Baseball games

Haskell vs Memphis
Area Playoff
Best 2 of 3 games
Vernon College Field, Vernon
1st game
Fri., May 20, 4:30 p.m.

2nd game
Sat., May 21, 10 a.m.
3rd game, if needed
30 minutes after game 2

Calendar

Fish fry

A catfish fry will be held Sun., May 22 beginning at 12 noon at the Fellowship Hall of East Side Baptist Church. The meal will include fried catfish or chicken strips. Donations will be accepted. Proceeds will benefit a mission trip planning in July to Chelcia, Vermont.

Sports banquet

The Haskell High School athletes will be honored at an All-Sports banquet Mon., May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. To purchase tickets, contact Mynea Short at Haskell National Bank, First National Bank, Sport-About, Rosemary Brown or the School's Administration Office. Tickets are \$7.50 May 2-13 and \$8.50 May 14 until at the door.

Food distribution

The Haskell County
Ministerial Alliance Food
Distribution Center will distribute
food Sat., May 21 from 10 a.m. til
11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building
east of Civic Center) in Haskell.
Volunteers are needed.

Summer program

The 21st Century Books & Beyond Learning Center's summer program dates will be June 13-July 1 for the first session and July 18-29 for the second session from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students will participate in academic activities, snacks, lunch, swimming, community service, games, recreational outings, college planning, financial planning, golf, gymnastics. archery, cooking, and other sports activities. All registered Haskell and Rochester students in grades K-7th are eligible. Registration will be held May 20 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Haskell Elementary Cafeteria. For more information call Crystal Trotter at 325-721-5904.

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the June 2 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Wed., May 25 at 5 p.m. The Free Press offices will be closed Thurs., May 26 and Mon., May

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., June 6 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

WHP art contest

The Brazos West Art
Association will sponsor an art
competition in conjunction with
Wild Horse Prairie Days at the
Civic Center in Haskell. Entry
time is Fri., June from 9 to 11
a.m. 12 divisions will be available
for adult and youth artists. For
more information call Betty Berry
at 864-3122 or Haskell Chamber
of Commerce at 864-2477.

WHP parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held Fri., June 3 at 5 p.m. Lorie Rodriquez is this year's parade chairman. To enter, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 940-864-2477. The Hardin-Simmons University Six White Horses along with Tom Moorhouse, grand marshal, will join the parade ranks.

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One-Act Play cast makes appearance at state

For the first time since 1978, this year Haskell High School had an entry at the one-act-play state contest. Previously, the school also had an entry at state in 1956 and 1967.

Haskell senior Jaclyn Drinnon was named Best Actress at the state competition in Austin, and junior Ryan Davis received Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

Members of the cast and crew were: Andrew Silvas, Kristen Martinez, Jaclyn Drinnon, Kory Foster, Ryan Davis, Ashley Foster, Teddye Harris, Mike Payne, Lindsay Pannell, Caleb Hudgens, Maggie Teague, Jared Webb and Jimmy Fuentes.

The Haskell students performed Joe DiPietro's dramatic comedy, "Over the River and Through the Woods." Crew member Mike Payne said, "We had the perfect cast for that play."

First-time play director, Melissa Tatum said the key to their success was the dedication of the cast and crew. "Following auditions, we met for the for first time Jan. 5, and practiced four days a week until zone competiton," she said. "I had no background in directing. I remember watching my friends in the one-act-play in high school, but I had no idea I would ever be a director of one." She credits the school's technology coordinator, Shawn Schlueter for his help with their march to Austin.

"He helped with the makeup and gave suggestions to improve the play," she said. Four characters in their 70's each required about 30 minutes makeup time. Previously, Schlueter directed award winning plays at Roscoe for four years.

Haskell's play finished as one of the top eight in the state 1-A competition. The UIL season began with 309 plays.

The trip to Austin began on Mar., 24, when Haskell competed in the zone contest at Rotan, against Hamlin, Munday and O'Donnell. Five students earned awards at this meet. Jimmy Fuentes received Best Actor; Jaclyn Drinnon and Caleb Hudgens were on the All Star Cast; Ryan Davis earned Honorable Mention Cast, and Mike Payne received Technical Award for lighting.

MEILING.

ONE-ACT PLAY CAST-Members of the Haskell High School's One-Act Play performing at the UIL State competition in Austin, were: front, Andrew Silvas, Middle row, I-r, Kristen Martinez, Jaclyn Drinnon, Kory Foster and Ryan Davis. Back row, Ashley

At District competition with Crosbyton, Munday and Ralls on April 2, once again Haskell and Munday advanced. Haskell received five medals. Fuentes and Hudgens made the All Star Cast, Drinnon and Davis earned Honorable Mention and Payne the Technical Award for

lighting.

At Area competition in Lubbock, April 16, Haskell competed against Munday, Plains, Patton Springs, Wilson and Whiteface. Haskell and Whiteface advanced to the regional contest. Hudgens was named Best Actor, Drinnon, Best Actress, and Foster, Teddye Harris, Mike Payne, Lindsay Pannell, Caleb Hudgens, Maggie Teague and Jared Webb. Not pictured is Jimmy Fuentes. This group marks the first time since 1978 that Haskell has had an entry in the state One-Act-Play contest.

Fuentes received All Star Cast. Andrew Silvas earned the Technical Award for lighting.

At the Regional meet in Levelland, April 21, Haskell, Channing, Clarendon, Iraan, Rankin and Whiteface all competed, with Haskell and Channing advancing to

state. Fuentes and Davis were named to All Star Cast. Drinnon received Honorable Mention.

The 2005 one-act-play cast and crew's finish as one of the top eight in state 1-A competition is now a new part of the proud history of Haskell High School.

WHP Queen's contest

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen Pageant will be held Sat., May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell High School Auditorium.

This year's event will feature twenty-eight young ladies from Haskell County, or directly connected to the ranches entered in the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo.

The pageant will begin with the Little Miss competition, followed by

the Junior Miss, and will conclude with the crowning of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen by the reigning queen, Robbyn Tribbey.

Jerry Don Hudgens will be Master of Ceremonies, and Caleb Hudgens, High School Senior, will serve as accompanist. Entertainment will again be provided by Megan Cheek, Wylie High School Senior, who was voted New Female Artist of the Year at the Grapevine Opry.

WHP art competition

The 2005 Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Cowboy Art Competition, sponsored by the Brazos West Art Association, will be held at the Civic Center in Haskell during the Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration, June 3-4, open to all artists exhibiting their own original work.

Divisions for entries are: Miniatures (unframed max. 5"x7"); Landscapes; Still Life; Sculptures; Wood Working and Carving; Handcrafted Leather items (no saddles); Youth-18 years and under; Portraits, Photography; Metal Art; Hitched Hair and Braided Items; and Hand-

crafted spurs, bits, buckles.

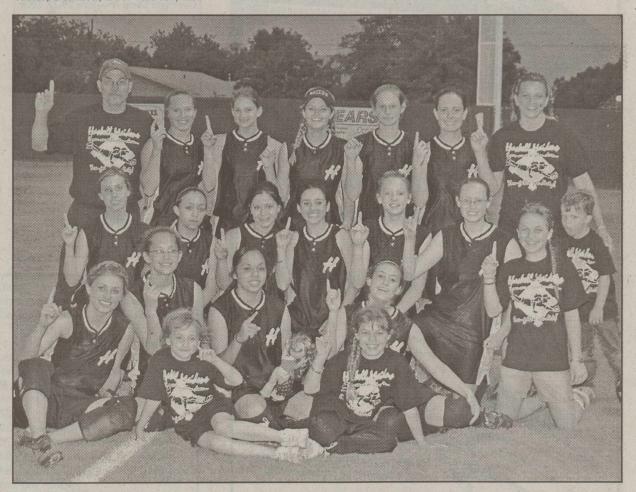
Awards will be given for Best of Show, \$50.00; first place in each

division, \$15.00; second place in each division, \$10.00; third place in each division, \$5.00; Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and Honorable Mention.

Fees include Miniatures, \$2.00 each; Youth Division, \$2.00 each; all others, \$5.00.

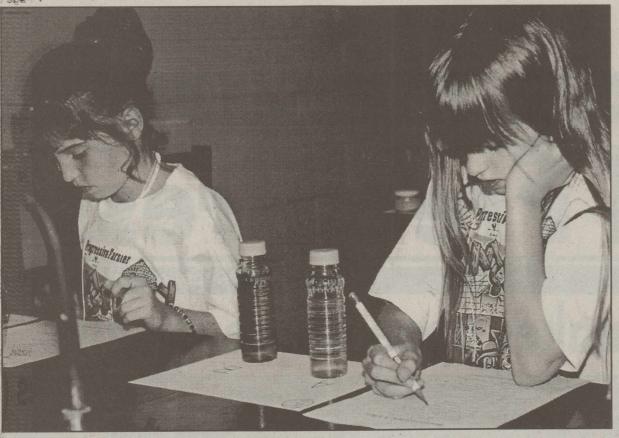
Entry time is Fri., June 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pickup time will be Sat., June 4, at 4:00 p.m.

All paintings and photographs must be wired for hanging. No saw tooth hangers allowed. Picture size is limited to 48" either way. Each entry must have information on the back giving the artist's name and address. Divisions may be combined depending on the number of entries.



GIRLS WINNING SOFTBALL TEAM—The Haskell Maidens' team winning the 1-A Regional Conference Semifinal with their game against Winters, May 5 at ACU in Abilene are: back row, I-r, Coach John Foster, Alexa Roberts, Kayla Tidrow, Eden Thomas, Kimberly Medford, Erin Hise, Coach Betsy Coleman. Middle row, Shannon Bird, Natalie Lopez, Jerrica Escobedo, Angela Pena, Paige Wheatley, Cody Foster and Ty Coleman. Front Row, Calina Kendall, Chambray Bartley, Hannah Foster, bat girl, Roxanne Chavez, Kellye Tidrow and Cailey Foster, bat girl. The team was scheduled to play Eula for the State Qualifier, Tues., May 17.

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LEARNING SAFETY-Megan Kimbrough, left, and Allison Petty try to determine which unmarked bottle contains apple juice or a household cleaner at the Farm Safety Camp.

Farm safety camp set for kids

by Jane Rowan Haskell Co. Extension Agent Power takeoff entanglement,

grain suffocation, chemical burns and getting stepped on by farm animalsall in a day on the farm? The coordinator of a Progressive

Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp being held May 28 in Munday believes rural parents can do more to ensure that farm accidents don't become a part of their kids' childhood memories. According to Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS in Haskell County, one way to start is by having their 8-14 year-old children attend the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp scheduled for Sat., May 28 at the Munday High School in Mundayfrom 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The day camp is designed to

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increase children's awareness of a wide variety of farm hazards, as well as providing them with hands-on, first aid training to help themselves or someone else survive a farm accident should one occur.

Parents can register their children to participate in the camp by calling

the Haskell County Extension office at (940) 864-2546 or the Knox County Extension office at (940) 459-2651. A \$10 registration fee for the event covers lunch, snacks, a take-home packet and a farm safety camp T-shirt.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Charlotte Foreman of Odessa spent the weekend in Haskell celebrating son, Flint Nanny's birthday and Mother's Day with hermother, Lois Redwine. She stayed with her sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Hyrum Richards. On Sunday, Flint, Lisa and Austin

Robert Gonzales

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Nanny, Christian Myers, Jean, Charlotte and Lois attended services at the First Baptist Church.

On Friday, John and Monica Childs, Alan, Richard, Joshua and Matthew of Midland came to Haskell. They spent the night with Monica's aunt and uncle, Jean and Hyrum Richards. They also visited her grandmother, Lois Redwine and her brother, Flint Nanny and family. They went to Dallas Saturday morning where Richard played in a soccer tournament.

Ariel Blair celebrated her 14th birthday Sat. at her home with cake and ice cream. 20 people helped her

On Saturday, Keri Magby of Lubbock and her mother-in-law, Nell Magby of Muleshoe visited with Keri's grandmother, Joyce Hawkins and Margaret Tatum. The men were at the lake on Sunday evening and Keri and husband and son came by for a visit on their way home.



Cowgirl Basketball Hardin-Simmons University

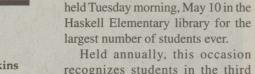
Day Camp - June 13-17, 2005 Grades 1-6

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For more information or to register, please contact: Head Coach, Shanna Briggs Phone: 325-670-1468 E-mail: sbriggs@hsutx.edu





Held annually, this occasion recognizes students in the third through sixth grades who have not only read, but also passed the required number of Accelerated Reading tests on the current year's Texas Bluebonnet Award books.

A Texas Bluebonnet breakfast was

Felysha Walker, Carson Hadaway and Aaron Waggoner.

The Texas Bluebonnet Award Program is a reading program for Texas students in grades three through six in which students in participating schools are encouraged to read at least five of the twenty nominated books each year to be able to vote for their favorite book in the statewide election in January.

The Haskell students were treated to a breakfast of blueberry muffins, blueberry pancake sausage-on-astick, assorted fresh fruits, milk and juice, provided by the Haskell Elementary lunchroom.

Calendar

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., May 19 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Storm sirens

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

Fridays. Homecoming 2005

The next Haskell-Mattson-Weinert Homecoming will be held Oct. 7-8.

PC homecoming

Paint Creek will hold their homecoming this fall. To update your mailing/email address, contact Max Calk, 3200 Golden Oaks Circle, Granbury, Texas 76049 or maxcalk@earthlink.net. attendance hosted a game show, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" with questions based on the Bluebonnet books. The tables with the most correct answers were rewarded with special pencils.

READERS REWARDED-Top Bluebonnet/Accelerated Readers at Haskell Elementary School who received awards at the recent Bluebonnet Breakfast, were: I-r, Angelica Gonzalez, Stewart Urich,

Elementary readers honored

at annual Bluebonnet breakfast

Drawings were held for free Bluebonnet books, and seven children won books from the Bluebonnet lists.

Top readers from each grade were recognized and presented a Bluebonnet Book. The top Bluebonnet/AR readers for each grade were: Aaron Waggoner, third grade; Carson Hadaway, fourth grade; Stewart Urich and Felysha Walker, fifth grade; Angelica Gonzalez, sixth grade. Gonzalez was also the overall top reader, having passed thirteen Accelerated Reading tests over the these books. She was presented with an autographed copy of this year's Texas Bluebonnet winner, "Togo," by Robert Blake.

The fifty-two students eligible to attend the honorary breakfast this year were: Zierra Alexander, Kelby

The twelve sixth graders in . Bell, Jessica Boggs, Colton English, Meg Glover, Dana Rodriquez, Dakota Silvas, Nathaniel Dever, Kaley Mathis, Baleigh Lopez, Braeden Alves, Marlee Andrada, Destiny Billington, Lucy Carmichael.

Daniel Contreras, Gloria De Los Santos, Jarred Escobedo, Elizabet Flores, Emily Fouts, Nikki Ortiz, Shelton Toliver, Christina Villa, Aaron Waggoner, Max Weise, Cole Casey, Maci Colley, Levi Grand, Madison Mayfield, Gabriel Torres, Kalyn Wheatley, Ashley Adams, Cailey Foster, Tillie McGuire, Drake Everett, Morgan Frierson.

Carson Hadaway, Cheyanne Hill, Victor Vasquez, Stewart Urich, Felysha Walker, Codi Foster, Ashlee Short, Daren Wilson, J. J. Aguilar, Bailey Fillmon, Angelica Gonzalez, Chelsee Hearn, Nathan Meredith, Austin Nanny, Rosa Nieto, Sara Weise and Ross Wittenborn.

"These students are to be congratulated for their good reading and hard work," said Haskell CISD Librarian Betsy McManamon.

Insomnia can signal larger problems

by Jane Rowan

Haskell Co. Extension Agent Sleep is just as important for adults as it is children. However, as we age sleep can become fleeting.

Those sleepless hours could be signaling other health problems. Hypertension, hot flashes, decreasing hormonal levels, changes in breathing, acid reflux, depression, and arthritis can cause trouble sleeping. Often times, the medications to treat these health problems can also lead to insomnia.

To help improve your sleep, remove work materials, computers, and televisions from the room. Maintain a regular sleep and wake time, even on the weekends. Keep your sleep environment dark, quiet, comfortable, and cool. Quit eating at least two hours before bedtime. Exercise regularly, and avoid alcohol, nicotine, and caffeine close to bedtime.

Fly population bad news for cattle

by Wes Utley

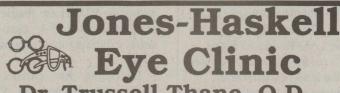
Haskell Co. Extension Agent South Texas' fly population exploded with the onset of warm weather. The population usually begins to rise in May, but the onset began in April this year.

The pests' early arrival is causing problems for cattle. Extension experts report horrific pink eye

To Subscribe, Call 940-864-2686 problems. When horn flies get water from cattle's eyes, they pick up the

infection and spread it to other cows. However, there are several options to control the pests. Oilers full of insecticide can be strung around feeding areas. Ear tags infused with insecticide can be applied when cattle are wormed and will provide continual protection for six months. Growth regulators fed to cattle are

also commonly used. Experts suggest using a combination of the methods.



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FASHION WINNERS-Haskell County 4-H students winning awards in the Fashion Show were: front, Emily Fouts. Middle row, I-r, Andrea Anderson, Kate Rowan, Candace Brister, Jenny Dudensing, Allison Petty. Back row, Brianna Riggins, Caleb Hudgens, Cheyene Favor, Kim Williams, Molly

Brister, Favor advance to state 4-H fashion show

by Jane Rowan Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Fourteen Haskell County 4-H members advanced to the Rolling Plains District 4-H Fashion Show April 30 after winning first place honors at the Haskell County 4-H Fashion show. The district show was field at the Petrolia High School where 4-H contestants from 24 counties participated in the annual event sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension and AEP.

Cotton Awards, donated by the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. were given to the first place best cotton garments in the construction and buying categories in each division. The Women's Auxiliary Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers provided awards for wool garments.

Theme of the District Show was "The Wild West." Clay County 4-H leaders hosted the event.

Results of the day's competition

place, Brooke Bullinger.

place, Cheyene Favor;

Candace Brister;

College Station.

Placing were:

Dudensing;

Molly Dudensing.

Riggins, Rule.

Caleb Hudgens; and

place, Kimberly Williams;

Senior Construction Casual: 3rd

Senior Construction Dressy: 1st

Cotton Award: 1st place, Cheyene

Senior Buying Casual: 1st place,

Senior Buying Dressy: 2nd place,

Wool Award: 1st place, Caleb

First place senior division

winners, Candace Brister and

Cheyene Favor, will advance to the

State 4-H Fashion Show June 8 in

placed in the "Fabric & Fashion

Design" phase of the fashion show.

Three Haskell County youth also

Junior Apparel: 2nd place, Allison

Junior Textile: 1st place, Jenny

Intermediate Apparel: 1st place,

Six Haskell County Volunteer

4-H Clothing Project Leaders were

selected to serve as judges for the district competition. These leaders

were: Debbie Brister, Lou Gilly,

Valiene Bullinger and Lorrie

McBroom, all of Haskell; Renee

Dudensing, Sagerton; and Sharazan

Junior Construction Casual: 5th place, Breanna Riggins;

Junior Construction Popover Skirt/Pant: 5th place, Emily Fouts; Junior Construction Specialty: 1st

place, Jenny Dudensing; Junior Buying Casual: 3rd place,

Stephanie Threet; Junior Buying Dressy: 1st place,

Kymbre Kupatt; and Junior Buying Specialty: 5th

place, Allison Petty. Intermediate Construction Casual: 3rd place, Andrea Anderson;

Intermediate Construction Dressy: 1st place, Molly Dudensing Cotton Award: 1st place, Molly

Intermediate Buying Casual: 1st place, Kate Rowan; and Intermediate Buying Dressy: 1st

Study Club ends year, installs new officers

Twenty three members of the Haskell Progressive Study Club met in the home of Darlene Smith, Thurs., May 12 to mark the finale of their club season and to enjoy a salad supper before adjourning until September.

Club president, Julia Harrell introduced special guest, TFWC, the Mesquite District. Mesquite District President, Sandi Conway of Albany, who held an installation of the club's elective officers for next year, using a ceremony of colored ribbons symbolic of the duties of each office.

Officers installed for the 2005-2006 season were: president, Julia Harrell; first vice-president, Joe Ann Thane; second vice-president, Kathryn Schonerstedt; corresponding secretary, Tinka Nelson; recording secretary, Jeanie Richards; treasurer, Bettie Wainscott.

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guest speaker recounted the events of the recent Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Convention held in Beaumont, and told the club about upcoming events, including the TFWC convention, which will be held in Abilene in 2007, hosted by

In a business session, discussion was held about the club's ongoing projects of wildflowers, the flagshaped flower bed being installed in the park, the collection of used cell phones for recycling, and a class on grants writing scheduled during June.

Hostesses for the evening were Social Committee members, Dorothy Hartsfield, Nelda Lane, Tinka Nelson, Shirley Reed and Ruby Turner, and Yearbook Committee members, Oleta Cornelius, Evelyn Cobb, Betty Berry, Franciene Johnson and Darlene Smith.





Willingham honored by Texas Educators

Gloria Darnell Willingham, a librarian at the Academy of Irving ISD was honored recently as a state finalist for educator of the year by the Irving Local Chapter of the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) at their yearly

Each year local school districts elect representatives for the awards in the following categories: administrator, associate, elementary teacher, secondary teacher, and special services/professional support. The district finalists then proceed to the regional level, before going to the state finals. At state Willingham was named a finalist in the Special services/Professional support

Willingham is the daughter of Burl and Doris Darnell of Haskell.

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Art Club installs officers

The Brazos West Art Association met Mon., May 9 for their final meeting of the club year.

After a salad supper, new officers for the coming year were installed by Carolyn Everett. They were: Denia Cunningham, president; Jennie Lyckman, first vice-president; Betty Berry, second vice-president; Nelwyn Beakley, secretary; Betty Hook, treasurer; Peggy Middlebrook, reporter/historian. Named to the telephone committee were Marsha Whittemore and Jennie Lyckman.

Other members present were Bobbie Harrison, Martha Spitzer, Doris Reeves, Adeline Laird and Fern Livengood.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Tax bill pushes school start date after Labor Day

AUSTIN-The proverbial meat grinders are whirring as it gets to be sausage-making time at the Capitol with the Legislature moving toward adjournment on May 30 and not facing the prospect of a special session to resolve the school finance

Two big steps in that direction came last week. In the early morning hours of May 11, the Senate approved its version of House Bill 3, a measure that hikes business and consumption taxes to make up for a decrease in school property levies.

The next day, the upper chamber passed House Bill 2, a bill that would put some \$2.8 billion more into education spending during the upcoming biennium.

Part of the increased spending would be for teacher pay raises, while another aspect of the bill would turn back the clock by returning the school start day to its traditional post-Labor Day time.

The Legislative Budget Board has estimated that families earning less than \$100,000 a year collectively would pay \$1.1 billion a year more in taxes under the Senate tax plan, while higher income Texans together would only pay some \$431 million more.

While both the Senate and the House now agree that there will be no statewide property tax passed this session (school property taxes remain the province of local school districts), much remains to be resolved before a final measure goes to the governor.

Governor creates BRAC group... The news was mostly good for Texas when the recommendations of the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission were announced on Friday the 13th, but the naval base at Ingleside was on the hit list as well as the Red River Army Depot and Lone Star Army

Ammunition Plant at Texarkana.

Shortly after the announcement came out of Washington, Gov. Rick Perry signed an executive order creating a group he called the BRAC Response Strike Force to develop a plan of attack to convince the U.S. Department of Defense that the targeted Texas bases need to stay

DNA database catching crooks...

The Department of Public Safety's DNA database-called CODIS (for Combined DNA Indexing System)last year solved 13 murders, 81 sexual assaults, 40 burglaries, six armed robberies, four assaults and one kidnapping.

The DPS' system got 183 "cold hits" during 2004, a cold hit being an unexpected match between the profile of a submitted biological sample and an unsolved case or a hit that links several unsolved crimes.

Guard leader retiring... Maj. Gen. Wayne D. Marty, Texas

adjutant general, has announced his retirement effective this summer. Replacing Marty on June 11 as

commander of the 19,600 men and women of the Texas National Guard will be Brig. Gen. Charles G. Rodriguez. The 51-year-old San Antonio native will be the state's first Hispanic adjutant general. Looking for a vacation idea?

With both the Legislature and the school year winding down, it's not too early to start thinking about getting out of town when the final bell rings.

One possibility is Palo Duro Canyon State Park, which recently grew by 7,837 acres with the purchase of an adjacent tract of both historical and biological significance. The state's second-largest park, Palo Duro now covers 26,200 acres near

For more information on the park and to make camping reservations, check the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

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The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 304 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., May 14, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 36 sellers and 36 buyers were present.

Cows, steady to \$2 higher. Calves, steady.

Cows: fat, .56-.64; cutters, .58-.67; canners, .45-.52.

Bulls: bologna, .72-.80; feeders, No Test; utility, .68-.74.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.80-2.00; 300-400 lbs., 1.40-1.63; 400-500 lbs., 1:25-142; 500-600 lbs., 1.15-1.25; 600-700 lbs., 1.08-1.25; 700-800 lbs., 1.00-1.14; 800-up lbs., .90-1.05.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.70-1.90; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.45; 400-500 lbs., 1.15-1.22; 500-600 lbs., 1.05-1.12; 600-up lbs., .98-1.05.

Bred heifers medium frame, 750-

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 850-1300; aged or small, 600-

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1000-1510; aged or small, 900-1100.

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From Out of the Past

SENDING THE WRONG MESSAGE ...

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago May 18, 1995

Postal employees Melba Parham and Nancy Roberson distributed Mother's Day gift bags to female residents at Rice Springs Care Home and Haskell Healthcare Center.

Nancy Plunkett was awarded the certificate of merit by past District Auxiliary President, Jo Durham, for achieving over 200 percent membership in Haskell's Post 221 Women's Auxiliary at the District 13 spring convention.

Haskell High School band members Katy Martin, Patrick Middleton, Christy Cadenhead, Anita Rapp, Charissa Huff, Shelly Palacios, Wendy Dulaney, Jacy Cypert, Philip Huff, Kaki Stapleton and Anna Rieger were presented American Musical Foundation certificates.

Nathan White, grandson of Joe and Joyce Davis and Frank and Joyce White, all of Haskell, was a member of the Jacksboro FFA Range and Pasture team that won first place at the National FFA contest.

20 Years Ago May 16, 1985

Haskell senior Todd Harris came home with a second place medal following the state track meet.

Wendy Smith, Gia Henshaw, Holly Reed, Missy Phemister, Dala Harris, Dawn Langhofer, Christi Bartley and Shanna Langford, woodwind players of the Haskell Junior High band, earned a first division at the Snyder Band Festival.

Will Pace, Abilene Christian University Junior of Haskell, was named best announcer of KACU radio at the mass communications annual banquet.

At the Weinert High School awards banquet Johnny Perez was named the most consistant football player and Kelly McGuire was named most dedicated girls basketball player.

30 Years Ago May 15, 1975

Suzanne Frierson, Connie Frierson, Kem Kemp and Rosemary Kimbrough, members of the Haskell Indian Band, received a division I on solos at the Southwest Music Festival.

Roy Klose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Klose, an outstanding mathematics junior at Haskell High School, was selected to attend the University of Oklahoma during the summer.

Former Haskell Indian Charlie Franklin received a first team All-Lone Star Conference award, a second team All-American certificate and the Nathan's Award during the ninth annual all sports banquet at Angelo State University.

Marine Private First Class Andrew Bagley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benson Bagley of Rule, participated in "Rum Punch," a multi-nation training exercise on the Puerto Rican island

Need to sod or seed?

To sod or seed? That is the question. It turns out that both have their advantages and drawbacks. Here are a few tips to help you

The short answer: Hands down, the fastest and most hassle-free way to create a lawn is with sod. If you need instant lawn, sod is the way to go, but establishing a lawn from sod that stays vigorous for years to come requires more work than the average homeowner might think. Seeding is just as good or better if done correctly.

Preparing the soil: The key to success for both methods lies in preparing the area you're seeding or sodding. Prepare the planting bed with a good rooting medium. A minimum of eight to ten inches of healthy soil is recommended. A deep, well aerated planting bed encourages good vertical root growth and a healthy root system translates into great looking turf. Healthy soil does not mean hauling in new soil unless absolutely necessary. More times than not existing soil is fine if it's well aerated and well drained.

Having your soil tested is a good idea. County extension service experts are a great resource to help determine what type of soil treatments may be necessary.

Quick tips for sod: Laying sod is best done in the spring or fall when temperatures are moderate. Laying sod should be avoided in the heat of mid-summer or late in the season. New sod must have a period to establish roots before winter. Sodding no later than one month before the first frost is a good rule of

The key to success with sod is establishing it properly. Sod rolls come with such a small portion of the roots attached, usually only about 1/2 inch of the soil layer. If the root system doesn't establish well, the quality of the turf will gradually deteriorate over a period of a few

Once the roots have taken hold and you can't pick up the sod layer, you should aerate your lawn. Rent an aerator yourself or contact a lawn care professional for this service.

Quick tips for seed: The best time to seed is late summer or early fall. Less competition from annual weeds will occur since most don't germinate after mid summer and growing conditions are perfect for seedling establishment.

Once a seed bed is prepared, choose a seed mix that is right for your specific conditions. Your local nursery or county extension service are great resources for information on soil conditions and new turf establishment from either sod or

of Vieques.

40 Years Ago May 20, 1965

Nancy Bernard, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bernard of Haskell, was chosen as the South Plains Maid of Cotton.

Master Sergeant Nelson F. Donahoo, son-in-law of Mrs. Floy McMeans of Rule, was decorated with the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal upon his retirement from the Air Force at Dyess AFB after 20 years service.

Local scouts Harold Spain, Leslie Huss, Wayne Davis, Bobby Black, James Wall and James Smith received the God and Country award.

Dennis Opitz and Dewane Grogan of Mattson High School graduated as valedictorian and salutatorian.

Maxey Leon Mullins, Fred D. Brown, Jo Ann Griffith, Sherry B. Upshaw and Paulette A. Taylor, all of Haskell, received degrees from Hardin-Simmons University.

> 50 Years Ago May 19, 1955

Lary Waskom, County Office Clerk for the Farmers Home Administration in Haskell, was awarded the Meritorious Service Award of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Haskell County 4-H club members Gene Leonard and Bill Russell of Haskell; Jimmie Gammill, Rochester; Jackie Hammer, Weinert; Royce Cox and Danny Walsworth, O'Brien; and Paul Gomez, Sagerton were awarded Sears Duroc gilts.

Haskell High School students Barbara Mullins, Jerry Wheatley, Betty Melton, Mary Ann Thomas, John Duncan, Elaine O'Neal and Terry Bynum were named as the topranking honor students. Don Dendy, former all-state

center on Haskell's Class A high school team, signed a letter of intent with Howard Payne College.

Nancy Earles Peiser and Helen Jean Cox were named honor students in the Senior class at Paint Creek Rural High School.

100 Years Ago May 20, 1905

L. D. Morgan sold his livery business, the Opera House Stables, to Jack Simmons.

S. R. Rike, Will Fitzgerald and Perry Clayton returned from Vernon where they delivered a bunch of steers purchased here by Vernon

Dr. Reagan of Pinkerton, who has celebrated his 90th birthday, was in Haskell and said he has a number of years to his credit yet.

A. C. Sherrick sold his ranch of over 4,000 acres in the north part of the county to Dr. A. J. Nolen of Alabama.

W. L. Cason returned from a business trip to Dallas and reported he purchased quite a bit of merchandise, including some new lines to be added to the store.

Seatbelt campaign underway

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is marking the 20th anniversary of Texas safety belt laws by kicking off the largestever statewide Click It or Ticket education and enforcement campaign.

Thousands of state troopers and local officers will be patrolling Texas highways and streets between May 23 and June 5 to issue citations to drivers and front seat passengers not wearing safety belts. Drivers whose children aren't buckled up also will be ticketed.

Thanks to the state's safety belt laws, federal officials estimate that 17.800 fewer Texans have been killed in traffic crashes since 1985 and 420,000 injuries have been prevented, resulting in economic savings that top \$77 billion. In the past twenty years, the safety belt use rate in Texas has climbed from 14 percent to 83 percent.

"Officials are directing stepped up law enforcement efforts at the one in five Texans who don't fasten their safety belts," Brenda Mitchell said. "TxDOT's goal this year is to get at least another 3 percent of Texansroughly 350,000 drivers-into the habit of buckling up. They include pickup drivers and passengers, teens and parents whose children aren't properly secured." Mitchell is TxDOT's Abilene District traffic safety coordinator.

"Most people know the benefits of safety belts, but sometimes it takes the threat of an expensive citation to get drivers and passengers to obey the law," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's division director of traffic operations. "Since we started participating in the national Click It or Ticket initiative three years ago, safety belt compliance in Texas has climbed by almost 10 percent."

With almost 4 million pickups on the road in Texas, this year's Click It or Ticket campaign also includes a special focus on pickup drivers.

"In a crash, pickup trucks are twice as likely to roll over as cars, but their riders buckle up less than any other group of drivers and passengers on Texas roads," said Georgia Chakiris, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's regional administrator. "We want people in pickups to know their chances of surviving a rollover crash increase by up to 80 percent if they buckle up in their trucks."

Mitchell added that drivers and front seat passengers are required to use safety belts in Texas. "Children under 17 must be buckled up," she noted, "whether they ride in the front or back of a vehicle. Child safety seats are required for children under four years of age or less than 36 inches tall. Fines for violations range from \$25 to \$200 plus court costs.

"To remind drivers of the Click It or Ticket campaign and the consequences of not wearing their seat belts, the Abilene District will again be using their permanent dynamic message signs along the highways to help get the message out to the public," Mitchell said.

Student in the news

Kyle Michaels of Haskell was named Outstanding Male Criminal Justice Student at the Reese Center in Lubbock Thurs., May 5 at South Plains College's annual Awards Assembly in Texan Dome.

"We honor those students who have achieved scholastic excellence and who have contributed to improvement of student life at South Plains College," said Darrell Grimes, vice president for academic affairs."Faculty representing all departments on campus have selected outstanding individuals for each area of study to receive the highest award a department may bestow on a student. Those honored in the area of student activities were selected by their fellow classmates and instructors for their special efforts and personal sacrifice to make a significant contribution to the development of campus life."

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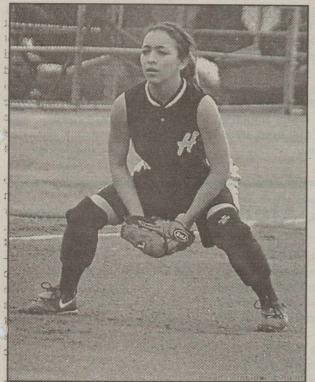
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CATCHER AT WORK-Haskell's Alexa Roberts catches in the Maidens' winning game with Winters at ACU in Abilene. May 10. Photo by Bill Blankenship



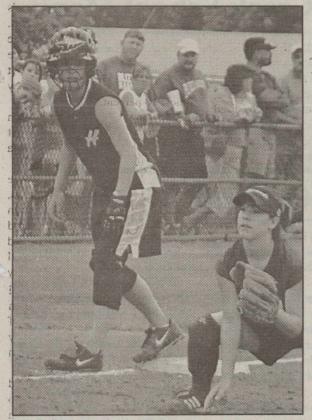
PITCHING A WIN -Haskell Maiden Calina Kendall is intent on a pitch in the 2-0 win over Winters at ACU in Abilene, May 10.



MAIDEN ON BASE-Haskell's Natalie Lopez is ready on third base in the game with Winters in Abilene, Tues., May 10.



GUARDING FIRST BASE-Haskell Maiden Eden Thomas works on first base in the game with Winters played in Abilene. Photo by Bill Blankenship



RUNNER ON THIRD-Calina Kendall stops on third POISED AT THIRD-Haskell's Chambray Bartley base in the game with Winters played at ACU in waits for a chance to run in the Maidens' game Abilene, May 10.



with Winters in Abilene.

Big Country Electric Co-op members meet in Ham

Big Country Electric Cooperative held their 6th annual meeting of the membership Sat., April 30 in Hamlin with more than 650 members and guests in attendance,

Member-owners elected three -board members. Re-elected to District 1 was John Ben Glover of Rochester who was unopposed. In District 5 and also unopposed, Roger Blackwelder was re-elected. District 6, vacated by retiring board member Jerry Upshaw, saw a close race

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between Jeff Branson and Todd Coker. Coker was elected by the membership for District 6 by 36

Upshaw was elected to the board of directors at Midwest Electric Cooperative in 1984. He served as secretary at Midwest Electric from 1992 until the consolidation of Midwest and Stamford Electric in

A country crafts and creations show featured vendors from the Big Country with booths in the Hamlin

High School gym. A bar-b-que meal was served. Entertainment was provided by Megan Cheek of Wylie.

This year children enjoyed a giant air castle in front of the Hamlin High School while the center of attention for member-owners and their guests was a 2005 hybrid car.

1958 Haskell graduate named to Hall of Fame

Jimmy Don "Jim" Brock, a 1958 graduate of Haskell High School, was recently inducted into the first class of the Kids Inc., Hall of Fame, at a banquet celebrating 60 years of serving the youth of Amarillo and surrounding cities. About 1000 persons attended the event held at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Brock was the number four inductee following the late Cal Farley, founder of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, the Maverick Boys Club and Kids Inc., a neighborhood/sports program that is unique by organizing the programs in the school neighborhoods with volunteer coaches and officials. It is the largest local organization of its kind in the

Brock served as a volunteer with Kids Inc., from 1962 to 1973, as a coach, round-up person and guardian before taking the reigns as Director/ CEO in Dec., 1973 until Aug. 1983. He then returned to the Amarillo ISD as Director of Health, Physical Education, Safety, Soccer, Softball and Wrestling, until his retirement in the summer of 2004. He was instrumental in developing several of the sports activities, such as T-Ball (founded in Amarillo), soccer and track. He has been responsible for the development of many sports facilities throughout Amarillo during the past 43 years. The National Co-ed Softball program and the National Little Dribblers basketball program were patterned after the Amarillo Kids Inc., program.

Second inductee was Ralph Dykeman, first director of Maverick Boys Club and Kids Inc., who assisted Cal Farley in his development of all three organizations that have served thousands of youngsters since 1939.

Third inductee was Bus Dugger, the first volunteer coach that Farley sent to organize a school neighborhood football team when Kids Inc., officially began. Brock was followed by the pioneer banking Ware family and home-owned Amarillo National Bank, who have donated more than one million dollars to Kids Inc., each of the past five years, and \$200,000 in 1998 to the building now housing Kid's Inc., offices, storage and community meeting rooms. Number ten inductee was 2000 Olympic Gold Medalist wrestler, Brandon Slay, an all-district football player and three-time state wrestling champion who is now attending Dallas Theological Seminary. After this year, only one inductee will be added each year.

Other awards Brock has received include the 1970 National PTA Outstanding Service to Youth; 1978 Amarillo Y's Men's Club for

New wheat varieties tested

by Wes Utley Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Wheat producers face new disease and pest challenges every year. An A&M researcher is trying to help fight these battles by crossing synthetic wheat varieties and wild grasses from Turkey. He is trying to create a variety with rapid stand establishment and early fall growth.

Current local strains of wheat have limited genetic variability. He hopes to double genetic gain by doubling genetic variability.

Outstanding Service to Youth; 1978-79 Amarillo Classroom Teacher's Association, Human Relations Award; 1983 West Texas State University's first Distinguished Alumni Award; 1997 Texas High School Wrestling Association Hall of Honor.

After serving all the youngsters in Kids Inc, Amarillo ISD and the City of Amarillo Park Department, Brock now enjoys chasing three grandsons in Canadian in their sports activities. He has served on the State Boards for HPERD and Texas High School Wrestling the past 21 years, and found time to teach children's Sunday School classes at Kingswood United Methodist Church for 33

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brock, Jim Brock is married to Barbara Elliott Brock, and is the sonin-law of Helen Elliott and the late Jean Elliott of Haskell.



JIM BROCK



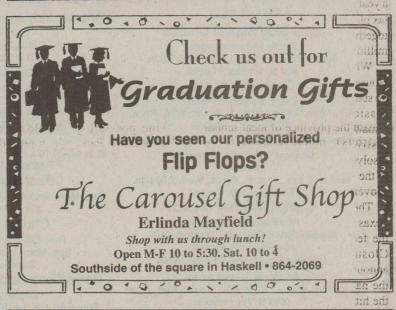
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Written By Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



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• First, check your withholding for 2005. The best indicator that you need to make a change in your withholding is either a large refund or balance due on your 2004 tax return. A large refund means you've given the IRS an interest-free loan-money that you could have invested yourself. A large balance due can mean you end up paying penalty and interest charges on top of your regular tax liability. To change your withholding, file a new Form W-4 with your employer. Newly retired individuals who will no longer have withholding should review their need to start making quarterly estimated tax payments.

• Maximize the benefit you get from making tax-deductible contributions to a retirement plan by making your 2005 contribution as early in the year as possible. You then extend the period during which your investment can grow tax-deferred.

 Now is a good time to establish your long-term tax planning. strategies. Some possibilities to consider: a salary-deferral arrangement with your employer, investing in assets that will appreciate rather than produce current income, shifting income among family members to take advantage of lower tax brackets, and structuring your borrowing to maximize interest deductions.

• Now is also the time to get your tax and financial records organized if your current system leaves something to be desired. Organization will help you capture tax deductions you might otherwise miss.

The longer you delay tax and financial planning for 2005, the less effective any strategy will be for you this year. So don't just file your tax return and forget about taxes until next April 15. Take time to determine a strategy and make some moves that can reduce your 2005 tax bill and make your financial situation better a year from now. For assistance in your planning, give us a call.

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READY TO GO FLY A KITE-Haskell fifth grade students and Headstart students team up again to fly their kites on a blustery cold day in May, during another Learn & Serve project that is benefitting both Haskell Elementary and Headstart students. Working on the kites and having fun, are: I-r, Sonya Rodriquez, Whitney Masias, Paige Glover, Sasha Walker and Kelli Ozuna.

Haskell School Menu

May 23-27 **Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Monday: Breakfast pizza Tuesday: Breakfast taco Wednesday: Cereal, something else

Thursday: Pigs in a blanket Friday: Manager's choice 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: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, chocolate or vanilla pudding Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, garden salad, baby carrots, manager's

Wednesday: Soft chicken tacos, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, salsa, pinto beans, banana pudding

Thursday: Manager's choice Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, chips,





TARA McCARTY

Students visit Rotary Club

Samantha Pedroza is the daughter of Alicia Pedroza of Haskell.

Her school activities include UIL Spelling and Current Issues and Events, membership in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, and Future Farmers of America. She as been an honor student since the 9th grade.

Among her favorite things to do are reading, writing and listening to

After finishing high school she plans to move to Breckenridge to be with her family while attending college there, and then finish school at Midwestern State University to become a teacher.

Tara McCarty is the daughter of Vickie McCarty of Haskell. She attends the Church of Christ.

In school she is co-editor of the

Special awards she has received include being on the 3rd place team in area Poultry Judging in her

special education teaching.

This Week's Devotional Message:



FAITH CALLS ETIQUETTE AN IMPORTANT PART OF MARRIAGE

Etiquette is a rather old-fashioned word about which many books and newspaper columns have been written by experts on it. In keeping with the times, they describe the rules for nearly every social situation. However, very little has been said about the manners of a married couple towards each other. Sadly, it is this lack of basic domestic courtesy that so often leads to

divorce, because the marriage partners fail to show enough respect for each other's opinions and make no effort to reach a compromise. Perhaps a talk with the clergyman at the house of worship can provide the answer which is so seldom found in the etiquette books. A marriage is usually performed at the altar of God, and this may well be the best place to save it.

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, Haskel 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., 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

First Presbyterian Church Steve Beatty, pastor

114 S. Ave. D, Haskell Hopewell Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

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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 Pavillion Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church Dr. Larry Nail, pastor

Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. 1600 N. First St., Haskell ---WEINERT-First Baptist Church J. C. Baker, pastor

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

---ROCHESTER---Church of Christ Steve Wilis, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. West on Main Street, Rochester First Baptist Church Fred Garvin, interim pastor Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.

500 Main, Rochester Union Chapel Baptist Church Rev. Clarence Walker Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

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

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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.

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 Fergerson, pastor Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m. 1000 Union Ave., Rule Primera Iglesia Bautista Alfa y Omegs

Manuel Marin, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 500 Elm Street, Rule Sweet Home Baptist Church Bill Trice, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Gladstone Ave., Rule West Bethal Baptist Church Rev. Robert Sweet Sun. Morn. 10 a.., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m. 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

•—PAINT CREEK—◆ Paint Creek Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m. Paint Creek --O'BRIEN-

O'Brien Baptist Church Jim Reid, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m. O'Brien

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ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., May 23

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check Lunch-Ham and beans, buttered corn, garden salad, sliced onions, cornbread, strawberry cake, milk, tea,

Wed., May 25 9:15 a.m. Movie and popcorn Lunch-Salmon patties, cheese potatoes, blackeyed peas, asparagus,

garlic toast, pudding cups and cookies, milk, tea, or coffee Fri., May 27

Lunch-Salisbury steak and onion gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, misc. desserts, milk, tea,

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

Paint Creek School Menu

May 23-27 **Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily. Monday: Cook's choice Tuesday: Cook's choice Wednesday: Cook's choice Thursday: Cook's choice' Friday: Cook's choice

Lunch Milk is served daily. Monday: Cook's choice Tuesday: Cook's choice Wednesday: Cook's choice Thursday: Cook's choice Friday: Cook's choice.

Weathers Whys

O: You hear the weatherman use the term "squall lines" a lot. What are they?

A: A squall line is a complex of thunderstorms with isolated supercells imbedded within the line or at the end of it, says Kelsey Curtiss of Texas A&M University. "These lines form ahead of a cold front," she explains.

"The cold front is the lifting mechanism for the formation of the squall line, allowing for cold air to collide with the warm, moist air ahead of the front. Squall lines can have varying sizes. They can be compact and only span across a few counties, or they can affect multiple states at the same time and stretch to hundreds of miles in length." Q: So do squall lines mean severe

weather is coming? A: Not necessarily, Curtiss says.

"There are some occasions where squall lines will have an isolated supercell, which is a rotating thunderstorm capable of producing large hail, heavy rain, lightning and possible tornadoes," she adds.

"These supercells will often form at the end of the squall line. But the primary threat is severe weather, such as strong winds, hail and heavy rain, developing ahead of the squall line. Again, these often form in the spring and summer when cold fronts collide with warm and moist air. If you see such storms approaching, it's best to find shelter immediately."

Do your homework when shopping for prescriptions

by Jane Rowan Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The price of prescription medication is on the rise. Extension specialists have advice on how to cut

Ask your doctor if there are cheaper medications for the same purpose. Sometimes older medicines and generic brands are less expensive.

List all medicines taken and share

the basic information about each with your doctor. The information should include brand name, technical name, dosage, form available, and the number of doses in each container.

Over 40-million Americans don't have health insurance and many more can't afford medicine.

For more information on lowering the price of medicine, visit http://

Check your farm for electrical hazards

by Jane Rowan Haskell Co. Extension Agent

May is Electrical Safety Month. In observance, take some time to check for electrical hazards found on the farm.

Electricity-powered center pivot irrigation systems and pump motors should be checked for proper grounding and tested for stray

Keep tree limbs clear of overhead power lines. Mark lines where tall equipment is moved.

Inspect barn wiring, electrical connections, boxes, and power outlets. Throw away damaged extension cords.

For more information on electrical safety, visit agsafety.tamu.edu.

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for their prayers, flowers, food, condolences and cards during

this time of our loss. We especially would like to thank Dr.

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Dist/Div: Abilene

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/ Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 16618 State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.

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rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE **Texas Community**

Development Program The City of Haskell is giving notice of the intent to submit a TCF Economic Development application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is for \$225,000 for the following activities: water, sewer, streets, engineering and administration in east central Haskell.

The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

Applications will be accepted through May 19, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. for the position of water superintendent for the City of Rule. Salary will be contingent upon licensing. Benefits include retirement and insurance. Resumes can be sent to P.O. Box 607, Rule, Texas 79547 or applications can be picked up a City Hall. For more information, call 940-996-2214.

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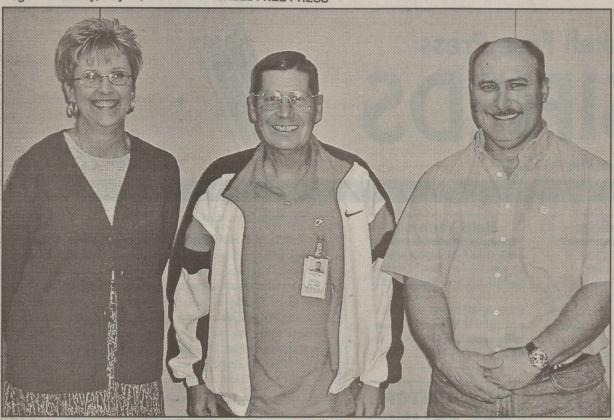
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CITY OFFICIALS-Receiving the oath of office at noon Mon., May 16, to serve on the Haskell City Council, were: I-r, Sue Medford, W. L. Wolf and newly elected councilman, Jimmy Roberts. They join Jerry Stocks and Dan Hoover, who also serve on the council, and Mayor Ken Lane.

City Council picks bank

At the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council, Mon., May 9, a two-year depository bid was accepted from Haskell National

Also accepted was the bid of \$100.00 from Darryl Goetz for the removal and purchase of the tin ceiling at the Perry building.

Joey Kimbrough was reappointed to the North Central Texas Municipal Water District Board.

Appointed to the Assisted Living

Center Board were Wilda Medford, Wallace Emerson, Wallace Cox, Bob Smith and Jimmy Bowen.

Joe Higgins of the Texas Department of Transportation, made a presentation of new TxDOT programmed Haskell County projects, and the requested projects of rehab and widening on farmmarket roads.

City Attorney, reported that the city's at-large dog ordinance is being

In his report, City Manager Sam Watson led a discussion of progress made on the waste water plant, the highway rerouting project, and the sewer line which will be laid on South 6th St. to the waste water plant.

Watson reported that the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department has received a \$10,000 grant for training materials, and a \$1,000 grant for a new computer, both from the Texas Forest Service.

night party set May 27

The All Night Party 2005 for Haskell County high school students will be held Fri., May 27 from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. at the Haskell Civic

Sponsored by Haskell County parents, the event is an alcohol and drug free activity to help keep students safe on graduation night. Activities will consist of inflatable games, a dance, indoor games and

drawings for prizes.

This event, which has been a huge success in the past, is also made possible through generous businesses, individuals and clubs in the Haskell County and Abilene area.

Any Haskell County high school student for the year 2004-2005 (freshmen-senior) or college student is invited to attend. Students are asked to bring \$2.00 and a donation

of food to get in the door. Juniors should bring a 2-liter soft drink. Sophomores are asked to bring a large bag of chips. Freshmen are asked to bring a package of storebought cookies. Seniors are admitted free and not asked to bring a

All county students are invited to attend and make this graduation night one to remember.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Consumer Loans: Know the Rules!

Loans are an everyday fact of most consumers' lives. We use them to purchase vehicles, homes and other goods, and we use credit cards for many personal expenses. Most consumers understand that they may have to pay interest, but we are often asked how much interest is too much.

State laws specify maximum legal interest rates at which loans can be made. These consumer protection laws are called usury laws. The term refers to the charging of an exorbitant interest rate on a loan. Our state usury laws were enacted to protect consumers from this predatory lending practice.

A commercial loan is a loan made primarily for use in the operation of a business, or for purposes of investment, agriculture or similar ventures. Commercial loans are authorized by Chapter 306 of the Texas Finance Code. They are currently subject to a commercial usury ceiling of 18 percent annual interest, which may float with inflation to 24 percent. Loans exceeding \$250,000 may charge up to 28 percent interest.

Consumer loans are those made to individuals for personal use and various kinds of purchases. Limits on these loans vary. The law that governs the financing of motor vehicle sales, for example, allows an effective annual interest of up to 27 percent. Pawn shop loans can have maximum interest rates of 240 percent annually.

The Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner (OCCC) is responsible for setting the maximum interest rate for various types of loans, including rates for credit cards, pawn shop transactions and rent-toown purchases, according to the guidelines set by state law. Rates can vary greatly depending on the type of credit. For more information on current rates, you can contact the OCCC directly at (800) 578-1579.

Overly high interest rates are not the only form of predatory lending. Consumers should be careful when

considering loan solicitations. You should be aware that there are bogus credit companies that will collect a fee up front and then simply abscond

with your money.

Always beware of companies that claim they can guarantee a loan for a fee paid in advance. The fee maybe as much as several hundred dollars. It's against the law for them to request or accept payment until you actually get the loan or credit.

In addition, legitimate lenders will never guarantee or strongly imply that you will get a loan or credit card before you apply, especially if you have bad credit, no credit or have ever filed for bankruptcy.

Some credit companies may claim to be able to get your mortgage "released" by the holder for a fee of \$2,000. Needless to say, your mortgage cannot be dismissed for a fee. There are no legitimate businesses that offer a real service making debts "go away."

If you have credit problems, consider a consultation with a nonprofit credit counseling service. Remember that there are no easy answers. Rebuilding your credit will take time and good management. Don't allow yourself to be further victimized by credit repair scams.

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Maiden golf team has great year

The Haskell Maidens' golf team finished their season on a long drive.

After winning the 6-A District Championship, the team of Candace Brister, Robbyn Tribbey, Mollie McKnight, Calina Kendall and Mali Torres, traveled to Lubbock to compete in the Region 1 golf tournament, where they finished in 4th place.

Finishing in that position was quite an accomplishment, topped only by Candace Brister winning 2nd Medalist and qualifying for a spot in the State Championships.

The Class A tournament was played on Monday and Tuesday, May 9-10 at the Morris Williams Golf Course in Austin. Forty-six of the state's best in Class A girls golf were there. Brister shot a two-day total of 178 and finished in 19th place.

For a freshman, Brister had quite a year; winning 5 tournaments, placing 2nd in 2 tournaments, 4th in one, and 19th at the state tournament.

Robbyn Tribbey placed as 2nd Medalist in the district tournament. The team won 3 tournaments,

placed 2nd in 2 tournaments and 4th at the regional. The girls look forward to following the sun again next season.

Students in the News

Two area students attending Vernon College in Vernon received academic awards for the fall and spring semesters by the Vernon College awards committee.

Included were Bonnie Emert of Paint Creek who received an award from the Snell Foundation and Haley Morrow of Rochester who received an award from Agness Russell.

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- your property • the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber
- appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your
- the ownership or property • the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review: Haskell CAD staff, 940-864-3805.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board: If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that review problems with appraisals and other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at Haskell CAD, 604 North First Street,

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court: After it decides your

actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive

> Tax Payment: If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

> More information: You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

> > Haskell County Appraisal District P.O. Box 467 Haskell, Texas 79521

> > > (940) 864-3805

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division, P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for filing protests with the ARB*

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

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