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Softball games

V Maidens
Breckenridge Tournament
March 3-5
JV Maidens vs Snyder
Fri., March 4, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
V Maidens vs Aspermont
Tues., March 8, 4:30 p.m.
at Aspermont

Baseball games

JV Indians vs Anson
Thurs., March 3, 4:30 p.m.
at Anson
V Indians
Hamlin Tournament
March 3-5
V Indians vs Anson
Mon., March 7, 4 p.m.
at Anson

Calendar

Tournament

A Little Dribbler's basketball tournament and hamburger lunch will be held Sat., March 5 at the Haskell Little Gym. Games begin at 9 a.m. An 'Indian Meal' of hamburger, chips, candy and drink will be available for \$5. A concession stand will be open. Proceeds benefit the Haskell Little Dribblers Association.

Book fair, open house

Rule School will host an open house and book fair Thurs., March 3 from 5 to 6 p.m. Parents may visit with teachers and staff members about their student's progress and activities. Refreshments will be served.

Society to meet

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

Classic car show

The 9th annual Haskell Fire Dept. Classic Car Show will be held Sat., March 19 around the courthouse in Haskell. Entries are \$20. Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. Judging will be at 12:30 p.m. followed by a trophy presentation at 3:30 p.m. Hot Wheel races will be held for the kids. A kids tractor pull will be held. For more information contact Randy Shaw at 864-2023.

Flea market

A flea market will be held Sat., March 19 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 864-2477.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., March 14 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Patti Rae Welborn of Abilene will give a demonstration.

New pastor

The Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. Third Street in Haskell, will hold an installation ceremony for their new pastor, T. L. Griffin, Sun., March 13 at 3 p.m. Rev. Billy Young of Crenshaw Memorial Nondenominational Church of San Angelo will speak using Ephesians 4:11-12 as the theme.

Gospel music

Trinity Baptist Church of Haskell will host the David Warren family Sun., March 6 at 6:30 p.m. for a night of old-fashioned gospel music. No admission will be charged, but a love offering will be taken. For more information call 864-8165.

Friends of Faith

A planning meeting for the April 9 Friends of Faith meeting will be held Mon., March 7 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell High School Auditorium.

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City storm sirens to be tested at noon Friday

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Indians win Area Champ title



AREA CHAMPIONS—The Haskell Indian team winning the Area Championship by defeating the Wink team 60 to 44 in the basketball playoff game played at Howard County College Dorothy Grant Coliseum in Big Spring, Fri., Feb. 25 are: Back row, l-r, Coach Lolo Martinez, Jakaan Hodge, Kendall Mitchell, Samuel Bitner, Gary

Frierson, Auggie Lara, Andrew Long, Miguel Chavez, D. J. McCulloch, L. J. McCulloch, Coach Toby Villa and Jared Webb. Front row, Ryan Davis, Travis Adams, Weston Rutkowski, Ramon Cuellar, Nate Webb, Greg Guzman, Kevin Kilgore and Joseph Rodriguez.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Chapman pitches 'perfect game'

The Indian Baseball Team played in the Seymour Tournament this last weekend, by starting off the tournament playing Seymour's JV squad.

The Indians took care of business, defeating them in 5 innings, 18-5. Jon Dulaney supplied 3 innings of pitching, and Josh Dunfee came in to finish up.

The next game was against the Albany Lions. With Cameron Short behind the plate, Ronald Chapman took the mound in the first inning to do something that no one could predict.

Chapman, in full command of all his arsenal of pitches, would slowly but surely sit down three batters at a time each inning. In each inning, three more would attempt to reach first base, and three more would go back to the dugout.

The fourth inning brought Albany's #16, J. Waller, to the plate with one out. Waller hit a hard shot between short and third base. Brad Blanks made an outstanding

backhand play and threw Waller out at first. This would be the closest anyone would come to reaching first base for the Lions.

Chapman, with the backing of his team, would strike out nine and pitch a "perfect" game; a no-hitter with no walks and no errors.

Chapman, Brandon McClatchey, Jon Dulaney and Jeffrey Silba would all hit doubles, with Aaron New hitting a triple, contributing to the 6-0 win.

Chapman was chosen Most Valuable Player of the tournament, with Blanks, Short and Silba making the All-Tournament team.

Earlier in the week, the Haskell Indian Baseball Team started off the season playing Albany there on Monday. The Lions outlasted the Indians in a 4-2 decision. Cameron Short supplied three base hits for Haskell offense, while Brad Blanks and Ronald Chapman combined for the pitching performance with Jeffrey Silba behind the plate.

Filing period ends March 7

The filing period for candidates on the City of Haskell and Haskell CISD May 7 General Election ballots will extend through Mon., Mar. 7.

Three seats for alderman now held by W. L. Wolf, Dale Bullinger and Sue Medford are open in the City of Haskell election.

Two places open on the Haskell CISD Board are the single member District 2 place, held by Donnie Rieger, and single member District 3 place, held by Mynea Short.

Paint Creek ISD is now accepting applications for places on the ballot for the 2005 School Board election to be held on May 7.

The three places to be filled are place 1, 2 and 4, currently held by Gina Buerger, Brenda Reel and Randy Emert.

Applications can be picked up at the Paint Creek ISD business office or call 940-864-2471.

In the Rule ISD, the two places

open for election on the school board are terms now held by Robert Ace Turner and Lynn Dale Dudensing. Both have refiled for the positions.

Three seats open for election on the Rule City Council are those now held by Cathey Casey, Bill Bowles and Jackie Whorton.

The City of Weinert has three places open on the City Council, now held by incumbents Stanley Hager, W. R. Hager and Donald Griffis.

The City of Rochester has three seats open for City Council, now held by Joyce Easterling, Betty White and Bobby O'Neal. Also open for election is the office of Mayor, now held by Marvin Stegemoller. All of these incumbents have refiled for election. Applications for filing may be obtained at the Rochester City Hall.

Mon., Mar. 7 is the deadline for filing in all of these places on the May 7 General Election ballot.



CATCHER—Cameron Short catches against Albany in Seymour and was named to the All-Tournament Team.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



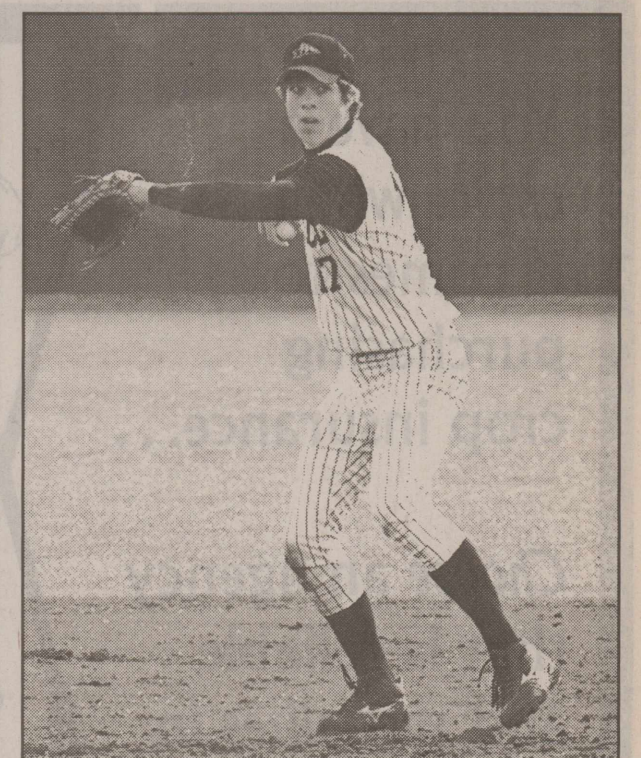
PITCHING PERFECT—Ronald Chapman pitches a perfect game against Albany and was named Most Valuable Player.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



AT BAT—Haskell's Jeff "Worm" Silba was named to the All Tournament Team in the Seymour Tournament, Feb. 24-26.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



SHORT STOP—Brad Blanks makes a play at short stop in Seymour, where he was named to the All-Tournament team.

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Calendar

Hee-Haw

The annual Sagerton Community Hee-Haw is set for March 31, April 1 and 2 beginning at 8 p.m. nightly. Music and singing will begin at approximately 7 p.m. The Thursday night performance is for groups only. Tickets for the April 1 and 2 performances will go on sale Tues., March 15 at 3 p.m. at the Sagerton Community Center or thereafter by calling 940-997-2688 for tickets. Tickets are \$5 each and are limited to 10 tickets per person. Plate lunches, sandwiches and pies will be available in the cafeteria nightly from 5:30 until 7 p.m.

TCROT lunch

The Texas Cowboy Reunion Oldtimers Assn. (TCROT) will host a stew and cornbread lunch Fri., March 11 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Bunkhouse, just southwest of the TCR main entrance in Stamford. Tickets are \$6. Proceeds will help pay for needed repairs to the Bunkhouse and Round-Up Hall. Advance tickets may be purchased by calling 864-2411 or contacting any TCROT member. Carryouts will be available.

Benefit walk

A walk for Autism research will be held in Abilene Sat., April 2 beginning at 9 a.m. Those wishing to join 'Taylor's team' should contact Melissa Burson. Sponsors, donations and team members are needed. Proceeds benefit the National Alliance for Autism Research.

Cookie sale

Girl Scout troop 76 will have a cookie booth Sat., March 5 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the First National Bank in Rochester and Lawrence Brothers in Aspermont.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Feb. 28, 2005	
Haskell	
Haskell County Gin	4,000
Haskell Co-op Gin	13,049
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	22,592
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	13,300
Sagerton Gin	2,700
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	8,843
Weinert Gin	11,571
Total Bales	76,055

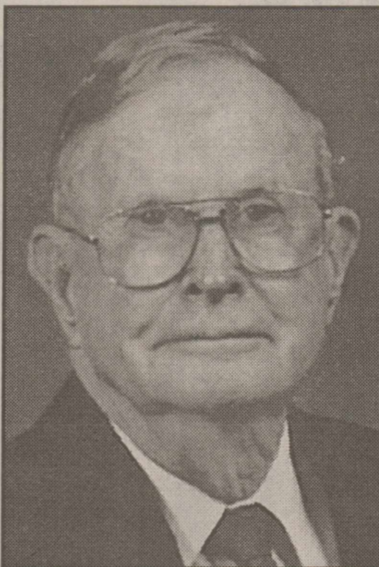
City Storm Warning Siren Testing Friday at noon



SANTA'S HELPERS—Rochester 4-H Club members having fun helping Santa at Christmas time were: l-r, Maegan Hearn, Stewart Ulrich, Cheslee Hearn, Aaron Ulrich and Teddye Sue Harris.

Obituaries

Robert 'Buck' Speer



ROBERT 'BUCK' SPEER
 Funeral services for Robert 'Buck' Edison Speer, 89, of Haskell were held Fri., Feb. 24 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Bob Shepard,

director of the West Texas A&M Campus Ministry of Canyon officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery directed by Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Speer died Wed., Feb. 23 at Haskell Healthcare Center.

Born July 16, 1915 in Rising Star, he was the son of W.J. and May McRee Speer. He grew up in Carbon and attended Cisco Junior College and North Texas State College in Denton. During the depression years, he worked in Goldroad and Oatman, Arizona. He married Bobby McPhail June 28, 1941. They lived in Brownwood, Carbon and Haskell during their sixty-three years together. He proudly served his country with the 300th Engineer Battalion in the ETO during World War II from 1943-45. In 1951, he began working for the Department of

Human Service from which he retired in 1982. He was a faithful Christian, serving as an elder in the Haskell Church of Christ for thirty years. He loved his family, friends and church family very much and will be greatly missed by them all.

Survivors include his wife, Bobby of Haskell; daughter, Linda and husband, Bob Shepard of Canyon; son, Robert and wife, Judy of Aurora, Colorado; three grandchildren, Gina Shepard Jenkins and husband, Bill of Amarillo, Jon and wife, Megann of Keller and Justin and wife, Mollie Speer of Chicago; two great grandchildren, Allison and Jake Jenkins of Amarillo.

Memorials may be made to the Church of Christ missions such as Haiti or Zambia or the Christian service center in Abilene.

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Sidney B. Woodson

Cremation with private family services are planned for Sidney B. Woodson, 69, of Derby, Kansas. Mr. Woodson died Thurs., Feb. 24.

A retired Air Force pilot/Boeing Systems Analyst, he was a graduate of Texas A&M University '56 and '68. He loved fishing and reading.

He was preceded in death by a son, Matthew.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy of Derby, Kansas;

son, David and wife, Elizabeth of Seattle, Washington; daughters, Laura Hubbard and husband, John of Broomfield, Colorado, and Elizabeth Bourdeau of Southgate, Michigan; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 5375 W. 7th, Topeka, Kansas 66606.

PD. NOTICE

Kenneth Lynn Anderson

Funeral services for Kenneth Lynn Anderson, 51, of Graham, were held Wed., March 2 at Primitive Baptist Church in Rule. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McMillan-Satterwhite Funeral Home.

Mr. Anderson died Sat., Feb. 26 at his home.

Born Aug. 12, 1953 in Aspermont, he was the son of Dan and Agnes (Reed) Anderson. He moved to Graham in 1979 from Cordova, Alaska and was a retired oilfield truck driver. He was a member of the Baptist church.

He was preceded in death by his father; brother, Wayne

Anderson; and sister, Leona.

Survivors include two sons, Jeff Anderson of San Angelo and Jeron Anderson of Abilene; mother, Agnes Anderson of Snyder; five brothers, Marvin Anderson of Andrews, Danny Anderson of Whiteface, James Anderson of Venus, Garland Anderson of Bryson and Calvin Anderson of Kansas; two sisters, Anita Yarborough of Cordova, Alaska and Melba McNeil of Snyder.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 333 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Feb. 26, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 45 sellers and 35 buyers were present.

Packers \$2 to \$4 lower. Stockers \$1 to \$3 higher. Feeders \$2 to \$4 lower.

Cows: fat, .50-.55; cutters, .48-.58; canners, .28-.45.

Bulls: bologna, .65-.72; feeders, .85-.97; utility, .62-.67.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.35-1.85; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.50; 400-500 lbs., 1.20-1.45; 500-600 lbs., 1.05-1.28; 600-700 lbs., 1.00-1.19; 700-800 lbs., .95-1.10; 800-up lbs., .82-.97.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.65; 300-400 lbs., 1.17-1.30; 400-500 lbs.,

1.12-1.22; 500-600 lbs., .92-1.14; 600-up lbs., .75-1.09.

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MRS. KYLE JONES

Stanley, Jones wed in Midland

Tara Stanley, daughter of Bruce and Nancy Stanley of Midland, and Kyle Jones, son of Jerry and Linda Jones of Levelland, were married Feb. 26 in a ceremony held at the First Christian Church in Midland, with Dr. Tommy Potter officiating.

The bride is the granddaughter of Fern McGurairt of Midland.

Grandparents of the groom are Marcille Jones and the late Leslie Jones, and the late Roy and Margie Medford, all of Haskell.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a corset-style gown with lace over satin and sweep train, embellished with bugle beads, sequins and pearls. She carried black magic roses. For something old she wore a locket. Something new was a diamond bracelet, a gift of her parents, and something borrowed was a handkerchief belonging to the groom's great-grandmother. For something blue, she wore a blue satin ribbon worn by her mother on her wedding day.

Matron of honor was Jennifer Young of Houston. Bridesmaids were Ashlea Kemper, Courtney Tyson and Deanna Stanley, cousin of the bride, all of Midland, Becky Smart of Denver, Colorado, and honorary bridesmaid, Tiffany Stanley, sister of the bride. The bridal attendants wore black beaded A-line dresses with spaghetti straps and a satin wrap.

Attending the groom as best man was Jim Hooten of San Angelo. Groomsmen were Jody Fortner and Brad Pitts, both of Lubbock, Joe Perry of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Derek Palmer of Midland. They were attired in black tuxedos.

Flower girls were Bailey Hooten of San Angelo and Taylor Payton of

Midland.

The ring bearer was Rhett Clark of Midland.

Ushers were Darren Waters of Lubbock, Todd Stanley, brother of the bride, and Jimmy Payton, both of Midland, and Jason Featherstone of Levelland.

Guests were registered by Charity Fitzpatrick of Midland.

Wedding music was "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach, and Pachelbel's "Cannon in D," by Mozart, performed by Mary Lightfoot.

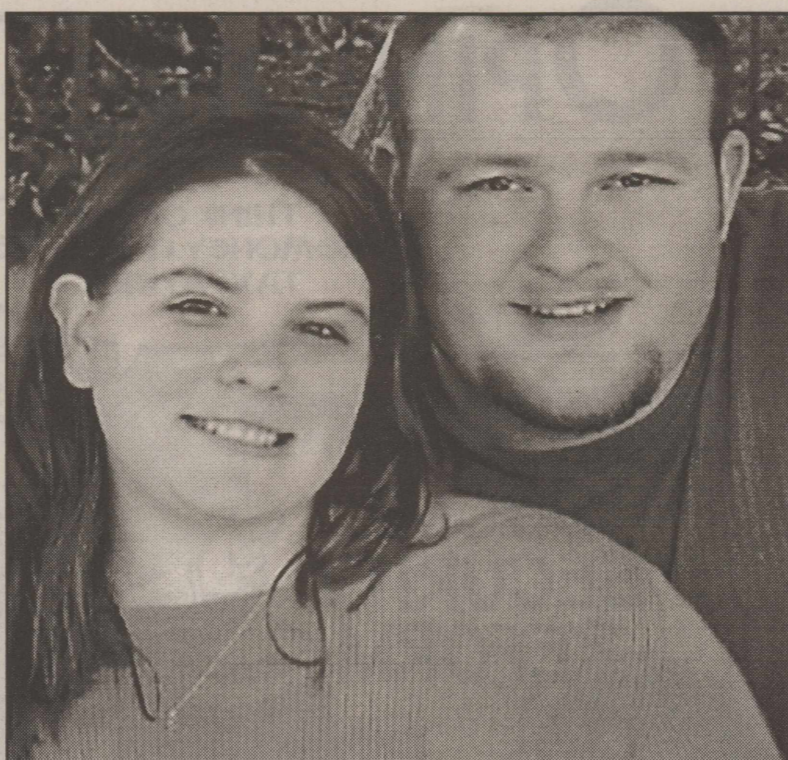
The church was adorned with standing candelabra entwined with calla lilies.

At the reception the bridal table featured white calla lilies and red roses adorning alternating tiers of white and chocolate cakes, each decorated with butter cream icing. Pearl-dusted fondant drapes and strands of pearls flowing from one tier to the next, completed the square, five tier diamond stacked cake. Serving at the table was Sherry Stanley, aunt of the bride.

The groom's table featured shotgun shells, feathers and tuxedo strawberries, creating the hunter theme for a two tier chocolate cake, drizzled with chocolate ganache and completed with a chocolate silhouette of a hunter. Serving at the table was Tammie Hanson of Midland.

A wedding rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Tampico Spanish Inn, Feb. 25. Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Hilton Towers.

After returning from a wedding trip to El Dorado Royale Resort in Mexico, the couple will reside in Midland.



DEBBI LONG - AARON MAXWELL

Long, Maxwell to marry March 23

Tom and Carla Long of Haskell have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Debbi Long, to Aaron Maxwell, son of Freddie and Pam Maxwell of Sudan.

An afternoon wedding is planned for Mar. 23 at The Home Place in Tuscola.

The bride-elect is a licensed EMT,

and a sophomore nursing major at Abilene Christian University.

The prospective bridegroom holds a bio-chemical degree from Abilene Christian University, and is finishing his paramedic training.

The couple plans to live in Potosi until the end of the school semester, and possibly move to the Lubbock area.

Haskell School Menu

Mar. 7-11
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Pigs in a blanket

Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick

Wednesday: Cereal, pop tart

Thursday: Breakfast taco

Friday: Powdered donut

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: Popcorn chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, sunshine bars

Tuesday: Enchiladas, Spanish rice, garden salad, chips, salsa, peach cobbler

Wednesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, fried okra, apple crisp

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, garden salad, breadsticks, pears

Friday: Cheeseburger or tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, french fries, ice cream

Paint Creek School Menu

March 7-11
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Cereal or toasted cheese sandwiches

Tuesday: Pancakes

Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy

Thursday: French toast

Friday: Toast, cereal

Lunch

Milk and tea are served daily.

Monday: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, salad, chips, lemon cake

Tuesday: Hotdogs, potato wedges, pickle relish, onions, jello with fruit

Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, green beans, salad, garlic bread, chocolate cake

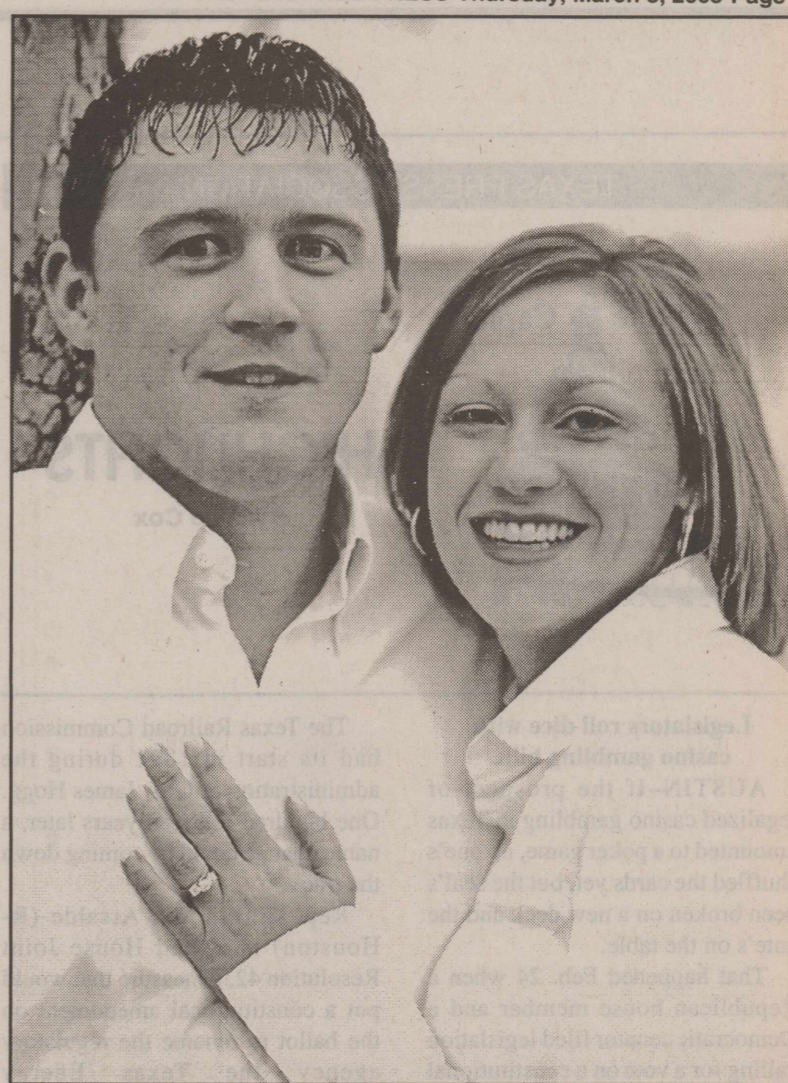
Thursday: Ham, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, fruit cups

Friday: BBQ sandwiches, onions, pickles, corn on the cob, chips, pudding cups

Births

Michael and Amy Landtroop of Abilene announce the birth of their daughter, Abrianna Marie, born Feb. 24 at 8:22 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She weighed 6 lbs. and was 19" long.

Grandparents are Elmer and Tammy Elkin of Haskell and Chuck and Sabrina Landtroop of Merkel.



JASON WAYNE TRAMMELL - JODI ERIN THIGPEN

Thigpen, Trammell plan May wedding

The parents of Jodi Erin Thigpen and Jason Wayne Trammell are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their children.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is employed by Lubbock ISD as a sixth grade reading teacher at Preston Smith Elementary.

The prospective bridegroom is a

mechanical engineering student at Texas Tech University. He is employed by Texas A&M Agriculture Experiment Station in Lubbock.

The couple graduated in 2000 from Haskell High School.

A May 21 wedding is planned at the Cooper United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

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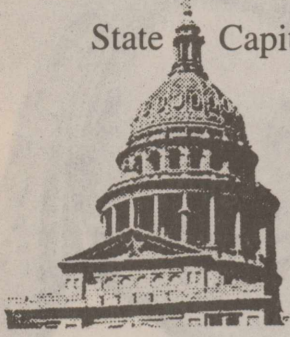
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Legislators roll dice with casino gambling bills

AUSTIN—If the prospect of legalized casino gambling in Texas amounted to a poker game, no one's shuffled the cards yet, but the seal's been broken on a new deck and the ante's on the table.

That happened Feb. 24 when a Republican house member and a Democratic senator filed legislation calling for a vote on a constitutional amendment that would allow up to a dozen casinos in Texas.

As many as seven casinos could be located in major metropolitan areas, two on the coast and three wherever they had the best opportunity of improving the community's economy.

Measures filed by Rep. Charlie Geren of Fort Worth and Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston will need a two-thirds vote in both chambers and the governor's signature, but if that happens, Texans will get to vote on Nov. 8 to create a Texas Gaming Commission that would license and regulate casinos.

Even if voters approve a constitutional amendment, final authority to open a casino would rest on a local option election.

In announcing their resolutions, the two lawmakers said casino gambling would bring in some \$2.1 billion a year for the state and another \$730 million for local governments. Neither legislator offered odds, but both said they think they have a shot at getting the amendment on the ballot.

Rep. Kino Flores (D-Mission) earlier filed a bill that would allow 24 casinos in the state, still contingent on approval of a constitutional amendment.

End of line for Railroad Commission?

The Texas Railroad Commission had its start in 1891 during the administration of Gov. James Hogg. One hundred fourteen years later, a name change could be coming down the track.

Rep. Corbin Van Arsdale (R-Houston) has filed House Joint Resolution 42, a measure that would put a constitutional amendment on the ballot to rename the regulatory agency the Texas Energy Commission. Rep. Buddy West (R-Odessa) has filed a similar piece of legislation, House Bill 1078.

The two lawmakers would like to see the agency renamed because it doesn't have much to do with railroads these days. It did when it was created, but oil and gas regulation long ago eclipsed the RRC's role with railroads.

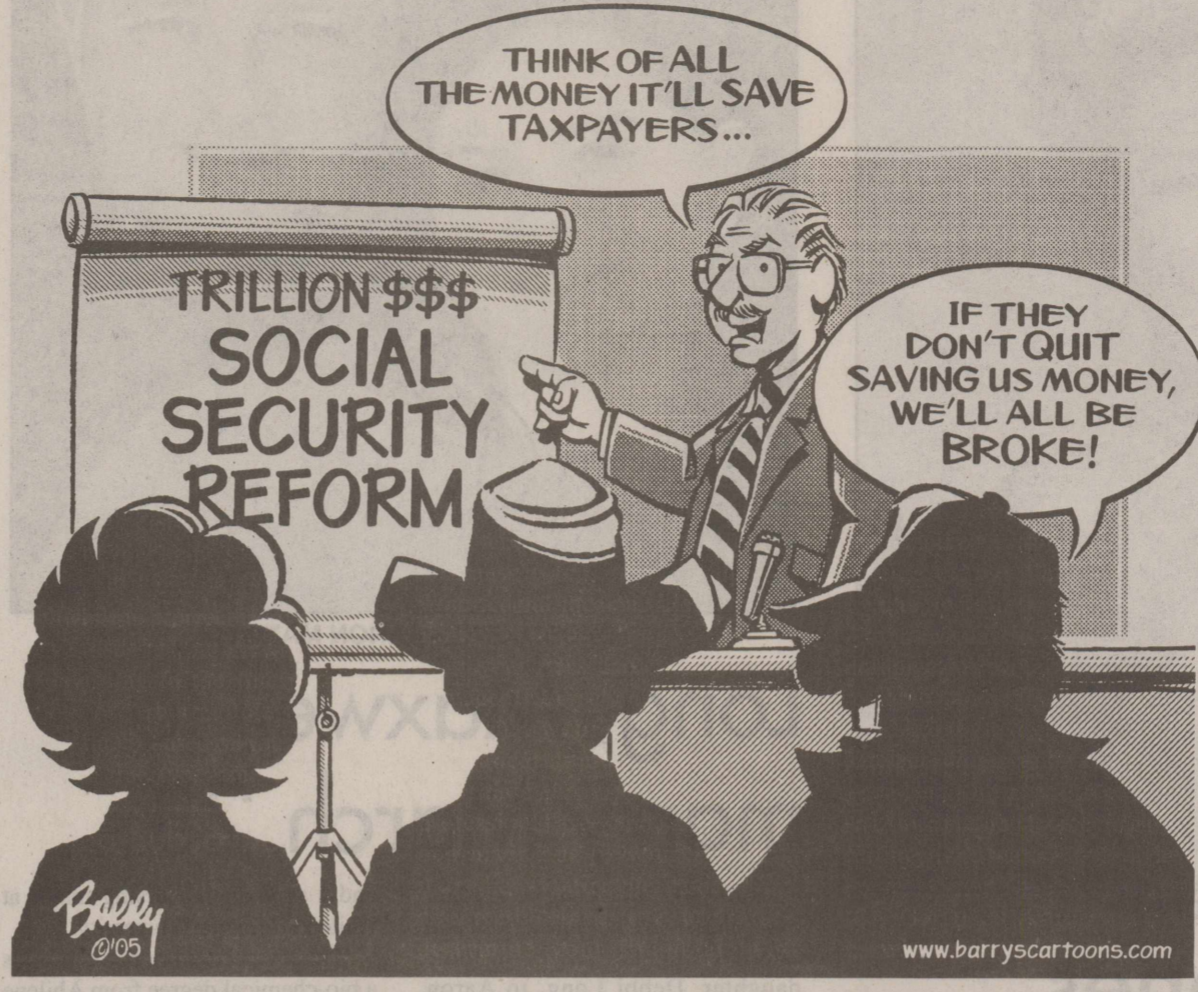
Traffic program hits red light...
Garland city officials say using cameras at intersections to discourage drivers from running red lights has resulted in a 20 percent decrease in the dangerous offense.

But the House on Feb. 24 passed on first reading House Bill 1347, a measure by Rep. Gary Elkins (R-Houston) that would make the red light enforcement tool illegal in Texas.

Elkins argues that the presence of the cameras, which photograph the license plates of vehicles going through an intersection after a light has changed, increases rear-end crashes and has more to do with municipal revenue-generation than safety.

The House member from Garland, fellow Republican Joe Driver, says using the cameras lowers the number of collisions and saves lives.

The House will have to vote on the bill one more time before it goes to the Senate.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 2, 1995

Patrolman Joe Ray Torres and his partner, narcotics dog Hamilton toured grades kindergarten through fourth grade with Free Press publisher John McDougal as he handed out Just Say No to Drugs coloring books.

Members of the Paint Creek Lady Pirates basketball team Cindy Howard, Leigh Ann Reel, Capella Tsoodle and Laura Barbour were named to the all-district 20-A team.

Joy Chapman celebrated her 15th anniversary as owner of the Slipper Shoppe in February.

The Indian junior varsity baseball team opened its season with a 6-2 win over Stamford. Chris McSmith pitched four innings with seven strikeouts and four walks. Adrian Palacios pitched one inning with two strikeouts and one walk. Will Trammel hit one triple and the team had three doubles.

Amy Keese, a native of Lubbock, was selected as the new finance and insurance manager for Bill Wilson Motor Co. of Haskell.

20 Years Ago March 7, 1985

Elton Culberth and Patricia Sams, two former employees with the Haskell ISD, were honored by the faculty, staff, and administration at a surprise farewell reception given in their honor at the homemaking cottage.

Monica Nanny of Haskell, student at West Texas State University, appeared in the musical production of "Jesus Christ, Super Star" at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Allen Wilson of Rochester were honored by their children with a reception on their 50th wedding anniversary at Big Spring.

Emmitt Cross and Ora Sandage were named Valentine King and Queen at the Haskell Nursing Center. Earl Proctor, salesman of Strickland Bridge, Inc., was

presented the company's Outstanding Builder Award from the Star Manufacturing Company.

30 Years Ago March 6, 1975

The Haskell Indian Band attended the Sweetwater Band Festival and received the sweepstakes trophy. Kim Campbell, Sarah Cortez, Rosemary Kimbrough and Suzanne Frierson received first division ratings in the solo competition.

Becky Soloman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Soloman Jr. of Haskell, was a contestant in the Miss Snake Charmer competition in Sweetwater.

The West Texas Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation donated a new book to the Haskell County Library. Stanley Furh, chairman of the Foundation, presented the book to Elsie McGee, the County librarian.

U. S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Sidney B. Woodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Woodson of Haskell, received the Meritorious Service Medal at Offutt AFB, Nebraska.

Melvin Brueggeman, Lisa Dutton and Debra Robertson were winners in the Weinert Matrons Club essay contest.

40 Years Ago March 4, 1965

Haskell's Carolyn Fischer and Bonnie Howard were the only two unanimous choices on the first 5-AA all-district girls' basketball team. Joe Josselet was named to the boys' basketball first team.

Mrs. W. O. (Mary) Holden, a Haskell homemaker, turned ambulance driver, was credited with saving the life of a stricken 78-year-old Weinert man, J. W. Liles, whom she rushed to an inhalator in the Haskell County Hospital in record time.

Sallie Ammons was honored on her 71st birthday with a birthday dinner in the home of a daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barr, and Billy.

Bette Edwards, 13-year-old

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. (Jiggs) Edwards of Weinert, was the spelling champion of Haskell County.

Mrs. Luther Burkett, guidance counselor in Haskell schools, and E. J. Stewart, owner-operator of a motor service, were respective recipients of the "First Lady of Haskell" and "Mr. Stemwinder" awards.

50 Years Ago March 3, 1955

Lester Hutchison of Weinert exhibited the grand champion steer of the annual Wichita Falls Junior Stock Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cook, Richard Bischoffhausen, Bruce Young and Roy Cook represented Haskell at the semi-annual meeting and banquet of District 1, Texas Barbers Association held in Spur.

James Ed Fielding of Haskell was selected to compete for entrance into the U. S. Air Academy in Colorado.

Cliff (Boosky) Berry of Haskell Future Farmer won top individual honors in the judging contest at the Wichita Falls Junior Beef Show.

Dr. Gertrude Robinson of Haskell was in Lubbock where she attended a Tri-District Meeting of chiropractors.

100 Years Ago March 4, 1905

Messrs. W. R. Richards, Will Gunter, Porter Bullock, Shaff Smith, Joe Watson and W. E. Guthrey of the Cliff neighborhood drove down bringing 29 bales of cotton.

Ola Fitzgerald won a gold watch as a prize for being voted the most popular young lady in town in the last performance of a traveling show that was here for three nights.

F. G. Alexander returned from Chicago, and his spring stock of merchandise is beginning to arrive.

Burwell Cox, who sold his ranch a few months ago, moved to town and occupied the R. B. Miller residence.

R. D. Smith of Abilene, one of Haskell's old timers, was here this week on business and shaking hands with old friends.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Third Party Debt Collectors: Know Your Rights

The Attorney General's Office receives numerous complaints and inquiries about third party debt collectors. There is much confusion about what collectors can and cannot do. Let's clear up some of the confusion.

Many consumers fear that they can lose their homesteads due to an outstanding debt. In Texas, generally a registered homestead is protected and cannot be foreclosed upon to pay a debt. However, if you default on a first or second mortgage or a home equity loan, the lender can foreclose on your home. You should consult an attorney to determine whether your home or homestead is in jeopardy.

Wages are generally protected, but can be garnished to pay court-ordered child support, spousal maintenance, student loans in default and back taxes. Bank accounts, savings accounts and other general investment accounts or brokerage accounts may be garnished.

Although a collector may contact others to try and locate you, he or she may not discuss your account or debt status with anyone else but you or your spouse. He or she must give his or her name, but not the name of the agency unless they are specifically asked for it.

A collection agency may contact your employer, but only for specific reasons, which include verification of your employment, verification of your business location and to determine if you have medical insurance to cover a medical bill.

We also receive inquiries regarding the obligation to pay old debts. If you never paid off an old debt, that does not mean it is not valid; you are obligated to pay it even if it has been several years since you were contacted by a collection agency or the business you owe the debt to.

Many consumers are under the impression that after a certain number of years, they are no longer responsible for an unpaid debt.

Under Chapter 16.004 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code, Four-Year Limitations Period, the statute of limitations for filing suit to collect a debt is no later than four years after the cause of action accrues. An example of when the cause of action accrues is the date on which the debt is declared to be in default.

Under the case law related to this statute, debt means any outstanding liability payable in cash. In addition to consumer loans or credit card debt, this can mean a tax liability, damages related to land sale fraud, overpayment or underpayment of royalties or wages, money allegedly owed under an insurance policy, and money arising from a breach of contract.

The fact that a creditor is barred from collecting a debt through a lawsuit due to the statute of limitations does not mean the debt is erased—the debt remains in effect, and the creditor can still use other means to try to collect it. And the debt will remain on your credit report.

Also, most of the cases cited involve unsecured debt, where the suit would result in a personal judgment against the debtor. There are different rules for debts secured by property, such as mortgages. You may wish to consult with a private attorney if you are unsure which type of debt is involved or what options are available in resolving it.

If you are being harassed by an abusive debt collection agency, you can contact my office and file a complaint. You can also contact the Federal Trade Commission to file a complaint and for additional information.

HNB earns award

Haskell National Bank has earned a 5-star rating by BauerFinancial Inc., the nation's leading independent bank rating firm. Furthermore, the bank sailed through its most recent Community Reinvestment evaluation by federal regulators. In addition to the prestige of being one of the strongest banks in the nation, it is also credited with a reputation of solid investment in its community. The star-rating is based on an evaluation of the most recent financial data filed with federal regulators and analyzed by BauerFinancial Inc. Haskell National Bank has earned BauerFinancial's 5-star rating 51 consecutive times which makes it part of an even more elite group of

banks considered "Exceptional Performance Banks" by the rating firm.

"The Community Reinvestment Act was originated in 1977 and revised in 1995," notes Karen Dorway, president of BauerFinancial Inc. "To score well, Haskell National Bank had to demonstrate that it is responsive to the credit needs of its community, it has a good geographic distribution of loans in its area and it makes a high level of community development loans. Couple the success Haskell National Bank has had reaching out to its community with the financial success it has achieved, and you know you are dealing with a true winner."

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Trees ad value to property

How much are your trees worth? Most likely more than you think. Homeowners invest a lot of time, care, and money into landscaping their property, expecting beauty and shade in return. But the unexpected "return" on that investment is that trees have monetary value as well.

When you stop to consider that landscaping can be worth up to 20 percent of your home's total property value, you'll understand why it's worthwhile to protect the investment you've made in your greenery.

According to the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), a tree's value is based on four factors: tree size, tree type, tree condition,

and overall tree location based on its functional and aesthetic purposes. A professional tree and landscape appraiser can determine where your trees or plants fall under these categories.

While it's impossible to prevent storms, accidents, and air pollution from causing damage to your trees and plants, it is possible to recapture your landscape losses through an insurance claim, or as a deduction from federal income taxes, advises ISA.

If your trees and landscape are damaged, ISA recommends that you: Contact your homeowner's insurance company. Have the insurance company send a professional tree and landscaping appraiser out to your property immediately after the damage has occurred. Have the appraiser determine your financial loss,

including the cost of removal and repair. Contact a local ISA Certified Arborist if repair or replacement is needed.

Just as you would with any other valuable asset, document your investment in landscaping to help establish its worth. ISA suggests taking pictures of trees and plants while they are healthy to make insurance processing simpler with "before and after" examples.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research around the world.

As part of ISA's dedication to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, it offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry. For more information, contact a local ISA Certified Arborist or visit www.treesaregood.com.

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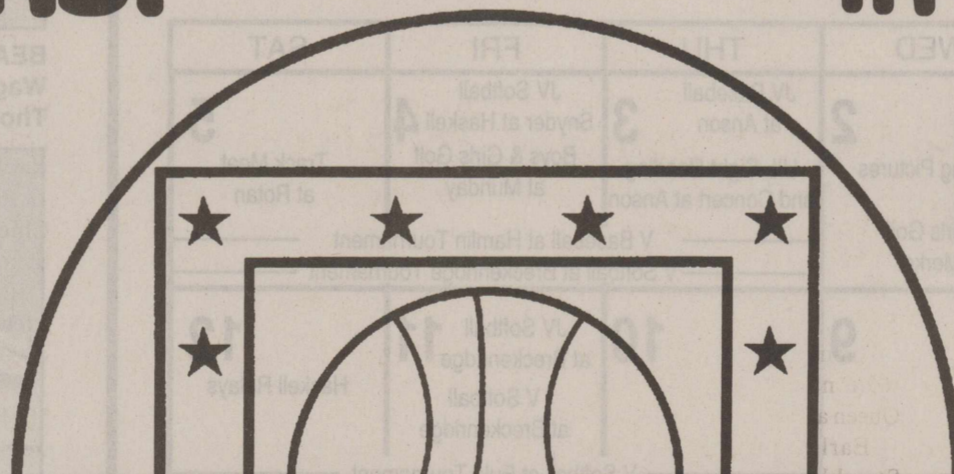
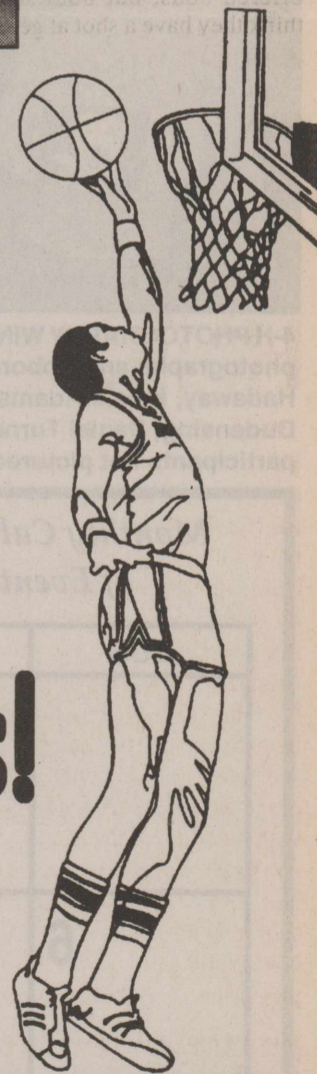
HASKELL INDIANS: Front, l-r: Ryan Davis, Travis Adams, Weston Rutkowski, Raymond Cuellar, Nate Webb, Greg Andrada, Kevin Kilgore and Joseph Rodriguez; back row, Coach Lolo Martinez, Jakaan Hodge, Sam Bitner, Gary Frierson, Augustine Lara, Andrew Long, Miquel Chavez, D.J. McCulloch, L.J. McCulloch, Coach Toby Villa and Jared Webb.

Photo by Bobbie Johnson



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4-H photography contest results

by Jane Rowan
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 Twenty-one Haskell Co. 4-H'ers turned in a total of 93 pictures to be judged for the Haskell County 4-H Photography Project held in February. The Haskell Sr. Club

hosted a photography workshop at the Haskell County Extension Office Feb. 2 with Dave Kittley and Joe Harold Cloud, both of Rule, presenting the workshop. Sherri Baty of Knox City served as judge for this year's show. Parents, participants

and the public were invited to view the photography projects Feb. 21 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room during the 4-H Photography Exhibition and County Awards Ceremony.

Mistress of Ceremonies for the Awards Program was Candace Brister, who introduced Brooke Bullinger to give the welcome. Paige Adams led the audience in the 4-H Motto and Pledge, then the program was handed over to Caleb Hudgens the Sr. 4-H Club president. Hudgens introduced the participating 4-H'ers from the photography project.

Taylor Williams announced the door prize winners. The program was closed by Andrea Anderson.

Winners from the Haskell County competition, in the Senior division advanced on to the State level for State 4-H Round-Up at College Station in June, and first place winners from the Haskell County competition in the Junior/Intermediate division advance to the

District level for judging at Vernon in March.

Winners in each respective category at the County level are as follows for the Junior/Intermediate levels:

Color Division

Animals: 1. Jenny Dudensing, Sagerton; 2. Molly Dudensing, Sagerton; 3. Kyle Kimbrough, Haskell.

Still Life: 1. Zeb Petty, Rule; 2. Kelsie Adams, Haskell; 3. Jenny Dudensing.

Natural Landscape: 1. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell; 2. Jenny Dudensing; 3. River McTasney, Haskell.

People: 1. Meagan Kimbrough, Haskell; 2. Molly Dudensing; 3. Andrea Anderson, Haskell.

Plant/Flora: 1. Paige Adams, Haskell; 2. Brooke Bullinger; 3. River McTasney.

Black & White Division

Animals: 1. Jenny Dudensing; 2. Kelsie Adams; 3. Paige Adams

Still Life: 1. Kelsie Adams; 2. Ashley Williams, Haskell; 3. Allison Petty, Rule.

Architectural Effects: 1. Ashley Williams; 2. Jenny Dudensing; 3. Zeb Petty.

People: 1. Kelsie Adams; 2. Paige Adams; 3. Molly Dudensing.

Color/Digital Division

Animals: 1. Kelsie Adams; 2. Dawn Skinner, Haskell; 3. Brooke Bullinger.

Still Life: 1. Brooke Bullinger; 2. Kelsie Adams; 3. Daniel Turner, Rule.

Natural Landscape: 1. Brooke Bullinger; 2. Carson Hadaway, Haskell; 3. Leslie Crosson, Haskell.

People: 1. River McTasney; 2. Ashley Williams; 3. Carson Hadaway.

Plants/Flora: 1. Brooke Bullinger; 2. Ashley Williams.

All Media Division

Special Effects/Creative Effects: 1. Kelsie Adams; 2. Jenny Dudensing; 3. River McTasney.

Theme (Sports-2005): 1. River McTasney; 2. Carson Hadaway; 3. Kelsie Adams.

Story Board: 1. Molly Dudensing; 2. Ashley Adams, Haskell; 3. Kelsie Adams.

Senior level winners

Color Division

People: 1. Emery Dudensing, Sagerton.

Black & White Division

Animals: 1. Taylor Williams, Haskell.

All Media

Special Effects/Creative Effects: 1. Emery Dudensing.

Other 4-H'ers participating at the County level were:

Morgan Frierson of Haskell and Kymbrie Kupatt of Sagerton.

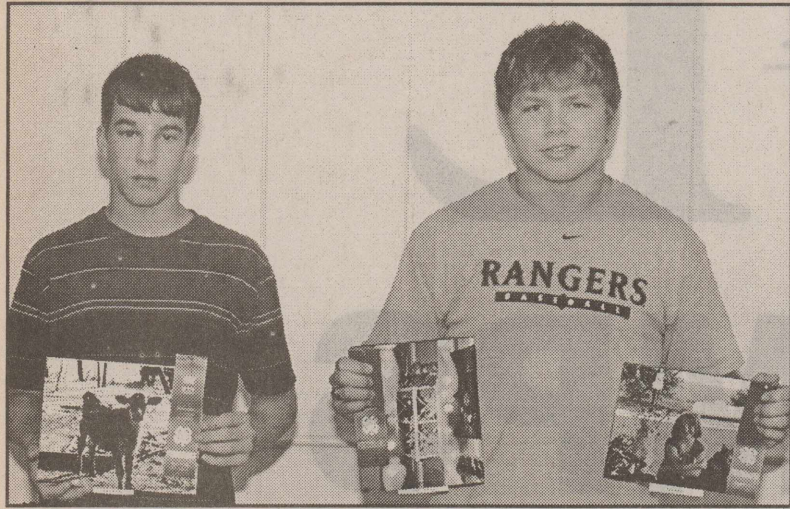


PHOTO WINNERS—Senior Division 2005 Haskell County 4-H Photography participants displaying their winning photographs and ribbons are, l-r, Taylor Williams and Emery Dudensing.



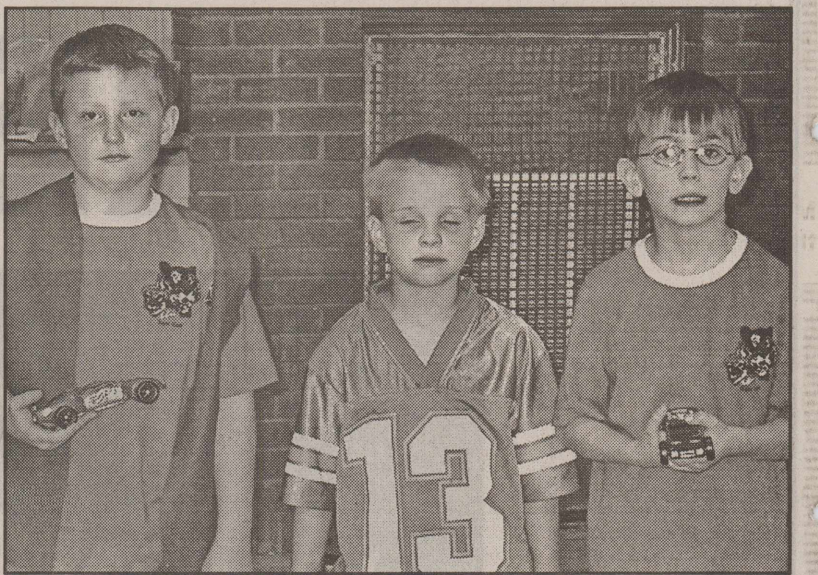
PHOTOGRAPHY WINNERS—2005 Haskell County 4-H Photography participants displaying winning photographs and ribbons in the Intermediate Division are: l-r, Zeb Petty, Molly Dudensing, Andrea Anderson, Brooke Bullinger and Paige Adams.



4-H PHOTOGRAPHY WINNERS—2005 Haskell County 4-H Photography participants displaying winning photographs and ribbons are: Junior Division, standing, l-r, Ashley Williams, Allison Petty, Carson Hadaway, Kelsie Adams, Meagan Kimbrough, Dawn Skinner and Leslie Crosson. Kneeling, Jenny Dudensing, Daniel Turner, River McTasney, Kyle Kimbrough and Ashley Adams. Other Jr. Division participants not pictured are Morgan Frierson and Kymbrie Kupatt.



OVERALL DERBY WINNERS—Taking top honors in the Pinewood Derby were: l-r, Micah Thomas, 2nd place; Riley Meinzer, 1st place; and Micah Waggoner, 3rd place.



TIGER DEN—Winners in the Pinewood Derby were: l-r, Pryce Stewart, 2nd place; Garrett Tatum, 3rd place; and Seth McCormick, 1st place.



WOLF DEN—Pinewood Derby winners were: l-r, Riley Meinzer, 1st place; Micah Waggoner, 2nd place; and Cedar McIlwain, 3rd place.



BEARS DEN—Winners in the Pinewood Derby were: l-r, Aaron Waggoner, 2nd place; Brayden Alves, 3rd place; and Micah Thomas, 1st place.

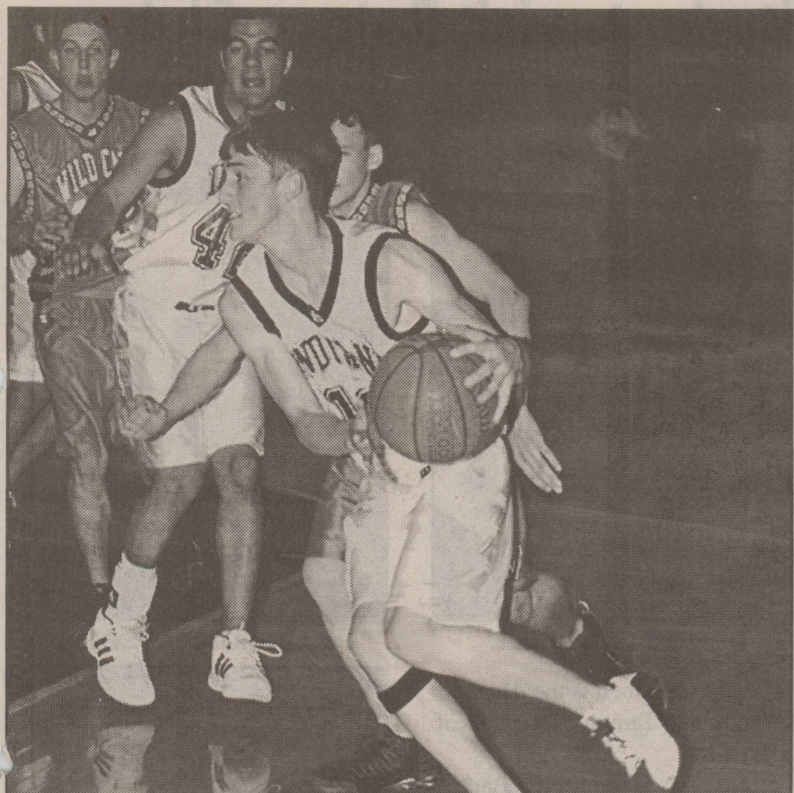


WEBELOS DEN—Winners in the Pinewood Derby were: l-r, Preston Morrow, 3rd place; Hunter Jordan, 2nd place and River McTasney, 1st place.

Monthly Calendar of Events		MARCH 2005					Haskell Independent School District	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
		1 V Baseball Aspermont at Haskell	2 Spring Pictures	3 JV Baseball at Anson	4 JV Softball Snyder at Haskell	5 Track Meet at Rotan		
		V Softball Hamlin at Haskell	Girls Golf Merkel	JUL Sight Reading and Concert at Anson	Boys & Girls Golf at Munday	V Baseball at Hamlin Tournament		
						V Softball at Breckenridge Tournament		
6	7 V Baseball at Anson	8 V Softball at Aspermont	9	10	11 JV Softball at Breckenridge	12 Haskell Relays		
	Friends of Faith HS Aud. 5:30	Girls Golf River Creek Inv.			V Softball at Breckenridge			
	Boys Golf at Merkel				V Softball at Eula Tournament			
13	14 One Act Play at Rule	15	16	17	18 V Baseball Anson at Haskell	19 Track Meet Eula		
			Spring Break			JV Softball at Snyder		
20	21 Boys Golf Lakeside CC	22 JV Baseball at Clyde	23	24 OAP Zone at Rotan	25 Holiday Track Meet Munday	26		
	Girls Golf Lone Cedar	V Baseball at Sweetwater		JV & V Baseball at Paducah				
		V Softball at Hamlin						
27	28 V Baseball Knox City at Haskell	29	30 Cheerleader Tryouts	31				
	V Softball Aspermont at Haskell							

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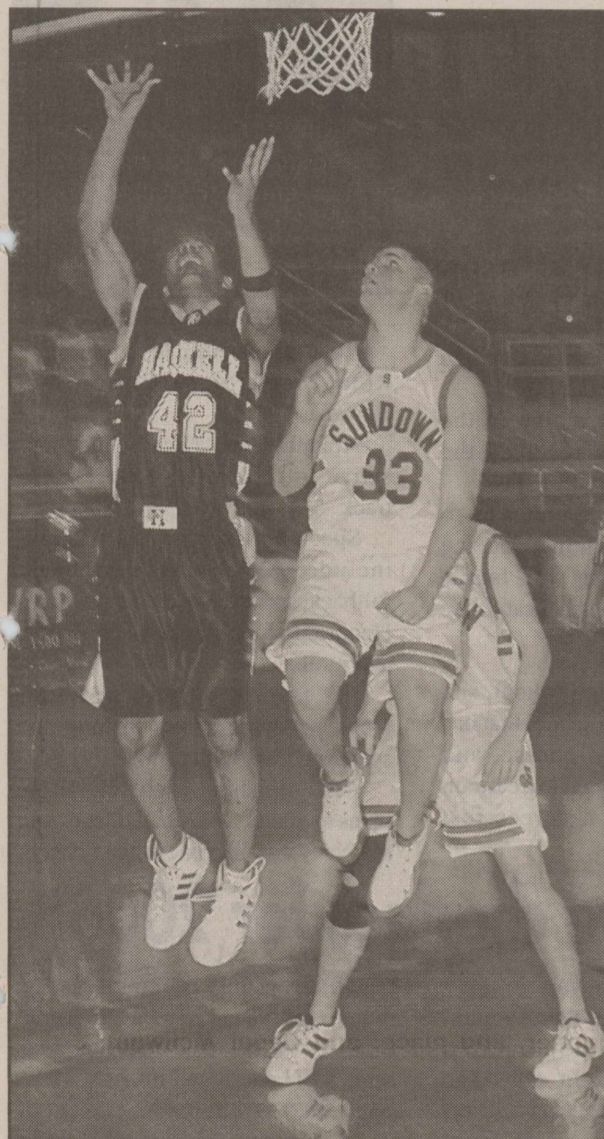


MOVING ON—Haskell's Kendall Mitchell #10, goes down court in the Indians' 60 to 44 game with Wink, Feb. 25. Photo by Bill Blankenship

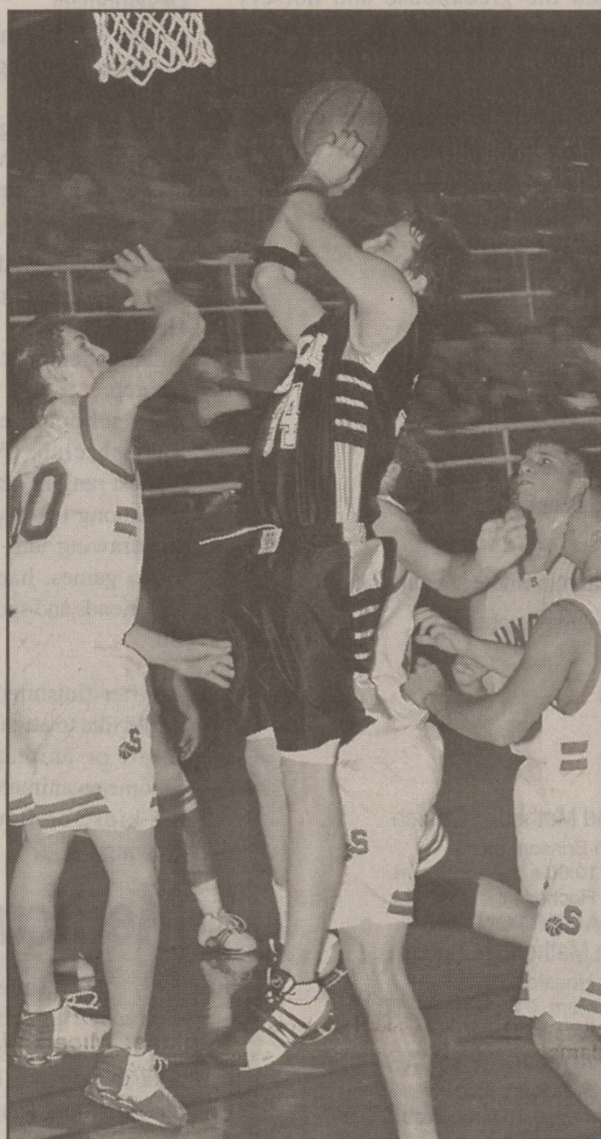


BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS—The Haskell Indians winning the Bi-District game 58 to 51 against Sundown in Snyder Tues., Feb. 22 are: Back row, l-r, Jared Webb, Coach Lolo Martinez, Coach Toby Villa, Miquel Chavez, Auggie Lara, D. J. McCulloch, Derrick Agraz,

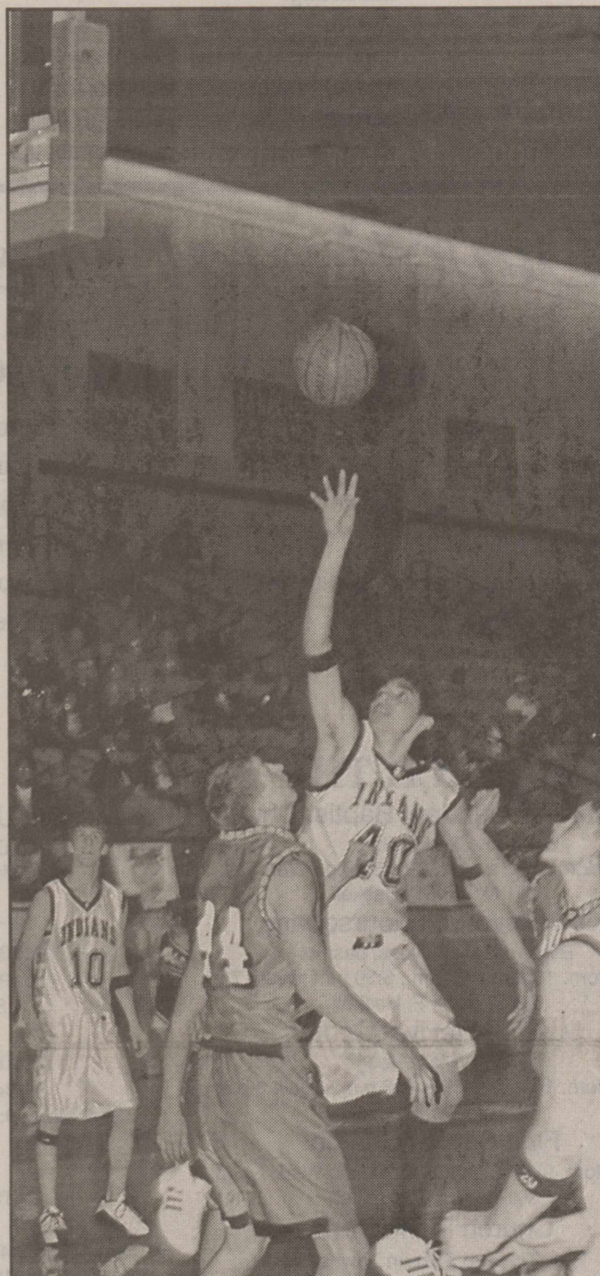
Andrew Long, Kendall Mitchell, Gary Frierson and Samuel Bitner. Front, A. J. Alvarez, Greg Guzman, Travis Adams, Weston Rutkowski, Raymon Cuellar, Joseph Rodriguez, Nate Webb, L. J. McCulloch and Ryan Davis.



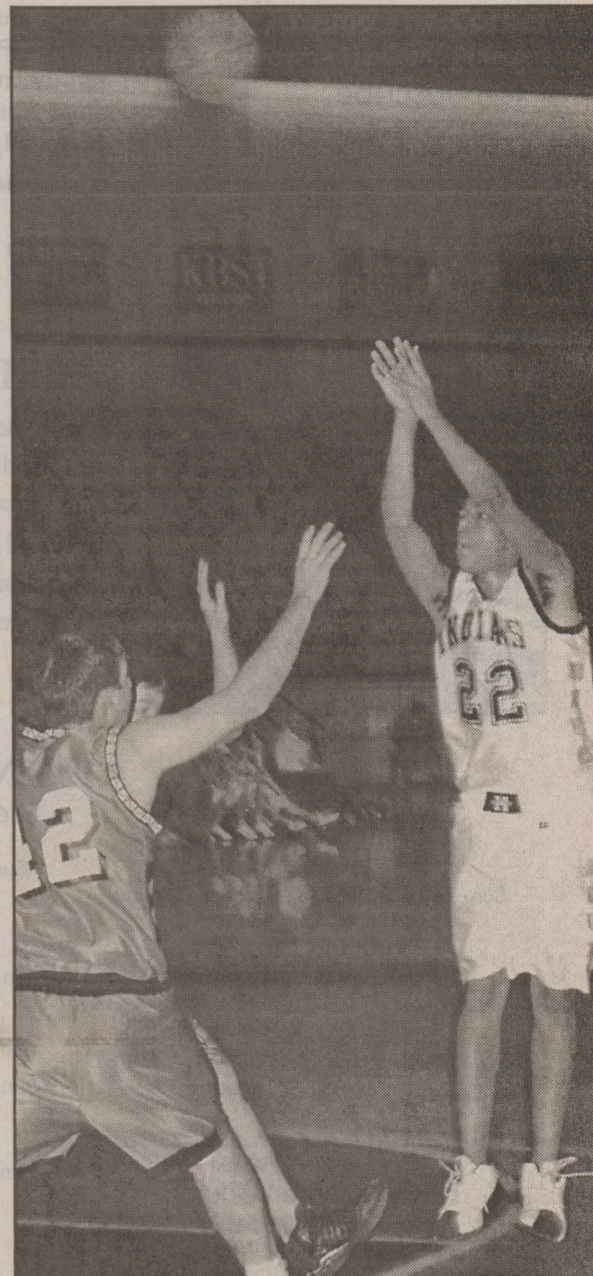
BI-DISTRICT WIN—Haskell's L. J. McCulloch #42, rises on Sundown in the Indians' Bi-District win at Snyder, Feb. 22. Photo by Bill Blankenship



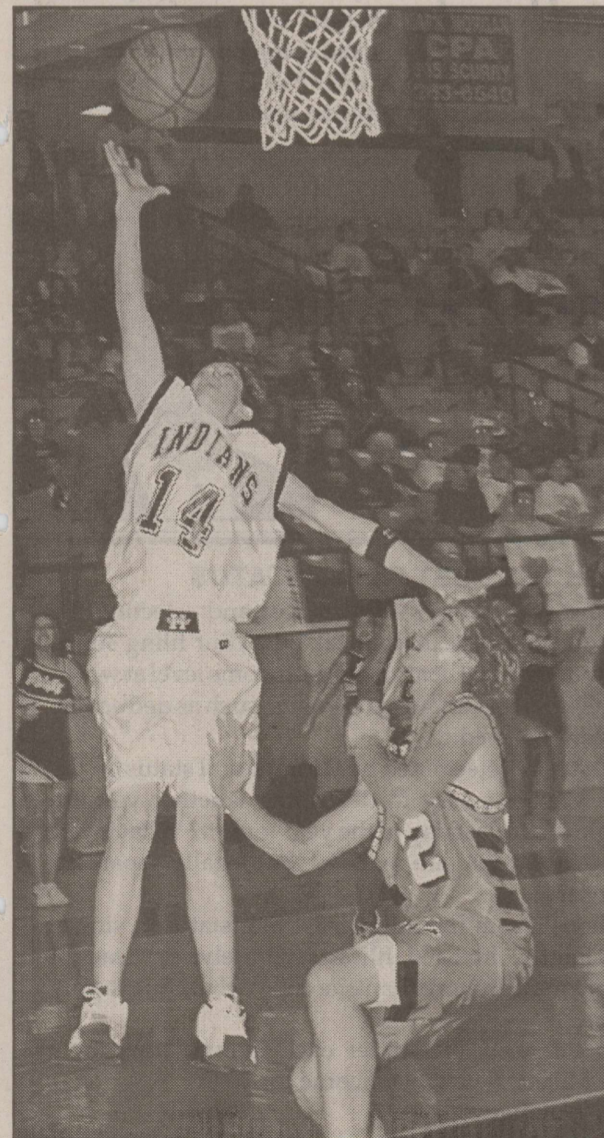
TAKING BI-DISTRICT—Haskell Indian, Nate Webb #34 goes up to score in the teams' Bi-District win to set Sundown, 58 to 51. Photo by Bill Blankenship



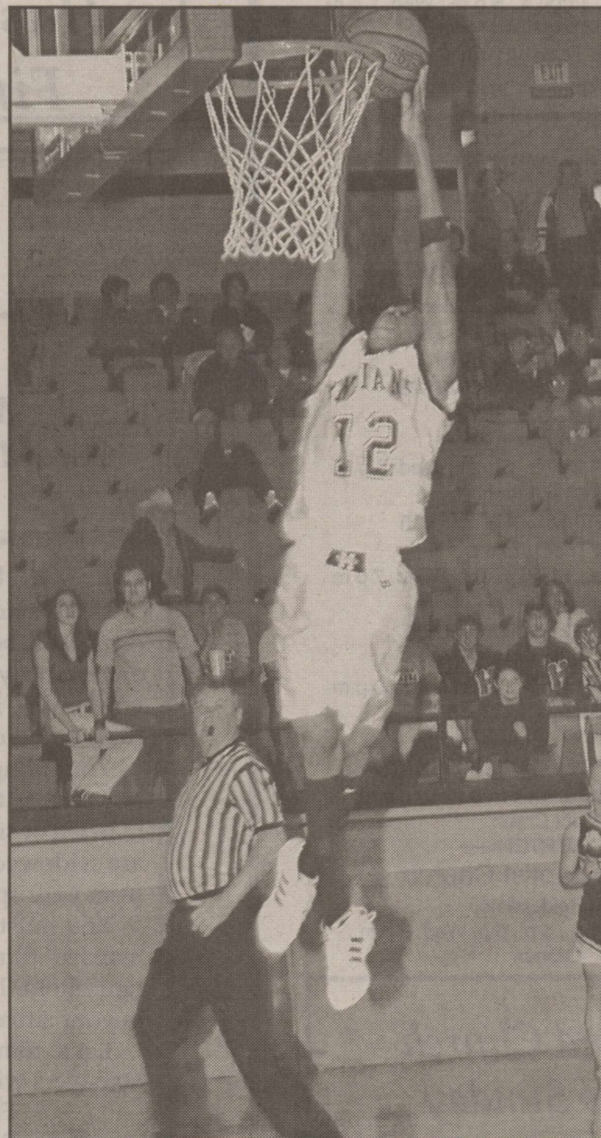
AREA WIN—Miquel Chavez #40, tips in a ball in the Indians' Area winning game with Wink played at Big Spring, Feb. 25. Photo by Bill Blankenship



AIMING FOR AREA—Haskell's D. J. McCulloch #22, sends up a ball in the Indians' 60 to 44 Area win over Wink, Feb. 25. Photo by Bill Blankenship



TAKING ON WINK—Haskell Indian #14, Weston Rutkowski goes for a basket in the Indians' Area winning game in Big Spring. Photo by Bill Blankenship



PUSHING TO WIN—Jakaan Hodge #12 puts away score in Haskell's winning bid over Wink to take the Area Championship. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Depression knows no age limit

by Jane Rowan

Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Life's challenges can become harder to face as a person ages. This

can lead to depression.

While there is no single cause for the illness, a sense of loss is considered the greatest contributor.

Depression can also be caused by chemical imbalances in the brain. Almost 25 percent of people over age 65 have one or more depression symptoms. These include lack of energy, social isolation, changes in appetite or sleeping pattern, and thoughts of death or suicide.

Whatever the cause or symptoms, depression can be treated by therapy and medication. Experts recommend staving off depression by staying active.

Students in the News

Melody Kennedy and Jennifer Bryan of Haskell were among students named to the Distinguished Students list for the Fall 2004 semester at Tarleton State University. Students designated as Distinguished Students include

freshman and sophomore students with a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors with a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C who are in good standing.

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Food choices can affect your health

by Jane Rowan
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Sometimes good food choices can upset the stomach. However, people with delicate stomachs can still have a balanced diet.

Those who are lactose intolerant can get calcium from salmon or tuna.

If wheat is a problem, experiment with recipes by substituting corn, oatmeal, or regular flour.

If raw fruits and vegetables are the culprit, cook them. Applesauce can be a good substitute for raw apples.

There are lots of choices, but it's important to be mindful about what is eaten. Food allergies can be life-threatening. To make sure symptoms aren't the result of a food allergy, contact an allergy expert.

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VANESSA N. GALLEGOS

Student in the News

Vanessa N. Gallegos, an elementary education major, of Haskell was named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 2004 semester at Abilene Christian University.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA.

Her family includes parents, Melissa and Abel Gallegos and brother, Ricky, all of Haskell.

Protected seed varieties require proper labels

by Jane Rowan
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
The Plant Variety Protection Act is being enforced. This is making producers and ginners more careful about the way they deal with protected varieties of seeds.

Saved seed that's under protection cannot be sold to anyone without permission of the variety owner. If a protected variety is illegally sold, the buyer, seller, and seed conditioners

could be charged and have to pay a fine.

However, protected seed can be sold as animal feed. Developing a new crop variety costs about one million dollars and takes 10 to 14 years. This law helps protect that hard work.

To find out what seeds are protected, visit www.ars-grin.gov and search for plant variety protection.

Agriculture benefits economy

by Jane Rowan
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
The food and fiber system in Texas added about 73-billion dollars to the state's economy in 2001. 2001 is the last year with complete data. The state's food and fiber system includes production, processing and marketing.

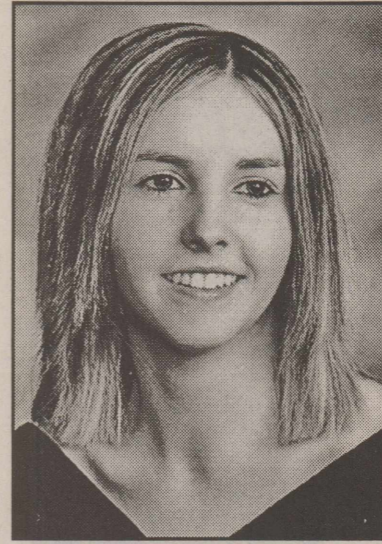
Our state agriculture commissioner, Susan Combs says the agricultural industry accounts for 10 percent of the gross state product today. It also provides jobs for about

one out of every seven Texans.

Nationwide, production agriculture in the Lone Star state is ranked second only to California. Beef cattle and calves lead agricultural commodities bringing 4.9-billion dollars. Cotton contributes about 1.3-billion dollars, and the greenhouse and nursery industry adds about 1.2-billion dollars.

The entire report can be found online at tcebookstore.org.

Students visit Rotary Club



TIFFANY CAMPBELL

Tiffany Campbell is the daughter of Randy and Tammy Campbell of Haskell.

She attends Haskell First Baptist Church.

In school she has received recognition for Personal and Family Development.

Her favorite things to do include shopping, hanging out with friends and working.

After finishing high school she plans to attend Midwestern State University or a junior college.

Saphron Roysdon is the daughter of Lynn and Yvonne Roysdon of Haskell.

She attends St. George Catholic Church.

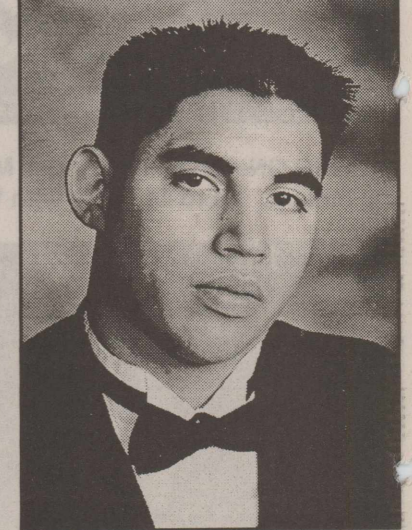
In school she is active in the Spanish club. She received the highest rank in her BCIS I class.

Among her favorite things to do are drawing and painting, playing video games, hanging with family and friends and spoiling her cat, Little Bit.

After finishing high school, she would like to attend a school that has an art or animation course, and become an animator making cartoon for kids, or have a career just drawing.



SAPHRON ROYSDON



ROLAND CISNEROS, JR.

Roland Cisneros, Jr. is the son of Roland and Mary Cisneros of Haskell.

At Paint Creek High School he is active in football, basketball and track.

Special awards he has received include All-District linebacker, fullback, spreadback, and 5 positions Honorable Mention as a sophomore and junior.

His favorite leisure activities include playing sports, fishing and spending time with family.

After finishing high school, he plans to attend Cisco Jr. College, join the Navy and become a head coach.

This Week's Devotional Message:



BRIGHTEN YOUR LIFE WITH THE GOLDEN RULE

Do unto others, the Bible has said,
As you'd have others do unto you;
And if you will follow this passage you've read,
You will find it is certainly true
That in business, your home life or simply with friends,
It is easier getting along

If you'll never be forced into making amends,
Just because you have done someone wrong.
So to learn more about this unfailing advice
That will frequently serve as a warning.
You should go to your church, where it's only the price
Of an hour on next Sunday morning.

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 Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- New Vision Family Worship Center**
Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors
864-3465
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
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.m., 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.m., 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.m., 10:30 a.m., 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., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
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**
Rev. T. L. Griffin
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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.m.
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**
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 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 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

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- First Baptist Church**
J. C. Baker, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 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.m., 10:45 a.m., 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.m., 11:00 a.m., 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.m., 10:40 a.m., 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**
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 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**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Medicare changes for 2006

by Jane Rowan
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Medicare changes are planned for 2006. A new drug benefit, called Part D, starts next January. You will not

benefit from this program if your drug expenses are less than \$670.

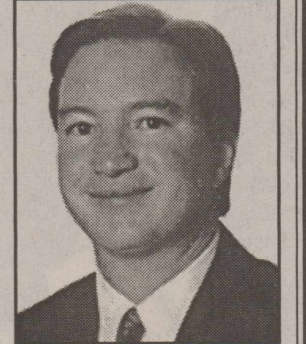
However, people with higher drug costs will benefit and might want to apply. Part D will pay 75 percent of costs. Optional enrollment begins in November.

If you are eligible for the program and don't enroll in time, you will be charged an additional premium. Private companies will be contracted to offer Part D, but there will be no separate application.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



PICK THE BEST FILING STATUS

Understanding your filing status choices and selecting the one that is best for you can cut your tax bill. Your filing status determines your tax bracket. It also sets the income level at which you become ineligible for certain tax benefits, such as deductible IRAs and the child tax credit.

Your filing status is determined by your marital status on the last day of the year. It's easy to determine whether you are married or single on the last day of the year—or is it? What if you are widowed? What if you are married, but legally separated from your spouse?

You must choose from the following filing statuses: single, married filing jointly, married filing separately, or head of household. There may be more than one choice that could apply in your situation.

Let's compare the tax bill under each filing status for a taxpayer with \$40,000 of taxable income for 2004.

Filing Status	Tax bill
Single	\$6,744
Married filing jointly	\$5,289
Married filing separately	\$6,744
Head of household	\$5,606

A single parent with a qualifying child could save \$1,138 by claiming head of household status rather than filing as single. A legally separated taxpayer also could save \$1,138 if he or she qualified to claim head of household status rather than choosing married filing separately status.

Selecting the correct filing status isn't always easy. You should consider both your tax situation and your personal situation before selecting a filing status on your return. If you have questions about which filing status is best for your circumstances, give us a call.

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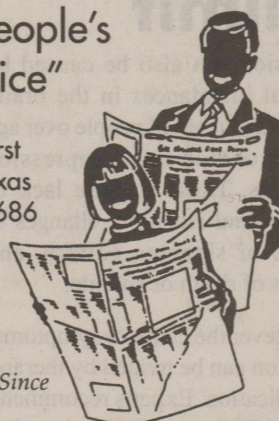
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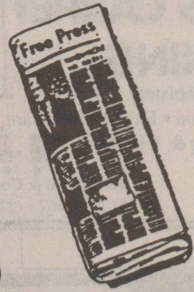
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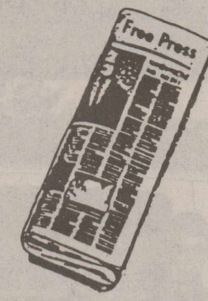
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FOR SALE: Glider rocker, \$10. 864-3782. 9p

RETIRED MASTER PLUMBER moved to Haskell wanting to sell complete inventory of pipe, parts, tools, trailer, tool boxes. If interested call, 325-280-1702. 9p

Cars For Sale

FOR SALE: 2002 GMC Yukon XL. Excellent condition. 43,000 miles. \$19,500. 864-3882. 8-11c

Garage Sales

ASPERMONT COMMUNITY Wide Garage Sale, Sat., March 5. For information call 940-989-3197. To pick up maps come by Chamber of Commerce office at 612 Washington. 9c

Lost & Found

LOST OR STRAYED from near road side park, south of Haskell: Young black bull, approx. 1,000 lbs. Has ear tag with 88? Branded D on right hip. Bigdon Drinnon 40-864-3147 or 940-256-3541. 8-11c

Miscellaneous

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

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Real Estate

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HOUSE FOR SALE: 925 N. 6th. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Living room, den. Hardwood floors. Well. Sprinkler system. Extra large corner lot. Call 940-864-2716, leave message. 7-10c

FARM-RANCH ACREAGE. 160 acres, Stonewall County. Excellent hunting, CRP, one well, electric. \$103,000. www.wtxranch.com. Phone 817-320-5090. 8-13c

HOUSE FOR SALE by owner: 1206 N. Ave. M. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Fenced-in backyard. Well. Sprinkler system. Call Kimberly, 325-725-3806. 9ffc

FOR SALE: Brick home. Approx. 2,000 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Large living room. Fenced-in backyard with water well. 2 car carport with storeroom. 500 N. 16th St., Haskell. 806-789-3069. 9-12c

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ROLLING PLAINS JAIL & Detention Center is now accepting applications for correctional officer and cook specialist. Medical insurance and life insurance provided at no cost. Please contact Lorie or Gwen in Human Resources for all inquiries at 940-864-5694. 9-11c

INSTRUCTORS needed for Haskell and Stamford after school program. Previous experience working with school age kids is desired. \$7-\$10 hour. No fee. Temporaries Plus, 325-676-7179. 9-10c

For Rent

FOR RENT: Furnished rooms for rent. Nightly, weekly. Call Lone Star Lodging 864-2238. 21ffc

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF HASKELL, TEXAS
Separate sealed bids for WATER AND SEWER RELOCATION will be received by the CITY OF HASKELL, TEXAS until 10:00 a.m., March 10, 2005 at City Hall, 301 South 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521 and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud.

The relocation project consists of approximately 4,740 LF 16" C905 DR25, 600 LF 14" C905 DR25, 1,885 LF 10" C900 DR18, 4,885 LF 8" C900 DR18, 2,715 LF 6" C900 DR18 WL, 40 LF 4" CL200, 4,265 LF 2" CL200 water lines and appurtenances, asphalt repair, service re-connections and fire hydrants. Also the project includes of 2,848 LF 12" SDR 35, 780 LF 10" SDR 35, 390 LF 8" SDR 35 sewer line, 20 manholes, asphalt repair.

It is anticipated that the Notice to Proceed will be issued before the end of March. The time of completion has been set at 120 consecutive calendar days.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Contract, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications, and Addenda (if any) may be examined at the following locations:
HASKELL CITY HALL, 301 S. 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521
JACOB & MARTIN, LTD., Consulting Engineers, 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606

Bids will not be received from contractors who have not obtained plans and specifications from Jacob & Martin. Bids shall be submitted on original documents and the entire specification book must be returned with bid. No faxes or copies of bid sheets will be accepted.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to

awarding of the contract.
Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from Peggy or Karen at Jacob & Martin, Ltd., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606 (325-695-1070), upon payment of \$100 (non-refundable) for half-size.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the City of Haskell, negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid.

CITY OF HASKELL, TEXAS
By: Ken Lane, Mayor
Date: February 21, 2005 8-9c

PUBLIC NOTICE
Rule ISD will conduct a meeting on May 2, 2005 in the Rule ISD Library beginning at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the school calendar for the 2005-2006 school year. The district is considering for a waiver to start school prior to August 22, 2005. 9c

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
Haskell County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on March 14, 2005 at the office of the County Judge in Haskell County Courthouse to sale the following used equipment:

Proc. 1: 7225 gallon propane tank trailer; Proc. 2: 1984 GMC 3/4 ton pickup; Proc. 3: 1977 equipment trailer-Tech Steel, large fuel storage tank, 1993 Chevy Pickup, bad motor; Proc. 4: 1964 Ford winch truck, 1973 F-600 Truck, 1974 F-600 dump truck, 1980 Mack tandem axle truck, 1984 Mack single axle, and 2-1,000 gallon fuel tanks with pumps; Treasurer's Office: Panasonic matrix printer, and battery backup.

Haskell County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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1504 Pawnee, Rule. Beautiful decorator colors in three bedroom, two bath brick, living with fireplace, dining and kitchen combination. Property has central heating and cooling, very large utility room and a two car garage with opener. Large backyard has shop or storage building, above ground swimming pool with deck. Yard is fenced, has water well for automatic sprinkler.

1602 DERRICK. 3-2, beautiful brick home, large den, fireplace, C/H/A, isolated master suite, decorator colors.

504 N. AVE. E. 2-1, detached garage with door opener. Older rock home with large living-dining, kitchen, two bedrooms, one bath, and utility room. Doors have beautiful old door knobs and walls have light paneling.

1105 N. 5th. 3-1, nice brick home perfect for couple or retiree. Property has living, three bedrooms, one bath, nice kitchen cabinets, utility hookups, ceiling fans.

106 N. FIRST ST. EAST. Eight lots on the southeast corner of Hwy. 277 and Hwy. 380 bypass. Property has all utilities available. New bypass will have access to Hwy. 380 at this corner. Great location for business.

Come by Rike Real Estate for a complete list.



HAPPY VALENTINES—Haskell first graders were busy recently delivering Valentine cards they made for people eating lunch at the Experienced Citizens Center and those receiving meals in their homes. Back row, l-r, are volunteer Wayne Ham, Kevin Strickland, Dylan Hanson, ECC Director, Jennabeth Kimbrough, Trey Lira, Anthony Lerma, Jeremy Castillo, Kourtney Howard, volunteer Wanda Ham, Michael Hardeman, Chris Wilson, Adam Address, Sabrina Conn, Cameron Williams, Kelsey Guzman, Morgan Nava-Munos, Hannah Foster, Harley Foreman, Davis Benevides, Abby Masias, Pryce Stewart, Destiny Pierce, Celicia Rodriguez and Sierra Jouett. Front row, Josue' Gonzalez, Marc Guzman, Kaylee Walker, Daniel Mota, Katie McLemore, Bobby DeLosSantos, Jordan Ortiz, Jarrett Lopez, Travon Dessivia and Garrett Tatum. The project was in coordination with a Learn & Serve Grant.



CANS FOR THE FOOD DRIVE—Rochester 4-H Club members helping collect cans of food for the local food drive were: back, l-r, Marissa McGhee, Maegan Hearn, Aaron Urich, Cheslee Hearn and Meghan Glover. Front, Stewart Urich, Paige Glover and Teddy Sue Harris.

Car show set March 19

The 9th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. Car Show will be held on Sat., Mar. 19, in downtown Haskell around the Haskell County Courthouse square.

With its widespread reputation of being a major show, featuring something of fun and interest for everyone in the family, the popular event is expected to again bring numbers of entries and visitors to the city.

Along with the ten classes of

vehicles in the show, other entertainments and activities will include the Kids Tractor Pull and Hot Wheels Races for Kids, (with an entry fee of \$1.00 per car).

Hamburgers and french fries will be served on the Courthouse square during the noon hour by members of the Volunteer Fire Dept.

A flea market sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce will feature vendor spaces at \$10.00 each on sidewalks in front of businesses

around the square.

Classes for this year's Car Show are:

Cars Pre-'64; Cars '65 and up; Antique Cars, Trucks thru '50; Street Rods Pre-'49; Race Cars; Older Pickups Pre-'84; Pickups '85 and up; Motorcycles; Restoration in Progress; Scooters.

First, second and third places in each class will receive a trophy. Entries are \$20 each. Judging will be held at 12:30 p.m., with trophy presentation at 3:30. Trophy and cash will be given for Best of Show and People's Choice, and a trophy given for Farthest Distance Traveled.

Registration forms for the show may be obtained from any Haskell Volunteer Fireman. For more information, call Randy Shaw at 940-864-2023 or e-mail: haskellcarshow@hotmail.com.

Haskell girls named to All-District team

Four Haskell Maidens named to the District 6-A, Girls Basketball All-district team are Monica Buerger, senior; Mollie McKnight, junior;

Kerri Newton, junior and Whitney Wallace, senior. The Haskell Maidens' coach is David Middleton.

Book Fair begins March 7

The Scholastic Book Fair being sponsored by Haskell Elementary School is set for Mon., Mar. 7 through Fri., Mar. 11. It will be held in the Haskell Elementary Library and will be for students, teachers, and the public. Hours for the fair are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily through Thursday, and until noon on Friday.

The theme of this year's book fair is Read a Great Tale, featuring lovable pets and reading.

Everyone is invited to the Family Event on Thursday evening, Mar. 10, from 4:30 to 6:00, for a time of book browsing, refreshments and a chance for students to win book-fair

merchandise. All students must be accompanied by adults at this event.

"We hope to see you there," said Haskell CISD librarian, Betsy McManamon, who invites everyone to join book lovers and pet lovers at the book fair, and help promote reading.

Hee Haw to hold performances

The Sagerton community is making preparations for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw, set to be held Mar. 31, Apr. 1 and 2, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Music and singing will begin about an hour before the Hee Haw

begins. The Hee Haw program for Thurs., Mar. 31 is for groups only. Tickets for Apr. 1 and 2 will go on sale Tues., Mar. 15, at 3:00 p.m., at the Sagerton Community Center. Thereafter, the tickets may be obtained by calling 997-2688. The

limit for tickets is set at 10 tickets per person. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Plate lunches, sandwiches and pies will be available in the cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.



ALEXIS REED

Reed wins D.C. trip

Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc., has announced that Alexis Reed of Haskell will join approximately 1500 other teens across the country for a 9-day all expense-paid trip to Washington D. C. in June.

The Haskell student was one of three winning students from the area in the annual Youth Tour Speech Contest, held Feb. 24 at the Roby High School Auditorium.

Along with the trip to D. C., the students will each receive a \$1,000 academic award.

They will enjoy the best of Washington, D. C., tour the Smithsonian Institute, Ford's Theatre, the FBI Building, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Mount Vernon and countless other points of interest. While there, they will visit their Congressman's office and find out face to face what's going on in national government. Their Congressman will meet with them and answer questions about current governmental issues.

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