

Basketball games

HASKELL
JV-B, VG-B vs Stamford
Fri., Feb. 6, 4 p.m.
at Stamford

Girls 7th-8th vs Anson
Mon., Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

Boys 7th-8th-9th vs Anson
Mon., Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
at Anson

JVG-B, VG-B vs Eula
Tues., Feb. 10, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

PAINT CREEK
Paint Creek vs Aspermont
Fri., Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.
at Aspermont

Paint Creek JH vs Jayton
Mon., Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Paint Creek vs Rule
Tues., Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.
at Rule

Softball games

Haskell V vs Abilene High JV
Tues., Feb. 10, 4 p.m.
at Abilene

Calendar

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.

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.

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 Leбри Foundation.

Rule Chamber banquet

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

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.

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.

Alzheimer's meeting

An support group for family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims will meet Wed., Feb. 18 at 3 p.m. in the dining room of Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell. Guest speaker will be Jay Hobbs, director of the Abilene Alzheimer's Association. Call Stephen King at 940-864-2652 for more information.

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Vote in school consolidation election Saturday

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VISITING THE NEWSPAPER-Tiger Cubs visiting the Haskell Free Press, Thurs., Jan. 29 were, l-r, Rhett Lampe, Mathew Frazier, Ryan Pace and Riley Meinzer. Earning their communication badge, they discussed how a newspaper obtains information.

Topics discussed also included the importance of spelling, writing and computer skills, and the parts of a story, including who, what, when and why. They were accompanied on their visit by their den leader, Kay Smith.

Vote Sat. on school consolidation

Haskell citizens will have the opportunity to go to the polls Sat., Feb. 7, to cast their vote on authorizing the proposed agreement of consolidation of Rochester CLISD and Haskell CISD into a single district, beginning with the next school year.

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

Haskell drops to UIL Class A

The biennial UIL reclassification and realignment for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years were released Mon., Feb. 2 at 9:00 a.m. The new alignments, established by enrollment figures submitted to the UIL by its member schools in October, will serve as football and basketball districts for the next two years.

Reclassification and realignment of districts and information was made available online via the UIL website and at the 20 Regional Education Service Centers across the state.

The 1A Eleven-Man Football Region 2, District 9 schools will include Albany, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Munday and Rotan.

The 1A Six-Man Football Region 3, District 9 schools will include Aspermont, Paint Creek, Jayton, Lueders-Avoca, Rochester, Rule and Spur.

The Basketball District Alignment Conference 1A-Division I, Region 1, District 6 will include Hamlin, Haskell, Munday, Roscoe and Rotan.

The 1A Division II Basketball Alignment for Region 1, District 8, will include Aspermont, Guthrie, Paint Creek, Jayton, Knox City, Paducah, Rochester and Rule.

Project to upgrade sidewalks, highways, improve traffic flow

At the Jan. 29 public meeting in Haskell, TxDOT representatives gave some of the upcoming improvements to be made to

sidewalks and parking on Highways 277 and 360 around the square in Haskell.

Joe Higgins, TxDOT Area

Engineer, said that improvements to U.S. 277 will include replacing curb and gutter and add or improve sidewalks between South 6th Street and North 12th Street, and resurfacing the road from the city limit to city limit.

Improvements to U.S. 380 will include replacing curb and gutter between Avenue F and Avenue B; adding sidewalks on south side from Avenue O to Avenue H and on both sides between Avenue H and Avenue

B; resurfacing road from city limit to city limit.

Improvements to the Courthouse Square (north and west side), will include replacing sidewalks and improving parking and channelization of traffic.

Higgins said that the last day to receive comments on the project is Feb. 8, which is a Sunday; therefore, his office will accept written comments from citizens until Mon., Feb. 9.

Dinner theatre to feature 'Golden Girls of Haskell Co.'

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.

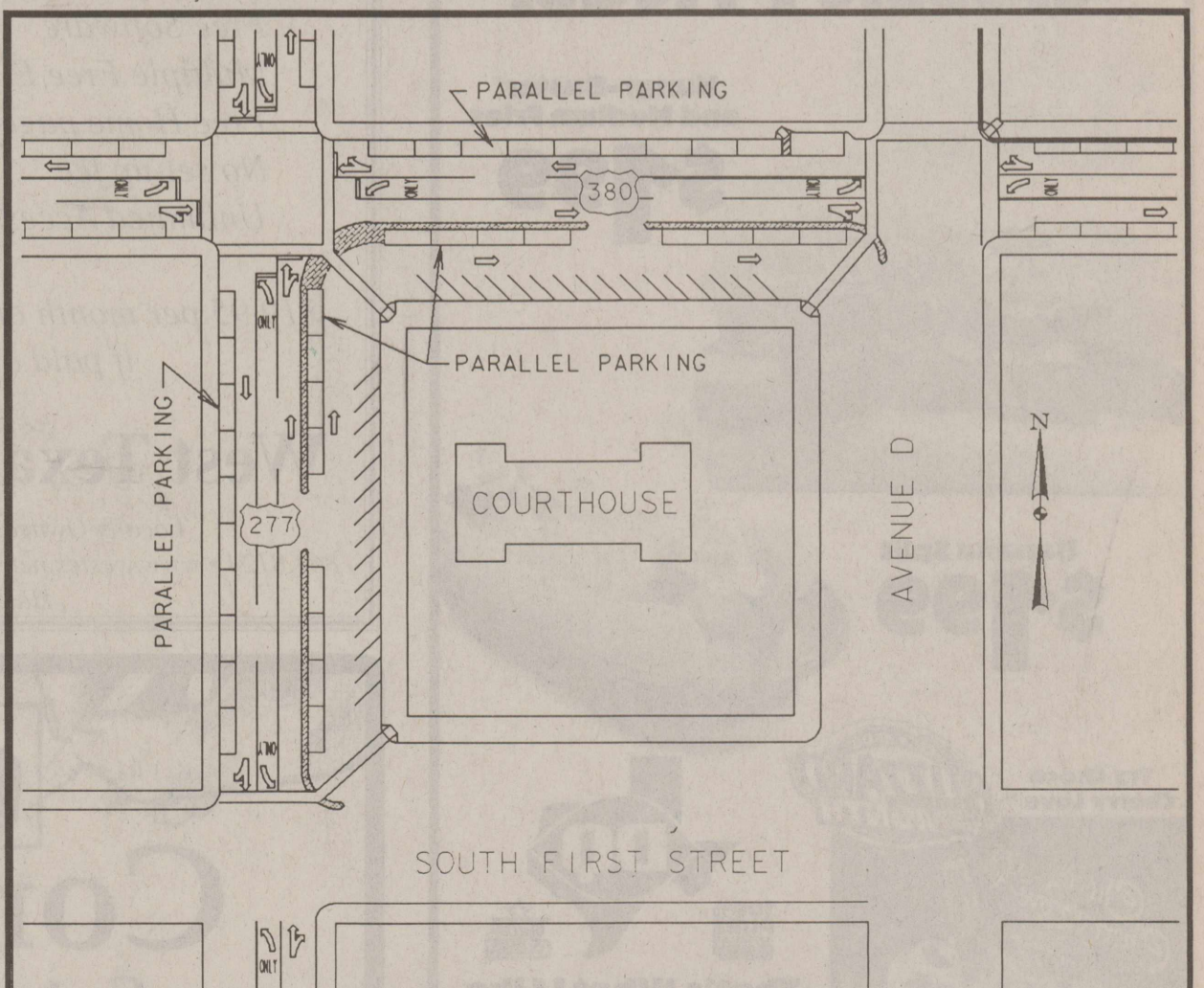
Chamber banquet to be held tonight at 7 p.m.

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 KP'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.



PROPOSED CHANGES ON U. S. HIGHWAYS 277 AND 380-Shown in the above drawing, the project design for changes to curbs, sidewalks and parking spaces around the Haskell County Courthouse area were released to the public at the meeting held by TxDOT, Thurs., Jan. 29.

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All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

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Obituaries

Annie Bess Gilliam Cobb

Funeral services for Annie Bess Gilliam Cobb, 78, of Stamford were held Wed., Feb. 4 at Orient Street Church of Christ with Stan Harvey, Gaylord Cook, Dorman Holub and Wes Horn officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home in Stamford.

Mrs. Cobb died Mon., Feb. 2 at an Abilene hospital. Born Aug. 6, 1925 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Leon and Cecil Hughes Gilliam of Haskell. She married Robert Clifton (Clif) Cobb of Stamford July 11, 1943, who was then on active duty in the military service. She began attending school near Haskell at Below School then later in Haskell. She graduated from Haskell High School in May 1942. She then attended Medical Technician school in Galveston and worked at Fort Crockett while her husband was in Europe during World War II. She was a member of Orient Street Church of Christ where she taught children's Bible classes for many years. She was a charter member of the Stamford Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She had been active in the Campfire Girls organization, Cub Scouts and Parent-Teacher Organizations while her children were in the Stamford schools.

She and her husband devoted much time to missionary work and other travels following his retirement from

Rolling Plains PCA in Stamford. They went to Slovakia five different times on church missions for as long as six months on each trip. They made two trips to the Far East that included Japan, Okinawa, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea on church missions. They also made church related trips to Turkey and Greece.

She was known for her loving hospitality, friendliness and culinary skills, serving as hostess for many local and worldwide visitors at their home that became known as the 'Cobb Motel.' The guest book reveals that numerous missionaries and their families from around the world were welcomed into their home for a week, a month or sometimes longer.

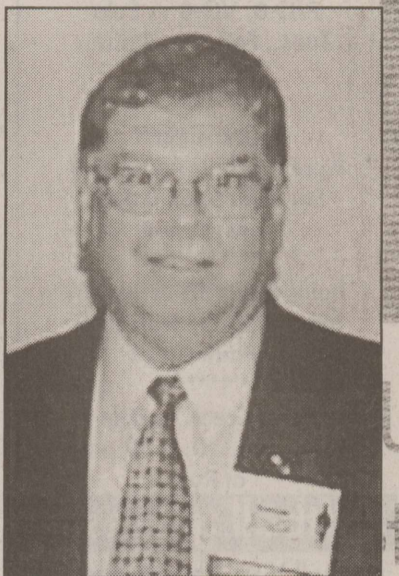
She was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers, Hughes, Bob and Fred Gilliam.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Clif Cobb of Stamford; daughter, Cecile Cobb of Arlington; son, Don Cobb and wife, Kara, of Stamford; five grandchildren, Erin Landis and husband, Scott of Fort Worth, Anne Stovall of Arlington, Kevin Cobb of Seattle, Washington, Andrea Whitehead and husband, Justin of Irving, Dillon Cobb of Abilene; and a special niece, Gwen Gilliam Campbell of Haskell.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 41, Abilene, Texas 79604. PD. NOTICE



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Area Basketball scores

Girls

Cisco 50, Haskell 48
Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 17, McKnight 9, Bird 8, Buerger 4, Thomasson 4, Rutkowski 3, Pannell 3.

JV score: Cisco 31, Haskell 18.

Rule 59, Rochester 35

Scoring for Rule: Marquis 17, M. Lehrmann 13, Smith 13, Brown 7, Hertel 7, J. Lehrmann 2.

Scoring for Rochester: Nicholson 9, Brown 8, Martin 8, Harris 4, Sanchez 2, Turner 2, McGhee 2.
JV score: Benjamin Varsity def. Rule JV.

Rule 61, Jayton 58 OT

Scoring for Rule: M. Lehrmann 28, Marquis 14, Smith 12, Brown 4, Lehrmann 2, Lisle 1.

Rochester 95, Paint Creek 22
Scoring for Rochester: Turner 30, Nicholson 24, Martin 20, Fernandez 9, Brown 8, Saucedo 2, Sanchez 2.
Scoring for Paint Creek: Woodall 13, Daniel 4, Emert 4, Hope 1.

Boys

Cisco 61, Haskell 58
Scoring for Haskell: Mitchell 17, Garcia 11, Hodge 10, Webb 8, Collins 5, Hairgrove 5, Chavez 2.
JV score: Cisco def. Haskell.

Rule 53, Rochester 32

Scoring for Rule: Ko. Kittley 14, Ky. Kittley 14, Brown 14, S. Turner 6, Dudensing 4, Ka. Kittley 1.

Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 18, Pittman 6, Saucedo 4, Self 2, Torres 2.
JV score: Benjamin JV def. Rule JV.

Rochester 86, Paint Creek 43

Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 37, Self 20, Saucedo 18, Pittman 7, Torres 4.

Scoring for Paint Creek: Medford 15, R. Cisneros 10, Loyd 7, Bryant 5, A. Cisneros 2, Tatum 2, Acosta 2.

Employee injuries reduced by area schools

Haskell CISD and Paint Creek ISD were two of more than 454 participating schools, that received the Diamond Award for savings to their district in reducing employee injuries. The amount of savings to the Haskell District was \$15, 537.

Wesley Slade, Executive Vice President of Claims Administrative Services (CAS), explained that "Taxpayers will be gratified to know the results of participating in the CAS safety program results in a reduction of injuries and claims costs."

Haskell CISD, represented by Assistant Superintendent, Billie McKeever, and Paint Creek ISD, represented by Superintendent, Donald Ballard, were recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. The worker's compensation program has assisted Texas Schools in avoiding over 13,533 employee injuries since 1991. Plus, districts have saved over \$154 million dollars through lower cost to the schools.

Citing thirteen years of success, Barry Jones, CEO/President of CAS, explained, "Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for school employees."

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 409 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Feb. 2, according to Gary Tate, reporter, 41 sellers and 27 buyers were present.

Packers steady to higher, stockers and feeders steady.

Cows: fat, .42-.49; cutters, .45-

.53; canners, .30-.40.
Bulls: bologna, .54-.63; feeders, .72-.87; utility, .48-.58.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.12-1.28; 400-500 lbs., .97-1.20; 500-600 lbs., .92-1.07; 600-700 lbs., .87-.94; 700-800 lbs., .80-.90; 800-up lbs., .75-.82.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.40; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.14; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .80-.95; 600-up lbs., .65-.87.

Bred heifers medium frame, 525-650.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-740; aged or small, 450-650.

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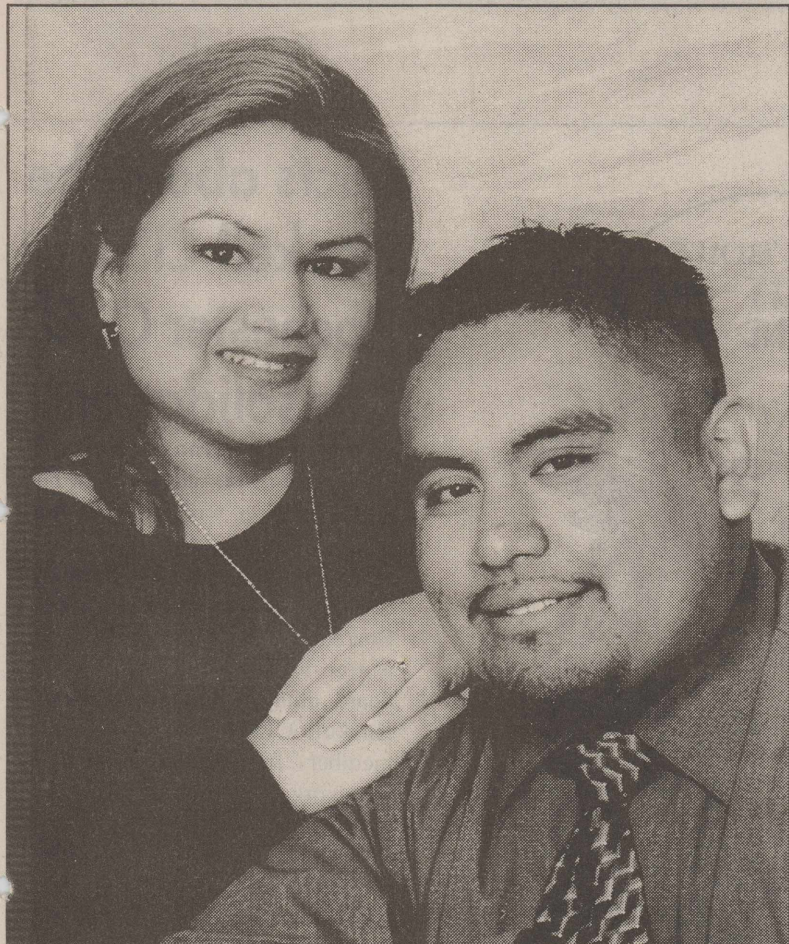
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Vote For Consolidation Saturday, February 7

Our School Board has weighed all options and have spent many hours of concern and prayer to do the best for our kids so, **Vote FOR Consolidation Sat., Feb. 7.**

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



SHARON JIMENEZ - JORGE MENDEZ JR.

Jimenez, Mendez to wed April 17

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Jimenez Sr., of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Mendez, Sr., of Petersburg, are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Sharon Jimenez and Jorge Mendez, Jr.

The wedding ceremony is planned for April 17, at St. George Catholic Church, Haskell.

The bride-elect is a graduate of

Haskell High School and Lubbock Christian University. She is employed as a Kindergarten teacher by Ralls ISD.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Petersburg High School and served four years in the U. S. Marine Corp. He attends Texas Tech University and is employed by Convergys Corporation.

Rule native responds to 'call of duty'

Hearing a call to 911 on Dec. 6, over his police scanner, about an "unresponsive male," as he headed for home after work, Navasota Police Chief, Joe Hester, son of Joyce Hester and the late Sydney Joe Hester of Rule, rushed to the home of J. C. Goff.

Arriving five minutes before the ambulance crew, Hester tended to Goff, who had begun to breathe again on his own.

"All I did was keep him calm and settle him down until the EMS got there," Hester said modestly, adding that responding to the call was any police officer's duty.

However, Goff's wife sees it differently, saying that she is not sure that her husband would have lived if the chief hadn't come in when he did. "He really went beyond the call of duty on this one. He stayed right there with me until the ambulance arrived," she said.

It took Goff, a retired 35-year Houston Police Department veteran, nearly three weeks to recover from the two strokes and two seizures he suffered that day.

The two men, Goff and Hester,

knew each other before the incident. They both attend the First United Methodist Church in Navasota. After services on Sunday before Christmas, Goff was finally able to personally thank Hester for helping him in his time of need, and for giving him a second chance.

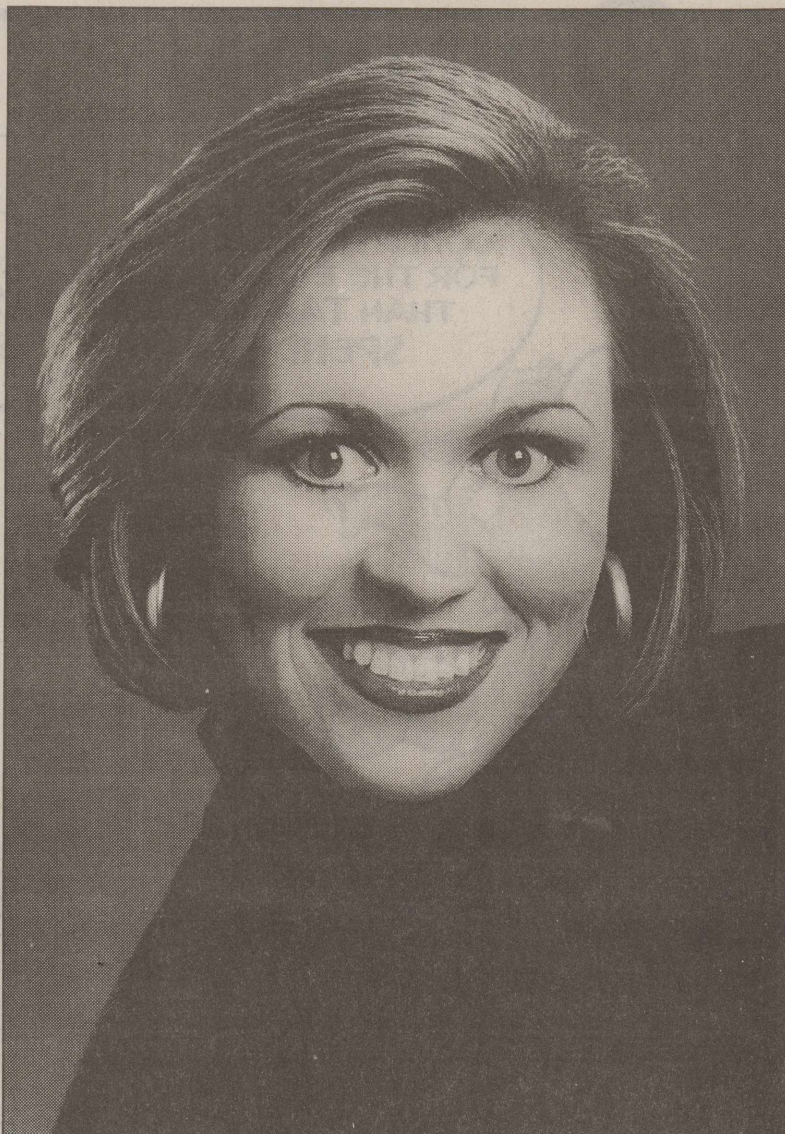
To that Joe Hester said, "I don't know that I did that much. I just tried to help him. I felt like it was the right thing to do."

Hester's career in law enforcement goes back to Knox City, Brownfield, and both Denver City and Hempstead as Chief of Police before coming to Navasota.

The Police Chief was voted Best Boss in 2003 for the City of Navasota. He has been selected to attend training at the F. B. I. School in Quantico, Virginia, beginning in April.

Hester's grandmother is Bertie Beauchamp of Rule. His aunt, Ada Pope and uncles Calvin Frierson and Bobby Hester and wife, Rowena Hester live in Haskell. His uncle, Jim Beauchamp, lives in Rochester.

Hester and his wife, Joyce, have a son and daughter-in-law in Korea.



PAGEANT WINNER—Hilee Mulligan, 22 year old senior at Texas Tech University, was crowned 2004 Miss Johnson County at the pageant held in Burleson on Dec. 7. She is the daughter of Lynn and David Dodson of Haskell and granddaughter of Betty Ann Dodson of Haskell. This will be her second year to compete at the Miss Texas Pageant held in July as a state preliminary to the Miss America Pageant to be held next fall.

Support group to meet

A monthly support group meeting for family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims will be held at 3:00 p.m., Wed., Feb. 18, in the dining room of Rice Springs Care Home at 1302 North 1st Street, Haskell.

Guest speaker will be Jay Hobbs, director of the Abilene Alzheimer's Association. The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, call Rice Springs Director, Stephen King at 940-864-2652.

Births

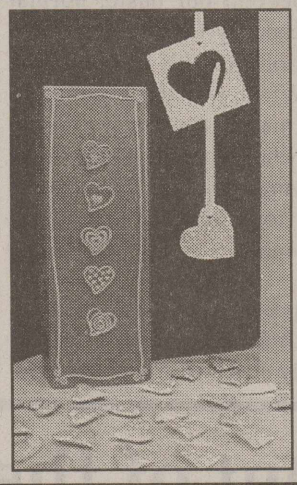
Alexia Jimenez is pleased to announce the arrival of her baby brother, Nicholas Matthew Jimenez, born Jan. 15 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 4 pounds and 11 ounces and was 17 inches long.

His proud parents are Nick and Alma Jimenez of Slaton. Proud

grandparents are Nick and Eva Jimenez of Haskell and Mary Fierro of Turkey. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Jimenez, Sr., of Weinert, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Abila of Haskell and Samuel Chavira of Turkey.

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Around Town By Joyce Hawkins

Hyrum and Jean Richards and Lois Redwine were in Big Spring last week visiting Jean's uncle and Lois' brother-in-law, Gaylon Head. He lives in the Texas State Veterans Home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Pharman of Wichita Falls visited her mother, Evelyn Wright over the weekend and attended church at Trinity Baptist Church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ballard were

in Austin last week for Mid-Winter Conference for School Administrators. While there, they visited their son, Chad Ballard, who lives in Round Rock.

Kristy Waltman and children Rachel and Austin of Kansas City, Missouri have been visiting grandmother, Fannie Mae Barton, for a week. Kristy and the children will go back by way of Fort Worth to visit her parents before returning home.

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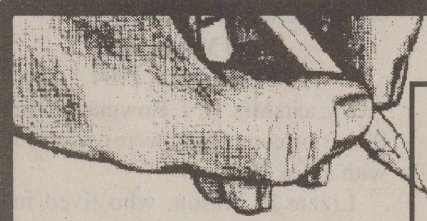
BMI calculator now for kids

by Jane Rowan

Haskell Co. Extension Agent
A USDA tool could help keep children's weight on track. The new calculator plots the child's Body Mass Index percentage on an age-appropriate chart.

Traditionally, the BMI has been used as a measure of body fat based on height and weight of adult men and women.

Monitoring a child's BMI could help parents catch potentially unhealthy changes in the child's weight at an early age. This tool can be accessed at www.kids.nutrition.org.



Vote For

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<p>Valentine Barbie 2004</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Includes heart charm bracelet</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$9⁹⁹</p>	<p>Non-Stick Mini Heart Pans</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">4 pack</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$7⁹⁹</p>

Bridal Selections

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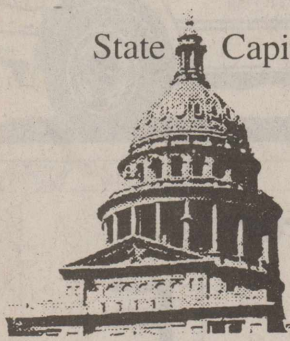
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Perry proposes education funding plan

AUSTIN—Anyone who ever fantasized about how to spend the money if they won the lottery will understand recent developments in the Texas school finance issue.

Gov. Rick Perry last week laid out a proposed program to improve education in the state by offering various monetary incentives to schools, not school districts. The achievement bonuses would cost more than \$500 million, but Perry did not say how the state would pay for the plan he proposed.

The governor would not say when or even if he would be calling a special session to come up with a new school finance system for the state, something to replace the current Robin Hood funding method currently under attack in the courts.

"If we have a special session this year," the governor told reporters, "it will be educational excellence. School finance will be an integral part of a session on educational excellence because how we finance education is the course to that destination."

The destination would offer cash to schools for working to reduce the number of high school drop outs, offering more advanced courses, raising test scores and rewarding excellent teachers.

Formally, the components of Perry's plan are called the High School Advancement Incentive, the Distinguished Achievement Program Initiative, the Algebra Incentive, the Limited English Proficiency Student Success Initiative, the Teacher Excellence Initiative, and the Student Progress Initiative.

A final piece of the governor's plan is a measure that would make possible more public scrutiny of

school financial records.

Reaction to Perry's proposal ranged from an "A-plus" from the Texas Association of Business to an "F" from Comptroller and possibly future political opponent, Carole Keeton Strayhorn. In public's grade book the package goes down as "Incomplete" since it is currently only an unfunded idea.

That's a wrap...

Perry's school program remains a work in progress, but the Texas Film Commission reports that 18 film and television projects shot in Austin last year are in the can, as they say in Hollywood.

Austin enjoyed the largest film and television production budget in 2003 for the fourth year in a row, accounting for 84 percent of the total film budget for Texas. The Dallas-Fort Worth area was second, with \$16 in production budgets last year.

The biggest production in the Austin area last year was "The Alamo," set for release this spring.

Speaking of history...

Last year the Legislature designated March as Texas History Month.

Plans already are well under way by a volunteer group called Celebrate Texas for the observance of Texas' Fourth of July, which comes on March 2. That's a state holiday in commemoration of the signing of Texas' Declaration of Independence.

Hooking kids on fishing...

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is trying to interest Texas' small fry and their parents in fishing through a Family Fishing Celebration. To encourage parents to take their youngsters fishing, the department has waived the requirement that adults have a fishing license to angle in a state park.

Size and catch limits remain unchanged, however.

Weather Whys

Topic: Troughs and Ridges

Q: You often hear about a "ridge" and a "trough." What are they?

A: Both terms refer to conditions in the air, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University. "Air is usually associated as being part of a mass that is high pressure or low pressure," Odins explains. "A trough is an area of low pressure, either at the surface or higher aloft. A ridge is just the opposite—it refers to a high

pressure air mass. Both of these can tell us a lot about the weather in a particular area."

Q: How is that?

A: The type of air can often determine if it's going to be a nice day or stormy one, Odins says. "Usually, strong ridges are accompanied by warm and dry weather conditions at the surface," he says. "On the other hand, strong troughs are often preceded by stormy and sometimes violent weather conditions. A strong upper air trough can often push a cold front through. So it's a good idea to notice where ridges and troughs are because they can affect the weather where you live."

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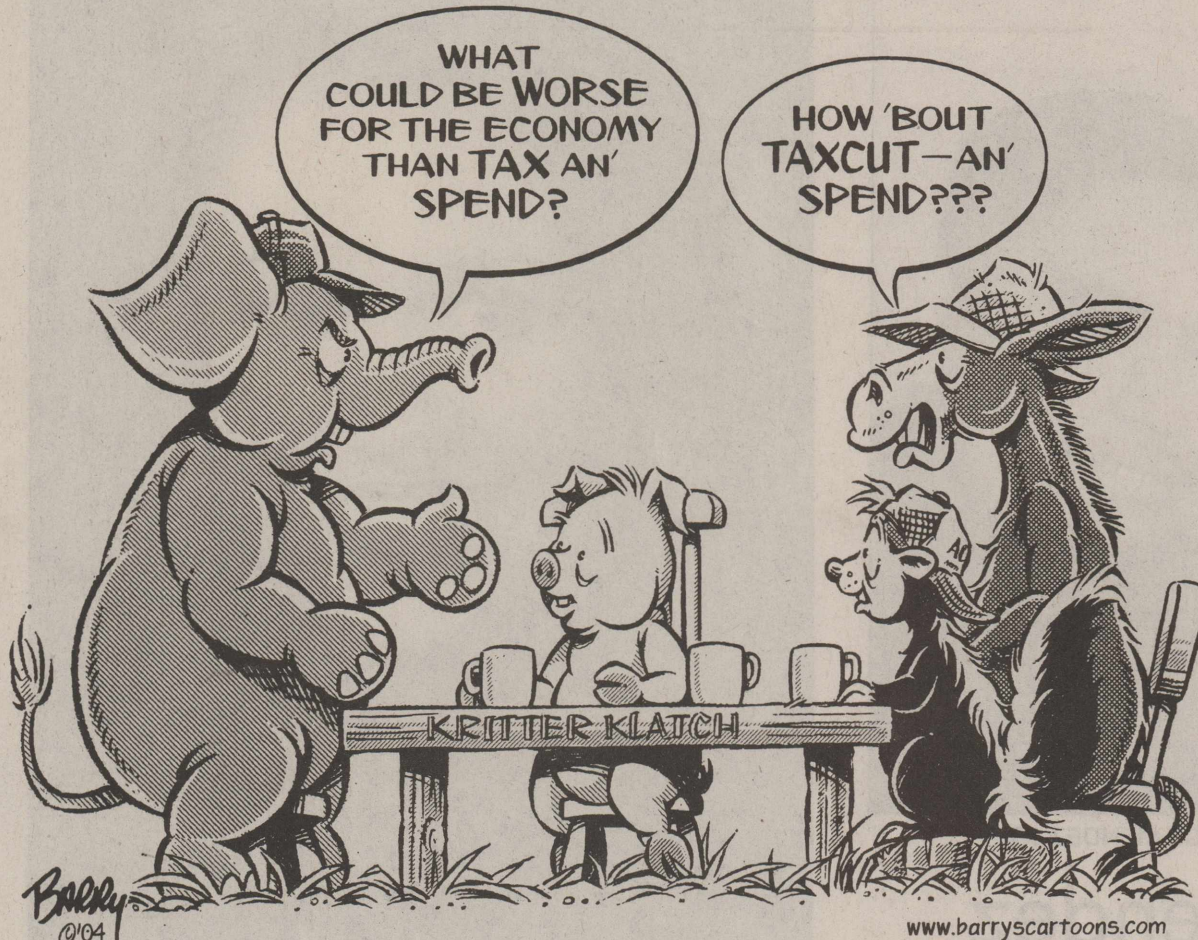
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AS TH' DEFICIT PICKS UP STEAM, SO DOES TH' LOCAL CAFE ...



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

"Nothing can bring you peace but yourself," wrote Ralph Waldo Emerson.

We've often heard that it isn't what happens to us in life that makes us or breaks us, it's the way we react to what happens to us that makes the difference when the chips are down.

Whether we call it turning life's lemons into lemonade, looking for silver linings in dark clouds, or following the scripture's advice to think on those "things of good report," the positive power of being able to consciously change the effect that all the "bad news bears" in our life have on how we live our life, should not be discounted.

A bit of wry commentary about how we as individuals often deal with the adversities and nagging snags of life, is expressed in an e-message sent recently by son-in-law, Bud Walker.

Inner Strength

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can get going without pep pills,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,

If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without alcohol,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

...Then you are probably the family dog!

Now, that's an interesting assumption! But it's not one without merit, when you consider the way the two species, human and dog, accept and deal with their circumstances and their relationships with others. While bringing me a good laugh, it also brings food for thought.

Are these kinds of attributes and reactions to life among our most natural human responses? Are they really beyond our basic, normal human capacity for adapting to the vagaries of life? It's an interesting idea. When you think about it, though, maybe some of we human beings, who woefully think we've been "living a dog's life," should take another look at what that might actually mean.

In a speech to the senate in 1884, George Graham Vest said, "The one absolutely unselfish friend that man

can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful, is his dog. When all other friends desert, he remains."

For some of us, based on the humorous train of thought expressed above in Inner Strength, perhaps "living a dog's life" would actually be a 'step up' in the quality of our disposition and attitudes in dealing well and peacefully with others and with what life hands us.

According to psychologist Karl Menninger, "Attitudes are more important than facts."

Positive-thinking proponent, Dr. Robert Schuller, says that "The freedom to choose a positive attitude is the one treasure God will let no one take from you." Yet, I'm sure that we ourselves give it away in little pieces, every time we let the trials and trivialities of life evoke the negative in us.

Of course, it's true that we humans haven't been endowed with the same instincts to 'wag away' the negative frustrations and tensions of life as have our beloved canine companions. But the same Creator who gave them the amazing ability to do it from instinct, also gave us the amazing gift of heart and mind to consciously choose to do it.

Now, that's our real inner strength.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 3, 1994

Matt Pace of the Rule 4-H Club exhibited the grand champion steer at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show.

Sammy Bitner joined the management team at Modern Way. He is the son of Sam and Gayle Bitner, who have owned the Haskell supermarket for the past 11 years.

Douglas Davis, son of Joe and Jennabeth Kimbrough of Haskell, accepted a job with Valent Chemical Co. as the sales representative of the Central West Texas territory, based out of Lubbock.

20 Years Ago February 2, 1984

Haskell senior Michele Frith and freshman George Watson were selected for all-district band.

Haskell Indian teammates Joseph Perez, offensive line and Sam Toliver, linebacker were both selected second team All-Area by the Abilene Reporter News. Keith Reed also made first team All-Area defensive lineman.

Faye Mullino had the grand champion heifer at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show.

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District held its annual Conservation Poster Contest. First place winners in Rule included Amy

Tibbets, Brian Manske, Denise Torres, Brad Stulir and Tori Jenkins.

30 Years Ago February 7, 1974

Champion Simmental steer was shown by Kyle Wilfong of Haskell at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show at Fort Worth. Champion Polled Hereford was shown by Kim Hager of Weinert.

Alexia Mayfield of Weinert was selected as Best Dressed Coed at Hardin-Simmons University.

Dan Griffith, chairman of the Haskell County Farm Bureau Cotton Committee, represented Haskell at a statewide meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau County Division.

40 Years Ago February 6, 1964

Two Haskell Jaycees were cited for exemplary civil service and had bestowed upon them "Man of the Month" designations. Those honored were David Strickland and Alton Peiser.

Judy Therwhanger, Weinert 4-H girl, won the over-all barrow championship of the regional division of the Abilene Fat Stock Show.

Winners of the Rule High School annual talent show were Pam Pittcock, Larry Tanner, Eddie Chambers and the Velvet Teens, a

junior high sextet.

50 Years Ago February 4, 1954

Superintendent Dan McRae of Paint Creek rural high school assisted in planning the modern new additions to the school plant.

Army 2nd Lt. John E. May of Rule helped to build a six-unit village for 120 orphans made homeless by the Pusan fire. May was stationed in Korea as motor officer of Battery A of the 24th Division's 63rd Field Artillery Battalion.

A double stork shower for Mrs. Otto Wittenborn and Mrs. Herbert Rueffer found the Trinity Lutheran Church Annex literally overflowing with pink and blue ribbons.

100 Years Ago February 6, 1904

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Bowman of the Pinkerton community were presented with a son Monday.

Lizzie F. Mason, who lived in Haskell County a number of years ago, was here on a visit to friends and looked after property she still owns here. She is a sister of George and Armistead Mason who lived here and were engaged in business for a time prior to 1894.

Willie Chambliss, daughter of Rev. J. H. Chambliss, arrived home from Clinton, Missouri where she had been teaching school.

Facts about the Haskell CISD Rochester CLISD Consolidation

Part IV: The Transition Board

The following are facts on how consolidation will affect school boards and elections.

The Rochester CLISD Board of Trustees would appoint two current Board members, who would serve on a nine-member transition school board, along with the seven current Haskell CISD Board of Trustee members, from June 1, 2004, to the swearing in after the May 2005 election.

THE CONSOLIDATED BOARD

Haskell CISD operates under single-member districts, and must continue to do so. Therefore, single-member districts for the consolidated district would be redrawn for the May 2005 election. The consolidated district will attempt to make one of those single-member districts substantially all of the current Rochester CLISD district. This would require U.S. Department of Justice approval.

Haskell CISD Board of Trustees members are not required to live within the districts they represent.

THE ELECTION

A majority of voters in each school district must approve the consolidation in order for it to take effect.

The consolidation election will be held on Feb. 7, 2004.

Your vote is important.

Child passenger safety week February 8-14

by Jane Rowan

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Motor vehicle crashes are the No. 1 killer of children ages two to fourteen. In 2002, 329 children age four through seven and 1,209 children age eight through fifteen were killed in crashes while traveling in a vehicle. That same year, 58,000 four- to seven-year-olds and 160,000 eight- to fifteen-year-olds were injured due to vehicle crashes.

Child Passenger Safety Week is Feb. 8-14. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Ad Council are launching an unprecedented nationwide television, radio and print ad campaign to raise awareness about booster seats.

Child passenger restraints save lives by reducing the risk of death by 71 percent for infants (less than one year old) and by 54 percent for toddlers (one-four years old) in passenger cars. More than 81 percent of child restraints are used incorrectly, including 88 percent of forward-facing toddler seats, 86 percent of rear-facing infant seats and 85 percent of safety belts, as determined at child passenger safety seat inspection stations across the country. A third of children age fourteen and under ride in the wrong restraint type for their age and size.

Children ages four to seven who use booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a crash than children who were restrained only by a safety belt. Many people believe that children who have outgrown child safety seats (over 40 pounds) should use safety belts. This is not true. Safety belts, which are designed for adults, won't fully restrain many children in a crash. Those children need a booster seat, which raises the child up so the safety belt fits and protects them.

NHTSA recommends booster seats for children from about age four and 40 pounds to at least age eight, unless the child is 4 feet 9 inches tall. But NHTSA estimates that booster seats are used by only 10 to 20 percent of the children who should be in them.

To contact a nationally certified child passenger safety technician for assistance in installing your child safety seat, visit the Passenger Safety, Texas Cooperative Extension website at <http://buckleup.tamu.edu> or NHTSA's website at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/CPS/Contacts/index.cfm>.

Haskell INDIANS



Front, l-r: Nate Webb, Philip Collins, Kory Foster, Kendall Mitchell, Jared Webb. Middle: Miguel Chavez, Osiel Garcia, L. J. McCullouch. Back: Jakaan Hodge, Brandon McClatchey and Ross Hairgrove. Photo by KIS



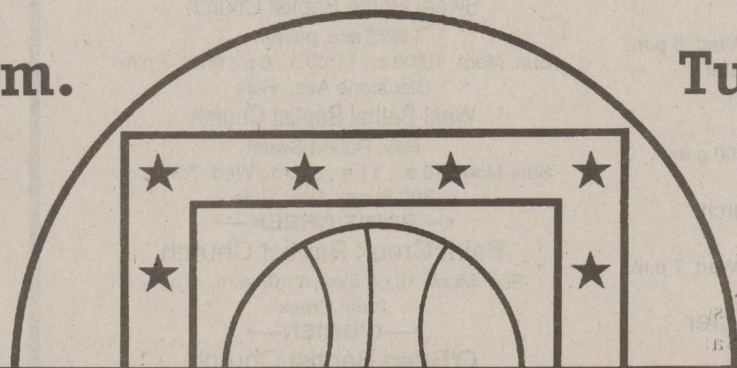
Front, l-r: Callie Thomasson, Meagan Wallace, Kerri Newton, Consuelo Gonzalez, Mollie McKnight, Morgan Acosta. Back: Brittany Rutkowski, Lindsay Pannell, Brittany Bird, Melody Kennedy, Monica Buerger, Lynzie Harlan and Calina Kendall. Photo by KIS

Haskell MAIDENS



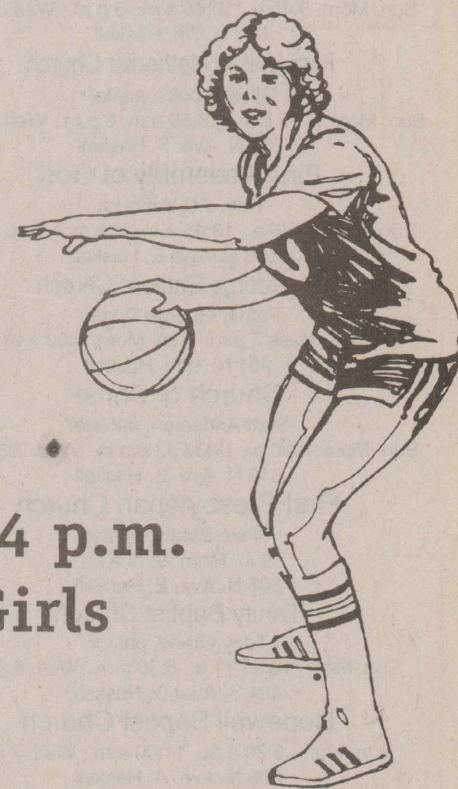
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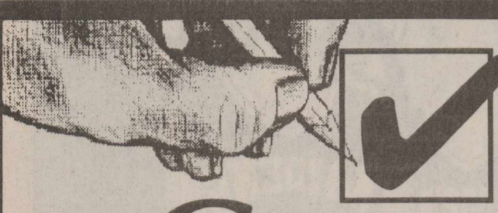
Feb. 9-13
Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
Wednesday: Kix Berry Berry cereal, graham crackers
Thursday: Pig in a blanket
Friday: Bacon/cheese/egg taco
Lunch

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: Chicken fried steak/gravy, potato wedges, green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad
Tuesday: Chalupas/cheese, garden salad, corn, salsa, apple crisp
Wednesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, sliced peaches
Thursday: Heart-shaped chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas and diced carrots, hot biscuit, Valentine cake
Friday: Hamburger, lettuce/tomato/pickle, French fries, strawberry or blueberry Gogurt

Paint Creek School Menu

February 9-12
Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Biscuits with gravy
Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Toast, cereal
Friday: Pancakes
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken strips, mashed

potatoes, gravy, peas, bread, cake
Tuesday: Enchiladas, pinto beans, rice, salad, jello
Wednesday: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fruit cups
Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, salad, garlic bread, pudding
Friday: Burritos, beans, salad, peach cobbler



Vote For Consolidation

Saturday, February 7

Our School Board has weighed all options and have spent many hours of concern and prayer to do the best for our kids so, **Vote FOR Consolidation Sat., Feb. 7.**

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ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Feb. 9
 11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
 Lunch—Meatballs/brown gravy, cheese potatoes, blackeyed peas, tomato wedges, garlic toast, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., Feb. 11
 Lunch—Chicken and spaghetti, green peas, garden salad, garlic bread, fruited jello/cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Feb. 13
 Lunch—Hamburgers/cheeseburgers, pinto beans, sliced onion/tomato, lettuce/pickles, mayo/mustard, potato chips/Fritos, pears/cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Take care to lessen chances of cold, flu

by Jane Rowan
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 Being sick is not a good way to start the new year. Following some simple steps can help you avoid contracting a cold or flu.
 Washing your hands often limits the amount of germs you can contract. It also helps prevent spreading you from spreading germs to others.
 Using a tissue or handkerchief to cover your sneeze or cough will help prevent the spread of germs. Sneezing into your hand puts germs there that you could later leave on a handle or banister.
 Germs can live on a doorknob for several days, infecting many people. Also, be sure and drinks lots of water and get extra rest at night.

This Week's Devotional Message:



WHEN YOUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP NEEDS YOUR HELP, OFFER IT
 Whenever a friend does you a favor, you should reciprocate it. Your house of worship is the best friend you'll ever have, and if you have been attending it regularly you must have done so because of all the blessings it has brought you. If you or any member of your family have been ill, had surgery or lost a loved one, you know that your clergyman and the entire congregation have been a tower of strength for you. Whenever you come to a fork in the road where a difficult decision must be made, your clergyman is always ready to listen to your problem and give you the best advice that his experience can provide. In return for these benefits and many others, be prepared to serve your house of worship to the best of your ability, even if only by dialing a few phone numbers. You have received so much there; now it's your turn to help.

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- 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 Rincker, 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., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
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 Pavillion
- 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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Steve Willis, minister
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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
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Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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1001 Union Ave., Rule
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 - Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
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811 Union, Rule
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
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Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
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 - 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.
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Written By
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 "The hardest thing to understand in the world is the income tax." Such a statement doesn't seem unusual until you realize that it was expressed by Albert Einstein. He was right then, and he would be even more baffled by today's income tax rules. Because of this complexity, having a qualified tax pro prepare your tax return is likely to save you time, headaches, and money. We're not talking about your Uncle Ned who might do taxes "on the side," or some tax service that only cares about you once a year. Instead, we're talking about a professional accountant who specializes in tax law and preparation on a continuous year-round basis.
 Too expensive? Don't be shortsighted and confuse cost with value. A computer tax preparation program advertises that it asks "simple" questions of you—just like an accountant. But since few of today's tax issues are simple, how can simple answers help you reduce your taxes? While we all love simple, tax preparation usually isn't.
 How many tax dollars will you save when your tax pro claims the new, more liberal depreciation deductions? How much will you save when your pro explains that education expenses can be claimed as either a deduction or credit—whichever benefits you most? Did you know that your dividends and capital gains are taxed at a lower rate this year—but only if the forms are completed correctly? And the tax credit some taxpayers can take for making contributions to retirement plans? Your tax pro will make sure that you get this frequently overlooked tax benefit.
 Using a tax professional is especially recommended if you had nonroutine events during the year. For example, if you got divorced during the year, exercised stock options, had income from any unusual source (such as an insurance settlement), refinanced your home mortgage, or sold a limited partnership investment on which you've been incurring annual losses, you'll benefit from professional assistance in preparing your return. If you have a business, rental property, investments in stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, or if you've purchased or sold a home during the year, you'd be wise to use a professional.
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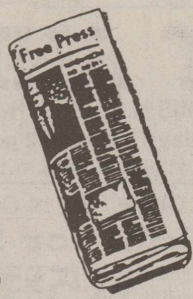
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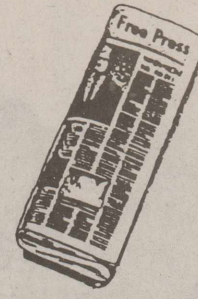




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DATED: JANUARY 27, 2004

and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court, 39th Judicial District, of Haskell County, Texas, by the District Clerk on said date, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 27th day of January, 2004, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in March, 2004, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Courthouse door, ground floor vestibule entrance, of said County in the City of Haskell, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Haskell and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Tax Suit No. 11,022; City of Stamford vs. RST-PAL Pallets, LLC, et al.; Tract #1 & 2; 3.886 acres, more or less, AH 1066, 12 BBB & C, Tract 1066-28, being the same portion located in Haskell County of property more particularly described in Volume 492, Page 366, Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas, to which reference is made for a more complete description, I. D. #R13080; and Personal Property consisting of Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Supplies used in the operation of RST-PAL Pallets, City of Stamford, Haskell County, Texas, I. D. #N9204851;

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HEAPS OF HEARTS AND CARING CARDS—Rebekah Murphy sits among 9,056 valentines she has collected to send to the Marines aboard the U. S. S. Peleliu on which her husband Lance Corporal Joshua Murphy, is serving in the Persian Gulf. Staying with her parents, Rev. Allen and Susan Brook of Haskell, since November, when her husband was deployed to the Gulf, Murphy hoped to have 5000 valentines to send to the men aboard the ship. Surpassing her goal through the generosity of many individuals, groups and school classes, she was busy Monday getting thousands of cards packed for mailing, including the large, colorful, handmade message signed by an entire class at Paint Creek School. Murphy is looking forward to her husband's return to their home in San Diego in March.



FLYING BIRD—Haskell Maiden, #31, Brittany Bird, sends the ball up in the game with Cisco, Jan. 28. Photo by Bill Blankenship



INDIANS AND LOBOES—Haskell's Ross Hairgrove, #23, passes the ball in the game with Cisco, Jan. 28. Photo by Bill Blankenship

February Garden Checklist

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

•Don't fertilize newly set out trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly, the first year.

•When buying plants, the biggest is not always the best, especially with bare-rooted plants. The medium to small sized (4 to 6 feet) usually become established faster and will become effective in the landscape more quickly than the large sizes.

•Complete the bare-root planting of woody landscape plants his month. Container and ball-and-burlapped plants are in good supply and can be set out most any time. Winter and early spring planting provides an opportunity for good establishment before hot weather comes.

•Prune roses during February except in the Panhandle and far North Texas, where roses are pruned in March or April. Use good shears that will make clean cuts. Remove dead, dying, and weak canes. Leave four to eight healthy canes and remove approximately one-half of the top growth along the height of the plant.

•Now is an excellent time to select and plant container-grown roses to fill in bare spots in your rose garden.

•Wait until after they finish flowering before pruning spring-flowering shrubs such as quince, azalea, forsythia and spiraea.

•When pruning shrubs, follow these steps: (1) prune out any dead or damaged branches first; (2) thin out by removing about one-third of the canes or stems at ground level, removing the oldest canes only; (3) shape the rest of the plant but do not cut everything back to the same height.

•Plant dahlia tubers in late February and early March.

•Plant gladiolus corms; space planting dates at two-week intervals to extend flowering season.

•Fertilize pansies once again for continued flowering. Don't forget to water when needed.

•A potted plant, tree, shrub, or cut flowers make excellent Valentine gifts for loved ones and shut-ins.

Haskell Junior 4-H Club meets

The Haskell Jr. 4-H Club met Mon., Jan. 19 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Andrea Anderson lead the 4-H Club Motto and Pledge. Misti Jones lead the Pledge of Alliance.

The speaker was Rebekah Murphy, daughter of Alan and Susan Brooks. Murphy's husband is stationed on a military ship in the gulf. She spoke to the kids about his duties and what life is like on the ship.

After the program, the 4-H'ers signed Valentine's for Murphy to take. Murphy is trying to gather 5,000 Valentines to send to the ship's crew.

The group was able to get 564 Valentines ready for mailing. They also made a donation for postage to help her cause.

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