

Baseball games

Haskell V
in Albany Tournament
Feb. 21-23
Haskell V vs Rotan
Tues., Feb. 26, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

Softball games

Haskell in Wichita Falls
Tournament
Feb. 21-23
Haskell JV in Eula Pirate
Classic JV Tournament
Feb. 22-23

Calendar

Dinner/auction

Noah Project-North will host their annual dinner/silent auction Sat., Feb. 23 at the Haskell Civic Center beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and \$6 for children 10 years old and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door, from any member, or by calling the Noah Project office at 940-864-2551.

Vendors needed

Vendors are being sought for the 12th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. Car Show set Sat., March 15 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.

Catfish dinner

A catfish dinner will be held Sun., Feb. 24 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meal of fried fish, coleslaw, french fries, hushpuppies, beans, tea and dessert will be served for \$7. Proceeds will help the church's youth group with their camp expenses.

Windfarm meeting

An informational meeting concerning windfarms will be held for Stamford and Haskell residents Thurs., Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. at the Cliff House in Stamford. For information, call 325-773-2876.

Open house

Rule ISD will host an open house Thurs., Feb. 21 from 5 to 6 p.m. All parents and students are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served in the homemaking room. The Scholastic Book Fair will be held until noon on Feb. 22 in the Rule Library. Shop for your favorite books during open house.

100th anniversary

First Baptist Church of Weinert will celebrate its 100th anniversary April 5-6. Those with addresses of non-residents, former members or others who might be interested may contact Wanda Hester, anniversary chairman at 940-673-8262 or Mary Murphy at 940-673-8269.

Black history

Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell, will celebrate Black History Sun., Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. Rev. C. Wade will be the guest speaker.

Chamber banquet

The annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet is set for Thurs., Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Political candidates will be introduced. Haskell's Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year will be recognized. Tickets are available at the chamber office.

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Early voting underway

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"The People's Choice"

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PINEWOOD DERBY HELD—Haskell's Cub Scout Pack 136 held their annual pinewood derby Sun., Feb. 17 at the little gym. Pictured are front, l-r, Rudy Espinoza, Dalton Meinzer, Laken Olson and Tanner Thomas; back row, Preston Morrow, Reed Lee, Kyle Fraga, Aaron

Waggoner, Ryan Pace, Hunter Jordan, Riley Meinzer, Max Weise and Dakota Baumbach. Morrow, Waggoner, Jordan and Weise are members of Haskell's Boy Scout Troop 136 and assisted the pack with the day's activities.

Scouts hold annual Pinewood Derby

Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136 gathered for their annual pinewood derby Sun., Feb. 17. All boys worked for hours designing and preparing their cars to run in double elimination heats. The following participating scouts took home several highly deserved awards:

Tiger Cub Laken Olson was awarded Funniest Car and Car with the Smoothest Finish.

Wolf Cubs Dalton Meinzer took home Car with the Least Amount of Crashes and Car with

the Most Weights Attached. Tanner Thomas took home Most Unusual, Car with the Strangest Shape, Best Fuel Economy Car, and I Did My Best Awards.

Bear Cub Rudy Espinoza received Most Original Design and Fastest Looking Car.

Webelo Dakota Baumbach received Best Design, Car with the Most Extras, Car with the Most Workmanship, and I Did My Best Awards. Kyle Fraga received Scariest Looking Car, Car with the Least Amount of Car

Parts Lost, and I Did My Best awards. Reed Lee received Best Use of Imagination, Most Realistic Looking, and I Did My Best awards. Riley Meinzer received Best Paint Job, and Shiniest Paint Job. Ryan Pace received Most Futuristic Car, Most Spooky Looking Car, and I Did My Best awards.

The fastest Tiger car was awarded to Laken Olson, fastest Wolf car to Dalton Meinzer, fastest Bear car to Rudy Espinoza, and fastest Webelo car

to Riley Meinzer. The fastest car overall title was granted to Riley Meinzer.

Special thanks goes to Tyke Meinzer and Joey Thomas for ensuring all races went off smooth and clean; Wallar Overton and Allen Morrow for judging all categories; Tiffany Thomas for creating and awards; Patrick Pace for official scales used at sign in; Haskell Boy Scout Troop 136 for assistance with setting up the track and helping with races; Haskell High School for the use of the little gym; Haskell Free Press for getting the word out; and to each parent and family member in attendance. Your help and interest in the Haskell Cub Scout Pinewood Derby projects showed by the smiles on each and every young man's face.

Tornado drill set Wed., Feb. 27

A practice tornado warning drill will be held Wed., Feb. 27 at 9:30 a.m. by the National Weather Service in San Angelo. The service will transmit the warning through NOAA All Hazards Radio (formerly NOAA Weather Radio).

Some local radio and TV stations and Emergency Management offices may also relay the warning. The warning drill will be cancelled at 9:45 a.m.

Haskell and surrounding counties will be included in the practice drill.

Severe Weather Awareness Weeks run Feb. 24 through March 1.

Tornado safety rules include: If you are at home:

- Have a safe room or engineered shelter and go there immediately.

- Go to once to a windowless, interior room; storm cellar, basement; or lowest level of the building.

- If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.

- Get away from the windows.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on

to it.

- Use arms to protect head and neck.

- If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

If at work or school:

- Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows.

- Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways, or shopping malls.

- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

- Get down low with your head against the wall and use your arms to protect head and neck.

If outdoors:

- If possible, get inside a building.

- If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

- Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a car:

- Never try to out-drive a tornado in a car or truck.

- Get out of the car

immediately and take shelter in a nearby building.

- If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Be aware of the potential for flooding.



LEADERS HONORED—These members of Boy Scout Troop 136 were honored Sun., Feb. 10 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell. The scout troop posted the colors before the morning worship service. Scoutmaster Leland Terry, third from left, presented plaques to, from l-r, Kay Smith, Troop Commissioner; Kenneth Patton, former Troop Commissioner; and Tom Hairgrove, Charter Representative.

Early voting continues

Early voting in the Mar. 4 primary election began on Tues., Feb. 19, and will end Fri., Feb. 29.

Early voting may be done in person at the Haskell County Clerk's office in the courthouse, or may be mailed in. Applications for mail in voting are available at the County Clerk's office. They will be mailed on request. The last day for receiving votes by mail will be Feb. 26.

County Clerk Rhonda Moeller reminds that in order to vote every one must bring their voter registration card or the required identification with them.

Dinner to benefit Noah Project

The Noah Project-North is hosting their annual dinner/silent auction on Sat., Feb. 23, at the Haskell Civic Center. The "Return of The Golden Girls" will be the entertainment along with the silent auction. Tickets are \$12.50 each and \$6 for children 10 years old and under. The doors open at 6 p.m.

Advisory Committee members and Noah staff will be asking for donations for the silent auction from now until then. Your donated item or cash item will be greatly appreciated.

This dinner/auction is the main fund-raiser for Noah-North and it is always lots of fun. Tickets may be purchased from the members or staff, or by calling the office at 940-864-2551. Your donation is tax deductible.

The proceeds will be used to help the victims of family violence in the counties of Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office at 940-864-2551 or come by the office on the third floor of the Haskell Courthouse.

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Commissioners' Court report

Members of the Haskell Commissioners' Court met Feb. 11 in a regular meeting. A motion to pay all bills presented to the Court was approved. Justice of the Peace Lynn Dodson met with the Court and presented a report on her office. A bid from the Texas Rural Counties Insurance was discussed, but no action was

taken. Consideration of opening the courthouse at 8 a.m. was tabled. A discussion on changes to data collected on the Texas Judicial Council District and County level court reports was tabled. No action was taken on modifying the burn ban. The personnel policy was tabled.

Action on cell phones for community service and the fire chief was tabled. Line item transferred to the budget were made. Amendments to the budget were tabled. A resolution on the step grant was tabled until Feb. 26.

Report card pickup set at Haskell Elementary

Report card pickup is scheduled at Haskell Elementary School Thurs., Feb. 28 from 5 to 6 p.m. Parents should go to their children's classroom to pick up their student's report card.

Report card pickup night is hosted each year offering parents the opportunity to be a partner in their child's education. One element of this partnership is communication. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and see their classroom. Conferences may also be scheduled with teachers if parents have concerns or questions about their child's progress.

Report cards will not be sent home this six weeks. Parents who cannot attend the Thursday evening event, should make arrangements with their child's teacher to pick up the report card.



BEVERLY RICHARDSON
Graveside services for Beverly Richardson, 64, of Haskell were held Fri., Feb. 15 at Weinert

Obituaries

Beverly Richardson

Cemetery with Bro. Dan Bullock officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Richardson died Wed., Feb. 13.

Born July 25, 1943 in Fort Worth, she was the daughter of the late James Henry York and Betty Lee Hix Bruce. She married Jack Richardson in 1967. He preceded her in death in 1973. She was a LVN and charge nurse for the Red Cross in Wichita Falls. She retired after 30 years of service.

She was preceded in death by

her parents; husband; and grandparents, Macie and Oliver Hix.

Survivors include her daughter, Sonya Selby and husband, Steve of Wichita Falls; grandchildren, Robert, Jon and Miria of Wichita Falls; sister, Linda Adams and husband, Elmer of Weinert, Mary Robinson and husband, Steve of Iowa Park; half sisters, Patricia Boling of Indianapolis and Teresa Sweeney of Farmers Branch; half brother, Bob Bruce of San Angelo; and her special girls, Tess and Addie Decker.

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Texas achieves cattle Brucellosis-free status

Texas beef and dairy cattle producers, cattle feeders and markets operators achieved a long-sought victory Fri., Feb. 1, when the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that Texas has achieved cattle brucellosis-free status.

For nearly 50 years, Texas cattle producers battled brucellosis, or "Bangs Disease," the bacterial disease that is caused by *Brucella abortus*. The disease can cause cows to abort, deliver weak calves or produce less milk. Cattle brucellosis is a zoonotic disease (can be spread from animals to man) that caused significant human disease incidence until the eradication program reduced the incidence of the disease in cattle, and, sanitary practices and pasteurization procedures for milk were implemented to reduce transmission to humans. All other states in the United States are classified brucellosis-free, some for more than 25 years.

"Texas was the last state to achieve the 'free' status. We have more herds and more cattle than any other state—14 million at last count. We also had more brucellosis infection to fight. In 1959, when Texas officially joined the national eradication program, we had more than 20,000 of the country's 100,000 infected herds," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"This victory for the cattle industry did not come easily or without hardship," said Dr. Hillman. "For many cattle producers in the early days of the program, it meant losing a herd with only salvage value payment, or having the herd under quarantine and being unable to sell animals for long periods of time. Some producers' herds became re-infected. In recent years, infected herds were purchased from owners and depopulated whenever possible, to quickly wipe out infection."

Dr. Hillman credited the 2006 Brucellosis Eradication Working Group with re-evaluating all aspects of the Texas brucellosis program, in preparation for the USDA review, which was conducted in summer 2007. The group was comprised of about 25 cattle industry members. "I also want to thank TAHC and USDA staff for their long days of testing cattle, consulting with producers, keeping detailed test records, and handling tense situations when herds had to be quarantined. The

efforts by the industry, the TAHC and USDA have brought us to a great place—disease eradication."

"Now we must ensure that the disease is not reintroduced, or if it is lingering undetected, we must find the infection and eradicate it quickly. If two infected herds are detected within the next two years, we could lose this hard-earned, well-deserved status, so we must do everything to protect the health of our herds," said Dr. Hillman.

"To this end, we must continue testing our cattle at the first-point of concentration and change of ownership for the next couple of years," said Dr. Hillman. "This procedure is part of the national brucellosis program standard and was included in the program as a means of assuring that states that have just acquired free-status could identify infected herds should the disease have been left undetected in a herd or is reintroduced into a state. Additionally, brucellosis slaughter surveillance will continue for many years to come to assure that the disease is completely eradicated from cattle herds in Texas and other states of the United States."

"Decades of hard work are now paying off with this incredible accomplishment. I commend the cattle industry of the state and the Texas Animal Health Commission for working together to establish Texas as cattle brucellosis-free," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said.

"Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves and the industry is a \$16 billion

business for the Texas economy. This new status will positively improve the industry and help our dedicated cattle producers," Commissioner Staples said.

"Hearing the words 'cattle brucellosis-free' is music to the industry's ears," said Ernie Morales, Chairman of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). "While in the short term we will have to continue testing our cattle, there is a tremendous benefit for cattle producers to be able to market their cattle as cattle from a Brucellosis-free state. This status designation will provide cattle producers and trading partners additional assurance that Texas cattle do not pose a disease risk."

"This tremendous achievement could not have been accomplished without the combined efforts of state and federal agencies and industry," said Bruce Knight, Under Secretary for USDA's marketing and regulatory programs mission area. The interim rule declaring Texas as brucellosis free was published in the Feb. 1 Federal Register and became effective upon publication.

"We must now focus our efforts on eradicating brucellosis from the free-ranging elk and bison populations in the Greater Yellowstone Area in order to protect our national cattle herd against future outbreaks of this disease," said Under Secretary Knight. He said the presence of brucellosis in free-ranging bison and elk in Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park still threatens cattle health in surrounding states.

Top ten Texas stolen vehicles

Pickups are not only popular among Texas drivers, they are also top targets for Texas vehicle thieves. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has released its final MVT19 report on the top vehicles reported stolen in Texas during 2007.

The MVT19 report is compiled monthly by DPS and represents vehicle theft data entered into the Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC) by all Texas law enforcement agencies. An error margin of + or - 5% is assumed for incorrect entries by agencies.

Based on the reports, as has been the case for many years, pickup trucks top the list of thieves' most common targets for the year. Coming in at No. 1 was the Ford pickup followed closely by the Chevrolet Pickup at No. 2. In the No. 3 position, the Dodge pickup also remains a popular target for Texas thieves. The Honda Accord and the Honda Civic round out the top five stolen vehicles. Please note that if motorcycle theft totals were included, the Honda and Yamaha motorcycles would rank No. 9 and No. 10 respectively in the overall list.

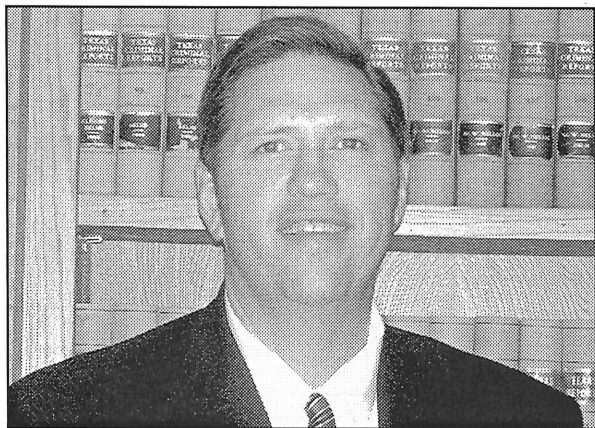
The complete top ten list of most stolen passenger vehicles

includes: 1. Ford pickup; 2. Chevrolet pickup; 3. Dodge pickup; 4. Honda Accord; 5. Honda Civic; 6. Chevrolet Tahoe; 7. GMC pickup; 8. Ford Taurus; 9. Toyota Camry; and 10. Ford Mustang.

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, and contrary to popular belief, the most stolen vehicles are several years old. Some are stolen and stripped for parts. Others are stolen and resold by thieves to unsuspecting buyers. Many vehicles are stolen for joyriding, for use in committing other crimes, to perpetrate insurance fraud, or for other illegitimate purposes. And vehicle theft costs Texans more money than any other crime—over \$900 million in 2006.

Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) personnel strongly encourage Texas drivers to practice vehicle crimes prevention. According to ABTPA Director Susan Sampson, "Auto thieves are looking for 'the easy take.' So it is more important than ever that drivers practice common sense and utilize practical prevention methods such as locking doors, taking keys, and hiding all items that may be desirable to a thief."

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MR. AND MRS. WALLACE COX

Anniversary reception to honor couple

Wallace and Jo Cox of Haskell plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sat., Feb. 23 with a reception in their home at 701 N. Ave. K from 2 to 4 p.m.

The couple married Feb. 22, 1958 in the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth. Ministers were Dr. Robert Jones and Rev. Dan Barfield. Barfield, serving the Rule-Throckmorton Presbyterian churches, introduced the couple, who met on a blind date at Abilene State Park.

After graduating from Texas A&M, Wallace worked for Southern Furniture in Amarillo. He served two years with the army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In 1954, he returned to Haskell and worked for the family owned business Jones-Cox Hardware & Furniture. He worked for Waldrop's Furniture for several

years.

Jo graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University and came to Texas in September of 1955. She spent a year at Texas Christian University assisting with the organizations of a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She taught special education at Haskell Junior and Senior High Schools and was a consultant for Region 14 Education Service.

Both are members of the First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

The event is being hosted by their children and grandchildren, John, Sally and Kate of Washington, D.C., Sarah Snailum of Fort worth, Elliott, Carrie, Courtney Alison and Hunter of Snyder, Dr. Emily Cox of St. Charles, Missouri and Paul, Dawn, Samuel and Benjamin of Madrid, Spain.

Quilt show to be held in Munday Feb. 23

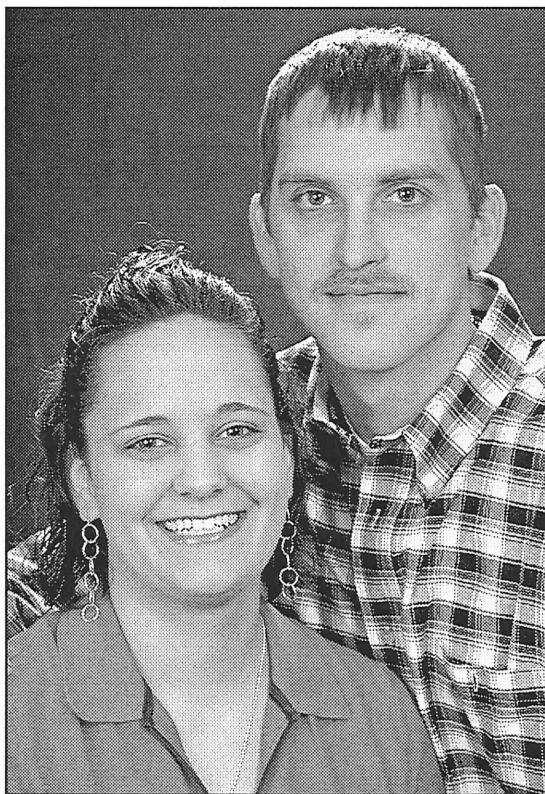
The annual Knox Prairie Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show will be held Sat., Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Munday Elementary School. The event is sponsored by the Munday Chamber of Commerce.

Over 100 quilts will be displayed. Quilts are still being accepted for the show. Vendors, a bake sale and lunch will be available.

The Cotton Pickin' Cafe will

serve chicken spaghetti, green salad, frozen fruit salad, rolls, three-layer pie and ice tea from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. for a nominal fee.

A class, taught by Amanda Bibb, Penny Winchester-Kyzer and Mary Cartwright, will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the school. Instruction will be in adding the artistic motif to a wholecloth quilt or a wall hanging. The class is free of charge.



ANGELA GATLIN - MICHAEL HERTEL

Gatlin, Hertel to marry March 8

Angela Nicole Gatlin and Michael Jason Hertel, both of Rule, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jack and Sally Rueffer of Haskell and L.T. and Katy

Watson of Centerville. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mike and Cheryl Hertel of Rule.

The couple plans to marry March 8 in Sagerton.

Births

Casey and Erin Thompson of Arlington announce the birth of their daughter, Kendall Rylan Thompson, born Fri., Feb. 15, weighing 8 1 lbs. 8 1/2 oz. She was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Kenny and Wanda Thompson of Paint Creek and Ron and Charlotte Stuard of

Iraan. Great grandparents are Mary Ann Thompson of Lewisville, Marge Stuard of Iraan, and Charles and Stella Webb of Ballinger.

Katie Thompson of Austin is her aunt.

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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Democratic frontrunners set up camp in capital city

AUSTIN—Reflecting the importance of Texas in the political landscape, U.S. Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama opened campaign offices here on Feb. 16.

Both candidates, who are competing for the Democratic presidential nomination, have begun airing campaign ads in many Texas markets.

And, the two are scheduled to engage in a Feb. 21 debate at the University of Texas. Admission for students, members of the university community and the public was by invitation only due to security restrictions.

Voter education drive begins

With the March 4 Texas primaries only days away, a May election on the horizon and the 2008 general election coming up in November, the move is on to increase the public knowledge about the right to vote.

Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson on Feb. 11 launched "VOTEXAS," a statewide voter education program funded through the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002.

Wilson, the state's chief elections officer, described the initiative as "Pretty much everything you could ever want to know about voting in Texas."

Information is available at VOTEXAS.org.

Early voting runs Feb. 19 to Feb. 29.

Heart screening program begins

The Texas Education Agency on Feb. 14 awarded a \$1 million contract to Championship Hearts Foundation to screen sixth-graders for heart conditions that can cause sudden and unforeseen death.

The Early Cardiovascular Detection Pilot Program, created in 2007 by Senate Bill 7, will screen about 12,750 students enrolled at public schools across Texas, beginning this month.

The contractor will select schools that are geographically and ethnically diverse, the Texas Education Agency said.

AG: watch out for refund scam

The Office of the Attorney General has received complaints from Texans who have received unsolicited electronic mail and telephone calls from purported IRS agents claiming that the taxpayers are eligible for "Bush refunds."

Scammers demand taxpayers' Social Security and bank account numbers, claiming the IRS will use the information to directly deposit "rebate checks" into the

taxpayers' accounts.

The IRS does not call or e-mail taxpayers unexpectedly to demand personal information for direct deposits, the AG's office said.

To report this kind of solicitation, call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline, 800-621-0508, or the Internal Revenue Service, 800-829-1040.

Wimberley pays 'Robin Hood'

Wimberley Independent School District, about 35 miles southwest of Austin, made headlines across the state last fall when it refused to send its "Robin Hood" tax revenue share to Austin.

But the school district's board of trustees put the issue to a vote Feb. 14 and decided 6-1 to pay "under protest" about 15 percent of the \$2.4 million owed.

The Wimberley school district is considered property wealthy under state law, but school officials have maintained that the district could not afford to send the money.

Crime lab grants are awarded

Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 12 awarded grants totaling nearly \$900,000 to nine forensic crime labs.

The money is awarded through the federal Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act fund and is distributed by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

"Texas must provide law enforcement with the latest in forensic science technology in order to protect our citizens while ensuring our criminal justice system does not wrongfully convict the innocent," Perry said.

Receiving grants are Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Jefferson and Tarrant counties, and the cities of Austin, Fort Worth, Houston and Pasadena.

Comptroller upgrades Web site

Texas Comptroller Susan Comb's Web and graphic design teams have redesigned and reorganized the "Window on State Government" home page to make it more action-oriented, cleaner and easier to navigate.

The address for the page is www.window.state.tx.us. Users are asked what they want to do—pay taxes, find a tax form, search for unclaimed property or locate other information—and a quick click takes the user to the right location.

A recent addition is "Where the Money Goes," a link to in-depth information about how the state spends taxpayer dollars.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 19, 1998

Joseph Rodriguez, son of Mac and Linda Rodriguez and Crystal Casillas daughter of Charles and Martha Casillas visited the Rotary Club.

Tomi E. Pheil, received academic recognition for the fall semester at Howard Payne University, Brownwood.

Trey Cheyne and Wendy Gray were crowned 1997-98 Basketball Beau and Basketball Sweetheart.

20 Years Ago February 25, 1988

Superintendent H.L. Guess received word through the Annual Performance Report filed by the Texas Educational Agency that the Weinert school made the highest score of any school in the state on the recent TEAMS test that students took.

GTE Southwest began a project to replace underground cable from the Rule switching office to Sagerton. The 25-mile project will involve more than 3,159 man hours and is budgeted at \$189,619.

Mr. and Mrs. Zenor Summers visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Letz.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mrazek of Aspermont visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Monse.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxey Thompspon of Colleyville visited over the weekend in the home of her mother Mrs. John L. Brooks.

Don and Tom Bivins of Argyle and Dave Williamson, Cliff Brady and Shawn Beckett of Denton visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark.

Ernest and Louise McGuire sat with great grandchildren Brooke and Brandon McGuire while Tommy and Selina enjoyed a skiing vacation.

30 Years Ago February 23, 1978

A.D. "Monte" Frierson, Maintenance Supervisor at Haskell Memorial Hospital was honored by being chosen "Employee of the Month" for the month of February by a popular vote of his fellow employees.

Bryon Frierson of Sugarland, spent the weekend visiting friend and relatives in Haskell.

Water supply tests free of bacteria, after it was suspected that the water supply had caused a viral epidemic in Haskell. TDHR tested the water supply and found it to be free of bacteria.

Visiting in the home of C.E. Tidwell were Dan Burson of Arlington and Pat Gasaway of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer of Hamlin visited with Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Ulmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Cook of San Antonio visited with Mrs. M.Y. Benton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark over the weekend.

David Tiechelmann of Abilene spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tiechelmann.

40 Years Ago February 22, 1968

Linda Adams of Fort Worth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Adams and Donna.

Mary Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Yates, was named 1968 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Weinert High School.

Rice Springs Care Home held an open house to view the newly completed wing of the center. This new wing added 56 beds, second living area, new modern kitchen, and extended dining space.

Mrs. E.M. Owens of Munday visited her son, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owens and girls over the weekend.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Raynes, Sr. were Mr. and Mrs. George Muntzert of Fort Worth.

Steven Harper, a Junior at McMurry College, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harper has been placed on the dean's list.

50 Years Ago February 20, 1958

Robbie Lou Roberson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Roberson received a check as her award for first place in a conservation essay writing contest.

Bryon Frierson of Sugarland, spent the weekend visiting friend and relatives in Haskell.

J. M. Wagoner, veteran WTU employee retired after 33 years. On the eve of his retirement Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner were honored guests at a party staged by WTU employees and were presented gifts from his co-workers.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. J.L. Dilbeck were her nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Graham and Cathleen of Decatur, her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Stodghill and Charlene, of Fort Worth and Mrs. C.F. Graham.

Lynell Fouts and Ann Henry visited their parents. They are both students at Texas Tech.

100 Years Ago February 22, 1908

B.M. Whiteker's new residence in the north part of town is nearing completion.

Mrs. A.W. McGregor entertained in honor of her guest, Miss Symes of Waco.

Mrs. G.J. Miller is off on a trip to Dallas and Sherman to secure seeds for planting purpose and she will also visit a friend at Lindale.

Tom Morrison and Mr. Patterson, his son-in-law, made a drive out through the county and report much land plowed and farmers very busy.

D.M. Winn has resigned as office deputy in the sheriff's department and has gone to Van Horn where he has accepted a lucrative position.

Dr. L.D.C. Nolen, who came out from Alabama to attend his father who died on the 13th, returned Monday to Alabama and will ship his household goods to Weinert in this county where he has decided to locate permanently.

Sheriff Parks has appointed M.S. Edwards to the position of deputy sheriff and he has perfected his bond and qualified.

J.U. Nussbaum of Bell County recently purchased the J.D. Roberts ranch of 738 acres about 10 miles northeast of town for \$17,712. He and his two sons, G. and Otto Nussbaum are now in the place and will put a large acreage in various crops.

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

February 14, 2008

After two consecutive days of setting new four-week lows this week, the nearby March contract locked limit up, and the rest of the months closed sharply higher on the New York Board of Trade Thursday. Traders said they were unsure about the catalyst for the rally, but some pointed to another surge in the grains market.

"The Valentine's Day rally was merely a continuation of the battle that has been raging for some time as crops try to secure acres ahead of decision time for spring planting," an analyst said. "Since dropping the limit on Jan. 22, the March contract has been confined to a tight trading range over the last few weeks. Then Thursday, seemingly out of nowhere, the market exploded to the upside within minutes of the opening. It was an odd time for a recovery," he concluded.

Another bullish fundamental factor behind the recent market gain is the expectation that farmers will plant much fewer cotton acres in 2008 because of soaring prices for wheat, soybeans and corn.

On a fundamental level, traders and analysts continue to talk about the National Cotton Council's (NCC) planting intentions survey which pegged 2008 U.S. cotton acreage at 9.54 million acres, down from 10.83 million planted in 2007. The figure represented a 25-year low and underscored expectations that the U.S. cotton crop, according to NCC, would fall as a result to a 10-year low of approximately 15.4 million bales.

NCC's planting survey was taken in late December and early January, however, and many analysts believe cotton acreage could fall even lower since grain prices have risen to record highs since the report was completed.

According to traders, rumors continue to circulate in grain circles about the possibility of USDA allowing some of the earliest dated CRP acres to come back into production prematurely with little or no penalty to the enrolled farmers. Livestock producers are very much in favor of this idea as the increased grain production would serve to reduce finishing costs of feedlot animals. There are approximately 37 million acres currently enrolled in the CRP program with roughly 10 percent due to expire next year.

"Regardless of cause and effect, it is a politically charged issue that will create a maelstrom regardless of which way the decision goes," a trader said. "While much of this acreage is not suitable for corn or soybeans, much less cotton production if it is released, look for a snap back in grain prices like you've never seen—and that will have an effect on cotton," he explained.

In export news, USDA's figures were on the upper end of trade expectations despite the fact they were lower than the previous week's numbers. The department reported net 2007-08 cotton sales for the week ended Feb. 7 were 212,900 bales, down 11 percent from the previous week and 26 percent lower than the four-week average. Major buyers included China, Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea. Sales of 45,700 bales for delivery in the 2008-09 marketing year were for Mexico, South Korea and China.

Export shipments of 202,600 bales were up 14 percent from the previous week and 18 percent from the four-week average. China, Mexico, Indonesia and Turkey were the primary destinations. Based on USDA's latest export projection for the 2007-08 marketing year, weekly sales must average roughly 280,000 bales, and shipments need to average 344,000.

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 38,764 bales in the week ended Feb. 14 compared to 37,040 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 55.00 to 62.89 cents per pound versus 58.80 to 62.26 cents per pound one week earlier.

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Scammers Taking Advantage Of New Federal Economic Stimulus Package

Texans should be aware of a scam that has emerged in connection with the proposed

federal economic stimulus package. Under recently passed legislation, the IRS will mail tax rebate checks to eligible Texans over the next few months. President Bush has indicated he will sign the package into law soon.

Several Texans recently filed complaints with the Office of the Attorney General after receiving unsolicited e-mails and telephone calls from purported IRS agents claiming that the taxpayers are eligible for "Bush refunds." The scammers demand taxpayers' Social Security and bank account

numbers, claiming the IRS will use the information to directly deposit "rebate checks" into the taxpayers' accounts.

This is outright identity theft fraud. The IRS does not call or e-mail taxpayers unexpectedly to demand personal information for direct deposits. Taxpayers solicited in this manner should just hang up or delete the e-mail.

Texans who have received these bogus solicitations can file a complaint with the IRS at www.irs.gov or by calling 800-829-1040. Consumers also can report such calls to our office.

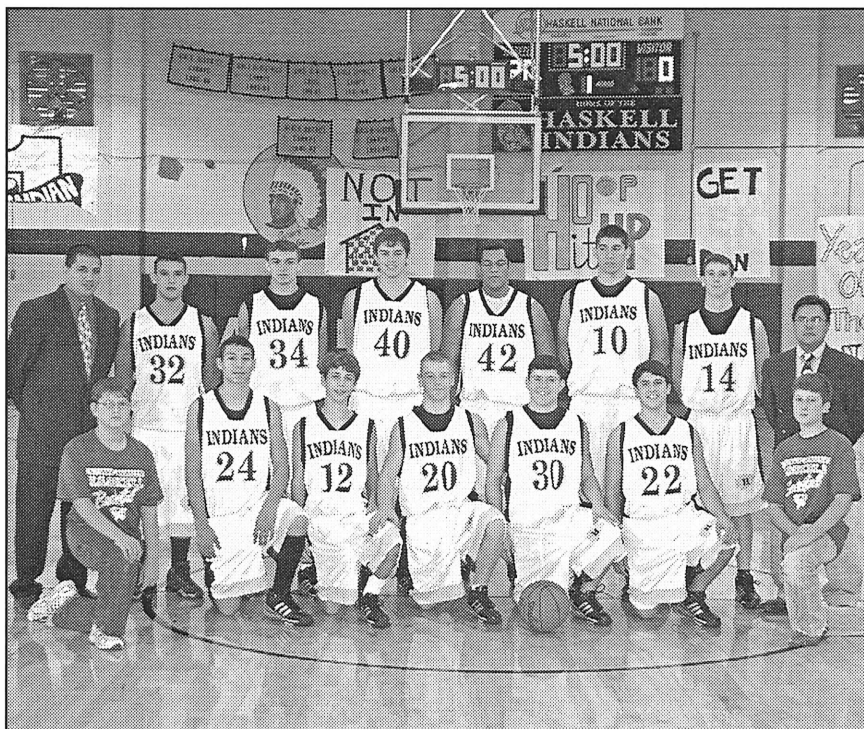
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Haskell INDIANS



DISTRICT CHAMPS

The Indians drew a bye in the first round of playoffs. They will meet the winner of the Crane-Brady game in the Area Round.



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Andrew Sammons, A.J. Alvarez, John English, Travis Adams, Greg Guzman, Austin Marshall and Luke Terry; back row, Coach Lolo Martinez, Stephen Guevara, Aaron Rodriguez, Samuel Bitner, D.J. McCulloch, Derek Agraz, Weston Rutkowski and Coach Toby Villa.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



HASKELL MAIDENS—Front row, l-r, Aubrey Bassett, Hope Reid, Claire Isbell, Lauren Newton, Paige Adams and Brië Torres; back row, Coach David Middleton, Miranda Johnson, Lisa Rodgers, Lacey Peiser, Ashton Rutkowski, Hannah Wallace and Aerial Thane.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Haskell MAIDENS

DISTRICT 3rd Place Winner

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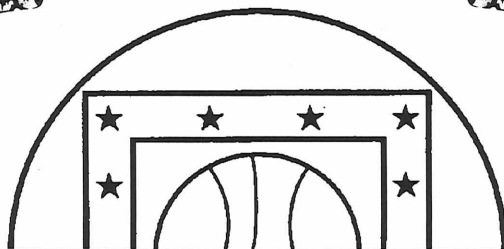


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Calendar

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.

Will's Walkers

Will Swinney of Haskell will have a team participating in the West Texas Walk Now for Autism April 5 at the Abilene Zoo beginning at 10 a.m. The walk benefits Autism Speaks, an organization that raises money and awareness for autism research. Will will host a barbecue lunch Sun., Feb. 24 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ. Plates of brisket, sausage, potato salad, beans and a dessert will be served for \$8 each. Tickets are available by contacting Joey or Tamara Swinney at 940-864-2359 or 940-256-3584. To join Will's Walkers, t-shirts are available for a \$20 donation.

Silent auction

Taylor's Team will host a silent auction in March. If you would like to donate items for the auction, contact Melissa Burson at 256-2509. The auction will benefit Autism Speaks.

TCR Old Timers

A general business meeting will be held Mon., March 10 at 5 p.m. at the TCR Bunkhouse in Stamford. All members of the TCR Old Timers Association should attend.

Taylor's Team

Taylor's Team will walk April 5 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Abilene Zoo in the fourth annual West Texas Walk benefiting Autism Speaks. To join, register at www.autismwalk.org, click on join a team and select Taylor's Team to register. Donations or information may be handled by Melissa Burson by calling 864-8161 or 256-2509.

Garage sale

Taylor's Team will host a community wide garage sale Sat., March 1. Call Melissa Burson at 256-2509 to donate your treasures. The sale will benefit Autism Speaks.

One Act Plays

The Haskell Memorial Civic Center will host a night of One Act Plays Mon., March 3 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. Students from Paint Creek will perform at 6 p.m., followed by Rule at 7 p.m. and Haskell at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person. A concession stand will be available during intermission of each play.

FOS drive

A Friends of Scouting fundraising drive will be held during a free breakfast Wed., March 5 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the basement of the First Christian Church in Haskell. The drive is an annual event of the Texas Trails Council. All donors are invited to the appreciation breakfast.

Storm sirens

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

Storytime

Storytime at Haskell County Library is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Stories, crafts and snacks are offered. Paula Rennegarbe is the storyteller.

Crime of the Week

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons who were involved in the robbery and injury to an elderly person on Sun., Feb. 10 around 1:30 p.m. at 100 S. McMillan in Stamford.

Anyone with information on this crime is encouraged to call 1-800-222-TIPS or Stamford Police Dept. at 325-773-3647. All callers will remain anonymous. Remember: Crime Stoppers wants your information, not your name.

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Purple martins arrive in Texas

In the birding world, few species generate more excitement than does the "Purple Martin," a swallow that is arriving now in Texas, with reports of "scouts" logged almost daily online.

Purple martins, the largest of the swallows in North America, are totally dependent on man-made housing and faithfully return to the same locations each year, so it's understandable that human "landlords" anxiously await the return of "their" birds from wintering grounds in South America.

Some of the earliest arrivals to the eastern U.S. occur in south Texas and dates/locations are watched by martin enthusiasts nationally on an online database at www.purplemartin.org, maintained by the Purple Martin Conservation Association (PMCA), a nonprofit conservation organization.

The earliest arriving martin recorded in Texas this season occurred Jan. 19 in Port O'Connor. Among other early arrivals: Jan. 23 in Alvin; Jan. 29 San Antonio and Jan. 30 in Houston.

While the south coastal areas tend to get a few arrivals in January, purple martins begin returning to central Texas after about Feb. 1, according to a PMCA migration map. Migration is drawn out with new arrivals continuing into March.

The first wave consists of so-called "adult" martins, those two or more years old, with adult males sporting full dark-purple color. Females are a bit drab, with a gray breast. One-year-old martins, called "sub adults," arrive 10 to 12 weeks later than the older birds—well into April. These younger birds are more easily attracted to new housing locations.

Purple martins prefer to nest in colonies in gourds hung from large racks and in multi-compartment birdhouses. The birds nest throughout central and eastern Texas with the greatest populations east and a gradual absence in West Texas.

The PMCA recently analyzed long-term data from the North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) and found that, thanks to devoted men and women who erect and maintain housing, purple martin populations overall are holding steady in North America, with exceptions in some states, and appear to be increasing in Texas.

However, despite relative abundance in Texas, many people try for years to attract purple martins without success, or their colonies disappear. Hobbyists may be unaware that problems such as competition from invasive non-native birds, European starlings and House Sparrows, or predation caused abandonment.

While generations of Americans have hosted purple martins, the custom adopted from Native Americans who hung out nesting gourds, specific techniques to help a colony thrive emerged in the past decade, based on research conducted by the PMCA and landlords in the field.

Among innovations are deeper compartments to protect nestlings from rain and aerial predators such as owls, specially-shaped entrance holes designed to admit

martins while restricting starlings—and unique pole guards to thwart ground predators: rat snakes and raccoons.

Because purple martins are birds of the open sky, catching insects on the fly, the PMCA's number one tip: place housing in the most open space available, but where the colony can be enjoyed and monitored.

More information about purple martins can be obtained from the Purple Martin

Conservation Association, which is focused on aiding martins and landlords, including a products catalog and information booklet, with advice on attracting and managing a colony, and data sheets to participate in "Project MartinWatch" a national effort in which participants monitor nests and mail information to the PMCA at season's end.

To obtain the booklet, contact the PMCA at 814-833-7656 or online at purplemartin.org.

Schafer named ag secretary

Ed Schafer was sworn in as the 29th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on Jan. 28.

Secretary Schafer brings a record as an innovative two-term governor of North Dakota to USDA along with extensive private sector experience as both an entrepreneur and a business executive.

Schafer served as North Dakota's governor from 1992 to 2000 and made diversifying and expanding North Dakota's economy, reducing the cost of government and advancing agriculture his top priorities in office.

He worked to normalize trading relations with China and develop that nation as an export market for North Dakota farm products. He also led efforts to upgrade North Dakota's communications infrastructure and make high-speed voice and data networks available to farmers, ranchers and rural businesses.

To expand the state's job base, he encouraged the growth of value-added agricultural industries such as pasta and corn sweetener manufacturing.

As governor, Schafer managed a state workforce of 12,000 people, oversaw a budget of \$4.6 billion, and led the state's response to emergencies such as the severe floods that hit the Grand Forks area in 1997.

As chair of the Western Governors Association, Schafer led regional efforts to demonstrate how technology could improve the efficiency and lower the cost of delivering government services such as health benefits and food stamps. He also worked to make telemedicine more available and affordable in rural areas.

Schafer was elected chair of the Republican Governors Association in 2000 and that same year he co-founded and co-chaired the Governors Biotechnology Partnership to increase public understanding and support for the benefits of agricultural biotechnology.

He has had a lifelong interest in conservation and helped arrange the U.S. Forest Service's

May 2007 purchase of the 5,200 acre Elkhorn ranch in North Dakota. The site was where Theodore Roosevelt had his home and operated a cattle ranch in the 1880s. It is near the preserved town of Medora—the state's leading tourist attraction.

Born and raised in Bismarck, North Dakota, Schafer graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and earned an MBA from the University of Denver in 1970.

Secretary Schafer's grandfather immigrated to North Dakota from Denmark and homesteaded land in Hettinger County that he turned into a wheat and livestock farm. Schafer spent summers there while growing up. He helped his uncles with chores, tinkered with engines and learned firsthand about agriculture.

Before entering public life, Schafer was an executive with the Gold Seal Company in Bismarck, a successful marketer of nationally-known consumer products such as "Mr. Bubble" bubble bath, "Glass Wax" glass cleaner and "Snowy Bleach." The company had been founded by his father, Harold Schafer.

Secretary Schafer joined Gold Seal after he earned his MBA and

held a series of management positions with the company before becoming president in 1978. Under his leadership, Gold Seal's sales climbed to \$50 million through acquisitions and new product introductions and its net worth tripled. It was sold in 1986. Schafer then went on to launch several new businesses, including a commercial real estate development company, a fish farm and a classic car dealership.

After leaving office in 2000, he co-founded Extend America, a venture capital-backed company, to provide wireless voice and high-speed data services to commercial and residential customers in five rural Midwestern states.

He also served as a director of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation that oversees the historic town's operations and became active in leading several other nonprofit and citizens advocacy groups in North Dakota.

Secretary Schafer enjoys the outdoors and his hobbies include bicycling, hiking, scuba diving and restoring classic automobiles. He and his wife, Nancy, have four children; Tom Schafer, Ellie Schafer and Eric Jones and Kari Jones; and eight grandchildren.

Weather Whys

Ice storms

Q: Is an "ice storm" really a storm?

A: Yes it is, says John Nielsen-Gammon of Texas A&M University.

"An ice storm is a storm with large amounts of freezing rain that will quickly coat trees, roadways, power lines and other objects with ice," he confirms.

"This ice results from the accumulation of freezing rain, which is rain that becomes supercooled and freezes upon impact with cold surfaces. Supercooled means that the rain must be in a liquid state at temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Water must have something to freeze onto when temperatures are below freezing," Nielsen-Gammon adds.

"Once this rain—which is colder than 32 degrees—falls on an object that is below freezing, it will instantly freeze on that object and form a sheet of ice. As ice forms, it helps to freeze other raindrops that fall onto the sheet, and this process helps freezing rain accumulate quickly."

Q: What causes an ice storm or freezing rain?

A: "Most freezing rain starts out as snow, but the snowflakes

fall through a layer of warm air where they melt before entering another layer of cold air near the ground," explains Nielsen-Gammon.

"The newly formed raindrops typically include dust or other imperfections, so they will freeze again if given enough time in air below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. If they succeed, they become sleet. But if the lower layer of cold air is not thick enough to give the drops time to freeze, they will still be supercooled liquid water when they hit the ground. At the ground, they freeze on contact and become treacherous sheets of ice. Ice storms usually form along a line from Texas to Newfoundland and can occur any time between late October to early May," Nielsen-Gammon says.

"Ice storms can be among the most devastating of all weather phenomena and are often the cause of car accidents, power outages and personal injuries. One of the most disastrous ice storms in history struck Montreal and the upper Northeastern U.S. in January 1998, causing over \$1 billion in damage and leaving many areas without power for weeks."

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Babies on back to sleep and tummy to play

Sudden infant death is a fear that is on the mind of all new parents. Most victims of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) are 2 to 4 months of age, and tragic incidences increase during cold weather.

Parents and caregivers can take preventive action to lower babies' risk of SIDS. Dr. George Lister, chairman of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center, says babies should always be placed on their backs to sleep.

"The back sleep position is the safest, and every sleep time counts," Dr. Lister says. "Babies should also be placed on a firm sleep surface and not on pillows, blankets or other soft surfaces."

The American Academy of Pediatrics also recommends a baby's sleep area be close by, but separate from where parents sleep. A baby should not sleep in a bed or on a couch or armchair with adults or other children. If a baby is brought into bed for breastfeeding, parents should put their child back in a separate sleep area when finished.

While babies should always sleep on their backs, they can be placed on their tummies for supervised play time, Dr. Lister says. This position not only strengthens neck, arm, and shoulder muscles, it also promotes healthy brain development.



MR. AND MRS. CALEB CARVER

Strange, Carver marry Jan. 10

Kassie Renee Strange and Caleb Wayne Carver were united in marriage Jan. 10 at the tropical paradise of Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Shana Strange of Silverton and the late Sharon Storie Strange of Silverton. She is the granddaughter of Norman and Peggy Strange of Silverton, Wendell and Carole Edwards of O'Donnell, and Harold and Dora Storie of Cross Roads.

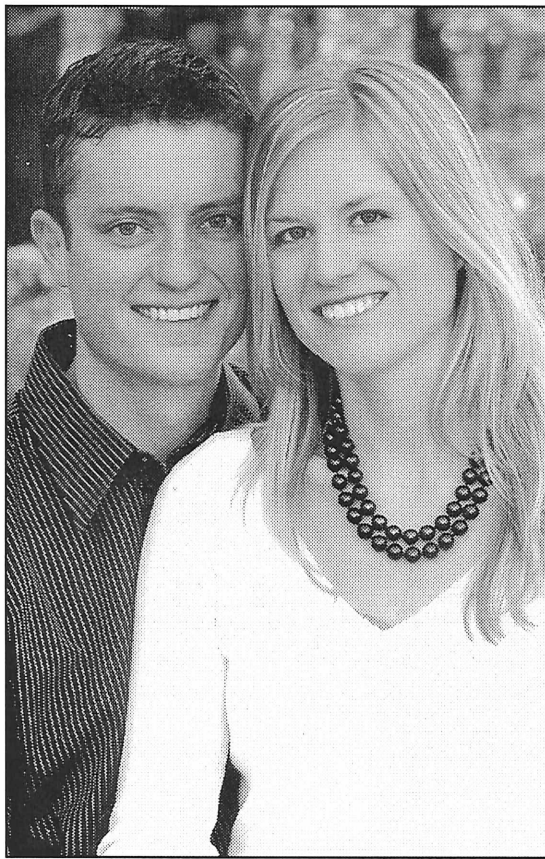
The bridegroom is the son of David Carver of Grafard and Sharla Carver of Midland. He is the grandson of Jean and Jerry Carver, Grafard and the late Cleatus 'Biggon' and Glenda

Drinnon of Haskell.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Silverton High School. She received her associate degree in Nursing from San Angelo State University with honors. She is completing her studies for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from San Angelo State University while working full time as a Registered Nurse in the pediatric department of Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

The bridegroom is a 2003 graduate of Knox City High School. He is working for Basic RAFT Division in San Angelo.

After their honeymoon cruising the Caribbean, the couple resides in San Angelo.



C.C. FISCHER - SHARON PAIGE WILBURGER

Wilburger, Fischer to wed in New York

Paul and Diane Wilburger of Red Hook, New York are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Paige, to Christopher Carl 'C.C.', son of David and Jeretta Fischer of Bettendorf, Iowa. Fischer is the grandson of Henrietta Fischer of Seguin.

Wilburger is a graduate of Wooster School and received a masters degree from the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. She is employed by Children's Friend of Lynn,

Massachusetts.

Fischer graduated from Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado and received his PhD in Materials Science, from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he is employed in advanced battery research and consulting.

The couple plans to marry April 20 in Poughkeepsie, New York located in the empire state's Hudson Valley.

Dairy cattle movement rule delayed

Livestock health officials have delayed enforcement through March 31, 2008, for a new in-state movement requirement for Texas dairy breed cattle. The cattle tuberculosis regulation, adopted in September by commissioners for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), requires Texas dairy cattle to be identified prior to movement within the state. Because they are managed in close confinement, dairy animals can be at a greater risk for disease exposure if an infected animal is in the herd.

"Texas regained cattle tuberculosis (TB)-free status in 2006, and we need every tool available to assist in tracing disease, if it is introduced into the state," said TAHC's Dr. Dee Ellis, assistant state veterinarian. "Months of work can be expended tracing the movement of cattle infected or exposed to TB. Even knowing that the animal originated in Texas can

assist epidemiologists in the search for the origin and spread of disease."

Dr. Ellis noted that cattle TB has been detected recently in two New Mexico dairies, a beef herd in Oklahoma, and in a rodeo bull herd in Colorado. Furthermore, eight infected herds have been found in Minnesota, and Michigan has had a long-standing battle against the disease in cattle and free-ranging deer. He stressed that new sections of Texas' TB regulations applicable to cattle entering the state went into effect Oct. 13.

"The delayed implementation of the in-state movement regulation for Texas dairy breed cattle will provide owners adequate time to select and acquire their identification tags," said Dr. Ellis. Through March 31, the TAHC will encourage voluntary compliance. Texas dairy cattle, regardless of age or sex, are to

be identified prior to in-state movement, and owners should keep a record of the cattle they identify. The tags should remain on the animal for life.

Dr. Ellis said several types of identification are acceptable for Texas dairy breed cattle:

- USDA alphanumeric test tags (USDA silver ear tags)
- USDA alphanumeric brucellosis calfhood vaccination tags (USDA orange ear tags)
- Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) tags
- Official breed registry tattoos or firebrand
- USDA approved Animal Identification Number (AIN) tags for official identification of individual animals. Three forms of official AIN tags, differentiated by the first three digits of the fifteen digit number, are available:

- Manufacturer code "900" series RFID tags, available from many feed or supply stores
- USA prefix RFID tags
- Country code "840" series RFID tags. (Producers who use the "840" series must have their premises registered.)
- A commercially produced cattle-style clip, flap or button tag that identifies the dairy or owner and includes a unique animal number in the herd.

- The TAHC also is considering approval for other types of identification.
- Dr. Ellis said TAHC

regulations already are in effect to reduce the risk for introducing cattle TB into the state. All dairy breed cattle must be identified prior to entering the state. Sexually intact dairy cattle older than two months of age must have a negative TB test within 60 days prior to entering Texas. These animals also must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection.

Sexually intact dairy cattle younger than two months of age entering the state must have a Texas entry permit and a certificate of veterinary inspection. The animals must go to a premises to be held until they are tested negative for TB at the age of two months.

Dairy cattle entering Texas are exempt from the TB test requirement only if they are transported directly to slaughter or to an approved feedlot, then slaughter. These animals must be identified, and have a Texas entry permit and a certificate of veterinary inspection.

Mexican-origin ("M"-branded) steers recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock, and entering Texas from other states must have had a negative TB test within the previous 12 months. These animals also must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection, issued within the previous 30 days.

Sand bur treatment

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
The Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 crisis exemption allowing the use of pendimethalin (Prowl H20) to control sand burrs in Bermuda grass pastures and hay fields in Texas.

Pendimethalin may be applied following all directions, restrictions and precautions on the product exemption label.

The exemption will remain in effect as long as is necessary for control of the sand burrs in the current crop or until EPA makes a decision on the emergency specific exemption TDA has submitted.

This exemption allows only certified applicators, licensed applicators or persons under the direct supervision of licensed

applicators to apply the pesticide for this specific use.

For more information, contact your county Texas Cooperative Extension office or TDA at 512-463-7544. A copy of the approval notice is located on the TDA Web site at www.tda.state.tx.us.

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Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA

WHEN CAN YOU TAKE A DEDUCTION FOR A HOME OFFICE?

If you work at home, you'd probably like to take a tax deduction for your home office. Here's an overview of what qualifies.

The first requirement is that you have a part of your home that you use regularly and exclusively for business purposes. It doesn't have to be a separate room, but it must be a clearly defined area. The exclusive use is very important. The area must be reserved only for business use; if you also use it for personal activities, it won't qualify. The only exceptions are if you store business samples or inventory at home, or if you run a home daycare business. The other requirement is that your home office be any one of the following:

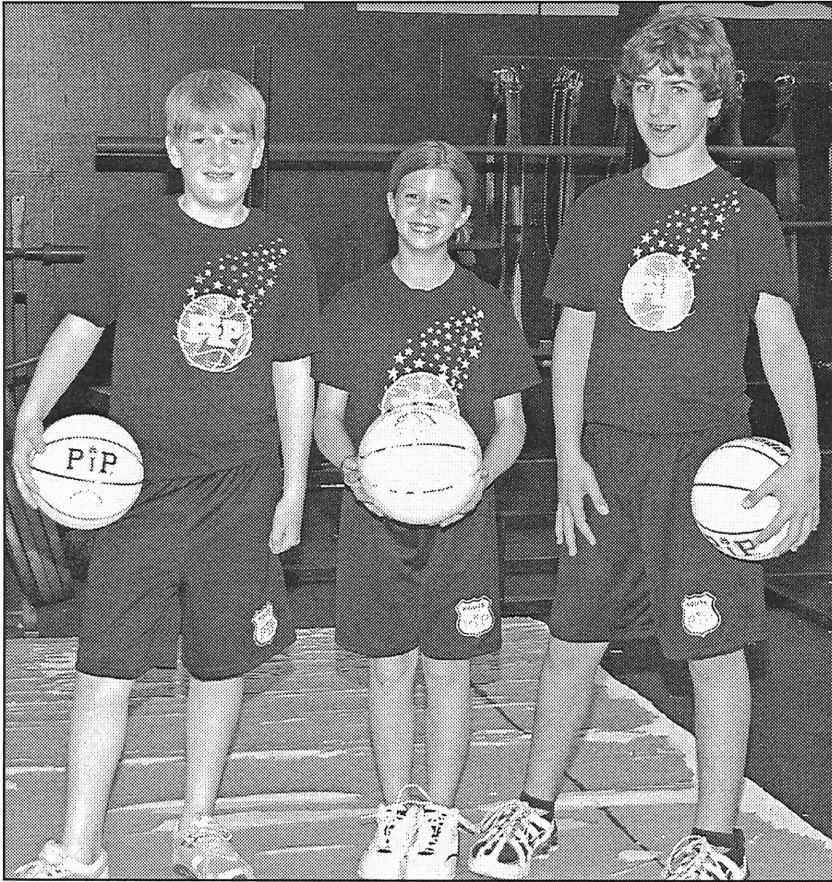
- Your principal place of business. That's the place where you conduct most of the management and administrative activities of running your business. You may travel to meet customers or perform operations in a hospital, but your principal place of business is where you do most of the work of actually managing your business.
- A place where you regularly meet customers, clients, or patients. Even if you run the business from elsewhere, a home office can qualify if you regularly use it for meeting with customers, clients, or patients.
- A separate building, not connected to your home. A freestanding garage or studio will qualify if it is used in your business.

If you have an area of your home that qualifies, you can generally deduct a percentage of your total costs, including mortgage interest, insurance, taxes, and utilities. The percentage is calculated as the area used for business divided by your home's total area.

For the self-employed, home office deductions are limited to the net income of the business. An employee's home office must be for the convenience of the employer, and this should be documented in writing. Deductions for employees, other than mortgage interest and taxes, are available only to the extent they exceed 2% of adjusted gross income.

The rules on home offices are complex, with many gray areas. Contact our office if you need more information or assistance.

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ALL-STAR PERFORMANCE—Haskell All-Star Pips performing during half-time of the Lady Raiders basketball game in Lubbock recently were, l-r, Max Weise, Jacie Klose and Aaron Waggoner. Not pictured is Reagan Hadaway.

Student in the News



ABBY DUDENSING

Abby Dudensing, daughter of Lynn and Renee Dudensing of Sagerton, has been named a Distinguished Honor Graduate for the College of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M University. Dudensing is a kinesiology major whose focus is motor behavior.

Dudensing's education has taught her diligence, hard work, confidence and perseverance. Through her course work and extra curricular activities, she has faced challenges that will prepare her for continuing her education at Hardin-Simmons University

where she will pursue a doctorate of physical therapy.

She began working for Dr. Caroline Ketcham's Motor Control Laboratory during her freshman year as a volunteer. She was encouraged to start her own research project and pursued that goal in her junior year. Dudensing was awarded the Undergraduate Research Scholar for completion of an undergraduate thesis titled "Joint involvement and movement amplitude in two

segment aiming movements" in 2006-07. Through research, Dudensing says that she has received an education that her classes could not give.

Dudensing made the Dean's List in the fall of 2004 and 2006 and was named a Distinguished Student for the fall 2005. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Kappa Delta Pi.

Dudensing graduated with honors in December 2007.

Students visit Rotary Club

Tara Dayne Myers is the daughter of Bobby and Shannon Myers of Haskell.

She is a Christian.

At Haskell High School, she is an office aid at the Elementary school and participates in UIL, honors classes and one act play. She is on the honor roll and in the top ten percent of her class. She was voted 'Best Sense of Humor.'

She enjoys attending church, spending time with her friends and family, singing, reading and babysitting.

She plans to attend college at Cisco Junior College for two years to pursue a degree in child or general psychology, then go to a large university.



TARA MYERS

This Week's Devotional Message:

GOD GIVE US THE STRENGTH TO DO HIS BIDDING



There was many a thing you attempted to do,
Then discovered it couldn't be done;
Like a worthless vocation you tried to pursue,
Or some foolish adventure for fun.
With your mission abandoned, in only one way
could you learn it was not in accord

With your temple of worship, where lessons convey
That your life's in the hands of the Lord.
Let's obey His commands and remember at length
It will help us in getting along.
If we heed His advice He will give us the strength
That we need, and we'll never go wrong.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
Dr. Jim Hefflin, interim 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 Rennemgarbe, 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. Tom Long, 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**
Philip Sims, 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

Morris R. Johnson, 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

Randy Hollingsworth, minister

Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.

Hwy 6, Rochester

SAGERTON

Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephanie Gilkey, 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

Tom Long, pastor

Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 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. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 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

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

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 25-29

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast quesadillas

Tuesday: Cheese omelet, toast

Wednesday: Cereal, goldfish

Thursday: Sausage, biscuit

Friday: French toast maple stick

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: Elem.: Chicken

nuggets, gravy; Junior High and High School: Buffalo tenders; mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot roll, peaches

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, green beans, bread stick, applecrisp

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, baby carrots, ranch dressing, pudding cup

Thursday: Frito pie, cheese, salsa, garden salad, pinto beans, pineapple tidbits

Friday: Choice: Steak on a bun or tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, french fries, apple

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 25- 29

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Pancakes

Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy

Wednesday: French toast

Thursday: Breakfast burritos

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls,

chocolate cake

Tuesday: Ham with mac and cheese, green beans, salad, rolls, pudding with cookies

Wednesday: Tacos, refried beans, corn, salad, Jello-O with fruit

Thursday: Stew, cornbread, salad, apple crisp

Friday: Hot dogs, chili, chips, ranch style beans, fruit

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Feb. 25

Lunch—Enchiladas, Spanish rice,

pinto beans, garden salad, chips,

salsa, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

cornbread, jello, cookie, milk,

tea, or coffee

Fri., Feb. 29

Lunch—Ham and beans, onions,

pickles, creamy coleslaw,

pickles, creamy coleslaw,

Lunch—Beef stew, tuna

sandwiches, pimento sandwiches,

onions, pickles, misc. dessert,

milk, tea, or coffee

Memorial sign program

To help inform the public of the dangers of drinking and driving, a new program is being implemented by the Texas Department of Transportation that will allow friends and family members of DWI victims to purchase memorial signs to be placed near the location of fatal crashes.

The program is the result of legislation aimed at reducing the more than 1,670 traffic fatalities in 2006 that involved drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The 80th Texas Legislature created the program at the request of Julie Blasingame. A drunk driver was involved in the death of Blasingame's daughter, Rachel. Blasingame will be the first participant in the program.

"I would love to see these memorial signs all over Texas as constant reminders for our drivers to not drink and drive," said Blasingame.

The legislation creating the program required TxDOT to

develop administrative rules governing the operation of the program. Those rules became effective on Dec. 6 and the department has published a new web page that contains all the information a person needs to participate in the program.(http://www.txdot.gov/services/traffic_operations/memorial_sign.htm).

The cost to obtain a memorial sign is \$300, which will help TxDOT defray the cost of the sign. The sign will identify the victim (or family name), date of the crash, the phrase "Please Don't Drink and Drive," and the phrase "In Memory of..."

The program requires that fatal crashes must have occurred on a state highway and bans memorializing impaired drivers killed in a traffic crash.

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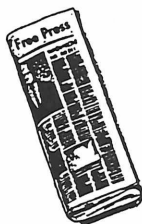
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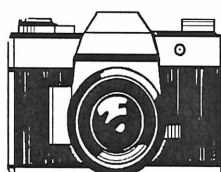
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March 11, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., at the Haskell City Hall, 301 South 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications are on file and available for inspection at the office of Cameron Alread, Architect Inc., 209 W. 8th St., Fort Worth, Texas 76102, 817-332-6231 and other locations.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing \$100.00 each with the Architect. Such deposits will be refunded on return of the plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 15 days after bid opening. Plans and specifications that have been taken apart are not considered in good condition.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Haskell City Hall.

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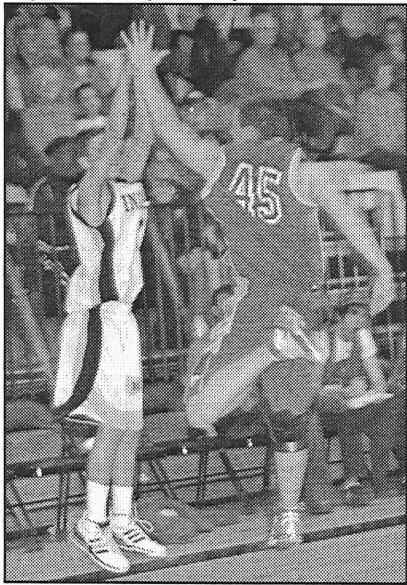
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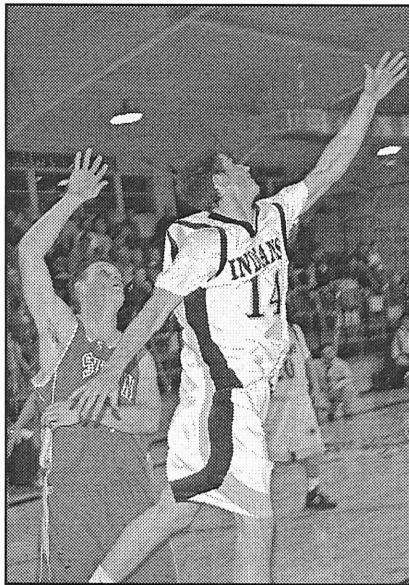
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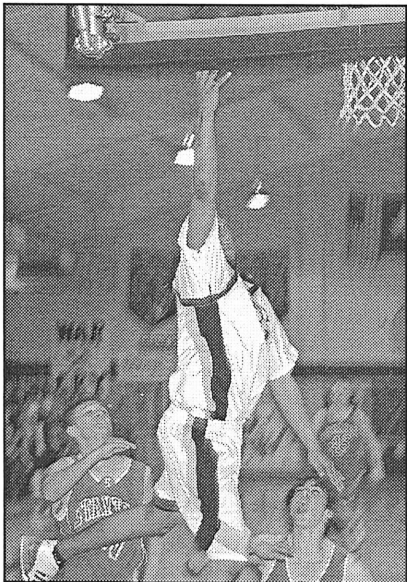
THREE POINTS—Haskell Indian #12 John English makes a shot for three points in the Indians' final regular season game. The Indians defeated Stanton 54-43. English posted six points during the game.

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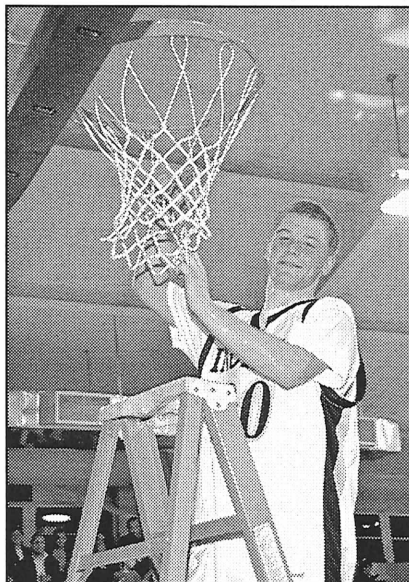
INDIAN POINTS—Haskell Indian #14 Weston Rutkowski reaches to score two more points against Stanton on Tuesday night, Feb. 12. Rutkowski added eight points to the Indians game winning score of 54-43.

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LEADING SCORER—Haskell Indian #42 D.J. McCulloch reaches to add two points to the Indians tally against Stanton. McCulloch, a senior who plays post, was the Indians' leading scorer posting 24 points.

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DISTRICT CHAMPS—Haskell Indian #20 Travis Adams does the honors by cutting down the net after the Stanton game. The Indians are District Champs and have drawn a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

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McCulloch, Adams named Players of the Week

Haskell Indians D.J. McCulloch and Travis Adams were named to the Big Country Player of the Week Tues., Feb. 12 by the Abilene Reporter-News.

McCulloch, known for being a gym rat, puts in extra work practicing long after everyone else is gone. McCulloch averages 23.6 points and 10.1 rebounds per game. In the Merkel and Hawley wins, he combined for 57 points and 35 rebounds. The senior carried a cumulative grade average of 93.09 and ranks in the top 10 in his class. He plans on becoming a pharmacist.

Adams combined for 39 points, 13 assists and six steals in the Hawley and Merkel games. He is the teams' guard and is a senior student.

Basketball scores

Girls
Wall 60, Haskell 28
Scoring for Haskell: Bassett 11, Peiser 6, Johnson 5, Rodgers 4, Newton 2.

Boys
Haskell 54, Stanton 43
Scoring for Haskell: McCulloch 24, Adams 14, Rutkowski 8, English 6, Agraz 2.

Gin Report

Final report - Feb. 18, 2008
Haskell
Haskell County Gin 10,004
Haskell Co-op Gin 17,262
O'Brien
O'Brien Co-op 25,156
Rule
Rule Co-op Gin 12,725
Weinert
Griff's Gin 5,835
Weinert Gin 9,215
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