

Softball games

Haskell at Eula V
Tournament
March 8-10 TBA
Haskell at Seymour JV
Tournament
March 9-10 TBA
Haskell JV-V vs Coahoma
Tues., March 13, 1 p.m.
at Coahoma

Baseball games

Haskell JV-V vs Coahoma
Tues., March 13, 11 a.m.
at Coahoma

Golf

Haskell B-G at Hamlin
Mon., March 12, 8:30 a.m.

Calendar

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.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Schools homecoming will be held Sept. 21-22.

Rule banquet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will hold their 53rd annual banquet Mon., March 26 at 6:30 p.m. A meal will be served by the Rule Junior Class and their parents. Entertainment will be by a group of Rule 4-H members. Man and Woman of the Year will be presented. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased from members or at the door.

Book fair

Rule ISD will host a Scholastic Book Fair March 5-9. An open house will be held Tues., March 6 from 5 to 6 p.m. for friends, students and families to visit with teachers and staff members about their student's progress and activities.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 17 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Lenice Dennis of Abilene will present a demonstration using pastels. Guests are welcome.

Car show

The 11th annual Haskell Fire Department's Car Show will be held Sat., March 17 around the courthouse square in Haskell. Entries are \$20. Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. Judging will be at 12:30 p.m. followed by a 3:30 trophy presentation. Hot Wheel races and a kids tractor pull will be held for the kids. For more information call Randy Shaw at 325-721-0674 or 864-2023.

Men's breakfast

A men's prayer breakfast will be held Sat., March 10 at 7 a.m. at Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Storm sirens

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

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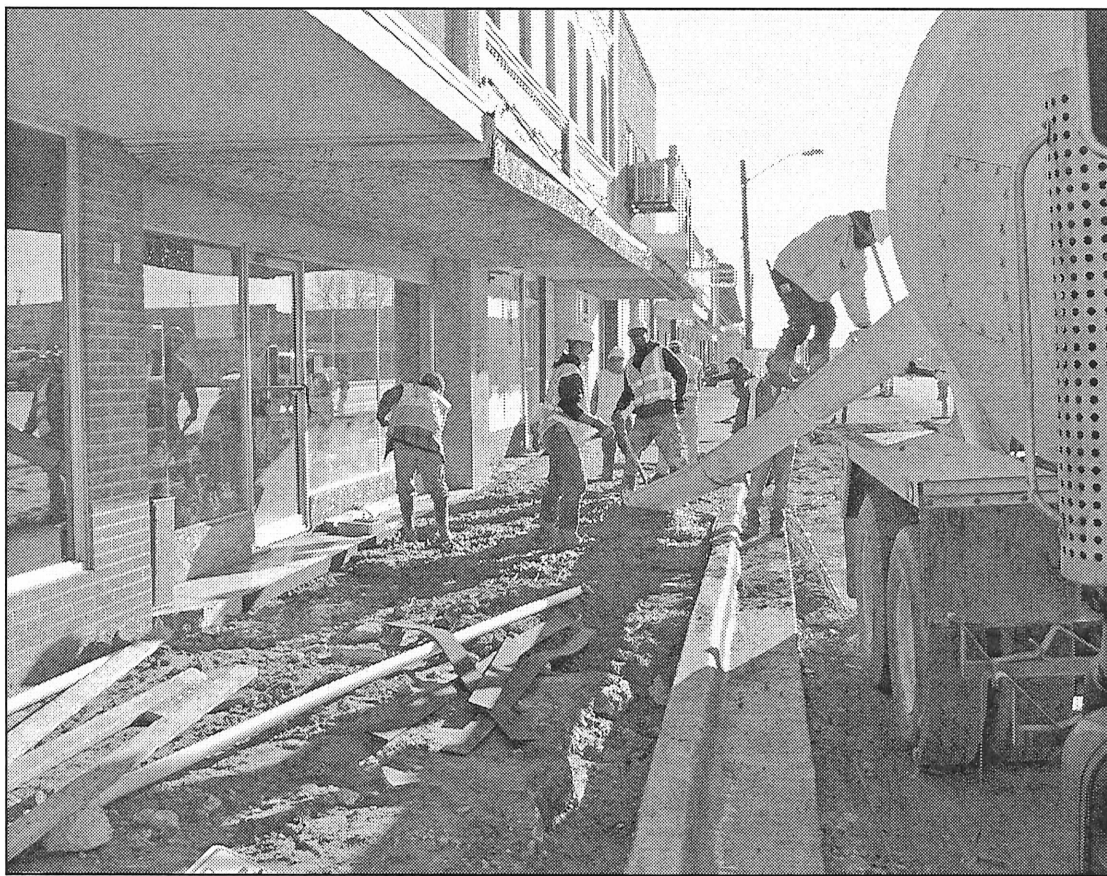
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SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION—Construction on the northside of the square has progressed steadily. TxDOT has most businesses able to be open. Work has begun on the sidewalks on the west side of the square.

Filing period for city and school elections to end Monday, March 12

The Haskell City election will be held on Sat., May 12 at the City Hall. The three places open for election are those of councilmen Chan Guess, Jimmy Roberts and Sue Medford. All are two year terms.

The last day to file for a position is March 12. Filing will be done at the City Hall.

Early voting by personal appearance at City Hall during

regular hours starts on April 30, and ends May 8. Early voting hours will also be from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Mon., April 30, and Tues., May 1.

To vote in the election, voters must present their voter certificate, driver's license, personal identification or form of ID containing one of the following: a photograph, birth

certificate, a copy of a utility bill, a bank statement, a government check, paycheck or government document that shows name and address of the voter. No vote will be counted without one of these.

In the Haskell CISD board election, two seats are open. These are single district #1, now held by Felix Rodriguez; and single district #6, now held by

Joey Kimbrough. Both are three year terms.

The filing dates for the May 12 election continues until March 12. Both Rodriguez and Kimbrough have filed.

Voting place for the school election will be held at the Haskell City Hall, if there are contested races. Early voting will be held at the Haskell CISD Administration.

Druesedow named to state board

Jill Druesedow, Haskell High School English and journalism teacher since 1980, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas State Board for Educator Certification. The board works to develop certification and continuing education requirements and standards of conduct for public school teachers. Her appointment was confirmed by the Texas Senate. She will serve until Feb. 1, 2013.

Once named as Region 14 Education Service Center Secondary Teacher of the Year, she is a member of the National and Texas Councils of Teachers of English and the Texas Association of Journalism Educators.

In Haskell she has served as Mayor and city councilwoman, and on the Haskell Chamber of Commerce. Once living here near now governor Rick Perry and

wife, first lady Anita Perry, she was a teacher when Anita Perry was a member of the Haskell school board.

A graduate of Midwestern State University with bachelor's and master's degrees, she did post-graduate work at Hardin-Simmons and Abilene Christian Universities.

Happy with the appointment, she said she is honored and is looking forward to serving.

Still enjoying teaching after 35 years, she said she has no plans for retiring.

Three subjects in custody after January drug search

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton has reported that on the night of Jan. 21, Chief Tom Bassett of the Haskell Police Department received information that illegal drugs were being sold at a resident at 909 Apt. A#2, South 7th Street in Haskell. A search warrant was issued.

Officers from the Haskell Police Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Haskell County Sheriff's office searched the apartment and found a large amount of methamphetamine and some marijuana in the apartment, along with drug paraphernalia.

Three subjects were taken into custody at the time, transported to Haskell County Jail and booked in on the possession of controlled substance with intent to sell in a drug-free zone.

Taken into custody at the time were Susan Casey Colley, Shelly Shelton and Adrian Villarreal. On a state parole warrant, another charge was added to Villarreal.

Sheriff Halliburton said, "If it had not been for the help of a concerned citizen, these people might still be selling drugs in Haskell, possibly to your children. The law enforcement is

grateful to the concerned citizens that report this type of information. All information that is received will be kept confidential on any type of criminal activity."

Bobcats end season with loss to Rankin

After a great, winning season, the Rule Bobcats were stopped on their way to the Boy's Basketball Conference IA Division 2 bid for champion, when they lost to Rankin, 51-48, in the Regional Semifinal game

played March 2 at Fort Worth ISD's Wilkinson-Greines Athletic Center.

On the road to the finish, the Bobcats beat Rising Star, 58-52 in the area round Feb. 23-24. In Regional Quarterfinal, Feb. 26-27, they

Cars to show in Haskell March 17

The 11th annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. Car Show will be held Sat., March 17 in downtown Haskell around the Haskell County Courthouse square.

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

Along with the nine classes of vehicles in the show, other activities will include the Kids Tractor Pull and Hot Wheels Races for Kids (with an entry fee of \$1 per car).

Hamburgers and french fries will be served on the southeast corner of the square during the noon hour by members of the fire department.

Vendor spaces will be located around the square in front of business for \$15 each. Vendor information is available by contacting Lisa Shaw at 864-2686, 864-2023 or 325-721-0441.

Classes for this year's car show are: Cars Pre-'64; Cars '65 and up; Antique Cars, Trucks thru '50; Street Rods Pre-'49; Older Pickups Pre-'84; Pickups '85 and up; Sport Compact; Motorcycles; and Restoration in Progress.

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

Registration forms for the show or vendors may be obtained from any Haskell Volunteer Fireman. For more information, call Randy Shaw at 940-864-2023, 325-721-0674 or e-mail haskellcarshow@hotmail.com.

Annual Hee Haw set March 29-31

The Sagerton Community has begun making preparations for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw, to be held March 29-31 beginning at 8:00 p.m. each evening. Music and singing will be presented an hour before the Hee Haw program begins.

The program for Thurs., March 29 is especially for groups. Reservations for group tickets may be made Tues., March 13 at 9 a.m. by calling 940-997-2688.

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances will go on sale Fri., March 16, at 1 p.m. at

the Sagerton Community Center.

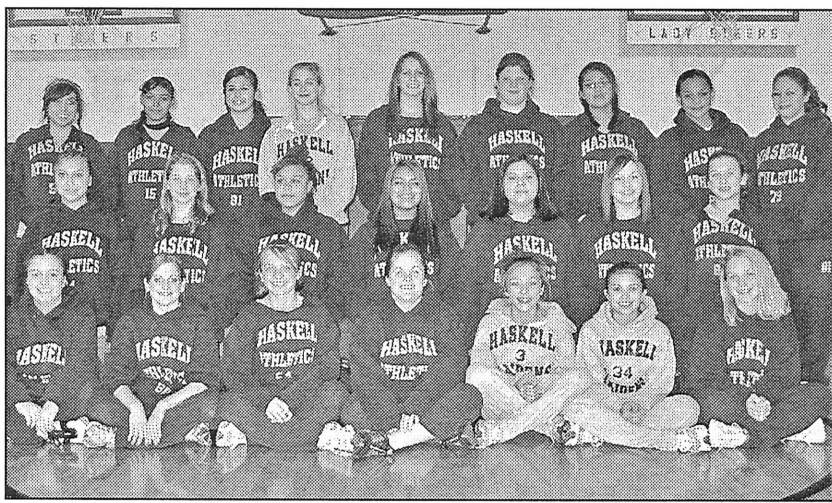
If there are any tickets left for the Thursday night performance, these tickets may be purchased on March 16 also. After the completion of ticket sales at the Community Center March 16, orders may be placed by calling 940-997-2688 or come to 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton, for tickets. A limit of ten tickets sold per person will be sold on March 16. Tickets are \$5 each.

Plate lunches, sandwiches, and pies will be for sale in the cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

outplayed Aspermont 60-44.

After the Aspermont game, Rule coach Ryan Bleiker said "Defense has done it for us all year. Sometimes it isn't real pretty, but it's how we've won games."

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HASKELL TRACK—Members of the Haskell 7th and 8th grade track team include, front row, I-r, Judith Isbell, Bailey Fillmon, Codi Beth Foster, Sara Weise, Sasha Walker, Claire Carmichael and Mackenzie Thomas; middle row, Sara Aguilera, Krista McLemore, Jamie Flye, Valerie Gonzalez, Kelli Ozuna, Paige Glover and Laycee Tullos; back row, Clarissa Walker, Lynna Billington, Angel Navarrette, Cheslee Hearn, Harley James, Jasmine Klose, Sonya Rodriguez, Shasta Dockins and Alyssa Fraga.



HONORING WASHINGTON—In honor of the birthday of George Washington, the Haskell County Library's story time group listened to a story about the Father of Our Country, made a tricorn hat and enjoyed a snack. Story time is held each Thursday at 10 a.m. at the library. Modeling their tricorn hats were front row, I-r, Justin Townsend, Savannah Curran, Jon Townsend, Elise Townsend and Heavenly Perez; back row, Melody Townsend, Paula Rennegarbe and Cynthia Perez.

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Rule ISD honor rolls named

Rule School have announced the honor rolls for the fourth six weeks of the school year.

Listed are:

First grade: A honor roll, Christina Moore, Alexandra Cooper and Thomas Short; A-B honor roll, Alexandra Martinez.

Second grade: A honor roll, Alysia Hollabaugh, America Shelton and Hunter Threet; A-B honor roll, Ian Mauro.

Third grade: A honor roll, Haley Macias; A-B honor roll, Sarah Campbell, Kylie DeVille, Samantha Lewis, Kade Lowack, Cody Percell and Braden Tanner.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Ryan Pace; A-B honor roll, Christina Herrera.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Rebecca Foreman and Charlie Thomison.

Sixth grade: A honor roll, Josh Quintero and Daniel Turner; A-B honor roll, Celeste Caddell and Darryl Williams.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Alexandria Lyon.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Jenny Dudensing; A-B honor roll, Samantha Benavides, Allison Petty, Brittany Roberts, Stephanie Threet, Sydney Saucedo and Crystal Wright.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Joseph Turner; A-B honor roll, Mina Banks, Victoria Benavides and Sonya Camacho.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Molly Dudensing, Andrew Hertel and Kelsie Miller; A-B honor roll, Steven Anderson, Tate Clark, Adam Hollingsworth, Zeb Petty, Rance Sorley, Chance Agraz, Marty Hall, Morgan Lisle, Vinnie Perales and Tiffany Rios.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Shawna Favor and J.T. Spitzer; A-B honor roll, Kiel Rowan, Lauren Messenger, Stephen Pace Callie Papanas, Adam Vasquez and James Wolfe.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Brady Baitz, Britnee Brannan, Austin Flores, Cory Flores, Mathew Turner, Kendra Scheets, Tye Clark, Mason Bishop and Kortney Kupatt; A-B honor roll, Taylor Falkner, Kade Kittley, Will Kittley, A.J. Rogers, D.J. Hall and Kimberly Williams.

Obituaries

Minnie Monse



MINNIE MONSE

Funeral services for Minnie Monse, 98, of Haskell, formerly of Sagerton, were held Mon., Feb. 12 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton with Pastor Curtis Baker officiating. Burial was in Old Glory Cemetery, under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mrs. Monse died Fri., Feb. 9 at Rice Springs Care Home.

Born Jan. 23, 1909 in Granae, she was the daughter of John Brand and Johanna Reimes Brand. She married Leo Monse, Sr., Oct. 25, 1927 in Orange

Grove. He preceded her in death Oct. 23, 1996. She was a resident of the Sagerton community for 53 years. She was a homemaker and a member of the Faith Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Leo (Jack) Monse, Jr.; granddaughters, Dana Mrazek of Aspermont and Brenna Jane Lehrmann of Sweetwater; five brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include her daughters, Isabell Mrazek of Aspermont, Doris Lehrmann of Rule and Geneva Vahlenkamp and husband, Virgil of Denton; daughter-in-law, Lois Monse of Merkel; sister, Edna Lee Gorbet of Kenedy; grandchildren, Frances Howle of Clyde, Franklin Mrazek, Jr. of New Braunfels, Tommy Mrazek and wife, Debbie of Plano, Rick Lehrmann and wife, Carla of Katy, Randy Lehrmann and wife, Carla of Sweetwater, Norva Smith and husband, Bobby of Rule, Marla Mills and husband, Mike of Lubbock, Brenda Ettredge and husband, Mark of Denton, Virgil Vahlenkamp, Jr. and wife, Francene of Denton, Charles

Vahlenkamp of Sanger, John Vahlenkamp and wife, Rhonda of Longmont, Colorado, Diane Barbee and husband, Donnie of Wolfforth, and DeWayne Monse of Sagerton; great grandchildren, Jill Sharp and husband, Jay of Carey, North Carolina, Jeff Howle and wife, Traci of Abilene, Jason Mrazek of Austin, Jennifer Mrazek of Plano, Hollie and Keli Smith of Rule, Josh Smith of Stephenville, Vanessa Lehrmann of Sweetwater, Brian and wife, Kirsten Lehrmann of Benbrook, Meagan Lehrmann of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Mitchell, Mikeah and Madison Mills of Lubbock, Matthew and James Ettredge of Denton, Andrew Vahlenkamp of Denton, Joseph, Jacob, Isaac, Isaiah and Anna Vahlenkamp of Longmont, Colorado, Eric Barbee and wife, Jessica of Lubbock and Mitzi Redd and husband, Chris of San Antonio; great great grandchildren, Madison and Camille Sharp of Carey, North Carolina, Peyton and Jackson Howle of Abilene, Brayden Smith of Rule, Autumn and Arron Barbee of Lubbock and Jack Redd of San Antonio.

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Juanita Sego Brite Burson



JUANITA BURSON

Graveside services for Juanita Sego Brite Burson, 102, of Haskell were held Tues., March

6 in Willow Cemetery with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Rev. Paul Nelson officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Burson died Sun., March 4 in Haskell.

Born June 26, 1904 in Bell County, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Gertrude Short Sego. As a young child, she moved with her family to Haskell County where she grew up and attended school. She married W.C. Brite Oct. 15, 1922. He preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Haskell as well as a Sunday School teacher for many years. She married C.G.

Burson, Sr. Sept. 7, 1954. He preceded her in death.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, James Clinton Brite; her parents; one brother, Bob Sego; and two sisters, Nerva Oates and Beulah Gibson.

Survivors include three daughters, Gracie Nelson and husband, Paul of Rockport, Pat Smith and husband, Earl of Haskell and Nancy Brite-Smith and fiance, Joe Miller of Dallas; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one great great granddaughter; sister, Dorothy Robinson of Austin; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

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Thomas E. Sadler

Funeral services for Thomas E. Sadler, 85, of Frisco, formerly of Carrollton were held Fri., Feb. 16 at Rhoton Funeral Home in Carrollton.

Mr. Sadler died Tues., Feb. 13 in McKinney.

Born Feb. 2, 1922 in Rule, he was the son of Leonard and Lena Mae (Cannon) Sadler. He owned Sadler Furniture in Haskell during the 1950s and later owned The Furniture Hut and Town 'N Country Furniture in Carrollton. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the USS Prince William in the South Pacific.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Tommie (Dean) Sadler; his parents Leonard Thomas Sadler and Lena Mae (Cannon) Sadler; grandparents, T.J.

Cannon and Luvenia (Hall) Cannon, and Junus Sadler and Lula (Mason) Sadler; sisters, Valarie (Sadler) Gilbreath and Mildred (Sadler) Anderson.

Survivors include his daughter, Candy Sadler Green of McKinney; son, Charlie Sadler and wife, Kristin of Frisco, Matt Green of Waxahachie, and Dustin Kate Sadler of San Antonio; four great grandchildren, Makenzie, Keeton, Kolton and Cannon; sister, Margaret (Watson) Spiva of Mansfield; cousin, Jane Boon of Haskell; sister-in-law, Frances Tankersley of Terrell; several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

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Gerald Dean Bird

Funeral services and burial for Gerald Dean Bird, 77, of El Paso were held at Fort Bliss in El Paso.

Mr. Bird died Mon., March 5 in an Abilene care facility.

Born June 16, 1929 in Haskell, he graduated from Haskell High School in May of 1946. He enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard as Private E-1. In September of 1955, he was a civilian employee of Tex ARNG. In August of 1962, he was appointed WO-1 to attend Nike Hercules Fire Control Maintenance Course in Fort Bliss. In December of 1963, he was a civilian employee of Tex ARNG at Nike Hercules Missile Site in Denton. He then entered active duty as CW2 at Fort Bliss in February of 1969.

He served eleven years in 32 Army Air Defense

Command in Germany, 4-1/2 years at Fort Bliss, 1-1/2 years at Homestead, Florida, and retired as CW4 with over 36 years military service. He was awarded five MSMs, two ARCOMs, letters of commendation and appreciation from various supervisors, peers and NATO officials.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvis and Frances Bird; twin sister, Ernestine Bird Perry; and sister, Jean Bird Haile.

Survivors include his brother, Robert Bird of Stamford; nephews, Rob Bird and wife, Tami and family of Mertzon, Ricky and Yvonne Faust and family of Waco; and niece, Vicky Bird Moreno and husband, Larry and family of Stamford.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice in Abilene.

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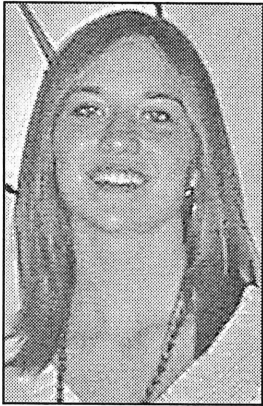
Grand wins Youth Tour Speech Contest

Big Country Electric Cooperative has announced the winners of the annual Government-In-Action Youth Tour Speech Contest. The contest was held Feb. 22 at the Roby High School auditorium.

The two winners are Kate Wallace of Borden Co. ISD and Stephanie Grand of Haskell High School. They will join approximately 1500 other teens across the country for a 9-day all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June.

Along with the trip to D.C., the students will each receive a \$1000 academic award. Becky Dobyns of Borden Co ISD will also receive a \$1000 award and will serve as alternate in the event one of the students is unable to go on the trip.

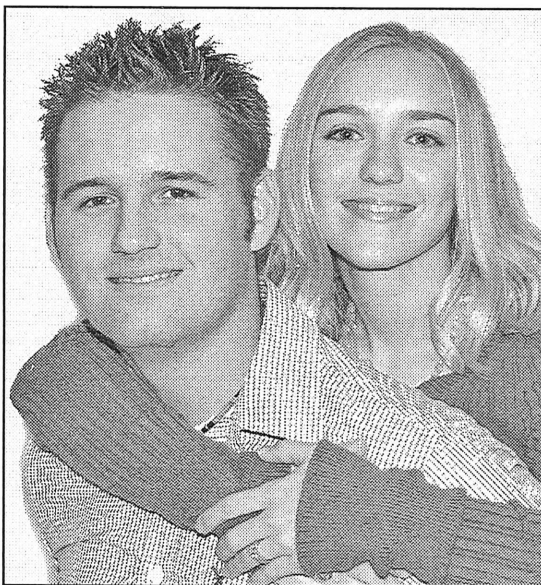
The purpose of the tour is to provide an opportunity for youth to visit monuments, government buildings and cooperative related organizations in order to become familiar with the historical and political environment of our nation's capital. They will enjoy the best of Washington, D.C., tour the Smithsonian Institute, Ford's Theatre, the FBI Building, the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Mount Vernon and countless others. They will



STEPHANIE GRAND

experience the sights of Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial, and the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They will visit their Congressman's office and find out face to face what's going on in national government. Congressmen will meet with students from their districts and answer questions about current governmental issues.

Big Country Electric Cooperative is proud to offer area youth a chance for such an experience. Other Haskell High School contestants were Diana Mauricio and Kristen Martinez, both senior students.



JAMES JEANES — LESLIE GRAND

Grand, Jeanes to wed June 9

Steven and Pat Grand of Haskell have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Leslie Grand, to James Jeanes, son of Penny and Johnny Isbell and the late David Jeanes.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Haskell High School and plans to graduate from Texas Tech in May 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in

Communication Studies and a minor in English.

Also a 2003 graduate of Haskell High School, the prospective bridegroom plans to graduate from Texas Tech in December 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in Secondary Education.

The couple plans a June 9 wedding at First Baptist Church in Haskell.



VALENTINE ROYALTY—Glenn Merchant, left, and Lillian Hodgin were elected King and Queen at the Haskell Healthcare Center's Valentine party held Feb. 14.

Library seeks citizens' help

Friends of the Haskell County Library are hoping to receive a grant from General Mills which gives to communities that are working to improve their towns.

They are asking all interested citizens to imagine going into a new Haskell Public Library and saying to themselves, "I helped pay for this."

If enough residents help the Friends of the Haskell County Library with this project, that scenario could become a reality some day.

To help out, follow these steps:

*Go to the web site www.myhometownhelper.com.

*Click "Find a Project"

*Click "Texas"

*Type in "Library Haskell" or "Haskell Library" or Haskell County Library."

*Type in the information you are asked to give.

*Scroll down to "Accept Terms"

*Add a comment that tells why we badly need a new library.

*Click "Submit"

The Friends of the Haskell Library believe that the more people who help out by following these steps, the better chance that Haskell will receive the grant.

The grants will be awarded through May.

Church to hold revival Mar. 11-16

Ervin Asiatico of Dallas, will be ministering in services at the First Assembly of God Church in Haskell, Mar. 11-16.

Weekday services will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday services will be held at 11:00 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Rev. Asiatico, who has completed over 20 years in evangelism, has ministered coast-to-coast across the United States, including Alaska. He has also conducted ministry in foreign country campaigns.

He is an accomplished guitarist, and will provide ministry in music during the course of the meeting.

Pastor J.C. Amburn and the local congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to come and enjoy these special services.

The church is located at 1500 N. Ave. E.

Shop Haskell First

Seniors to enjoy Spring Fling in Brownwood

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Experience spring this year with a trip to "Down By the Seashore." That's what folks 50 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood when adults will enjoy the annual Spring Fling during April says Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agent—Family & Consumer Sciences.

Sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Spring Fling is offered for men and women alike to enjoy the wonderful activities offered during the week of April 23-27.

Opportunities include "hands-on" learning centers where one can learn new crafts, gain new knowledge from general educational sessions, and other exciting projects. Educational programs on topics such as gardening, history, home security,

healthy living, and other current interests are a popular highlight.

Fishing on Lake Brownwood adds to your stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card and table games are all popular activities.

"Spring Fling...Down By the Seashore!" will be the featured theme for the week. A variety of games and activities will be held to add to the festive atmosphere. The last evening will showcase a closing banquet and entertainment.

Spring Fling 07! Are you 50 or older? Then its for you! Get away and learn to make the most of the best years of your life. Call the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546. You may also e-mail the Texas 4-H Conference Center at Texas4-H.Center@ag.tamu.edu for registration information. Sign-up deadline is April 13.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Perry names special master to investigate Youth Commission

AUSTIN—Rather than place the troubled Texas Youth Commission in conservatorship at the urging of the lieutenant governor and a committee of lawmakers, Gov. Rick Perry appointed Jay Kimbrough as special master to get the agency back in line.

Kimbrough's job will be to investigate sexual abuse of detainees reported at facilities in Giddings, Brownwood and Pyote.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, the state's ethics prosecutor, is conducting his own investigation into allegations that reports of sexual abuse in TYC facilities were altered by state officials.

A former assistant Texas attorney general, Kimbrough also is a former chief of staff for Perry and formerly served as the state's director of homeland security.

AG abates opinion on documents

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott took action to help prevent identity theft on Feb. 21 by issuing an opinion saying that county clerks should remove Social Security numbers from copies of documents on file before releasing them to the public.

Abbott's opinion said failure to comply would result in criminal charges. So clerks found themselves in a tough spot when citizens showed up the next day to get courthouse records needed to conduct routine business.

County clerks across Texas had to slow down or shut down all or part of their public information operations, because so many types of documents contain Social Security numbers.

Complaints from far and wide flew in, prompting Abbott to abate his opinion for 60 days—supposedly enough time for counties to adjust to the practice of redacting Social Security numbers.

House slows down Jessica's Law

The Texas House on Feb. 28 postponed further deliberation on House Bill 8, a "Jessica's Law" bill by Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Houston.

After salty debate mainly over the bill's death penalty component and costs of implementation, the House voted 131-10 to wait until March 5 to continue consideration by the full

House.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Feb. 14 announced the filing of SB 5, the Senate version of Jessica's Law.

Differences between the two bills would have to be reconciled in a final version, but as presently written, the legislation would do the following:

- Require mandatory 25 years to life sentences for a first-time violent sexual offense against a child under age 14;

- Require lifetime GPS monitoring for child sex offenders;

- Allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty for a second sexually violent offense against a child under age 14; and

- Double the statute of limitations on sexual crimes against children from 10 to 20 years.

Jessica's Law is named for 9-year-old Floridian Jessica Lunsford. In March 2005, the child was abducted from her Florida home, raped and murdered by a convicted sex offender. Since then, more than two dozen states have enacted toughened sex offender laws.

Organic farming bills are filed

Rep. Doc Anderson, R-Waco, and Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, filed House and Senate versions of legislation to create an 11-member Texas Organic Agricultural Advisory Board.

The board would:

- meet at least once a year;
- assist the Texas Department of Agriculture in assessing the organic produce industry;

- find ways to promote and expand the industry;

- work on getting grants and gifts to nurture the industry;

- help to develop an organic agricultural products education and awareness campaign.

Agency would redraw districts

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, filed SB 1068, legislation to create a Texas Congressional Redistricting Commission.

The highly politicized task of redrawing U.S. congressional district boundaries is normally done by the Texas Senate every 10 years.

Wentworth's bill would give the job to a nine-member, balanced, bipartisan commission of Texas residents. Eight members (four from each major party) would elect a nonvoting member to preside.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 6, 1997

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation winner of the Conservation Poster Contest is Tiffany Byrd of Rochester. Her poster was titled "Every Drop Counts."

Webelos Scouts receiving their Arrow of Light Award in a special ceremony at the Blue and Gold Banquet were Ross Hairgrove, Joseph Felty, A.J. Shaw, Ryan Barnes and Scott Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Rodriguez spent several days in Arlington visiting their son, Steven. While there they celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary.

20 Years Ago March 5, 1987

February was another wet month in Haskell. Counting the moisture content of snow and sleet, the monthly moisture total came to 3.26 inches, according to Sam Herren, weather recorder.

Caryn Hale, a fifth grader at Haskell, was named the champion of the Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest, sponsored by the Haskell SWCD.

Making the President's Honor list at Texas Tech were Holli A. High, Joey E. Kimbrough, both of Haskell; and Donna Lee Tanner of Rule.

30 Years Ago March 3, 1977

Myron Biard and Jane McAdoo each received "The

Outstanding Citizen Of The Year" award at the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The twenty-one member Haskell Indian Stage Band participated in the Hamlin School Stage Band Festival and received first place in the Class A Division.

The first place entry in the Light Weight Hereford division was Stanley Hager of Weinert at the San Antonio Stock Show.

40 Years Ago March 2, 1967

James Gordon Vaughtner was sworn in as a lawyer after successfully passing his bar exam.

Mrs. Byron Frazier, Mrs. Viars Felker, Mrs. Myron Biard, C.O. Holt and James Franklin received special awards at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The Mattson School announced that they would be consolidating with the Haskell and Weinert School Districts starting the next school year.

The Haskell Spanish students went on a trip to Nuevo Laredo and Monterey, Mexico.

50 Years Ago March 7, 1957

Joyce Walker of Weinert was elected corresponding secretary of Area 4 of the Future Homemakers of America.

District coaches selected players for All Star Cage teams, some of the players chosen were John Clifton and Robert Starr both of Haskell and Charles

Stenholm of Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Lusk and son, Jimmy Ray, of Canyon were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. Lusk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lusk.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Ogilvie of Dallas, and Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Ogilvie and Carol of Lorenzo were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Couch, Sr. Mrs. Troy Ogilvie is the former Mary Couch of Haskell.

Bryon Frierson of Huntsville and Gene Frierson of Texas A&M College spent the weekend with relatives and friends.

100 Years Ago March 9, 1907

J.M. Perry of the northwest part of the county was in town. He said it was the first time he had been in Haskell for several months and that he was surprised and pleased at the many improvements.

C.S. Snow shipped one thousand dozen eggs in the last 10 days.

J.S. Fox has planted a row of shade trees along the sidewalk on two sides of his residence and built a fence to protect them from cattle.

A. Chaney of Wild Horse Prairie was in town and reported that the farmers in his section were preparing for planting the new crop. He says there is not much wheat on the prairie this year, but a considerable acreage of oats.

Reducing cattle variations

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co. We often hear that there is too much variation in the nation's beef cattle herd.

Compared to something like poultry or swine that's undoubtedly true. But chickens and pigs are raised under much more uniform conditions than beef cattle, at least up to when cattle are weaned.

The same kinds of cows don't fit both the Upper Plains and the Gulf Coast. That's not to say that we can't reduce genetic

variability, within limits. But let's think about sources of variation we have little or no control over.

Chickens can be marketed that are all hatched on the same day. But that's not true for beef cattle. We sometimes hear that feeders would like start cattle with only a 50-pound range in weight. One of my associates, Dr. Ron Gill, recently reminded us of the variation in calf weight within a herd even with a narrow breeding season.

Let's say you have just a 45-

day breeding season and your average weaning weights usually run 500-525 pounds. That means calves gain a little over 2 lbs./day to weaning. So, even in a herd of high genetic uniformity, those calves will range at least 100 pounds at weaning, just from differences in the age of the calves.

We should pay more attention to reducing variability. But we also should figure out ways to better manage the variability that is inherent in beef production.

Feed is ethanol by-product

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co. Production of ethanol from corn continues to increase. This is causing some concern that there will be less corn for feeding, not to mention the elevating effects on corn price.

However, there are byproduct feeds resulting from ethanol production, one of the most useful being distillers grains plus solubles (DGS), which is available wet (about 25-35% dry matter) and dry (about 90% DM). The dried product costs less to transport per unit of DM and can

be stored for longer periods. Every bushel of corn yields about 17 lbs. of DGS.

How good is DGS as a cattle feed? Like many byproducts, the nutritional content varies but is usually, on DM basis, around 30% crude protein and 90-95% TDN compared to 9-10% CP and 88-92% TDN for corn. DGS is high in digestible fiber and low in starch. So, unlike high-starch sources like corn, DGS interferes less with utilization of forage, making it a good source for supplementing on low-quality forages.

DGS is also high in bypass

protein and fat (about 10-12%). The fat level should not interfere with forage utilization by grazing animals, but could be a problem in hay/silage programs where higher rates might be fed. Also, compared to corn, DGS is high in phosphorous and sulfur, so total ration levels of these minerals should be monitored.

DGS should generally be limited to about 20% of total diet DM. So, while DGS offers real possibilities for cattle feed, there are limitations. We'll still need corn, especially for finishing, and lots of it.

Commissioner's Court report

The Haskell County Commissioner's Court met for a regular meeting, Feb. 27, at the County Courthouse.

Members present were County Judge David Davis, Commissioners Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield, Kenny Thompson and Bobby Smith, and County Clerk Rhonda Moeller.

After the reading of the minutes, a motion by Commissioner Smith was passed to approve all bills.

In a motion by Smith, Commissioner Thompson was approved to represent Haskell County at the Paint Creek Water Board meeting, and to do the proxy voting.

On a motion by Smith, a sealed bid was accepted in the amount \$100.00 from Pat Bivins for all items list for sale in the newspaper.

Judge Davis presented a motion to enact the burn ban effective immediately. The motion was approved.

On consideration of the Resolution to approve the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement, Smith entered a motion to pass the resolution on one piece of equipment. The motion carried.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,480 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Mar. 3, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

469 steers and bulls. 422 heifers. 588 cows and packer bulls. 73 sellers and 53 buyers.

Cows: fat, .42-.46; cutters, .47-.53; canners, .35-.42.

Bulls: bologna, .61-.68, feeders, .75-.90.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.47-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.35-1.45; 400-500 lbs., 1.17-1.25; 500-600 lbs., 1.10-1.15; 600-700 lbs., 1.05-1.15; 700-800 lbs., 1.00-1.05; 800-up lbs., .91-.97.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.15-1.25; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.15; 400-500 lbs., 1.05-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .95-1.05; 600-up lbs., .80-.95.

Bred heifers: medium frame 750-950.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 750-1000; aged or small, 500-700.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 850-1350; older, 650-850.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

March 2, 2007

Haskell

Haskell County Gin 1,661
Haskell Co-op Gin 1,009

O'Brien

O'Brien Co-op Gin 18,183

Rule

Rule Co-op Gin 2,723

Weinert

Griff's Gin 1,383
Weinert Gin 2,331

Total bales 27,290

Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire.

The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis.

A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

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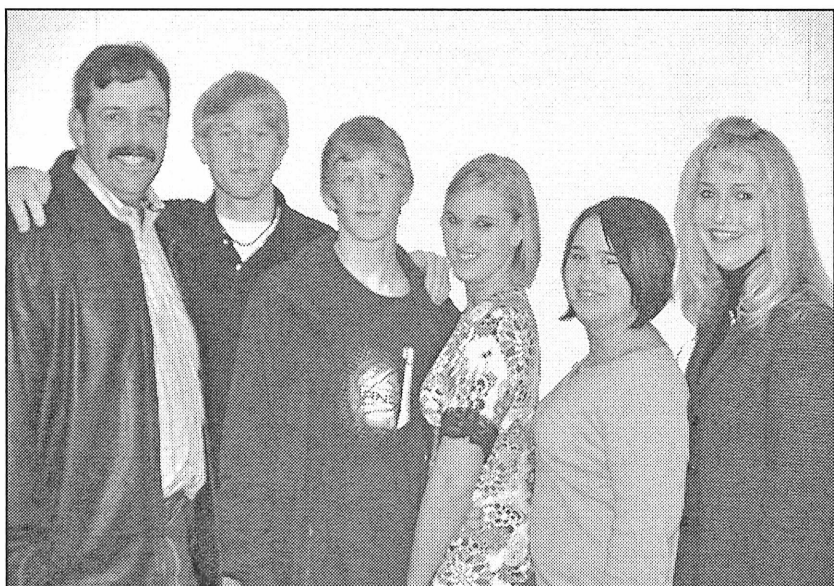
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ATTEND REGIONAL CONTEST—Paint Creek FCCLA members competed at the Regional II FCCLA Leadership Conference in San Angelo March 2-3. Attending were l-r, Carl Hopkins, chaperon; Jesse Exum, Taylor Exum, LaShell Walker, Cidney Jordan and Darlene Hopkins, advisor.

Paint Creek FCCLA competes at contest

Paint Creek Family, Career and Community Leaders (FCCLA) members participated and competed in the Region II FCCLA Leadership Conference and Contest, held in San Angelo, March 2-3 to qualify to attend the State Conference in Dallas. The state conference and competition will be held April 12-14.

Those members competing in the Regional II FCCLA Leadership contest entitled "Tune In To- FCCLA" were Cidney Jordan, Taylor Exum, LaShell Walker and Jesse Exum. These members competed in the Leadership Enhancement Opportunities (LEOs) tests. Cidney Jordan received bronze level for the etiquette/manners test. LaShell Walker and Jesse Exum received bronze level for the creed test. Taylor Exum received gold level for the creed test. The LEO test categories were FCCLA creed, consumer quiz, job interview, step one, parliamentary procedure, consumer math and interior design.

These students also completed all five units of the "Power of One" project. The students must complete a "Power of One" project sheet for each unit that involves using the FCCLA Planning Process steps: 1. Identify a concern; 2. Set a goal; 3. Form a plan; 4. Act; 5. Follow up. The five "Power of One" self-improvement units are entitled:

Stocker/feeder premiums

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

What's happening to Angus stocker/feeder premiums? Getting higher the last few years, according to Certified Angus Beef. The CAB "Here's the Premium Study" compiles data from cooperating auctions in California, Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wyoming. Data are collected in the fall for 500 lbs. calves and in the spring for 700 lbs. feeders. Each auction reports prices from a minimum of five groups, each containing at least five head. Data have now been reported on almost 237,000 head.

From spring, 1999, through spring, 2003, premiums for Angus over other breeds ranged from a little less than \$2.50/cwt. to a little over \$3.50. But things started changing in fall, 2003. Since then, premiums have ranged from a little over \$3.50 (for yearlings in spring, 2004) to a little over \$5.50 (for calves in fall, 2005).

As always, price premiums should be considered along with other factors affecting profit, especially any losses that might occur in performance and efficiency from lack of hybrid vigor.

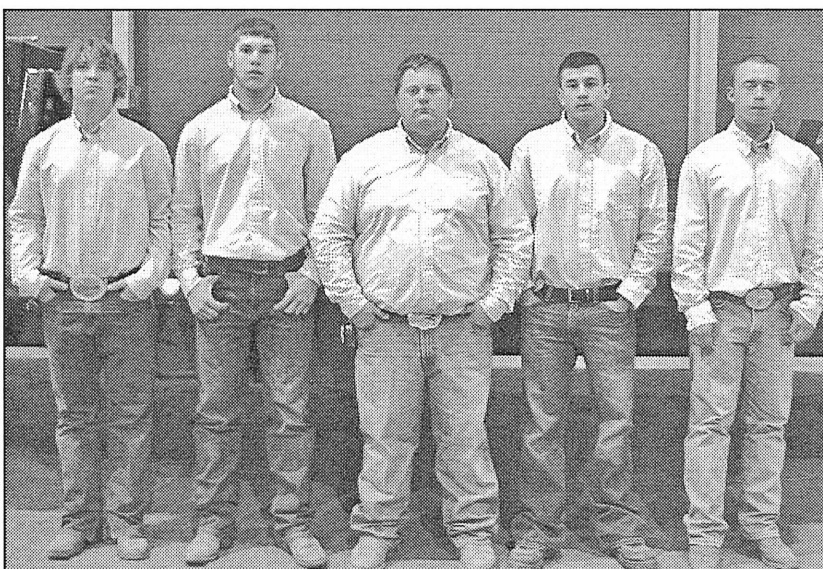
A Better You, Family Ties, Working on Working, Take the Lead, and Speak Out for FCCLA.

Paint Creek FCCLA chapter members have participated in various other family and consumer science related activities this year. The chapter meets the first Monday of each month at lunch in the room of Paint Creek FCCLA advisor Darlene Hopkins.

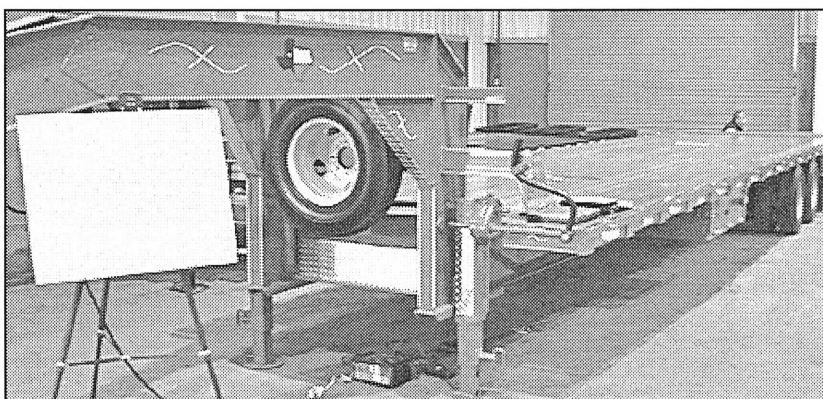
Members have been involved in projects such as Red Ribbon Drug Abuse Prevention Awareness Week, Stop the

Violence, Ready 911, Community/School Service projects like nursing home resident appreciation, school board/ teacher appreciation, school beatification, senior concession stand assistance, elementary musical program assistance, canned food drives and donations to child abuse victim's shelters.

Also, members have been involved in competitions/ activities such as the West Texas Fair, the King County Fair and Lifesmarts Consumer computer quiz competition.



WINNING TEAM AND TRAILER—The Haskell FFA Ag Mechanics team has had a successful year at the San Antonio, San Angelo, and Houston Ag Mech Shows. This year's project, sponsored by Jackie Wilcox and Joey Kimbrough of Haskell, consisted of a 37' gooseneck dovetail float. The trailer, shown below, was built by students enrolled in the Haskell FFA Ag Mechanics classes and was completed in approximately five months. Students start the project from scratch and build the trailer to full completion and have the opportunity to compete at Ag Mechanics shows for prizes and scholarships. The Ag Mech Team consisted of l-r, Randall Pace, Matthew Brown, Rylie Tatum, Anthony Hernandez, Keith Wilcox and Aaron Rodriguez, not pictured. These students received blue ribbons for their workmanship at all three of the shows and won their class at San Angelo. Haskell FFA is beginning their search for next year's project. Call the Ag Dept. at 864-3310 for more information.



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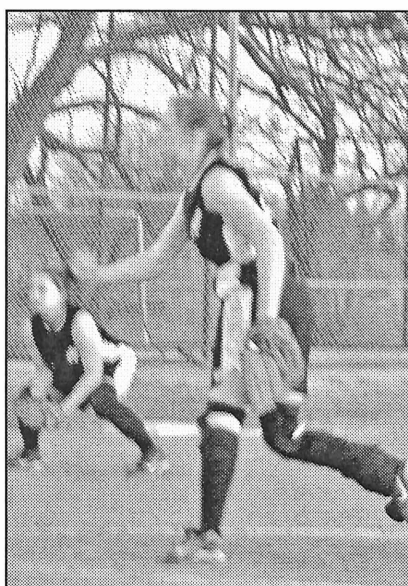
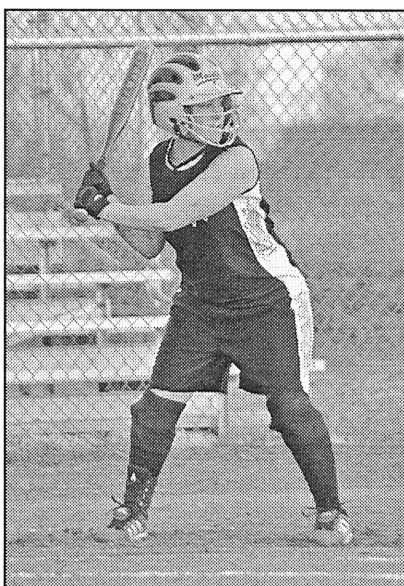
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HASKELL WINS—Maiden catcher, Alexa Roberts, left, and Maiden third baseman, Natalie Lopez help the Maidens defeat Winters 5-1 in a Feb. 27 softball game.

TEAM EFFORT—Maiden Kellye Tidrow, left, and Maiden pitcher, Paige Wheatley use their efforts to help the Maidens defeat Winters 5-1 in a Feb. 27 softball game.

Photos by Bill Blankenship

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ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., March 12
Lunch—Beef and mac, English peas, club spinach, garlic toast, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., March 14
Lunch—Chicken spaghetti, buttered corn, green beans, sliced onions, yeast rolls, Coke cake,

milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., March 16
Lunch—Salmon patties, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, onions, pickles, yeast rolls, milk, tea, or coffee

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

Student in the News

Caleb Hudgens of Haskell has been named to the Dean's List at Texas State University-San Marcos.

Hudgens, the son of Jerry Don and Donita Hudgens of Haskell, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester at Texas State after earning a grade-point

average of 4.0.

An honors student, Hudgens is a sophomore majoring in public relations.

To be named to the Dean's List at Texas State, a student must earn a minimum GPA of 3.50 while carrying a class load of at least 12 semester hours.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met for a regular session, Mon., Feb. 26. Attending were Mayor Ken Lane, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford, Councilmen Chan Guess, Bob Smith and Lonnie Meredith, City Administrator Brandon Anderson, City Secretary Louetta Wallace, City Attorney Jean Shotts, City Director of Public Works Thomas Rodriguez, Municipal Judge Linda St. John, and Police Chief Tom Bassett.

The meeting was called by order by Mayor Lane, and the invocation was given by Councilman Meredith.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, the council approved the Resolution of the City of Haskell, opposing House Bill 651, supporting repeal of the gas reliability infrastructure program (GRIP) statute, and joining cities for reasonable gas rates.

The regular March 12 meeting was cancelled.

Comments for the Prison Board committee were given by Smith.

On a motion by Medford, the council approved April 21-28 as the City of Haskell Beautification and Clean Up Week.

The annual Racial Profiling Report and overview of the Haskell City Police Department

was given by Police Chief Tom Bassett.

Thomas Rodriguez, gave an overview and update of the Public Works Department.

Linda St. John gave a report and update on items for the city.

In his report, City Administrator Anderson said a group from the city and Haskell County were in Austin Feb. 14, to be a part of Texas Midwest Day in Austin.

He announced that Castagna and Gregg will be used by the city for its accounting needs for the next year.

An update was given by Anderson on the status of the Economical Development Committee's biodiesel project.

Anderson said the timer and remote light controls at the airport are out, and that L&P Enterprises of Lubbock has come and taken the unit that needs to be repaired.

He reported that discussion has been made with the new school superintendent to possibly enter into a long-term lease and possible swap with the school that would be beneficial to both parties.

Approval was given to the motion by Medford to the paying of bills presented to the city. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

This Week's Devotional Message:



FAITH SUSTAINED OUR LEADERS IN THEIR DARKEST HOURS

Our founding fathers had to face a full range of problems resulting from the birth pangs of a young nation, including war and a great deal of internal dissension. Yet even in the depths of despair they refused to give up until the battles were won and the problems resolved. What sustained them during those dark hours was their unwavering faith in the Almighty, to whom they turned for

inspiration when forced to make a major decision; and they freely admitted that they could have done nothing without this divine guidance. Thus their own greatness was underscored by their very denial of it. Perhaps we are not all born leaders, but all of us—and certainly those who have been chosen to lead us today—would do well to follow the example of those revered statesmen.

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
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 Renegarbe, 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.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

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
Larry White, 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

Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

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Weinert Foursquare Church

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

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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

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

First Baptist Church

Fred Garvin, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis 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.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

—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.
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Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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First United Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
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Alfa y Ormeigs
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.
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Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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—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

Passport seminar set in Seymour

To assist customers planning a trip out of the country, the Seymour Post Office at 210 N. Washington Street in Seymour is holding a special passport fair from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sat., March 17.

Effective Jan. 23, passport regulations now require a valid passport for U.S. citizens traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda. "Customers need to prepare in advance," said Postmaster, Sid Winn. "Because of the increase in workload, routine passport processing now takes 10 weeks. The Postal Service wants to help customers receive their passport in plenty of time for their trip."

To obtain a passport customers need to:

- Bring in proper proof of American citizenship. This must be either a certified birth certificate issued by the city, county or state; a previous U.S. passport; a certificate of citizenship; or a naturalization certificate. (Please note: a hospital-issued birth certificate alone is not acceptable.)
- Bring in proof of identity. This must be either: a recently issued U.S. passport; a recently issued naturalization certificate; a recently issued certificate of citizenship; or a

current valid driver's license, government ID or military photo ID.

- The passport application requires two recent identical passport photographs of you (2" x 2" in size), which the Seymour Post Office will provide for \$15.

- To save time, customers may download a passport application at www.usps.com/passport to complete beforehand.

- All applicants must appear in person (including minors).

- Minors under the age of 14 must appear with both parents. If one parent is not available, a notarized authorization from the absent parent is required.

Each passport for an adult must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$67 made payable to the U.S. State Department and a \$30 execution fee made payable to Postmaster. Fees for children under 16 are \$52 and \$30.

"It is important for customers to complete this process well before their trip," said Winn. Customers traveling in less than 10 weeks can request Expedite Service and receive their passport in 3-4 weeks. Expedite Service costs an additional \$60 plus mail charges to the passport processing center and for return of the new passport. Customers can call 940-889-3550 if they have questions about the Seymour Passport Fair.

Customers can also call 800-ASK-USPS to get the location of other nearby passport Post Offices and their passport customer service hours, or they can visit the State Department's web site at www.travel.state.gov.

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GARAGE SALE: Thurs. and Fri. 9 a.m. 906 S. 1st. 10p

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LICENSED VOCATIONAL Nurse: Rolling Plains Correctional Facility is currently accepting applications for a LVN. Must have LVN certification active. Benefits include medical and life insurance at no cost to employee, PTO, 401K and optional benefits. Please contact Lorie Rodriguez at 940-864-5694 for additional information. 9-10c

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Cause No. 10,813. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. J.W. 'Wesley' Wilson. Legal description: 1. All of Block 18, Highland Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,110. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Jim Harris. Legal description: 2. South 75' of Lots 4-7, Block 29, Original Town Addition to the Town of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,270. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Daisy Hughes Trust. Legal description: 3. A 165.250 acres tract of land out of Tract 1, Geo G. Alford Survey #45 Haskell County, Texas. 4. A 165.250 acres tract of land out of Tract 2, Geo G. Alford Survey #46 Haskell County, Texas. 5. A 111.00 more tract of land out of Tract 1, Geo G. Alford Survey #46, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,272. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Lois Sneed. Legal description: 6. Lots 16 & 17, 1, Block, 19, Original Town Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,322. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Brett Griffin. Legal description: 7. Lot 4, Block 6, Southside Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas. and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 2:30 o'clock p.m. on the 3rd day of April 2007, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 2nd day of March, 2007, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NOTICE

Helen Farabee Regional MHMR Centers is the Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services (DADS) designated mental retardation Local Authority (LA) established to plan, coordinate, develop policy, develop and allocate resources, supervise, and ensure the provision of community based mental retardation services for the residents of Archer, Baylor, Childress, Clay, Cottle, Dickens, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, King, Knox, Montague, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise and Young Counties, Texas. The LA is publishing this Request for Information (RFI) Notice to request responses from potential providers or other interested parties interested in the community service described in the RFI Document. This RFI Process is only to determine interest and does not address any intent to contract or procure services. From information provided by the responders to the RFI Document, a determination will be made regarding actual contracting through a procurement process.

Copies of the RFI Document may be obtained by written request to Helen Farabee Regional MHMR Centers, Attn: Kim Beck, 1730 4th St., Graham, Texas 76450 or via internet at www.helenfarabee.org. INTERESTED PARTIES MUST RESPOND TO THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY 3:00 O'CLOCK P.M., APRIL 13, 2007 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 1.4 OF THE RFI DOCUMENT.

Questions regarding the RFI Process should be directed to Kim Beck at the address listed above.

NOTE: Similar RFI Notices are being published for many local service areas in Texas. Those interested in responding for a county other than the one(s) identified above, should contact that county's Local Mental Retardation Authority for further information or the RFI Document.

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The family of Minnie Monse

Dear Friends,
We thank you for all the many thoughtful ways you have blessed our lives during our time of loss. Your admiration and love for our Mother is expressed so generously, in the comfort that you-both individually and collectively, have given to our family.
A simple thank you seems painfully inadequate to express the deep appreciation we feel for all the many gracious things you have done and the generous contributions you have made.
The various ways you communicated your deep sympathy, loving kindness, and enduring friendship have given us the support we needed. All you have done to show us you care will be long remembered and cherished by us all.
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INDIAN PITCHERS—Steven Fillmon, left, and Gary Frierson pitch the Indians to a win over the Rotan Yellowhammers. The final score was Haskell 22, Rotan 0.

Photos by Bill Blankenship

Couple qualifies to shoot at World Team Trials

Jennifer Comedy-Holmes of San Antonio, formerly of Haskell, and her husband, Staten Holmes, were among 24 archers who qualified during the 2007 World Indoor Team Trials held in Hillsboro, to represent the United States at the 9th FITA World Indoor Championships in Izmir, Turkey, Mar. 13-17.

In Turkey, the U.S. team of archers will be looking to defend their titles after coming off their most successful World Indoor Championships ever in Aalborg, Denmark in 2005, where they earned four individual world titles, four team titles, set six new world records and earned 14 medals overall; tops among the

37 countries that competed.

Jennifer Comedy-Holmes, who grew up in Haskell, is the daughter of Don and Nene Comedy of Marble Falls, and the granddaughter of Lyla Mary Isbell of Haskell.

The young couple will be leaving Friday to fly to Turkey

Paint Creek ISD lists honor rolls

Paint Creek ISD has announced the honor rolls for the fourth six weeks of the school year.

- Students listed include:
- First grade: A honor roll, Cheyenne Elias, Felicity Gentry, Bayden Graham, Alex Martinez, Clayton Richardson and Caleb White; A-B honor roll, Audrey Cochran, Amber Conn, Keely James and Devery Reed.
- Second grade: A honor roll, Catherine Lemond and Samantha Martinez.
- Fourth grade: A-B honor roll, Si Exum and Shalon Heidenheimer.
- Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Justin Bailey, Kadie McCord, Shawn Myers and Chris Richardson.
- Sixth grade: A honor roll, Katie Jones; A-B honor roll, River McTasney, Danielle Oliver and Krista Powell.
- Seventh grade: A honor roll, Haley Myers; A-B honor roll, Katie Bosnjak and Addie Exum.
- Eighth grade: A honor roll, Shana Armstrong and Curtis Bishop; A-B honor roll, Briana Wigley.
- Tenth grade: A honor roll, Taylor Exum and Caleb Whitfield; A-B honor roll, Lacey Stephens.
- Eleventh grade: A-B honor roll, Jessica Blackburn, Miranda Powell and Rusty Rogers.
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