

Softball games

Haskell JV-V vs Stamford
Fri., March 30, 5 p.m.
at Stamford
Haskell JV-V vs Merkel
Tues., April 3, 4 p.m.
at Merkel

Baseball games

Haskell JV-V vs Stamford
Fri., March 30, 4:30 p.m.
at Stamford
Haskell JV vs Merkel
Mon., April 2, 4:30 p.m.
at Haskell
Haskell V vs Merkel
Tues., April 3, 4:30 p.m.
at Merkel

Calendar

Skywarn class

The annual Skywarn storm watchers class will be held Mon., April 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Haskell Fire Station. Anyone interested in weather watching is invited to attend. The class is presented by the National Weather Service, San Angelo and sponsored by the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department.

Josselet reunion

The descendants of Victor J. and Catherine Josselet will gather Sat., April 7 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. If you have any changes since the last meeting, contact Julia Harrell at juwlstex@netscape.net.

Work day

A work day will be held Sat., April 14 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Old Glory school building in Old Glory. Repairs on the roof, school grounds and interior of the building are scheduled. Volunteers are needed. Bring your tools, pitch in and help save the old school. For more information, call 940-989-2965. Lunch will be provided.

Baseball tryouts

Haskell Youth Baseball will conduct tryouts Sat., April 14 at 10 a.m. at the Little League field. All coaches should contact Tyke Meinzer, Craig McCormick, Kevin Leach or Chris Shelton. Coaches will meet before tryouts. Tryouts are for youth ages 6-9 and 10-12.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., April 1 at the Pit and Grill in Haskell. Dominoes will begin at 2 p.m. followed by a meeting at 3 p.m.

Recognition

An Autism recognition program will be held Fri., March 30 at 1:30 p.m. at the Elementary cafeteria. All sponsors, team members and anyone else that has helped or is interested in this cause is invited.

Autism walk

The third annual West Texas Walk for Autism Research will be held Sat., March 31 at Region Education Service Center, 1850 Hwy. 351 in Abilene. Check in time is 9 a.m. followed by the walk at 10 a.m. Taylor's Team will meet at the First Baptist Church parking lot at 8:15 a.m. to leave for the walk.

Good Friday worship

A community Good Friday worship service will be held Fri., April 6 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell. The service is sponsored by the pastors of the Haskell Ministerial Alliance and the topic is "Jesus' Words from the Cross."

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Cowboy Breakfast Sun., April 1 at FUMC

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NEED SHELTER—Haskell firemen, l-r, Wes Alsabrook, A.J. Shaw, Brian Scifres, Casey Moeller, Felix Rodriguez and Tim Wilson inspect some of the approximately 1.5 million dollars of Texas Forestry Service equipment on loan and used by Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. The equipment is provided to the department and citizens of Haskell County without charge, but with the condition that they are housed in suitable shelter. Vehicles are now under improper housing in a vacant building across from City Hall. Haskell firemen, the City of Haskell and Haskell

County are hoping to find funding and donations to provide the needed building for the equipment. The track vehicles work well in rough terrain because they do not require the changing of ruined tires or the expense of tire purchases. They also allow firemen to enter terrain that wheeled vehicles cannot access. Those vehicles require transportation to and from fire scenes by the trailered haul vehicles. Trucks that hold water are also part of the operation. All vehicles must be housed. Donations may be made to any fireman or mailed to 301 N. First.

City to help fire department search for building funds

The Haskell City Council met in a regular session, Mon., Mar. 26 at 7:00 a.m. Attending were Mayor Ken Lane, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford, Councilmen Chan Guess, Jimmy Roberts, Bob Smith and Lonnie Meredith, City Administrator Brandon Anderson, City Secretary Louetta Wallace, City employee Thomas Rodriguez, Casey Caldwell, Linda St. John, Randy Shaw and Randall Martin.

Mayor Lane called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Chan Guess.

The Council entered into an executive session at 7:05 to discuss a settlement offer from

the City to Jessie Billington regarding his employment dispute as allowed by Government Code 551.071. The Council returned to the general session at 7:12 a.m.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, the Council approved the settlement with Billington for \$5,000.00.

Approval was given to a motion by Smith to the request from Kent Oil to close South 1st Street from Ave. A west to Ave. B west and adjoining alleys, with the City keeping all the current easements. The City lines had been moved behind curbs that run north and south on North Ave. A.

On a motion by Medford, the Council tabled until a later date, any action concerning the proposed gas franchise contract with Atmos Energy.

Approval was given to a motion by Smith for employee evaluation forms to be implemented every 6 months.

An update was given by Casey Caldwell on the ambulance service, including the failure of the search for a grant for a new ambulance.

Discussion was held on the creek cleanup.

On a motion by Councilmen Roberts, approval was given to

the long term lease agreement with the school in exchanging the land that the baseball and softball fields currently occupy that the school owns north of the Co-op and east of the track.

On a motion by Roberts, the council tabled until a later date action concerning the air conditioning units at City Hall.

Approval was given to a motion by Smith endorsing certain legislative changes to enhance the competitive electric market supported by the Cities Aggregation Power Project.

On a motion by Guess, the council approved the resolution of the City of Haskell, opposing House Bill (H.B.) 651; supporting Senate Bill (S.B.) 742 and H.B. 1994, and joining Cities for Reasonable Gas Rates.

On a motion by Roberts, the council tabled until a later date a proposed animal ordinance.

In his report, City Administrator Brandon Anderson said that he is still checking on the availability of land, as well as the feasibility and cost estimates on converting the sewer plant from an all mechanical to a series of holding ponds and irrigation system.

He also discussed that the Fire Department needs to move forward on their building to house the Forestry Department's donated equipment. He is assisting them in looking for monies available.

In other reports he stated that Ave. B East (Jim Strain Road) has been seal coated from South 1st to the city limits south, and that the County had the remainder of the road coated as well.

Anderson informed the Council of the Chamber of Commerce Banquet coming up on April 19. He encouraged them to attend to support the Chamber and to hear speaker Bill Kent of the Kent Oil Company of Midland.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Manske to speak for Friends of Faith brunch

The Spiritual Blessing Spring Brunch planned by Friends of Faith for all women of the Big Country, will be held Sat., Apr. 14 from 9:30 to noon at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Guest speaker for the day's event will be Kathy Manske of Sagerton. No stranger as a speaker in this area, Manske has spoken to the Cross Country Emmaus Community and many Women's Emmaus Walks.

She is employed by Dr. Neil Gibson and has been a nurse in the profession for eighteen years. A dedicated servant, she is involved with her church, First Baptist Church, Stamford.

Born and raised in Haskell County, Manske attended Haskell ISD, graduating in 1969. Following her graduation she married Tommy Manske, and moved to Sagerton as a full time farmer's wife.

She is the mother of three sons and has four grandchildren. Two granddaughters, Leann and Lenzi and their parents, Bryan and Joanie, live in Sagerton. Two grandsons, Tyler and Hunter, with parents Philip and JennaLea live in Lorenzo. A loving wife, mother and grandmother, she delights in their family times together.

Looking forward to the day with the "Friends of Faith," Manske said she will "let God lead" in her message to the group.

Requiring no structured membership, Friends of Faith is a local group which comes together as a non-denominational association for all women, offering the added opportunity for fellowship, deeper understanding and fulfillment in their common bonds of Christian faith. The group embodies all ages of women from all churches in the Big Country who enjoy an informal time of praise, prayer and listening to insightful guest speakers, and who want to grow in their walk with God.

Casual attire is recommended for the day that will begin with prayer, praises led by the Friends of Faith Singers and a 'get acquainted' time of fellowship.

At mid-morning a spring brunch will be served. Anyone attending who wishes to contribute to the finger food fare may bring a covered dish.

There is no charge, but a love offering will be received to cover expenses.

Cowboy Breakfast set April 1

First United Methodist Church invites everyone to their annual Cowboy Breakfast on Palm Sun., April 1. Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Special guest speaker, Cody Cochran of Anson will present a message at 8 a.m.

Donations will be accepted.

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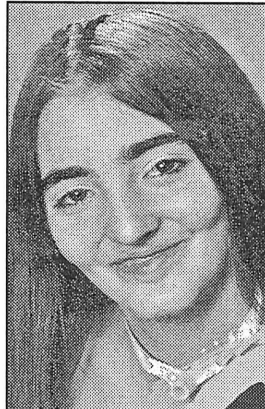
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BRITTANY JORDAN



KRYSTAL WILSON

Brittany Jordan is the daughter of Birdie Mae Goudeau of Haskell.

She attends Greater Independent Baptist Church.

In school she is active in the band.

She has been named Miss Spirit and Band Sweetheart and was Highest Ranking student in R and D Science.

Among her favorite things to do are shopping, having a manicure and pedicure, talking on the phone, riding around with friends and spending time with family.

Her future plans after high school are taking nursing classes or attending a trade school, as yet undecided.

Krystal Wilson is the daughter of Sandra Tatum.

She attends Haskell First Baptist Church.

In school she is active in FCCLA.

Special awards and recognitions she has received are 3rd place for Rabbits in Future Farmers of America, and first place for garden club.

She likes reading books, hanging out with friends, hunting with her dog and making bead animals.

After finishing high school, she wants to go to nursing classes at night and writing classes during the day. After graduating from those classes, she hopes to become a registered nurse and author of children's books. She plans to attend TCU and the Institute of Children's Literature.

Spring Fling

Activate your energizer at Spring Fling 07! An event-filled program sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Spring Fling is for people 50 and over. It's all happening April 23-27 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood.

Spring Fling specializes in great food, educational workshops, recreational activities and warm and friendly people.

Learn more about Spring Fling 07 by calling Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546 or e-mail the Texas 4-H Conference Center at Texas4-H Center@ag.tamu.edu for registration information. Sign-up deadline is April 13.

Obituaries

Mildred Guess

at First Baptist Church in Weinert with Rev. Dan Bullock officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Guess died Wed., March 21 at Haskell Healthcare Center.

Born May 21, 1912 in Cottonwood community in Haskell County, she was the daughter of an early day pioneer family, Mr. and Mrs. Burr Robertson. She married Bailey Guess Sept. 13, 1931 in Munday. She was active in the Weinert Baptist Church, Weinert Matrons Club and the Weinert Study Club for decades.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bailey, on June 18, 1958; both of her daughters, Mildred Sue Alderman on May 18, 1985 and Virginia Kay Guess on June 10, 1937; her parents; one sister; and two brothers.

Survivors include her only son, Wm. Bailey, Jr. of San Antonio; two sisters; two brothers; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Hal Guess, Steve Guess, Mike Guess, Matt Guess, Randy Guess and Walter Matyastik.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Weinert Baptist Church. PD. NOTICE



MILDRED GUESS

Funeral services for Mildred Guess, 94, longtime resident of Weinert, were held Fri., March 23

Birdie Pearl Lee Fogle Fischer



BIRDIE FISCHER

Funeral services for Birdie Pearl Lee Fogle Fischer, 88, of Haskell were held Sun., March 25 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with James Bigham officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Fischer died Fri., March 23 in Hendrick Hospital Hospice Care Unit.

Born June 1, 1918 in the Ivanhoe Community in Fannin County, she was the daughter of John E. and Nora Jones Fogle. She became a Christian when she was 11 years old. She moved to Haskell Feb. 14, 1934 to live with an older sister that was ill. They had a welcome party that night

where she met Walter Fischer. They were married Nov. 3, 1934 and had a farm and cattle operation until they retired. After retirement, they moved to Haskell where Birdie was an active member of East Side Baptist Church. While in Plainview, she was an active member of the Plainview Baptist Church. The couple was fortunate to be weekend hosts sharing their home and love for many young pastors through the years at Plainview Baptist Church. Birdie loved to cook and her homemade donuts were a hit no matter where she took them. She was an excellent seamstress and worked for a time at Lane-Felker in their alternation department. She taught herself to crochet at an early age. Over her lifetime she crocheted and gave away many doilies, clothes, tablecloths, dishcloths, etc. She won numerous blue ribbons for her crochet.

Survivors include her son, Walter E. Fischer and wife, Jo of Paint Creek; two daughters, Sue Morris and husband, Doug of San Angelo and Sharon Lusk and husband, Bobby Joe of Haskell; ten grandchildren, Gena and John Trice of Alvord, Linda and Steve Roussel of Rowlett, Kay and David Creek of Eldorado, Terry

and Tina Morris of Fairview, Jeff and Sharie Morris of San Angelo, Alan and Susie Morris of Granbury, Denise and David Alexander of Georgetown, Amy and Chris Helm of Round Rock, Shannon and Rob Kitley of Rule, Stephen Lusk and Michel Lusk, both of Lubbock; 20 great grandchildren; one sister, Bernice Kinkeade of Sherman; two sisters-in-law, Henrietta Fischer of Seguin and Frances Fischer of Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three sisters and four brothers.

She leaves a long legacy of family and friends that will miss her, but will be reunited with her in heaven.

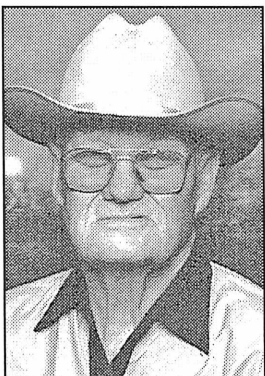
Pallbearers were grandsons.

We want to give our deepest thanks to Dr. Clinton Cavouti and Dr. Ralph Heaven for all their love and care for our Mom and Grandmother. The nursing staff and hospice care at Hendrick was so supportive, kind and loving. We don't know how to thank them enough. Also, we want to thank Sears Hospice for their professional and loving care in the short time we had with them.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory, Abilene, Texas 79601.

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Wilbur Vance 'Dick' Frazier



DICK FRAZIER

Graveside services for Wilbur Vance 'Dick' Frazier, 80, of Rule

were held Wed., March 29 at Rule Cemetery with Frank Slaton officiating. Services were under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mr. Frazier died Sat., March 24 at a local hospital.

Born July 21, 1926 in O'Brien, he was the son of Jim and Flossie Rogers Frazier. He was a longtime farmer and worked for the City of Rule for eight years. He married Mary Ella Schooler April 6, 1973 in Albany. He was a member of Sweethome Baptist Church. He was a very loving husband, father and Papaw and will be greatly missed.

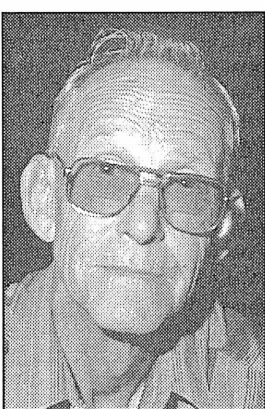
He was preceded in death by

his parents; one brother, Roger Frazier; and one sister, Peggy Frazier.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of the home; one son, Dickey Wayne Frazier and wife, Pam of Rule; one stepdaughter, Wanda Bridges and husband, Mike of Arlington; two sisters, Erlene Martin of Lawn and Betty Arrington and husband Dee of Runaway Bay; one brother, Corkey Frazier and wife, Sandra of Sweetwater; and one sister-in-law, Marie Courville of Bedford; seven grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Tommy 'Wayne' Liles



WAYNE LILES

Funeral services for Tommy 'Wayne' Liles, 68, of Haskell were held Mon., March 26 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Liles died Sat., March 24 at his residence.

Born Feb. 18, 1939 in Haskell County, he was the son of Howard Wesley Liles and Connie Belle Free Liles. He married Laquita Young Jan. 24, 1959. He retired from West Texas Utilities. He was preceded in death by

his father Howard 'Bill' Liles.

Survivors include his wife, Laquita Young Liles of Haskell; mother, Connie Belle Free Liles of Haskell; daughters, Connie Liles Petross and husband, Stan of Abilene and Margie Ann Liles of Fort Worth; brother, Howard Wesley Liles, Jr., and wife, Estalynn of Haskell; grandchildren, Tara Petross, Leah Petross and Thomas Wayne Liles; aunt, Aletha Mayfield and husband, Pat of Fort Stockton; and nephew, Blake Edwards Liles. He will be missed by additional aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous friends.

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CTFC declares distribution

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA, which serves a 20 county area in Central and West Texas, has announced that it has declared another cash patronage distribution to eligible Association borrowers for fiscal year 2006. This marks the fourteenth consecutive year the association will be returning excess capital to its borrowers. Including this year's patronage, Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA has distributed over \$31 million in excess capital to its borrowers over the last 14 years. This capital has been distributed either through patronage distributions, dividends, stock reductions, or stock equalizations. Patronage distributions alone have accounted for over \$19 million of the total amount of capital returned to association borrowers.

This year's patronage was distributed to borrowers on March 16 and amounts to an average 120 basis points, or 1.20 percent, reduction in the rate of interest borrowers paid on their loans during 2006.

In making the announcement, Board Chairman Cody B. Richmond stated that the Board of Directors and management were delighted to once again reduce the cost of borrowing to the Association's stockholders and emphasized that this is only one of the many benefits of obtaining agricultural and rural

area credit from the Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA. Association CEO James R. Isenhower reiterated that the Association not only strives to provide the most stable and dependable source of ag-related credit to our area of rural America, but its policy is to provide financing at the least possible cost to the borrowers. Isenhower also noted that although most farm credit institutions pay a patronage of some kind, Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA distributes its entire patronage in cash and does not allocate a part of such patronage for possible, but not guaranteed, payment at some later date.

The Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA provides financing for agricultural, rural housing and certain agri-business purposes in Central and West Texas. Association headquarters are located in Coleman, with branch offices in Brownwood, Brady, Haskell and San Angelo. Board members include Cody Richmond, Chris West, Randy Lloyd, Lavon Beakley, Richard Johnson, Ricky McKinney, Mickey Dillard, Larry Damron, Brent Heinze and Glenn Miller.

The board and management remain committed to maintaining the financial integrity of the Association while offering competitive loan products that meet the financial needs of all eligible borrowers.

Beti Chi Chapter meets

The Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met in December for a Christmas luncheon at the home of Beck and Dan Offutt in Munday. Area coordinator, Lou Hitt of Decatur, visited with the chapter and reminded members to slow down and enjoy the Christmas season.

A Pampered Chef party was hosted by the chapter in February at the Munday Church of Christ. Lianne Tidwell of Munday

presented the program. Members sampled food and viewed kitchen supplies.

In March, the chapter met at the First National Bank in Haskell with a program reminding members the importance of helping the organization to grow. A business meeting was also conducted.

The group will meet in April at the First United Methodist Church in Munday.



KATIE WULLBRANDT - KYLE MICHAELS

Wullbrandt, Michaels to marry in Colorado

Katie Wullbrandt of Milwaukie, Oregon, and Kyle Michaels of Haskell have announced their engagement and approaching marriage on June 4, in Creede, Colorado.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Bob and Sharon Wullbrandt of Milwaukie, Oregon. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Betty Michaels of Haskell and Steve Michaels of Mineral Wells.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Bill and Gloria Geisler and Don Anderson of Milwaukie, Oregon, and the late Joyce Anderson and Earl Wullbrandt.

Grandparents of the prospective bridegroom are

Ophelia Newson of Haskell and the late Grady Newson and Tommy and Barbara Michaels of Mineral Wells.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Clackamas High School, and graduate of the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2002 graduate of Haskell High School, and will graduate from Hardin Simmons in May.

The couple plans to be married at the 4UR Ranch in Creede, Colorado, where they are employed, and where they will reside.

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Jimmy Boyd of Abilene visited with Joyce Hawkins on Thursday.

Floradean Cockerell of Abilene visited with her mother, Joyce Hawkins, on Friday. They had lunch and enjoyed a drive around town.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hawkins and grandson Tanner Grimes of Lewisville spent the day with Joyce Hawkins and Margaret Tatum. They all went out to supper to celebrate Joyce's 85th

birthday. The Christopher Tatum family also joined them.

Cindy Muhle of Rochester spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair.

Fannie Mae Barton returned home on Saturday from a trip to Louisville, Kentucky where she attended the 50th wedding anniversary party of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Caudill. She spent time visiting relatives during the week she was there.

Haskell's One Act Play cast and crew recognized

Haskell's one act play cast and crew were named as alternate at the zone competition held recently.

Recognized at the competition were John English, best actor; Vanessa Glass, All-Star cast;

Teddye Harris and Sarah Garcia, honorable mention cast; and Kristen Martinez, All-Star crew.

The title of Haskell play was "The Tale That Wagged The Dog."

Easter Eggs-citement!

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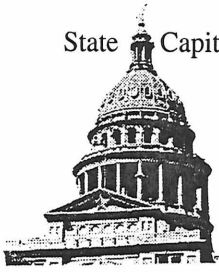
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

TYC master orders review of inmate sentence extensions

AUSTIN—The Texas Youth Commission story continues to unfold.

It has come to light that the sentences of 93 percent of the agency's 4,700 inmates had been extended at some point, causing questions over the fairness of the process.

Special Master Jay Kimbrough, appointed by Gov. Rick Perry in February to investigate allegations of criminal wrongdoing at the 4,600-employee agency, said the inmates' sentences would be reviewed.

Meanwhile, legislation to address and correct problems at the TYC stalled in the House. One reason for the stall is that an objection was raised over a proposal to appoint a special state prosecutor to assist local district attorneys in their efforts to weed out wrongdoers at TYC units. It was argued that to create an office of special prosecutor for the TYC would take away local control and it would cost too much.

Debate was suspended, but there is a lot of public pressure on the House to act swiftly on TYC legislation.

Veto override idea up to voters

Our state constitution gives the governor a 20-day period during which to veto bills, following the final adjournment of the Legislature.

But imagine if senators and representatives could come back to the Capitol after the 20-day period, convene, and take five days to override vetoes.

That's what could happen under a proposed constitutional amendment by Rep. Gary Elkins, R-Houston.

Elkins' HJR 59 passed March 21 on a vote of 109-29.

The people of Texas, of which only 39 percent voted for Gov. Perry in 2006, will put Elkins' idea to the test next fall when they vote on HJR 59 and other constitutional amendments.

The 29 members who voted "no" on the measure were Republicans Charles "Doc" Anderson of Waco; Jimmie Don Aycock of Killeen; Leo Berman of Tyler; Betty Brown of Athens; Warren Chisum of Pampa; Wayne Christian of Center; Byron Cook of Corsicana; Frank Corte of San Antonio; Joe Crabb of Kingwood; Brandon Creighton of

Conroe; Myra Crownover of Lake Dallas; Dianne White Delisi of Temple; Joe Driver of Garland; Rob Eissler of The Woodlands; and Dan Flynn of Canton.

Also, Republicans Rick Hardcastle of Vernon; Patricia Harless of Spring; Will Hartnett of Dallas; Fred Hill of Richardson; Mike Krusee of Round Rock; Jodie Laubenberg of Rockwall; Sid Miller of Stephenville; Anna Mowery of Fort Worth; Ken Paxton of McKinney; Larry Phillips of Sherman; Debbie Riddle of Houston; John Smithee of Amarillo; David Swinford of Dumas; and Beverly Woolley of Houston.

Full House to debate next budget

Legislation approved by the House Appropriations Committee on March 20 tabs the state's 2008-2009 budget at about \$150 billion.

The proposed budget, about 4 percent greater than the current 2006-2007 budget, is scheduled for debate by the full House on March 29.

Plenty of attention will be focused on an estimated \$8 billion in funds that could be used or saved as prevailing temperaments see fit.

House votes to repeal phone tax

The House voted on March 20 to do away with something Texans see on their phone bills every month: the Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund tax.

The legislation, House Bill 735 by Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, kills a tax brought into existence in 1995 to help fund computers, networks and training for public schools, universities, hospitals and libraries.

Texans were to pay the tax until the fund reached \$1.5 billion. The goal was reached in 2003, but the state went on charging the tax when the state had a budget shortfall. At that point, TIF funds were moved into general revenue. Now, the state has a multi-billion surplus, and the TIF is no longer necessary.

Under HB 735, Texans will go on paying the TIF tax, likely until the end of June.

A Senate version of the bill is being brought by Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands. Differences between the two bills will have to be worked out by a conference committee.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 27, 1997

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department worked Friday afternoon to extinguish a hay bale and cotton burr fire at the Haskell Livestock Auction. The fire caused a smoky atmosphere in town.

One act plays from Rochester and Rule advanced to the District 8-A one act play contest in Throckmorton. Rochester placed first and Rule placed second in the south zone competition.

Casey Burgess has been chosen to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All State second team.

20 Years Ago March 26, 1987

Twelve utility poles of west Texas utilities went down during a windstorm. The poles fell across the railroad tracks north of Haskell.

Julie Roewe had been chosen for the Abilene Reporter-News All Area Girls Basketball team. Receiving honorable mentions was Kay Fischer of Paint Creek. Mark Young of Haskell was chosen for the All Area Boys team.

Haskell Horse Club belt buckle winners were Robin Harrell, Leiza Morales, Diana Jarred, Alicia Boatman, Casey Cooper, Emily Newberry, Robby Blackburn and Hegan Lamb.

30 Years Ago March 24, 1977

Named to the All-Star little dribblers team for the 9-10 year old league were Shane Hadaway, Shawn Lane, Steven Boyd, Shane Gilliam, Keith Parrott, Randy Roewe, Lex Weatherly, Shawn Chambers, David Adams and Robert Ivy. Alternates were Tim Johnson and Andy Griffith.

Joseph Eddie Brass of Rule High School went to the Junior Engineering Technical Society meeting.

W.O. Lewis took his sister, Florene Sorrells of Rule out to eat.

Visiting Mrs. Molly Jarred, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jarred and other relatives in Haskell were Mr. and Mrs. U.F. Jarred and grandson, Brandon of Bakersfield, California and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Shaw and Druann of Abilene.

The members of the Trinity Lutheran Church will observe the 50th anniversary of its founding. Haskell County Hospital remodeled the interior of the hospital.

Kathy Burson, Jane McAdoo, Carolyn Rhoads, Judy Jeter, JoNell Anderson and Paula Mayfield have been chosen as the 1967-68 cheerleaders at Haskell High School.

Showing at the Tower Drive In, Rule was Walt Disney "Follow Me, Boys!" and "Sergeant Deadhead the

Astronaut."

50 Years Ago March 28, 1957

Mrs. James Frank Cadenhead has qualified to compete in the Abilene regional finals of the Mrs. America contest.

The filming "The Haskell Story" is underway. Local amateur actors will be rehearsing their parts for the picture. The picture being produced by Public Relations Committee of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and the story is adapted from the "History of Haskell County" written by the late R.E. Sherrill.

M.B. Cobb, Ora Stovall, Lon Pate and Bert Harrison visited in the home of Mrs. Lester Smith and daughters in San Angelo.

100 Years Ago March 30, 1907

W.S. Fouts of the south side was in town and says he has started his farming operations. He has planted nine acres in corn and 25 acres in dwarf milo maize.

John Lamkin was bitten on the leg by a vinegaroon. He says the bite caused considerable swelling and made a bad looking place for several days.

M.S. Edwards of Coleman County, who purchased a farm near Haskell has moved here with his family and is having a residence built.

F.T. Sanders returned from a trip to Munday. He says that the wheat in the northern part of this county is the best he has ever seen.

Electrical equipment theft increasing across Texas

A booming scrap metal market and the dramatic increase in wire thefts has AEP Texas officials very concerned. AEP Texas is asking customers and the public to report any suspicious activity near company facilities to local law enforcement officials and to notify the company as well.

"We are seeing an increase in thefts of copper and aluminum wire from facilities across our AEP Texas service territory," said Lou Villagomez, AEP Texas Regional Security Coordinator. "This creates serious safety hazards and service reliability issues for our company and for our customers. We want to raise public awareness of the dangers and consequences of this activity. We also are taking action to apprehend and prosecute these thieves as we work hand-in-hand with local law enforcement."

Villagomez said employees are exposed to more electrical hazards when grounding wire is stolen. Thieves also have been killed or seriously injured across the AEP service territory when cutting into an energized power line or coming into contact with high voltage. Recently, a

suspected copper thief was seriously burned when removing copper wires from electrical poles in Jourdanon.

Not only is this type of activity extremely dangerous, it is illegal. AEP Texas is working with law enforcement and business that process scrap metal across the state to identify and recover equipment stolen from its facilities. These efforts already have resulted in the recovery of some materials and the arrest of individuals suspected of

committing the thefts.

The company says it also is deploying new security technology around its facilities and substations, and making procedural changes to how it stores wire and equipment not already in use.

AEP Texas has a toll-free, 24/7 number dedicated to security issues. Anyone wishing to report suspected theft of or tampering with electrical equipment should call the Security Operations Center at 1-866-747-5845.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor:

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. It's time to focus on ways not only to protect children but also to prevent abuse from ever occurring. This is an opportunity to make a difference in young lives.

It's a tragic fact that nearly 200,000 children in Texas are reported as abused or neglected every year. Neglect is the most common form of child abuse. Children die simply because they're put in situations where they are not supervised. The Haskell County Child Welfare Board is hoping to create awareness of child abuse and neglect and to educate people in our community on how to prevent it. This month and throughout the year as we consider child abuse prevention, our attention is focused on prevention efforts that create healthier environments for children and foster confident, positive parenting. We all know that law enforcement cannot prevent all crime. We cannot expect the state's Child Protective Services to stop all child abuse and neglect. We believe that preventing child abuse is the responsibility of every caring community member.

During the month of April, Haskell County schools will participate in a different activity each week to promote awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month. "Blue Ribbon Week," April 2-6, will open the month of activities. During this week there will be cash prizes for selected students who are wearing their Child Abuse Prevention ribbons. Poster contests with ice cream bars for the winning classes will follow during the second week; bookmarks will be given to all students during the third week; and pencils and activity sheet will be distributed during the fourth and final week of Child Abuse Prevention Month. With these activities, we hope to make our students a part of preventing child abuse.

The board is also sponsoring a Community Training on Abuse and Neglect on April 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. This training will help persons identify abuse and neglect, and people will learn how to report abuse and neglect. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Information and support for parents is available to make communities strong and safe. The Web site www.itsuptoyou.org contains a wealth of information on how to prevent child abuse, where to go to get help with parenting skills, and what to do if you suspect a child is in danger. Contact your local Child Protective Services office to get more information. It's up to all of us to prevent child abuse. We must work to put our children first, safe and secure.

Sincerely,
Betsy McManamon
Haskell County
Child Welfare Board

Beef Cattle Browsing

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

When environmental conditions vary, especially nutritional, so can animal performance. Cows on good nutrition are able to consume enough for their maintenance, growth (if they're not mature), and milk production. If nutrition is lacking, cows will lose weight and/or milk less.

Researchers at Colorado State University and Massey University, New Zealand, wanted

to know if differences in environment affected estimates of heritability. They analyzed Red Angus Association of America data including over 96,000 records of cow body weight from over 34,000 cows and over 27,000 calf weaning weight records.

Change in cow body weight from one year to the next was used to classify the environment as either good or poor. There was no difference between environments in estimates (0.24)

of direct heritability of weaning weight (involving genetics for growth passed from dam to calf). For maternal effects (involving genetics of the dam for maternal influence, mostly milk production) heritability was 0.13 in the good environment and 0.14 in the poor environment.

The authors concluded there was no need to consider differences in dam environment in national genetic evaluation programs that calculate EPDs.

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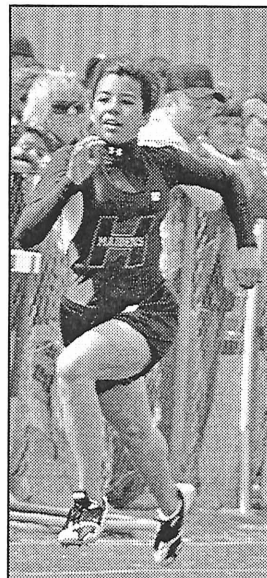
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Indians and Maidens at Munday track meet March 24

Photos by Bill Blankenship



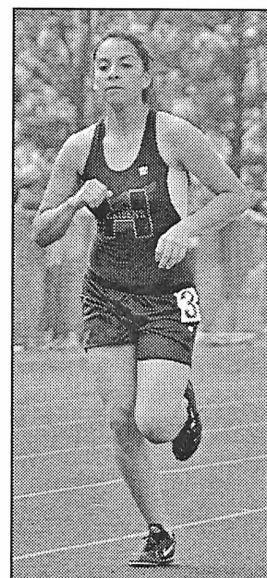
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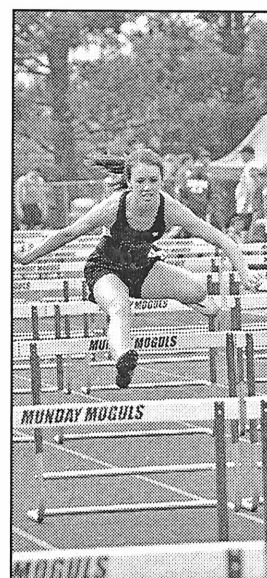
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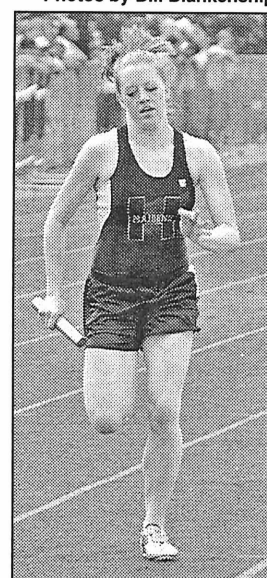
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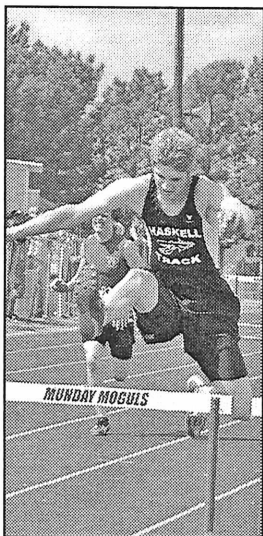
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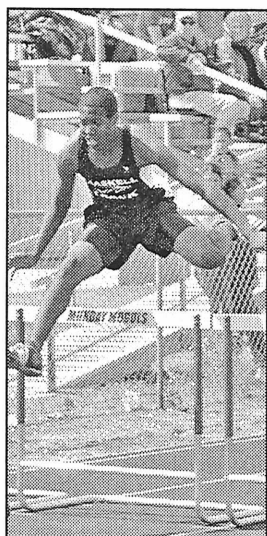
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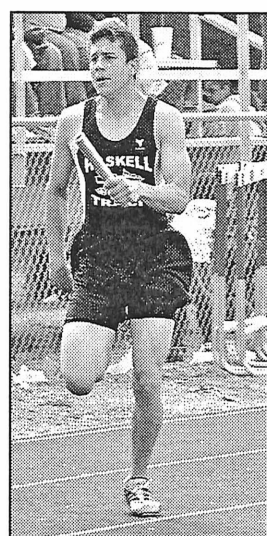
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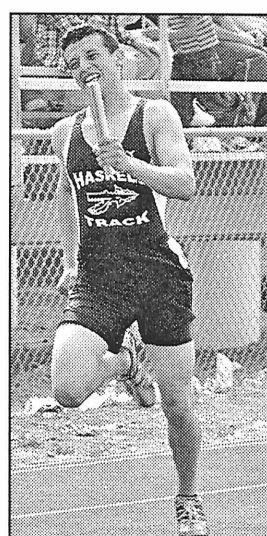
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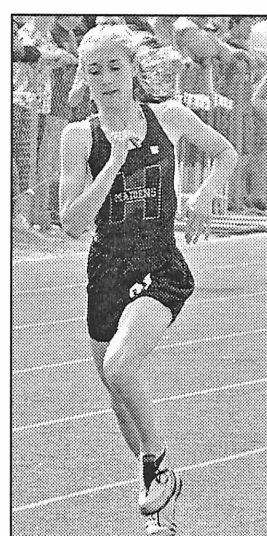
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AUBREY BASSETT

Injection sites; just a food problem?

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Injections sites—just a food problem? Not according to the Kansas State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Substantial progress has been made in moving injection sites from locations on the body that produce better cuts of beef, especially the hip, to the generally recommended location of the neck.

But there are other concerns. The KSU lab reports instances of cellulitis from injections, sometimes leading to death. The main culprits appear to be dirty syringes/needles and storage and injection of partially-used vaccines.

Follow good vaccination procedures to have not only a wholesome product but also healthier, better performing cattle.

Calendar

Summer school

Haskell Independent School District will offer a summer school program for limited English speaking students who will enter kindergarten or first grade for the 2007-08 school year. The summer school will be for eight weeks beginning June 4 and ending July 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Neither transportation nor meals will be provided. If less than ten eligible children desire to participate in the summer program, it will not be offered. If you have an eligible limited English student who is interested in this program, call Cindy McCulloch at 940-864-8007 on or before May 4.

Storm sirens

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

Homecoming

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

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 779 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Mar. 24, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter. 53 sellers and 44 buyers were present.

423 steers and bulls. 209 heifers. 146 cows and bulls.

Cows: fat, .40-.44; cutters, .44-.48; canners, .30-.38.

Bulls: bologna, .55-.65, feeders, .85-.93.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.44-1.55; 300-400 lbs., 1.41-1.49; 400-500 lbs., 1.31-1.41; 500-600 lbs., 1.2250-1.33; 600-700 lbs.,

1.02-1.1650; 700-800 lbs., 1.02-1.10; 800-up lbs., .99-1.10.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.34-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.17-1.34; 400-500 lbs., 1.17-1.23; 500-600 lbs., 1.05-1.10; 600-up lbs., .92-1.05.

Bred heifers: medium frame 600-800.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 825-1000; aged or small, 500-750.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 985-1250; older, 620-985.

Food training program set

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

A two-day Food Protection Management training for food service managers will be held May 7 and May 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension in Abilene.

The training will allow food service establishments permitted by Department of State Health Services to meet their certification requirements if they pass the exam. Food service establishments permitted by Environmental Health Section of the City of Abilene are invited to attend.

The class covers twelve food safety concepts related to personal hygiene, cross contamination, time and temperature, sanitation, pest management, foodborne illness and related areas. The course is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension in Taylor, Nolan and Jones Counties; Environmental Section of the City of Abilene and Dept. of State Health Services.

Registration deadline is April 16. Registration information is available by calling the Taylor Co. Extension Office at 325-672-6048 or the Jones Co. Extension Office at 325-823-2432.

Paint Creek School Menu

April 2-6
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Toast or cereal

Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy

Wednesday: Pancakes

Thursday: Toast or cereal

Friday: No school

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Spaghetti, green beans,

salad, garlic bread, applesauce cake

Tuesday: Tacos, lettuce,

tomatoes, refried beans, corn, fruit

Wednesday: Chicken strips,

mashed potatoes, gravy, peas,

rolls, chocolate cake

Thursday: Ham or turkey

sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes,

cheese, pickles, chips, fruit

Friday: No school



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Haskell office 863-1125, or come by 113 N. Ave. D.

Haskell School Menu

April 2-6
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Banana nut muffin, Cheez-It crackers

Tuesday: Pig in a blanket

Wednesday: Cereal, cinnamon toast

Thursday: sausage, biscuit

Friday: No school

Lunch

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

with cheese and ham.

Monday: Steakfingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend mixed vegetables, hot roll, sliced peaches

Tuesday: Chicken quesadillas, chips, queso, pinto beans, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomatoes, fresh strawberries

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, baby carrots, ranch dressing, applesauce

Thursday: Choice: Hamburger or tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, fresh fruit

Friday: No school

Public Notices

NOTICE TO THE
CITIZENS OF WEINERT

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has notified the Haskell County Water District #1 water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Nitrate. The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established the MCL for Nitrate at 10 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for Nitrate indicates a level of 20.5 mg/L.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

At the present time we are currently looking into ways to correct this problem. If you are pregnant or have an infant under six months including in this public water system as a customer, we have made arrangements with local grocery store in Haskell (Modern Way) so that you may get bottled water at the City of Weinert's expense.

If you have any questions or would like to know if you are currently being served as a customer of this public water system please feel free to call or contact the City Secretary Patricia Horan, c/o City of Weinert, Box 248, Weinert, Texas 76388 at 940-673-8223.

Our Public Water System ID# is 1040004. 13c

This Week's Devotional Message:



During our childhood, we were often so carried away with April Fool jokes that we continued them the next day. Then, someone would admonish us with the little two-liner, "April Fool is past; you're the biggest fool at last!" However, after we grew up, we learned that fools are not hard to find, and that we don't have to wait for a special occasion but can see them all

the year 'round. They are the ones who consider attending their house of worship a waste of time, because things are going well for them at the moment. So don't be a fool, but start now—if you haven't already—to seek God's help and guidance. Then, when something does go wrong, you'll be better prepared to solve it or cope with it. It's the wise thing to do.

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 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., 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., 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.
West on Main Street, Rochester

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
Russell Stanley, 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. 9:45 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera 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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O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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HUGE GARAGE SALE: 115 Ave. J East. Fri. 8 to 5; Sat. 8 to 4. Dishes, old bottles, Christmas decor, tools, angels, Mickey Mouse, ammo, linens, Barbie dolls, Cabbage Patch, more. One block west of Paint Creek Hwy. 13p

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 101 N. Ave. M. Sat. 8 to ? Love seat, boys' brand name clothes, decorative items, dishwasher, etc. 13p

Estate Sale

ESTATE SALE: April 6. Sagerton, Texas. Across from the Toney house. For information call 940-996-2324, 940-997-2370 or cell 940-256-2888. V.P. Girls. 12-14c

Miscellaneous

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

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WES-T-GO now accepting applications for cashier. Apply in person at store. 400 N. Ave. E. 11-18c

NEED EXPERIENCED cook or with food service certificate. Apply in person at Haskell Memorial Hospital. 11tfc

HASKELL HEALTHCARE CENTER is looking for cooks and housekeepers. Must have good people skills and positive attitude. Must be able to speak and read English. Call 940-864-8537. 12-13p

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•General agronomic knowledge and familiarity with farming operations

•Good organizational skills
•Proficient knowledge of basic computer programs for data management and communication

•Able to work long hours in field environment
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•Mechanical ability a plus
Resumes should be sent to: Dr. Gary Rea, Delta And Pine Land Company, Hwy. 380 W., Haskell, Texas 79521.

Please reference job title on

resume or cover letter.
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NOTICE

Haskell CISD is seeking substitutes for cafeteria and bus driving positions. If you are interested, you may obtain an application at the HCISD Administration Office, 605 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. You may call 940-864-2602 #101 to request that an application be mailed to you. 13-14c

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Contract Documents and plans made be reviewed at the following locations:
HASKELL CITY HALL, 301 South 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521, and
JACOB & MARTIN, LTD., Consulting Engineers,

3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606.

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

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

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from Jacob & Martin, Ltd., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606 (325-695-1070), upon payment of \$40.00 (non-refundable) for each set.

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

Because Federal Funds are being used, attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (David-Bacon) wage rate as issued by the Office of Rural Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion,

sex or national origin.

CITY OF HASKELL, TEXAS
By: s/ Ken Lane, Mayor
Date: March 22, 2007

BID NOTICE

Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. is accepting invitations to bid for the 2007 Comprehensive Energy Program (CEAP) in the Heating and Cooling component. Bidders must be qualified to assess, as well as, repair, replace or retrofit central units, window units and all other major heating and/or cooling appliances for individuals who qualify. Counties to be served include: Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton. To request a bid package please contact Wilda Giles at 940-989-3538 or 800-722-0137 or reply to P.O. Box 188, Aspermont, Texas 79502. 13-14c

NOTICE

Haskell County Precinct 2 will accept bids for a side boom 100 gallon hydraulic pump

spray rig in excellent condition and for a 1989 GMC non-running pickup. Bids will be opened Thurs., April 5 at 10 a.m. at the office of the County Judge. Haskell County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. To see the items, contact Tiffen Mayfield at 940-864-8602 days or 940-673-8364 nights. 13-14c

Haskell CISD Notice Concerning Meeting with Private Non-profit Schools
The Haskell Independent School District will hold a meeting for private non-profit schools to explain the Title I services available to eligible private school students and conditions for participation in such services. The meeting will be held at the Haskell Elementary Counselor's office on Tues., April 3 at 12:00 noon. If you are a private non-profit school in this district and are interested in services available, please plan to attend. For further information, please contact Cindy McCulloch at 940-864-8007. 13c

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115 AVE. J EAST. 3-2-2 brick home, living, dining and kitchen combination, large utility room, C/HA, water well for fenced yard, storage building and covered work area in back yard. Nice landscaping.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6160-35-001 for MOBILE RETROREFLECTIVITY DATA COLLECTION in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on April 25, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$232,080.00.

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

NPO: 23139
State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.

Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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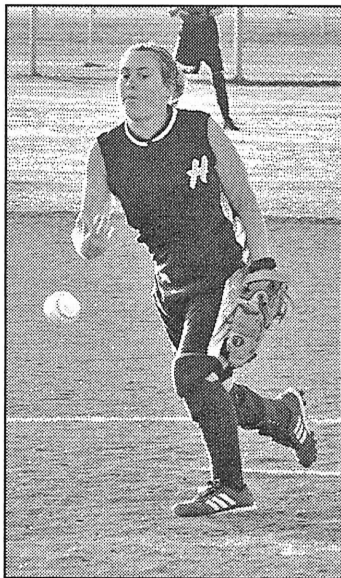
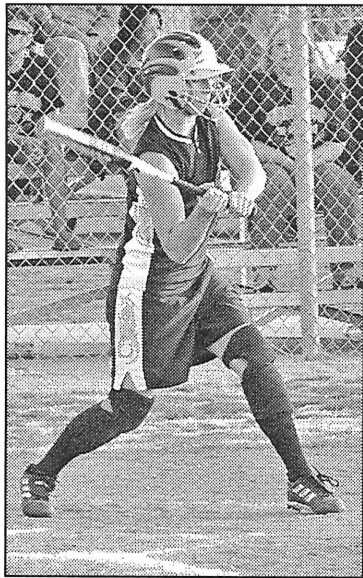
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Contract 0908-00-064 for THERMOPLASTIC MARKINGS & RAISED MARKERS in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on April 11, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

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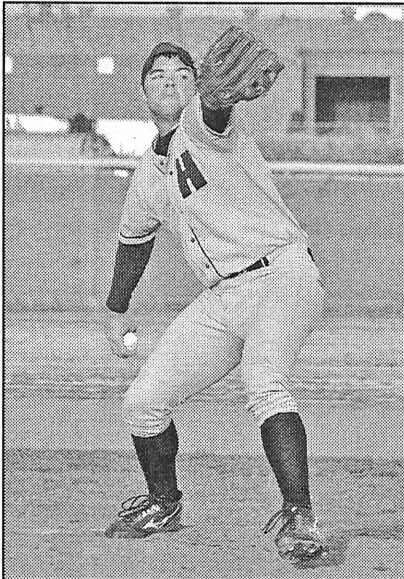
MAIDENS PLAY—The Haskell Maidens played Colorado City Tues., March 20. They were defeated by a score of 8 to 5. Alexa Roberts, left, is shown at bat; Kellye Tidrow, center, has the pitching duties; and Chambray Bartley, right, is playing short stop. The game was played in Colorado City.

Rule Bobcats named to All-Region

The Six-Man Coaches Association named athletes to the Region III All-Region team.

First team members included Rule Bobcats, Stephen Pace and Jay Spitzer, both Juniors.

Named to the Second team were Bobcats, Kyle Simpson, junior, and D.J. Hall, senior.



INDIANS COMPETE—The Haskell Indians lost Tues., March 20 to Colorado City by a score of 3-2. Rylie Tatum, left, is shown at bat. Gary Frierson is shown delivering a pitch.

March sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced state sales tax revenue in February totaled \$1.65 billion, up 7.0 percent compared to February 2006.

"Post-holiday sales indicate the Texas economy and our sales tax collections continue to grow, though not at the rapid pace we experienced a year ago," Combs said. "We will continue to closely monitor our state's economic indicators such as oil and gas, the Texas housing market and consumer spending."

Combs delivered \$396.8 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 5.6 percent increase compared to March 2006. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are up 5.5 percent compared to the first three months of 2006.

State sales tax revenue for February, and March payments made to local governments, represents sales that occurred in January.

Comptroller Combs sent March sales tax payments of \$268.6 million to Texas cities, up 5.1 percent compared to March 2006. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 6.5 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$24.2 million, up 5.9 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 7.6 percent higher than last year.

The 115 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$11.8 million in sales tax revenue, up 9.3 percent compared to last March. Ten local transit systems received \$92 million, up 6.4 percent.

Haskell County had a 4.66 percent decrease for March 2007 of \$28,723.02 in comparison to \$30,127.04 for March 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$96,581.03 reflect a 3.54 percent decrease over 2006 payments to date of \$100,133.13.

The City of Haskell had a 5.94 percent decrease for March 2007 of \$26,466.16 in comparison to \$28,138.67 for March 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$88,654.38 reflect a 4.08 percent decrease over 2006 payments to date of \$92,434.02.

The City of O'Brien had a

16.22 percent increase for March 2007 of \$84.11 in comparison to \$72.37 for March 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$416.95 reflect a 73.32 percent increase over 2006 payments to date of \$240.56.

The City of Rochester had a 2.74 percent increase for March 2007 of \$434.33 in comparison to \$422.74 for March 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$1,618.55 reflect a 7.38 percent decrease over 2006 payments to date of \$1,747.63.

The City of Rule had a 15.70 percent increase for March 2007 of \$1,487.82 in comparison to \$1,285.85 for March 2006. 2007

payments to date of \$5,090.55 reflect a 6.96 percent increase over 2006 payments to date of \$4,759.20.

The City of Weinert had a 207.41 percent increase for

March 2007 of \$250.60 in comparison to \$207.41 for March 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$800.60 reflect a 15.87 percent decrease over 2006 payments to date of \$951.72.

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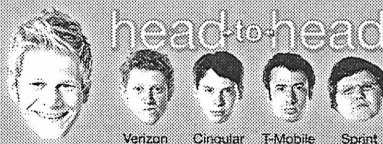
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