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Basketball games

HASKELL
JV-V B-G vs Roscoe
Fri., Feb. 4, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

7th-8th B-G vs Munday
Mon., Feb. 7, 5 p.m.
at Rochester

JV-V B-G vs Munday
Tues., Feb. 8, 4 p.m.
at Munday

Calendar

Streets to close

Effective immediately, the following streets will be permanently closed to allow for establishment of the highway bypass through Haskell: South First, South Second and South Sixth, all from Avenue A to Avenue A East.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at the Red Rooster Restaurant in Haskell Fri., Feb. 4 at noon. All members are asked to attend and join in a discussion about the next fund-raiser.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Feb. 6 at the Pit & Grill in Haskell. Dominoes will begin at 2 p.m. followed by the meeting at 3 p.m.

Game admission

Members of Haskell FCCLA will collect personal hygiene products as admission to the Haskell-Roscoe basketball games Fri., Feb. 4. Items collected will be donated to Noah Project to be used by victims of domestic abuse.

Society to meet

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

Benefit dinner

A benefit dinner will be held Sun., Feb. 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Benjamin Memorial Building to raise funds for the Knox County Museum. The menu of brisket, turkey, sausage, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, deviled eggs and dessert will cost \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Takeouts will be available. A silent auction will close at 1 p.m.

ECC dinner

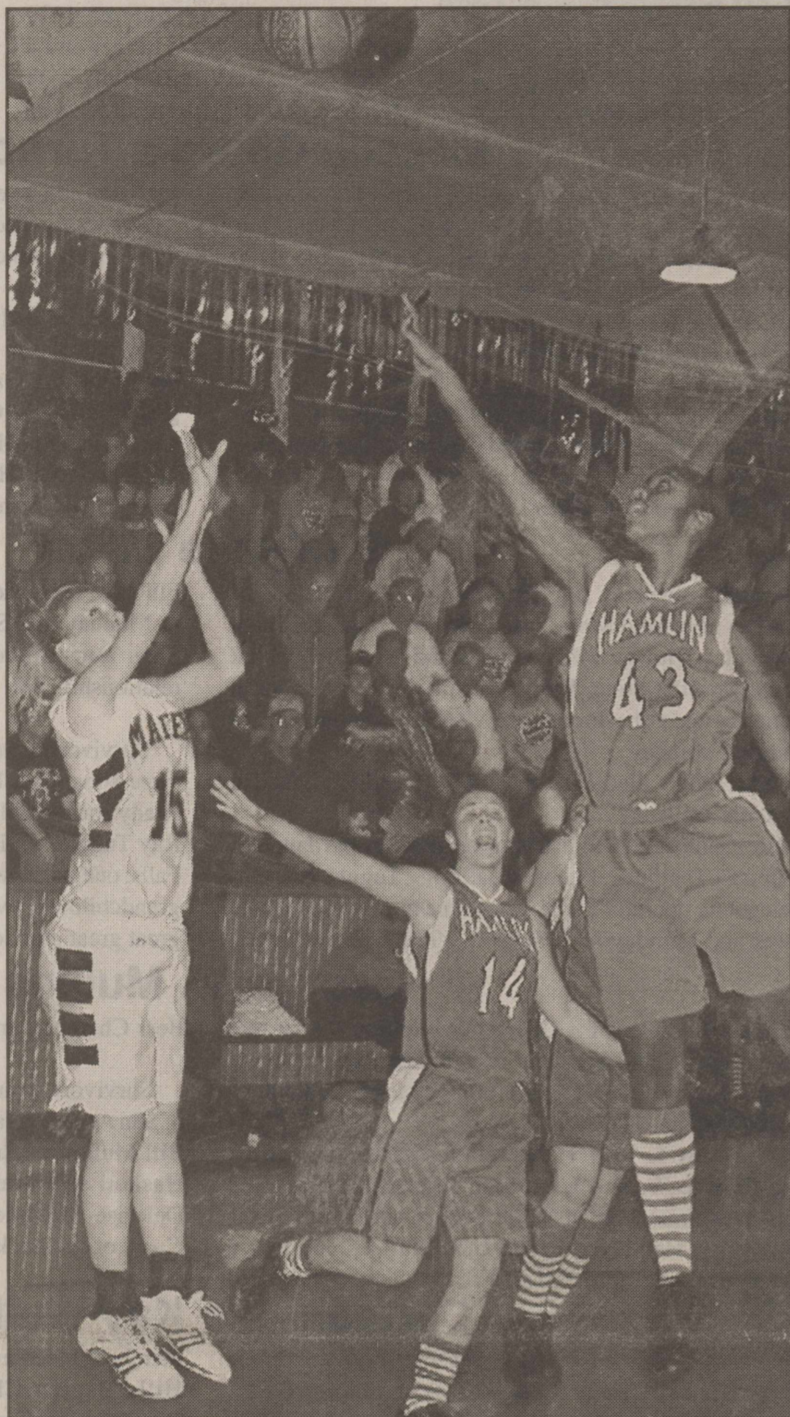
A benefit dinner to raise funds for the Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will be held Sun., Feb. 20 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. First in Haskell. The menu of chicken and dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, cranberries, candied yams, yeast rolls, and German chocolate cake will cost \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children age 9 through high school. Children under 9 will eat free. Takeouts will be available by calling 864-3875.

Benefit fund

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. have established a fund at Haskell National Bank for the family of Chester Lamb to help with his funeral expenses.

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BALLET OF THE BASKET-Haskell Maiden, Whitney Wallace, #15, leaps to score in a group of Lady Pipers in the 35 to 36 loss to Hamlin, Tues., Jan 25.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



OUTREACHING HAMLIN-Haskell's Kendall Mitchell, #10, scores points in the Indians' 62 to 27 win over the Pied Pipers of Hamlin, Tues., Jan. 25.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Local men named to regional council

Abe Turner of Haskell has been named to serve as Haskell's official delegate on the Texas Midwest Regional Council for 2005. Sam Watson was named as alternate delegate for the city.

The Council convened in Abilene last week for its first meeting of the year. Representatives from 43 communities throughout the region came together to network and hear about successful community projects around the region.

The Texas Midwest Community network provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to find ways to enhance community development; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state. The organization, established in 1994, was founded on the basis of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

The regional organization gives communities an opportunity to turn their rivalries into alliances to strengthen the economy and quality of life in the region.

EQIP applications to be accepted until March 18

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmers and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2005 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) should make sure they sign up by the close of business Fri., March 18.

EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and/or management practices on eligible agricultural land.

In 2005 Texas will receive approximately \$64 million in EQIP financial assistance funds and

approximately \$5.5 million in Ground and Surface Water EQIP funds.

"The funds will help farmers and ranchers improve the natural resources on private working lands in Texas," said Dr. Larry Butler, Texas NRCS State Conservationist. "They will be used to solve locally identified resource problems in each county and will also fund special statewide concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee such as water quantity, water and air quality, wildlife habitat, and treatment of invasive species. This program offers cost share and incentives payments to producers applying approved conservation measures."

Butler explained, "Using national and state EQIP priorities, counties

working through a Local Work Group chaired by the local Soil and Water Conservation District recommended local resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, and cost-share rates and/or incentive payments. This group also recommended cost-share rates for beginning farmers. In 2005, producers who meet the criteria as a Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher can receive 90 percent cost share for eligible practices. The group also recommended an application ranking process to prioritize applications for funding. We have reviewed and concurred in all of their

recommendations."

Beginning immediately after March 18, all applications will be ranked and those selected for funding will be approved. A conservation planner will develop a contract and conservation plan for each contract that is approved. Producers who have been awarded contracts can then begin implementing the approved conservation practices this year. Local NRCS field offices have complete details for their county.

Additional information and access to ranking criteria, practices, and cost share rates for EQIP can be found at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/.

Cost-share applications now accepted by NRCS

Applications for cost-share assistance are being taken now through March 18 at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Haskell. The office is located in the UDSA Service Center at 607 North 1st Street East.

The Haskell County Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Local Work Group (LWG) set plant health as the major emphasis for conservation funding in 2005.

With the major concern for plant health, EQIP County Based funding will target Brush Management as the priority practice this year.

Cost share applications will be taken for either tree dozing or spraying.

In addition to County Base funding, the Seymour Irrigation Area will take cost share applications for center pivots, drip irrigation, and irrigation pipelines.

Haskell County is also in a special wildlife priority area for habitat improvement of Bobwhite quail. Applications for brush management and range seeding will be taken for these funds.

The cost-share rate for EQIP funding has been set at 90% for limited resource farmers/ranchers and 50% for all others.

For additional information on these cost-share assistance programs contact the NRCS at 864-8516 ext. 4.

Barbee, Cuellar named to TSWA teams

Haskell High School football players named to the Texas Sports Writers Association Class A 2004 All-State Teams were: Running back, Josh Barbee, 6 foot, 175 pound junior, to Second Team Offense; and Lineman, Ramon Cuellar, 5 foot, 7 inch senior, to Honorable Mention Defense.



LEARNING TO CONSERVE-Learning about soils of Haskell County, water retention in the different soils, and all types of natural resource conservation, 5th grade students in the Haskell Elementary Science Lab listen as Danny Lamberth from the National Resources Service in Haskell talks to them as part of a Learn & Serve Grant, Celebrate Conservation. They are also making posters to exhibit what they have learned about conservation. Students, l-r, are Jamie Flye, Toni Brown, Trey Rogers, Garrett Brueggeman, Bertha Carranza, Lynna Billington, Salvador Rodriguez, Felysa Walker and Paige Glover.

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Haskell School Menu

Feb. 7-11
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Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast pizza

Tuesday: Bacon/cheese/egg taco

Wednesday: Cereal, apple cinnamon bar

Thursday: Sausage, biscuit

Friday: Banana nut muffin

Lunch

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

Monday: Lasagna, fried okra, green beans, bread sticks, fruit salad

Tuesday: Corn dogs, garden salad, ranch style beans, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter pie

Wednesday: Sliced turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot rolls, cherry gelatin

Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, Oriental coleslaw, fruit

Friday: Sloppy joes, pickle spears, onions, french fries, ice cream

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., Feb. 7

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
Lunch—Chicken spaghetti, mashed potatoes, sliced onions, green beans, garlic toast, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Feb. 9

Lunch—Salmon patties, parlied potatoes, sliced onions, English peas, garlic toast, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Feb. 11

Lunch—Steak fritters, gravy, creamy potatoes, green beans with chestnuts, yeast rolls, jello and cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

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

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Jan. 31, 2005

Haskell

Haskell County Gin 4,000

Haskell Co-op Gin 10,284

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O'Brien Co-op Gin 21,400

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Rule Co-op Gin 10,690

Sagerton Gin 2,250

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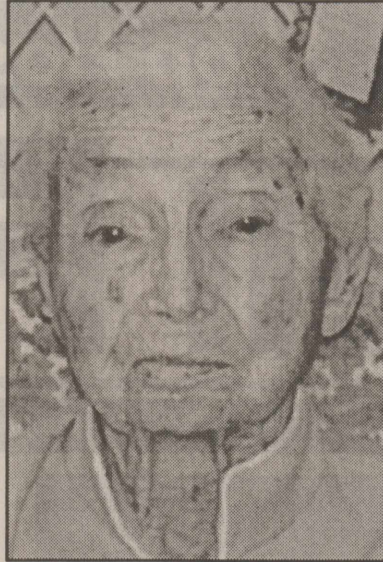
Griff's Gin 6,801

Weinert Gin 10,190

Total Bales 65,615

Obituaries

Montie Irene Muse



IRENE MUSE

Funeral services for Montie Irene Muse, 103, of Haskell were held Fri., Jan. 28 at First Assembly of God Church in Haskell with Rev. Jerry Graham and Travis Soloman officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home in Haskell.

Mrs. Muse died Tues., Jan. 25 at her home.

Born June 7, 1901 in Glen Rose, she was the daughter of John and Clarisse Graham. She married Claude Muse July 17, 1916. He preceded her in death May 27, 1979 in Haskell. She was a farmer and a homemaker. She loved to quilt, cook for her grandchildren and loved

being with her family. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two grandchildren, Randy Martin and Rick Martin; two great grandchildren, Glenn Martin and Wade Martin; and three brothers.

Survivors include three daughters, Lorene Bonner of Abilene, Dorothy Cox and Ruby Martin, both of Haskell; four grandchildren, Walter Hood, Jody Biba, Stanley Martin and Nelda Rogers; thirteen great grandchildren; thirteen great great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Mozelle Georgia Turnbow

Graveside services for Mozelle Georgia Turnbow, 89, of Cleburne, formerly of Haskell were held Mon., Jan. 31 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Joe Stulir officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Turnbow died Sat., Jan. 29 in a Fort Worth hospital.

Born Dec. 18, 1915, she was the daughter of Jenny and Charlie Turner. She married Cleatus E. Turnbow Dec. 25, 1934 in Haskell. He preceded her in death Oct. 29, 1971. She lived most of her life in Haskell before moving

to Cleburne 14 years ago.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents, three sisters and one brother.

Survivors include two daughters and one son-in-law, Jerry Shephard of Cleburne and Randy and Harold Waterman of Garland; two granddaughters and one grandson-in-law, Cyndi and Jeff Bode of Dripping Springs and Andrea Shephard of Camarillo, California; two great grandchildren, Hailey and Ashtyn Bode; and one half brother, Ted Turner of Andrews. PD. NOTICE

Evelyn Elliott

Funeral services for Oma Evelyn Elliott, 88, of Munday were held Mon., Jan. 31 at First Baptist Church in Munday with Dr. H. B. Graves and Rev. Billy Frank Fitzgerald officiating. Burial was in Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

Mrs. Elliott died Fri., Jan. 28 in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born Nov. 22, 1916 in Cleburne, she was the daughter of Ben C. Tuggle and Leoma Callaway Tuggle. She was a telephone operator for 31 years. She moved to the Lake Creek and Munday farm areas in 1922. She and Leovy

Elliott were married Oct. 3, 1932. They were farm laborers in Munday and Sagerton until his early death in 1947. Their four children have maintained a close and loving relationship with her and the dear people of Munday.

Survivors include one daughter, June Bell of Abilene; three sons, Don Elliott of Arlington, Charlie Tuggle of Brady and Gerald Elliott of Saginaw; two brothers, Dorris Ray Tuggle of Plains and Bobby Joe Tuggle of Wichita Falls; one sister, Mazelle Shipman of San Antonio; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-eight great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. PD. NOTICE

George W. Mullins

Funeral services for George W. Mullins, 73, of San Antonio were held Sat., Jan. 22 at Sunset Funeral Home in San Antonio. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park.

Mr. Mullins died Wed., Jan. 19.

Born July 5, 1931 in Haskell, he was the son of the late George W. and Lora Mae (Welch) Mullins. He graduated from Haskell High School and North Texas University. He served in the U.S. Marines and was a retired U.S. Air Force civil service executive. He married

Bess Chamberlain Aug. 29, 1953 in Haskell.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Bess Mullins of San Antonio; daughter, Cathy Mullins of Houston; son, Bill Mullins of Austin; two brothers, Willard Mullins of Haskell and Manuel Mullins of Olney; two sisters, Delorise McMillen of Gainesville, Florida and Robbie Curry of Lubbock; four nephews and three nieces. PD. NOTICE

Carmen Sue Kay Walker

Graveside services for Carmen Sue Kay Walker, 68, of San Antonio, formerly of Rochester were held Sat., Jan. 15 at Sunset Memorial Park. Services were under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home of San Antonio.

Mrs. Walker died Wed., Jan. 12 at Vista Care Hospice in San Antonio.

Born April 19, 1936 in Rochester, she was the daughter of Charles and Lillian Kaigler Kay. She graduated from Rochester High School in 1954 and attended Texas Tech. She married Billy Carlton Walker May 31, 1958 in Lubbock. They had two children, Susan Renee and Michael Lynn. Devoted to her family, she was active in her children's schooling and activities. She was an active

member of the San Antonio Junior Forum and the Shearer Hills Baptist Church. She worked 10 years at the Psychological Corporation and later at the Great Exchange Bookstore.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Billy Walker of San Antonio; daughter, Renee Walker of San Antonio; son, Michael Walker of Austin; two sisters, Rosemary Kay Corley of San Antonio and Angela Kay Key of Nacogdoches; numerous aunts and uncles, including Tom and Mary Kaigler of Haskell; nieces, nephews and cousins. PD. NOTICE

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 7-11

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Cereal or toast

Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy

Wednesday: French toast

Thursday: Pancakes

Friday: Breakfast burritos

Lunch

Milk and tea are served daily.

Monday: Enchilada casserole,

refried beans, salad, chips, fruit cups

Tuesday: Chicken spaghetti, green

beans, salad, rolls, chocolate cake

Wednesday: Frito pie, corn, salad,

cookies

Thursday: Macaroni and cheese

with beef, peas, salad, rolls, peach

cobbler

Friday: Hot dogs, potato wedges,

onions, relish, salad, jello

Students in the News

Three Haskell residents were among 86 students graduating during McMurry University's Fall Commencement ceremonies, Sat., Dec. 11, in Radford Auditorium.

Receiving diplomas were: John Henry Lopez, Multidisciplinary Studies I (cum laude); Kira Gwynett Poteet, Multidisciplinary Studies III; and Monica Lynn Shelton, Multidisciplinary Studies III, (magna

cum laude).

Speaking at the Commencement ceremonies was Rev. Ava Berry, Abilene District Superintendent for the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

A Baccalaureate sermon on Fri., Dec. 10 was delivered at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, by McMurry University Religion Professor Dr. Phillip LeMasters.

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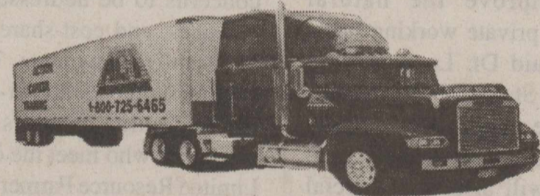
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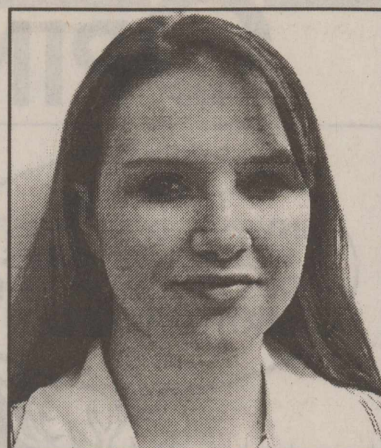
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All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.



NEW WHEELS—Carolyn Barr and Zeferino Perez, both of Haskell, were winners of the two 15 speed Huffy 26" bicycles that were given away in a drawing held Dec. 18 at Richardson's True Value.



**CAROLYN MARSHALL
Students visit
Rotary Club**

Carolyn Marshall is the daughter of Johnnie Leverett of Stamford. Among her activities at Paint Creek High School are Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, cheerleader, FFA, One Act Play, Fellowship of Christian Students, basketball, golf, track and cross country.

Special awards she has received are Sports Award, Public Speaking, Citizenship Award, Cross Country Award and third place in 1600 Meter Run.

Among her favorite activities are running, working, golf and cheerleading.

After finishing high school she plans to attend Cisco Jr. College and become a medical receptionist, working in a doctor's office or hospital.

Club collecting used cell phones

As a conservation project, the Progressive Study Club of Haskell has set up boxes in several locations in Haskell, to collect used cell phones which, when reprocessed, will benefit both the environment and individuals.

Through an arrangement with the Pace Butler Organization of Edmond, Oklahoma, the club will sell them

used phones, using the proceeds to benefit the club's local community improvement projects.

The phones will be reworked and sent to U. S. Troops overseas and to crisis centers for 911 use. Some of the phones will be sold to third world countries that cannot afford the high cost of phone lines.

In a conservation measure for a safer environment, all of the phones that cannot be reworked will be stripped of any materials that can be recycled, helping to keep landfills free of contaminants.

Locations of the used cell phone collection boxes are the Haskell County Library, County Courthouse office of Lynn Dodson, Mike Harrell's Tax Office, Modern Way Food Store and Dollar General.

**Rochester 4-H
has busy year**

Beginning the year in August, the Rochester 4-H Club elected officers, Teddy Harris, president; C. J.

Saucedo, vice-president; Paige Glover, secretary/treasurer; Stewart Ulrich, reporter; Toni Brown and Cheslee Hearn, phone committee, and Council Delegates Harris and Saucedo.

In September, the club hosted the County Awards Banquet at Rochester School Cafeteria. In October and November, they held a food drive in Rochester to assist the Noah project, and in December pictures were taken of kids as they visited with Santa Claus during his annual visit to City Grocery in Rochester.

Members have been involved in various projects, including the sewing project, food show, and the food and nutrition quiz bowl, singing and informative speaking competitions in Vernon.

Many of the members will be involved in raising and showing swine, rabbits, heifers in the coming months.

Adult volunteers working with the Rochester 4-H are Faye Ulrich, Melissa Saucedo, Reida Penman and Jo Brown.

**Student
in the News**

Hardin-Simmons University has announced that Haskell resident Jessica Rieger, along with other Hardin-Simmons University students, helped with the University Interscholastic League (UIL) math and science practice meet. Practice meets are held throughout Texas on Saturdays from mid October until late March in preparation for the UIL district meets.

The students were in charge of organizing the materials, registering participants, proctoring tests, and observing the grading process for verification purposes. All of the students who participated plan to be either middle or high school math teachers.

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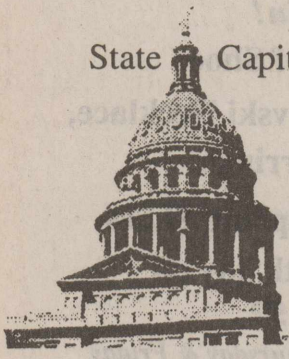
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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

HB 3 would bring property tax relief

AUSTIN—An old Austin saw that's held up longer than the Capitol dome is "watch your wallet when the Legislature's in town." This session, another way to do that is to watch House Bill 3.

Filed last Thursday by Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the measure is what lawmakers call a "shell bill" in that it eventually will contain more than it does now.

As it stands, House Bill 3 lowers school property taxes to \$1 per \$100 valuation. If that cut holds, it will mean Texas homeowners will get to write smaller property tax checks. Since there's no such thing as free money, the state will have to make up for the loss of revenue in other ways.

Toward that end, Keffer's bill raises the cigarette tax by \$1 a pack (or, in the exact language of the bill, by increasing the tax on 1,000 cigarettes from \$20.50 to \$70.50) and allows lottery tickets to be sold at the gas pump. That, presumably, is to stimulate impulse buying of the tickets, which will help the revenue picture.

What the bill does not yet contain is any language creating a uniform business tax, which some lawmakers believe is the way the state should raise much of the money needed to finance public schools.

Born to be wild

Downtown Austin's noise level rose higher than normal last Monday as 6,000 leather-clad bikers on their 600-pound road hogs descended on the Capitol, loudly urging lawmakers to change the state's motorcycle helmet law.

Under the current law, someone over 21 must have at least \$10,000 in medical insurance and be a graduate of an approved motorcycle safety course to ride helmet-free. The bikers who came to the Legislature last week want those two restrictions dropped from the statute. Those who crowded into the House gallery were introduced by motorcycle enthusiast Rep. Norma Chavez, D-El Paso, who has filed a measure to that effect, House Bill 264.

Smart kids' dream bill

Bright Texas school kids surely would like to see House Bill 524 become law.

Filed by Rep. Anna Mowery, R-Fort Worth, the bill would let students do well in a particular class be able to skip that class on the last day it is held each week. If approved by lawmakers, the law would cover first to 12th grades.

Obviously, a particularly good student could end up with a four-day school week. But passage of the bill is not considered likely.

Well, well, well

The oldest recorded water well in Texas was dug by hand in 1820 in what is now Starr County. Information on that well and some 130,000 others is contained in a database maintained by the Texas Water Development Board.

The number of wells listed by the agency sounds like a lot of wells, but it's really just a drop in the bucket—more than a million water wells have been drilled in Texas since 1965. Even so, the database offers some useful information including depth, water levels and water quality.

To access the database, visit www.twdb.state.tx.us/index_explain.asp

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 208 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Jan. 29, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 30 sellers and 22 buyers were present.

Short run due to rain.

Cows: fat, .48-.56; cutters, .44-.58; canners, .28-.42.

Bulls: bologna, .62-.68; feeders,

.85-1.08; utility, .55-.65.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.35-1.90; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.50; 400-500 lbs., 1.15-1.35; 500-600 lbs., 1.08-1.24; 600-700 lbs., 1.00-1.18; 700-800 lbs., .98-1.07; 800-up lbs., .85-1.00.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.70; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.32; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.27; 500-600 lbs., .95-1.12; 600-up lbs., .75-.97.

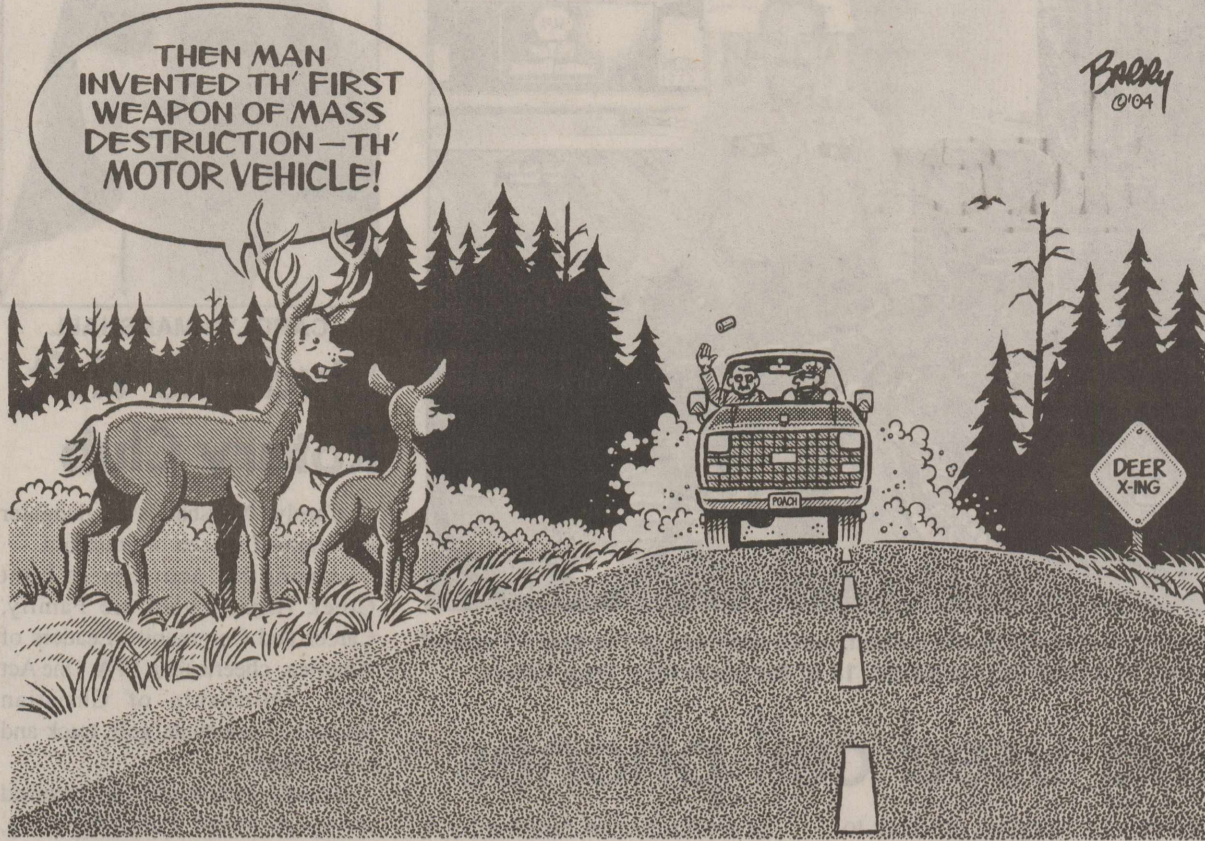
Bred heifers medium frame, 725-900.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 900-1080; aged or small, 625-750.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1050-1275; aged or small, 725-875.

Correction

Old fire trucks replaced by the Haskell Fire Department's new 1250 gallon pumper were donated to the Rochester Fire Department and the Weinert Fire Department. Information accompanying a picture appearing in the Jan. 27 edition of the Haskell Free Press was incomplete.



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From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

In our column a few months ago, Paul Clayton of Haskell shared his thoughts and positive attitude about living with the debilitating disease that destroyed his lungs and finally took his life on Jan. 17. Not only touching our lives with his spirit of faith and encouragement, during ten months after he was pronounced as terminal, Paul continued to correspond and touch the lives of others through the internet and the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

The following tribute was received by the Free Press from one of the on-line friends whose life he profoundly touched. It speaks of helpless suffering and does, indeed, have a "lesson" for all of us.

Lessons From Paul

A Tribute to Carroll Paul Clayton By Carolyn K. Thurmond, Ph.D. of Advance, N.C.

A friend for too short a time

In this age of advanced technology, it is amazing how we can shop, date, research, keep in touch, check stock quotes, and get the latest breaking news, right from the comfort of our home. Yet, despite the impressiveness of this, I found a greater gift in internet technology. It is amazing how you can meet someone in an online support group, begin corresponding due to like-minded interests and beliefs, and find yourself with a new friend...even though you have never physically met. If we think through all those we keep in contact with through letters, telephone, and email, we discover that these are usually people we have once had a physical proximity with and are now continuing that relationship over the miles. Yet, to make a real friend and never even meet them...just by traveling in cyberspace...is a gift of immeasurable worth.

And to have your new friend teach and show you life's lessons so

clearly is an added bonus. These are lessons we already know, but our new friend embodies them in so many ways and solidifies these lessons for us in our own life.

Haskell, Texas lost a physically close friend this week, but I lost a friend just like the one described above. I had never "met" Paul Clayton in the typical sense, but he was my friend just the same. If you didn't know Paul, you missed out on quite a blessing. And, if you did, you know exactly what I mean. For those of you who were never given the privilege of meeting Paul, I thought it might be the time to share the things he taught me in the short time we remained "cyber-friends," for these lessons are lessons for each and every one of us.

The Limitless Boundaries of Friendship

We grow up thinking that our "friend" is the kid we play with down the street or sit next to on the school bus, but how limited that view is! Paul became a friend and bridged time, space, and physical limitations. The lesson I learned was that friendship can exist, regardless of age, time, geographical location, sex, background, income, education, race, religion, or any other differences. Look beyond what you see when seeking a friend. Don't be limited by your circumstances. You may miss a friend like Paul.

Perseverance in the Face of Difficulties

The human spirit is capable of persevering through the most difficult of circumstances. The resilience one can have despite illness, death, poverty, failure, is amazing to behold.

Although sent home in March with 8 days to live, Paul embodied perseverance by "hanging in there" for another 10 months. And not just to sit around and wait to die. No, not Paul! He accepted each day as

another gift from God, the gift of one more day and one more chance. The lesson from Paul: No matter how tough it gets, we can find the strength from within and from our Lord to make the best of what we are given and press onward. To think of my life if Paul had not persevered! We can all do the same.

The Gift of Encouragement

To be able to encourage our fellow brothers and sisters to "press on" is a gift. Paul was a master of encouragement. Even though he was extremely limited physically and was sicker than any of us will probably ever be, you would not have known it. He spent his time not talking about himself, but instead raising public awareness about his crippling disease (pulmonary fibrosis) and finding ways to encourage others who were also ill with this disease. He will never know the great impact he had on so many lives...the way he reached out in person and through cyberspace...to encourage and support those who needed it most. The lesson learned: Remember that your words of encouragement to those in need are a gift that can never be measured. Take the time to encourage someone every chance you get.

The Power of Faith

Paul Clayton was a man of great faith, and this was no secret. His faith was an inspiration to many, most of whom are suffering just as he was. To have such faith and to be willing to share it is a lesson and reminder for those of us who do not do this often enough. Paul felt every additional day he was given was a gift from God, a day to share about his deep faith in Jesus and a new life and body in heaven. His lesson to me: Remember to share your faith if it has given you the hope that it gave Paul. Don't keep it a secret. There is someone out there who needs to hear about it.

In the deep sadness that has followed Paul's death this week, I found myself suddenly aware of the lessons he taught me...lessons I already knew, but needed to be reminded of. Even though his body had failed him, he continued to give the gifts of friendship, perseverance, encouragement, and faith to all he came in contact with, in person or in cyberspace. May he be an example to us all. May we never allow ourselves to become prisoners of our circumstances, good or bad, in such a way that we forget our fellow man. May we reach out beyond our circumstances and make a difference in the lives of everyone we meet, just as Paul has made a difference in mine. I will forever cherish my memory of Paul and his friendship, although too short. I will carry his lessons with me and will do my best to make them part of my life as well. One day, when I meet Paul for the first time face to face, I will tell him what I did not tell him while he was here...that the Lessons from Paul are lessons for all of us. And I will thank him for reminding me of what I had forgotten.

Weathers Whys

Sunspots and the weather

Q: Do sunspots affect the Earth's weather?

A: This is a question that has been nagging at scientists for decades, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University, and no one seems to really know. "There has been research done on subject of sunspots and our weather for at least 100 years," Odins reports, "and the bottom line is that we still aren't sure. We know that the primary energy source that controls our weather is sunlight. And we know that sunspots—which release giant solar flares of energy—can often disrupt satellites and radio transmissions here on Earth. But a link between sunspots and the weather is still not certain. Galileo observed them 400 years ago and we know that sunspots seem to occur in a roughly 11-year cycle during which there can be just a few dozen or several thousand."

Q: Are there any direct results

from sunspots affecting weather?

A: We know for sure sunspots and solar flares make the aurora borealis, or the Northern Lights, much brighter and more widespread, Odins adds. "These are streams of energy particles from sunspots, but do they affect the weather? Many scientists tend to think they do not because the particles are so small compared to the energy from sunlight itself, which some have estimated to be only 100 million times less. From the 1600s to the 1700s, there was a very low period of sunspot activity and this coincided with a number of long winters in Europe, called the Little Ice Age. Some scientists think the two were linked, others do not. Many scientists believe that if sunspots have any effect on our weather at all, it's as a triggering device to something much bigger. We just don't know. Sunspots and their effect on weather is something that needs a lot more study."

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 2, 1995

The Haskell Indian basketball team claimed the first half District Title assuring them of a spot in the state playoffs. Cody Cooley and Shannon Meeks led the way as the Tribe defeated Hawley 74-50. Cooley had a game high 24 points, while Meeks chipped in 20.

Buck and Myrtle Webb Townsend of Rochester celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a luncheon celebration at the Branding Iron Steakhouse in Rochester. Their grandson Rod Townsend picked the couple up at their home in a horsedrawn surrey and escorted them down the road to the Branding Iron.

Roy C. Brock, son of Roy and Ruby Brock of Haskell, was elected a Fellow of the American Bar Association.

20 Years Ago February 7, 1985

After six to eight inches of powdery snow fell on Haskell last week, a shortage of snowmen occurred because the snow was so dry it wouldn't stick together. One of the only artforms to come from the snow was a giant igloo at the Jerry Klose residence.

Mary Lou Landes was named vice president and cashier at Farmers National Bank in Rule. Landes has been employed at the bank since 1981 and had six years prior banking experience with the Haskell National Bank and two years employment with the Farmers Home Administration.

Jeffrey Hollingsworth, 4-H Club member of Rochester, showed 1st place Berkshire in the Medium Weight Class in the Junior Barrow Show. Later the entry was named Reserve Champion at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. Dalyn Gilly, 4-H Club member of Haskell, won 1st place with her Heavy Weight Shorthorn Steer and was named Champion Shorthorn Steer.

30 Years Ago February 6, 1975

Mildred Berry, Haskell Memorial Hospital Medical Records Librarian, was named chairman of the 1975 Heart Fund campaign in Haskell County.

Marine Sgt. Santos Rodriguez of Haskell received his first Good Conduct Award at the Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.

Laura Larned, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larned of Haskell, was installed as Worthy Advisor of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

40 Years Ago February 4, 1965

Joe Josselet was the recipient of the Dick Gaines Memorial Trophy and the winner of the Haskell Jaycees' sportsmanship trophy in basketball at the annual Haskell Booster Club's All-Sports Banquet.

Mattson's hotheaded David Smith ripped the nets for 38 points at the Mattson game against the Mustangs to a 76-63 District 15-B victory over Old Glory.

Hazel Weaver, a teacher in Haskell County, Weinert and Haskell schools for 40 years, was one of only three persons awarded doctorate degrees at North Texas State University.

50 Years Ago February 3, 1955

Dub Sims, Paint Creek 4-H Club boy, showed the grand champion steer of the junior division of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show and the reserve champion steer at the Fort Worth show.

LaVerne New won first place for the most sewing and the prize given by the hostess at a Rainbow Sewing club meet in the home of Essie Bland.

100 Years Ago February 4, 1905

H. C. King, who lives seven miles southeast of town, returned from Dallas where he had been in attendance at court as a witness in a railroad case.

Mrs. R. L. Phillips of the Garren neighborhood spent several days with her sister, Mrs. R. E. DeBard.

B. A. Barnes of Center, Shelby County, was here looking after his land interest here.

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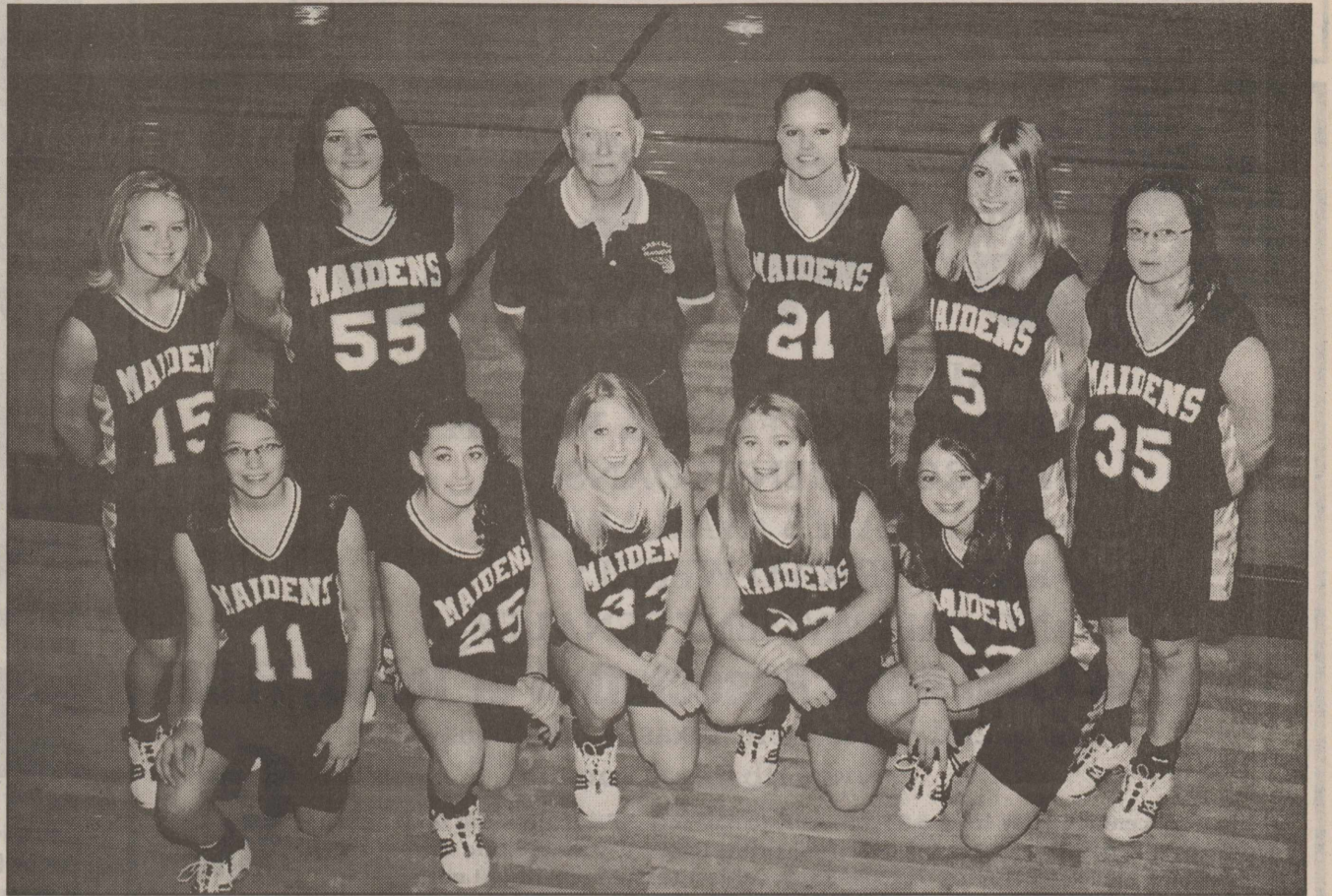


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HASKELL MAIDENS: Front, l-r: Chambray Bartley, Mollie McKnight, Robbyn Tribbey, Kerri Newton and Lindsay Pannell. Back: Whitney Wallace, Morgan Acosta, Coach David Middleton, Monica Buerger, Calina Kendall and Brianna Wheatley.
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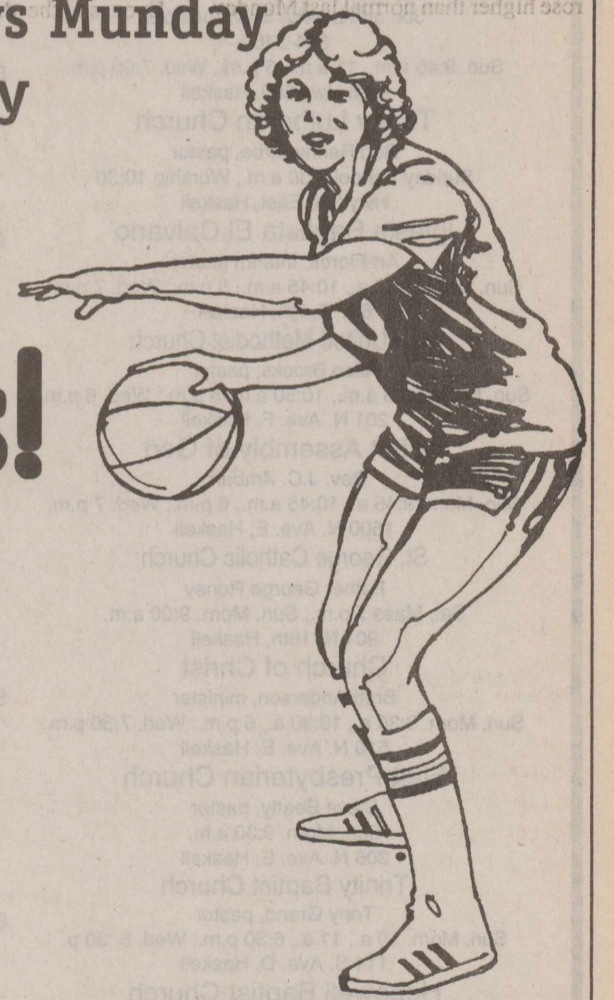


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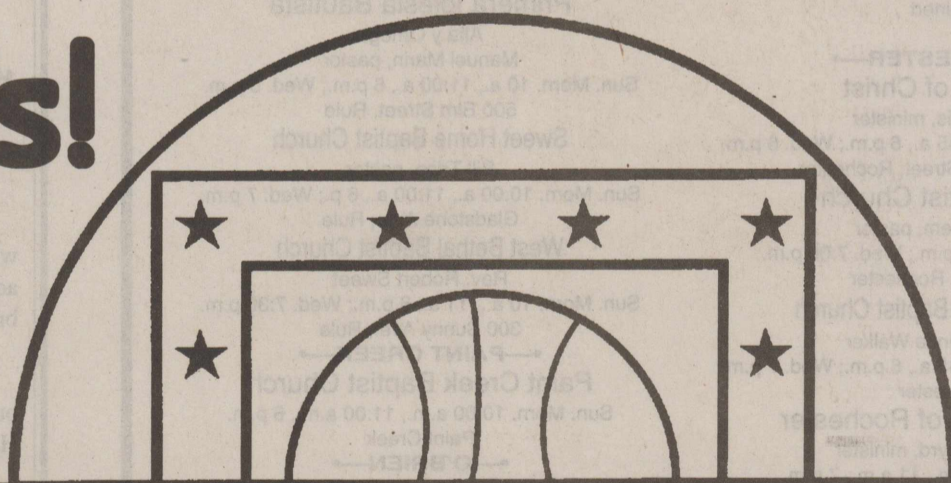
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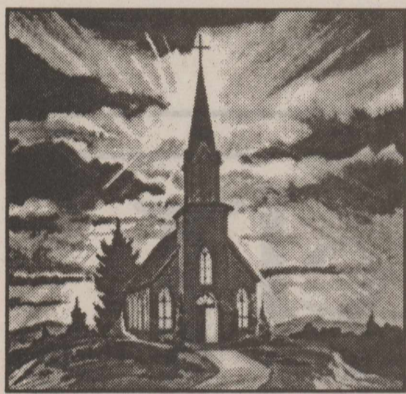


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This Week's Devotional Message:



FAITH WILL REVEAL THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS

If you are burdened with a feeling of resentment against someone who has wronged you in the past, you are bringing far more unhappiness to yourself than to the person whose action you resent. The Bible tells us to love one another; and to love is to forgive, no matter how serious the offense. If the Son of God, whose

teachings you follow, was able to forgive those who had subjected Him to the most heinous crime in all history, you can forgive someone a far lesser offense. Go to your church and learn how love brings peace and happiness, while resentment can cause only misery to yourself and those around you.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 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
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East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Allen Brooks, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father 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.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
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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

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavilion

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 6 p.m.
1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell

—WEINERT—

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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Jackie Brem, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Philip Houston, 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 8:30 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

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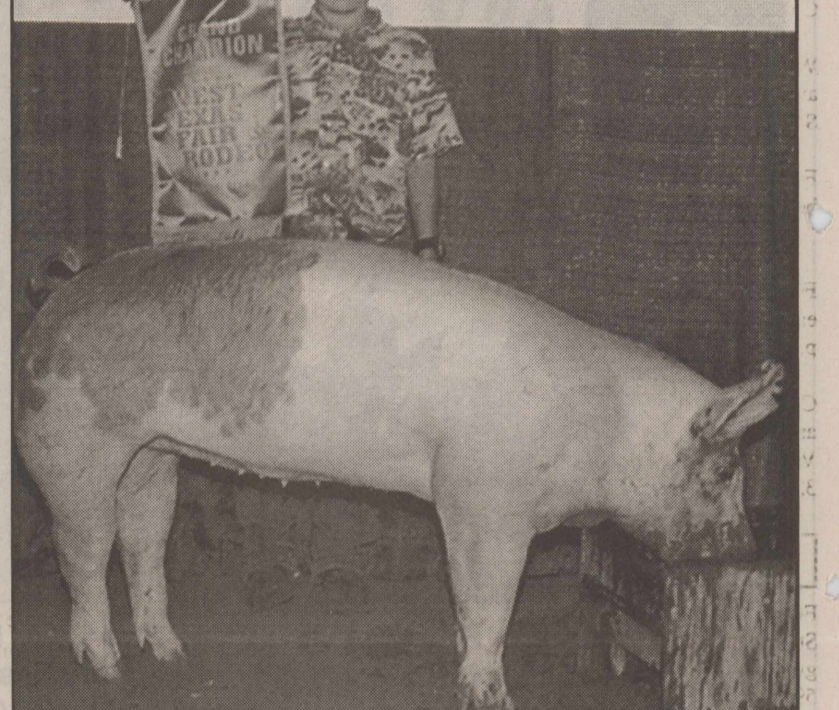
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O'Brien Baptist Church

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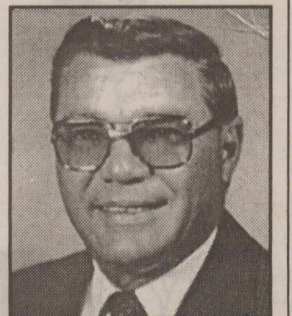
WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO 2004



PRIZE PORKER—Aaron Clay Urich of Rochester, holds the banner he won with his Grand Champion pig at the West Texas Fair and rodeo held in September in Abilene. The Haskell Elementary third grader is the son of Ricky and Faye Urich of Rochester, grandson of Sharon Mullino of Rochester and Ann Lindsey of Jayton, and great-grandson of Claudia Reid of Rochester.

TAX PLANNING

Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA



CARS & TAXES: THE 2005 RULES OF THE ROAD

Do higher operating costs for your auto have your fuming? If so, whether you use your car for business or personal use, make sure to take advantage of the available tax deductions. For a happier ride, here's a brief overview of the basic tax rules for 2005.

Business provision:

• **Standard mileage allowance.** The standard mileage deduction for business use of a vehicle increases this year from 37.5¢ to 40.5¢ a mile. Higher fuel prices are behind the rate boost.

• **Actual cost method.** The actual cost method requires more recordkeeping to track expenses of gas, insurance, repairs, depreciation, etc., but it may generate a higher deduction. (Tip: Once you use the actual cost method, you cannot use the standard mileage allowance for as long as you use that vehicle.)

• **Expense and depreciation deductions.** The rules are less favorable for business vehicles purchased in 2005. Cars have a combined first-year deduction limit of about \$3,000, while SUVs still qualify for a \$25,000 first-year expensing deduction.

Personal provisions:

• **Personal use mileage rates.** Rates for 2005 are 15¢ per mile if you use your auto for medial reasons or for mileage related to a qualified moving deduction. For auto use as a volunteer for a charity, the rate is 14¢ per mile.

• **Donating your car.** If you donate your auto to charity, you can enjoy a deduction for the amount for which the charity sells your vehicle.

• **Hybrid gas/electric car.** In 2005, a \$2,000 deduction is available if you buy a new hybrid vehicle.

• **Sales tax deduction.** If you buy a car in 2005, you can deduct the related state sales tax as an itemized deduction if you choose to deduct sales taxes paid instead of state and local income taxes paid.

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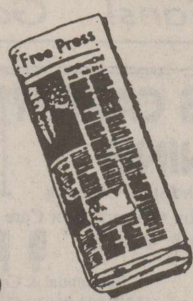
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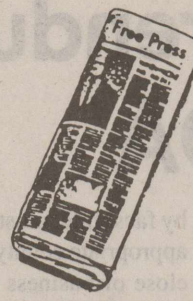
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FOR SALE: Brick house in Rule. 3 bedroom, 2 plus baths. Privacy fence. Above ground pool with deck. Lots of extras. 940-996-3303. 5-6p

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will accept bids until 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2005 for the following vehicle: 1998 Ford F-150 4x4. Vehicle may be inspected at the Munday Tire and Appliance property, Highway 277, Munday, Texas 76371.

Bids shall be delivered to 135 N. Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas; or mailed to P.O. Box 36, Munday, Texas 76371, and will be opened and read aloud at the Board of Directors meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on February 8, 2005.

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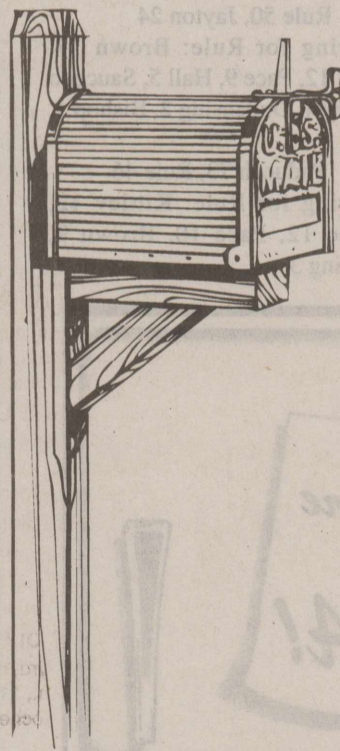
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Lamb referendum set by USDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service has announced the final procedures for a continuance referendum under the Lamb Promotion, Research and Information order, more commonly known as the Lamb Checkoff Program, and also announced that the referendum will be conducted Jan. 31, 2005, through Feb. 28, 2005.

The referendum will be conducted at USDA's County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. To be eligible to participate, persons must certify and provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or remittance form, that shows they have been engaged in the production, feeding or slaughtering of lambs during the period of Jan. 1, 2004, through Dec. 31, 2004.

Beginning Jan. 31, 2005, and continuing through Feb. 28, 2005, persons may obtain form LS-86 to vote in the referendum from county FSA offices either in person, by mail or facsimile. Forms may also be obtained via the Internet at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/rp-lamb.htm>.

Persons will vote in the referendum at the county FSA office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For the person not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to vote will be provided at the county FSA office where the person owns or rents land. Form LS-86 and supporting documentation may be returned in person, by mail or facsimile to the appropriate county FSA office. Form LS-86, and accompanying documentation returned in person or

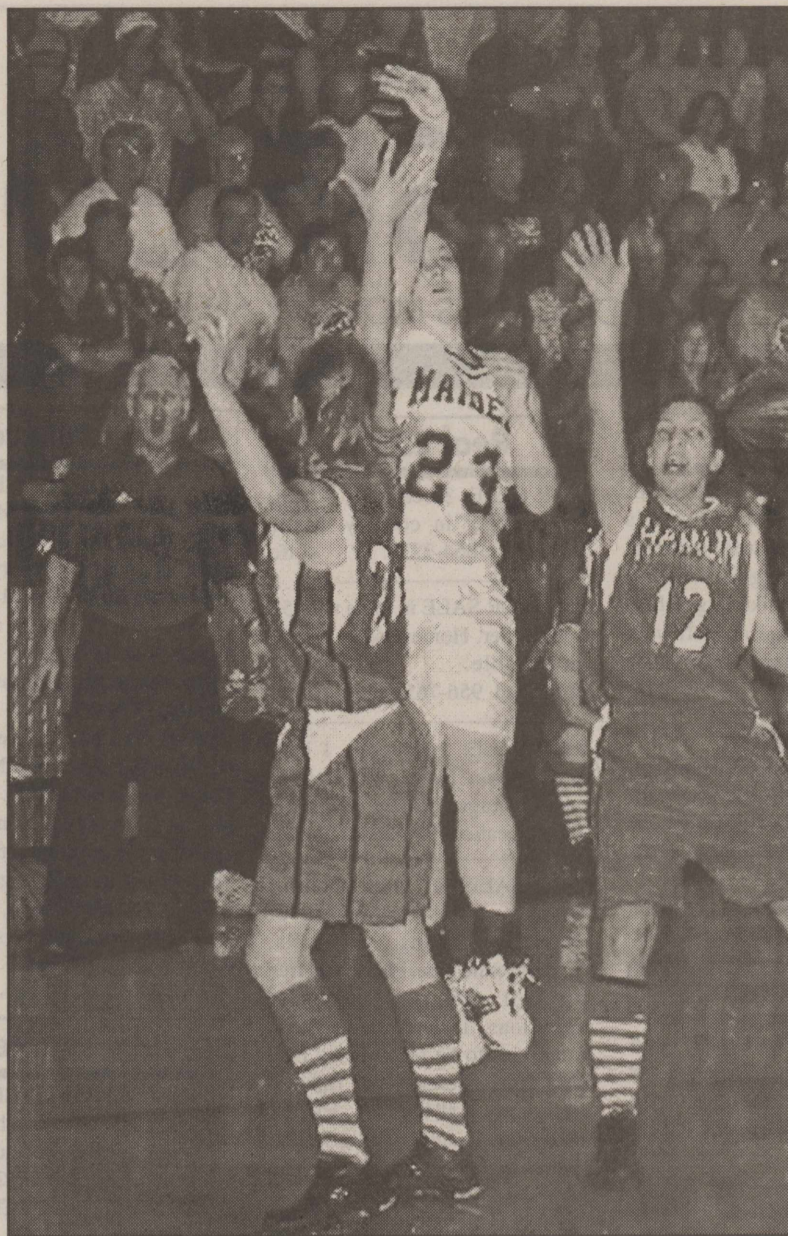
by facsimile, must be received in the appropriate county office prior to the close of business of Feb. 28, 2005. Form LS-86 and accompanying documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight of Feb. 28 and received in the county FSA office by March 7, 2005.

For the program to continue, it must be approved by a majority of voters who also represent a majority of the volume represented in the referendum.

The Lamb Checkoff Program is authorized by the Commodity Promotion, Research and Information Act of 1996. This program provides for assessments on the sale of lamb and lamb products and for an industry board to carry out promotion, research and information programs designed to increase the demand for lamb and lamb products.

The referendum is mandated by the act and requires that the secretary of agriculture conduct a referendum either prior to its going into effect or within three years after assessments first begin under an order. The order provides that the referendum be held within three years after assessments first begin. Assessments began July 1, 2002. AMS oversees the activities of the program.

The procedures and notice for the referendum will be published in the Dec. 27, 2004, Federal Register. For more information contact Kenneth R. Payne, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, AMS Livestock and Seed Program, USDA Stop 0251, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0251 or telephone number (202) 720-1115.



CLOSE ENCOUNTER—Haskell's Kerri Newton, #23, tries to score in the Maidens' close game with Hamlin, Tues., Jan 25, which ended with the Maidens down by one point. Photo by Bill Blankenship



RAISING THE SCORE—Haskell Indian Ray Cuellar, #44, pushes up the count in the Indians' overwhelming 62 to 27 win over the Hamlin Pied Pipers, Tues., Jan. 25. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Area Basketball scores

Girls
Hamlin 36, Haskell 35
Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 11, Buerger 10, Kendall 6, Acosta 4, Wallace 2, Pannell 2.
JV score: Haskell 40, Hamlin 33.

Rule 40, Jayton 27
Scoring for Rule: Smith 17, Lisle

9, Kitley 5, Scheets 4, B. Johnson 3, Miller 2.
JV score: Throckmorton 43, Rule 20.

Paducah 36, Rule 33
Scoring for Rule: Smith 22, Lisle 6, Scheets 5.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting Marvin Letz for an early birthday dinner last weekend were his children Fred and Linda Letz and daughter, Dana of Colleyville; Kent and Sandra Parker of Norman, Oklahoma; and Marlene Denton of Garland. Barbecue was served with all the trimmings. They enjoyed going through old pictures. Marvin will celebrate his birthday Feb. 7.

Boys
Haskell 62, Hamlin 27
Scoring for Haskell: D.J. McCulloch 14, Webb 11, Chavez 11, Mitchell 7, L.J. McCulloch 6, Hodge 5, Foster 4, Frierson 4.
JV score: Haskell 40, Hamlin 33.

Rule 50, Jayton 24
Scoring for Rule: Brown 17, Carreon 12, Pace 9, Hall 5, Saucedo 5, Kitley 4, Dudensing 2, Bishop 1.

Paducah 73, Rule 46
Scoring for Rule: Kitley 12, Saucedo 12, Pace 10, Brown 9, Dudensing 3.

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