

Softball games

JV-V Maidens vs Anson
Fri., March 14, 3:30 p.m.
at Haskell
Maidens at Eula Tourney
Sat., March 15 at Eula
V Maidens vs Stamford
Tues., March 18, 4:30 p.m.
at Stamford

Baseball games

JV Indians vs Seymour
Thurs., March 13, 3 p.m.
at Haskell
V Indians vs Anson
Fri., March 14, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
JV Indians vs Anson
Mon., March 17, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
V Indians vs Stamford
Tues., March 18, 5 p.m.
at Stamford

Golf

Indians and Maidens at
Shady Oaks Country Club
Baird, Tues., Mar. 18, 9 a.m.

Calendar

Potato supper

A baked potato supper to benefit Laura Baxter, who will travel on a band trip to Europe, will be held Sun., March 16 at the Calvary Baptist Church from 1 to 4 p.m. The meal will be a baked potato with all the trimmings and dessert. Cost is \$5 per plate. Take-outs will be available.

Car show

The 7th annual Haskell Fire Dept. Car Show will be held Sat., March 15 around the courthouse in Haskell. Entries are \$20. Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. Judging will be at 12:30 p.m. followed by a trophy presentation at 3:30 p.m. Hot Wheel races will be held for the kids. Kids tractor pull will be held. A 5k run walk will be held. Air castles will be available for the kids. For more information contact Randy Shaw at 864-2023 or Coy Scoggins at 864-3694.

Flea market

A flea market sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce will be held Sat., March 15 around the square in conjunction with the Haskell Fire Department's Car Show. For vendor information call the chamber office at 940-864-2477 or Janet Earle after 5 p.m. at 940-864-3830.

Girls softball meeting

Haskell Girls Softball will hold a sign-up and mandatory parent's meeting Mon., March 17 at City Hall beginning at 5:15 p.m. Parents need to attend to learn new league information. An additional sign-up time will be Tues., March 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at City Hall. All those with uniforms from last year should bring them to sign-up. Call Jacklyn Wheatley at 864-3126 for more information.

3-on-3 tourney

The Paint Creek Seniors Class of 2003 will host a 3 on 3 basketball tournament April 6 to benefit their senior trip. Two divisions: men and women ages 15 and up will play at least three games. Teams will consist of four members. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Entries per division is limited to 12 teams. Entries must be received by March 25. A concession stand will be available. To enter call Coach Joe Thomasson 940-864-6158 or 864-2471.

Bake sale

The Experienced Citizens Center will hold a bake sale Sat., March 15 during the car show at a booth located on the southside of the square.

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Classic Car Show Saturday on the square

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"The People's Choice"

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Car show, flea market, run set Sat.

Excitement is building in the community and surrounding area for the events planned for the 7th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department

Car Show to be held around the Courthouse square Sat., Mar. 15, offering a full day of varied activities, with something for fun and entertain-

ment of all age groups.

The ten classes of vehicles included for judging are: Cars Pre-'64; Cars '65 and up; Antique Cars,

Trucks thru '50; Street Rods Pre-'49; Race Cars; Older Pickups Pre-'84; Pickups '85 and up; Motorcycles; Restoration in Progress; Cushman

Scooters.

First and second place will be awarded cash prizes in each class. Third place in each class will receive a trophy. Awards and cash will be awarded for Best of Show, People's Choice (selected by the public) and Furthest Distance Traveled.

Entry time will be from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Fire Station. Entry fee is \$20.00. Judging will be at 12:30, with trophy presentation at 3:30. For information call Coy Scoggins at 940-864-3694 or Randy Shaw at 940-864-2023.

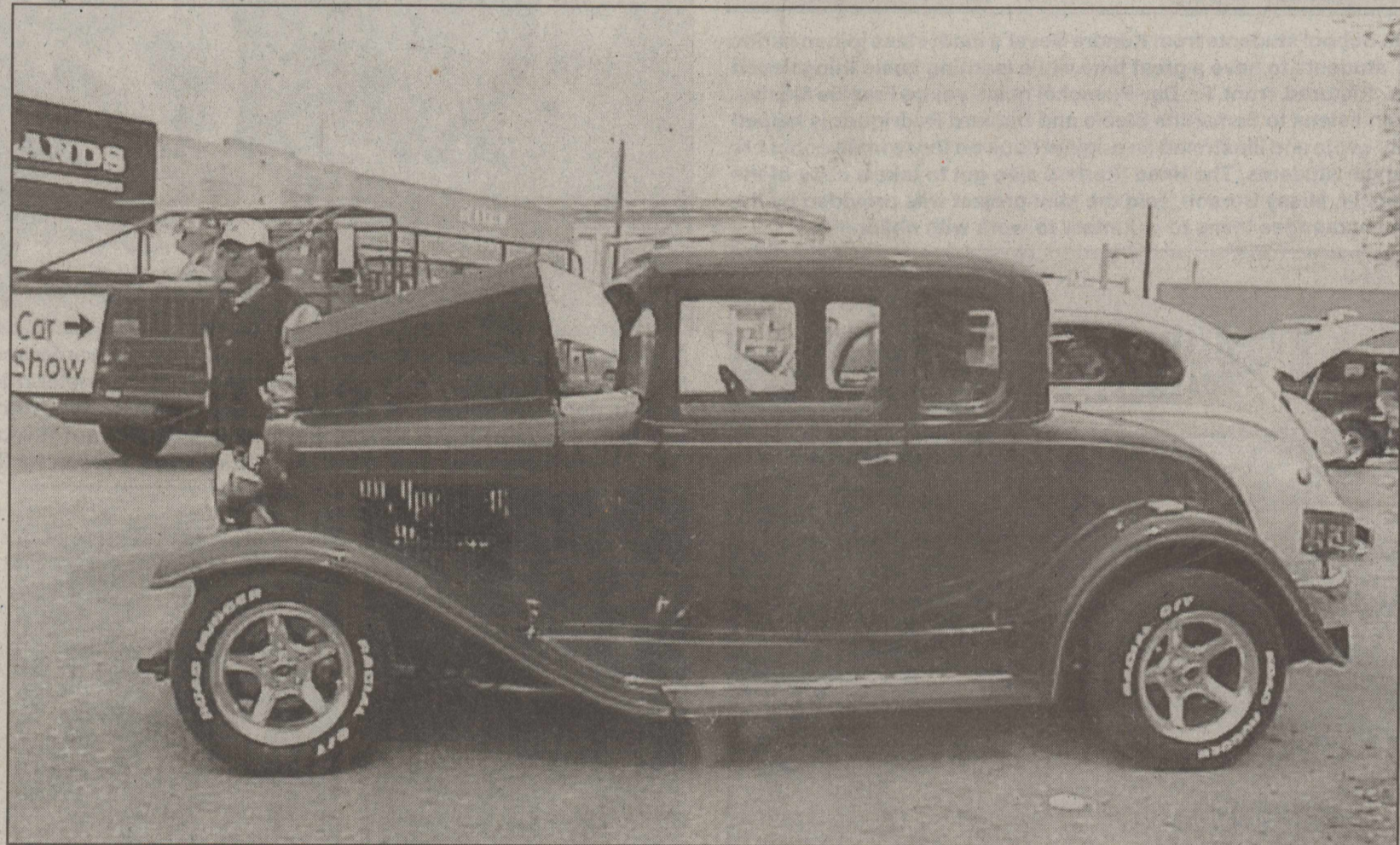
Entry fee for the Hot Wheels for Kids is \$1.00. Trophies will be given for 1st and 2nd places.

The popular Kids Tractor Pull with kid-sized tractors will be sponsored by Bill Wilson Motor Co. and Quality Implement.

The Fire Department will be serving hamburgers and fries on the square.

The annual Flea Market sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be held in front of the buildings around the square. Vendor spaces measuring 20 feet wide are available for \$10.00 each. Food vendor spaces may be rented for \$15.00. Spaces may be obtained by contacting the Chamber office or Janet Earles at Haskell National Bank.

The 5K Country Run will begin at 10:00 a.m. The run will be toward Jim Strain Road, and the optional 1-mile walk will be around the city park. Sign up time will be at 8:30 a.m. at the city park gazebo. T-shirts, medals and door prizes will be featured. Entry fee will be \$15.00, benefitting the Haskell Fire Department.



VINTAGE VEHICLES RETURNING—Dozens of special motor vehicles, covering ten different categories, are coming to town Saturday, during the 7th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department

Car Show. Interesting, valuable vehicles, such as the one pictured here from last year's show, will be displayed around the courthouse square for up-close viewing by the public during the day.

Overton inducted into Hall of Fame

Haskell County native, Wallar Overton of Paint Creek, was inducted into the Chisholm Trail Council Hall of Fame last week, at the annual Boy Scouts of America Council banquet in Abilene.

Overton has been involved in Scouting for over 55 years. He has been presented the Silver Beaver, the Scoutmaster's Key, the District Award of Merit, the Training Knot, Webelos, Eagle Scout, Scoutmaster's award, and God and Country. He completed Scoutmaster's Training Course #25 and received his Woodbadge Beads in 1988. He served as Scoutmaster of Troop 48 in Paint Creek, (later redesignated as Troop 148) for over twenty years, with twenty-five summer camps with the troop at Camp Tonkawa, as a boy and as an adult. He has led two Scout

crews which traveled by lakes and rivers into the Quetico wilderness in Southern Canada, living from what could be carried in canoes or on their backs. As a boy he walked the trails of Philmont and has attended four National Jamborees, serving as Jamboree Scoutmaster in 1993.

Overton comes from longtime Scouting family. Both he and his father, the late Gene Overton, are recipients of the Silver Beaver Award, which is the highest recognition a council can present to a volunteer. His mother, Mable Overton, holds the Silver Fawn recognition, the highest award a council could give to a female volunteer. Both of his brothers, William and Mike, and both of his sons, Hans and Marcus, earned the

Eagle rank.

Overton currently serves on the Double Mountain District Committee, is a member of the Camping and Outdoor Committee in the newly formed Texas Trails

Council and is serving his 17th year on the Scoutmaster's Basic Training Staff as an instructor.

He is supported and encouraged in his scouting activity by his wife, Steffi.

City of Haskell sets election

Sat., May 3 has been set for the Haskell city election for seats on the City Council.

On the ballot will be three two-year term places. Current councilmen whose terms will expire are Doris McMeans, Sue Medford and Dale Bullinger.

The last day for filing for the open seats is Wed., Mar. 19. Application for filing must be made at the City Hall office. On Tues., Mar. 25, a drawing for places on the ballot will be made at 10:00 a.m. at the City Hall. As of Mon., Mar. 10, W. L.

Wolf had filed for the position of councilman. If no more than three names are filed, no election will be held.

Voting place will be at the City Hall on Sat., May 3. Early voting may be done at City Hall on April 16 through April 29.

Election judge will be Doris Watson and alternate judge will be Birdie Goudeau. Early voting clerk will be Louetta Davis and alternate early voting clerk will be Kimla Kinney.

Paint Creek School board election set

The Paint Creek ISD will hold an election Sat., May 3 to fill three terms that are expiring on the Paint Creek School Board. Member terms expiring are those of Randy Emert, Vern Howard and Rodney Medford.

The deadline for filing for a position on the board is Wed., Mar. 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Superintendent's office at Paint Creek School.

Isbell deployed to Kuwait

Staff Sgt. Tommie Dale Isbell, son of Karen and W. L. Wolfe of Haskell, has been deployed to Kuwait with 3 Marine Aircraft Wing.

The 28-year-old Haskell native has been in the U. S. Marines for the last eight years. He is a graduate of Haskell High School, where he was

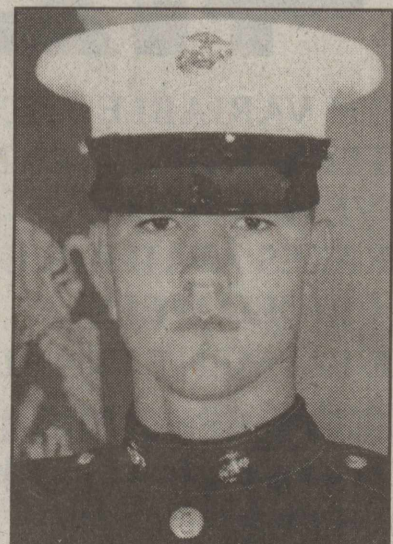
an athlete, active in many different sports.

Since leaving for Kuwait he has been able to call his parents two times. Knowing that he would appreciate hearing from his home town during this time, they are requesting others to write him at the following address.

S Sgt. Isbell, Tommie, USMC
MWSS 373 S-4
UIC 41042
FPO-AP 96614-1042

Haskell school board election

The Haskell CISD Board of Trustees has three positions open for election on May 3rd. Each position is for a three-year term. Application for a place on the ballot may be made at the Administration Office. The deadline for filing for the open terms is Mar., 19 at 4:00 p.m.

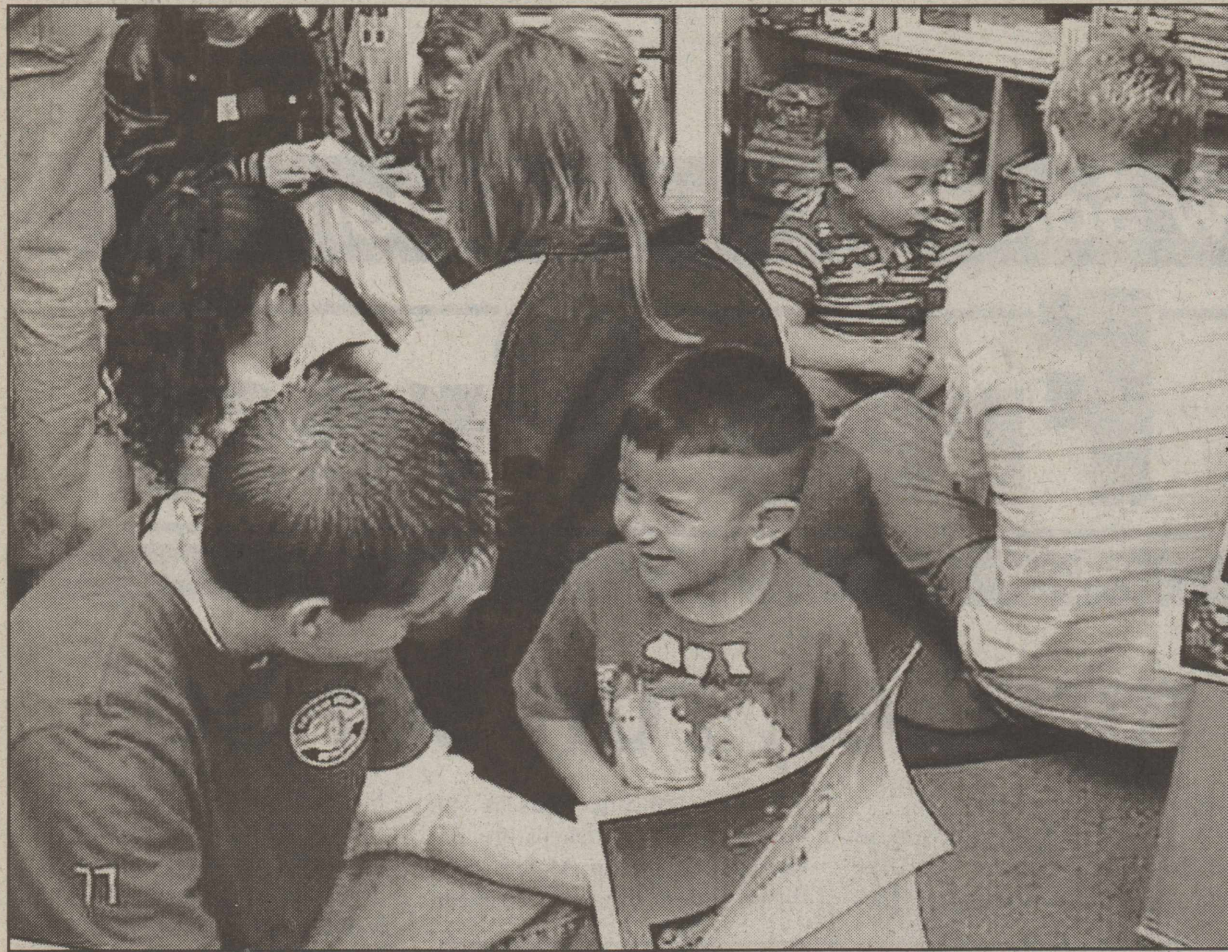


TOMMIE DALE ISBELL



AT TEXAS MIDWEST DAY—Visiting the State Capital in Austin, Feb. 19 were: front, l-r, Ruby Turner; Representative Rick Hardcastle; Linda Carrington; Haskell Mayor Ken Lane. Back, City Administrator Sam Watson; Chamber of Commerce Manager, Abe Turner; DCOH Director James Elam; Haskell County Republican Chairman, Dave Brown and Throckmorton County Judge, Trey Carrington.

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WRITING MATH BOOKS—Haskell High School students from Kendra Bevel's math class joined hands with Haskell Elementary Head Start students to have a great time while learning basic things such as shapes, colors, patterns and sizes. Pictured, front, l-r, Dax Pueschel helps young Frankie Masias. Back, l-r, Head Starter Kelsey Guzman listens to Samantha Steele and Richard Rodriguez is helped by Derrick Tribbey. The older students wrote and illustrated an original book on these math concepts and then read their books to the younger students. The Head Starters also got to take a copy of the book home with them. Head Start teacher, Missy Burson, said the joint project was provided by the National Youth Initiative grant which encourages teens to volunteer to work with children.*



VALENTINE PLACEMATS—Haskell Elementary sixth grade students of teachers Tonya Cypert and Debbie Earles designed and made unique Valentine place mats for the Experienced Senior Citizens' Center. Pictured front row, l-r are: Gene Rose, Kenneth Rogers. Second row, Director Jennabeth Kimbrough, Joan Dulaney. Back, Molly Agraz, Wayne Ham and Samantha Rodriguez.

LEGAL NOTICE

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other legal telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con siete cientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporarios no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporarios, indicados por La Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

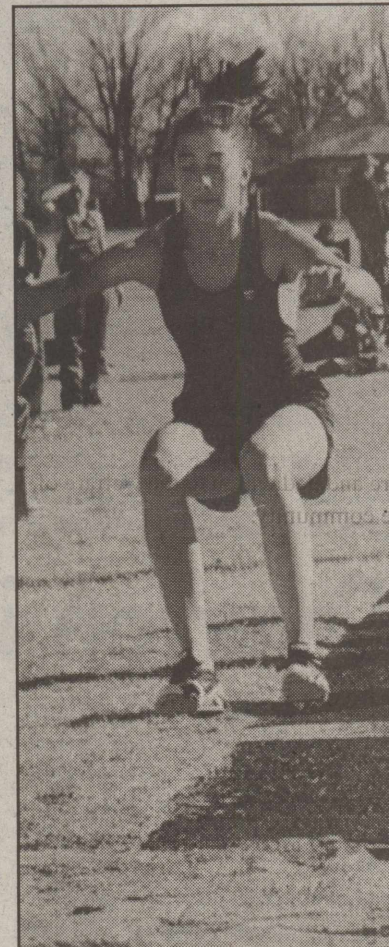
La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.



GOOD MANNERS—Haskell Elementary School students awarded recognition certificates and coupons for drinks and ice cream for having good manners in the cafeteria during February were: standing, left to right, Johna Messenger, Maria Zavala, Dawn Skinner, Molly Agraz, Clint Howard, Carlos Gonzales and Seth Chavez. Sitting middle, Hayley Holland, Richard Wilson, Breiana Bell, Nathaniel Dever, Denton Reed and Savannah Stephens. Sitting front, Carson Hadaway and Cameron Blackledge.



INDIAN TRACKSTER—Angel Pena of Haskell runs the 1600 meter at Seymour, Thurs. Mar. 6



LONG JUMP—Haskell's Mollie McKnight is caught in mid-air at the Seymour track events.



TRIPLE JUMP—Leslie Grand of Haskell competes at the track meeting in Seymour, Mar. 6.

Cattle Market report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 526 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., March 10, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 83 sellers and 35 buyers attended.
Packers \$1 to \$3 lower, stockers steady, feeders \$1 to \$2 lower.
Cows: fat, .35-.43; cutters, .38-.45; canners, .20-.30.
Bulls: bologna, .44-.55; feeders,

.64-.74; utility, .38-.45.
Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.90; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.12; 400-500 lbs., .92-1.08; 500-600 lbs., .82-.94; 600-700 lbs., .75-.85; 700-800 lbs., .71-.80; 800-up lbs., .65-.74.
Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.40; 300-400 lbs., .88-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .80-

1.00; 500-600 lbs., .75-.85; 600-up lbs., .62-.82.
Bred heifers medium frame, 600-675.
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Brad Egan is new Rice Springs Care Home administrator



BRAD EGAN

By Mary Kaigler

Brad Egan, new administrator of Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell, says he is glad to be at the facility, and that he and his family are looking forward to living here as soon as they can sell their house in Abilene.

Coming to Rice Springs from Abilene, Feb. 1, the Salt Lake City native said he has been pleased with the extensive remodeling recently completed, and really likes the positive things now being planned for the facility. One thing planned is the addition of an Alzheimer's wing. Over the last two years, the level of improvements has covered most every aspect, including floors, walls, computers and training sessions.

"We enjoy a good relationship with the hospital," Egan said. Citing the fact that his last evaluation by the director of nursing, Ed Briles, was good, he added, "and we enjoy a very stable staff of thirty-nine."

"Our main goal is to take care of our residents and employees," he said. "We want to have happy employees, because they take care of our 'Moms and Dads.' We are so appreciative of our certified nursing assistants. It takes a lot of care in every way to look after people's needs twenty-four hours a day. We

are proud of all the staff."

Thirty-seven-year-old Egan is a health services administration graduate of the University of Utah and a business major graduate of Weaver State University. He is a member of the Latter Day Saints Mormon Church. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children, son Zachary and daughters, Megan and Jessica. His parents live in Salt Lake City.

During the last year in Abilene, he did consulting work for various nursing home companies in Utah, Colorado, Idaho and Texas. Through his contacts he became friends with Jeff Lewis of Rule, owner of Rice Springs, who asked him to come to Haskell.

Both Egan and Lewis agree that it is important to them that the community stay in contact with the residents of the care home. "I don't want people who come into the care home to be forgotten," Lewis said. "It's so easy to do. But those who come here to live lose track of events and of what's going on. I would like to raise awareness of this, and to urge people of the community to contact the home's residents and to be more inclined to come for a visit with their friends of twenty years, to just say hello." Appreciative of the good, regular volunteer programs provided for the residents, he said more involvement with individuals from the community would also be a great boost for the residents.

Egan said that an open house at Rice Springs on April 4, has been planned to give the community an opportunity to tour the facility, see the completed renovations and get to know the new administrator.

On April 23, a barbecue luncheon will be served by the care home for all local civil services personnel in honor of and appreciation for their care and dedication to the welfare of the community.



MR. AND MRS. JASON STARCH

Cole, Starch wed in Abilene

Kerre Jane Cole and Jason Roderick Starch were united in covenant marriage Sat., Jan. 11, in the Atrium of the Ambassador Hotel in Abilene. Officiating was Randy McLelland of Glen Rose, longtime friend of the family.

Parents of the bride are Ford and Donna Cole of Haskell. Her grandparents were the late W. S. "Skinny" and Thelma Jones Cole of Rule, and Opal Beaty and the late George Beaty of Shamrock.

Parents of the groom are Michael and Sherrill Starch of Weatherford. His grandparents were the late Mr. and Mrs. William Starch of Ralls, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Earle Barnum of Chandler, Arizona.

Piano music was provided by Ellen Rieger of Haskell. As the mothers were seated she played "The Love of God" by Lehman. The bride was escorted by her father to "Canon in D." Nicole Starch of College Station, sister of the groom, sang a love song accompanied by guitar.

Maid of Honor was Tiffany Cadenhead. Bridesmaids were Bree Burgess and Wendy Cadenhead. All are longtime friends of the bride and all from College Station. The bridesmaids wore identical two-piece full-length gowns of burgundy satin, designed with A-line skirts, scoop necklines and elbow length sleeves.

Best man was Michael Starch, father of the groom. Groomsmen were David Krall of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Loren Cole of Abilene, brother of the bride. They wore black tuxes with burgundy ties.

The bride wore an original gown of princess satin. The sheer bodice of imported Italian illusion was sleeveless with a scoop neckline and tiny buttons down the back. Seed pearls accented the sheer yoke and the princess-line skirt fell into a chapel train. Her fingertip veil of silk illusion was held by a tiara.

The bride's bouquet was of ivory and burgundy roses. Something new was her gown. Something borrowed was a handkerchief of her grandmother's. Something old was

a necklace worn by both her grandmother and mother at their weddings. Something blue was her garter.

The reception was in the ballroom of the hotel. The room was adorned with the bride's colors of ivory and burgundy. The three-tiered bride's cake was Italian cream, with burgundy roses garnishing the sides and top. The three-tiered groom's cake of chocolate was frosted on top with "TAM". Servers were Veronica Fuentes of Abilene, Paula Harvey McClendon of Granbury and Amanda Rapp of Houston.

A Russian blessing of bread and salt was pronounced on the couple by the brides' cousin, D'Anna Beaty, a missionary in Moscow, Russia.

Guests were served a buffet of various selections.

After a honeymoon trip in Ruidosa, New Mexico, the couple will reside in Lorena.

The bride is a graduate of Haskell High School and will be a summer graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in English history. She is employed at Barnes and Noble in Waco.

The groom is a graduate of San Geronimo High School in San Bernadino, California. He served in the U. S. Marine Corp. from 1992-2001, and is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Range Management. He is employed as branch manager of Helena Chemical Company in Eddy.

The bride and groom were honored with a rehearsal dinner Fri., Jan. 10, at the Oxford Street Restaurant, hosted by the groom's parents.

The couple was honored with a shower in Haskell in the home of Jo McGuire.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Vaughn of Panhandle visited with her sister, Joyce Hawkins, on Friday.

Joyce Hawkins accompanied Margaret Tatum to Childress on Friday night to meet Jonathan and Candice Tatum and children, Aubrey and Caden. Aubrey and Caden are spending the week visiting with Grandma Margaret and other relatives during spring break.

Cody Blair of Megargel visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair over the weekend.

Floradean Cockerell and son, Jimmy and friend Barbara of Early visited with Joyce Hawkins on Friday.

Glendon and Donna Hawkins of Stamford visited with Joyce Hawkins on Sunday.

Bernice Hilliard went with Linda Short to Lubbock last Tuesday to visit Mary Jane Short.

Bernice Hilliard attended the Key City square dance Saturday night in Tye.

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Anderson, Norman papers are topic of Society's meeting

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society met Mon., March 3 at Haskell City Hall.

Darlene Bellinghausen presented two papers which were done by two of her former students. Andy Anderson and Pauline Burson Norman were the subjects of these papers.

Andy Anderson enlisted in the service in 1941. While training in San Angelo he received a single man's salary of \$21 a month. He was in cadet training in San Antonio, pilot training in Uvalde and gunner school in Laredo. In April 1944 Anderson was sent to England. In May 1944 he was taken prisoner by the Germans after parachuting out of his plane over France. Prisoners had little to eat and Anderson felt like he and other prisoners would have starved to death if not for the once a month parcels from the Red Cross. He was released in May 1945 after

Germany surrendered.

Pauline Brown Norman was born to a pioneer Haskell County family. Her father helped lay out the streets of Haskell. In 1932 she married Melvin "PeeWee" Norman. They worked long hours running a filling station for a while. Once they sold gasoline to the infamous Bonnie and Clyde. They had little for entertainment and they needed their entertainment to be free. The couple played cards and dominoes with friends. They felt the 10 cents admission to the picture show was too high and they seldom went to the movie. Pauline said that these were lean years, but happy ones.

Present were Pauline Norman, Pam Thigpen, Darlene Bellinghausen, Maxine Miller, Wanda Ham, Jack Kittley, Margaret Kittley, Ernestine Herren, Johnny Scoggins, Teresa Scoggins, Sammie Loper and Marilyn Griffith.

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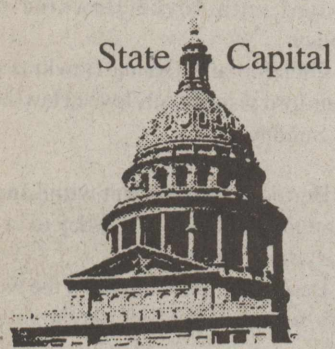
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Bill numbers climb in waning days of session

AUSTIN—As they do every year about this time, the many live oaks in Austin are shedding their leaves, and as they do every two years new pieces of proposed legislation are falling into the hopper just about as fast.

Since Feb. 26, new bills have been filed in the triple digits each day—133 that day, 148 the next, 115 on Fri., Feb. 28, 166 on Mon., March 3, 167 on Tues., March 4 and 191 as of close of business on March 5.

The total number of bills filed so far comes to 3,344. (Total filled during the 77th Legislature two years ago was 8,847.)

Not all these pieces of legislation are of enormous import. Many of the bills are concurrent or joint resolutions honoring people and places, from newly-badged Eagle Scouts to communities celebrating anniversaries.

Other bills start generating controversy practically the moment they are filed. Proposed legislation that would legalize the use of automated cameras to fight the problem of red light-running and at the same time raise money through fines is a good example.

The reason for the speed up in bill filings is the legislative calendar. March 14, which will be the 60th day of the 140-day session, is the last day under House and Senate rules that a lawmaker can file bills or joint resolutions. After this date, only local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills declared an emergency can be sent to the governor.

Of course, many would argue that anything dealing with appropriations is an emergency this session. Lawmakers are continuing to look for creative ways (read: no new taxes) to make the budget balance while various interest groups call press conferences to warn against the effects of cutting their program.

Thanks from France...

In some circles in Texas, anti-

French jokes have become popular in reaction to France's opposition to President George W. Bush's position on Iraq. Despite their rhetoric in the United Nations, France recently announced a program that will have considerable impact in Texas.

The French government is issuing certificates recognizing American and allied soldiers who took part in liberating France during that other war in which France was more supportive.

As the French Embassy's Web site puts it, "The certificate is meant to express the gratitude of the French people to the soldiers who participated in the Normandy landing and liberation of France, on French territory and in French territorial waters and airspace, between June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945."

Available only to living veterans, applications for the certificate are available through the Texas Veterans Affairs office or any veterans association.

Half-century of history...

Like many Baby Boomers, the Texas Historical Commission is turning 50 this year. Back in 1953 it was called the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, and its programs have expanded considerably, but the goal has been the same: preserving Texas' heritage.

THC's annual Historic Preservation Conference is set for May 15-17 in Austin. For more details, check the commission's Web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

News for the news...

The Texas Board of Health has approved rules changing the time period for dog and cat rabies vaccinations from every year to every three years.

The new rules require that dogs or cats be vaccinated at four months, get a booster shot a year later and then every three years after that.

The Health Department said in announcing the new rules that it's still very important for a pet to be vaccinated, just not as frequently.

Students in the News

Diplomas were awarded to 3,891 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies.

Among those recognized were Matt Blanks who received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and Wendy Cadenhead who received a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences. Both students are of Haskell.

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2002

fall semester, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance.

A Distinguished Student list recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours.

Among those listed as Distinguished Students were Lee Christian, Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering and Zachary McGuire, Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Development. Both students are of Haskell.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in Burnet, Texas. I have been married 13 years, and have one child.

I attended school in Marble Falls, Texas A&M University and The University of Texas.

No one knows that I once participated in calf roping at rodeos and grew up on a ranch.

My favorite TV shows are "Miami Vice" and the "Beverly Hillbillies."

My favorite type of music is Rock. My favorite song is "Life in the Fast Lane," by the Eagles.

I like to watch motor sports and rodeos.

The last book I read was *The Bonaparts (Napoleon)*. I am now reading *Texas Monthly*.

My favorite place in Texas is Kerrville. My favorite vacation spot in the world is Calgary, Canada.

My best quality is organization. My worst quality is my cooking ability.

I hate it when people waste time. My greatest personal accomplishment is owning my own business.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is the people. I know more people here and feel more comfortable here than in my own hometown.

Watch next week for the identity of this person.

*** Update

Last week's Mystery Reader was

Frances Bowen of Haskell County.

She was born on her grandparents farm in the Foster community, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoie Harrell. She had one brother, Don, who was accidentally killed in 1951.

After marrying and having two children who were the light of her life, she said, she lived away from this area for twenty-five years.

In 1970 she was working in a dental office as a single mom, when she met Jimmie Bowen, who was also a single parent with two children living with him. In April, 1972 they married and combined their two families as one family with four teenagers. They moved back to Haskell County in 1991.

Within the last five years the Bowens have lost two of their children to cancer. They have eight grandchildren and are expecting their first great-grandchild in September.

Son Gary and his wife Leslie, live in San Angelo where he works at Shannon Doctors Clinic as Vice-president of Operations.

Daughter Carol and her husband Rich, live near the Bowens and are raising two of their grandchildren. Carol is the librarian for Rochester public schools.

Years ago Frances wrote a personal letter to Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart Stores, telling him how she admired him and comparing him to her father, Hoie Harrell. Much to her surprise, a few weeks later she received a personal letter from Mr. Walton, thanking her

for her letter.

Frances likes antiques and old things that have a meaning for her of things that were a part of her young life living on the farm. She loves going to antique and junk stores, and she and Jimmie enjoy going to Kerrville during bluebonnet season to travel the bluebonnet trails. They have been to Hawaii and Saint Kitts in the far Caribbean, "but we still enjoy the Texas Coast," she said.

The Bowens are members of the First Christian Church, where she is a member of the Ladies Missionary Society. She is also a member of the Willow Cemetery Board.

Living in a beautiful rural setting eight miles northwest of Haskell, Frances said, "I have been richly blessed living in Haskell County. 'Old friends are the best antiques,' and I treasure each friendship that I have."

A Thought for the Week

When someone asked Mother Teresa what they could do to make a difference in the world, she said, "Go home and love your family."

Will Durant wrote that the family is the nucleus of civilization.

"History teaches us that there is no substitute for the family if we are to have a society that stands for human beings at their best," said Ray Lyman Wilbur.

A happy home, a peaceful home. Perhaps, as William Lyon Phelps said, the greatest of all arts is the art of living together.

County Judge proclaims March 16-22 as Ag Week

In conjunction with National Agriculture Week, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has proclaimed the week of Mar. 16-22 as Texas Agriculture Week.

In recognition of the National and State proclamations, Haskell County Judge David Davis has issued a proclamation declaring National

Agriculture Week in Haskell County.

The proclamation recognizes that agriculture starts with the growing and harvesting of food and fiber and ends with almost everything we eat, wear and use, and that we all must appreciate the role agriculture plays in maintaining a strong economy and

providing a safe, abundant and affordable food and fiber supply now and for years to come.

An increased knowledge of agriculture helps us to understand the vital impact that our state's second largest industry has on our daily lives, especially as we make informed personal choices about diet and health.

In making the proclamation, Judge Davis urges everyone in the area to learn more about the role of agriculture here, share the knowledge with the young people in the area and recognize the farmers, ranchers and their families who contribute so much to this county, state and world.

Customer appreciation meal held

As a 'thank you' to their many valued customers in the area, Quality Implement Co. of Stamford hosted their annual Customer Appreciation meal in Stamford, Thurs., Feb. 27. Approximately 150 people attended. The meal, consisting of barbecued

brisket, grilled sausage, beans, potato salad, bread and trimmings was prepared by the employees of the Stamford dealership.

In a drawing during the day, dozens of prizes were given away to those attending.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 11, 1993

The Haskell High School boy's golf team tied with Breckenridge for first place in the Haskell Invitational Golf Tournament.

A reception Sunday afternoon at the Experienced Citizens Center will honor Maurice Boles on her retirement as head cook at the center.

Brian Brzozowski, leading scorer for the Haskell Indian's bi-district and area championship basketball team, was named to the all-district 7-2A team. Three other Indians received honorable mention—Jonathan Tatum, Cody Josselet and Mart Guess. Josselet also received the Fighting Heart award.

20 Years Ago March 10, 1983

The Comptroller of the Currency in Washington, D. C. has granted permission to organize a new bank in Haskell according to Joseph Thigpen.

The Church of Christ is happy to announce the coming of Jim Crain as their new minister. Jim and his wife Karen have one son, Benjamin.

30 Years Ago March 8, 1973

Donations to the Haskell Industrial Foundation continue to be received in an effort to finance a Herman Marcus garment plant in Haskell. The funds will be used to finance a training program for prospective employees of the plant.

County Clerk Lee McKelvain was one of 73 county residents who donated blood to the Red River Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Randy Ivy received the feather award for his performance in the Bulldog Relays in Spur. Ivy was the high point man in the meet with 39 points. At Spur he finished second in the high jump, second in the broad jump, first in the high hurdles, first in the intermediate hurdles and was on the second place mile relay team.

40 Years Ago March 14, 1963

Haskell PTA elected the Rev. Douglas B. Finch, minister of First Presbyterian Church, as its president for the 1963-64 school year.

Walter D. Larned, associated with the Bill Wilson Motor Company has been selected as one of the nation's leading Ford dealership salesmen and will receive the Ford Motor Company's Top Hatter award.

Phil Bowers, Haskell High School senior, has been honored by his selection as Student Rotarian of the Month by the Rotary Club of Haskell.

Dr. William J. Kemp, Haskell dentist, examined the teeth of the entire Old Glory School system and his helper Carolyn Sanders, Old Glory student, made out the dental charts and records.

50 Years Ago March 12, 1953

The Continental Oil Company announced at Houston that it has completed a "potentially important" wildcat oil discovery in Haskell County. The well is about six miles north of Rule.

Roy Clay Brock of Haskell has been elected president of the Student Bar Association in Baylor University Law School.

In an exhibition basketball game between HHS regulars and their dads, youth prevailed over age in the 52-49 defeat of the oldsters. The funds were raised for an electric scoreboard for the school gym.

Two Haskell soldiers, Pvt. Melvin L. Turnbow, and Pvt. Bobby G. Tidwell, recently joined the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan.

100 Years Ago March 14, 1903

E. W. Low, who lives on Wild Horse Prairie, is preparing to put in a nursery. He will start the work this season and grow stocks for budding and grafting next year.

A number of boys and young men organized a social club at which reading, games and other recreation furnished the amusement.

J. M. Johnson went around and got the business men to subscribe enough money to set the courthouse yard with Bermuda grass.

Judge H. R. Jones left for Snyder, where he will hold a term of court for Scurry County.

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Indians defeat Cisco in district opener

The Varsity Haskell Indians baseball team defeated Cisco 2-1 in the first district game of the season played Fri., March 7 in Cisco. The Indians stand 1-0 in district. Eddie Loyd was winning pitcher. Kendall Mitchell received the save. The Indians resume district play Fri., March 14 in Haskell in a game against Anson.



CAR SHOW STREET SCENE—A view of last year's activities around the courthouse square during the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show, reflects the unusual amount of people who annually come to town to enjoy the show and all of the related events planned for the day.

Groundwater board approves permits

The Board of Directors of the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District met Feb. 20 for a permit hearing and regular monthly meeting.

During the hearing, called to order by board president, Ed Murphy, drilling permits were accepted from Jim Hollingsworth, Tony Stanfield, Sam Baker, Dwayne Johnson, Danny Owens, Floyd Reed, Sam Hunter (2), James Amerson, Robert C. Huckabee, Warren Short (2), and Larry Short.

During the regular monthly meeting, due to restrictions applicable to serving on the Board

of Directors of two entities, both with taxing authority, resignations were accepted from Dolan Moore, secretary/treasurer, Robert A. Turner and Larry Short.

Glen Ray Howell was named as the new secretary/treasurer of the board.

Mike McGuire was designated to be the investment officer for the district to maintain compliance with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code.

Kim Brockett was designated to be the district records retention officer.

Judge Greg Clonts was nominated as a candidate for the position of

board member for the Brazos G. Regional Water Planning Group.

A motion was accepted to pursue the possibility of obtaining some meters through a Texas Water Development Board Grant.

After a review of the billing statement to Baylor Water Supply Corp. for water transported out of the district, the board accepted the bill as presented for mailing to Baylor Water.

The next regular quarterly board meeting will be April 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office at 135 N. Munday Ave., Munday.



MARCIE STODDARD

Stoddard is alternate in contest

Winners recently announced by Big Country Electric Cooperative in the annual Youth Tour Speech Contest held Feb. 21 at the Hamlin High School auditorium, were Ember Strands, Eric Richardson and Marissa Patton, all of Stamford.

The students will join approximately 1500 other teens from across the country for a 12-day all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June. Marcie Stoddard of Rochester will serve as alternate in the event one of the students is unable to go on the trip.

The purpose of this tour is to provide an opportunity for youth to visit monuments, government buildings and cooperative related organizations in order to become familiar with the historical and political environment of the nation's capital. They will tour the Smithsonian Institute, Ford's Theatre, the FBI Building, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Mount Vernon and others. They will see the Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial and the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In a visit to their Congressman's office, they will meet the Congressmen, who will answer questions about current government issues.

Nine other contestants in the contest were from Rotan, Stamford, Hawley, Anson, O'Donnell and Roby.

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Garden checklist for March

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

•Check with local county agent for the average last killing freeze date for your area. Killing freezes can and do occur after this date but it is a good indication.

•Pruning of evergreens and summer flowering trees and shrubs should be completed in early March.

Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs as soon as they finish blooming.

•Start hanging baskets of petunias, ferns and others for another dimension in landscape color.

•Plant dahlia tubers in fertile, well-drained soil.

•In North Texas there is still time to plant seeds of your favorite

annuals in flats to be transplanted out-of-doors when danger of frost is past.

•Select and order caladium tubers as well as geranium and coleus plants for late April and early May planting. Do not plant caladiums until soil temperature reaches 70 degrees.

•As camellia and azalea plants finish blooming, fertilize them with three pounds of azalea-camellia fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed area. Check mulch on azalea and camellia beds and add where needed.

•Fertilize roses every 4 to 6 weeks from now until September.

•Beware of close-out sales on bare-root trees and shrubs. The chance of survival is rather low on bare-root plants this late in the season. Your best bet at this time of year is to depend on container-grown or balled-and-burlapped plants for landscape use.



PULLING A LOAD—Youngsters enjoyed the Kids Tractor Pull during last year's Annual Car Show. The popular event for kids will also be a feature of this year's show, to be held here Saturday.

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| | District UIL Literary-Eula | Ag Mech, Huntsville Eastland at Haskell Softball V 4:30, JV after Eastland at Haskell Baseball V 4:00 | TAKS-Reading, Ensligh Test B-G Golf District-Tangle Oaks HS Band Concert at Cisco | District UIL Literary, Eula | WTAMU CDE, Canyon Haskell at Hawley Softball JV 3:30 V 4:30 Haskell at Hawley Baseball V 4:00 | JV-V Track, Hamlin SWT Invitational, San Marcus Clarendon CDE | | |
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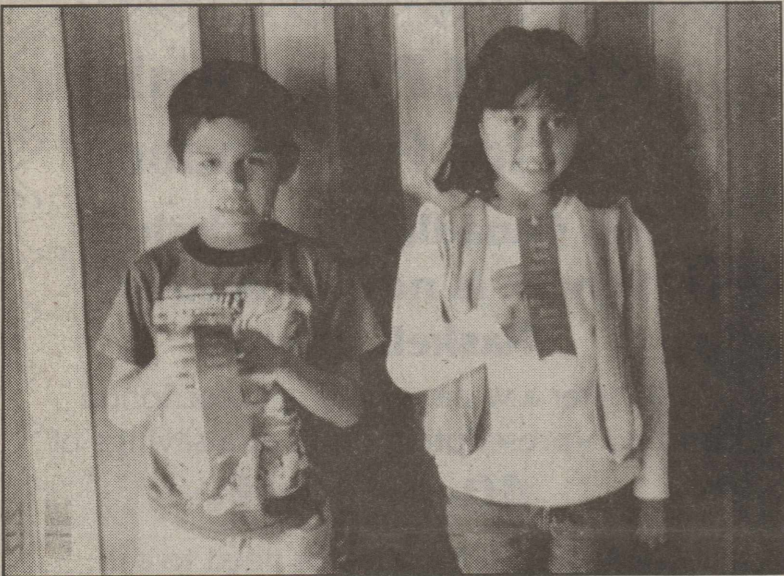




KINDERGARTEN WINNERS—Rochester winners in the Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest were, l-r, 1st place, Jessica Wilburn; 2nd place, Colton Rogers; 3rd place, not pictured, Joanna Trevino.



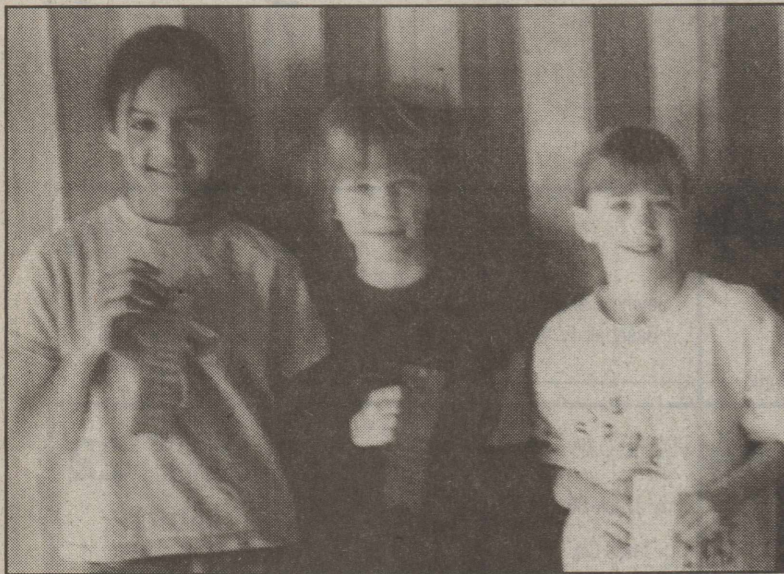
ROCHESTER WINNERS—First grade SWCD poster winners were: l-r, 1st place, Baleigh Lopez; 2nd place, not pictured, Meghan Glover and 3rd place, Colton English.



ROCHESTER SECOND GRADERS—Winners in the Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest were: l-r, 1st place, Juan Lomeli and 2nd place, Cassidy Rios.



ROCHESTER THIRD GRADERS—Winners in the SWCD Poster Contest were: l-r, 1st place, Hannah Carmichael; 2nd place, Bertha Carranza and 3rd place, Ashley Lomeli.



ROCHESTER FOURTH GRADERS—Winners in the Poster Contest were: l-r, 1st place, Sydney Saucedo; 2nd place, Marissa McGhee; 3rd place, Cheslee Hearn.

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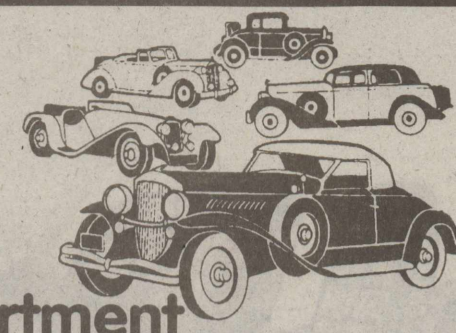

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by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

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"To get all the essential nutrients your body needs in a day, snacking can be very beneficial to your overall

health and well being," says Katherine Tallmadge, registered dietitian and spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association.

"As long as snacks are planned, small and balanced, they can really help fuel your body for activities throughout your day.

I often tell my clients to snack up to three times a day, but limit the snack calories to 100 to 200 calories. It helps keep them satisfied throughout the day and they are less likely to binge late at night

while watching television or working on the computer," Tallmadge says.

"I like to recommend snacks that provide a little carbohydrate, protein and small amount of fat, if any. Mix and match with whatever your taste preference may be and you can be energized throughout your day. Here are some great suggestions."

- medium banana and one tablespoon of peanut butter: 200 calories, 8.5 grams of fat, 3 grams of fiber

- medium apple with skin and one-ounce string cheese: 190 calories, 6.5 grams of fat, 3 grams of fiber

- one-quarter cup of raisins and one half cup plain yogurt: 170 calories, 0 grams of fat, 1.5 grams of fiber

- two-cups of popcorn, unbuttered sprinkled with cayenne pepper: 80 calories, 1 gram of fat, 2 grams of fiber

- one-half cup of pretzels and mustard: 93 calories, 1 gram of fat, 0.5 grams of fiber

- ten regular tortilla chips and one-quarter cup salsa: 188 calories, 10 grams of fat, 2 grams of fiber

- one-cup of dry cereal and one cup of one percent milk: 200 calories, 3 grams of fat, 3.5 grams of fiber

- six-ounces of skim milk, one-half tablespoon cocoa, one half tablespoon sugar, dash cinnamon and vanilla extract: 102 calories, 5 grams of fat, 0 grams of fiber.

- one small corn tortilla, one-half ounce grated reduced fat cheddar cheese, 1 chopped tomato, 1 tablespoon jalapeno pepper slices: 109 calories, 2 grams of fat, 2.7 grams of fiber

- two tablespoons of skim milk ricotta cheese, one-third cup sliced fresh strawberries, one-third cup fresh blueberries, one-third cup fresh raspberries: 100 calories, 1 gram of fat, 5.2 grams of fiber

- one slice of angel food cake with one-third cup of fresh berries: 100 calories, 0.2 grams of fat, 1.6 grams of fiber

- one whole-wheat pita pocket, three ounces of tuna fish packed in water with tomato slices: 185 calories, 1 gram of fat, 4.7 grams of fiber

With nearly 70,000 members, the Chicago-based American Dietetic Association is the nation's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. ADA serves the public by promoting optimal nutrition and well-being.

For more information on how to reach a registered dietitian in your area, call 800/366-1655 or log on to www.eatright.org.



NEW AIR AMBULANCE—In service by Southwest Air Ambulance in Abilene, the new Life Flight helicopter, sporting new paint graphics, less than 150 flight hours, and staffed by the air ambulance crew, visited Haskell Memorial Hospital Wed., Mar. 5. From the left, are: John Cummings, pilot; Pat Rollins, flight nurse; Dr. Bill Einig, M. D. and Don Goddard, paramedic. The crew briefly visited with the hospital staff, advising them of Life Flights' services and protocols.

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NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST
 TXU Gas Distribution (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all residential, commercial and industrial customers in the unincorporated areas in the vicinity of the West Region Distribution System ("Enviros Customers"). The West Region Distribution System includes the following cities: Abilene, Albany, Alvarado, Anson, Avoca, Baird, Ballinger, Bangs, Benjamin, Blackwell, Blanket, Blum, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Carbon, Carlsbad, Cisco, Cleburne, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Covington, DeLeon, Desdemona, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Glen Rose, Godley, Gordon, Goree, Gorman, Granbury, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Hermleigh, Hillsboro, Impact, Itasca, Joshua, Keene, Knox City, Lawn, Lipan, Loraine, Lueders, May, McCauley, Meridian, Merkel, Miles, Moran, Morgan, Munday, Novice, O'Brien, Olden, Osceola, Ovalo, Putnam, Ranger, Red Springs, Rhineland, Rio Vista, Robert Lee, Roby, Rochester, Roscoe, Rotan, Rowena, Rule, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Santo, Seymour, Snyder, Stamford, Stephenville, Strawn, Sweetwater, Sylvester, Talpa, Throckmorton, Trent, Truscott, Tuscola, Tye, Valera, Vera, Weinert, Whitney, Wingate, and Winters.
 The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact Residential Service, Commercial Service, Industrial Sales, Industrial Transportation, Rate Adjustment Provisions (Gas Cost Adjustment, Tax Adjustment, and Surcharges), and Miscellaneous Service Charges (Connection Charge, Read for Change Charge, Returned Check Charges, Delinquent Notification Charge, Main Line Extension Rate, Excess Flow Valve Charge, and Certain Stand-by Gas Generators). The proposed new schedule of rates will also eliminate the Rate Schedule for Public Schools-N and Commercial Contract Public Schools Rate.
 The proposed rates are expected to produce a \$357,845 or a 10.27 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from residential, commercial and industrial enviros customers in the West Region Distribution System. The proposed change will affect 3,494 residential, 475 commercial customers and 18 industrial customers. The proposed change may constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual residential and commercial customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$50.93, which would constitute a change ranging from a decrease of \$6.93 to an increase of approximately \$7.60 per month. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a change ranging from a 14.71% decrease to a 15.39% increase. Information on the change in any specific area can be obtained from TXU Gas Distribution.
 A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas on January 31, 2003 is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with questions or who want information about this filing, or a copy, may contact TXU Gas Distribution at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in enviros rates by March 21, 2003, with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.

by **Brandon Anderson**
 Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 As a home vegetable gardener in Texas, one of your first purchases happens to be one of the most important: the purchase of seeds and plants. And, if you want maximum returns from your gardening efforts, use only the best varieties available along with time-tested and proven gardening techniques and practices.
 Why is selecting the proper variety so important? There are many, many different varieties of garden vegetables; however, there are only three or four varieties of any one vegetable well suited or adapted to your particular area of Texas. It is important to get the varieties that do well in your area of the state.
 Below is a list of vegetable varieties recommended for use in Texas gardens. Visit with Brandon Anderson, CEA-Ag. at the Haskell County Extension Office at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell or call (940) 864-2658 for additional varieties which have proven themselves worthy of use in your garden.
BEANS
 Green Beans: Contender, Topcrop, Greencrop, Blue Lake, Tendercrop, (pole) Kentucky Wonder.
 Lima Beans: Jackson, Wonder, Henderson Bush, Fordhook 242, (pole) Florida Butter, Sieva.
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- CHINESE CABBAGE:** Michihli, Jade Pagoda, China Pride.
- CANTALOUPE:** Magnum 45, TAM Uvalde, Pertila, Mission, Ambrosia.
- CARROTS:** Spartan Winner, Imperator, Danvers 126, Chantenay.
- CAULIFLOWER:** Snow Crown, Snow King.
- CHARD:** Lucullus, Rhubarb, Fordhook.
- COLLARDS:** Georgia, Blue Max.
- CORN**
 Sweet: Calumet, Golden Queen, Funk G-90, Florida Stay Sweet.
 White: Silver Queen, How Sweet It Is.
- CUCUMBERS:**
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 Pickling: Liberty, County Fair 87, Saladini.
- EGGPLANT:** Ichiban, Florida Market, Tycoon.
- GARLIC:** Texas White.
- KALE:** Vates, Dwarf Blue, Curled Blue Knight.
- LETTUCE:**
 Head: Mission.
 Leaf: Black-Seeded Simpson, Salad Bowl, Red Sails, Ruby.
 Butterhead: Butter Crunch, Summer Bibb.
- MUSTARD:** Tender Green Florida Broadleaf, Southern Giant Curled.
- OKRA:** Blondy, Lee, Emerald, Clemson Spineless.
- ONION:**
 Bulb: Grano 502, Granex, 1015Y.
 Green: South Port White, Crystal Wax, Beltsville Bunching, Burgundy.
- PARSLEY:** Moss Curled, Evergreen.
- PEAS:** Edible-Podded Sugar Ann, Sugar Pop, Sugar Mel.
 PEAS (Southern): Blackeye No. 5, Mississippi Silver, Champion, Cream 40, Purple Hull, Zipper Cream Crowder.
- PEPPER**
 Sweet: Summersweet 860, Rio 66, Big Bertha.
 Hot: TAM Jalapeno, Long Red Cayenne, Hungarian Wax, Hidalgo Serrano.
- POTATO (IRISH)**
 White: Kennebec.
 Red: Red Lasoda, Pontiac, Norland.
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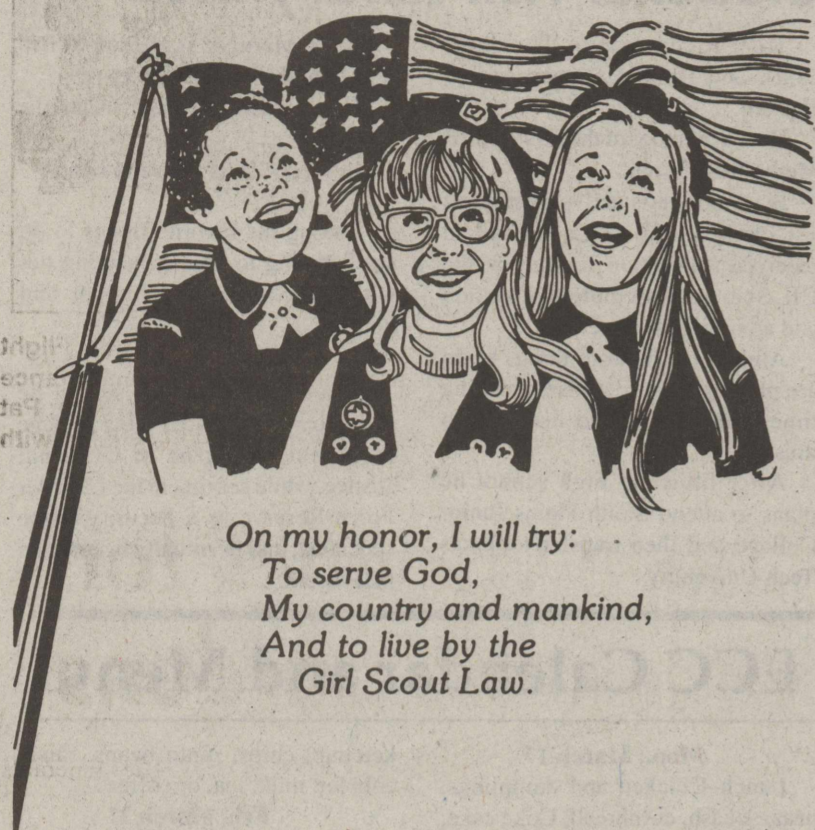
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THE GIRL COMES FIRST IN GIRL SCOUTING



TROOP 266, GIRL SCOUTS: Left to right, front row, Ashlee Short, Sara Weise, Kelsie Adams and Brooke Bullinger; back row, Meagan Kimbrough, Katie Grand and Lauren Lampe.

Girl Scouts

Troop 266

Leaders:

- Peggy Adams
- Valiene Bullinger
- Tammy Kimbrough
- Mynea Short
- Terry Weise

Kelsie Adams

Brooke Bullinger

Katie Grand

Meagan Kimbrough

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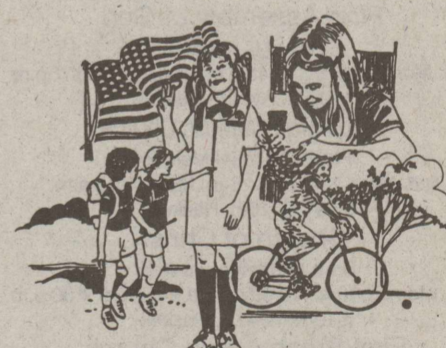


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Girls Scouts of the USA has encouraged girls of all ages to achieve their personal best through a program that stresses self-discovery, exploration and community service.

During Girl Scout Week, the local businesses featured on this page have joined together to honor this outstanding organization.



Girl Scout Week is the week of March 12th, that day in 1912 when Juliette Low gave her cousin a phone call proclaiming the good news that would change the lives of millions of girls. Many troops/groups plan special ceremonies ei-

ther on March 12th or on whichever day that they meet during Girl Scout Week. Girl Scout Sunday is the Sunday that begins the week in which March 12 falls, and Girl Scout Sabbath is the Saturday before Girl Scout Sunday. Girls often

wear their uniforms to their religious services.

In some communities, girls plan community events and publicize their accomplishments. In other cases, groups have honored famous or historical women, or women in their community

who were Girl Scouts. Members from many years back have united for reunions. Communities have sought out their oldest Girl Scout and made her an honored guest at a special ceremony. All of these are possibilities for celebrating Girl Scout Week.

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MAKING A PUPPET SHOW—Haskell High National Honor Society members and Head Start students in Missy Burson's room recently made puppets and produced a puppet show. The NHS students helped the younger children design their paper characters and even gave a name to each puppet. After the show, students carried their puppets home. Pictured, left to right, are Shawn Parenti, senior Zac Coker and Kelsey Guzman. The project was made possible by the National Youth Initiative grant.

Haskell School Menu

**March 17-21
Breakfast**

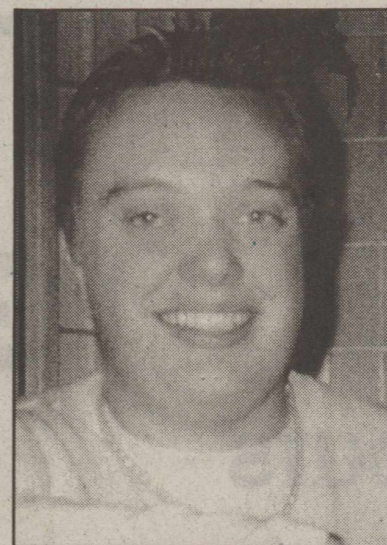
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

- Monday:** Poptarts
- Tuesday:** Biscuit/sausage
- Wednesday:** Cereal, toast
- Thursday:** Pigs in a blanket
- Friday:** Donut

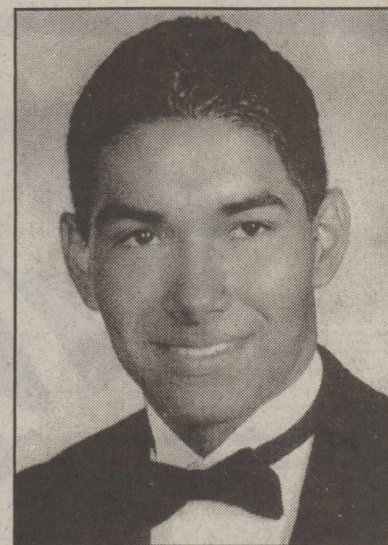
Lunch

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 with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, sliced peaches
- Tuesday:** Pizza, corn, baby carrots/dressing, cheese stick, apple crisp
- Wednesday:** Chicken nuggets, green beans/sliced potatoes, garden salad, hot biscuit, fruit salad
- Thursday:** Barbeque on a bun, French fries, onions/pickle spear, orange wedges
- Friday:** Fish portions (scrodles), coleslaw, ranch style beans, hush puppies, ice cream



TRENT RICHARDSON



ANDY MARTINEZ

Students visit Rotary Club

Trent Richardson is the son of Clark and Debbie Richardson of Haskell.

He is a member of the First United Methodist Church.

In school he is active in band as 1st chair trumpet. Last year he received a Division 1 rating at the UIL Solo and Ensemble competition and advanced to State.

Among his favorite things to do are playing electric guitar, spending time with friends and listening to music.

After finishing high school he plans to attend South Plains Junior College and then transfer to Texas Tech University.

Andy Martinez is the son of Bill and Jolanda Jones of Rule.

He attends St. George's Catholic Church.

In school he is active in band.

Among his favorite things to do are listening to music, hanging out with friends, driving his car and hunting.

After finishing high school he plans to attend South Plains College to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice, while serving in the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a Security Force specialist, and eventually become an FBI Agent.

This Week's Devotional Message:



The legend of St. Patrick has come down to us in such a form as to make us concentrate on its more whimsical aspects rather than its serious message. The greeting card racks sprout shamrocks and little men in green suits. Regardless of our ethnic backgrounds, we all become 'Irish' on that day and don green garments. Hibernian melodies emanate from the radio

stations. With all of that, we tend to forget the story of St. Patrick's perilous journey to Ireland to persuade the people to go and worship God, and that under much safer conditions we could do the same thing. So, when you go to your House of Worship, try to bring a friend or neighbor with you, and you'll both receive the blessings that St. Patrick spoke of so long ago.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- New Vision Family Worship Center**
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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**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Allen Brooks, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
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**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
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.
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—**
- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Jackie Brem, 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 Gullledge, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- First United Methodist Church**
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester
- SAGERTON—**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Melissa Bemis, 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**
Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 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**
Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, 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. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

ECC Calendar and Menu

- Mon., March 17**
Lunch—Chicken and dumplings, peas, squash, cornbread, Coke cake, milk, tea, or coffee
- Wed., March 19**
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
10:30 a.m. Bingo
Lunch—Hamburgers / cheeseburgers, lettuce/tomatoes/pickles/onions, mayo/mustard/

- ketchup, chips, pinto beans, raisin cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
- Fri., March 21**
Lunch—Salmon patties, creamy cheese and onion potatoes, okra and tomatoes, garlic toast, spinach, brownies/fruited jello, milk, tea, or coffee
- Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Duniven, Emert named to national honor roll

Two Haskell County students recognized for academic success were recently inducted into the 2002-2003 National Honor Roll.

Kasey Duniven, daughter of Roger and Mauren Duniven, is a junior at Paint Creek School.

In school she has earned the Citizenship Award, Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Student of the Month, Community Volunteer. Her activities include 4-H, Fellowship of Christians Athletes, Future

Homemakers of America, library aide, office aide, Pep Squad/Club, teacher's aide, varsity basketball, cheerleading, cross country, track, class officer.

She plans to attend South Plains Jr. College and Texas Tech University, to become a kindergarten teacher or counselor.

Bonnie Emert, daughter of Randy and Susan Emert, is a junior at Paint Creek School.

In school she has been named on the Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance and Salutatorian. She is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Homemakers of America, basketball, cross country, track and editing the yearbook.

She plans to attend West Texas College, majoring in business.

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Students in the News

Dain Walker of Haskell and Tiffany McDuff of Rule have been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 2002 semester at South Plains College, Levelland.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of college-level work with no failing grades.

Hospital

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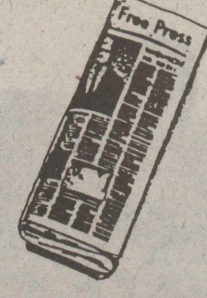
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We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all expressions of sympathy shown us when our mother, Opal Rose, passed away. Thank you for your prayers, visits, food, flowers, cards and memorials. A special thank you to Dr. Wayne Cadenhead and Haskell Healthcare Center.
Nelda and Jerry Decker and family
Joyce and Bernard Hewlett and family
Delbert and Martha Rose and family

We want to thank all of our friends and relatives for their calls, flowers and food while at the hospital. Also, we would like to send a very special thank you to the doctors and staff at Hendrick Medical Center for their warmth and care for our loved one. You will always be remembered. Thank you to all who remembered us with prayers, flowers and food during our sorrow. Thank you for the love and kindness you have shown our family.
The family of Vernon (Bud) T. Wright

We appreciate the love and support that was offered to us during the loss of our father and grandfather. Thank you for the visits, food, flowers and cards, and most of all for your prayers. Your expressions of sympathy are helping us get through some difficult days. Many people will remember Hugh Miller as a big man with a deep voice. We will always remember him as a man whose loving heart was a big as he was.
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Munday's experiment station to close due to budget cuts

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station announced Tues., Feb. 25, that the research station at Munday in Knox County will be among three small agricultural research stations that will be closed as a result of mandatory state budget cuts. The Munday office will be closed effective in April.

Dr. Ed Hiler, Experiment Station director and vice-chancellor and dean for agriculture and life sciences at Texas A&M University said, "This is a cost-cutting measure that we must take to meet the requirements of the 7 percent budget recision for the current fiscal year."

For the most part, the research work at these facilities is being transferred to stations elsewhere, Hiler explained. In all, 17 positions are affected and 10 of them will be eliminated while the rest will move with the research.

Six employees are affected by the Munday closure. One will transfer to the Experiment Station in Vernon, but the other five positions are being eliminated, according to Dr. Donald Robinson, resident director of the

Vernon Experiment Station, which oversaw the Munday facility.

Established in 1977, on about 60 acres, the Munday station originally was meant to study the feasibility of increasing vegetable production in that area and often included as many as 250 acres on owned and leased land. But it gradually turned toward seeking ways to improve the standard

Rolling Plains crops, cotton and grain, under irrigation.

The Munday farm also had been used to grow seed for new varieties of crops after they were bred by the Experiment Station elsewhere in the state. Among the new variety seed grown at Munday were cowpea, mungbean, forage-type pearl millet, jalapena peppers, okra and turf grass.

Local AEP employees recognized for safety

American Electric Power employees, Scott Bingham, Clifford Short and Jerry Coker of Haskell, are among the 135 members of the Abilene Distribution District to receive recognition for an outstanding safety record.

The Certificate of Merit award was given to the Abilene distribution

district employees for their safety milestone of working without an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable accident since Aug. 11, 2001. An OSHA recordable accident is any work-related injury that requires medical treatment beyond first aid.

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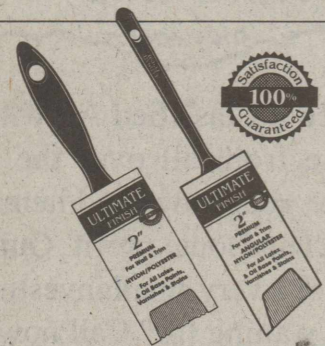
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Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 15 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 1303 N. Ave. I in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at KP's Mesquite Grill, 900 S. Ave. E. Wed., March 19 at 11:45 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., April 7 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

Sr. Citizen Dance

The Old Glory Senior Citizen's dance will be held Thurs., March 13 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Old Glory Community Center in Old Glory. Call 940-997-9505 or 866-997-9505 for information.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Wed., March 19 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 915-773-5681.

ECC Sunday meal

The Experienced Citizens Center will host a Sunday meal Sun., March 23 for the public. The meal will feature roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, garden salad, yeast rolls and peach cobbler. Tickets are \$7 per person; \$5 for students 13 through high school; and children under 13 are free.

Rule open house

Rule ISD will host a open house Thurs., March 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. A spaghetti supper will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m., sponsored by the Rule cheerleaders. All parents and students are urged to attend the open house.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.



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