer amid the group on the raft and continued swimming to shore. There he received a line, attached it to the raft and all six people were safely hauled onshore.

Although thoroughly fatigued, Ortiz again returned through the surf line in a 40 yard swim, recovered a fireman who was caught in a rip tide and delivered him to safety.

The silver life-saving medal he received is the second highest medal awarded by the Coast Guard, and is awarded by the Commandant of the Coast Guard. The Citation accompanying the award stated that "Seaman Ortiz demonstrated remarkable initiative, exceptional fortitude and daring in spite of imminent personal danger in this rescue. His courage and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

At the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association meeting held in Reno, Nevada, Seaman Apprentice Ortiz was named Honorary Member of the Coast Guard Combat

Veterans Association, and was picked by them as "Coast Guard Person of the Year 2002" for his acts of heroism and bravery.

Ortiz is the son Linda and Robert Ortiz of Haskell. Attending school

in Haskell, from the 7th grade through high school he was a basketball, cross country and track star, earning medals and awards and going to state two times in the 800 meter.

Local Jr. Livestock Show set Jan. 23-25

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held Jan. 23-25 at the Haskell County Show Barn.

Arrival time for entries of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 23 by 4 p.m. Poultry and rabbits arrival time is Fri., Jan. 24, by 7:30 a.m.

Show time schedules are Fri., Jan. 24 at 8 a.m. for poultry and rabbits; followed by lambs; followed by swine. Beginning at 3 p.m. the steers will be followed by heifers.

Judge for the steers and heifers will be Dennis Poole, Borden County Extension Agent, judge for swine will be Galen McCune of Mooreland, Oklahoma. Judge for rabbits, chickens and lambs will be Kenneth Dudensing, Agriculture Science teacher at Sweetwater High School.

Auctioneer for the sale, which begins at 11 a.m. on Sat., Jan. 25 will be Mike Fouts.

The County Judge and County Commissioners will be serving BBQ sandwiches both Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA Club) will have a concession stand with drinks, chips, and snacks.

At last year's show, 126 participants entered their animals. The sale brought a total of \$74,206 surpassing last years' sale as the biggest sale in Haskell County Junior Livestock Show history.

Jeff Teague is the president of the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show Association.



GOOD MANNERS—Haskell Elementary School students having good manners and showing courtesy to others while in the the lunchroom during December were awarded certificates and coupons for drinks. Back row, l-r, are Miranda Johnson, Ashley Bullard, Shelton Toliver, Kenneth Rogers and Austin Nanny. Sitting in chair is Hanna Wallace. Front row, Kalyn Wheatley, D. J. Masias, Rodney Foreman, Stormy Darnell, Chase Stone, Lynna Billington, Levi Grand and Jaci Klose.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 732 (642 last year) head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Jan. 6, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 84 sellers and 37 buyers.

Cows: fat, .32-.35; cutters, .34-.39; canners, .15-.28.

Bulls: bologna, .42-.49; feeders, .64-.74; utility, .38-.45.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.30; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .84-1.00; 500-600 lbs., .80-.92; 600-700 lbs., .75-.87; 700-800 lbs., .72-.84; 800-up lbs., .65-.77.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.15; 300-400 lbs., .85-.95; 400-500 lbs., .80-.92; 500-600 lbs., .72-.84; 600-up lbs., .64-.78.

Bred heifers medium frame, 450-625.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 630-725; aged or small, 475-600.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-925; aged or small, 575-700.

Jerseys, longhorns, holsteins, cripplés, knots, bad eyes, goons, \$5-\$25 less than figures quoted!

Haskell School Menu

January 13-17
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Pigs in a blanket
Tuesday: Homemade breakfast burrito

Wednesday: Cereal, toast

Thursday: Breakfast on a stick

Friday: Peanut butter sandwich

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.

Monday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot roll, flavored apple wedges

Tuesday: Frito pie/cheese, salsa/chips, garden salad, pinto beans, peaches

Wednesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, fried okra, orange/cookie

Thursday: Pizza, corn, baby carrots/ranch dressing, crunchy Oriental slaw; Elem: pears, Secondary: peanut butter pie

Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce/tomato/pickle, French fries, chocolate chip cookie

All deadlines are
5 p.m. Monday

Obituaries

Levi Dontrell Hodge



LEVI HODGE

Funeral services for Levi Dontrell Hodge, 13, of Haskell will be held Thurs., Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church with Sister Camellia Wade

officiating. Rev. William Hodge will give the eulogy. Burial will be in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Hodge died Mon., Jan. 6 at Haskell Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Born Oct. 2, 1989 in Stamford, he was a seventh grader at Haskell High School.

Levi loved his family and sports. He played on the seventh grade football and basketball teams. While in Haskell Elementary, he participated in Little League, Little Dribblers and Players In Progress (PIP). He will be remembered for his smile, hugs, fearlessness, jokes and pranks. He was a member of Mission Revival Church and active in the First Baptist Church Youth Group. He was

a member of the junior high Fellowship of Christian Students.

Survivors include his mother, Mitzi Denise Hodge of Haskell; two brothers, Donnell of Abilene and Jakaan of Haskell; grandmother, Betty Hardamon of Haskell; three cousins, Stephanie Hodge of Lubbock, Jessica Hodge of Stamford and Ray Hodge of Denton; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Pallbearers will be Kenneth Collins, Donnell Hodge, Ray Hodge, L. J. McCulloch, D. J. McCulloch and Rocky Villa.

Members of the Haskell Class of 2008 will be honorary pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Haskell CISD Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 927, Haskell, Texas 79521.

PD. NOTICE

Ruth Maxine Ferguson

Funeral services for Ruth Maxine Ferguson, formerly of Lubbock and Haskell, were held Tues., Dec. 31 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. Allen Brook officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ferguson died Dec. 29.

Born Aug. 12, 1917 in Haskell, she was married to the

late James Ferguson. She had worked many years for Hemphill-Wells in Lubbock. She was active in Lubbock P.T.A. and a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, James E. Ferguson and Victor Jackson Ferguson, both of Houston and two grandchildren.

PD. NOTICE

Benjamin Franklin White

Funeral services for Benjamin Franklin White, 79, of Haskell were held Thurs., Jan. 2 at Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. White died Mon., Dec. 30 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born Feb. 13, 1923 in Jones County, he married Joyce Holley Oct. 27, 1946 in Guthrie. He was a truck driver. He served in the U. S. Army as a Paratrooper during World War II. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister and by an infant daughter, Mary White.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Holley White of the home; one son, Frankie D. White of Jacksboro; one daughter, Dora Ann Reding of Seymour; four grandchildren, five great grandchildren; four sisters, Mary Kierepka, Katherine Clem and Flossie Garvin, all of Haskell and Minnie Lee Walker of Stamford; one brother, Harvey White of Haskell.

PD. NOTICE

Ima Jane Stewart

Funeral services for Ima Jane Stewart, 100, of Haskell were held Sun., Jan. 5 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Brett Anderson officiating. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stewart died Sat., Jan. 4 in Haskell.

Born Oct. 8, 1902 in Caldwell County, she was the

daughter of Jim and Ophelia Alexander. She had lived in Haskell County all of her life. She married General Stewart Aug. 11, 1955. She was a homemaker and member of the Church of Christ in Weinert.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Survivors include her sister, Jona Caddell and husband, Glenn of Haskell.

PD. NOTICE

Secondhand smoke can cause a variety of health problems

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Secondhand tobacco smoke is defined as the smoke inhaled by nonsmokers. This includes smoke in the air from someone smoking cigarettes, cigars, or pipes in the indoor environment. Secondhand smoke has also been referred to as "environmental tobacco smoke," "ETS," "involuntary smoking," or "passive smoke." Janie Harris, Housing Specialist for Texas Cooperative Extension, states, "Of the 4000 chemicals found in tobacco smoke, 200 are known poisons, and around 40 of these could cause cancer."

Secondhand smoke can cause many acute and chronic health problems. Exposure to this smoke increases irritation of the eyes, nose,

and throat. It also causes lung irritation, which results in coughing, chest discomfort, and reduced lung capacity. Secondhand smoke can also lead to heart disease, as well as serious health problems in children, whose sensitive lungs are still developing.

Children of smokers experience a wide variety of alarming health risks. These include increased instances of disease and hospitalization, increased risk of premature death, and increased medical expenses. They also suffer interference with growth and development and a hindered quality of life. Children who live with secondhand smoke have more respiratory illnesses and are more

susceptible to asthma. They also have more ear infections, hearing problems, and are more likely to miss school due to an illness.

If you are a parent, it is your responsibility to give your children the opportunity to grow up in a smoke-free environment. There are many ways to reduce your children's exposure to secondhand smoke. Do not smoke in the home or in cars that transport children. Ask others to avoid smoking in your home and car. Also, make sure the places where your children spend time, such as daycare or school, ensure a smoke-free environment. Remember, secondhand is an entirely preventable health risk.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Jan. 13

Lunch-King Ranch chicken, parslid potatoes, frozen mix veggies, squash, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Jan. 15

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

Lunch-Meat loaf, whipped potatoes, pork and beans, carrot/raisin salad, cornbread, cookies/pears, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Jan. 17

Lunch-Chicken spaghetti,

English peas, copper penny carrots, fresh tossed salad, garlic bread, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Hospital

Admissions

Alma Mendoza, Abilene
Dora Holly, Haskell

Dismissals

Marie Emerson, Robert Speer,
Naoma Owen

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Tractors: 1978 JD 4640 Quad, 1974 JD 4430, 1975 JD 4430, 1965 JD 3020 LP, JD 3020 Diesel (one owner), 1955 Farmall 400 LPG; **Vehicles, Four-Wheelers:** 1997 Ford 4x4 Powerstroke, Flatbed, 1995 Ford Crewcab Powerstroke, 1993 Ford Extended Cab Diesel, 1991 Dodge 4x4 Cummings Diesel Flatbed, 1999 Polaris 500 Magnum 4x4, 2001 Polaris 90 Scrambler, 1970 Chevy C50 w/1000 gal. Poly Tank & Transfer Pump, Ford & Chevy Grill Guards; **Trailers:** Gooseneck 5x20 livestock trailer, 350 gal. fuel trailer, 250 gal. fuel trailer, 400 gal. diesel trailer, 1000 gal. water trailer, 9' Stock trailer, 4-24' Colby cotton trailer, 1-28' zColby cotton trailer, 8-32' Colby cotton trailers, 2-pipe trailer, 16' utility trailer, 10' utility trailer, Wylie 1000 gal. water trailer; **Farm Equipment:** 1999 NH 664 Round Baler w/net wrap, 1999 NH 1475 Swather, SS 8R stalk cutter, Tye 6R grain drill, Case IH 145 5 bottom rollover mold board plow, 2-JD 7300 8R planters, 1-Lot JD vacuum planting disk (peanuts, corn, sorghum, cotton), JD 8200 grain drill 20x8", JD 60 planter, JD 71 flex planter, Rhino 1310 rotary cutter, SS13R sand fighter, RAC anhydrous rig, RAC 6R cultivator, RAC 10R cultivator, Krause 16 shank chisel plow, RAC 21 shank chisel plow, JD 400 rotary hoe 30", 1991 Lilliston 9004 peanut combine, Lilliston 7500 peanut combine, 1992 UFT 2410 4R peanut digger, UFT 2210 2R peanut digger, JD rotary hoe 21", 13 Shank 3pt Chisel Plow, Long 14' Tandem Disc, 2-JD DRB 16x10" Grain Drills, JD Rw Tandem Disc, Hoeme 9 Shank Chisel, 6' 3pt Blade, One-Way 16 Disc Plow, Eurocz 3pt Post Hole Digger, 6R stalk cutter, Servis 2R Shredder, IH 295 8R planter, RAC 19 shank field cultivator, Sunflower offset 14", SM 28' spray boon, RAC 28' double toolbar, Ficklin 250 bushel grain wagon, Westfield 8" grain auger PTO drive, Kewanee 9' rear blade, RAC 9 shank ripper plow, SM 21' chisel plow, Krause 21' chisel plow, SM 8R cultivator, JD 24' field cultivator, S&S 24' field cultivator, Gravity wagon w/auger, JD 8R 71 flex planter, Lilliston 8R rolling cultivator, Hamby 6R rod weeder, JD 400 28' rotary hoe, Case IH rotary hoe 28', 3-SS sand fighters, 1993 Bush Hog 1600 rotary cutter 4 row, SM 16R spray boon, SM 8R direct spray boon, Oliver 14' tandem, Krause 21' tandem, RAC 8R bedder, 18.4x42 duals, 2-20.8x42 duals, Bigham Brothers 8R 4x4 triple toolbar, JD 2600 semi-mount moldboard, JD 14' tandem, JD 6R rotary hoe, JD 283 cotton stripper, SM 3 pt hay fork, 40-550 Gal. Overhead Fuel Tanks, 15-500 Gal. 100PSI Butane Tanks; **Livestock Equipment:** 16-Woodson steel panels, W-Squeeze chute, Head Gate, 12 Door Hog Feeder, 2-Round Bale Rings, Mineral Feeder; **Irrigation Equipment:** 4 Side Roll Irrigation Units, 150-6"x30" gated, 100-6"x30" flow line, 45-5"x30" flow line, 65-7" flow line, 46-5" flow line, 141-8" flow line, 10-5" flow line, 29-4" sprinkler line, 1 lot assorted valves, tees, caps, elbows, etc.; **Miscellaneous:** Various Tools, 3 Ton Chain Hoist, Shanks and Clamps, Hydraulic Cylinder, Plus much more.

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Isbell receives honor



LESLIE ISBELL
Paint Creek High School senior, Lesli Isbell has been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars, which inducts only the most outstanding

high school students and honors them for superior academic achievement.

Membership is by invitation only, extended by Chair Claes Nobel, whose family established the Nobel Prizes in 1901 in order to note outstanding contributions in the fields of Peace, Literature, Medicine, Chemistry and Physics.

"The hard work and success of today's youth provides the foundation for a future dedicated to community and world betterment," he stated. "I congratulate Lesli on being recognized as one of the most outstanding high school seniors in the nation."

Isbell is the daughter of Roy and Becky Wilson of Haskell, and Tony and Crete Isbell of Midland.

Around Town By Joyce Hawkins

Ron and Edith Hilliard of Irom, S.C. spent a week visiting Ron's mother, Bernice Hilliard during the week of Dec. 20. They also visited Edith's mother, Sena Mae Murray, at Haskell Healthcare Center. Fri., Dec. 12, Ron and Edith Hilliard, Bernice Hilliard, Linda and Mary Jane Short, Ken Hilliard, Wendy, Ellen Hilliard and Jean Ballard attended the Christmas Ball in Anson. Others visiting Bernice during Christmas were Jason, Heidi and Ainsley Hilliard, Jarred Hilliard of Houston, Patricia Shaw of De Kalb.

New Year's Eve Bernice Hilliard attended a square dance at the Wagon Wheel. At midnight they were served blackeyed peas and cornbread.

Those helping Garret Tatum celebrate his fifth birthday at his home were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Tatum, brothers Zachery and Taylor, sister Kristlyn, grandparents Margaret Tatum and Linda Chapman, great grandparents Joy Chapman and Joyce Hawkins, aunt Creora Tatum, uncle Ronald Chapman and great uncle Keith Chapman.

week of January 2

Lona Mae Phelps was in Weatherford Dec. 14 visiting her nephew, Jacky D. Kirkland and his family. Jacky drove Mrs. Phelps to Fort Worth to go with B. D. and Marie Kirkland to Omaha to visit Walter and Sue Cox and family for the weekend and to attend open house. Christmas Eve, Sue Cox and Lona Mae Phelps visited in Abilene with their brother Rocky and Marsha Sanders. They traveled to Coleman and visited with brother, Travis and Wilma Sanders and families. Darrell and his children, Texas Marie and Phoenix Quinn of Tampa, Florida were in Coleman with his parents for Christmas. Son and family, Travis Glenn, Pam, Leigh and her daughter, Alexis, of Coleman were also visitors there. Later Jacky, Sandra, Rex, Mandy, Abby and Andy Sanders met at the Glenn home. Sue and Lona Mae visited in Cross Plains with the family of Andy Sanders. His family includes wife, Marlene, two daughters, Andrea and Lisa and several grandchildren. Sue and Lona Mae make this trip annually to visit with brothers and sisters during the Christmas season in memory of their mother who died in Sept. 1988.

Visiting with Delma Matthews at Haskell Healthcare Center were Nicole Alexander of Austin, Jan Alexander of Wichita Falls and her grandchildren, Wesley and Kelsey Alexander of Holliday; Michael Matthews of Stanton, Wade and Cam King and daughter of Stephenville; and Tommy and June Matthews, Wilbert and Dwanna Klose, Pam Opitz, all of Haskell.

The Hawkins annual Christmas meeting was held at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Ten of Joyce's eleven children attended. They are James and Shirley Hawkins of Wichita Falls, daughters, Deana Rhelmi and Lanna and Tom, all of Wichita Falls; Gary and Yvonne Huffines of Dimmitt, children Brenda and Paula Huffines of Amarillo, Russell and Keri Magby and sons Ty and Taylor of Lubbock, Jeff and Trish Crow and children Megan, Mindy and Dustin of Norman, Okla., now stationed in Hawaii; Clayton Hawkins of Haskell, son Terry and friend Lisa of Burnett; Glendon and Donna Hawkins of Stamford; Johnny and Cathy Hawkins and grandson, Ty Blockmon of Jarrell; Bobby and Darlene Hawkins of Lewisville; Sammy and Peggy Hawkins and children Michael and Britney of Aspermont; Darlene Conn and family, David and Denise Conn and girls Sebrina and Amber, daughter Julie Cochran and children Audree and Dawton, and Daniel Conn of Haskell; Margaret Tatum and children, Jonathan and Candice Tatum and children of Dalhart, Creora Tatum, Christopher and Melissa Tatum and children, Zachary, Garret, Taylor and Christlin, all of Haskell. Not attending were Gary and Vickie Hawkins of Haskell and Phillip and Floradean Cockerell and family of Early.

Fannie Mae Barton of Haskell and Erma Liles of Weinert have returned from Fort Worth where they spent Christmas holidays with Kip and Kaye Derrick, Mrs. Barton's daughter. They also visited with granddaughter, Kristy and Brian Waltman and Rachel of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Chucky Castillo and Alexia of Lewisville and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martinez and family of New Braunfels visited with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Castillo over the weekend.

Faye Jetton had her family at home for Christmas. They include Kelly Frantz and son, Brennan; Niki Frantz Wallace and son, Justin Jones of Dallas and girl friend from Texas A&M. Ryan Jones and girl friend of Paris; Barnaby and Katie Resendiz and baby Marcus of De Kalb; Terry and Diann Tatom of Iowa Park; Cody and Heather Clark and baby Oliver of Wichita Falls; Bill and Dorothy Jetton of Brownwood; Paul and Jana Maturi of Dallas, children, Holley, Mollie and Jamie; Donald and Sandra Stafford and Jackie Frantz of Great Falls, Montana; Claude and Jimmy Young of Pitkin, Colo. The family held a worship service with Bill Jetton leading the singing. Grandson, Kelly Frantz brought the lesson. Communion was served by Paul Maturi and Brennan Frantz.



MR. AND MRS. RENE GARCIA

Gonzales, Garcia wed November 1

Rene Garcia and Rachel Gonzales, both of Haskell, were married Nov. 1, in Haskell. Rachel is the daughter of

Augustine Gonzales Sr. and Elida Gonzales, both of Stamford. Rene is the son of Paula Garcia and the late Chano Garcia of Haskell.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued during the month of December by Rhonda Moeller, Haskell County Clerk include:

John Marshall Griffith of Memphis and Margaret Brothers of Rule.

Dewey Lee Hasty and Wilma Kirby Bishop, both of Haskell.

Tommy Burnall Watson of Haskell and Laura Lea Rose of New Ulm.



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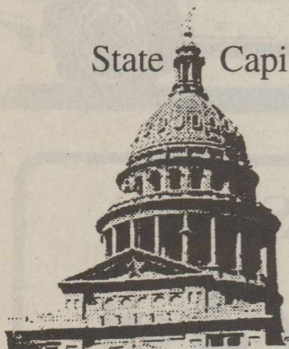
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

New car sales, auto rental taxes decline 10 percent

AUSTIN—Surely you've seen the commercial. The beloved family dog bounds up to a young woman sitting on a couch. Wait, there's something in his mouth: A set of keys to a new car.

There are variations, but figures from the Comptroller's Office show that getting handed car keys by one's significant other, parent or pet is a lot less common these days than it is on television.

What this means to Texans, besides forcing most of us to acknowledge that we didn't get a new Lexus for Christmas, is that with automobile sales and rentals down, tax revenue is down.

According to the Comptroller, motor vehicle sales and rental taxes were down nearly 10 percent in September, October and November, the first quarter of the state's fiscal year compared with the same period last fiscal year.

Translated to money, that decrease amounts to \$70 million. A 1.6 percent drop in the state's primary revenue source, the sales tax, amounts to another \$60 million less for the same three-month period last year.

Unfortunately for Texas, the math just keeps getting worse. These drops in tax revenue are going to affect the current \$114 million budget, not to mention the projected deficit in the new budget lawmakers will soon begin putting together for the next two fiscal years. That figure has been estimated as high as \$12 billion.

The bottom line is no different, despite the worsening numbers: Something's got to give, either deep cuts or new sources of tax revenue.

Bankruptcies up, stocks down...

The reason state government is having money problems is the same

reason many businesses and individuals are having difficulties: The economy.

The number of bankruptcy filings was up last year, and the stock market ended the year down for the third year in a row, the first time that has happened since 1941 and only the second time since the Depression.

And so far no one has seen any signs that business is picking up, which has a lot of people worried. In fact, the big bet is that 2003 will see even more bankruptcies than last year.

Time to rent that tux...

Or buy that new party dress, assuming your candidate won. Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst will be sworn in on Jan. 21, with all the hoopla that normally follows.

You don't have to dress up for one of the best aspects of this every-four-year ritual, the 19-gun salute. Seeing an array of howitzers on the Capitol grounds, even if they are only firing blanks, is impressive.

Two new Web sites...

World War II had a huge impact on the world and on Texas and the Texas Historical Commission now has a Web page dedicated to Texas' role in the global conflict. The page features the results of a survey the agency conducted to gather information on important military and home-front sites, from training bases to prisoner of war camps.

The new page can be reached through the commission's home page, www.thc.state.tx.us.

The House of Representatives also has a new Web site, www.house.state.tx.us/. Visitors to the site will be able to monitor committee hearings as well as the proceedings of the full house.

The Texas Senate Web site also will have legislative information at www.senate.state.tx.us/.

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From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in Haskell. I have been married for 37 years. I have two children.

I attended school at Haskell and business school in Abilene.

No one knows that I got a motorcycle for my 35th birthday.

My favorite TV show is The View. My favorite type of music is Rock and Roll (Oldies but Goodies). I have many favorite songs, but the first one that comes to mind is "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?" by Van Morrison.

The last book I read was *Separation of Power*. I am now reading *Chasing the Dime*.

My favorite place to visit in Texas is San Antonio.

My favorite vacation spot in the world is a Florida beach resort.

My best quality is my compassion. My worst quality is procrastination.

I hate it when people are insensitive.

My greatest personal accomplishment is having my two wonderful children.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is the comfortable feeling I have when I am there. Robert Montgomery described Haskell perfectly for me when he wrote, "Home, the spot of earth supremely blest. A dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest."

Watch for the identity of this Mystery Reader next week.

Update

Last week's Mystery Reader was Joella Weinert Perkins of Houston. She is the daughter of the late

Preston and Margaret Weinert, early day residents in Weinert. Her brother, who saved her from burning to death when she was almost 6 years old, is Harlan Weinert of Weinert.

Her two children, their spouses and her seven grandchildren all live in Houston.

Joella is a retired teacher after 30 years having taught in Snyder ISD, Midland ISD and her last 25 years in Spring Branch ISD.

She moved to Houston in 1962, and works part-time at a friend's gift shop, making 5 years total.

She has been a Free Press reader for many years, she said, adding, "I love it! I look forward to receiving it each week."

A member of the Chapelwood Methodist Church Chancel Choir, she has enjoyed three touring-performing trips with the group to England, Scotland, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

Thoughts for the week

After looking back at the past year and thinking of all the things we hope to accomplish and experience in the future, maybe now is a good time to consider what we are going to do with the time we have today. While on my recent two weeks vacation to the west coast I found the following excerpt by an anonymous writer in a beautiful book, *Inner Thoughts*, a collection of reflections from contemporary Irish women.

The Present

Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with 86,400 dollars. It carries over no balance from day to day. Each

morning the bank deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every penny, of course!

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Make the most of today. To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed end of year exams.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask the person who missed the train.

To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have, especially if you share it with someone special.

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it is called the present!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
The Haskell Goodfellows would like to express sincere thanks to those who helped with our 2002 project. The donations of money, food, toys, time and clothes are appreciated. A total of 30 packages were distributed to needy families.

This year's Goodfellows project was a community effort, which was

spearheaded by the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Fire Department. Also assisting in this endeavor was the Haskell Free Press.

Sincerely,

Donnie Rieger
Haskell Lions Club
and Linda Haynes
Haskell Co. Child Welfare Board

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From Out of the Past

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10 Years Ago January 14, 1993

Greg Blair of Abilene was named the new manager of West Texas Utilities of the Haskell area. He began his career 8 years ago as a results engineer with WTU's Paint Creek station.

City of Haskell's 1993 sales tax receipts got off to a good start this week when it received a check in the amount of \$15,241.80 from the state comptroller. That is an increase of 11.62 percent over the \$13,654.73 the city received last January.

Eager Housewives Club of Haskell County Extension met December 19 for a traditional Christmas party. The group spent the afternoon in Abilene.

20 Years Ago January 13, 1983

Haskell dentist William J. Kemp was inducted into the Academy of Dentistry International.

The Red Cross Regional bloodmobile was in Haskell at the First Baptist Church. The goal was 80 units.

Sharon Gray, Hardin Simmons University, junior from Haskell rode among the coeds of HSU's famous Six White Horses in the inaugural parade in Austin for Gov.-elect Mark White.

30 Years Ago January 11, 1973

Ice on Haskell roads almost completely halted travel during the week. There was no sign of thawing. It seemed safer to drive an automobile than to walk.

Both the city and county received checks for their share of the revenue sharing fund. The checks represented the second half of 1972. The city received a check for \$17,257, and the county check totaled \$53,841.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cline of Euless announced the birth of their daughter Rebecca Christene. Grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Howell Green of Haskell.

40 Years Ago January 10, 1963

Haskell's 1962 rainfall was almost nine and one half inches above normal. The 1962 total rainfall was almost two and one half inches more than in 1961.

Three crackling blazes within six hours, broke a welcomed several days' absence of fire runs in Haskell as volunteers of the Haskell Fire Department got a workout.

Martin Rueffer and Jean King, two Haskell High School band members, were chosen for inclusion in the 100-piece All-Region II Texas Interscholastic League Band as cornetists.

50 Years Ago January 8, 1953

Haskell County vocational school was approved to enroll Korean trainees under public law 550 according to David H. Persons, Coordinator.

Fanned by a brisk wind, a fire destroyed the Stamford mill and elevator properties in that city, causing loss estimated at \$240,000. Firemen from all of the surrounding cities fought the blaze for hours.

A delegation of Haskell business men went to Wichita Falls to attend the annual meeting and banquet of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce. Attending from Haskell were Rex Felker, W.O. Holden, Olen Dotson and A.C. Pierson.

The Haskell County Singing convention met at the 5th Street Baptist Church in Rule.

100 Years Ago January 8, 1903

The gin at Cliff is being operated two days in the week by Mr. Vandever.

R.E. Neathery of Paris, came out this week to superintend putting up of improvements and preparing two farms owned by him near Marcy for occupancy this year.

Mr. Lane is here this week from the Territory looking over a tract of land about six miles north of town which he recently purchased. He will move there if he likes the situation.

G.W. Griffith is off on another trip to Arkansas and his friends say he is seriously thinking of trading Texas for Arkansas.

Clarification

Employees of Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center donated an uncounted number of gifts to the Goodfellows organization during the Christmas season. A story in the Haskell Free Press published Dec. 26 listed the number of gifts as 81. Some of the gifts were purchased with money raised by the group's winning float entry in the Haskell Christmas parade. Others were donated by the employees.



GOOD LUCK, INDIANS and MAIDENS



HASKELL INDIANS: from left, Coach Mark Adams, Osiel Garcia, Melvin Garcia, Kendall Mitchell, Ross Hairgrove, Josh Webb, Ryan Burgess, Eddie Loyd, Bobby Loyd, Leon Goudeau, Angel Pena, Coach Toby Villa. Center: Larry Trevino.

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HASKELL MAIDENS: From left, Coach David Middleton, Coach Shawna Faircloth, Brittany Lindsey, Monica Buerger, Whitney Hise, Calina Kendall, Katie McKnight, Lynzie Harlan, Brittany Bird, Mandy Adams, Whitney Wallace, Brittany Rutkowski, Shanee Mays, Consuelo Gonzales

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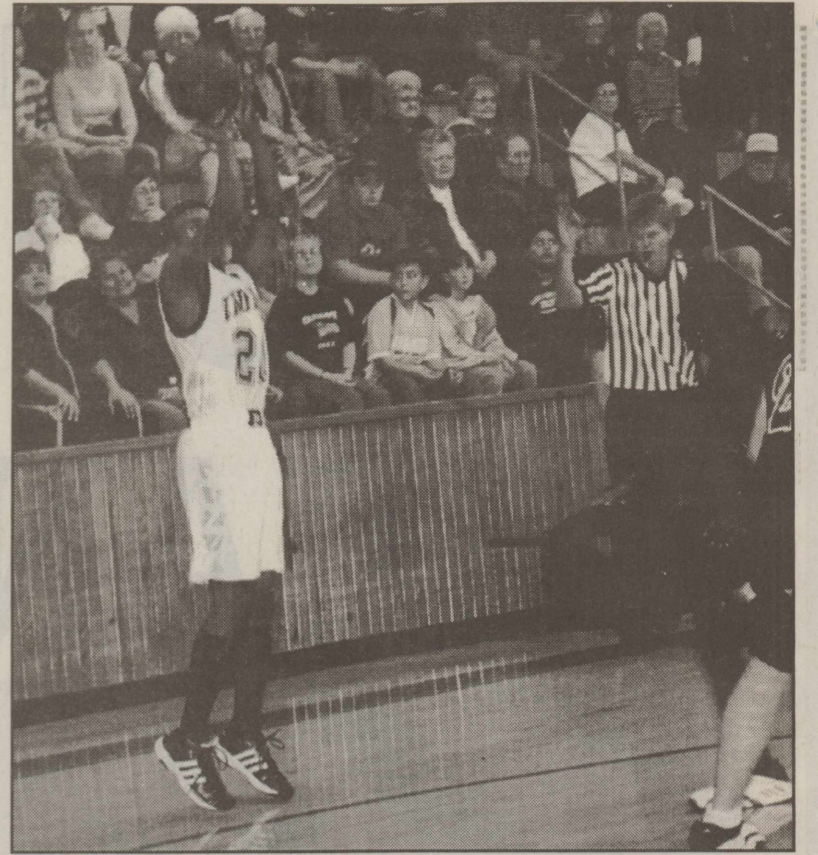
Student visits Rotary Club



BENITA LUCIO

Benita Lucio is the daughter of Julius and Lydia Aguilar of Haskell. Her church affiliation is Catholic. Her favorite things to do are working, hanging out with friends, spending time with family and talking on the phone.

After finishing high school she plans to attend Vernon College.



INDIANS WIN—Leon Goudeau (20) lofts one for a basket in the Indians' 75 to 39 win over Anson, Jan. 4.

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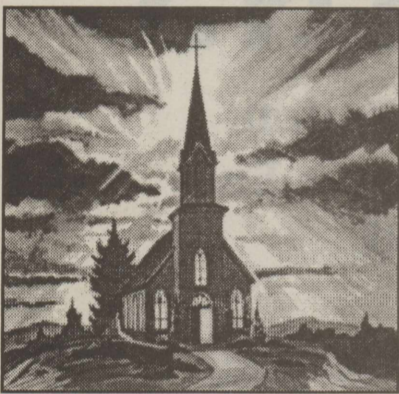
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This Week's Devotional Message:



YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE EYES OF GOD

In this age of computers, in every regard

We have all been reduced to a hole in a card.

Oh, how simple it was in our house by the road,

Till they added the Zip and the Area Code!

In your place of employment, or out in your car,

You're a serial number wherever you are;

And you find your identity harder to claim

When you're known by a number instead of a name.

So, there's one thing to do: let your faith lead the way

To the place where you still can be Someone today.

If you go to your Church, you'll be happy to find

In the eyes of the Lord you are one of a kind!

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.

Christian Church

Dusty Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

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Gary Bruns, pastor
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Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Allen Brooks, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

St. George Catholic Church

Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.

Church of Christ

Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

Trinity Baptist Church

Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.

Hopewell Baptist Church

John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

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.

WEINERT

First Baptist Church

Chris Powell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

Weinert Foursquare Church

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

ROCHESTER

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Jackie Brem, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

O'BRIEN

O'Brien Baptist Church

Kyle Gullledge, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

SAGERTON

Sagerton Methodist Church

Melissa Bemis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

RULE

First Baptist Church

Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.

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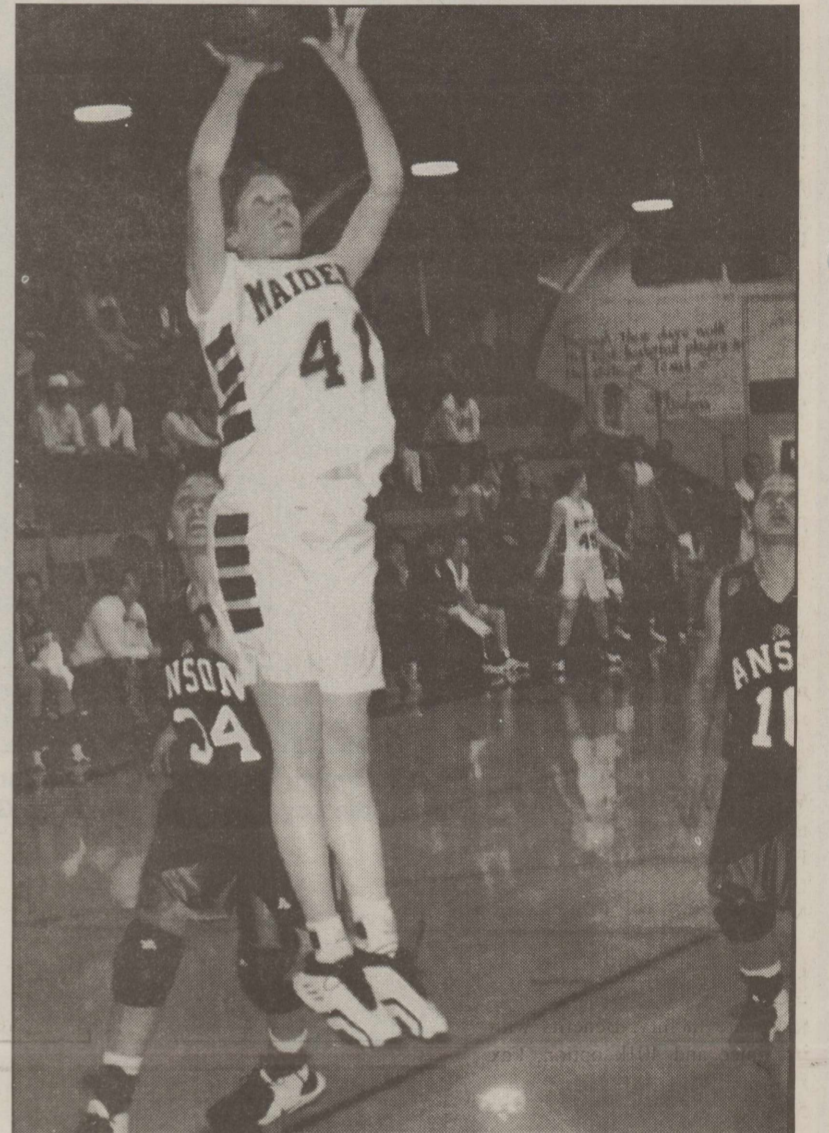
Alfa y Omega
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.



FLYING MAIDEN—Brittany Lindsey (41) lifts off to score in the Haskell team's game with Anson, Jan. 4.

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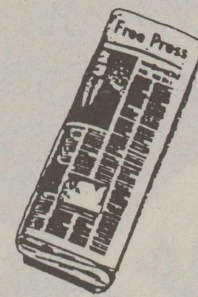
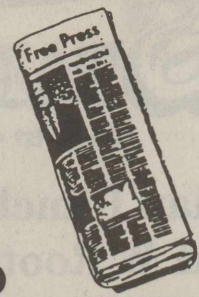


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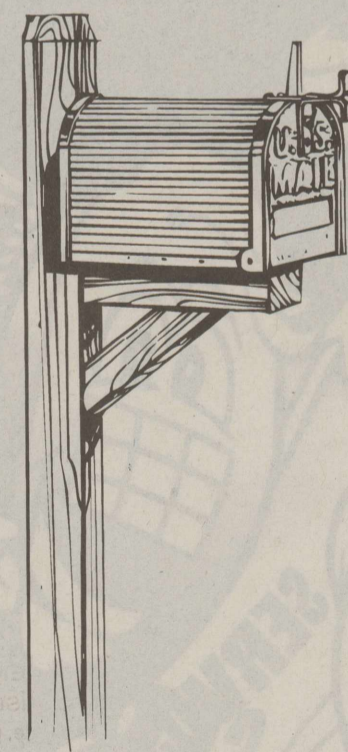
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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information 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.
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State Office: Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
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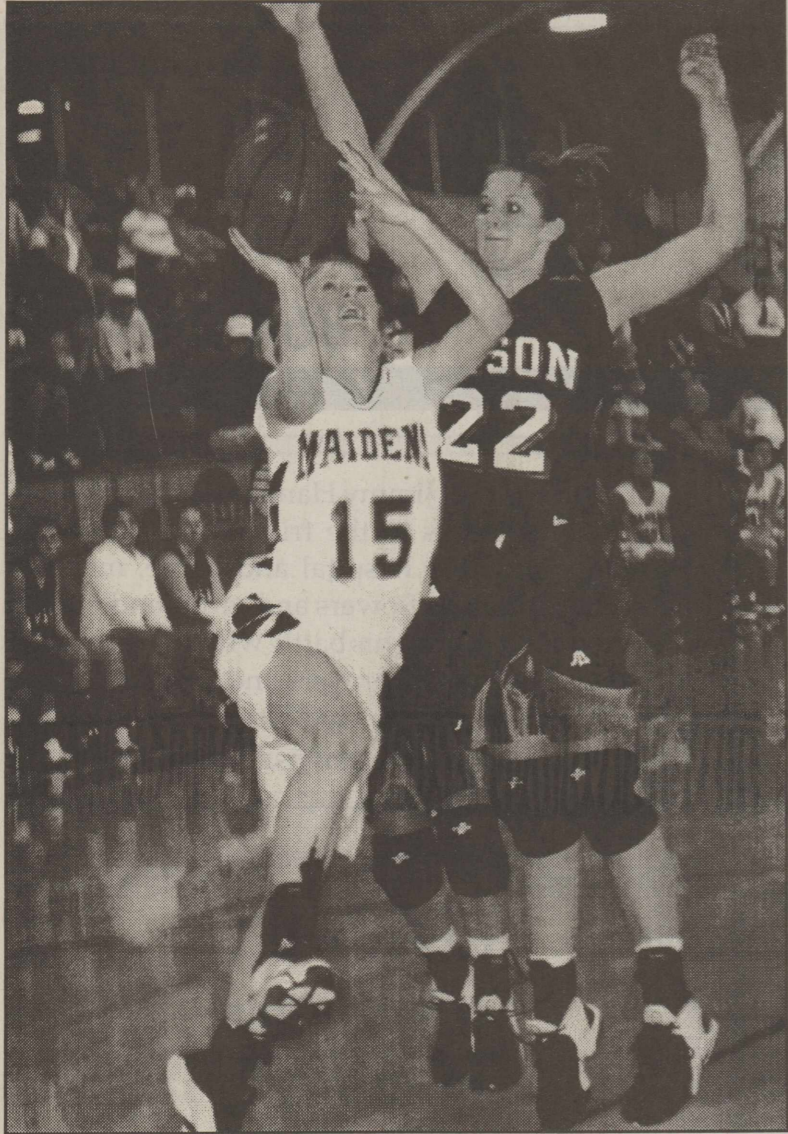
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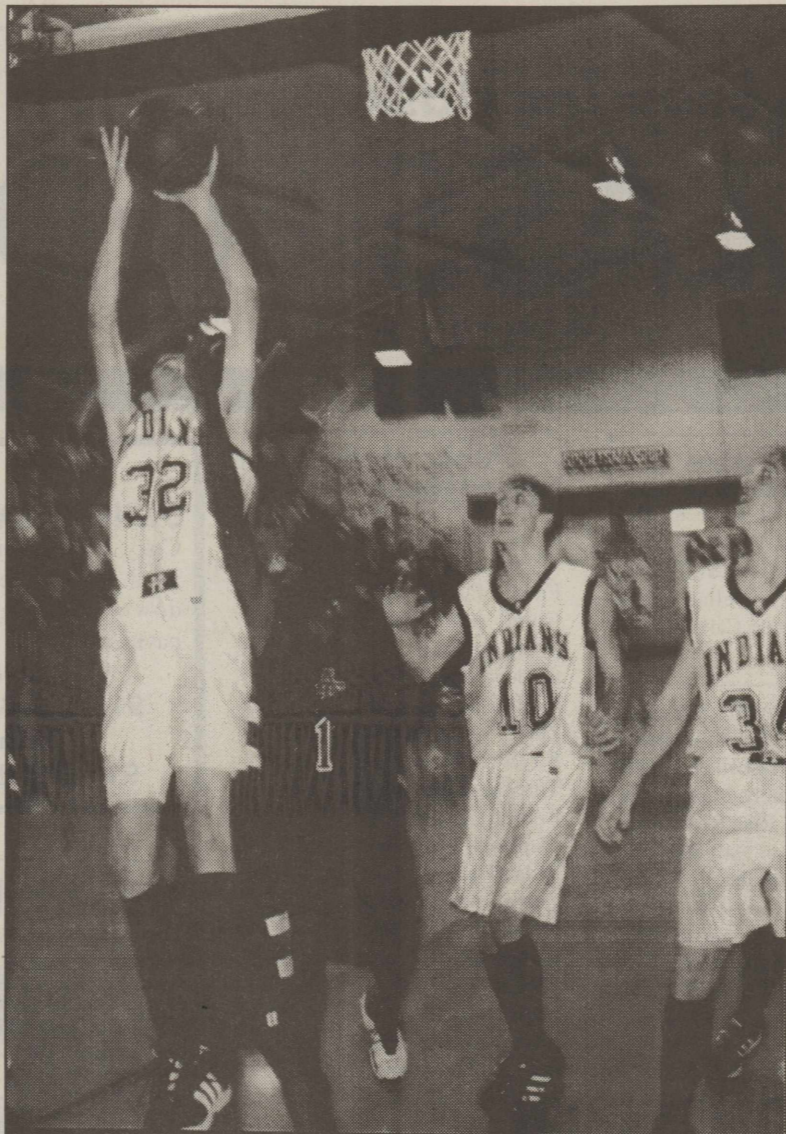
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MAIDEN AT WORK—Haskell Maiden Whitney Wallace (15) goes up in a crowd in the game with Anson. Photo by Bill Blankenship



TALL ORDER—Haskell's Ross Hairgrove (32) stretches for a goal in the Indians' winning game with Anson. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Area Basketball scores

Girls

Rochester 76, Bryson 24
Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 26, Brown 15, Turner 12, Martin 7, Martinez 6, Sanchez 4, Saucedo 4, Ramos 2.

Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 9, Rutkowski 6, Bueger 6, Harlan 5, Hise 4, Lindsey 4, Bird 1, Kendall 1.
JV score: Haskell 34, Throckmorton 12.

Brown 11, Turner 10, Martin 5, Martinez 4, Ramos 3, Sanchez 1.

Aspermont 78, Paint Creek 39
Scoring for Paint Creek: Brzozowski 17, Thomasson 7, Isbell 6, Gonzalez 6, Walton 2, Reel 1.

M. Garcia 13, Webb 11, Goudeau 10, B. Loyd 10, E. Loyd 9, O. Garcia 4, Pena 2, Hairgrove 2.

JV score: Haskell 39, Throckmorton 22.

Haskell 36, Throckmorton 32

Rochester 54, Jayton 39
Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 20,

Rule 74, Guthrie 27
Scoring for Rule: T. Lisle 22, M. Lehrmann 20, Smith 8, Dudensing 6, Hertel 5, Brown 4, Davis 3, A. Lisle 2, J. Lehrmann 2, Marquis 2.
JV score: Benjamin 26, Rule 25.

Jayton 47, Rochester 33
Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 12, Earle 9, Self 8, Saucedo 4.

Aspermont 99, Paint Creek 60
Scoring for Aspermont: Lowrance 23, Medford 18, Biba 9, Hobbs 8.

Guthrie 47, Rule 43
Scoring for Rule: Kittley 16, Stephens 11, Standefer 6, Brown 4, Smith 4, Turner 2.

Boys
Rochester 51, Bryson 50
Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 20, Saucedo 17, Self 5, Rodgers 4, Carrasco 3, Earle 2.

Haskell 79, Throckmorton 45
Scoring for Haskell: Burgess 18,

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by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Perhaps you know of someone who died or became sick from carbon monoxide poisoning. Combustion pollutants are gases or particles that come from burning materials.

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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS!

Property owners should be aware that they have certain rights which may reduce their property tax burden. Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2003 may claim their home as a homestead. This filing of homestead is only necessary if the homeowner has moved or is entitled an additional exemption during 2003. Disabled Veterans should bring or mail the letter they receive from V.A. to the Appraisal District to receive property tax credit only if the percentage of disability has changed. A pamphlet published by the State Comptroller's Office, which details all taxpayer's rights, remedies and responsibilities, is available free of charge at the Appraisal District Office. All tax questions should be directed to the Haskell County Appraisal District, Box 467, Haskell, Texas 79521, 940-864-3805.

EXEMPTION APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM EACH APPRAISAL DISTRICT OR STATE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

EXEMPTION	FILING REQUIREMENT	FOOTNOTE
Residence Homestead	One-time application	2.
Disabled Veterans & Survivors	One-time application	1.
Cemeteries	Annual application/renewal	1.
Charitable Organizations	One-time application	2.
Youth Spiritual, Mental & Physical Development Associations	One-time application	2.
Religious Organizations	One-time application	2.
Privately Owned School	One-time application	2.
Historic Sites	Annual application/renewal	1.
Solar & Wind-powered Energy Devices	Annual application/renewal	1.

1. All annual applications must be filed prior to April 30th with the Central Appraisal District of Haskell County.
2. Any property ownership change that has occurred since January 1, 2003, requires a new application to be made.

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OLD

State Law allows a person who is over 65 to receive additional homestead exemptions for school purposes and other tax units also offer optional exemptions. Contact the appraisal district as soon as you turn 65 and present proof of age to receive this tax benefit. Over 65 persons are also allowed to defer the taxes on their homestead if they wish. A tax deferral form must be filled out if the Over 65 person wishes to stop paying their tax. The tax will continue to accrue, but no procedures to collect the tax will be implemented until the owner no longer lives in the home nor intends to return. An interest rate of 8% per annum is charged but no penalty is assessed. Details and an application for deferral can be obtained at Any appraisal district office.

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You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. Other property owners are encouraged to file a rendition. By filing a rendition, you can give your opinion of your property's value and you record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. The filing date may be extended 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15th deadline.

ATTENTION: FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

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