Softball games

V Maidens vs Cisco Fri., March 12, 4 p.m. at Haskell V Maidens vs Albany Tues., March 16, 5 p.m. at Albany

Baseball games

V Indians vs Cisco Fri., March 12, 4 p.m. at Haskell JV Indians vs Hamlin Mon., March 15, 4 p.m. at Haskell

Track

Indians and Maidens Thurs., March 11 Panther Relays, Seymour

Calendar

Fun Run and Walk

A 5K Fun Run and Walk will be held Sat., March 13 at 10 a.m. at the Haskell City Park.
Registration will be held at 9 a.m. at the Gazebo in the park. Contact Leiza Morales at 256-0769 or Bill Markunas at 864-8903 for more information. Entry fee is \$5.

Sagerton Hee Haw

The Sagerton Hee Haw will be presented March 25-27 at the Sagerton Community Center. Tickets are \$4. Doors will open at 5:30 for the meal. Auditorium doors will open at 7 p.m. with music provided until the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets may be ordered from J. B. or Dorothy Toney, 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton, Texas 79548 or by 940-997-2688.

One-Act Plays

One-Act Plays from Rochester, Paint Creek, Haskell and Rule will be presented at the Haskell Civic Center Mon., March 22 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$3. A concession stand will be available.

Food distribution

The Haskell County
Ministerial Alliance Food
Distribution Center will distribute
food Sat., March 20 from 10 a.m.
til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd
(building east of Civic Center) in
Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Jr. 4-H to meet

The Jr. 4-H Club will meet Mon., March 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. The 4-H photography awards program and 4-H fashion show along with other events will be discussed. A program on fire ants will be presented.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at KP's Mesquite Grill, 900 S. Ave. E, Wed., March 17 at 11:45 a.m.

Benefit lunch

A covered dish lunch will be held Sun., March 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Elementary cafeteria to assist Haskell residents Janie and Joe Rodriquez with medical expenses. Tickets are \$5 per plate and available from Friends of Faith members, at the Haskell School Administration office during the week of March 15-19 or at the door. Call Lisa Teague at 864-2606 for more information.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at KP's restaurant in Haskell Fri., March 12 at noon.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be in Haskell Tues., March 16 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Haskell National Bank. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and free of infection. For more information call 325-670-2805.

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Thursday storm leaves damage behind



AFTER THE STORM—County crews work under dark clouds Fri., Mar. 5, aiding residents of The Anchor with debris left from the

By late mid-morning, Thurs., Mar. 4, it was apparent that the local area was in the line of a strong, upper-level weather system that was likely to bring damaging high winds and possibly some rain.

Predictions proved correct when about 12:00 noon, along with heavy, dark rain clouds, winds exceeding 80 mph whipped through Haskell, producing varying degrees of damage throughout the city, and causing some electrical and phone service outages.

The severe storm quickly moved to the southeastern part of the county,

where at 12:05, tornadic winds ripped through The Anchor on Lake Stamford.

According to Terry Huber, Senior Forecaster for the National Weather Service in San Angelo, a weather service survey team, which drove to the area, rated the winds at The Anchor lake camp, based on the level of destruction involved, as an F2 'significant' tornado, with wind speeds of 113 to 157 mph. Weather Service data states that based on the Fujita Scale of intensity, an F2 tornado usually does considerable

tornado that swept through the area around noon on Thursday.

The trailer turned on its side belongs to Elmer McReynolds.

damage, such as roofs torn off frame houses, mobile homes demolished, boxcars pushed over, large trees snapped or uprooted and light object missiles generated.

The actual damage sustained to homes and trailers around The Anchor area on the northeast side of Lake Stamford, fits all of the above criteria and more. Benny Gibbs, The Anchor manager, said Friday, that approximately 22 residences were at The Anchor, all receiving severe structural damage. No bodily injuries were sustained and no lives were lost.

By nightfall, many persons were having to find alternate places to stay.

Quickly responding to the scene, helping to search for residents, and working throughout many hours following the storm were Haskell and Knox County E.M.S. teams, Haskell County Sheriff, David Halliburton, Haskell County workers and equipment, Judge David Davis, Haskell City Police, Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, Steve Barbour of the Parks and Wildlife Dept., the Knox County Police Chief, Knox County Sheriff's Department,

Rochester Police Chief, the Stamford and Paint Creek Fire Departments, Department of Public Safety, and Steve Alsabrook, who brought in special equipment for helping to clear debris.

The National Weather Service Office in San Angelo has forecasting, watch and warning responsibility for 24 counties across West Central Texas. Fri., Mar. 5, Terry Huber said, "We are always watching the weather for you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Yesterday reminded us how important preparedness is to our safety. Please develop a weather preparedness plan and exercise that plan. Working together, we can save lives."

Many individuals and groups have been helping with food and supplies for the displaced residents at The Anchor. The Red Cross was there with food on Thursday, Friday and Monday and on Saturday with water.

After assessing the situation at The Anchor on Monday, Cecilia Barahona, a representative of the Salvation Army in Abilene, reported that the organization had made an arrangement with Home Depot of Abilene to assist storm victims with building supplies to rebuild or repair damages. Anyone having storm damage at The Anchor area can receive help from the Salvation Army for needed supplies by going to the Haskell County Judges office at the Courthouse, to obtain a signed letter of authorization to take to the Abilene Salvation Army Headquarters to obtain a voucher of verification that can be taken to the Home Depot for building supplies.

Tuesday morning, Mar. 9, Barahona said the Salvation Army in Abilene was preparing 40 to 50 boxes of non-perishable food to distribute to families in The Anchor storm area that day or the next.

Speaking of help that may be forthcoming for those losing their homes, Judge Davis said that a liaison representative from the state Department of Emergency Management was here Friday after the storm, and that information and pictures of the tornado damage has been sent to the state for them to make a determination of the help available, which he foresees to be in the way of low interest loans. Monday, his office had not heard back from the state on the matter. Information will be made public as soon as it is received, he said.

Pictures taken soon after the storm can be seen on page 5.

Classic cars drive to Haskell March 20

The 8th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show will be held around the Courthouse Square Sat., Mar. 20, again offering a full day of varied activities, with something for fun and entertainment of all age groups.

The ten classes of vehicles included for judging are: Cars Pre'64; Cars '65 and up; Antique Cars,
Trucks through '50; Street Rods Pre'49; Race Cars; Older Pickups Pre'84; Pickups '85 and up;
Motorcycles; Restoration in
Progress; Cushman Scooters.

First and second place will be

Haskell County Sheriff, David

Halliburton reported Monday that a

drug dealer was arrested in Haskell

that night at the Haskell County

Sheriff's office from a concerned

citizen, in reference to a known drug

dealer who was going to sell some

crack cocaine, Sheriff Halliburton,

Chief Deputy Winston Stephens and

Police Chief Tom Bassett set up

surveillance at the suspect's house,

his residence, he was confronted by

the officers, and after a short

conversation, the suspect gave up 8.5

grams of crack cocaine and some

When the suspect started to leave

waiting for him to leave.

Acting on information received

on the night of Wed., Mar. 3.

Drug dealer arrested

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

Entry time will be from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Fire Station. Entry fee is \$20,00. Judging will be at 12:30, with trophy presentation at 3:30. For information call Randy Shaw at 940-864-2023.

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

The Kids Tractor Pull, with kid-

other drug paraphernalia. He was

transported to Haskell County Jail

Halliburton said he wants to thank the

citizens of Haskell County for their

effort in helping get drug dealers off

the streets, and that with more such

was selling drugs in Haskell. Until

Wednesday night we did not have

enough information to catch him. It

takes all of law enforcement working

together and you, the citizens, to get

this done. We have made a lot of

progress in Haskell County, but we

still have some to go, and we are

working on them," the Sheriff said.

"We have known that the suspect

help, more could be arrested.

Reporting the arrest, Sheriff

and booked in.

sized tractors, will again be featured. Hamburgers and fries will be served on the square by the Fire

Department.

The annual Flea Market, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be held on the sidewalks in front some of the vacant

buildings around the square.

Vendor spaces will be

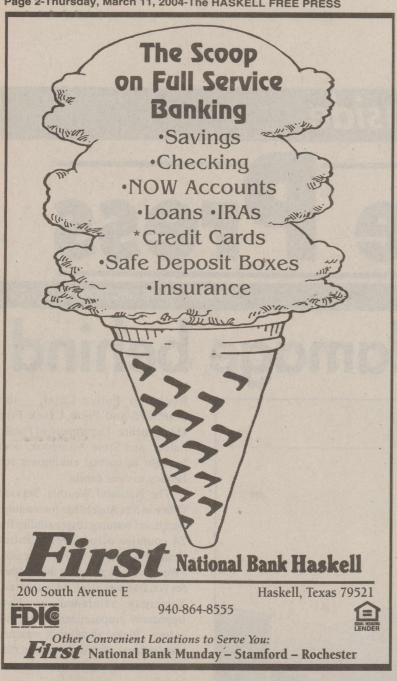
approximately 6 feet deep by 20 feet long and are \$20.00 each. Food vendor spaces are \$15.00 each. Previous vendors may reserve the same space they had last year by indicating their choice on the entry

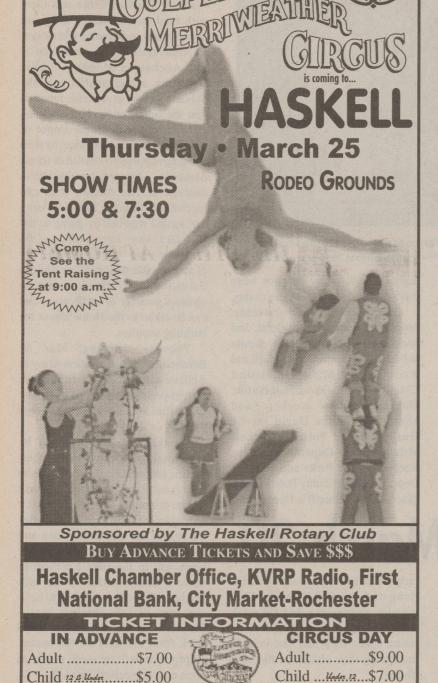
For more information on the Flea Market, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 940-864-2477.



CLASSIC CARS RETURNING—In what will be a showing of vehicles rarely seen parked around the Haskell County Courthouse Square, the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department's 8th Annual Car Show on Sat., Mar. 20, will be an occasion of fun for everyone. Featuring ten categories of motor vehicles, such as the one pictured above from last year's show, the events planned will again bring to town many interesting, valuable vintage vehicles and vehicle owners from across a wide area.

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Indians to begin district play with game at Cisco

The Haskell Varsity Baseball team played in the Sweetwater Tourney last weekend. Due to the weather, the tourney was shortened to a two-

In a game with Sweetwater on Friday night, Haskell lost 7-0, with Brad Blanks doing a great job pitching against a very good 3-A team. The game was called after four innings due to a time limit.

Saturday, the Indians faced the Eagles of Lubbock Roosevelt. The Indians were slow starting out, but got rolling, and defeated the Eagles, 6-1. Ronald Chapman and Jon Dulaney combined for a well-pitched game. Chapman was the top offensive player for Haskell, going 3 for 5 at the plate.

Haskell traveled to Rotan on Monday for a game against the Yellowhammers, improving the Indians record to 3 and 3 with a 13-3 win. The game was called in the 5th inning. Kendall Mitchell pitched the entire game and did a great job. The bats for Haskell came alive in the 3rd inning, with the Indians scoring 6 in the top of the inning. Nate Webb was 2 for 4 for the day, with Brad Blanks and Austin Coker 3 for 4 at the plate. Kendall Mitchell was 3 for 4 with a double, and Brandon McClatchey was 3 for 3 with a double.

"The kids did a great job of getting the bats going after a slow start," said Coach Kent Colley. "This was a good way to end the non-district season and head into District. Our next game will be our district opener at home against the Lobos of Cisco; game time is Friday at 4:00 p.m."

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 169 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Mar. 8, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 36 sellers and 24 buyers were present.

Packers \$1 to \$4 higher, stockers \$2 to \$4 higher.

Cows: fat, .43-.48; cutters, .45-.53; canners, .35-.45.

Bulls: bologna, .63-.69; feeders, 78-.88; utility, .58-.65.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.70; 300-

400 lbs., 1.17-1.38; 400-500 lbs., 1.00-1.20; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.12; 600-700 lbs., .88-1.05; 700-800 lbs., .82-.93; 800-up lbs., .75-.84.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.16; 400-500 lbs., .89-1.12; 500-600 lbs., .83-.97; 600up lbs., .74-.87.

Bred heifers medium frame, 675-

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 700-825; aged or small, 525-

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 775-1025; aged or small, 650-800.

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CLEANING UP THE AFTERMATH-Under a black cloud shedding big drops of rain Fri., Mar. 5, Haskell County crews and equipment, and volunteers with donated equipment, team up to help remove debris at The Anchor after the tornado on Thurs., Mar. 4. This Bobcat loader from James Isbell was used by Steve and Wes Alsabrook.

Obituaries

Travis Weldon Boyd

Funeral services for Travis Weldon Boyd, 85, of Rule were held Thurs., March 4 at the Church of Christ in Rule with John Greeson officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Boyd died Tues., March 2 at his residence.

Born Oct. 18, 1918 in Hill County, he was the son of Robert and Edna Cook Boyd. He married Ida Lorene Goodman on July 4, 1940 in Hillsboro. He had lived in the community since 1989. He was a Church of Christ minister for 56 years and served various churches in Rule and Lorenzo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Allen

Boyd; three brothers, Odell Boyd, Tracy Boyd and Charles Boyd; and sister, Lilly Stovall.

Survivors include his wife, Ida Lorene Boyd of Rule; two sons, Glen Boyd and Don Boyd, both of North Carolina; daughter and son-in-law, Linda Joy and Stanley Trammell of Aspermont; four sisters, Ruth Goodman of Blum, Nevadean Wall and Jewel Connolly, both of Fort Worth, and Blanche Arnold of Whitney; sister-in-law, Lucille Goodman of Kennesaw, Georgia; five

grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Medina Children's Home,

21300 State Highway 16, Medina, Texas 78055. PD. NOTICE

Billie Joe Woodward Mathis

Funeral services for Billie Joe Woodward Mathis, 78, of Rule were held Tues., March 9 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Josh Stowe and Scott Hensley officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley Robison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mathis died Sun., March 7 at Hendrick Healthcare System in Abilene.

Born Nov. 23, 1925 in Knox City, she was the daughter of Samuel Park and Effie Vannoy Woodward. She was a beauty operator who owned her own shop for over 44 years. She married Richard E. Mathis at the First Baptist Church in Munday. They lived in the community for 60

years. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Eastern Star in Rule and was president of the Rule Cemetery Association.

Survivors include her husband, Richard E. Mathis of Rule; children, Richard Van Mathis of Haskell and Jo Carroll Jent of Buckingham, Virginia; grandchildren, Kevin Lane Mathis, Amanda Michelle Porter, Michael Duane Mathis, John Cavaness and Sharie Cavaness Dunnam; six grandchildren; brothers, S. P. Woodward of Scott City, Kansas and Tommye Joe Cox of Fort Worth.

by Brandon Anderson Haskell Co. Extension Agent

•Prepare beds for planting flowers and vegetables. You may want to consider renting or buying a garden tiller to speed up the process; however, a strong back and a garden fork will still do an excellent job.

•For every 100 square feet of bed area, work in a several-inch layer of either compost, pine bark or

Fun with Friends storytime

morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at

the Haskell County Library until

April 20. Children under 5 years

old, accompanied by an adult, are

encouraged to bring their favorite

toy, blanket or pillow. Storytime

Haskell County Library and the

The 8th annual Haskell Fire

Dept. Classic Car Show will be

held Sat., March 20 around the

courthouse in Haskell. Entries are

is provided by friends of the

Classic car show

Lebri Foundation.

will be held each Tuesday

Storytime

sphagnum peat moss, plus 5 pounds of balanced fertilizer.

•Check with your local county agent for the average last killing freeze date for your area. Remember that killing freezes can occur after

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

\$20. Registration will be from 8

Judging will be at 12:30 p.m.,

a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station.

followed by a trophy presentation

at 3:30 p.m. Hot Wheel races will

be held for the kids. Kids tractor

information contact Randy Shaw

pull will be held. For more

Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs as soon as they finish

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

·As camellia and azalea plants finish blooming, fertilize them with three pounds of azalea-camellia fertilizer. Check mulch on azalea and

camellia beds and add where needed. •In North Texas there is still time to plant seeds of your favorite annuals in flats to be transplanted out-of-

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

landscape use. •Start hanging baskets of petunias and other annuals for another

dimension in landscape color. •Plant dahlia tubers in fertile,

•Dig and divide summer and fall flowering perennials just before they

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Flea market

at 864-2023.

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March 20 in conjunction with the Haskell Fire Department's Classic Car Show. To reserve a space for the flea market, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 864-

A flea market will be held Sat.,

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SHOW WINNERS-Keith Wilcox, member of Haskell FFA, holds the ribbon he won at the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Exposition for placing fourth in his class with a middle weight Chester. With him is his father, Jackie Wilcox of Haskell.

Area high school students named to Who's Who list

Students from this area included in the 2002-03 annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students include:

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From Haskell High School: Morgan Acosta, Laura Baxter, William Baxter, Sydney Brueggeman, Ryan Burgess, Nick Crosson, Jacklyn Escobedo, Leon Goudeau, Scott Kennedy, Melody Kennedy, Jacqueline Kilgore, Brandon McClatchey, Dax Pueschel, Alexis Reed, Brittany Rutkowski, Chase Seelke, Taylor Seelke, Julio Solano, Christi Sorrells, Samantha Steele, Eden Thomas, Jillian Thomas and Chris Washburn.

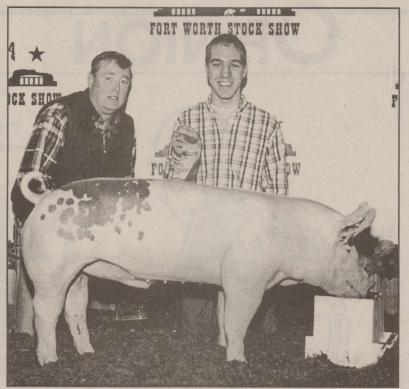
From Paint Creek High School: Cyle Brown, Kasey Duniven, Bonnie Emert, Todd Emert, Jessica Messenger, A. J. Shaw, Hattie Walton and Misty Woodall.

From Rochester High School: Rosalba Cruz, Roxann Ramos, Gilbert Saucedo and Ross Short.

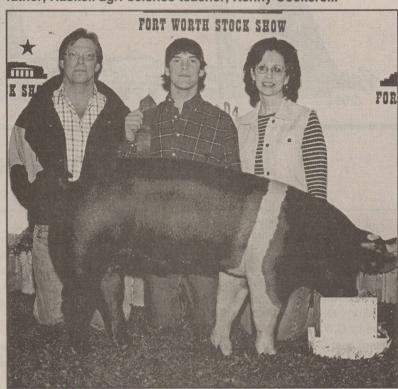
From Rule High School: Carlos Aguinaga, Haley Brown, Cassidy Cooper, Misty Davis, Jonathan Hisey and Samuel Turner.

The annual edition features over 700,000 students or just five percent of the nation's 15,000,000 high school students representing approximately 20,000 or the 24,000 public, private and parochial high school in the country.

The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.



SHOW WINNERS-Chase Cockerell, member of Haskell FFA, showed the winning swine in the light weight Cross class at the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Exposition. With him is his father, Haskell agri-science teacher, Kenny Cockerell.



STOCK SHOW WINNER-Haskell FFA member, Matthew Brown, center, won second place with his light medium Cross at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Exposition. With him are his parents, George Brown and Rosemary Brown.



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2. Home care keeps families together. There is no more important social value. It is particularly important in times of illness.

- 3. Home care prevents or postpones institutionalization. None of us wants to be in a hospital or nursing home unless this is the only place we can obtain the care we need.
- 4. Home care promotes healing. There is scientific evidence that many patients heal faster at home.

5. Home care is safe.

- 6. Home care allows a minimum amount of freedom for the individual. A hospital, of necessity, is a regimented, regulated environment. The same is true of a nursing home. Upon admission to either, an individual surrenders a significant portion of his or her rights in the name of the common good. Such sacrifices are not required at home.
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- 8. Home care is personalized care. Home care it tailored to the needs of each individual. It is delivered on a one-to-one basis.

9. Home care is less expensive than other forms of care.

10. Home care is the preferred form of care. According to a recent study conducted by Louis Harris and Associates, Inc., the American public preferred long-term care based on home care over nursing home care by an overwhelming 79% to 14% margin.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Governor's new management council meets in secrecy

AUSTIN-Some states have a cabinet similar to the federal government's, but not Texas. Of course, you can have a cabinet and call it a pantry. Or, in the case of Texas, it could be called the Governor's Management Council.

Last week Gov. Rick Perry presided over the first meeting of a newly-created group by that name. It's made up of the directors of 11 major state agencies (excluding the constitutional offices such as the General Land Office and comptroller) who will meet with Perry to discuss various issues and

The state's constitution does not give the governor much direct authority over state agencies, but he or she gets to appoint the policymaking commissions that oversee the agencies. And there's always the so-called "bully pulpit" of public

Open government advocates were not happy about the fact that the new council met behind closed doors. "For true free flow of information," Perry said before shutting the door, "I think to close the doors to talk to those agency heads about what's going on over there (is) quite appropriate."

Public schools start 2004-05 leaner

All Texas public schools participating in the federal child nutrition programs must comply with new guidelines for the 2004-05 school year designed to fight child obesity.

The new policy limits the number of grams of fat and sugar Texas schoolchildren may have each week, and allows a phase-in period to eliminate deep-fat frying in food preparation for meals, a la carte and items, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said.

French fries are one of the foods on the hit list. In elementary schools fries may not exceed 3 ounces per serving, may only be served once a

Nurses In Demand

Texas will need up to 138,000

licensed practical nurses,

nursing aides within the

next seven to ten years.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor

Statistics projects nursing

as the fastest growing occu-

pation over the next five years.

registered nurses and

week and students may only purchase one serving at a time.

In junior high and middle school french fries may not exceed 3 ounces per serving, may only be served three times a week and students may only purchase one serving at a time.

In high school french fries may not exceed 3 ounces per serving and students may only purchase one serving at a time.

The new policy becomes effective Aug. 1, 2004. New Public Safety commissioner...

Brownsville accountant Carlos H. Cascos has been appointed by Gov. Perry to the Public Safety Commission, the three-member panel that sets policy for the Department of Public Safety.

Cascos, a former Cameron County commissioner, replaces former Commissioner James B. Francis Jr., who resigned last December after eight years' service. The new commissioner will serve a six-year term that expires Dec. 31, 2009.

Reappointed as chair of the commission was Colleen McHugh, a Corpus Christi attorney who has served on the commission since 1998.

Death and taxes in Texas...

The old saw that the only two inevitabilities in life are death and taxes may not hold true in the Lone

Anyone familiar with Texas' colorful political history knows that during the reign of George Parr—the Duke of Duval—the dearly-departed still exercised their right to vote.

The marking of ballots by dead people happened decades ago in Duval County, but recently anonymous letters have been in the mail concerning the ongoing issue of the use of corporate campaign contributions in Texas. Some of the letters bore a return address of 900 Navasota St. in Austin. That is the location of the State Cemetery.

Meanwhile, the Travis County grand jury investigation into whether corporate money illegally-funded the Republican cause in Texas continues.

Keesing an Eye on Texas



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 10, 1994

Matt Pace of the Haskell County 4-H showed a medium weight steer which took reserve champion honors at the San Antonio Stock Show.

Orions Dream, a lovely filly, raised by G. V. and Anne Woffard of Haskell won first place in a Class A show in Fort Worth, the Pro Am.

Missy Davis of Haskell was included on the Dean's List at Sul Ross State University.

City employee Dan Hoover planted a tree at the city park, the first of 500 trees the city will plant. The trees were given to the city by Modern Way and IGA as part of the IGA Hometown Proud Tree Program.

Hal Spain, Kim Burrow and Gerry Spain went to Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos to see Hal's daughter, Christi, a drama major, in "Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean."

20 Years Ago March 8, 1984

Haskell Indian Shane Hadaway received an All Tournament Trophy during the Class AA Regional Tournament in Lubbock.

students earning "Distinguished Student" status at Texas A&M University were Dennis W. Cloud and James E. Cloud, both of Rule.

Kip Nemir of Haskell was one of five Mr. Trailhand nominees introduced at the half of the Western Texas College Westerner basketball game in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Corsie Johnston Field of Haskell celebrated her 80th birthday with a surprise party at her home.

The Rev. Jimmy Hooper assumed duties as pastor of the Haskell First Presbyterian Church.

30 Years Ago

refer to "chinook winds." What are

air currents that blow down the

Rockies, and the term comes from an

Indian word meaning "snow eater,"

says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M

University. "When certain conditions

are right, a Chinook wind can be

remarkably warm and it's not

uncommon for temperatures to rise

40 degrees or more," says Odins. "A

case in point occurred on Jan. 22,

1943, in Spearfish, S.D., when a

Chinook wind raised temperatures 49

degrees in less than three minutes.

Winds such as the Chinook have

different names all over the world

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Q: What are some other names of

depending where you live."

winds?

A: Chinook winds are very warm

March 14, 1974

Haskell County 4-H Food Show junior divisions winners were Gena Fischer, Kerry Kemp, Lynn Weatherly, and Kim Campbell. Winners in the senior divisions were Joan Cloud, Jill Lefevre, Lynn Fouts, Benita Jackson, and Susan Lewis.

Reserve grand champion of the San Angelo Stock Show was shown by Kyle Wilfong of Haskell.

Houston calf scramble winners were Calvin Wilfong and Les Lane, Haskell High School FFA students.

Jim Pace of Haskell set a new world's record in rattlesnake eating at the 14th annual Rattlesnake Eating Contest at the Sweetwater rattlesnake

District winners in the poster contest sponsored by the Board of Supervisors of the California Creek Soil Conservation District were Donna Adams and Julie John Wallace of Haskell, Linda Coker of Rule, and Linda Wells of Paint Creek.

40 Years Ago March 12, 1964

Six Haskell High School students receiving Quill and Scroll scholastic awards were Hollis Callaway, Judy Sego, Charles Chapman, Diane Summers, Beth Vaughter and David Follstaedt.

J. M. (Mac) Williams, retiring longtime Haskell rural mail carrier, was honored with presentation of a gift from the Brazos Valley group for his faithful service.

Coronation ceremonies honoring four queens of the Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary of Haskell were held. Theresa Abbott, Sara Yeary, Deana Roberson and Beverly Owens were reigning queens at the event.

James Davis was named to the Class AA All-Area second basketball

head an "On-to-Fort Worth"

named by President Ira Hester to

committee of the Rotary Club of Haskell to secure representation at the annual conference of District 579 in Northwest and North Central Texas 50 Years Ago

March 11, 1954

All-district basketball teams for District 13-B were first team girls: Barbara Myers of Rochester, Estalyn Edwards and Couilla Mayfield both of Weinert, Peggy Edge of O'Brien, Margie Martin of Rule and Helen Grand of Paint Creek.

Vivian Roberson, a teacher in the fifth grade of Haskell Elementary School, was teacher of the week.

An overnight camp at Lueders Park on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River culminated Scout training for Cecil Corley, Culver Carney and Dr. E. O. McClellan.

Six girls from the Weinert Chapter of FHA attending the area meeting at Stephenville were Nelda Jetton, Peggy Shelley, Couilla Mayfield, Earlene Edwards, Carmela Silva and Joann Winchester.

100 Years Ago March 12, 1904

Al Cousins of the northwest part of the county visited Haskell friends. Rev. O. G. Jones, pastor of the

Presbyterian Church at Big Spring, was here a day or two.

M. S. Shook, S. S. Cummings, W. T. Hudson, J. S. Boone, John E. Robertson, L. Lumsden and Roy Shook attended the cattlemen's convention in Fort Worth.

Presiding Elder Smith conducted a quarterly Conference at the Methodist Church.

S. E. Carothers remarked to us that we might say that his announcement for Tax Assessor would appear in The Free Press next week.

E. J. Stewart and Porter Oaks were Weathers Whys

Names of Winds Q: I've heard the weatherman

they?

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A: In the European Alps, a Chinook is called a foehn, and the same wind in Argentina is called a zonda, Odins explains. "In Southern California, hot winds are called the Santa Ana winds, named after the Santa Ana Canyon area where they frequently occur," Odins adds. "In North Africa, warm winds are often called a simoon, and in parts of the Middle East winds are called a haboob, and these can produce dust storms. Over the Mediterranean area, warms winds are called a sirocco, and in parts of Egypt they are called a khamsin. Monsoon winds in Asia blow from the southeast in summer and bring heavy rains. A katabatic wind is one that blows cold air, and in Italy, a tramonta wind is a northerly wind that blows off the coast. Again, depending where you live, winds have different names-some are warm

Winds at night

pleasant.'

Q: Why does the wind seem to die down at night?

winds, some are cold and some are

A: The simple and quick answer is that there's no sun, says Kelsey

Curtiss of Texas A&M University. "Wind is a form of energy and it gets much of its strength from the sun," Curtiss explains. "You can think of wind as a huge river of air over land, and it does this day or night. But as the sun rises and starts heating up the ground, rising warm air mixes with slower air near the ground and with air moving faster that is above ground. This faster-moving air is pushing downward, and it creates windy and breezy conditions as the day progresses."

Q: So what happens at night?

A: When the sun starts to set, this mixing of conditions doesn't happen as much, so the winds start to slow and eventually die down. "Remember that hot or warmer air expands and rises," Curtiss adds. "At night, the ground begins to cool. Air closer to the ground cools by radiation, so there is a lack of heat and energy and these directly affect air currents.So the winds at night and in the early morning hours are usually the weakest. But remember that cold fronts and storms can occur and these directly affect wind speed, too."

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Beware of Credit Repair Scams

"Erase your bad credit-100% guaranteed!" You have probably encountered these types of advertisements in a newspaper, magazine or on the Internet. Unfortunately, their claims are generally false or misleading. Despite what a credit repair company may lead you to believe, there is no easy way to fix bad credit.

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Accurate items that are reported within the seven- or ten-year period cannot be erased from your credit record by companies advertising credit repair services. Credit repair companies charge anywhere from \$50 to more than \$1000 dollars for their services. In fact, you can do anything to your credit file that a credit repair company can. If you find an inaccurate item in a your credit file, you can fix it yourself at little or no cost.

Creditors seek information on your payment history from one of three major credit bureaus. It is a good idea to check the accuracy your credit report annually. You can do this by requesting a credit report from all three credit bureaus. Credit bureaus are required by law to share any information they have on file about you. In addition, you are entitled to a free copy if you have been denied credit, insurance or employment. You must request the report within 60 days from the credit bureau that provided the report to the business.

If you do find inaccuraçies in your credit file, notify the credit bureau of the problem. Request a dispute form and submit it with supporting documents. By law, the credit bureau must investigate and correct any erroneous or outdated information. There is no charge to dispute mistakes in your credit file. The credit bureau must also send corrected copy of your report to anyone who received the incorrect version within the past six months.

Even so, it may also be a good idea to contact the creditor directly to ensure that its records are correct. If these steps do not completely resolve your dispute, you can have a written protest added to your credit file.

Consumers should be careful when considering loan consolidation as a way to pay off creditors. Some companies claim they can guarantee a loan for a fee paid in advance. The fee maybe as much as several hundred dollars. If someone guarantees or strongly suggests that they can get a loan or credit for you, it's against the law for them to request or accept payment until you actually get the loan or credit. And be aware that there are entirely bogus credit companies that will collect a fee up front and then simply abscond with your money. Legitimate lenders never guarantee or say that you are likely to get a loan or credit card before you apply, especially if you have bad credit, no credit or a bankruptcy.

We have also heard about companies that claim to be able to get your mortgage "released" by the holder for a fee of \$2000. Needless to say, your mortgage cannot be dismissed for a fee. If you have credit problems, consider a consultation with a credit counseling service. There are no easy answers. Rebuilding your credit will take time and good management. Don't allow yourself to be further victimized by credit repair scams.

Sr. Citizen Dance

The Old Glory Senior Citizen's dance will be held Thurs., March 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Old Glory Community Center in Old Glory. Call 940-989-2925 or 866-997-9505 for information.

Storm damage from March 4, 2004

Inside Haskell City Limits



Uprooted tree at Larned home, 907 N. Ave. G



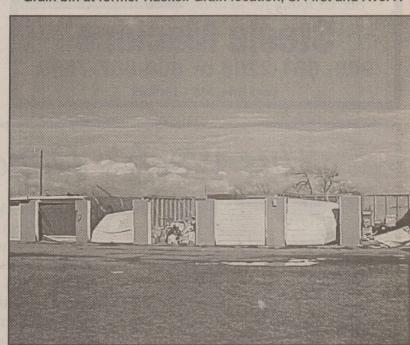
Grain bin at former Haskell Grain location, S. First and Ave. A



Shelter for oxygen system overturned at Haskell Hospital



Antenna near Eddie's Welding on North East First



torage units at Jim Strain Road and North East 6th Street

Storm damage at The Anchor, Lake Stamford



Debris field at The Anchor



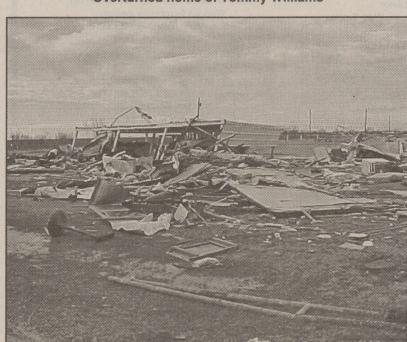
Overturned home of Tommy Williams



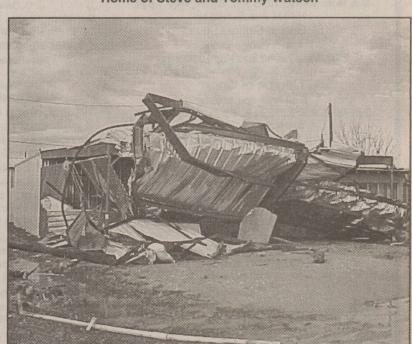
Home of Steve and Tommy Watson



Scene from RV Row



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Friday: Honey Nut Cheerios, toast Lunch

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Saint Patrick's Day cake Thursday: Hamburger, lettuce/ tomato/pickle, Cool Ranch or Nacho Cheese chips, applesauce

Friday: Scroodles fish portions, coleslaw, hush puppies, French fries, orange wedges

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Mar. 15

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check Lunch-Chicken and dressing, gravy, green beans, sliced cranberries, yeast rolls, milk, tea, or

Monday: Biscuits, gravy

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos

Lunch

Tuesday: Cereal, toast

Thursday: Muffins

Friday: Cereal, toast

Milk is served daily.

Wed., Mar. 17

10:30 a.m. Bingo Lunch-Hamburger steak with onions, gravy, Texas potatoes, pinto

beans, club spinach, cornbread, deep gooey pineapple dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Mar. 19

Lunch-Beefaroni, carrot salad, cheese potatoes, sliced onions, Mexican cornbread, peaches and cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45

Commissioners' Court report

At a special meeting of the Haskell County Commissioners'

Like what you're reading? After discussion, the vote on

2005 was tabled.

This Week's Devotional Message:



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

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

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

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Sagerton Methodist Church

Melissa Bemis, pastor

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

---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. 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

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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 Wilis, 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

Sagerton Faith Lutheran Church Deborah Nissen, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. ---RULE-First Baptist Church Josh Stowe, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 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 Fergerson, pastor Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.

1000 Union Ave., Rule Primera Iglesia Bautista Alfa y Omegs 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.

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A motion was passed to accept the County Sheriff's Racial Profiling Report for 2003. A copy of the report

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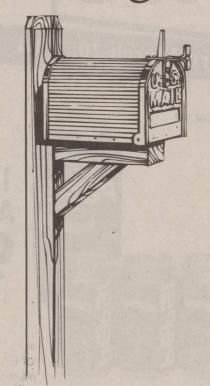
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Restoration of grassland sought

A special grassland restoration program is available this year to landowners in Haskell County through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program or EQIP. According to Ricky Linex, Wildlife Biologist with NRCS, grassland habitat in the area has been damaged by years of heavy grazing, drought and brush encroachment. Linex says that when grasslands are restored, habitat for bobwhite quail and other birds is greatly improved.

The program is different and separate from the regular County EQIP. This six year grassland and quail emphasis program is designed to restore grassland health through a combination of grazing management incentive payments and cost share for needed practices. Up to two years of complete rest from grazing is often needed to start the recovery process and landowners will be paid \$5 per acre cash incentives for the first and second year of rest. After that time,

grazing may be resumed, but at about half of the normally recommended stocking rate. In addition to a reduced stocking rate, ranchers will need to rotate livestock from pasture to pasture in a grazing system. This will help insure the continued development and improvement in grassland condition and quail nest

Quail specialists such as Dr. Dale Rollins point out that adequate nesting cover is often the weakest link in providing good quail habitat. About 500 potential nest sites per acre are needed for optimum nesting success. Bobwhites prefer to make their nests in large clumps of old grass left from the previous year. These clumps are often about the size of a basketball. Rest from grazing followed by light rotational grazing is often the best way to restore good nest cover.

In addition to cash incentive payments, landowners may also receive cost sharing to conduct selective brush management, reseeding, or prescribed burning as needed to accelerate the restoration of grasslands. These practices will be planned in a specific manner to

benefit quail and other grassland

In the fifth year of the program, landowners will receive an additional \$5 per acre incentive if they have successfully carried out all of the grazing management provisions. The three incentive payments are limited to 2500 acres.

Participants in the program will also need to work with their local TPWD Biologist to develop a wildlife management plan for their property. These plans will help insure that good wildlife benefits are achieved according to the goals of the

For more information or to sign up for this program, contact the NRCS office in Haskell at 864-8516.



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A community-wide covered-dish lunch will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Sun., Mar. 21, at the Haskell Elementary cafeteria, to assist Haskell residents, Janie and Joe Rodriquez, with the extensive expense incurred by weekly cancer treatments Joe is undergoing at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

Sponsored by the Friends of Faith, tickets for the meal are set at \$5 per plate. They may be purchased at the door, from Friends of Faith members, or at the Haskell School Administration office during the week of Mar. 15-19. Take out plates will be available.

local women's group as a time and opportunity for the community to come together in the fellowship of sharing a meal and reaching out in care to the Rodriquez' in a time of trial in their lives.

Any and all help by members of the community through donations of prepared food dishes or cash will be accepted and appreciated. The door of the Elementary School cafeteria will be opened at 9:00 a.m. for those wanting to bring their dishes of food before church time.

Information about the event may be obtained by calling Lisa Teague, Haskell School Administration













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