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### Basketball games

**HASKELL**  
JV-B, VG-B OPEN  
Fri., Jan. 30  
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Girls 7th vs Throckmorton  
Mon., Feb. 2, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell  
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Girls 9th vs Albany  
Mon., Feb. 2, 6 p.m.  
at Haskell  
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Boys 7th-8th-9th vs OPEN  
Mon., Feb. 2  
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JVG-B, VG-B vs Anson  
Tues., Feb. 3, 4 p.m.  
at Anson  
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**PAINT CREEK**  
Paint Creek vs Rochester  
Fri., Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m.  
at Rochester  
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Paint Creek JH vs Rochester  
Mon., Feb. 2, 5:30 p.m.  
at Rochester  
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Paint Creek vs Jayton  
Tues., Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m.  
at Paint Creek

### Calendar

#### Souper Bowl

The annual Souper Bowl of Caring will be held by area churches Sun., Feb. 1. Held in conjunction with Super Bowl Sunday, this event raises money for the annual Soup Kitchen held in December each year. Everyone attending church on Sunday is encouraged to donate \$1.

#### Friends of Faith

The Friends of Faith will have a planning meeting Mon., Feb. 2 at the Haskell High School Auditorium from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A brunch will be held Sat., Feb. 28. Those interested in helping are invited to attend the planning meeting.

#### Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Patty Rae Welborn of Abilene will demonstrate an oil portrait.

#### Dinner theatre

The Noah Project-North will hold their annual dinner theatre Sat., Feb. 14 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the dinner. For more information call 864-2551.

#### Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Feb. 2 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring an antique or family heirloom and briefly tell about it.

#### Chamber banquet

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet is set for Thurs., Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Local and area politicians will have a few minutes to say a few words on behalf of their campaign. For tickets, call the Chamber office at 864-2477.

#### Youth basketball

Haskell Youth Basketball will hold a parents and coaches meeting Thurs., Jan. 29 at 8:15 p.m. at Haskell City Hall. Call Terri Klose after 5 p.m. at 864-3801 for more information.

#### Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Feb. 1 at the Irby Hall. The hall will open at 2 p.m. for dominoes. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The meal will be soup, chili and desserts.

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**TIME FOR FUN WITH FRIENDS**—Tammi Hawkins of Haskell is ready for the Fun With Friends Storytime which is set to begin at the Haskell County Library, on each Tuesday morning at 10:00 to 10:30, Feb. 3 through April 20. Provided by Friends of the

Haskell County Library and the Lebri Foundation, the Fun With Friends Storytime is designed for children under 5 years old, who are accompanied by an adult. The children are invited to bring along their favorite toy, blanket or pillow for the storytime.

## Beware phone scam

Haskell County Sheriff, David Halliburton, has announced that he has received information that a phone scam may be going around Haskell County.

Subjects are calling and telling the person that they owe a bill, and that their social security number is needed to make sure that they are the right person. Other information is also sought, including birth dates and mother's maiden name.

The people calling will not give out their office number or other information so that you can call them or confirm that it is a legitimate call.

Sheriff Halliburton warns citizens not to give any information to such a caller, and that if anyone has questions, to please call the Haskell County Sheriff's Office at 940-864-2345.

## Crop disaster signup to end

Fri., Jan. 30 is the final day to sign up for the 2001/2002 Disaster Program. The sign up has been ongoing since October of 2003. You must have incurred a production loss of at least 35 percent for either the 2001 or 2002 crop. Compensation is also available for losses exceeding 20 percent of the quality on the affected crop in one of the years. Damaging weather or related conditions must have caused reported losses.

If you have not signed up, call and make an appointment at 940-864-2617.

## Wildlife meeting

Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service are sponsoring a "Wildlife Management Meeting" Tues., Feb. 3 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

Topics for the meeting will include, "Post-drought wildlife management practices for West Texas," and "EQIP Rolling Plains Quail Emphasis Area." For additional information call 940-864-8516 ext. 4.

## School consolidation coming to a vote

Citizens of Haskell CISD will have the opportunity to vote on authorizing the consolidation of Haskell Consolidated Independent School District and Rochester County Line Independent School District into a single district under a local consolidation agreement, Sat., Feb. 7. The decision of the voters and the outcome of the election will affect the future of Haskell students, community and county for many years to come.

A public meeting held Thurs., Jan.

22, at the Haskell High School Auditorium by the board of trustees, to present and discuss the proposed local consolidation agreement between Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD, brought out a group of interested Haskell citizens.

In calling the meeting, the goal of the board and administration was to ensure that each voter casts an informed ballot. Following Haskell CISD Superintendent Eddie Bland's presentation of the proposed

agreement of consolidation by the two schools, the floor was open for the questions from the public.

The time period for early voting by personal appearance will continue to run through Tues., Feb. 3, at the Haskell CISD administration office at 605 North Ave. E. The hours for early voting are from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Jan. 30. They should be mailed to Haskell CISD, Attn: Billie Lindsey, P.O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Voting hours on Sat., Feb. 7 are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

## Noah Project sets Dinner Theatre

The Noah Project-North will hold their annual Dinner Theatre on Valentine's Day, Sat., Feb. 14, at the Haskell Civic Center.

Starting at 6:00 p.m., the entertainment will feature the "Golden Girls of Haskell County," along with the silent auction.

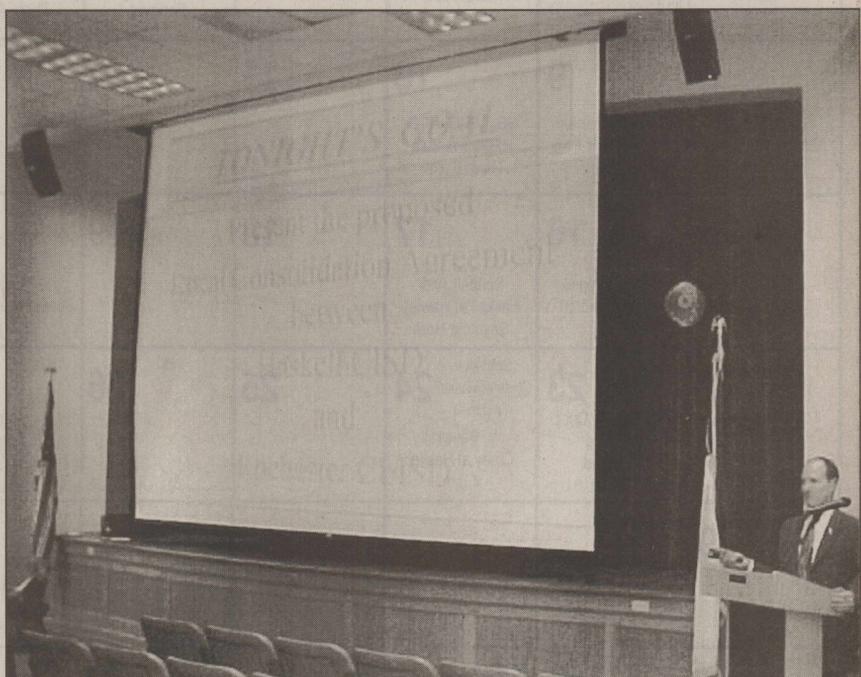
The event is the major fund-raiser of the Noah Project-North, requiring many volunteers working to make it a success, said Donna Sue Anders.

"Community support is very important," she said of the work of the local organization. Anyone having a donation they would like to make for the silent auction is asked to call 940-864-2551, to have it picked up. Monetary donations may be made by calling or mailing it to the Noah Project-North, at P.O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521.

The Noah Project-North is an

outreach of the Noah Project, Inc. in Abilene. It provides services to victims of family violence, including men, women and children. Noah-North provides services in five counties: Jones, Haskell, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton. The services include shelter, transportation, food, clothing, legal and medical assistance. It works closely with law enforcement personnel, and its goal is to keep families safe. While funded by a contract for part of the employee salaries, all of the money for client services are raised by community donations, Stamford United Way, and fund-raisers, such as the local Dinner Theatre.

Everyone in the community is asked to help support the Noah Project - North with their attendance at the event or by making a donation.



**CONSOLIDATION MEETING**—Haskell CISD Superintendent, Eddie Bland, leads the presentation of the proposed local school consolidation agreement between Rochester CLISD and Haskell CISD at a public meeting, held Thurs., Jan. 22, at the Haskell High School Auditorium.

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## Obituaries

### Jay Edwin Lackey

Funeral services for Jay Edwin Lackey, 63, of Irving were held Mon., Jan. 19 at the Fellowship Church in Grapevine. Burial was in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving under the direction of Calvary Funeral Home.

Mr. Lackey died Thurs., Jan. 15 in Eastland County. Born Dec. 6, 1940 in Bryan, he was a longtime resident of Irving. He graduated Irving High School in 1959 where he later received the Outstanding Citizen Award in 1992. He was a graduate of UTA with a Bachelors Degree in History. In the School Publishing business for 34 years, he retired from Scholastic Publishing in 2001. He was ordained at Parkay Baptist Church as a deacon, then later served as a deacon at First Baptist Church of Irving. He

was a charter member of Fellowship Church where he had served as a Sunday School teacher for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Lackey of Irving; three sons, Scott Lackey, Gill Lackey and Eric Lackey, all of Irving; his parents, J. M. and Fern Lackey of Irving; sister and brother-in-law, Lida and Bill Stark of Clinton, Miss.; nieces and spouse, Renè and Joey Roberts, Edith Lynn and Chris Kennedy; uncle and aunt, Nathan and Dena Tinkle of Abilene; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Jim and Dianne Wohletz of Oak Point; nephew and spouse, Kirk and Becca Garner; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Douglas and Claudia Reed of El Paso; numerous cousins; family and friends.

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### Alice Leeper Johnson

Graveside services for Alice Leeper Johnson, 87, of New Boston, Texas were held Sun., Jan. 25 in the Redmen Cemetery with Rev. Bill Fish officiating. Services were under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home in DeQueen, Arkansas.

Mrs. Johnson died Sat., Jan. 24 in the Christus St. Michael Hospital in Texarkana.

Born Sat., Feb. 26, 1916 in the Walnut Springs Community near Horatio, Arkansas, she was the daughter of Joseph Martin and Mary Ann Jones Leeper. She was a retired school teacher, having taught schools in Arkansas

and Texas for 37 years. She was a member of Tapp Memorial Methodist Church in New Boston.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Shelby Johnson.

Survivors include one brother, Walter Leeper of DeQueen, Arkansas; two sisters, Sue Reed of New Boston and Ruth Sportsman of Texarkana; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Tapp Memorial Methodist Church in New Boston. PD, NOTICE

### Margaret Grant Ratliff

Graveside services for Margaret Grant Ratliff, 87, of Haskell were held Sun., Jan. 25 at Willow Cemetery with Rev. Shane Brue officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ratliff died Wed., Jan. 21 in Haskell.

Born Feb. 24, 1916 in Jones County, near Hawley, she was the daughter of Roy Grant and Susie Foote Grant. She grew up in Abilene and graduated from Abilene High School in 1933. While a student at Abilene, she participated in band and other extracurricular activities. She was an UIL state champion typist in 1933. During the Great Depression, she worked as a secretary for several law firms in Abilene to help support her widowed mother. In 1934 she married William Paul Ratliff, an attorney in Haskell. During World War II, she prayed daily for the safe return from battle of her two brothers, Clyde and Dickie Grant. Her prayers were answered.

She supported Haskell High School band, athletics and academics for thirty years. She was a Cub Scout leader for many years and was president of the Haskell Little League during the 1960's. She was an avid baseball fan

and closely followed the St. Louis Cardinals, New York Yankees and Houston Astros. Her favorite ball player was Mickey Mantle, who she met several times at baseball stadiums in Kansas City and Los Angeles. She maintained a large collection of Mantle autographs and souvenirs. Margaret's family and friends pray that in Heaven, she will once again sit in a sunny ball park, hear the crack of the bat, and see Mickey hit just one more home run.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Anita Grant, June Grant Wayman and Frances Grant; two brothers, Clyde Grant and Dickie Grant; and her beloved husband of fifty years, the late Judge Bill Ratliff.

Survivors include two daughters, Gloria Khamashta of California and Leah and Louis Franc of Colorado; one son, Bill Ratliff and Carole of Hamlin; ten grandchildren; and many great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Organ Fund, P. O. Box 525, Haskell, Texas 79521, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 3420 Executive Center Drive, Suite 301, Austin, Texas 78731. PD, NOTICE



**SCHOOL BOARD HONORED**—Students in Debbie Miller's computer class were excited to make a special presentation to the Haskell CISD School Board at the January meeting. "Thank You" cards were given to each board member and a banner signed by the faculty was hung in the conference room. From the left are: Nathan Meredith, Garrett Brueggeman, Jasmine Klose, Felysha Walker, Mackenzie Thomas and school board member, Steve McGuire.



**NEW OFFICERS**—Leading the Haskell County Sr. 4-H Club as 2003-2004 officers will be, l-r, Robbyn Tribbey, secretary/treasurer; Derrick Tribbey, vice-president, Courtney Buerger, president, Caleb Hudgens, refreshment chairman and not pictured, Paige Adams, reporter.

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Rochester and Haskell Schools have a common history of providing excellent educational programs. They also offer opportunities for students to excel in UIL, sports, band, ag and in other activities. Consolidation will make it possible for students to continue to have access to a variety of opportunities and services. **Vote FOR consolidation on Feb. 7.**

Paid for by the Citizens for Consolidation Committee Loraine Johnson, Treasurer, 5 Ave. E, Haskell, Texas 79521

## January sales tax reported

The state collected \$1.25 billion in sales tax revenue in December, a remarkably robust 8.7 percent increase compared to December 2002. Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said recently.

"This is the highest sales tax growth rate in 35 months—since January 2001, when I first warned Texans that the state's economic furnace would soon cool," Strayhorn said. "An economic turnaround is now underway, and Texas has seen four consecutive months of sales tax

growth." Since state fiscal year 2004 began on Sept. 1, state sales tax revenue is up 4.7 percent compared to the same period in FY 2003.

"State sales tax collections hit a low point last summer, when July collections shrank 4.6 percent compared to the same month of the previous year," Strayhorn said. "But in August, the decline was only half a percent. In September, sales tax collections grew by 2.1 percent. They grew by 3.6 percent in October, by 4.3 percent in November, and by an amazing 8.7 percent in December." Local sales tax revenue also continues to rebound. The Comptroller sent Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts January sales tax allocations totaling \$303.2 million, up 7.1 percent compared to

January 2003. Strayhorn sent sales tax payments of \$203.9 million to Texas cities, up 6.9 percent compared to January 2003. Texas counties received January sales tax payments of \$17.5 million, up 6.9 percent.

Haskell County had a 4.18 percent decrease for January, 2004 of \$24,107.71 in comparison to \$25,159.88 for January 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$24,107.71 reflect a 4.18 percent decrease over 2003 payments to date of \$25,159.88.

The City of Haskell had a 5.47 percent decrease for January, 2004 of \$22,652.26 in comparison to \$23,964.53 for January, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$22,652.26 reflect a 5.47 percent decrease over 2003 payments to date of \$23,964.53.

The City of O'Brien had a 489.09 percent increase for January, 2004 of \$280.94 in comparison to \$47.69 for January, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$280.94 reflect a 489.09 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$47.69.

The City of Rochester had a 3.23 percent increase for January, 2004 of \$364.46 in comparison to \$353.03 for January, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$364.46 reflect a 3.23 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$353.03.

The City of Rule had a 1.67 percent decrease for January, 2004 of \$759.22 in comparison to \$772.16 for January, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$759.22 reflect a 1.67 percent decrease over 2003 payments to date of \$772.16.

The City of Weinert had a 126.21 percent increase for January, 2004 of \$50.83 in comparison to \$22.47 for January, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$50.83 reflect a 126.21 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$22.47.

### Students in the News

Two area students were conferred degrees from Texas Tech University in ceremonies at the United Spirit Arena, Dec. 20.

John Lyle Fouts, son of John and Bonnie Fouts of Haskell, graduated with a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Brittany L'Shae Williams, daughter of Michael and Debra Bartley of Haskell, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

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### Monthly Calendar of Events

## FEBRUARY 2004

### Haskell Independent School District

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	District Debate at Cisco Friends of Faith, Aud. 2 BB Haskell vs Albany 7th Girls Here 5 p.m. BB Haskell vs Throckmorton 9th Girls Here 6 p.m.	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Senior Supper Church of Christ 7 p.m.	BB Haskell vs Anson 7, 8 Boys There 5 p.m. 7, 8 Girls Here 5 p.m.	BB JVB-G VB-G Haskell vs Anson There 4 p.m.		Chamber of Commerce Banquet	BB JVB-G VB-G Haskell vs Stamford There 4 p.m.	Eastland at Haskell
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Senior Supper Catholic Church	Softball JV-V Haskell at Hawley Seymour Here		Softball JV-V at Seymour 4 p.m. V. Baseball Scrimmage at Merkel 4:30 p.m.	Tiger Relays at Anson UIL Solo & Ens. Contest at AHS	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Tx. Highway Dept. Meeting HHS Aud. Reg 5:30; Mtg. 6 p.m.	Softball V Clyde at Haskell 4 p.m. V. Baseball Olney at Haskell 4 p.m.			Softball Tournament	Track TBA Seymour Friends of Faith
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				Varsity Baseball Tournament		

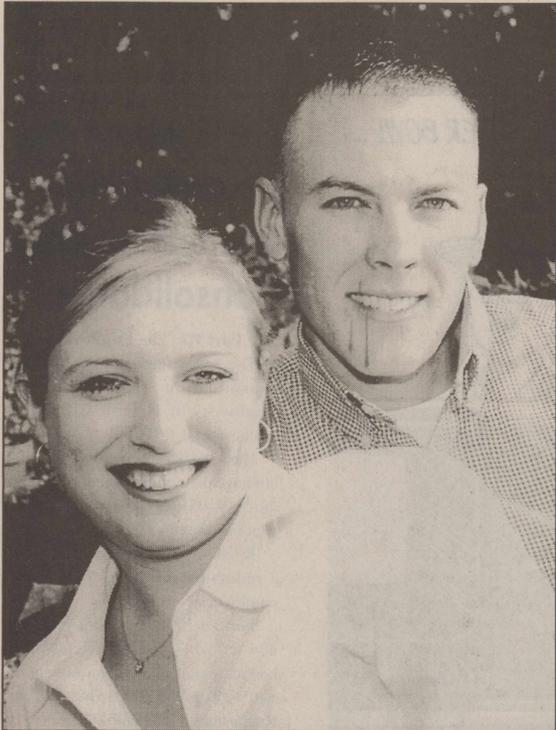


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JESSICA MAHLER - NATHAN LAUCHNER

## Mahler, Lauchner plan March wedding

Stan and Charlotte Mahler of Olney, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Caryn Mahler of Fort Worth, to Nathan Allen Lauchner, also of Fort Worth, son of Rick and Sheila Lauchner of Odessa.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Hazel Mahler and Thurman and Marcia Mahler, all of Olney, Ethel Taylor of San Antonio, and the late Joseph L. Taylor.

She is a graduate of Olney High School and Texas Tech University, with a bachelor's degree in Human Development. She is employed as a special education teacher for

Arlington ISD.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mildred Chambers of Rule, and the late Ferber Chambers. He is also the grandson of Marjory Lauchner of El Paso, and the late Robert Lauchner.

He is a graduate of Odessa Permian High School and Texas Tech University, with bachelor's degrees in Nursing and Biology. He is employed by Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

The couple plans a wedding, Mar. 13, at the First Methodist Church in Olney.

## Area students on national honor roll

Fourteen students from the Haskell County area qualified for induction into the Spring 2003 National Honor Roll, which recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students.

"Young people like these inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated," said Lynn Romeo, publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievements provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

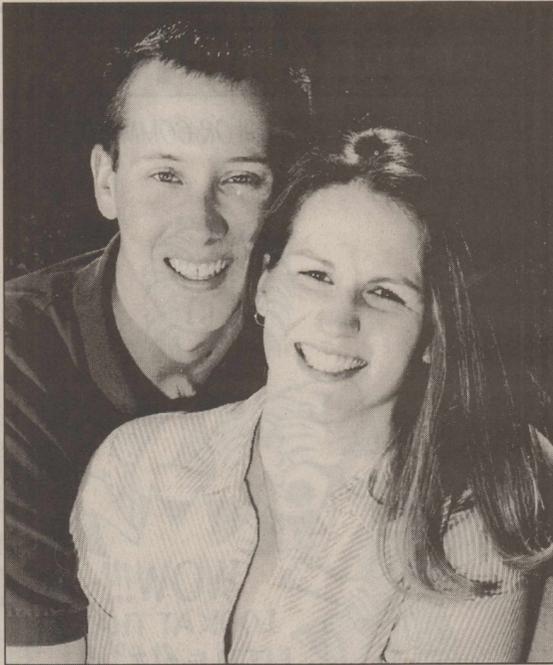
Students named to the list from

Rule High School were: Maria Amaya; Kolt Kitley; Kyle Kitley, all of Rule; Emery Dudensing of Sagerton; Jacob Manske, of Old Glory.

Listed from Rochester High School was Haley Brown of Rule.

Listed from Haskell High School were: Sydney Brueggeman; Zackary Coker; Jacklyn Escobedo; Kelly Gady; Amy Guadaluca; Jacqueline Kilgore; Christopher Washburn; all of Haskell.

Listed from Paint Creek High School was Maggie Brzozowski of Haskell.



TOBY MORGAN WILLIFORD - AMANDA KAY CRAWFORD

## Crawford, Williford to wed in Abilene

James Robert and Kim Crawford of Tahoka are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Kay Crawford, to Toby Morgan Williford, son of Todd and Pam Williford of Hobbs, New Mexico.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Haskell High School and Abilene Christian University. She is employed with the Killean Independent School District, where she teaches junior and senior English,

and is the cheerleading coach at Ellison High School.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Hobbs High School and Tarleton State University. He is currently serving as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army and is working on his master's degree in Family Financial Planning.

The couple plans to be married May 29 at Chapel on the Hill in Abilene.

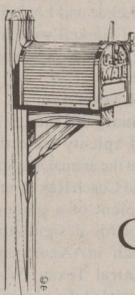
## Births

Jim and Margo Hollingsworth announce the birth of their grandson, Collin David Hollingsworth, born Jan. 21 at 8 a.m. in Dallas. Collin, dubbed 'Gus' by Papaw, weighed 8 lbs. and 8 oz. and was 21" long.

Parents are David and Marni Hollingsworth of Holly Lake Ranch and Jud.

Paternal grandmother is Nancy Garner Hollingsworth of Kaufman. Maternal grandparents are Marty and Marsha Blahitka of Holly Lake Ranch.

Collin joins big sisters, 15 month old twins Victoria Faith and Alexandra Kay.



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SHARING AND CARING—Haskell student, Brett Shelton, shares a Christmas card with Rice Springs Care Home resident Sylvia Gibbs, as she tells him much she enjoyed listening to the third graders sing Christmas carols during their community learn and serve project.

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## Facts about the Haskell CISD Rochester CLISD Consolidation

### Part III: The Employees

The following are facts on how consolidation will affect the employees of Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD.

Haskell CLISD employees would not have their employment status for the 2004-05 school year affected by the consolidation.

Rochester CLISD would conduct a reduction-in-force of all of its employees.

For the 2004-05 school year, the new consolidated district would budget a total salary commitment of \$405,000 to \$465,000 to hire current Rochester CLISD employees.

All current Rochester CLISD non-certified employees would be offered at-will employment with the new consolidated district.

After employment of non-certified employees, any funds remaining from the \$405,000 to \$465,000 dedicated to hiring current Rochester CLISD employees would be used to offer employment to current Rochester CLISD certified employees, under term contracts if entitled under board policy, or probationary contracts.

Current Rochester CLISD employees who are not hired by the consolidated district would be given priority consideration, if they apply for future vacancies.

See next week's edition for facts about the school board and elections.

## Weather Whys

### Waterspouts

Q: I've heard the weatherman mention the term waterspouts. What are they?

A: A waterspout is a tornado that forms over an ocean, bay or a lake, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University.

"A waterspout is created in the same way as a tornado, but because it's over water and not land, you don't see the dark funnel cloud that a tornado has because there is no dust or dirt to form the ominous looking image that we associate with tornadoes," says Odins. "In fact, they often appear almost white or light blue in color." He adds that there are two types of waterspouts—a tornadic waterspout and a fair weather waterspout.

"Tornadic waterspouts are usually more dangerous than fair weather waterspouts because they generally start out as a tornado over land and then move across water," Odins adds. "They can be large and capable of destructions, while fair weather waterspouts are usually thin and not nearly as strong as a tornadic waterspout."

Q: Where do most waterspouts form?

A: Most form over the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico or the southern Atlantic coast line, with the Florida Keys reporting the most waterspouts of any area, Odins says.

"The National Weather Service statistics show that between 300 to 500 form off the Keys each year," Odins confirms. "While most of these are harmless, some can overturn boats or do serious damage to docks and structures along the water. Waterspouts are also frequently seen in the Great Lakes area during the summer months. In any waterspout, around the base is a large sea spray called a cascade, and this large mist reduce the value of their estate and the amount their heirs will inherit. But for some senior homeowners, it may provide much needed relief."

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

### Texas military bases gear up to defend realignment

AUSTIN—Texas is gearing up for another war.

Last year, troops at Fort Hood in Killeen, Fort Bliss in El Paso and Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio as well as Air Force and Navy facilities across the state were preparing for the March invasion of Iraq. This year, it's Texas officials getting ready for the coming war over military base closures.

Unlike some conflicts that pop up like spring thunderstorms, the 2005 round of what the Pentagon calls "base realignment and closure" decisions has been on the schedule for several years. And when the balloon goes up, it could get ugly.

The Department of Defense has estimated that one-fourth of the nation's military installations could be closed or realigned. Obviously, a closure or significant realignment could mean heavy economic casualties for the community nearest an affected installation. That makes the political stakes pretty high.

Gov. Rick Perry last week sent a letter to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announcing Texas' acceptance of the Pentagon's rules of engagement in the coming politically-wrenching process.

The governor said the Texas Military Preparedness Commission will be visiting the 17 major military installations in Texas by April 1 to learn more about the bases and the communities around them and to explain what the state has been doing by way of preparation.

Steps already taken include discounted electrical utility rates for military bases, better educational benefits for members of the military and their dependents, and a \$250 million low-interest revolving loan fund for use by defense communities to make improvements to infrastructure in their area.

### Another positive economic sign...

The Veterans Land Board announced recently that Texas veterans received more than \$684 million in VLB home loans last year,

more than twice the amount approved in 2002 and more than three times the amount loaned in 2001.

In fact, the amount loaned was the highest since the creation of the loan program in 1983.

"I wish I could claim credit, but I can't," Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said. "This success is no doubt due to the state of the economy, our low rates, and ... the hard work of our Veterans Land Board staff."

### Establishing a beachhead against litter...

Winter seems like a strange time to be heading to the beach, but thanks to the warm water of the Gulf of Mexico, the days are seldom too cold for at least a walk on the sand.

If you're interested in picking up more than sea shells, the Seventh Annual Winter Texan Beach Cleanup is set for Feb. 20 on South Padre Island, where by that time it could be positively spring-like.

Sponsored by the Texas General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach program, the effort will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration at the Edwin Atwood Park Pavilion at Beach Access 5 off Highway 100 in South Padre Island.

For more information on the cleanup, visit [www.glo.state.tx.us/](http://www.glo.state.tx.us/) or call 1-877-TXCOAST.

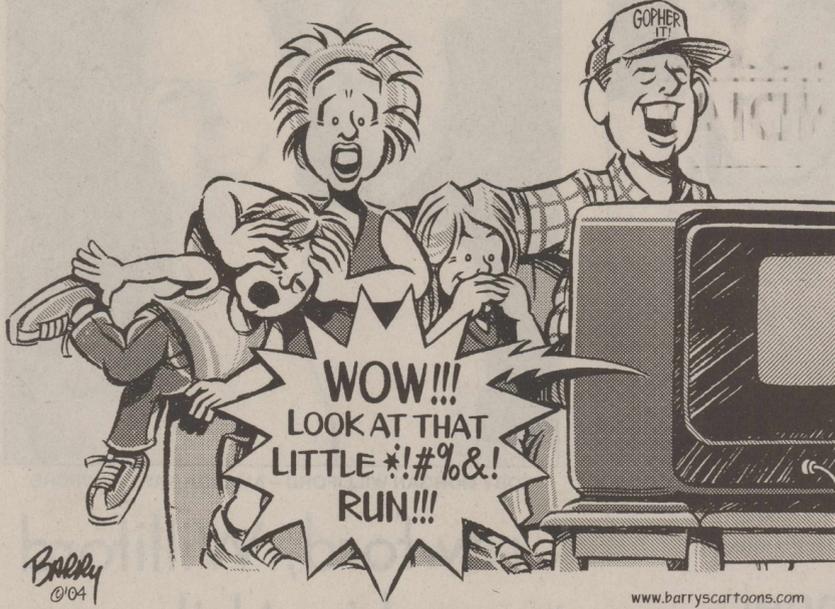
### Know any rural heroes?

The Texas Department of Agriculture is accepting nominations for the department's 2003 Rural Heroism Award.

The department is looking to honor Texans who have performed a heroic act related to farming or ranching. (Incidents related to accidents caused by negligence are not eligible.)

Nominations need to include a written account of the incident, contact names and numbers, and newspaper clipping or photographs. They must be sent by Feb. 16 to Lola Lemmon, TDA Safety Coordinator, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX, 78711.

The recipient of the 2003 heroism award will be honored on March 22 in San Antonio at the Texas Safety Association's annual conference.



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## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago January 27, 1994

Geoffrey Phemister, who competed in the Tiger division, won "Best of Show" honors at the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. Other winners were Scott Kennedy, Trent Richardson, Jonathan Gholson, Ross Bullinger and Kendall Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hager Jr. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Shanna Carroll Mueller Lenamon was listed on the Dean's List for Abilene Christian University. She is the daughter of Zona Mueller.

The Haskell Indians defeated Anson to clinch a tie for first place in the first round of district 7-2A play. Mart Guess was the leading scorer with 9 points. Brian Brzozowski scored 8, Shannon Meeks had 7 and Cody Cooley scored 6.

The Haskell Maidens defeated Anson in their first game of the second half of the district 7-2A round robin. Betsy McDermott's 9 points led the scoring, followed by Veronica Gonzales with 8 points, Teresa Diaz with 6 and Rebecca Unger with 5.

### 20 Years Ago January 26, 1984

Four Haskell area students at Angelo State University were on the Dean's Honor Roll. They were Wilton Wm. Weise, Don Wally Kretschmer, Robert Charles Geilhausen and Albert Eugene Sherman.

Mark Lewis of Rule assumed a position with the Soil Conservation Service in Haskell.

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Sagerton and Cole Turner of Rochester were among hundreds of cotton producers that got the latest information on cotton's research and promotion program at the Annual Producers' Meeting of Cotton Incorporated at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

### 30 Years Ago January 31, 1974

Grand Champion Steer of the Abilene Livestock Show was shown by Kim Hager, Weinert 4-H. Reserve Champion Steer was shown by Cindy Thomas of Haskell.

Two Haskell students are among 302 West Texas State University scholars to make the honor roll. They are Deanna Frierson and Denise Roberson.

Allison Farm Supply of Rule was awarded a Silver Dollar Club Trophy by Pioneer Hi-Bred Co. for outstanding sales performance.

Judy Cleo Lehde and Linda Faye Brueggeman of Haskell were listed on the Dean's Honor Roll at Angelo State University.

### 40 Years Ago January 30, 1964

Acclaimed aplenty were three from Haskell at the annual All-Sports Banquet. Head Coach Ray Overton, was the recipient of a plaque in recognition of his designation as "All-Area Coach" in AA competition in North Central Texas; Wayne Perrin, was awarded the sponsoring Haskell Booster Club's "Most Conscientious Player" trophy; and Bonnie Howard, received the Haskell Jaycees' Sportsmanship Award for girls' basketball.

Dr. William J. Kemp was one of only 100 civilian dentists in the nation chosen to take a postgraduate short course at Walter Reed Hospital.

### 50 Years Ago January 28, 1954

New member of the faculty of Haskell High School was Byrdie Lee West of Abilene. She will teach history and general math and have charge of several organized girls sports.

The teacher of the week featured Thelma Thomas, commercial teacher and lunchroom bookkeeper of Haskell High School for the past four years. The Junior Business Training class and Advanced Typing class were under her instruction.

Haskell's Pinkey Sherman, Don Pennington, Jim Donald, Don Alfred and Lon Dennis McMillin, with Jimmy Brock and Dwayne Carter by draw were winners in the Firemen's Amateur Fight Card.

### 100 Years Ago January 30, 1904

Fred Irby and Clarence Lewis left for Dallas where they will take a course in a telegraphy school.

C. C. Riddle was over from Aspermont shaking hands with friends and looking after business interests.

G. W. Andress, who with his wife have been visiting relatives here returned to his home at Gorman. Mrs Andress will remain here a week or so longer before returning home.

Finis Smith and wife of the Flat Top neighborhood visited in the home of Capt. Oglesby in town.

## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Protecting senior citizens is a top priority of my administration. We do not tolerate individuals or businesses that target senior Texans for financial exploitation. That is why we recently took legal action to halt alleged violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act by an outfit offering "tax reductions" to seniors for a fee.

In Texas, certain tax advantages are available to persons over the age of 65. Any homeowner, not just a senior, can apply for a homestead exemption on a primary place of residence. However, there are special, additional exemptions available to seniors. You can contact your local tax assessor/collector for more information.

There is no fee for making the application for a homestead exemption. However, certain companies offer to "process" the application for a fee. Generally, the company is simply filling out the application and filing it for you. You could easily save the fee by filling out this simple application for yourself.

Some companies in the past have

styled their advertising to make it appear that they are an official taxing authority, or that their fee must be paid in order for the homeowner to receive the exemption. In fact, the law requires the company to make it quite clear that they are not a governmental agency.

Our regional Consumer Protection Office in Dallas, acting on consumer complaints, filed a lawsuit and obtained a temporary restraining order on Dec. 17, 2003, against a company that presented itself as a "tax processing center." The company mailed a solicitation to Collin County seniors, seeking a \$55 fee. In addition to taking immediate legal action, we issued a Senior Alert to inform homeowners that the reductions offered in the sales pitch were all available directly from their local taxing authority.

The solicitation also mentioned a tax "freeze" for the elderly. This is a reference to another option available to seniors. The option is better described as a ceiling, rather than a freeze, because it provides that their property taxes will not go up for that home so long as there are no new improvements, once they have registered as over-65 homeowners. If for some reason their property is reassessed at a lower value, their

taxes may go down, but they may not go up. There is no fee for applying for this benefit.

Another tax provision that may benefit a senior homeowner is the property tax deferral. This is an arrangement that makes it so that seniors may defer, or delay, the payment of taxes. The tax must still eventually be paid, but it is allowed to simply accrue during the homeowner's lifetime. The unpaid taxes do accrue interest, however. The deferred taxes and interest are then eventually paid out of the estate after the homeowner's death.

The tax deferral can be a great benefit for certain homeowners with limited income. If the homeowner has applied for deferral, there are no penalties for delaying the payment of the taxes. However, a tax lien is placed on the property. Seniors may choose not to use the deferral option, because it can significantly reduce the value of their estate and the amount their heirs will inherit.

Beware of any solicitation that involves a fee to apply or register you for tax reductions, freezes, ceilings or deferrals. You can apply for any of those benefits yourself from your local taxing authority.

## DCOH changes meetings

James Elam, Executive Director of the Development Corporation of Haskell, has announced that the DCOH Board of Directors has made a change in the regularly scheduled meeting dates.

For a number of years, the DCOH has met twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. The board has now

approved meeting once monthly on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:00 a.m. The meetings will continue to be held at the City of Haskell community room, located at 301 South 1st Street.

The meeting notice and agenda will be posted on the City Hall bulletin board by 4:00 p.m. on Monday preceding the 2nd Friday of each month.

The public is invited to attend the meetings.

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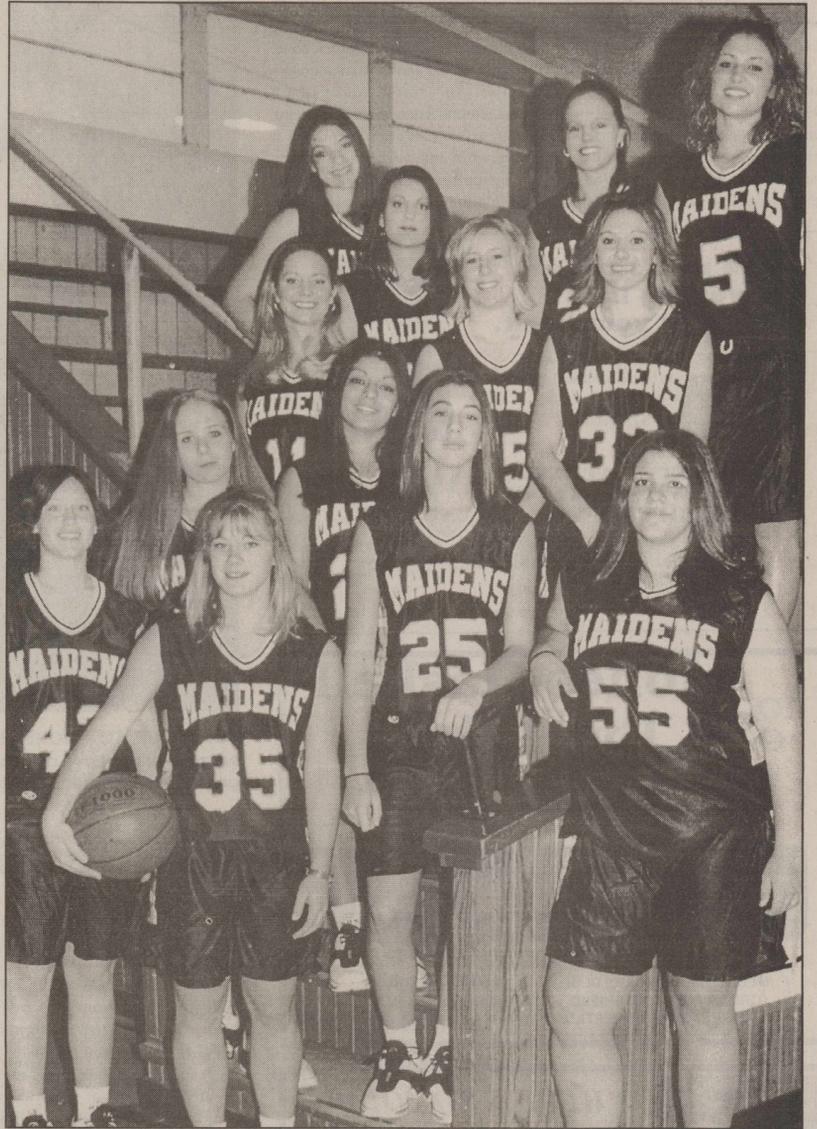
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Front, l-r: Callie Thomasson, Meagan Wallace, Kerri Newton, Consuelo Gonzalez, Mollie McKnight, Morgan Acosta. Back: Brittany Rutkowski, Lindsay Pannell, Brittany Bird, Melody Kennedy, Monica Buerger, Lynzie Harlan and Calina Kendall. Photo by KIS

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# Hester named manager

Michael Hester has been named zone manager for the Upper Coastal Bend Eradication Program.

Hester, originally from Rochester, has been with the foundation since 1996. Hester began in the Rolling Plains Central zone working as a field unit supervisor. He moved to the assistant zone manager's position in the Western High Plains zone and, for

the last three years, was one of the assistant zone managers in the Southern High Plains/Caprock zone.

Hester, who earned an associate's degree in farm and ranch management from Vernon College, spent several years working on a cotton farm and worked in a variety of agriculture-related businesses before joining the foundation.

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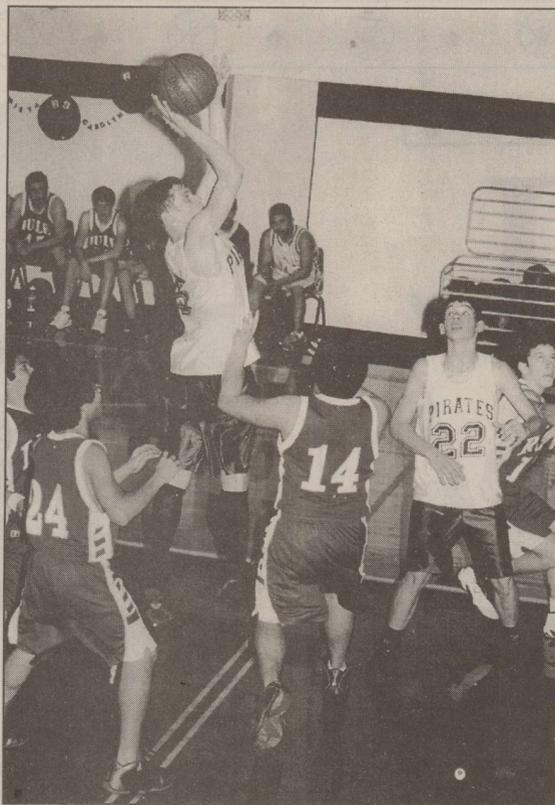


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**PIRATE UP TO SCORE**—Paint Creek's Brandon Bryant, #22, watches Jamie Loyd rise above a bevy of Bobcats, in the Pirates' game with Rule, Jan. 23. Rule won, 70 to 41. Photo by Kis



**PIRATES AND BOBCATS**—Paint Creek Lady Pirates, Bonnie Emert, #12, and Tammy Daniels, #40, work in a crowd of Lady Bobcats. Final score, Rule 71, Paint Creek 22. Photo by Kis

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# Wear red for women during February

On Feb. 6, we want Texas to see red.

During the month of February, the American Heart Association is launching its national *Go Red for Women* campaign to raise awareness of heart disease as the number one killer of women. Feb. 6 is National Wear Red Day for Women, and people across the country will wear red to demonstrate their commitment

to fighting this killer.

Some of us still think of heart disease as a man's disease. But, almost half of all American women will die from either heart disease or stroke—that's one of every two women and an estimated 500,000 lives each year.

The facts might surprise you. There are 8 million American women currently living with heart

disease. Heart attacks kill six times as many women as breast cancer. Although many women still perceive cancer to be their greatest health threat, twice as many women will die of heart disease than from all types of cancer, including breast cancer. In fact, heart disease kills more women under 45 than any other single disease.

More than 260,000 women die each year from heart attacks. The warning signs of a heart attack for women can be markedly different than those for men. According to a recent study conducted by the American Heart Association, unusual fatigue and sleeplessness are two potential early warning signs for women. In fact, in our research, we found that 95 percent of women in the study who suffered cardiac arrest had experienced unusual fatigue or sleeplessness up to a month before the heart attack. This finding indicates the possibility that acting on early symptoms could help prevent a heart attack.

Although most people would name chest pain as one of the leading symptoms of a heart attack, the study found that 43 percent of the women never reported any discomfort in their chest. Other early warning signs

for women may be shortness of breath, indigestion and unexplained anxiety.

*Go Red for Women* is not just another campaign—it's an emotional and passionate call to action. Too many women are living with heart disease—and far too many women are dying from heart disease. Through increased awareness, we can make a difference in the health and lives of women. We can empower women to take charge of their health and make lifestyle changes to help prevent and manage cardiovascular disease.

When you put on that red dress or red shirt or red pin in February, think of all the women you know. Think of the impact of heart disease on women and their families. Think of what you can do to join the battle against women's number one killer.

## Victims need to report stalking

Most people associate stalking with celebrities—Madonna, Sheryl Crow or Britney Spears. Yet, celebrity stalking cases, though dangerous and serious, are relatively rare. More commonly, victims are ordinary people pursued by someone they know. Victims may not understand that stalking is criminal. And what they don't know about stalking may jeopardize their lives.

In an article on the dangers of stalking, Judy Kingery of Abilene, Executive Director, Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center, says stalking is a crime in all 50 states, and that stalking behavior can range from annoying and intrusive to terrifying and dangerous. It can escalate to violence and frequently ends in murder. Three out of four women killed by their intimate partners were stalked by that partner before they were killed. It is shockingly common.

Not easy to identify, stalkers come from virtually every walk of life and every socioeconomic background. They have no single psychological profile, and the differences among stalkers make it hard to predict their behavior and find effective strategies to deter them. The vast majority are

obsessed with their victims, intent on controlling them, and determined to use any available means to keep victims in their power.

Stalking often begins during a relationship. Stalkers may keep the victim under surveillance or threaten her or him. Others begin stalking after the victim has ended the relationship and the stalker feels desperate to maintain or regain control. Still others become fixated on a victim without ever having had any relationship with the person. All are unpredictable and should be considered dangerous.

To defeat stalkers, both victims and communities must take it seriously. Victims should trust their instincts and understand that stalkers are unpredictable and dangerous.

Victims should report the stalking to law enforcement and carefully document evidence by writing down times, dates, and places they are stalked. They should keep e-mails, phone messages, letters, notes and anything sent by the stalker. Friends, family members, roommates and workers should be alerted, enlisting them for their support and help.

Victims in imminent danger should call 911. The CVCC operates a 24-hour hotline: 325-677-7895 (Abilene), and provides victim services to victims of violent crime. Professional staff members can help victims devise a safety plan, learn about local laws, find services, and take additional steps, such as seeking a protective order.

## Students in the News

Three students named to the Dean's List for Fall, 2003, at Texas Tech University were: Morgan Jo Cox, freshman, Pre-Medical Technology; Leslie Brooke Grand, freshman, Arts and Sciences-Undeclared; and Meg Amanda McManamon, senior, Multidisciplinary Studies.

Named to the President's List at Texas Tech University were: Bergen M'Lynn Peiser, sophomore, Early Childhood; Katherine Ann Thompson, sophomore, Mass Communication.

To be on either the President's List or the Dean's List at Texas Tech, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained either a 4.0 or a 3.5-3.9 grade point average, respectively.

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 605 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Jan. 26, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 67 sellers and 28 buyers were present.

Packers steady, stockers \$1 to \$3 higher and feeders steady.

Cows: fat, 42-48; cutters, 44-52; canners, 28-38.

Bulls: bologna, 58-67; feeders, 76-88; utility, 55-60.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.18-1.60; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.30; 400-500 lbs., .97-1.20; 500-600 lbs., .95-1.09; 600-700 lbs., .89-1.00; 700-800 lbs., .85-.95; 800-up lbs., .78-.88.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.08-1.40; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.12; 500-600 lbs., .83-.95; 600-up lbs., .72-.87.

Bred heifers medium frame, 550-675.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 675-750; aged or small, 475-650.

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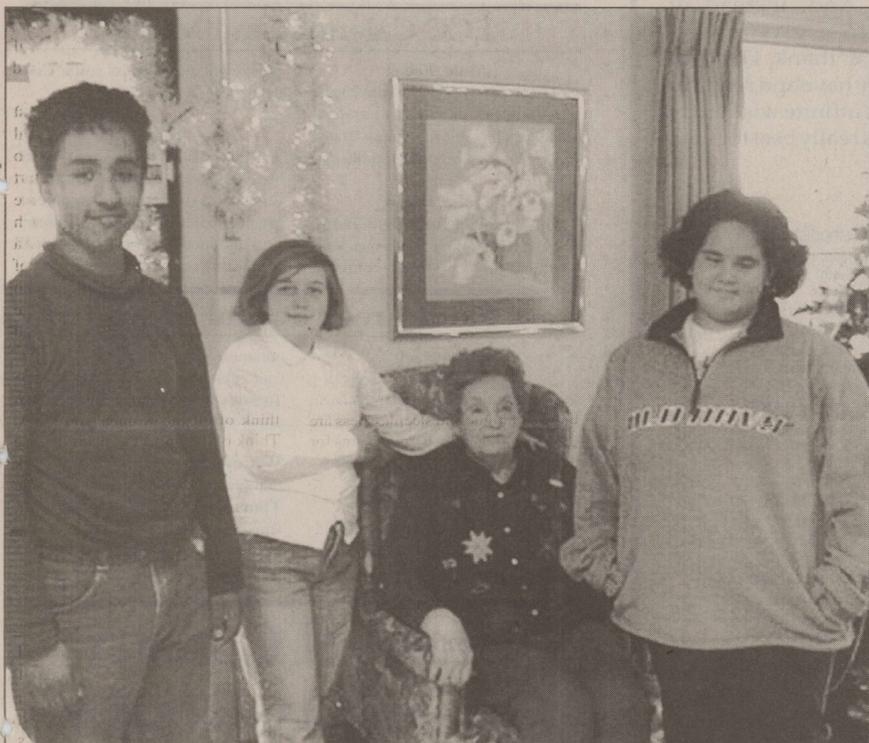
**CARING VISITORS**—Haskell students, back l-r, Simon Rodriguez, Marco Gonzales and Mona Cuellar, visit with Haskell Healthcare Center residents, l-r, Dorothy Halliburton and Sena Murray as part of the Learn and Serve Project. They are students of Jerry Bowers, Mylta Kimbler and Tammie Wallace.



**CHRISTMAS CAROLERS**—Singing for the residents at Haskell Healthcare Center were Haskell Elementary third graders, front row, l-r, Trevor Reese, Veronica Robledo, Myra Rodriguez, Taylor Polk, Macy Bingham, Cailey Foster, Ashley Adams, Jasmine Wilson. Second row, Carson Hadaway, Morgan Frierson, Taylor Burson, Victor Vasquez, Shelby Dunnam, Carlos Gonzales, Kalya Wheatley, Charitie Winterstein. Back, Brett Shelton, Hunter Jordan, River McTasney, Maci Colley, Cannon Edwards, Isaiah Lewellyn, Tillie McGuire and Maegan Gonzales.



**LEARNING AND SERVING**—Haskell Elementary third graders recently entertained the residents of Rice Springs Care Home with Christmas songs and jingle bells. Front row, l-r, are Carson Hadaway, Taylor Burson, Ashley Pendergraft, Morgan Frierson, Cailey Foster, Charitie Winterstein. Second row, Maci Colley, Dalton-Kaye, Tori Baker, Ryan Markey, Macy Bingham, Kalya Wheatley. Back, Levi Grand, River McTasney, Sidney Cassidy and Jasmine Wilson.



**LEARN AND SERVE**—Visiting with Eureka Campbell, seated, at Haskell Healthcare Center, Dec. 12, as part of a Learn and Serve Project at Haskell CISD, were students, l-r, Freddie Estrada, Judith Isbell and Ariel Foreman. The students sang Christmas carols and gave handmade snow flakes, Christmas cards and Santas to the Center's residents during their visit.

### City Council report

At the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council, Mon., Jan. 12, the 2002-03 fiscal year audit report presented by Jeff Gregg was accepted.

Approval was given by the Council to the appointment of Keith Everett, Jimmy Bowen and Dana Spearman to the Housing Authority Board.

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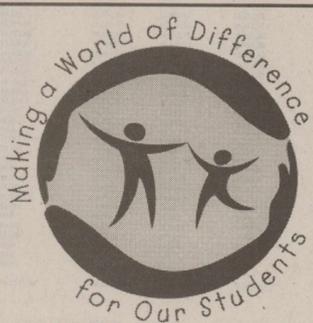
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# Students complete City Park projects

As part of the community Learn and Serve Program, Haskell CISD students recently completed some projects in the City Park. Starting with the restrooms, which they repainted and lettered, they started refurbishing one of the merry-go-rounds. After stripping the

paint and sanding the surface, they applied a coat of primer and a coat of white paint. As an added attraction, the center of the merry-go-round was painted red.

As part of the Learn and Serve program, the students chose projects that they feel will be a benefit to all the community.

While working in the park, on the suggestion of one student that it would be good if they could get new goals for the basketball court, the students replaced both goals with heavy-duty rims and new nets.

Another project in the planning stage is the replacement of some of the boards on the bridge over the stream in the park. As part of the program, this and other projects are hoped to be completed in the new future.

The Learn and Serve program not only provides enrichment for the students, but is also a great asset to the school and community.



TALKING ABOUT THE TAKS—Haskell Elementary Principal, Jim Lisle talks with Felysha Walker about the TAKS test which each student in grades 3-11 will be taking this spring, along with students all across the state. Haskell CISD administrators are meeting individually with each student to discuss the student's performance on past tests and to set goals for this year's tests.

## Haskell School Menu

**Feb. 2-6 Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Breakfast bagel  
**Tuesday:** 3 Mini-corn dogs  
**Wednesday:** Frosted flakes cereal, whole wheat toast  
**Thursday:** Blueberry muffin  
**Friday:** Pig in a blanket  
**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 ham and cheese.  
**Monday:** Sliced turkey/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pears  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti/meatballs, garden salad, broccoli with cheese, breadstick, banana pudding  
**Wednesday:** Beef and cheese nachos, corn, Spanish rice, garden salad, applesauce  
**Thursday:** Chili with beans, grilled cheese sandwich, baby carrots/dressing, sliced peaches  
**Friday:** Hamburger, lettuce/tomato/pickle, French fries, orange wedges

## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., Feb. 2**  
 11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check  
 Lunch—Meat loaf, parsley potatoes, club spinach, green beans, yeast rolls, cherry cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee  
**Tues., Feb. 4**  
 Gospel singing with Betty Berry  
 Lunch—Chicken and macaroni, garden salad, sliced onions, blackeyed peas, yeast rolls, Coke, cake, milk, tea, or coffee  
**Fri., Feb. 6**  
 Lunch—Salisbury steak with brown gravy, creamy potatoes, vegetables, sliced onions, cornbread, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee  
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## Paint Creek School Menu

**February 2-6 Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Toast, cereal  
**Tuesday:** Pancakes  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast burritos  
**Thursday:** French toast sticks  
**Friday:** Toast, cereal  
**Lunch**  
 Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, fruit cups  
**Tuesday:** Pig in blanket, fries, corn salad, jello  
**Wednesday:** Chicken and dumplings, carrots, salad, cake  
**Thursday:** Ham or tuna sandwiches, fries, salad, cookies  
**Friday:** Pizza, corn, salad, pineapple tidbits

# Vote For

Rochester and Haskell Schools have a common history of providing excellent educational programs. They also offer opportunities for students to excel in UIL, sports, band, ag and in other activities. Consolidation will make it possible for students to continue to have access to a variety of opportunities and services.

**Vote FOR consolidation on Feb. 7.**

Paid for by the Citizens for Consolidation Committee Loraine Johnson, Treasurer, 5 Ave. E. Haskell, Texas 79521

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### FAITH WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO PRAY

A prayer is intended to be a beautiful communion with the Almighty, but we sometimes turn it instead into a request for some material gain; often of doubtful benefit. To do so is to dishonor God by assuming that He is not already aware of your needs. So go to your

church this Sunday and pray for His guidance to help you become a better person. And, instead of attempting to give God information, just thank Him for what you already have and reaffirm your trust in His infinite wisdom in knowing what is really best for you.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—**  
**East Side Baptist Church**  
 Dr. Jim Helfin, interim pastor  
 Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
 Dusty Garison, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- New Vision Family Worship Center**  
 James Fincker, pastor • 864-5438  
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
 East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 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 George Roney  
 Sat. Mass 7 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**  
 Rev. Tom Collins, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**  
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
 Sun. Morn. 10 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 Pavilion
- Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship**  
 Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
 1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell
- WEINERT—**  
**First Baptist Church**  
 J. C. Baker, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
 Rev. Robert Harrison  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- ROCHESTER—**  
**Church of Christ**  
 Steve Willis, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
 West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
 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
- 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**  
 Wendall Ferguson, 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
- PAINT CREEK—**  
**Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
 Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—**  
**O'Brien Baptist Church**  
 Milton McManus, pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.  
 O'Brien

# Haskell County Quarterly Report October, November, December 2003

	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	AVAILABLE AMOUNT	LESS DISBURSEMENT	END OF MONTH BALANCE
GENERAL	114,280.43	351,120.21	465,400.64	312,968.17	152,432.47
JURY	377.69	10,142.84	10,520.53	4,204.84	6,315.69
LAW LIBRARY	3,076.66	7,729.87	10,806.53	4,401.80	6,404.73
LATERAL ROAD 1	4.97	5,655.62	5,660.59	3,466.38	2,194.21
LATERAL ROAD 2	3.44	5,822.56	5,826.00	5,168.96	657.04
LATERAL ROAD 3	0.01	5,822.56	5,822.56	2,097.29	3,725.27
LATERAL ROAD 4	6.28	5,822.56	5,828.84	2,551.71	3,277.13
ROAD & BRIDGE 1	91,913.15	37,381.18	129,294.33	30,371.81	98,922.52
ROAD & BRIDGE 2	32,278.11	29,096.17	61,374.28	22,861.60	38,512.68
ROAD & BRIDGE 3	66,522.81	29,232.66	95,755.47	32,227.43	63,528.04
ROAD & BRIDGE 4	18,284.90	25,559.87	43,844.77	19,903.69	23,941.08
F&M LATERAL ROAD 1	46,238.87	24,883.09	71,121.96	10,336.81	60,785.15
F&M LATERAL ROAD 2	69,174.65	17,151.62	86,326.27	13,774.89	72,551.38
F&M LATERAL ROAD 3	5,118.46	16,015.56	21,134.02	39,144.73	17,989.29
F&M LATERAL ROAD 4	38,729.58	23,276.30	62,005.88	14,361.63	47,644.25
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	4,567.44	1,822.20	6,389.64	3,172.74	3,216.90
COMP VICTIMS OF CRIME	14,606.63	4,514.12	19,120.75	1,008.68	18,112.07
ARREST FEE	1,249.97	1,151.42	2,401.39	750.41	1,650.98
JUDICIAL PERSONNEL TRAINING	80,797.38	2,566.35	83,363.73	0.00	83,363.73
SECURITY FUND	1,433.51	96	1,460.47	1,460.47	0.00
COUNTY ATTORNEY	5,282.37	1,999.71	7,282.08	3,350.71	3,931.37
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	1,102.63	58.38	1,161.01	159.92	1,001.09
MANAGEMENT PRESERVATION FUND	1,823.84	26.64	1,850.48	316.00	1,534.48
PERMANENT SCHOOL	9,781.15	593.29	10,374.44	10,374.44	0.00
COUNTY LIBRARY	9,424.86	2,048.32	11,473.18	5,181.84	6,291.34
ECC BUILDING	10,218.77	1,876.65	12,095.42	9,424.86	2,670.56
ECC NUTRITION	1,431.53	23,964.12	25,395.65	21,263.33	4,132.32
RECORDS MANAGEMENT	189,849.49	406.00	190,255.49	0.00	190,255.49
MTS VEHICLE INVENTORY TAX	6,564.73	24.64	6,589.37	194.00	6,395.37
JUSTICE CT TECHNOLOGY	2,126.90	544.43	2,671.33	0.00	2,671.33
ANCHOR FACILITY	1,367.87	31.18	1,399.05	1,373.85	25.20
SPECIAL PROJECT	160.00	0.29	160.29	0.00	160.29
TOTAL	999,007.67	681,238.17	1,680,245.84	601,577.87	1,078,667.97
INVESTMENTS:					
SOCIAL SECURITY C.D.			10,622.90		10,622.90
GENERAL FUND C.D.			100,000.00		100,000.00
				110,622.90	
TOTAL CASH ASSETS FOR HASKELL COUNTY					1,189,290.87

Willie Faye Tidrow  
 County Treasurer & Investment Officer

On January 12, 2004 the Commission Court of Haskell County met in regular session and compared the Quarterly Report of Willie Faye Tidrow, County Treasurer, for the Quarter ending December 31, 2003 and found the same correct and correct respective amounts to have been paid out during the quarter.

DAVID C. DAVIS  
 COUNTY JUDGE

Rhonda Moeller  
 RHONDA MOELLER  
 COUNTY CLERK

JOHN S. BROWN  
 COMMISSIONER REC #1

KEVIN THOMPSON  
 COMMISSIONER REC #1

TIPPER MAYFIELD  
 COMMISSIONER REC #2

BOBBY D. SMITH  
 COMMISSIONER REC #4

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### For Sale

**FOR SALE:** Two portable buildings: 16x32, 12x24. Ordered wrong color. Must sell! 325-795-8472. 5c

**FOR SALE:** One 3 person spa, one 5 person spa. Ordered wrong color. Must sell! 325-795-8472. 5c

**COOKIE CELEBRATIONS:** Now taking orders for Valentine cookie bouquets and cookie wands. Will deliver Feb. 14 in Haskell and Paint Creek. Wanda Thompson. 325-773-2046. 5p

### Cars For Sale

**FOR SALE:** 1986 Dodge pickup. \$1,000. Call 864-2121. 4-5p

**FOR SALE:** 1995 Chevrolet extended cab; 3/4 ton, 4x4, short/wide bed, V/8 automatic, high mileage, clean, 1998 Chevrolet regular cab; 3/4 ton, 2 wheel drive, long/wide bed, V/8 5 speed, clean. 940-256-0188. 5p

**FOR SALE:** 1991 Chevrolet Caprice; electric doors and windows, 74,000 highway miles. Driven 4 times during the last year. Excellent condition. 806-254-2210. 4-5c

### Miscellaneous

**HOUSE LEVELLING** and foundation repair. No payments until work is satisfactorily completed. David Lee & Co. 325-675-6369. 6f1c

### Jobs Wanted

**TV VCR REPAIR** located in the Olde Daze Antiques building 1 block south of the Courthouse. Anson. 325-576-3497 or 325-668-0292. 2-5p

### Help Wanted

**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS** for all positions at Sonic Drive In, Haskell. Apply in person. 25f1c

### Real Estate

**FOR SALE:** 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Possible owner financing. 864-2238. 2f1c

**FOR SALE:** Lake cabin at Veda's Camp. Possible owner financing. 864-2238. 2f1c

**FOR SALE:** 503 N. Ave. F. Two bedroom, one bath vintage home with original wood work, wood floors, mantel with built-in gas stove, well and lots of pecan and fruit trees. Owner will consider owner finance. Call 940-864-2411 for an appointment. Rike Real Estate. Mary Rike, Broker.

**ZERO DOWN** Land-Home with low interest rate. NO CREDIT NECESSARY. 325-673-8488. 35f1c

The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing. Close out prices on Spring Air "Never Turn" mattress sets at Kinney Furniture in Stamford. 5c

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#### FARM AND RANCH LISTINGS

**261 ACRES** Mattson Community. 43 acres native pasture on Miller Creek. Balance expired CRP. Has cotton and wheat base. \$365 per acre.  
**247 ACRES** irrigated with center pivot. Northwest of Rochester. \$900 per acre.  
**51 ACRES** irrigated coastal. Northwest of Rochester. Fenced. Has center pivot. \$800 per acre.

### Public Notices

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Proposed local consolidation agreement between Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD is available for public review during regular business hours at the Haskell CISD central administration office, 605 N. Ave. E, Haskell, TX.

**ATENCIÓN PÚBLICA**  
El acuerdo de consolidación Propuesto local entra Haskell CISD y Rochester CLISD está disponible para la revisión pública durante horas de oficina regulares en el Haskell CISD la oficina de administración central, 605 N. Avenida E, Haskell, TX. 3-5c

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice of opportunity to make comments or request a public hearing is hereby given by the Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc., P.O. Box 188, Aspermont, Texas 79502, on a proposed continuation of Rural Public Transportation services within Kent, Knox, Haskell, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Jones and Fisher Counties. Financial assistance to continue this service is being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation. Service will be for the general public and fares will be charged for this service. Written comments or a written request for a Public Hearing are being accepted at Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604; ATTN: Debra Rector. Deadline for request is January 30, 2004. 4-5c

**EARLY VOTING HASKELL CISD & ROCHESTER CLISD CONSOLIDATION ELECTION**  
An election is hereby ordered to be held on February 7, 2004, for the purpose of authorizing the consolidation of Haskell Consolidated Independent School District and Rochester County Line Independent School District into a single school district under a local consolidation agreement.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the Haskell Consolidated Independent School District administration office, 605 North Avenue E, Haskell, Texas, 79521.

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according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, January 21, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, January 22, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Friday, January 23, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, January 24, 2004, Closed; Sunday, January 25, 2004, Closed; Monday, January 26, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday, January 27, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday, January 28, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, January 29, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Friday, January 30, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, January 31, 2004, Closed; Sunday, February 1, 2004, Closed; Monday, February 2, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday, February 3, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Haskell CISD, ATTN: Billie Lindsey, P. O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521-0937.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on January 30, 2004.

**EARLY VOTING HASKELL CISD & ROCHESTER CLISD CONSOLIDATION ELECTION**  
Una elección va a estar el 7 de febrero, 2004, para autorizar la junta de la escuela de Haskell y la escuela de Rochester en un distrito junto. Para votando temprano en tu mismo, ve a la oficina de administración a las 605 avenida norte E en Haskell durante los tiempos siguientes:

miércoles 21, enero, 2004, 8:00 de la mañana hasta 4:00 por la tarde; jueves 22, enero, 2004, 8:00 de la mañana hasta 4:00 por la tarde; viernes 23, enero, 2004, 8:00 de la mañana hasta 4:00 por la tarde; sábado 24, enero, 2004, cerrado; domingo 25, enero, 2004, cerrado; lunes 26, enero, 2004, 8:00 de la mañana hasta 4:00 por la tarde; martes 27, enero, 2004, 8:00 de la mañana hasta 4:00 por la tarde; miércoles 28, enero, 2004, 8:00 de la mañana hasta 4:00 por la tarde; jueves 29, enero, 2004, 8:00 de la mañana hasta 4:00 por la tarde.

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For more information call **940-864-3685** or come by Brick Village Office 702 S. Ave. H in Haskell  
Equal Opportunity Housing Authority

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### POL CALENDAR

The Haskell Free Press is authorized to make the following announcement for the political office in Haskell County, subject to the action of the 2004 Primaries.

Unless otherwise specified the candidates listed paid for the announcement, and have designated themselves as campaign treasurer.

All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

**Sheriff**  
Bill Glass  
(Pd. by James Bevel, Campaign, Texas.)  
**David Halliburton**  
Jack Whorton  
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Haskell Free Press

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The Haskell Free Press reserves the right to edit and/or delete all news stories and locals for length and liability and to refuse to print anything deemed not newsworthy.

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Equal Opportunity Housing Authority

### DANCE

**Rochester American Legion**  
Saturday, January 31  
7:30 til • Admission \$4.00 Per Person  
MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS • BYOB

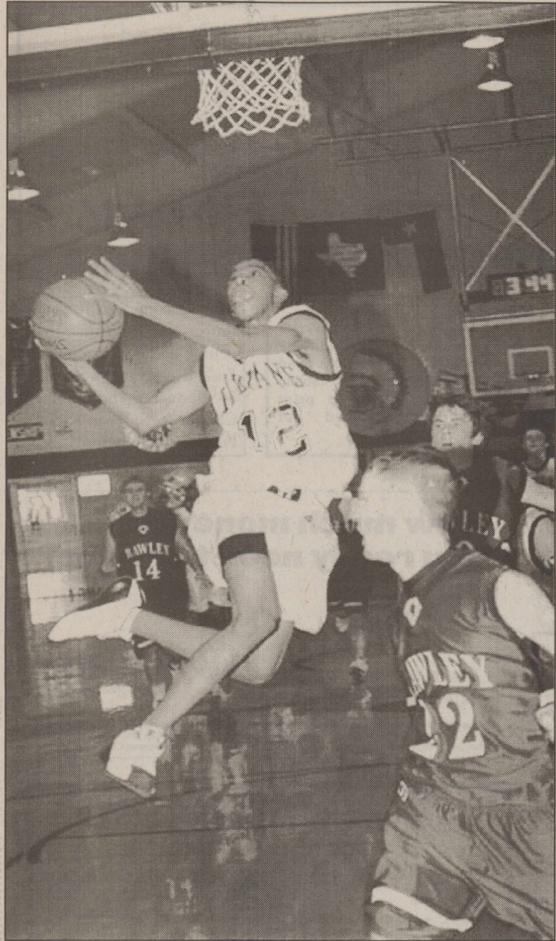
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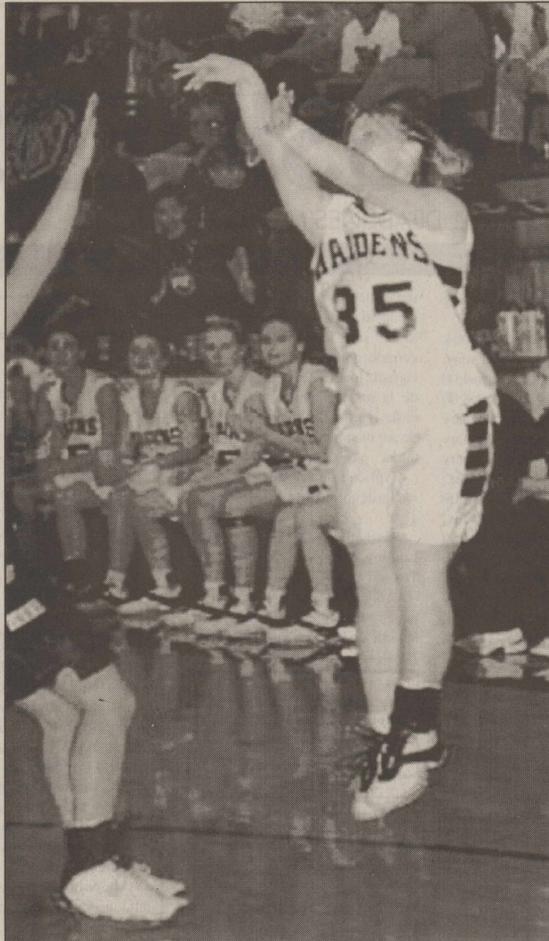
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**BARN BURNER**—Haskell's Jakaan Hodge, #12, takes the ball up in the Indians' 62 to 59 win over Hawley. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**MAIDENS EXCELLING**—Haskell Maiden, Kerri Newton, #35, soars to score in Haskell's overwhelming 62 to 18 victory over Hawley, Jan. 23. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Local politicians to be featured at banquet

The annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Thurs., Feb. 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. The meal will be catered by K P's Mesquite Grill of Haskell. Tickets for the meal will be \$10.00 each, and may be purchased from local Chamber members, or at the Chamber office at 510 South 2nd

Street. Special guests for the evening will be the local and area politicians running for office this year, who will each have a few minutes to speak on behalf of their campaign. The annual "Citizen of the Year" award will be given, as well as some special "Volunteer of the Year" awards.

## Kolt Kittley named to All-Big Country team

Rule High School's football running back and safety, Kolt Kittley, has been named to the Six-Man All-Big Country Team by area coaches who nominated the athletes for the honor. Kittley led his team to a second consecutive playoff appearance with 2,021 yards rushing on 163 carries,

323 yards passing, 305 yards receiving, 549 kickoff return yards for 3,198 total all-purpose yards, including 46 TDs. He was the offensive player of the year in District 7 and also All-District at safety with 128 team-leading tackles. At Rule High School, Kittley has a 4.0 academic grade point average.

## Calendar

### Storytime

Fun with Friends storytime will be held each Tuesday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the Haskell County Library beginning Feb. 3 and ending April 20. Children under 5 years old, accompanied by an adult, are encouraged to bring their favorite toy, blanket or pillow. Storytime is provided by friends of the Haskell County Library and the Lebri Foundation.

### Rule Chamber banquet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual banquet March 9 at 7 p.m. at Rule ISD.

### Museum dinner

The Knox County Museum's annual dinner will be held Sun., Feb. 1 from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Benjamin Memorial Building. Tickets, available at the door, are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

### Swedish smorgasbord

The bi-annual Swedish smorgasbord will be held Sat., Feb. 28 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ericksdahl. Serving times are 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. For ticket information call Connie Shurley 325-773-3757 or 773-5521 or Tena Tankersley 325-773-2721.

## Area Basketball scores

### Girls

Eastland 61, Haskell 45  
Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 12, Kendall 9, Harlan 8, Bird 6, Rutkowski 4, McKnight 4.

Haskell 47, Hawley 18  
Scoring for Haskell: Bird 8, Buerger 6, McKnight 6, Harlan 6, Newton 6, Kendall 5, Rutkowski 4, Thomasson 4, Gonzalez 2.

JV score: Haskell 32, Hawley 17.  
Aspermont 98, Paint Creek 21  
Scoring for Paint Creek: Barr 9, Woodall 7, A. Daniel 3, Hope 2.

Rule 71, Paint Creek 22  
Scoring for Rule: M. Lehmann 18, Marquis 14, Smith 11, Lisle 7, S. Kittley 6.  
Scoring for Paint Creek: T. Daniel 8, Hope 6, Woodall 6.

Rule 44, Guthrie 26  
Scoring for Rule: Lehmann 13, Marquis 12, Hertel 7, Lisle 6, Brown 4, Scheets 2.  
JV score: Throckmorton JV 44, Rule 26.

Jayton 40, Rochester 33  
Scoring for Rochester: Sanchez 11, Turner 8, Brown 7, Nicholson 7.

Aspermont 71, Rochester 39  
Scoring for Rochester: Turner 10, Brown 6, Martin 6, Saucedo 6, Nicholson 5, Sanchez 3, Fernandez 2, Harris 1.

### Boys

Eastland 54, Haskell 34  
Scoring for Haskell: Webb 14, Mitchell 9, Garcia 7, Chavez 2, Hodge 2.  
JV score: Eastland 54, Haskell 31.

Haskell 62, Hawley 59  
Scoring for Haskell: Hodge 23, Mitchell 15, Webb 12, Garcia 4, Collins 3, Hairgrove 3, Chavez 2.  
JV score: Hawley 46, Haskell 25.

Aspermont 102, Paint Creek 25  
Scoring for Paint Creek: Loyd 12, Bryant 7, Medford 5, Acosta 1.

Rule 70, Paint Creek 41  
Scoring for Rule: Kittley 24, Kittley 13, Brown 12, Turner 10.  
Scoring for Paint Creek: Bryant 20, Loyd 10, Cisneros 4, Medford 4.

Rule 64, Guthrie 40  
Scoring for Rule: Ky. Kittley 14, Ko. Kittley 12, S. Turner 8, Ka. Kittley 7, Brown 6, Dudensing 6, Hatley 5, M. Turner 4, C. Flores 2.

Rochester 58, Jayton 48  
Scoring for Rochester: Self 19, McGhee 15, Saucedo 14, Pittman 5, Torres 5.

Aspermont 62, Rochester 30  
Scoring for Rochester: Saucedo 13, McGhee 9, Self 6, Pittman 2.

## Haskell Co. Gin Report

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Haskell Co-op Gin	9,628
Haskell County Gin	4,066
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	17,300
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	10,342
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