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Softball games

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Feb. 27-28

Baseball games

V Indians
Seymour Tournament
Feb. 26-28
JV Indians vs Hawley
Mon., March 1, 4 p.m.
at Hawley

Calendar

Country music show

The Weinert Volunteer Fire Dept. is sponsoring a country music show Sun., Feb. 29 at 3 p.m. at the Weinert School. Admission is \$6 in advance or \$7.50 at the door. For information call Pete or Faye Trevino 940-673-5307.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., Feb. 28 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The concession stand will open at 5 and the music will start at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., March 1 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

Benefit dance

A benefit dance with proceeds to benefit the medical funds of Pat Penrod and Debra Peterson, both of Aspermont will be held Sat., Feb. 28 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Sons of Hermann Lodge in Old Glory.

Friends of Faith

The Friends of Faith will meet Sat., Feb. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Guest speaker will be Gayle Martin. All area women are invited to attend.

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.

Rule Chamber banquet

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

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.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Feb. 26 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Classic car show

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

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BEARS VISIT THE NEWSPAPER—Pictured with a copy of the first edition (1886) of the Haskell Free Press, Bear Cubs visiting the newspaper to learn more of the history of their community were. L-r, Hunter Jordan, River McTasney, Levi Grand, Preston Morrow, and back, David Newton, Victor Vasquez. Not pictured, Phillip Coleman. Looking through the files, the Cub Scouts enjoyed finding what was going on the day they were born, and on their fifth birthday. Sherri Morrow is the Den Leader.

Telephone scam warning issued

Telephone users are being warned about a scam being perpetrated by individuals identifying themselves as an AT&T Service technician who is conducting a test on telephone lines.

The caller begins by stating that to complete the test, the phone customer should touch nine (9), zero (0), the pound sign (#), and then hang up.

However, phone companies have

verified that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which enables them to place long distance calls billed to your home phone number. This has been originating from many jails and prisons.

When this scam was reported to them, the GTE Security Department requested that the information be shared with everyone. Verizon also

verified that the information was true, and that phone customers should not dial (9), zero (0), the pound sign # and hang up for anyone requesting them to do so.

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton said that although he had not heard of this scam before, he would not rule it out, and advised anyone receiving any phone call that doesn't seem right, to just hang up.



MEETING THE CONGRESSMAN—U. S. Congressman Mac Thornberry, third from left, meets with businessmen and community leaders during a meet and greet session at the Haskell National Bank Community Room, Thurs., Feb. 19. A ten-year congressman serving in the 13th District, Thornberry who grew up on a ranch outside Clarendon, serves on the Armed Services Committee, Budget Committee and Homeland Security. As a result of Texas' redistricting, after Jan. 1, 2005, Haskell will be in the Congressman's District, which is larger than 13 of the nation's states.

New laws require voters to bring voter's card or ID

All registered voters going to the polls for the Mar. 9 General Primary Election need to be aware of new laws in effect about processing and qualifying them to vote.

Everyone coming to vote will be asked to present a voter registration certificate that an election official will check for the effective date to determine if the voter is qualified to vote.

If the voter does not have a registration certificate, then the voter must present identification. Acceptable forms of identification include: (1) a driver's license or personal identification card issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety or similar documents from other states; (2) an identification containing a photograph that establishes a person's identity, (such as an employee identification card); (3) a birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law; (4) United States citizenship papers; (5) a United States passport; (6) official mail addressed to the person by name from a governmental agency; (7) a copy or current utility bill, bank statement, government check,

paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

Haskell County Clerk Rhonda Moeller points out that no longer can an election worker affidavit be filled out by an alternate election judge or clerk for someone they know but who doesn't have an acceptable form of identification with them. An Election Worker Affidavit is no longer available for identifying a voter.

Moeller said that although the new laws may seem rather silly for us in a small place where nearly everyone is well known, they are put into effect to cover all situations in every polling location.

"Actually, with all voters having a certificate or identification with them, the voting process will move more smoothly and quickly even here in Haskell County," Moeller said.

Early voting for the Mar. 9 Primary Election began Mon., Feb. 23, at the County Courthouse, to continue through Mar. 5. Early voting ballots can be mailed to voters until Mar. 4. All those voting early will be subject to the same qualifying procedures listed above.

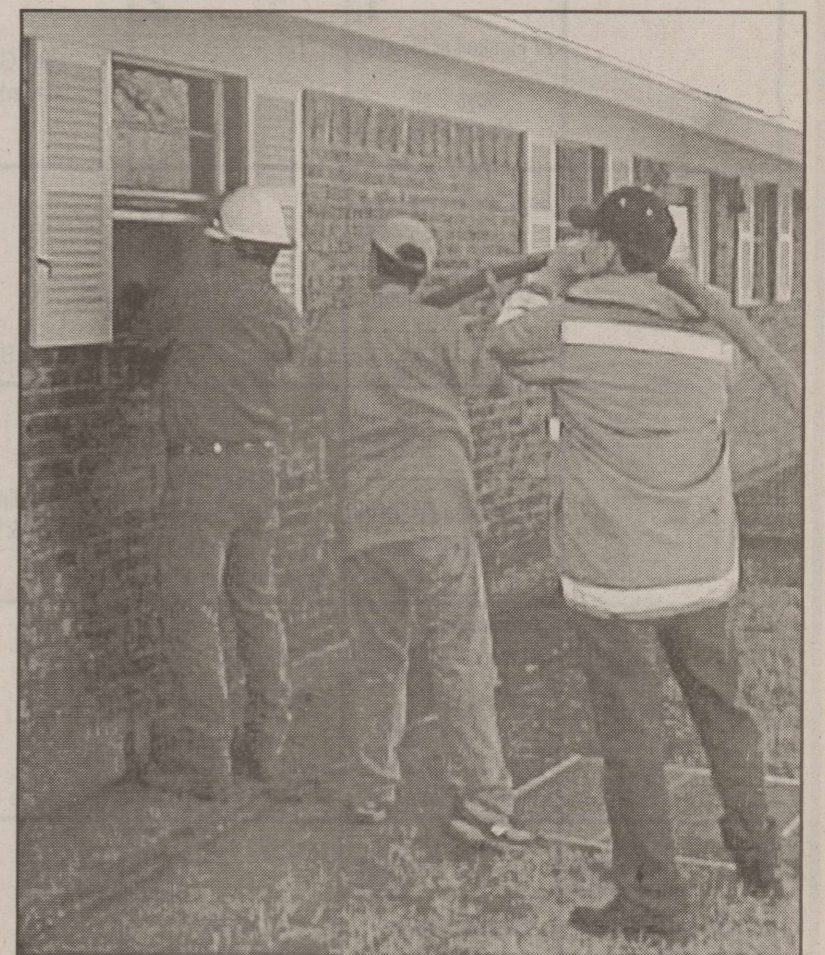
Haskell CISD sets trustee election

The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District will hold a School Board Trustee Election May 15 to elect two trustees.

The two positions up for election are, Single Member District #1, currently held by Felix Rodriguez, and Single Member District #6, currently held by Stephen Foster.

Both of these incumbents have filed for a place on the ballot.

The final day to obtain a place on the ballot is Mar. 15. Applicants may come by Haskell CISD Administration Office at 605 North Avenue E in Haskell to apply for a place on the ballot. The office will be closed between Mar. 8 and Mar. 12 for Spring Break.



DAMAGING HOUSE FIRE—Members of the Haskell Fire Department worked Wed., Feb. 18 to contain a fire at the Wayne Liles residence, which occurred at approximately 4:15 p.m. Originating in the utility room, it did extensive damage there and in the kitchen and den area. Heavy smoke damage was sustained in the entire house. Haskell Fire Chief, Bill Steele, reported Monday that the cause of the fire was still undetermined at this time.

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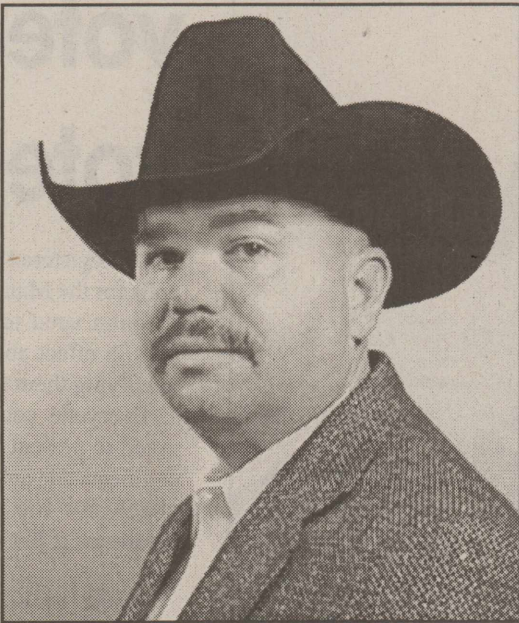
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On my record I will gladly stand as merit to be your Sheriff.

I will take it as an honor to work with all for the betterment of Haskell County and will strive to build a department totally committed to excellence.

Accordingly, I am respectfully requesting your vote to become the next Sheriff in Haskell County.

Pd. Pol. Adv. by **James Bevel**, Sr. Treasurer,
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Obituaries

Eva Masias

Funeral services for Eva Masias, 77, of Munday were held Sun., Feb. 22 at Assembly of God Church in Haskell with Vicent Tapez and Hector Sanchez officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Masias died Thurs., Feb. 19 at her residence.

Born Sept. 28, 1926 in Knox County, she was the daughter of Cecil Gonzales and Trinidad Fernandez Gonzales. She was married to Frank Masias for 50 years. She was a homemaker, member of the First Assembly of

God and the Women's Ministry at First Assembly of God. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Frank Masias; and son, Freddy Masias.

Survivors include her children, Bessie Arismendez of Munday, Frank Masias of Haskell, Adela Goozeman of Abilene, Andy Masias and Denise Masias, both of Munday; four sisters; four brothers; 38 grandchildren; 78 great grandchildren; and six great great grandchildren.

PD. NOTICE

Alta Faye Davis Field

Funeral services for Alta Faye Davis Field, 84, of Haskell were held Sun., Feb. 22 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Rev. Kenneth Andress officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Field died Fri., Feb. 20 in a local nursing home.

Born Dec. 25, 1919 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Rube and Pearl Lackey. A lifetime resident of Haskell, she was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two husbands, Woodley James Davis and George Field.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Glenda Joan and Cleatus Drinnon of Haskell; one son and daughter-in-law, James Arthur and Darla Davis of Lubbock; one stepson and wife, Milton and JoAnn Field

of Abilene; four sisters, Willie Andress of Haskell, Naomi Andress of Globe, Arizona, Juanita Grimes of Weinert and Frieda Fly of Rochester; seven grandchildren, Stephen Drinnon, Leesa Toliver, David Drinnon, Sharla Carver, Jamey Davis, Jerry Davis, Missy Dutchover and step granddaughter, Leigh Ann Field; sixteen great grandchildren, Damon Drinnon, Mitchell Drinnon, Brent Toliver, Jonathan Toliver, Misty Scarbrough, Chase Drinnon, David Cleatus Drinnon, Casey Carver, Caleb Carver, Candace Carver, Elise Dutchover, Hallie Dutchover, Bethany Davis, Kaitlyn Davis, Brandon O'brin and J. D. Davis; two great great grandchildren, Hayven Drinnon and Andrew Scarbrough.

Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Baptist Church, P. O. Box 3, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

City Council report

At their Feb. 9 and Feb. 23 meetings, the Haskell City Council discussed possibilities of financing a new truck for the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, and gave approval to obtaining a new truck to replace the Fire Department's 1965 and 1970 model trucks.

After discussion about looking into the possibility of establishing an Assisted Living Center in the City, the Council authorized Mayor Ken Lane to sign an engagement letter with the Merrimac Group, authorizing a feasibility study on the matter.

After an annual review of the Public Funds Investment Policy, two changes were made, including another checking account being added and a change made to the collateralizing of city funds.

Councilman W. L. Wolf was appointed to the committee to work with the School Work Program, for which the school has received a grant that will be used in funding for some students to do work within the city, possibly in the City Park.

In an annual Racial Profiling Report for 2003, Haskell Police Chief Tom Bassett said the Haskell Police Department had received no complaints for the year of 2003 regarding racial issues, prejudices or racial profiling. He reported that on Dec. 12, 2002, all Haskell police vehicles were equipped with audio/video recorders to be used on all

traffic and pedestrian stops. During January to December, 2003, all recorders have been in working order and all taped stops are stored in the evidence room. The Police Dept. will retain video records of traffic stops for at least one year, he said. All police officers have received the required racial profile training.

A breakdown of the Haskell Police Dept. 2003 racial profile report showed the following:

In citations issued, 339 were White, 36 Black, 170 Hispanic, 2 Native American.

In warnings issued, 125 were White, 10 Black, 39 Hispanic and 0 Native American.

In searches, 15 were White, 4

Black, 9 Hispanic and 0 Native Americans.

In his reports, City Administrator Sam Watson reported that the Progressive Study Club has again donated \$500.00 to the City's Christmas Decorations fund.

Also, Watson reported that the city's sales tax for February is up over 9 percent so far.

Bob Smith was approved to serve on the Housing Authority Board.

An order for a city election on May 15 was approved by the Council for the offices of Mayor and two council seats. These two-year terms are currently held by Ken Lane, mayor, and council members Ruby Turner and Dan Hoover.

Sheriff Halliburton visits Jr. 4-H Club members

The Haskell Jr. 4-H Club met Feb. 16 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. The meeting was opened by Valiene Bullinger, club manager.

4-H member Brooke Bullinger led the 4-H Motto and Pledge. After a short business meeting and discussion of the upcoming Photography project and County Fashion Show, Tammy Parham, club manager, introduced guest speaker David Halliburton, Haskell County Sheriff.

Sheriff Halliburton presented a program on public safety and answered questions about becoming a peace/law officer and different

fields. He talked about the new equipment which has been installed in the Sheriff's pick-up. The 'Thermal Imaging Camera Infrared' was very interesting to the 4-H'ers. They got to sit in the pick-up and watch the monitor as it showed the activity of others outside the pick-up.

The 4-H'ers appreciated the time and volunteerism of Sheriff Halliburton coming and giving the program.

Door prizes were won by Aubrey Bassett and Misti Jones, followed by refreshments.

The next 4-H meeting will be held March 15.

The County Photography Project deadline is March 12, with the Awards Program set March 23. More details about the Awards Program will be coming.

The County Fashion Show will be held in Rule April 17.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 JV Haskell at Hawley Boys Golf Haskell C/C	2	3 Girls Golf at Merkel	4 'Brainsmart' Parent Meet Aud. 6 p.m. Jr. High Track at Stamford Softball Tournament at Eula Baseball Tournament at Sweetwater HS UIL Concert at Anson	5 Softball JV-V vs Eastland at Haskell 4 p.m.	6 Track Cowboy Relays at Roscoe
7 Boys Golf at Merkel	8 Varsity Baseball at Rotan 12 noon	9 JV-V Softball at Hawley 4 p.m.	10 Spring Break	11 Panther Relays at Seymour	12 V-Baseball Cisco at Haskell 4 p.m. V-Softball Cisco at Haskell 4 p.m.	13 5 K Fund Run Diabetes Assn.
14	15 JV Baseball Hamlin at Haskell 4 p.m.	16 V-Softball Haskell at Albany 4 p.m. Boys & Girls Golf at Shady Oaks, Hawley	17 Cheerleading Meet HS Aud. 5:15 p.m.	18 Jr. High Track at Stamford	19 JV-V Baseball Haskell at Anson 4 p.m. JV last	20 Track Bulldog Relays Stamford
21 Senior Supper FUMC 7 p.m.	22 JV Baseball at Stamford 4 p.m. B & G Golf Boys-Lone Creek Girls-Lakeside C/Club Night of Plays C/C	23 Softball vs Stamford Here 4 p.m. V. Baseball Stamford at Haskell 4 p.m.	24	25 Jr. High Track at Stamford	26	27 Munday Mogul Relays JV-V Softball at Eula 4 p.m.
28 Senior Supper FBC 7 p.m.	29 Boys & Girls Golf District Tangle Oaks Course	30 V. Baseball Haskell vs Eastland Ranger College 4 p.m.	31			

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GIFT TO THE LIBRARY—Ruth Ann Klose, treasurer of the Friends of the Haskell County Library, prepares to deposit a gift of \$10,000 made to the library by the David family in memory of Raja Hassen, Fadwa Hassen and Nabela Hassen David. The gift from Eddie David, Edward N. David, Camille and David Zihlman, will be added to the Friends of the Library fund that is dedicated to the interest of books and other library services, including materials that are beyond the normal library budget.

ECC to join in fund-raiser

Jennabeth Kimbrough, director of Experienced Senior Citizen's Center, Haskell, has announced that the local center will join in the nationwide fund-raiser challenge to raise funds for a million dollar Spring Giveaway to agencies fighting hunger.

To date, in the past seven years, through the efforts of Alan Shawn Feinstein, over \$250 million have been raised, with over 3000 agencies nationwide sharing a divided portion.

Last year was the local Center's first time to be involved in the event.

Kimbrough said that if anyone would like to make a donation to the Center's cause, they would be thrilled. For the Center to enter this

challenge and receive its portion of the money, donations need to be made between Mar. 1 and April 30.

"Please give what you can," she said. "It is so important to keep this center open for our community."

Each week the local program serves noon meals to anywhere from 90 plus people in the center and 25 to 30 homebound on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Kimbrough reminded that the door of the center is always open on those days for a good home-cooked meal and fellowship.

Donations to the Spring Giveaway/Challenge fund may be taken or mailed to the center.

Births

Jennifer and Jerry Slaven of San Angelo proudly announce the arrival of a son, Jacob Ross Slaven, born at Community Hospital, Jan. 20, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 19 inches long.

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Couple weds in Rule

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Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Mack Shawver, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Saffel, all of Rule.

Maid of honor was Teri Gonzales of Snyder, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Charisse Felty of Haskell; Amy Tanner of Rule; and Gena Muehlstein of San Angelo, and Lesa Hertel of Abilene, both sisters of the groom.

Best man was Jerry Saffel, father of the groom. Groomsmen were Brandon Saffel of Huntsville, cousin of the groom; Jason Tanner of Rule,

cousin of the groom; Kevin Saffel of Austin, cousin of the groom; and James Halliburton of Breckenridge.

Sydney Muehlstein, niece of the groom was the ring bearer, and her two sisters, Abby and Bailey Muehlstein served as flowergirls.

Rylie Hertel, nephew of the groom, helped with candle lighting and handed out birdseed bags after the reception.

The reception was hosted by Linda Peel, sister-in-law of the groom. Serving cake were Toni Peel, sister-in-law of the groom and Mikelle Peel, niece of the groom.

The couple left for a wedding trip to Fredericksburg.

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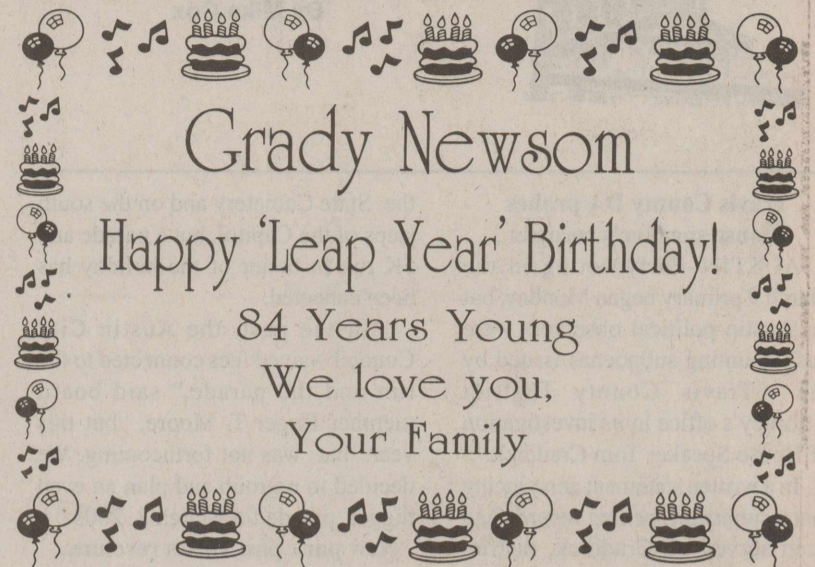
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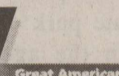
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Travis County DA probes House speaker's records

AUSTIN—Early voting in the March 9 primary began Monday, but in Austin political observers were busy counting subpoenas issued by the Travis County District Attorney's office in its investigation of House Speaker Tom Craddick.

In a written statement announcing that a subpoena seeking records had been served on Craddick, district attorney Ronnie Earle said the current investigation traces to a probe begun by his office in late 2002 into possible corporate campaign contributions on the part of the Texas Association of Business.

That investigation, he said, led to a look at how the group Texans for a Republican Majority raised and used contributions. During that investigation, Earle said "possible criminal conduct in connection with the race for speaker of the Texas House of Representatives was uncovered."

Craddick said his office would fully comply with the subpoenas. "I am satisfied that I, and all other candidates for speaker of the House of Representatives for the 78th Legislature, conducted our races appropriately, and I am happy to have helped elect a Republican majority—as I have tried to do since I was first elected to the House in 1968," Craddick said in a prepared statement.

2 Republicans head to Senate

Two Republicans won special election runoff for two Texas Senate seats Feb. 17.

Kevin Eltife received 46,428 votes, 52 percent, for District 1 in northeast Texas. Democrat Paul Sadler received 43,094 votes, 48 percent.

Kel Seliger, the former mayor of Amarillo, is the new state senator for District 31 in the Panhandle. Seliger finished with 41,101 votes, 56.16 percent, to opponent Kirk Edwards of Odessa who garnered 32,091 votes, or 43.84 percent.

The totals are unofficial until canvassed by the governor.

Party's still on, parade's off...

Texas Independence Day March 2 will be observed in ceremonies at

the State Cemetery and on the south steps of the Capitol, but a parade and 5K run in honor of the holiday has been canceled.

"In the past, the Austin City Council waived fees connected to the run and the parade," said board member Roger T. Moore, "but this year, that was not forthcoming. We decided to regroup and plan an even bigger parade for March 2, 2005."

New park pass raises revenue...

The Parks and Wildlife Department is selling a small piece of plastic good for admission to the state's 120 parks and historic sites, camping discounts and other benefits at state recreational facilities.

Since Jan. 1, the department has sold more than 3,300 of the \$60 annual passes, generating some \$200,000 to benefit state parks.

"The per-person, per-day cost of coming into parks varies from \$2 to \$5," said TPW Director Walt Dabney, "so it doesn't take you very long or very many trips to pay for the pass."

The new passes can be bought at any state park or historic site or through the agency's customer contact center at 512-389-8900.

Gonzales bird flu not dangerous...

A case of avian influenza found in a non-commercial flock of chickens in Gonzales County is not dangerous to humans or poultry, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The strain identified in that county was a low pathogenic virus that is commonly found in bird populations, the department said.

The poultry industry injects more than \$1 billion into the Texas economy each year, the department said. Of that, \$123 million in 2002 came through exports.

"The discovery of this case in Texas could have tremendous trade implications," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, "and the TDA will continue to monitor the situation."

Try some aluminum wings...

Poultry is important to Texas, but it's chicken feed compared to the impact aviation has on the state.

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MOM DOES A BASKETBALL GAME...



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

"The angels keep their ancient places. Turn but a stone, and start a wing!"

"Tis ye, 'tis your estranged faces, that miss the many-splendored thing."
—Francis Thompson

As Charles A. Eastman wrote, "Nearness to nature...keeps the spirit sensitive to impressions not commonly felt, and in touch with the unseen powers."

For those perceptive, intuitive individuals who are attuned to the more subtle nuances of events as they unfold in our lives, one small, solitary instant can become a breathtaking epiphany of joy. And at those times, through some inexplicable way, things come together in a synchronism of humanly unaccountable effects not attributable to natural causes.

When Frances Bowen first had the idea of beautifying Haskell's Willow Cemetery by replacing the aging trees which had run their course and lived out their life span there, she began to wonder what species would be best and most practical to use in the hot, dry, West Texas environment of that place.

On the day of her grandfather's funeral in her childhood, her young spirit had been lifted, even in her grief, by a sweet fragrance drifting through the cemetery. The memory of what seemed to be the aroma of

a presence there has stayed with her ever since, and she longed to be able to recapture that, as well as to make the cemetery beautiful.

After considerable research it was determined that the desert willow would probably be most suitable and adaptable to the inherent conditions of weather and maintenance available for the cemetery, as well as to preserve the integrity of its name.

Taking her dream to the Garden Club and subsequently to the community and beyond, Frances' dream of restoring willows to Willow Cemetery touched others who have loved ones buried there. As a result, many memorial gifts were sent for the project.

Finding that desert willows were not stocked in great numbers by nurseries in this area, Frances and Jimmy finally found a good source for them and drove 200 miles to secure a total of 54 trees over a period of time.

In an humble labor of love, evoking the sincere appreciation of the entire community, the couple planted the young trees; hand-digging the holes and watering them each week throughout the hot summer, to get them established.

One day last spring, as Frances was working alone in a section of the cemetery, Ernestine Herren, local historian of Haskell County cemeteries, stopped by to visit with

her, telling her how proud she was of the new trees. The only two people at the cemetery at the time, they walked among the graves and finally back to the road where the cars were parked.

As they sat talking in Frances' car, a sweet, long-remembered fragrance caught her attention. One large, perfectly formed white willow blossom had suddenly appeared on the dashboard above the steering wheel.

Realizing that none of the trees had been planted anywhere near the area where the car was parked and that no breeze was stirring to have blown it there, Frances had a strong feeling that this was something special.

"Ernestine, do you believe in angels?" she asked.

"I sure do," Ernestine replied. "Well, I think one just appeared," said Frances.

Taking the sweet blossom into her hands, Frances said she had an overwhelming awareness of being watched over.

There is no doubt that for the kindhearted, caring lady, who in her innate spirit of openness, has never turned her face away from receiving heavenly emissaries into her life, the moment was a "many splendored thing."

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,
I am writing to you because there are people in the nursing homes whose families do come to see them. There are others who either don't have families or have families that don't come.

They think because we have workers and people around us that we

have plenty to talk to. That is not the same as family visits. They need to come see their family more but they just don't make time.

Just because we are in the nursing home doesn't make us any less important to see about. I wonder what they would do if they were in our shoes.

They think we are being taken care of and we are; but they still need to come see us. It is not the same as family. This also goes for the ones at home who can't get out of the house and go places. It makes me feel like our family wants to forget us.

We want to see you and we want you to take us out. There is always a way to get us in the pickup or car, the nurses would help.

Signed,
Brenda Messenger Cox

Dear editor,
The Noah Project-North would like to thank all of the generous donors that helped to make our Dinner Theatre a success! We would also like to express our appreciation to all of the wonderful people that attended. The Dinner Theatre was the most successful one that we have had to date.

The money will be used to help victims of domestic violence that come to us for help. We appreciate everyone that keeps supporting us year after year. Thank you very much!

Sincerely yours,
Donna Sue Anders
Service Area Director

Local bank earns award

Haskell National Bank has earned a 5-Star rating from BauerFinancial Inc. Coral Gables, Florida, the nation's leading independent bank rating firm. Five-stars denotes the absolute highest level of banking performance.

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
February 24, 1994

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District announced results of the annual conservation poster contest. Grand champions included Jimmy Huff, Whitney Hise and Zac McGuire.

Four Haskell High School journalism students brought home awards from the UIL Invitational. They were Sarah Cothron, Jennifer Comedy, Janeen Jordan and Katy Martin.

Chris B. Howeth, of Haskell, an agricultural services and development major from Tarleton State University began a student internship with the King Ranch Inc. in Kingsville.

20 Years Ago
February 23, 1984

Diana Jarred of Haskell qualified for state at an U.I.L. Vocal Solo and Ensemble contest when she received a Superior rating on a Class I soprano solo. Jarred has been selected to be a member of the Texas Baptist All-State Youth Choir.

Four Haskell girls' basketball team members received 4-AA honors. Kathy Kemp received second team all-district honors. Receiving honorable mention were Jennifer Davis, Holli High and Tamala Randle.

A Weinert debate team consisting of Stacia Adams and Darla Griffis won third in Debate at Midwestern University's 26th Annual Top of Texas High School Forensics Tournament.

30 Years Ago
February 28, 1974

Martin Randle was voted to the All-District Boys Basketball Team. Robin Colbert made the second team. On the Honorable Mention team were James McCoy, Tim Pringle and Randy Ivy.

Debbie Young, Fonda Horn and Margie Kretschmer were voted to the All-District Girls Basketball Team.

Connie Turnbow, a Haskell High School senior and head twirler for the Indian Band, received a first place trophy for her twirling solo in a contest held in Wichita Falls.

40 Years Ago
February 27, 1964

Phil Bowers of Haskell was named to the honor roll of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Texas.

Twelve new members were inducted into the Lon Pate Chapter, Quill and Scroll, a honorary high school journalistic society. Those included were Dollie Norton, Buford Abeldt, Andrea Baird, Diana Burson, Zona Bassing, Glinda Long, Nelda Gibson, Eddie Smart, Gloria Darnell, Randy Turnbow, Robert Speer, Lochie Foote and Johnny McCollum.

50 Years Ago
February 25, 1954

Jimmy Hannsz and his champion calf was named the outstanding exhibitor in the first annual Rule FFA Livestock Project Show. Benny Allison, who showed the grand champion of the swine division, was runnerup.

Teacher of the Week was Aura Lee Thornton. Thornton began her teaching career in the Haskell Schools before her marriage. First assignment was public school music in the sixth and seventh grades. The succeeding years she had varied assignments from the fourth grade through the eighth, most often the subjects were reading and spelling. The past five years she has served as librarian for the seventh and eighth grade sections of Junior High.

The Haskell Future Farmers won team honors in the Junior Judging Contest of the annual 4-H and FFA Calf Show in Wichita Falls. The team consisted of David Jones, Archie Miller and Vernay Teague. Boosky Berry and Dan Grindstaff were alternates.

100 Years Ago
February 27, 1904

J. F. Stephens sold his blacksmith shop and residence to W. A. Carlisle who recently came here from Dickens County.

Prof. C. M. Porter late of the Haskell public schools, left for Baird where he has secured a position in schools.

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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

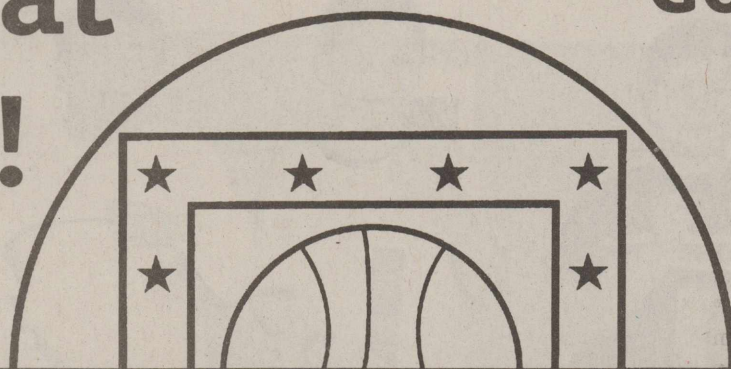
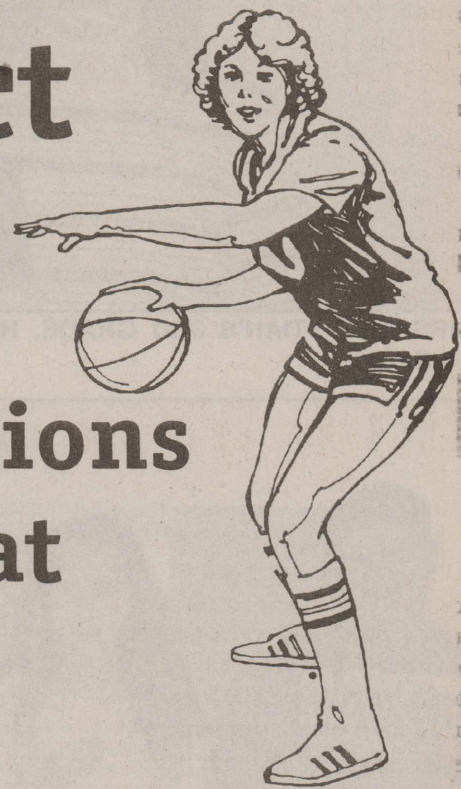


Front, l-r: Callie Thomasson, Meagan Wallace, Kerri Newton, Consuelo Gonzalez, Mollie McKnight, Morgan Acosta. Back: Brittany Rutkowski, Lindsay Pannell, Brittany Bird, Melody Kennedy, Monica Buerger, Lynzie Harlan and Calina Kendall. Photo by KIS

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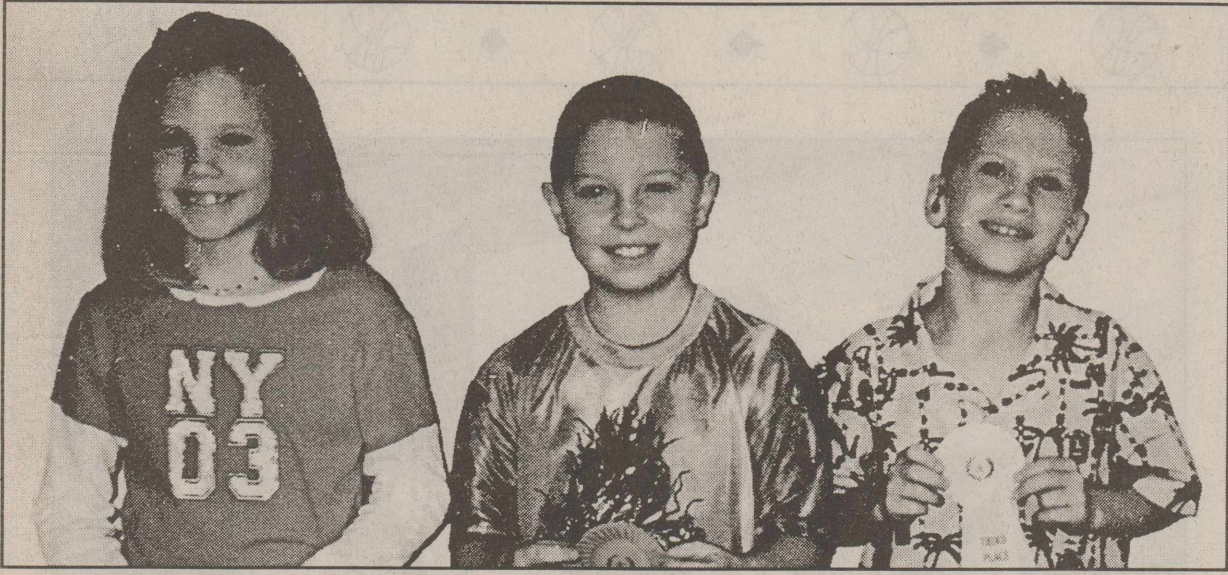


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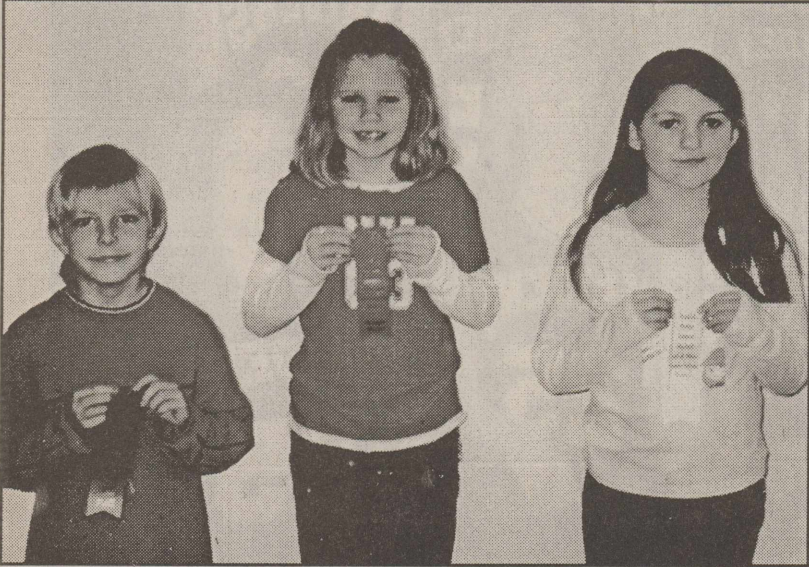
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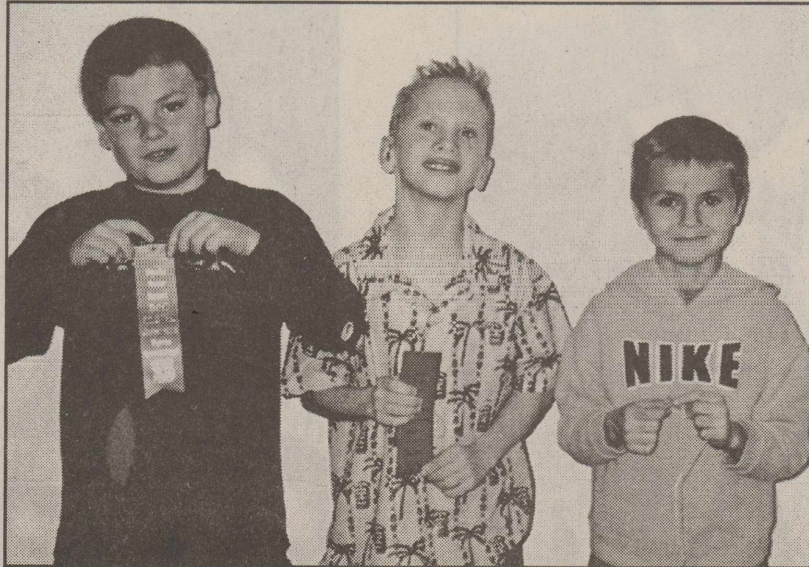


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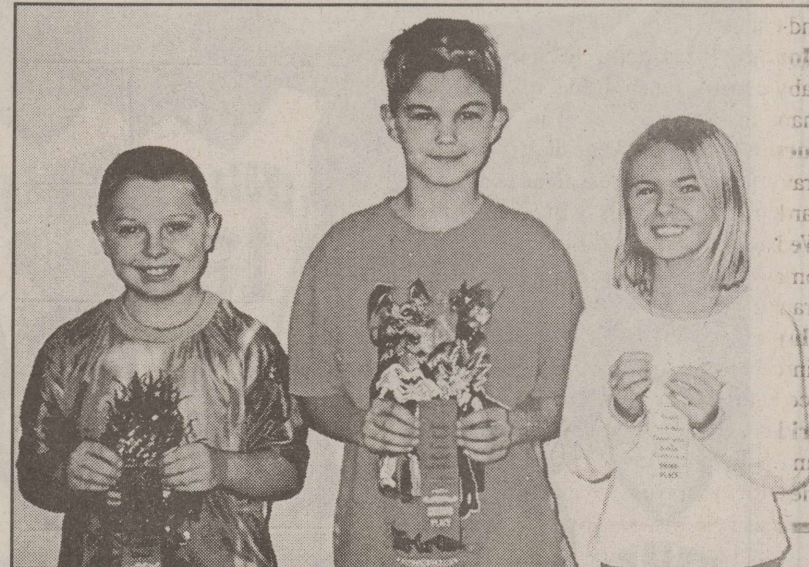
Haskell Soil & Water Conservation District Poster Winners



PAINT CREEK 2ND GRADE: 1st place, Shawn Myers; 2nd place, Caitlin Medford; 3rd place, Kadie McCord.



PAINT CREEK 3RD GRADE: 1st place, Blake Edwards; 2nd place, Josh Horton; 3rd place, Cheyenne Buerger.



PAINT CREEK 4TH GRADE: 1st place, Dalton Barnett; 2nd place, Caleb McCord; 3rd place, Katrina Buerger.



PAINT CREEK 5TH GRADE: 1st place, Curtis Bishop; 2nd place, Victoria Reid; 3rd place, Nathan Edwards.



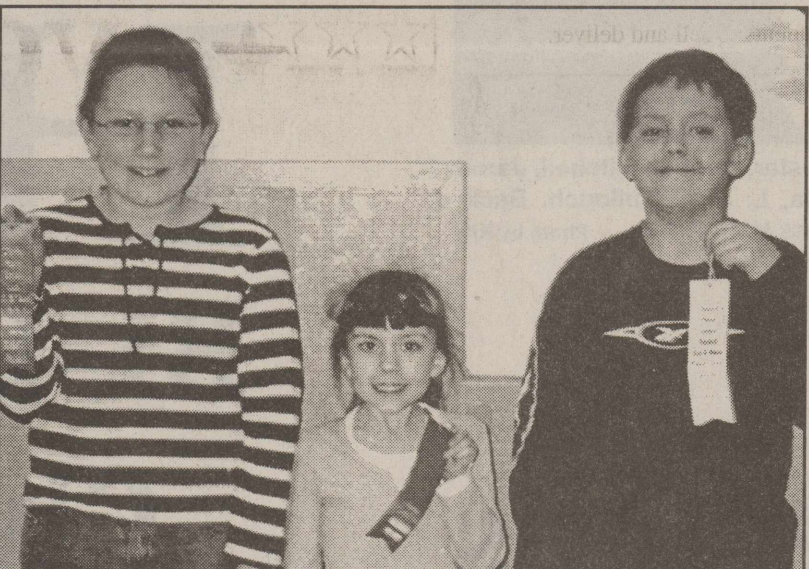
ROCHESTER KINDERGARTEN: 1st place, Alli Hall (not pictured); 2nd place, Cody Baldwin; 3rd place, Josue Gonzales.



ROCHESTER 1ST GRADE: 1st place, Colton Rogers; 2nd place, Joanna Trevino; 3rd place, Jessica Wilburn.



MRS. CHRISTIAN'S 3RD GRADE, HASKELL: 1st place, Tillie McGuire.



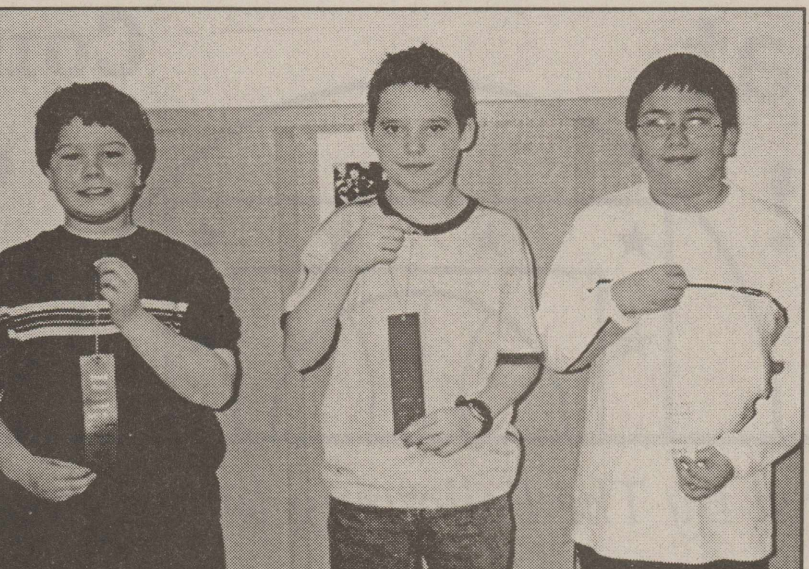
MRS. WAGGONER'S 3RD GRADE, HASKELL: 1st place, Carson Hadaway; 2nd place, Ashley Adams; 3rd place, Hunter Jordan.



OVERALL WINNERS 3RD GRADE, HASKELL: 1st place, Carson Hadaway; 2nd place, Ashley Adams; 3rd place, Tillie McGuire.



MRS. ROBERT'S 4TH GRADE, HASKELL: 1st place, Ryan Anderson; 2nd place, Sasha Walker; 3rd place, Sonya Rodriguez.



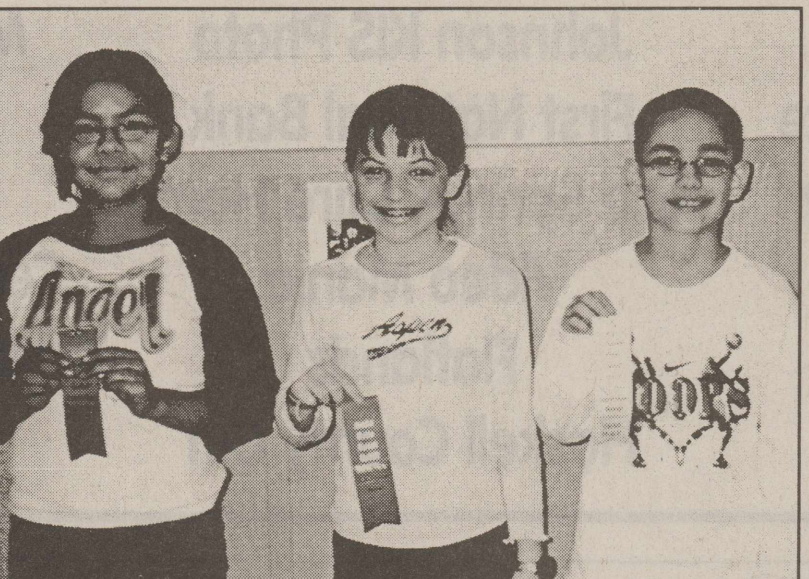
MRS. ADAM'S 4TH GRADE, HASKELL: 1st place, Garrett Brueggeman; 2nd place, Casey Calhoun; 3rd place, Andrew Rodriguez.



OVERALL WINNERS 4TH GRADE, HASKELL: 1st place, Garrett Brueggeman; 2nd place, Casey Calhoun; 3rd place, Ryan Anderson.



MRS. FOUTS' 5TH GRADE, HASKELL: 1st place, Leslie Crosson; 2nd place, Meagan Kimbrough; 3rd place, Kacey Strickland.



MRS. JOHNSON'S 5TH GRADE, HASKELL: 1st place, Angelica Gonzales; 2nd place, Codi Foster; 3rd place, Kelson Aguero.



OVERALL WINNERS 5TH GRADE, HASKELL: 1st place, Leslie Crosson; 2nd place, Angelica Gonzales; 3rd place, Meagan Kimbrough.

Haskell School Menu

March 1-5
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast bagel

Tuesday: Green eggs and ham (burrito)

Wednesday: Trix cereal, toast

Thursday: Sausage, biscuit

Friday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich

Lunch

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

Monday: Pizza, corn, cabbage slaw, baby carrots, ranch dressing, cherry shape-up

Tuesday: ABC chicken nuggets with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, garden salad, hot rolls, ABC cookies

Wednesday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, French fries, orange wedges

Thursday: Soft tacos with cheese, pinto beans, garden salad, Spanish rice, chips, salsa, peach cobbler

Friday: Choice: Pimento cheese or tuna fish sandwich, curly seasoned fries, pickle spears, ice cream

Paint Creek School Menu

March 1-5
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Cereal, toast

Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy

Wednesday: Pancakes

Thursday: Donuts

Friday: Cereal, toast

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Burritos, corn, salad, jello

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, green beans, garlic bread, cookies

Wednesday: Chicken strips, Au Gratin potatoes, peas, rolls, cake

Thursday: Macaroni and cheese with beef, green beans, carrot sticks, pudding

Friday: Pizza, corn, salad, jello

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 694 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Feb. 23, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 57 sellers and 49 buyers were present.

Packers \$2 to \$4 lower, feeders and stockers steady, stocker cows and pairs \$15 to \$80 higher.

Cows: fat, .38-.45; cutters, .40-.52; canners, .32-.39.

Bulls: bologna, .62-.70; feeders, .75-.88; utility, .57-.65.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.15-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.25; 400-500 lbs., 1.00-1.17; 500-600 lbs., .94-1.10; 600-700 lbs., .87-.98; 700-800 lbs., .80-.94; 800-up lbs., .75-.84.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.60; 300-400 lbs., .98-1.12; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.08; 500-600 lbs., .82-.95; 600-up lbs., .67-.87.

Bred heifers medium frame, 575-825.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 740-885; aged or small, 475-675.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 850-985; aged or small, 725-825.

Give cotton time to recover after hail

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

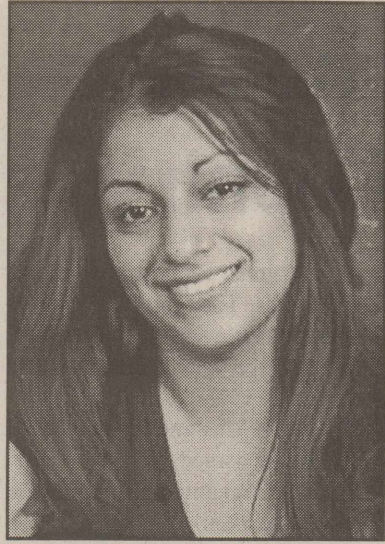
Cotton crops may still recover after a hail storm. Extension specialists suggest producers carefully assess hail damage.

Give your cotton time to recover after being damaged. If a stand has at least one and one-half healthy plants per row foot, it could still make acceptable yields given good growing conditions.

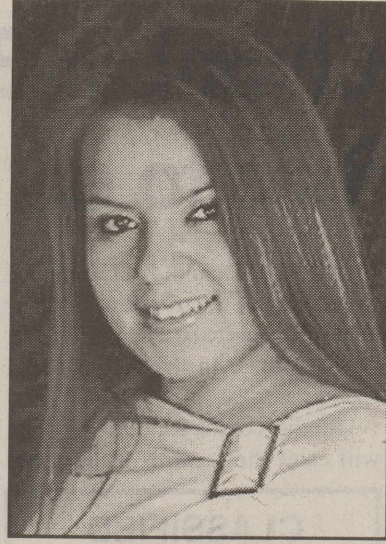
If you must replant, plant crops such as grain sorghum, soybeans, or sesame. But, before you plant a new crop, be sure and consult the label of any cotton herbicides you may have applied; some of these can harm other crops.



DAX MONROE PUESCHEL



CONSUELO GONZALEZ



VANESSA GALLEGOS

Students visit Rotary Club

Dax Monroe Pueschel, is the grandson of guardian, Sharon Smith, of Haskell, and the son of Monty Pueschel of Abilene and Gena Shadel of Sonora.

He attends Trinity Lutheran Church.

At Haskell High School, he is active in FFA, University of Interscholastic League, the Poultry Judging Team and Ag Mechanics Team.

Special awards and recognitions he has received include being named in Who's Who Among High School Students, voted the Best Sense of Humor and named to the National Honor Roll.

Among his favorites leisure-time activities are hunting, mud-dogging, listening to music and operating a combine.

After finishing high school, he plans to attend ACU or Tarleton State University.

Consuelo Gonzalez is the daughter of Jaime and Silveria Gonzalez of Haskell.

She attends St. George Catholic Church.

At Haskell High School she is active in basketball, National Honor Society, Student Council project chairman, Spanish Club president, and in journalism, editor of the yearbook.

Special awards she has received include Senior Class Favorite, Miss HHS, Homecoming Queen and Basketball Sweetheart.

Among her favorite leisure-time activities are playing sports, hanging out with friends and playing with her niece and nephew.

After finishing high school, she plans to attend the University of Texas at Arlington, studying to be a registered nurse.

Vanessa Gallegos is the daughter of Abel and Melissa Gallegos of Haskell.

She attends the Church of God.

In school she is active in Journalism as the War Whoop feature editor, and the Spanish Club vice-

president.

Special awards for her have been: High School Journalism Excellence Award 1st place Division IA-3A for Newswriting; Citation of Superiority in Journalism; 2002-2003 Highest Algebra II Award; Nominated for Who's Who in 2001-2003 and accepted in 2003.

Among her favorite leisure-time activities are working at Day Care and her computer, being with friends and singing.

After finishing high school she plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in psychology.

FFA Booster Club plans upcoming events

The FFA Booster Club met Jan. 31 with 9 members attending.

Upcoming events discussed included the FFA Banquet to be held in May, for which the date and committees will be selected at the next booster club meeting in March; the major stock shows in February and March; the National LDE contest to be held in October in Louisville, Kentucky; and the Ag Issues team which will be sent to the National Ag Issue Contest.

Plans were made for fund-raisers, including the bake sale at the Stamford Wal-Mart, time and date to be decided. Jerry Don Hudgens is donating straw hay for the FFA students to sell and deliver.

Also discussed was the giving of belt buckles for awards to those students who placed in the top ten at State in leadership and in the top five in judging teams. Also receiving awards will be those students who made Nationals.

The next meeting of the board was set for 7:30 p.m., Mar. 1, in the AG building.

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Haskell County Sheriff

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Bill has worked hard in Haskell County to make the county a safer and better place for all; with a record of proven results through quality investigations and search warrants to remove drugs and criminals from our county.

On his record, he will gladly stand as merit to be your sheriff.

Once again, this is James Bevel, asking for your vote and support for Bill Glass as the next Haskell County Sheriff.

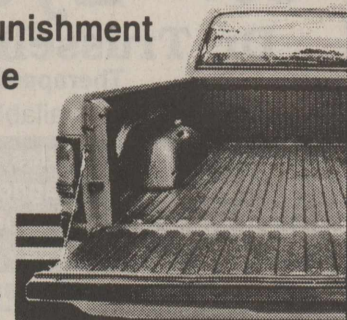
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Chamber Banquet in Rule to go 'Country'

The Rule Chamber of Commerce has chosen a Country theme for their annual banquet to be held at 7:00 p.m. Tues., Mar. 9 in the Rule School Cafeteria.

Mothers of the Rule Junior Class will cater the meal of ham, baked

potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, and hot rolls. The chamber members will furnish a variety of cakes for dessert. Tea and coffee will be served.

The Rule Man and Woman of the Year will be named.

The program will include entertainment and door prizes.

Tickets are on sale for \$8.00.

The chamber urges everyone to put on their denims and come to join in the 'Country' fun.

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The City of Haskell is requesting separate proposals for management services and for engineering services for the preparation of a Texas Community Development Program Grant Application and, if funded, to provide those services necessary for program implementation. If funded, separate contracts for management services and for engineering services will be awarded. Please submit your Proposal of Services and Statement of Qualifications per the proposal format to City of Haskell, P. O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 P.M., March 8, 2004, to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Service Procurement Act and OMB Circular A-102.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HASKELL

TO: James Cox, whose residence is unknown, and if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of James Cox, whose names and addresses are unknown.

You are each hereby notified that a hearing will be held at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say Monday, the 8th day of March, 2004, and at District Courtroom in the District Courthouse in Haskell, Texas, to assess the damages of the owner of the property being condemned.

The State of Texas filed a Petition for Condemnation with the Judge of the 50th Judicial Court of Haskell County, Texas, on the 18th day of December, 2003, in Cause No. 11,174 which is styled The State of Texas v. James Cox, et al. The Plaintiff is the State of Texas. The Defendants are: James Cox, whose residence is unknown, and if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of James Cox, whose names and addresses are unknown; City of Haskell; Haskell County, Texas; Haskell Consolidated Independent School District; North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority; Haskell County Memorial Hospital District; Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District; Farm-Market Lateral; and Precinct Road.

The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Kelly Wintroat, Assistant Attorney General, P. O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711-2548.

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Issued this 20th day of January, 2004.

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This Week's Devotional Message:



FAITH CAN PROVIDE COMFORT WHEN SORROW STRIKES

Sooner or later, sorrow must cast its dark shadow over all our lives, in many forms and in varying degrees; either directly or indirectly through someone we know. It may be occasioned by the death of a loved one or a dear friend; or possibly a major event such as a broken relationship, a career disappointment or a child in deep trouble. Whatever the

source, God's love is ever present to provide comfort and a positive way out of the abyss of sadness; and once you have discovered this, you can help someone else to find it. If you acquire the habit of seeking God's guidance at the church of your choice before sorrow strikes, you will automatically do so whenever it does.

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.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- New Vision Family Worship Center**
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.
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 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.
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
- ROCHESTER**
- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Jackie Brem, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
- 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

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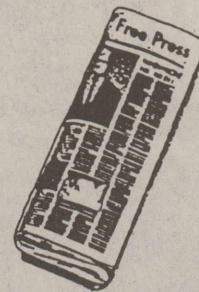
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Public Notices

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PROJECT: 8008-1-41
PARCEL: 142
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HASKELL

TO: Ben F. Thorpe, whose residence is unknown, and if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of Ben F. Thorpe, whose names and addresses are unknown.

Edgar Taylor, whose residence is unknown, and if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of Edgar Taylor, whose names and addresses are unknown.

You are each hereby notified that a hearing will be held at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say Monday, the 8th day of March, 2004, and at District Courtroom in the District Courthouse in Haskell, Texas, to assess the damages of the owner of the property being condemned.

The State of Texas filed a Petition for Condemnation with the Judge of the 50th Judicial Court of Haskell County, Texas, on the 18th day of December, 2003, in Cause No. 11,175 which is styled The State of Texas v. Ben F. Thorpe, et al. The Plaintiff is the State of Texas. The Defendants are: Ben F. Thorpe, whose residence is unknown, and if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of Ben F. Thorpe, whose names and addresses are unknown; and Edgar Taylor, whose residence is unknown, and if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of Edgar Taylor, whose names and addresses are unknown.

The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Kelly Wintroath, Assistant Attorney General, P. O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711-2548.

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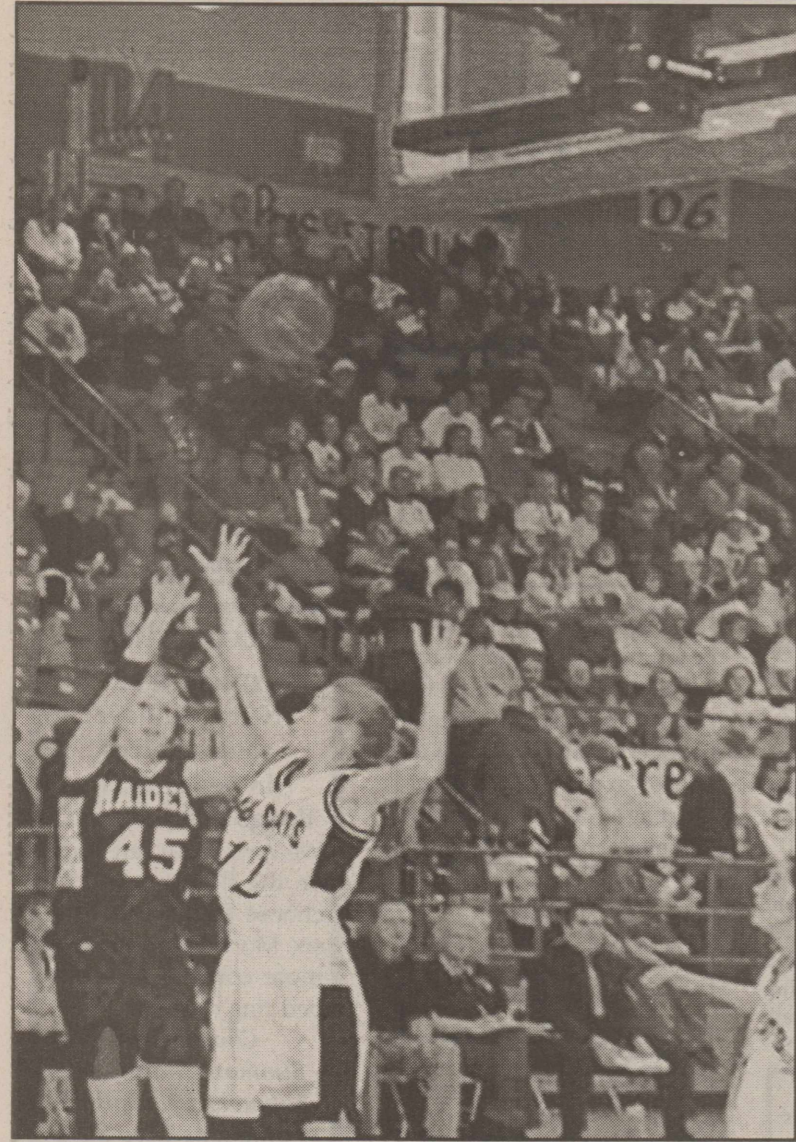
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AREA PLAYOFF—Haskell's Melody Kennedy #45, scored a basket in the Maidens' Class 2A Area playoff action with the Canadian team at Childress. Photo by Bill Blankenship



DRIVING DOWN THE COURT—Indian Maiden, Callie Thomasson #43, takes the ball in for two of three points she scored in the Area playoff game with Canadian. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Maidens, Indians end successful seasons

The Haskell Maidens' season came to an end Friday night after a loss to Canadian in Class 2A area playoff action held in Childress.

The Maidens earned a berth at the playoff by defeating Electra in the Class 2A Bi-District game with a win

of 49-27.

The defense proved to be the difference in the game. Calina Kendall and Monica Buerger controlled the offense by tossing in 10 and 12 points respectively.

The Maidens were outscored by

Electra in the first quarter of the area playoff game 21-4. Keeping pace for much of the remainder of the game, the Maidens just could not overcome the Canadian team.

Leading the scoring for the Maidens was Mollie McKnight with

nine points. Monica Buerger finished with seven points.

The Maidens finished the season standing 21-9.

Girls

Haskell 49, Electra 27

Scoring for Haskell: Monica Buerger 12, Calina Kendall 10, Mollie McKnight 9, Brittany Rutkowski 8, Brittany Bird 8, Consuelo Gonzalez 2.

Boys

Canadian 57, Haskell 33

Scoring for Haskell: Mollie McKnight 9, Monica Buerger 7, Calina Kendall 6, Brittany Rutkowski 4, Callie Thomasson 3, Melody Kennedy 2, Kerri Newton 2.

Boys

Haskell 49, Hawley 48

Scoring for Haskell: Chavez 13, Mitchell 8, Hodge 8, Hairgrove 6, Webb 6, Foster 4, Garcia 2, Collins 2.

JV score: Hawley 49, Haskell 24.

Boys

District 8-2A tie-breaker

Cisco 57, Haskell 42

Scoring for Haskell: Hodge 12, Mitchell 10, Webb 6, Garcia 6, Hairgrove 3, Chavez 2, Collins 2, Foster 1.

New point system affects drivers

Haskell Justice of the Peace Judge Lynn Dodson has made available some information about how the new Driver Responsibility Program Points System works.

Here's how the Department of Public Safety goes about assigning points and assessing fees to a convicted person's license under House Bill 3588, also known as the Driver Responsibility law.

•Two points for a moving violation conviction in Texas or that of another state.

•Points will not be assigned for speeding less than 10 percent over the posted limit or for seat belt convictions.

•Three points for a moving violation conviction in Texas or another state that resulted in a vehicle crash.

Points remain on the driver record for a period of three years. Additionally, a conviction becoming final before Sept. 1, 2003, will not apply to the assessment of points under the new program.

The DPS will assess a surcharge when the driver accumulates a total of six points or more on their record during a period of three years. The driver must pay a \$100 surcharge for the first six points and \$25.00 for each additional point.

Drivers who receive a conviction for DWI or a DWI-related offense, failure to maintain financial responsibility, or driving while

license is invalid, will pay an annual surcharge for a period of three years. No points are placed on driver records for these offenses because the fine is automatic on the first offense.

A first-time DWI results in a \$1,000 surcharge, paid annually for three years. A second-time DWI results in a \$1,500 surcharge paid annually for three years. The charges are cumulative.

A conviction for driving while license is invalid or failure to maintain financial responsibility results in a surcharge of \$250, paid annually for three years. A driver who is convicted of driving without a valid license receives a \$100 per year surcharge for three years.

The DPS will notify the offending driver of the assessment of a surcharge on their license, via first-class mail. The notice will state the amount of surcharge to be paid. Drivers who do not pay their surcharge within 30 days will have their driving privileges revoked. The license will remain revoked until the person pays all surcharges and related costs, such as service/collection fees.

Who receives money from the surcharges?

According to the Dept. of Public Safety, each surcharge collected by the department under this law will be remitted to the Comptroller on a monthly basis. Trauma centers and county and regional emergency medical services will receive 49.5 percent of the collected money, and the Texas Mobility fund will receive 49.5 percent. The money going to trauma centers will be handled by the Texas Department of Health. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will handle money going to the Mobility fund, which funds highway projects, including the TransTexas Corridor. The remaining one percent of the collected money will go to DPS for operation of the Driver Responsibility program.

Tornado warning test

The National Weather Service will issue a practice tornado warning through NOAA weather radio and the Emergency Alert System Tues., March 2 between 1 and 2 p.m.

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Greetings to the Citizens of Haskell County, Texas

The office of Sheriff of Haskell County is time honored in Texas History. Thank you for allowing me to fill these boots for the past three years. Elections are close at hand on March 9, 2004. Some of you I have not been able to personally contact due to illness and deaths in my family. Please take this as a personal appeal for your vote and your support. I give you my pledge to continue to enforce the laws in our county.

I am a Haskell County native. I am a Veteran of the U. S. Army having served in Viet Nam. My law enforcement career started with the Rule Police Department. The next thirteen years, I was a Deputy and then the last three years as your Sheriff.

The last three years there has been change in the Department. Thanks to the citizens of Haskell and Haskell County, we have a new jail. It took a little longer to fill it up than we all wanted. However, the last few months the county side has been full and the Detention side is full, or near capacity.

I've made a few changes in the office. All of the officers have a computer to assist them in their reports and to keep better records. We have some new equipment to work with out in the field, this equipment did not cost the County taxpayer's any extra. The equipment was paid for by the federal government and the training was paid for by the federal government. I'm still working on getting more equipment free of charge for the county.

I have stayed within the budget each year.

I have made sure that all calls are answered promptly and all calls are returned. The dispatchers and officers undergo continuous training as laws and 911 equipment are updated. Dispatchers on training on 911 equipment, and officers with the new law.

We are making more arrests on local warrants as well as out of county warrants. We've stepped up the fight against drugs in the county and we are making it harder to sell drugs in Haskell County. I want to thank the citizens for their help in getting the information to us about drugs in Haskell County, so that we can get them off the streets. It takes all of us, law enforcement, and local citizens working together to accomplish this goal.

The last three years, I have had an open door policy to the citizens of Haskell County. If you have any questions, or need any help, please call, or come by. I will answer your questions.

I'm looking forward to continue to be your working Sheriff for the next four years.

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