

Basketball games

HASKELL
JV-V G-B vs Coahoma
 Fri., Feb. 2, 5 p.m.
 at Coahoma
7th-8th G Dist. Tourney
 Thurs., Feb. 1; Sat., Feb. 3
 at Merkel
7th-8th B vs Anson
 Mon., Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
 at Anson
JV-V G-B vs Merkel
 Tues., Feb. 6, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell

PAINT CREEK
VG-B vs Rule
 Fri., Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule
JH vs Trent
 Mon., Feb. 5, 5:30 p.m.
 at Trent
VG-B vs Roby
 Tues., Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek

RULE
VG-B vs Paint Creek
 Fri., Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule
JH G-B vs Aspermont
 Mon., Feb. 5, 6 p.m.
 at Aspermont
JVG, VG-B vs Aspermont
 Tues., Feb. 6, 4 p.m.
 at Aspermont

Calendar

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Feb. 5 in Haskell City Hall at 6 p.m.

Bible conference

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, West Hwy. 380 in Haskell, will host a Bible conference Feb. 2-4 titled "Looking unto Jesus."

Food drive

The National Honor Society chapter of Haskell High School is conducting a canned food drive until Feb. 7 to stock the local food bank. Donations of canned food items may be brought to the High School office anytime or on Tues., Feb. 6 to the Merkel game where any admission will be free with a donation of two canned food items.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Feb. 4 at the Pit and Grill. Dominoes will begin at 2 p.m. followed by a meeting at 3 p.m.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse Fri., Feb. 2 at noon. All members are asked to attend to help finalize plans for the Feb. 10 fund-raiser at the Civic Center.

Museum dinner

The Knox County Museum will host their annual fund-raising dinner Sun., Feb. 4 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Benjamin Memorial Building. Brisket, turkey, sausage, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, deviled eggs and dessert will be offered. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Take-outs are available. The silent auction closes at 1:30 p.m.

Vendors needed

Vendors are being sought for the 11th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show set Sat., March 17 in downtown Haskell. Cost of vendor spaces is \$15. Call Randy or Lisa Shaw at 864-2023 evenings or Randy at 325-721-0674 or Lisa at 325-721-0441 anytime.

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Food Check-out Week declared Feb. 4-10

Haskell County Farm Bureau is celebrating Food Check-Out Week.

Americans enjoy the safest, most abundant and most affordable food supply on earth.

The cost of food in America remains affordable. Based on Agricultural Department statistics, it takes just five weeks for the average American to earn enough disposable income to pay

for the family's food supply for the whole year.

In recognition of this, Haskell Haskell County Farm Bureau has set aside the week of Feb. 4-10.

The safe, abundant and

affordable domestic food supply produced by America's farmers and ranchers is responsible, at least in part, for our nation's increasing standard of living. Compared with food, Americans

work longer each year to pay for their housing, federal taxes and medical care. According to the Tax Foundation, Americans must work 52 days each year to pay for health and medical care, 62 days to pay for housing/household operation, and 77 days to pay for their federal taxes.

The Food Check-out Week should hold special meaning for most Americans. Although there is concern that some Americans cannot afford to buy the food they need, the Farm Bureau is proud of the role Texas farmers play in producing the most affordable in the world.

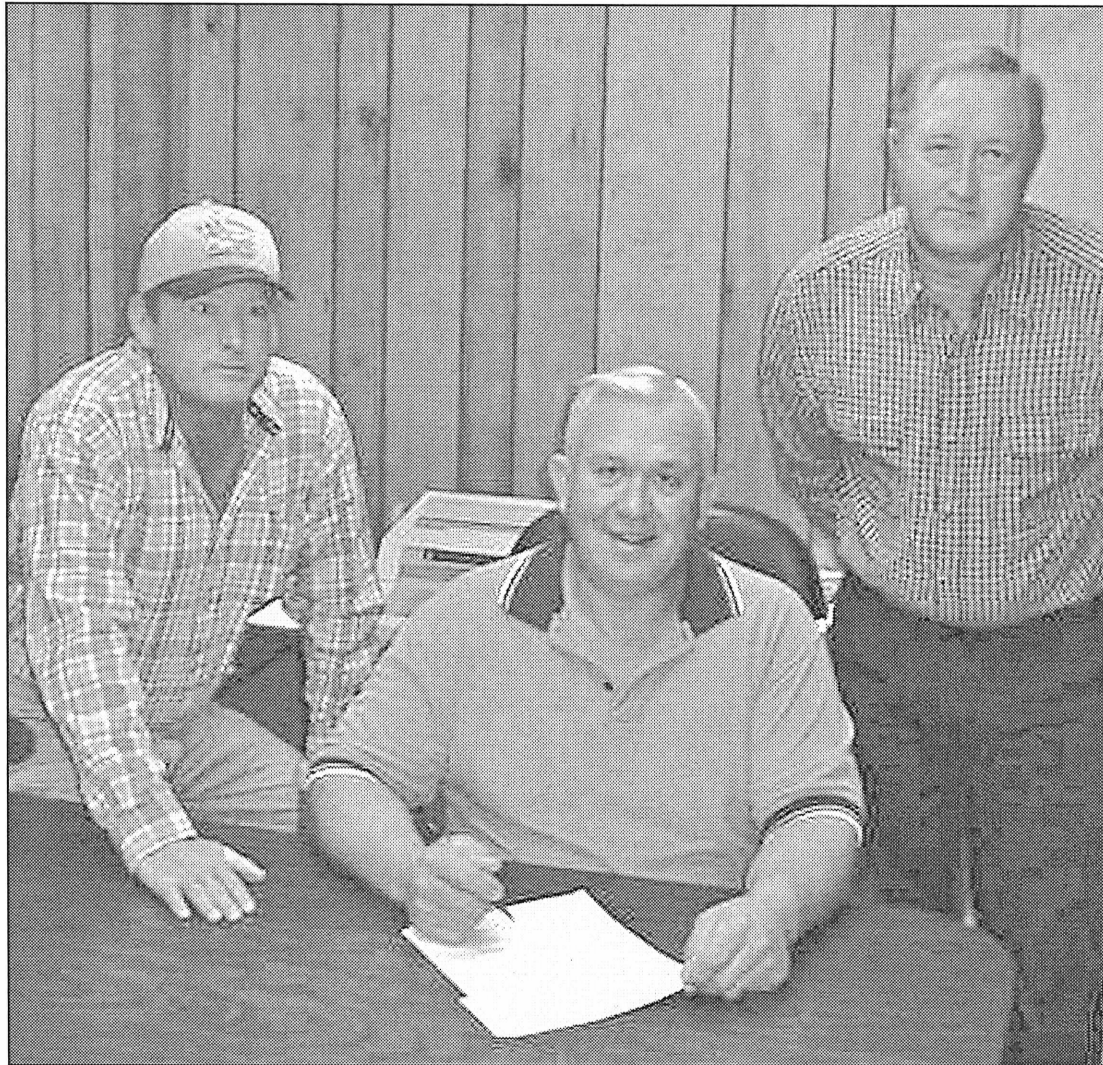
The percent of disposable income spent for food has declined over the last 35 years. In 1970, it took Americans 15 more days to earn enough income to pay for their food supply for one year.

More than 24 million American workers, 17 percent of the total U.S. work force, produce, process and trade the nation's food and fiber. But only 4.6 million of those people live on farms, slightly less than 2 percent of the total U.S. population.

Farmers and ranchers receive only 22 cents out of every dollar spent on food at home and away from home. The rest goes for processing and marketing.

The job for farmers is to provide consumers with the highest quality of food as possible. Growing and raising wholesome, safe food is their top priority. Doing a good job, the Farm Bureau continues to look for any opportunity to improve quality and safety.

In an official proclamation, Haskell County Judge David Davis urged all citizens to give due recognition to this notable event celebrating Food Check-out Week.



FOOD CHECK-OUT WEEK—Haskell County Farm Bureau directors, Joe Wheatley, left, and Steve McGuire, far right, join Haskell County Judge David Davis as he signs a

proclamation declaring the week of Feb. 4-10 as Food Check-out Week in recognition of the affordable, safe food supply produced by America's farmers and ranchers.

Kimmel and Indian teammates receive football honors

Josh Kimmel of Haskell was selected to the Offensive Line on the Abilene Reporter-News sports staff's Super Team.

The choices are based on coach nominations, followed by evaluations of regular-season and playoff statistics, game

performance and importance of their contribution to their team's success.

The 5 feet, 10 inch, 190 pound senior, was graded at 92 percent, and was called by his coach, the best football player he has ever coached.

Kimmel was named to the 2006 All-Big Country Class 2A Team Offensive line, with a record of 39 pancakes and 71 takedowns. He was also named

to the team's Defensive line. His stats were 58 tackles, 9 sacks, 9 forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

Gary Frierson of Haskell was named to the All-Big Country Class 2A Team Offensive line. The six feet, three inch, 235 pound senior was graded at 90 percent, with 21 pancakes and 52 takedowns.

Named to the All-Big Country 2A Team Honorable Mention

Offense were: Quarterback, Matt Brown, Haskell; Running back, Travis Adams, junior, Greg Guzman and Justin Rodriguez, senior, all of Haskell. Offensive line, Billy Lusk of Haskell.

Named to honorable Mention Defensive line were Haskell players Gary Frierson, senior, and Derek Agraz, junior, both of Haskell. As Linebacker, Josh Rodriguez, senior, and Aaron Rodriguez, junior.

Football honors go to Rule coach, athletes

Coach Mike Reed of Rule, whose highlight of the year was getting his team to the Division I state championship game, was recently named Coach of the Year of the Six Man All-Big Country Football Team.

Named to the Six-Man Team Offense were quarterback J.T. Spitzer, junior at Rule, with a record of 1,499 yards passing and 29 TDs; Center Tye Clark, Rule senior with 13.7 yards per catch; Utility C.J. Saucedo, Rule junior,

rushing 1,399 yards, and 36 TDs.

Named to Honorable Mention Team Offense were: wide receiver, James Wolfe, Rule junior; tight end, Kyle Simpson, Rule junior. Named to Honorable Mention Defense were: Defensive line, Julian Menchaca, Rule senior; Austin Flores, Rule senior; Linebacker, Stephen Pace, Rule junior. Defensive back, Kade Kittley, Rule senior; and Utility back, Jonathan Rincon, Rule junior.

Texas Midwest Day set

Texas Midwest Community Network has announced plans for Texas Midwest Day in Austin on Wed., Feb. 14.

A full day of activities will give community leaders from the region an opportunity for recognition with state legislators and state agencies.

TMCN encourages citizens throughout the region to take part in a special day of recognition,

which includes recognition in the House of Representatives and Senate, a photo session with Legislators on the steps of the Capitol, and a meeting with state agency representatives.

To register for Texas Midwest Day in Austin and receive final details, call the TMCN Office 325-676-0329 or check the texasmidwest.org website at member information.

Local real estate agency has new owner

After recent negotiations in change of ownership, Haskell County Realty has made a change in management.

Purchasing the business from long-time Broker/Realtor Hess Hartsfield, with whom she worked as an agent for four years, Bridget Guess will now take the helm as manager of the agency. She received her broker's license last year.

Not new to management, she and her husband, Chan Guess have also owned and managed Haskell County Insurance Agency for nine years. In the new arrangement, both of them and Hartsfield will also work as realty agents.

Guess said this new step for her is a part of her career plans.

"I'm excited about trying to grow the business and helping people through their real estate needs in both buying and selling," she said.

Growing up in Brownfield, she earned a degree in Agricultural Business at South Plains College in 1996, and also married Chan Guess and moved to Haskell that year. The couple has one daughter, eight-year-old Jace.

A member of Haskell Young Homemakers, Guess has served that organization as president, secretary and treasurer. She and her husband are active members of Haskell First Baptist Church.

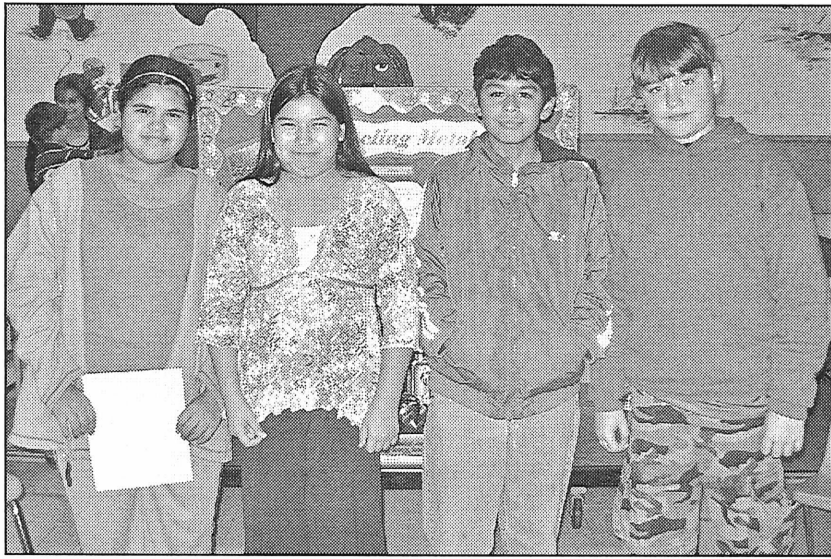
To celebrate the new change, an open house will be held at 103 N. Ave. E. on Feb. 8, from 8 to 5

p.m. All new and old friends are invited to come by for refreshments and to visit with the new management.



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RECYCLE RAP SONG—A rap song, sung and written by Haskell Elementary students Rocio Ortega, Zierra Alexander, Jared Masias and Braeden Alves had the lyrics: "Recycle Metal, Yeah! Yeah!, Recycle Metal, Yeah! Yeah! It's good to r-e-c-y-c-l-e, it's good to r-e-c-y-c-l-e. Recycling saves our environment. R-e-c-y-c-l-e Aluminum cans, utensils, paper clips, safety pens, hammerheads, precious metals, parts of cars, old tractor and plow parts, appliances, and any other things of metal. R-e-c-y-c-l-e M-e-t-a-l-s. Yeah!!!!" Learn and Serve America provides grant funds for school projects, such as this MLK Day project, concerning environmental issues of our future. Martin Luther King, Jr., was an advocate of service and volunteerism.

Contractor's Awareness program set Feb. 8

The Pipeline Group's annual Public Education-Contractor Awareness Program will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 8 at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. 6th Street, in Abilene. The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground

pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford, Stonewall, and Taylor counties. Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the

importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials; including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

Each year many lives are injured or lost, plus millions of dollars in repairs and lost products are incurred due to "third party" incidents—someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiberoptic cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party. This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations.

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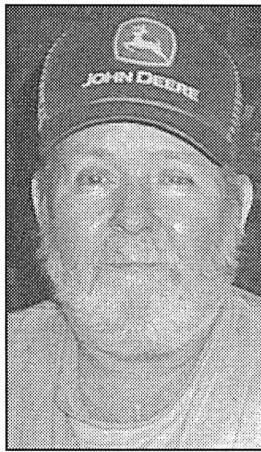
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Obituaries

Joe Cothron



JOE COTHRON

Funeral services for Joe Cothron, 57, of Haskell were held Wed., Jan. 31 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Cothron died Sat., Jan. 27 at his residence.

Born Oct. 30, 1949 in Haskell, he was the son of the late Ray Fredrick Cothron and Maurine Norton Cothron. He married Connie Wright June 5, 1970 in Haskell. He served in the Army for two years. He worked as a farmer in Haskell for 32 years. He was a member of East Side Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by

his parents; and brothers, Jerry Lynn Cothron and Tommy Ray Cothron.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Cothron of Haskell; daughters, Nichole Wright and husband, Steven of Haskell and Amanda Arendall and husband, Justin of Lemoore, California; son, Wade Cothron of Fort Hood; grandchildren, Colton James Wright, Caleb Joseph Wright, Casey Jared Arendall, Makayla Hope Arendall; brother, Steve Cothron and wife, Frankie of Haskell; sister-in-law, Nadine Teague and husband, Jerry of Abilene; several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

PD. NOTICE

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in regular session, Mon., Jan. 8 with Judge David Davis, Commissioners Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield, Kenny Thompson and Bobby Smith, and Deputy County Clerk, Belia Abila, attending.

All bills presented to the court were paid. The County Treasurer's Monthly and Quarterly reports were approved.

A motion was approved to raise county personnel Rob Kitley's and Terry Alexander's salary to \$8.83 per hour, and set Steve Simmons starting salary a \$7.50 per hour.

A motion by Mayfield was approved to accept the bid in the amount of \$80,699.99 for the D5 Dozier from Frank Windham, Jr. of Baird, and also the bid of \$650.00 each for the fuel tanks from National Fuel of Snyder.

The motion by Mayfield was approved to pass the Informal Drainage Easement on County Road 254. A copy of the Easement is included in the minutes.

A motion by Thompson to approve the Long Range Plan for the Haskell County Library was approved.

After discussion, a motion by Judge David Davis was approved to clear the property owned by Dennis Lyckman in accordance with the Public Nuisance Policy per chapter 343 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

A motion by Smith to purchase a 140H Cat Motorgrader for Pct. 4, from Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing, and to trade in a '97 John Deere Model 770CH Motorgrader and a CAT D5B Dozier for a \$96,000.00 difference.

Approval was given to a motion by Thompson to affirm the County Investment Policy with one change which will be to meet as needed instead of quarterly, as stated in Paragraph 4.1. A copy of the Policy is included in the minutes.

A motion by Thompson was approved to approve the Interlocal Participation Agreement with Local Government Purchasing Cooperative, also known as the Buy

Board.

Approval was given to a motion by Smith, to authorize two deputies for the Sheriff's Department with no reserves, 150 jailers at the Prison, one County Fire Marshall, and one Constable.

The Court took action on Thompson's motion to send a letter to Jackie Warner concerning the violation of his Anchor contract. Warner will need to take steps to take care of the problem, or his contract will not be renewed.

A motion by Mayfield to trade in the used excavator and do a municipal lease on a 215 New Holland Excavator was approved.

On a motion by Mayfield, bonds for the following elected officials were approved: Kristen L. Fouts, County Attorney; Janis McDaniel, County Treasurer; David Davis, County Judge; Rhonda Moeller, County Clerk; Penny (Young) Anderson, District Clerk; Lynn Dodson, Justice of the Peace; Tiffen Mayfield, Commissioner Pct. #2; and Bobby Don Smith, Commissioner Pct. #4.

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met for a special session, Mon., Jan. 22. Attending were County Judge David Davis, Commissioners Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen

Mayfield, Kenny Thompson and Bobby Smith.

The Audit Report by Jeff Gregg for the year ending Sept. 30 was approved.

A motion by Thompson was approved for the bill in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the 2006 audit. Thompson also presented a motion to enter into a 3 year contract with Castagna & Gregg, with one office a year being included in the audit for \$12,000.00.

After discussion of a letter to the Jail Commission from a prisoner's husband, no action was taken by the court.

All bills presented to the court on that date were paid.

A motion by Smith was approved to accept the County Treasurer's monthly and quarterly reports.

A motion by Mayfield was approved to allow the Probation Department to move to the County owned building east of the hospital, previously occupied by Hendrick Hearing Clinic.

A motion by Mayfield was approved, proclaiming Fri., Feb. 2 as National Wear Red Day in support of the American Heart Association.

After discussion, the court was in agreement to help serve at the annual Senior Citizens Banquet on Mar. 4.

Weather Whys

Sandstorms

Q: Where do sandstorms occur most often?

A: They can occur anywhere there is a large desert or semi-arid area, explains John Nielsen-Gammon of Texas A&M University.

"Sandstorms are caused by very strong winds in desert or arid regions," he says. "They can reduce visibility to zero and are capable of stopping any kind of machinery because they clog up just about everything. The United States, Mexico, the Middle East, Africa, Australia and China all have large areas of land that are no strangers to sandstorms."

Q: Are there different kinds of sandstorms?

A: There are really only two

types, Nielsen-Gammon adds. One is the result of severe thunderstorms that create strong winds.

"This type is called a 'haboob,' an Arabic word meaning blowing dust," he says. "The other type is the one most people are familiar with. It is caused by a curving of the jet stream that brings strong winds to the surface and produces the kind of storms you see in the movies. Some of the oddest sandstorms occur in China and Mongolia. There is so much sand in the air there that it often changes the color of the sky and even the raindrops, and there appears to be yellow rain falling from the sky. These types of storms occur in late winter and early spring."

WE APPRECIATE

all who have donated to the 2007 Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Due to bad weather, this year's sale was cancelled. Various conflicts have left us with no time to reschedule the sale. The committee has tried to contact all previous donors; however, if you have been missed or would like to make a donation, please contact

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CODY IVY - CAITLIN FRIERSON

Frierson, Ivy plan February wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Frierson of Haskell announce the engagement of their daughter, Caitlin Marie to Cody Ivy, son of Nean Newton of Abilene and Lanny Ivy of Anson.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Haskell High School.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Anson High School.

A February wedding is planned.

Wiley to speak on genealogical research

Joy Wiley, genealogist with the Abilene Public Library, will present a "how-to" program on genealogical research at the Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society meeting Mon., Feb. 5, at 6 p.m. in the Haskell City Hall.

Wiley will provide basic beginning instruction as well as resources for genealogical

research. The historical society invites anyone interested in researching and preserving family history to attend.

The Haskell County Historical Society is dedicated to the recording and preservation of area history. It meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. and welcomes all visitors.

Births

Braylee Ann Briles, daughter of Jason and Jennifer Briles of Amarillo was born Jan. 16. She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Eddie and Teresa Briles of Haskell, and Larry and Amanda Chestnut of Graham.

Paternal great grandparents are Eugene and Shirley Rhoads of Rule, and the late Dennis and Wanda Briles.

Maternal grandparents are Lou Hodges and the late Jerry Hodges and B. and Dorothy Chestnut, all of Graham.

Brieley Michelle Anthony, daughter of Brandi and Kasey Anthony of Idalou, was born Jan. 19 in Lubbock. She weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her big sister, Trinity.

Grandparents are Eddie and

Teresa Briles of Haskell, and Kelly and Patricia Anthony of Idalou.

Maternal great grandparents are Eugene and Shirley Rhoads of Rule, and the late Dennis and Wanda Briles.

Paternal great grandparents are O. D. and Retha Anthony and Betty Hamilton and the late Jack Hamilton, all of Idalou.

Dinner theatre

The Noah Project-North will present their annual dinner theatre and silent auction Sat., Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Money raised will be used to help victims of family violence in area counties. Entertainment will be provided by 'According to Philipians.' The meal will be a brisket dinner. To donate auction items, call 864-2551. Tickets are \$12.50 each for adults and \$6 for children 10 and younger.

Two schools now accepting G/T program nominations

Haskell CISD offers a Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program in addition to regular education programming. The G/T Program is designed to meet the needs of students demonstrating exceptional skills in academic and creative areas.

To nominate your child for this screening, come by the offices of Haskell Elementary, Rochester Junior High, or Haskell Secondary School Thursday, Jan. 25, to Thursday, Feb. 8, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and pick up a G/T nomination packet. Information about the G/T Program and the screening process is included in the nomination packet.

Nominations will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 8. Parents of Kindergarten children need to get their nomination forms in by Thurs., Feb. 8, also. For further information, contact Debbie Miller at the elementary school 864-2654, #306.

Paint Creek ISD offers a Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program in addition to regular education programming for grades K-12. The G/T Program is designed to meet the needs of students demonstrating exceptional skills in academic and creative areas.

To nominate a child for this screening, come by the office at Paint Creek School Thurs., Feb. 1 to Thurs., Feb. 8 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and

pick up a G/T nomination packet. Nominations will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. Fri., Feb. 9. For further information, contact Valiene Bullinger during school hours at 864-2471.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Speaker picks chairs, members for House committees

AUSTIN—It took a couple of weeks to see how House Speaker Tom Craddick's somewhat contentious re-election would play out.

Craddick announced his picks for chairs and committee assignments on Jan. 26.

The Midland Republican survived a challenge that vaporized on Jan. 10, the second day of the 80th Texas Legislature, and was elected to a third term.

Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, made a run against Craddick but bowed out in the 11th hour, before a final vote.

Craddick reassigned Pitts and rewarded loyalists. Pitts served at Craddick's pleasure in the 2005 session as chairman of the state budget-writing House Appropriations Committee.

Craddick named Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, to replace Pitts as chair, and kept Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, as chairman of House Ways & Means, the committee charged with raising revenue.

Without Craddick's post-challenge support, Pitts used his own seniority to secure a non-leadership post on Ways & Means.

Here are a few of Craddick's other chair appointments:

- Beverly Woolley, R-Houston, Calendars, the committee that serves as gatekeeper for bills to move to the House floor;
- David Swinford, R-Amarillo, State Affairs;
- John Smithee, R-Amarillo, Insurance;
- Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, Public Education;
- Mike Krusee, R-Round Rock; Transportation;
- Aaron Pena, D-Edinburg, Criminal Jurisprudence; and
- Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs, Human Services.

Perry applauds appraisal ideas

Gov. Rick Perry on Jan. 23 praised his Task Force on Appraisal Reform on the release of its report recommending that lawmakers pass five statutory changes and two constitutional changes to fix what some have called a "broken system."

The recommendations, from a governor's office news release:

- Require voter approval for any local taxing entity (excluding schools) to charge or collect revenues from ad valorem taxes in excess of the approved prior year's budgeted tax revenue, plus 5 percent;
- Improve fairness and consistency in the appraisal process. Appraisal boards would be comprised of five members, including two taxpayer representatives, and taxpayers would have new options in challenging property valuations.
- Change the comptroller's property valuation study, which is used to equitably distribute state funding to schools and provide uniformity in local property appraisal practices.
- Prohibit the state from passing unfunded mandates to local governments.
- Require sales price disclosure.
- Pass legislation to change the state constitution to allow taxpayers the option of calculating their property taxes using a five-year rolling average of the property's appraised value.
- Pass legislation to change the state constitution to lower the residential appraisal cap on city and county taxes from 10 percent to 5 percent, double the local property tax homestead exemption to \$6,000, and allow local governments the option of conducting an election to enact a half-cent countywide sales tax constitutionally dedicated to property tax reduction. The appraisal cap could be lowered to 5 percent only in counties that vote for a half-cent countywide sales tax increase.

More from governor's office
Gov. Perry announced Jan. 22 that FEMA will extend by six months the housing aid deadline for people displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The aid was due to expire in February.

Also on Jan. 22, Perry announced the expansion of Operation Wrangler, a border law enforcement project teaming local, state and federal law enforcement. Perry said the effort is structured to stem crime, illegal international drug trafficking and human trafficking.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 30, 1997

Gene and Ann Mapes of Lubbock visited with his mother and sister, Floy Mapes and Freda Piland.

Max Stapleton along with retired County Judge B.O. Roberson and former County Commissioner Ray Perry received an award for their service and for their support of the Jr. Livestock Association.

Michele Pannell and children of Throckmorton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair.

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 2,015 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Jan. 25, 1997.

20 Years Ago January 29, 1987

Chad Ballard exhibited the grand champion steer at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show. The grand champion heifer was shown by Faye Mullino. The grand champion barrow was shown by Sammy Wyatt. The grand champion lamb was shown by Kirk High.

Howard and Gladys Carlile of Rule celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Dennis W. Cloud of Rule received a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Texas A&M University.

30 Years Ago January 27, 1977

The board of directors of the Haskell County Fair Association met to elect officers. Elected were Bud Turnbow, president; Bill

Comedy, vice president; C.A. Thomas, second vice president, and secretary treasurer, Ted Elliott.

Kim Hager, Stan Hager, Reida Mullino, Cindy Thomas, Mikeana Wilcox, Joe Wilfong and Zack Wilcox entered the junior show at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth.

40 Years Ago January 26, 1967

T.J. (Tommy) Ballard announces the opening of a Farm and Ranch Supply and states he will handle feed, seed, fertilizers and chemicals.

Joyce Cook is Haskell High School's 1967 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Lee Barnett of Haskell visited her home in Germany.

Tommy Baker announced the purchase of the Shamrock Station, formerly operated by Herman Josselet.

Air Force Master Sergeant Grady L. Brown of Haskell, son of Mrs. Tom Fouts, is taking part in the Presidents' People to People program by helping to teach English phonetics to Thai students in Korat, Thailand.

50 Years Ago January 31, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Don Larned and daughter of Houston spent the weekend visiting with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davis, Maggie Larned and other relatives.

Billy Blake, student at Texas Tech, spent the weekend with his

father, Francis Blake.

Mrs. Gaines Post of Madison, Wisconsin, visited in the home of her mother, Ada Rike, her brother and family Mr. and Mrs. John S. Rike and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Lusk and son, Jimmy Ray of Canyon spent the weekend in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lusk.

Nellie Chamberlain of Haskell and Nelva Walton of Paint Creek were named Betty Crocker Homemakers of Tomorrow.

100 Years Ago February 2, 1907

J.T. Hester, of the northwest part of the county, was trading in Haskell. He said farming prospects were bright in his section.

Ethel McGee of Waco, who has been employed to teach the Pleasant Valley school, arrived Friday.

Under the new schedule of the Wichita Valley Railroad, the northbound passenger train arrives at 9:40 a.m. and the southbound passenger train at 2:15 p.m.

John Mounts of Throckmorton sold 50 turkeys to Wyley Snow. The lot brought \$47.35.

J.C. Holt is building a residence on his farm three miles north of town.

Lois Touchstone has purchased the bakery, formerly operated by Mr. Jacks, and will continue the business in the same location.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Settlement With YP Corporation Results in Refunds to Businesses

Some Texas business owners may be eligible for a refund of fees they unwittingly paid to an Arizona company for commercial advertising in its online "yellow pages" directory.

YP Corp. and its affiliates, including YPeCom, YP.Net and Telco Billing, have agreed to settle allegations by the Texas Attorney General's Office and 33 other states that the companies engaged in deceptive business practices by using "live" activation checks to obligate businesses and organizations to purchase an enhanced listing on YPeCom's online yellow page directory. Under the terms of the agreement, YP Corp. will inform current customers of their right to cancel their agreement with YPeCom and of their potential eligibility for a refund.

The investigation by the states revealed that YP Corp. sent businesses and other entities "live" activation checks—unsolicited—in the mail. The activation checks were made payable to the business or organization for a small amount, usually around \$3.25. The back of the check included a fine print paragraph above the endorsement line that noted that by depositing the check, the recipient agreed to purchase advertising from YPeCom for its online yellow pages directory. Activating the check also triggered YP Corp., through its billing company, Telco Billing, to begin collecting monthly fees that were tacked onto telephone bills or automatically withdrawn from the bank accounts into which the recipients deposited the checks.

The states contended that YP Corp.'s fine print disclosure on the back of the check was not sufficiently conspicuous to give a business manager enough information to make a decision about whether to advertise. Many businesses that filed complaints with the Texas Attorney General thought the checks were actually refunds from the local yellow pages company in connection with their advertising accounts.

Many organizations were also unaware that endorsing and depositing the checks amounted to entering into contracts with YP Corp. for up to \$177 for an annual listing in the online directory, whether or not business managers authorized this arrangement.

The Texas Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has determined that over 60,000 Texas business customers deposited the checks. Customers who did not intend to purchase Internet advertising services from YP Corp. and who were signed up without authorization are potentially eligible for restitution under the multi-state settlement.

Any Texas business or organization that deposited an activation check from YPeCom since Jan. 1, 2003, was billed for an online yellow page listing, and did not intend to enter into such a contract should contact the Texas Attorney General's Office no later than March 15, 2007 to request a refund.

Existing YPeCom customers who believe they entered an advertising contract by depositing an activation check mailed by YP Corp. will be contacted directly by the company within the next few weeks with instructions on how to cancel their relationship with YP Corp. and request a refund.

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Healthcare conference set

Communities across the state have faced issues of health care provider shortages as well as how to effectively provide high-quality of care to an increasingly diverse population. Rural and underserved urban communities are often particularly hard hit by these challenges.

"Addressing the shortage of health care providers has been a concern for a long time, but the need for a more diverse health care workforce is now becoming more evident," says Pam Danner, director of the West Texas Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. "The barriers to meeting the health care workforce needs of communities across the state are very complex, particularly in rural and underserved urban communities."

The barriers that impact the health care workforce range from academic preparation in K-12 education to financial limitations to pursuing training beyond high school, especially for economically disadvantaged students. In addition, there are a variety of factors affecting retention of health care providers once they have begun practice in

the community. West Texas lags behind the rest of the state in all levels of educational attainment, a situation that will only worsen without focused interventions to address barriers to young people pursuing training beyond high school.

"This impacts not only a community's health care infrastructure, which is the primary focus of the West Texas AHEC, but it impacts all facets of a community's economic development," explains Danner. "Young people can't do this alone," adds Charlotte Speegle, Director of Workforce Development at Cisco Junior College and member of the Big Country AHEC Advisory Board. "An essential piece of a student's success lies with communities assisting their young people reach their goals. The combined efforts of educators, community leaders, and workforce development professionals, can help students successfully transition through each K-12 phase of education to training beyond high school, and then successfully into the health professions workforce."

To help communities identify ways that they can foster students'

success as well as the growth of their own health care workforce, the West Texas AHEC and its regional centers are hosting the Health Workforce Diversity Conference in Lubbock March 6.

The goal of the conference is to bring together K-12 and post-secondary educators as well as workforce development and health care human resources professionals to understand

- How our state's demographics impact the health care workforce in Texas
- The opportunities that exist to expand the health care workforce
- How to assist diverse populations (including minority, rural and economically disadvantaged) to successfully complete health professions training and move into the health care workforce.

Conference attendees will participate in developing next steps for regional collaborations that will move forward the process of improving West Texas' health care workforce.

For more information about the conference program and to register, visit www.hwdc.org or call Ronnie Laurance at Big Country AHEC 325-793-8484.

Haskell Indians



HASKELL INDIANS: L-r: Coach Lolo Martinez, Travis Adams, Gregg Guzman, Raul Villarreal, Weston Rutkowski, Vicente Castillo, D.J. McCulloch, Samuel Bitner, Derek Agraz, A.J. Alvarez, James Haggard, John English and Coach Toby Villa. Front, Luke Terry, Jared Webb. Photo by Bill Blankenship

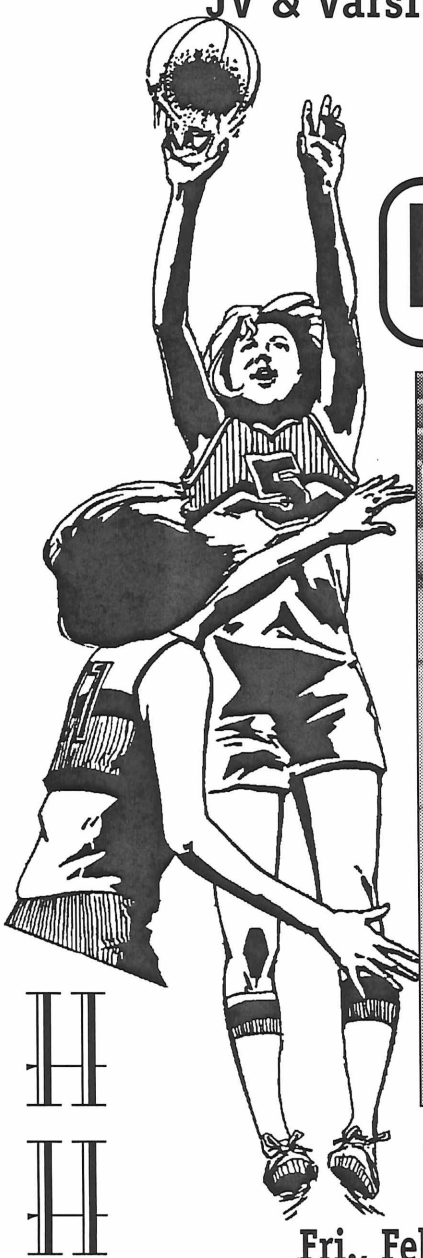
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HASKELL MAIDENS: Front, l-r, Lauren Newton, Ashton Rutkowski, Haley Chavez, Hope Reid, Jasmine Thomas; back, Lacey Peiser, Chambray Bartley, Kimberly Medford, Sarah Garcia, Samantha Rodriguez, Molly Agraz, Hanna Wallace. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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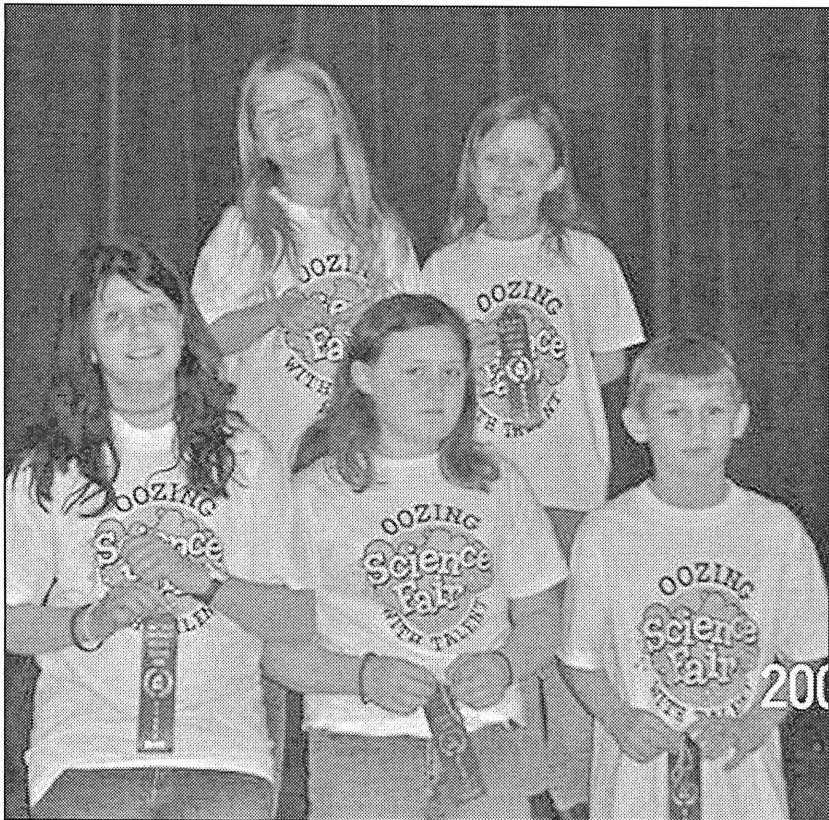
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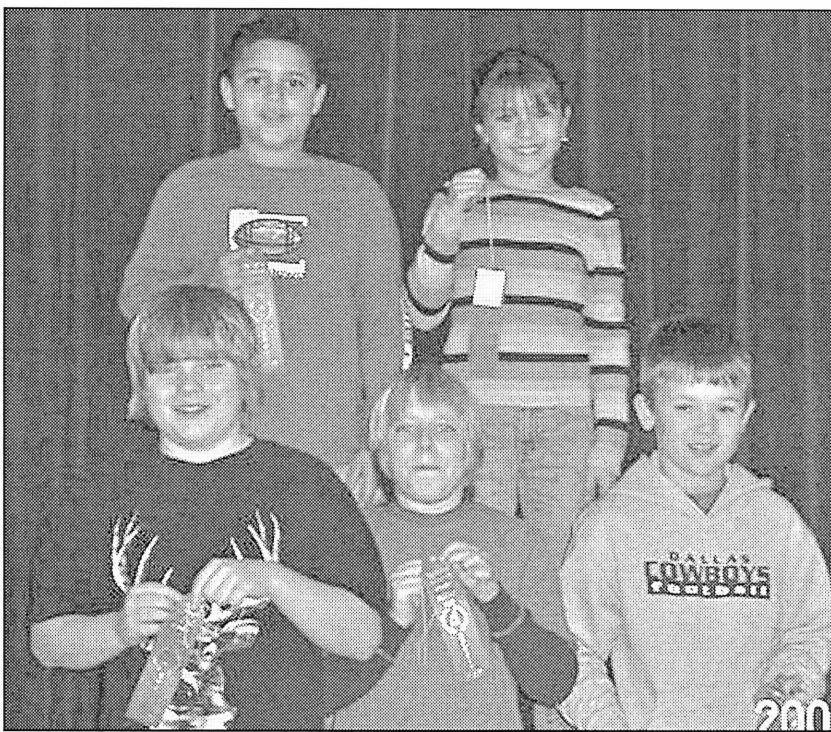
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FIRST PLACE WINNERS—Taking top honors in the Paint Creek Elementary Science Fair were, l-r, front row, Katie Jones, Dalinne Reed and Si Exum. Back row, Catherine Lemond and Sara Edwards. They received a t-shirt and blue ribbon. Barbara Utley was their coach. Jane Rowan and Gina Buerger were interviewers for the contest.



SECOND PLACE WINNERS—Participants winning second place in the Paint Creek Elementary School Science Fair in December were, l-r, front row, Blake Edwards, Shawn Myers and Cedar Mclwain. Back row, Taylor Hunt and Samantha Martinez. Interviewers were Jane Rowan and Gina Buerger. The students received ribbons and an award. Elementary Science teacher is Barbara Utley.

Farm insurance products course set

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

A comprehensive course on federal crop and livestock insurance products will be presented 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 26 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center southwest of Vernon, Texas. The program, "Incorporating Crop/Livestock Insurance into the Marketing Plan," is an Advanced Topic Series presentation of the Master Marketer Educational System of the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Attendees will get an overview of current and new commodity insurance programs and products, as well as other products that may become available, said Stan Bevers, Professor and Extension Economist at the Vernon A&M Center.

The featured presenter will be Dr. Art Barnaby, Professor of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University, one of the country's leading agricultural insurance experts. Barnaby helped to develop the federal Crop Revenue Coverage insurance program and has served as a consultant, advisor, and reviewer for most agricultural insurance products developed over the past 20 years.

Among the federal insurance programs to be discussed are: Hail; Multiple Peril Crop Insurance; Revenue Insurance Plans; Group Risk Income Protection; Crop Revenue Coverage; Income Protection;

and the new Forage Insurance Pilot Program.

"This is a unique opportunity for area farmers and ranchers to learn the pros and cons of the various insurance products," Bevers said. "The program should give them the information they need to make more informed decisions on how to incorporate these risk management products

into their management and marketing plans. Furthermore, if anyone has had any questions regarding how these products have been developed and/or performed, Dr. Barnaby is the guy to ask."

Pre-registration by Feb. 16 is required. For registration information, call Stan Bevers at 940 552-9941, ext. 231.



THIRD PLACE WINNERS—Displaying their Science Fair ribbons and awards are Paint Creek students, l-r, front row, Samantha Barnett, Cheyenne Buerger and Kadie McCord. Back row, Brandon Luevano, Tate Rainey, Chris Elias and Sabrina Conn. Students were judged on their project board and in an interview. Barbara Utley, Elementary Science teacher, ran the fair, and Jane Rowan and Gina Buerger interviewed the contestants.

Lammert passes exam

Jonathan Kirk Lammert of Austin, son of Danny and Helen Lammert of Sagerton, passed the Texas Board of Professional Engineers' Principles and Practice of Engineering examination Oct. 26 in Austin. He is now licensed to practice as a professional engineer in Texas.

A 1994 graduate of Stamford High School, Lammert attended Texas A&M University, earning a Bachelor's of Science in civil engineering in 1998.

He has been an employee of

the City of Austin's Department of Public Works for the past seven years, working as a graduate engineer.

During that time, his job responsibilities have included traffic signal design for new intersections, maintaining the city's traffic signal synchronization program, addressing citizen traffic signal questions and requests, and traffic accident analysis in order to improve intersection safety.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 889 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Jan. 27, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

Packers, \$4-6 higher. Stockers, steady. Feeders, \$2 lower. Bred cows/pairs, \$50 higher.

Cows: fat, .46-.50; cutters, .44-.54; canners, .38-41.

Bulls: bologna, .57-.68, feeders, .55-.70, utility, .47-.55.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.35-1.45; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.25; 400-500 lbs., 1.05-1.18; 500-600

lbs., .95-1.12; 600-700 lbs., .92-1.00; 700-800 lbs., .86-.92; 800-up lbs., .82-.88.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.15-1.27; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.25; 400-500 lbs., .92-1.07; 500-600 lbs., .88-.94; 600-up lbs., .78-.85.

Bred heifers: medium frame, 775-935.

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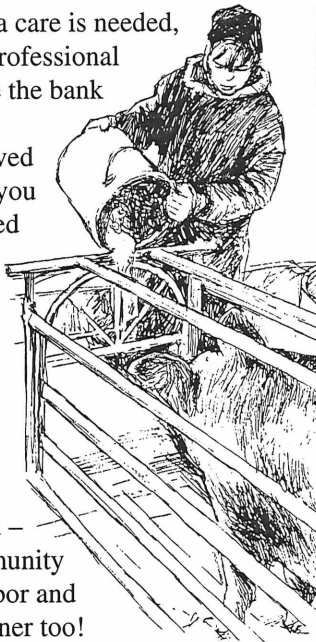
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USDA plans to invest \$1.6 billion in renewable fuels

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has announced plans to propose \$1.6 billion in new funding for renewable energy, with a focus on cellulosic energy research and production, as part of the Administration's 2007 farm bill proposals. This funding will support President Bush's goal of reducing gasoline usage by 20 percent in the next ten years and will compliment an array of renewable energy-related efforts underway at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In his State of the Union Address, President Bush announced his vision for our nation's energy independence, including \$2 billion in cellulosic production loan guarantees. The President's proposals also include a new Alternative Fuels Standard, which contains a requirement for sources produced by American farmers and ranchers as well as an automatic "safety valve" to protect against unforeseen increases in the prices of alternative fuels or their feedstocks.

"It remains a priority across USDA to support the development of biofuels. We will continue to build on current programs and turn the corner on renewable energy," said Johanns. "With biofuels coming to the forefront, American agriculture faces the greatest opportunity of a generation to lead a future in which we get our energy by the bushel and not by the barrel."

Following are examples of USDA's projects underway and

accomplishments to date:

USDA issued a formal Request For Information to initiate discussion with private sector partners willing to work with us to establish a bio-fuels pumping station in Washington DC, which would serve the general public and more than 800 flex fuel vehicles in the federal fleet.

In 2006, USDA launched BioPreferred, a procurement program that serves to increase the procurement and use of biobased products by Federal agencies. USDA has developed an easy access online Designated Biobased Product Catalog www.usda.gov/biopreferred as a resource of identifying biobased products.

USDA spent nearly \$1.7 billion on energy-related programs between 2001 and 2005. In 2006 alone, USDA spent an estimated amount of more than \$270 million on these programs in areas such as commercialization, research, infrastructure development, and technical support. Currently, there are 110 operational ethanol plants in 19 states with another 73 under construction and new proposals at an astounding rate.

In 2005, Secretary Johanns appointed a USDA Energy Council for the purpose of coordinating and examining departmental programs and authorities, ensuring they fit into a comprehensive energy strategy.

In 2000, USDA established the Biomass Research and

Development Initiative (BRDI), an interagency working group with the Department of Energy, to coordinate and accelerate all Federal biobased products and bioenergy research and development.

Last October, President Bush offered the keynote address at the Advanced Renewable Energy Conference, hosted by USDA and the Department of Energy. The joint conference brought together the brightest minds in government and industry, as well as key stakeholders from the financial, agricultural and energy sectors, to address the challenges and opportunities to advance renewable energy.

USDA's Agriculture Research Service (ARS) scientists have developed improved fermentation organisms and are making other significant steps toward achieving the technology needed for commercial production of cellulosic ethanol. ARS scientists have genetically modified a strain of lactic acid bacteria, that produces increased levels of ethanol from cellulosic biomass. The research findings demonstrate that metabolic engineering has the potential to create new biocatalysts to convert biomass to biofuels.

Johanns plans to provide additional information about the proposal to provide \$1.6 billion in new funding for renewable energy within the next few weeks when he unveils the Administration's full package of 2007 farm bill proposals.



RESERVE JR. HEIFER CALF CHAMPION—Maggie Teague, Haskell 4-H member, exhibited the Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion in the Angus Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show at the 2007 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth Jan. 21. Junior show entries totaled 10,505 at this year's show which ends Feb. 4.

Ethanol challenges beef market

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Like it or not, ethanol is coming, and beef producers must be prepared to weather the transitional phase and capitalize on the potentials in the future, said two speakers at the Southwest Beef Symposium in Amarillo.

"The short run is going to be tough, but in the long run, things will work out," said Dr. Steve Amosson, Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

Feed prices are being driven up by predictions of 3 billion gallons of ethanol production capacity coming online in the next year. Ethanol would require almost an 8-million acre increase in corn acreage, which equates to an additional 1.1 billion bushels of corn, Amosson said.

"I feel the corn prices will range from \$3 to \$4.25 per bushel on the board for the next couple of years, and the differential between corn and sorghum will narrow," he said.

Competition for acreage will increase, forcing other feed sources and crop prices higher.

In the short run, fed cattle prices will remain relatively unchanged, and feeder cattle and calf prices may continue to

soften, Amosson said. A rule of thumb, he said, is calf prices will drop \$1.50 per hundredweight for every 10 cent rise in corn prices.

This is going to reduce the predicted expansion phase of the cattle cycle, he said. But in three to four years that reduction will have cattle producers seeing record prices.

"Cattlemen also have a potential to gain market share relative to the swine and poultry industries because cattle can be fed the distiller's grain by-products, where the other industries can't," Amosson said.

"We just have to learn to feed those DDG's (dried distiller's grain)," he said.

Dr. Jim MacDonald, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station beef cattle nutritionist, agreed, saying "You don't have to like it, but you had better learn how to feed it."

And that, MacDonald said, is his job—helping the cattle producers learn how to feed the byproduct.

While ethanol had its share of unfriendly comments during the two-day symposium, MacDonald said, "We're going to get there,

we just have to manage the transition.

"A lot of concern has come with ethanol in this area," he said. "But we are better off with the plants here than not because we're not the only game in town."

Dried distiller's grains from the Midwest are being shipped into the export market, he said. So the fact that the Panhandle will produce 600 million gallons of ethanol per year soon, resulting in 1.5 million tons of distiller's grains, will help keep prices reasonable.

When corn is processed for ethanol, it breaks down to one-third ethanol, one-third carbon dioxide and one-third byproduct or distiller's grain, MacDonald said.

These distiller's grains still have all the nutrient profile of corn, only the starch has been removed, he said. It has 40 to 45 percent fiber and 25 to 30 percent crude protein.

"It's going to be a cheaper protein source in the future and if used as a forage supplement, it can be used for both protein and energy supplementation," MacDonald said.

Sheriff announces joint child identification project

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas has joined efforts with the American Football Coaches Association, FBI's National Child Identification Program, Texas Association of School

Administrators (TASA) and the office of Governor Rick Perry to provide ID kits to all Texas children, grades K-6.

This initiative will reach over 2 million Texas children, the fourth largest ID kit distribution in U.S. history.

With the help of Texas Sheriffs and Superintendents, ID kits will be distributed through the public school systems and Sheriff's Offices. Students enrolled in the public school system in grades K-6 will receive an ID kit through their superintendent. Each Sheriff in Texas will also receive 600 kits to be handed out on a first come, first serve basis to children who

fall outside of the K-6 age range or do not attend public school.

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CONGRESS PASSES LAST-MINUTE TAX LAW

In the final hours of its 2006 session, Congress passed legislation that extends several popular tax breaks for individuals and businesses. The Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 was signed into law by President Bush on December 20, 2006. The late passage of these tax changes will cause a short delay in IRS processing of 2006 returns, since the Service must update its computers for the provisions in the new law.

Here's an overview of the extended tax breaks.

•The optional itemized deduction for state and local sales taxes was reinstated for 2006 and 2007. The deduction can be taken in lieu of deducting state and local income taxes, a break for taxpayers who live in states without income tax or for those who pay more in state and local sales taxes than income taxes. Taxpayers can keep receipts or use IRS tables for the sales tax deduction.

•The deduction for higher education tuition and fees had expired at the end of 2005, but is extended by the law for 2006 and 2007. This deduction can be taken both by those who itemize and those who don't; it's known as an "above-the-line" deduction. There are income limits that apply.

•Teachers who buy classroom supplies with their own money can take a deduction of up to \$250 for 2006 and 2007.

•The research business tax credit is reinstated for 2006 and 2007. The work opportunity and welfare-to-work tax credits are extended for 2006; in 2007 they will be combined into one credit. The 15-year recovery period for certain leasehold and restaurant improvements is extended through 2007.

•The law also extends certain tax breaks for energy conservation through 2008 and makes several changes to the rules for health savings accounts.

Congress is expected to pass more tax legislation in 2007, so be sure to get an update before you make personal financial and business decisions throughout the year. For any assistance you need, give us a call.

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ROXANNE CHAVEZ



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Students visit Rotary Club

Roxanne Chavez is the daughter of Ester Chavez and Joe Benavidez.

She attends the Four Square Church in Haskell.

In school she is active in UIL, track and softball.

After finishing high school, she plans to go to cosmetology school first, and after that, she wants to go to nursing school.

Jasmine Thomas is the daughter of Lola Thomas of Haskell, and Lawrence Thomas

of Fort Worth.

In school she is active in Cross Country, Varsity Basketball, journalism, editor of the yearbook, and member and officer of Spanish Club. She likes styling hair for people and shopping.

She was named the Most Beautiful of her senior class.

Her future plans include attending MidWestern State University and becoming a pediatric nurse.

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 5-9
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Cereal or toast
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Toast or cereal
Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Ham, cheese potatoes, peas, salad, rolls, apple crisp

Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, chocolate cake

Wednesday: Tacos, refried beans, corn, salad, peanut butter bars

Thursday: Beans and franks, tater tots, salad or carrot sticks, jello with fruit

Friday: Hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, chips, rice krispy bars

Students in the News

Ross A. Short of Rochester was named to the Texas Tech University President's Honor List, and to the Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Dean's List for scholastic achievement for the Fall 2006 Semester.

The President's List was awarded in recognition of students who attained a grade-point ratio of 4.0 during the semester. The Dean's List was awarded to those who attained a grade point average of 3.5 or more.

Short is the son of Larry and Linda Short of Rochester, and is the grandson of Bernice Hilliard of Haskell and Warren and Jane Short of Rochester.

Amy Nicole Wallace of Haskell received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in business education from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview in their December commencement ceremony.

South Plains College, Levelland recognized Nicolas Mendoza of Haskell on the fall 2006 Dean's Honor List for achieving academic excellence.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while carrying at least 12 credit hours.

Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, recognized these honor students for the fall 2006 semester.

Julie M. Alvarez of Haskell was named to the President's Honor Roll for students completing a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than an A or 4.0.

Jonie Amanda Martinez of Haskell was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for students completing a semester of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.74 and no grade lower than a C.

Two natives of Haskell were named to academic honor lists for the 2006 fall semester at Howard Payne University.

Lyneal McCulloch was named to the Honor's List. Bethany Elmore was named to the President's List.

Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average to be named to the President's List, a 3.65-3.99 grade point average to be named to the Dean's List, and a 3.5-3.64 grade point average to be named to the Honor Roll.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Jan. 29, 2007

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This Week's Devotional Message:

YOUR FAITH IS NOT CONFINED WITHIN THE CHURCH



The busy lives we lead are like a solid fabric woven into a jumbled pattern of work, recreational pursuits and the personal problems inherent in our material world. Faith is too often omitted from the design; or at best, crowded into a small corner known as Sunday morning. But the message

of faith received in church can re-weave the tangle of doubt and confusion with threads of peace, harmony and order, and mend the raveled edges of trouble; if you will only carry it with you throughout the week. Faith is not confined within the walls of the church, but that is where it begins.

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—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**
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, 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. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. 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. 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.
- Church of Christ**
Jim Yates, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 :30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**
C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
- 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**
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
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Cloviss Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
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First United Methodist Church
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

—SAGERTON—

- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
- RULE—**
- First Baptist Church**
Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. 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. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primeria Iglesia Bautista

- Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—PAINT CREEK—

- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
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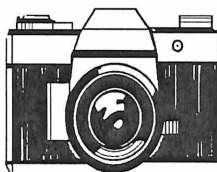
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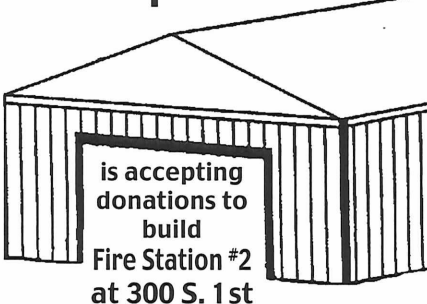
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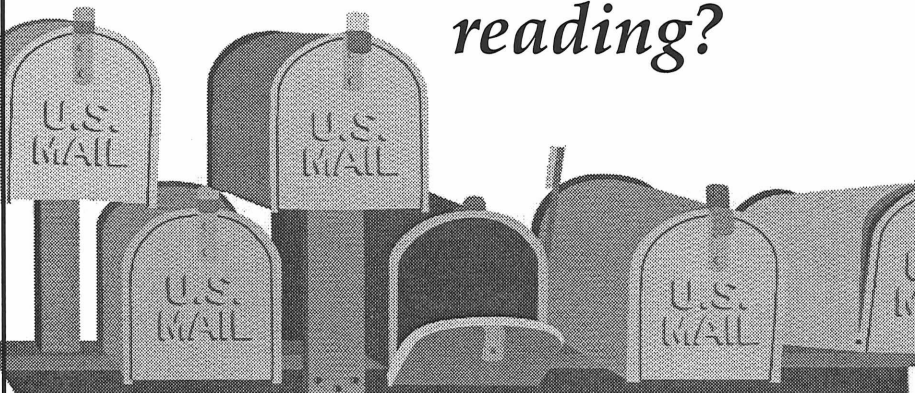
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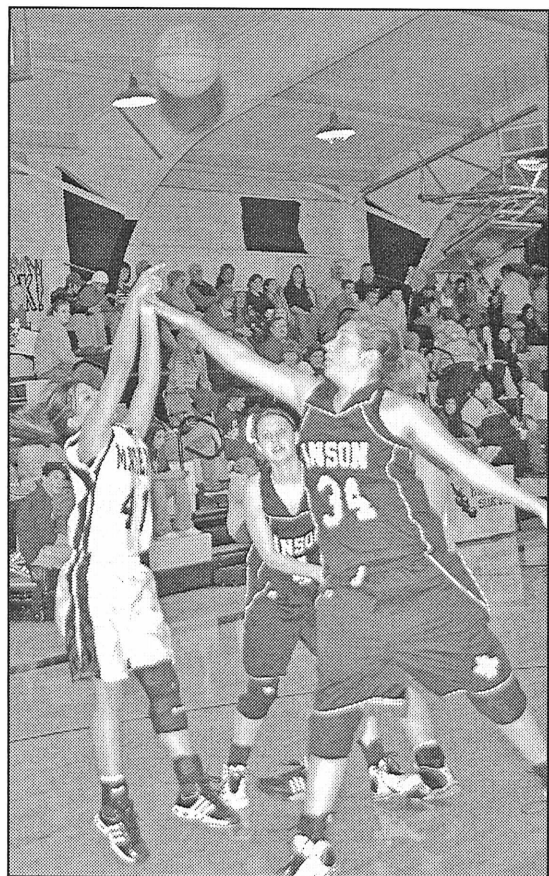
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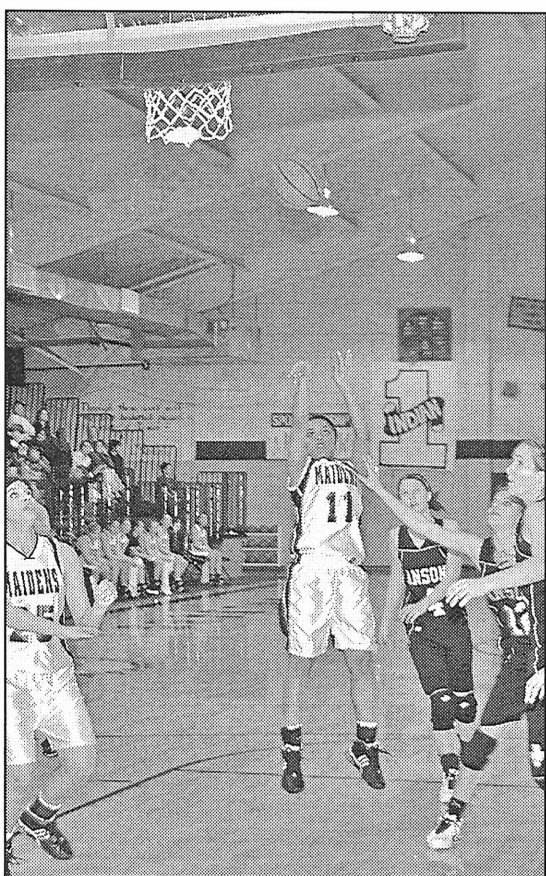
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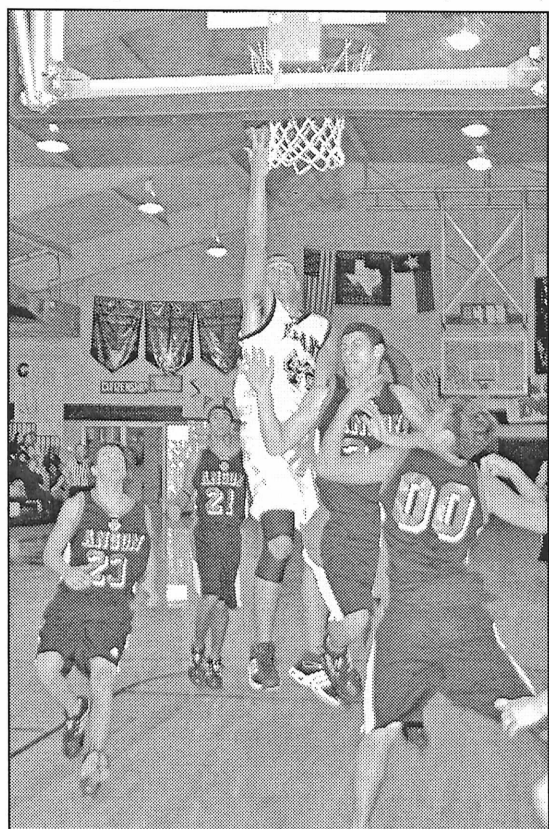
SCORING AGAIN—Haskell Maiden #41, Haley Chavez, made 7 points in the game with Anson, which the team won 51 to 29, Tues., Jan. 23.

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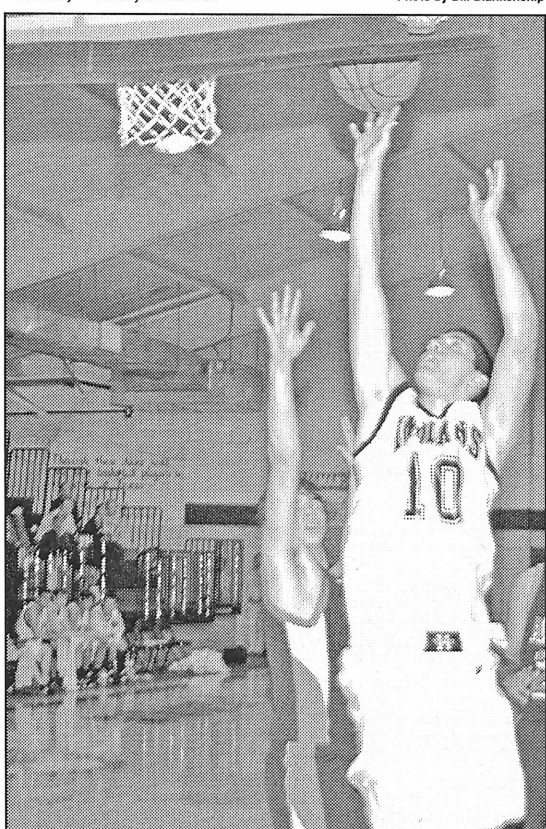
UP TO THE BASKET—Haskell Maiden #11, Jasmine Thomas, leaps to make two points in the team's winning game with Anson, Tues., Jan. 23.

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HIGH SCORER—Haskell Indian #42, D. J. McCulloch, lays up some of the 26 points he scored for the team in the game with Anson, Tues., Jan 23.

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RACKING UP POINTS—Haskell Indian #10, Derek Agraz, puts in count in the total of four he made in helping win the Anson game, 68 to 42.

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Area Basketball scores

Girls
Haskell 51, Anson 29
Scoring for Haskell: Chambray Bartley 12, Kimberly Medford 11, Lacey Peiser 9, Samantha Rodriguez 8, Haley Chavez 7, Hanna Wallace 6, Hope Reid 4, Jasmine Thomas 2, Molly Agraz 2, Lauren Newton 2.
JV score: Haskell 34, Anson 16

Aspermont 68, Paint Creek 13
Scoring for Paint Creek: Barr 9, Stephens, 2 Powell 2.

Rule 52, Lueders-Avoca 30
Scoring for Rule: Lisle 10, Trussell 9, Messenger 8, Ky. Scheets 7, Ke. Scheets 6, Brannan 6, Benavides 3, Dudensing 3.

Boys
Haskell 68, Anson 42
Scoring for Haskell: D.J. McCulloch 26, Weston Rutkowski 11, Travis Adams 8, John English 6, Gregg Guzman 4, Derek Agraz 4, Vicente Castillo 4, Rodriguez 3, Samuel Bitner 2.
JV score: Haskell 34, Anson 33

Haskell 64, Colorado City 32
Scoring for Haskell: D.J. McCulloch 26, Travis Adams 11, John English 9, Samuel Bitner 8.

Trent 40, Paint Creek 35
Scoring for Paint Creek: T. Exum 15, Myers 8, Rogers 6, J. Exum 4, Whitfield 2.

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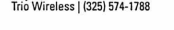
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