

Baseball games

Haskell JV-V vs Quanah
Fri., March 10, 5 p.m.
at Quanah
Haskell V vs Rotan
Mon., March 13, 11 a.m.
at Rotan
Haskell JV-V vs Hamlin
Tues., March 14, 5 p.m.
at Hamlin

Softball games

Haskell V vs Stamford
Fri., March 10, 5 p.m.
at Stamford
Haskell JV vs Stamford
Fri., March 10, 6:30 p.m.
at Stamford
Haskell V vs Anson
Tues., March 14, 5 p.m.
at Anson
Haskell JV vs Anson
Tues., March 14, 6:30 p.m.
at Anson

Golf

Merkel Tournament
Merkel Golf Club 9 a.m.
Boys - Mon., March 13

Track

Breckenridge Track Meet
Sat., March 11

Calendar

Spaghetti-supper

The Rule High School seniors are planning a trip to Cancun, Mexico and will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper Mon., March 20 in the school cafeteria from 5:30 to 7 p.m. during Open House. The meal will be spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, tea and dessert. Tickets are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door for grades 6 through adult and \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door for children up to the 5th grade. For more information call 997-2521 days or 997-2631 nights or Mike Casey, Jeremy Hertel, Grant Hisey, Mandi Hunt, Stephen Kittle, Tiffany Ramirez, Yolanda Rodriguez or Michelle Stegemoeller.

Car show, swap meet set next weekend

The Haskell Fire Dept. will hold a swap meet on Sat., March 18 and a car show on Sun., March 19 at the Civic Center grounds. Events for kids will be held both days. A cruise will be held Sat. night. For information or to register call Randy at 864-2023 or Coy at 864-3694.

Rule ISD Open House

Rule School will hold an open house Mon., March 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. All parents are urged to attend.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., March 10 at noon. Plans will be made for the Haskell Car Show fund raiser.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., March 9 at 7 p.m. at the First National Bank Community Room. Karen Kaigler-Walker of Woodbury University, Burbank, Calif. will bring an international program on sharing concerns and sharing issues.

Garage sale

Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., April 8. Call the Chamber office for more details.

Weekend revival at Calvary Baptist

The Calvary Baptist Mission, 600 S. 7th, Haskell, will hold a weekend revival Fri. and Sat. at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. Speakers will be Jim Garcia and Rocky Gonzales, Jr.

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NEW DOG IN TOWN-Haskell's K-9 Police Officer Jack is now on hand to assist local law enforcement with his expertise in smelling out drugs. Completing the drug detection team, Police Officer Shawn Lewis will be the dog's handler.

K-9 officer Jack begins work here

By Mary Kaigler

The newest member of the Haskell Police Department is only one and a half years old, but he is trained and ready to begin an important part of the police work.

Jack is the new dog purchased by the City of Haskell and the Haskell Consolidated Independent School District to apprehend drugs.

The yellow Labrador was trained at the Leander Canine Academy. He was recently brought to Haskell by Police Officer Shawn Lewis, who will be his handler.

Although Jack was already trained, before leaving the training site, he and Officer Lewis spent two weeks getting to know each other and how to work together.

Actually, for the dog, the work is play. They are trained to retrieve a toy that has been saturated with the scent of drugs. Motivated to find the toy, the dog begins to associate the smell of drugs with his toy. Basically, detecting the drugs becomes a game for the dog.

Lewis said he had to learn how to alert the dog to the drugs and how to do vehicle and building searches.

Explaining briefly, Lewis said in exterior searches of vehicles, he uses hand signals to alert the dog to do a detailed search for the drugs. In an interior search of a vehicle he just puts the dog inside the car and tells him to find the drugs. In a very detailed search of a building he presents to the dog the areas he is to search. Motivated to find his "toy", the eager dog begins an intense, methodical game to find the smell of drugs.

Police Officer Lewis is a relative newcomer to Haskell, having moved here last September from Shackelford County where he worked with the Sheriff's Department. He and his wife, Donna, have a sixteen-year-old daughter, Jennifer and a fourteen-year-old son, Kyle.

The police team of Lewis and Jack will be an added asset to the community of Haskell.

City Council decides on location of new pavilion

The Haskell City Council met Mon., Feb. 28 for a final decision on the site of the new Pavilion.

After lengthy discussion of two possible locations, it was decided to erect the Pavilion on the north location across from the Civic Center.

City Attorney, Shane Hadaway, reported continuing investigation into derelict properties; structures with asbestos siding and sunken gas tanks. Hadaway said the Appraisal

Area players named to All District teams

Jody Harvey and Brian Lehrmann, both seniors at Rule High School, were named Co-Most Valuable Players of District 23A.

Named to the First All District Team were, Clayton Conner, sophomore, and Hunter Menzler, junior of Benjamin; Cody Ray Byrd, Eric Aguilera, Ricky Ruiz, seniors, and Jason Taylor, junior of Rochester; Joe Sotelo, Grant Hisey, Jeremy Hertel, seniors, and Josh Smith, junior of Rule.

Haskell High School senior, Casey Riley, was named to the 9-2A boys basketball All-District first team.

District has been very helpful in providing information on various properties.

Floor plans were discussed for the adding of rest rooms, four showers and a dressing area for the R. V. Park. Key Punch Pads will give access to the facilities used by those with R.V.s, and two bathrooms will be open to the public.

After checking the condition of facilities at the airport, it was determined that the runway meets with specifications. Some runway lights will be replaced.

The City of Haskell and the Haskell Consolidated Independent School District have purchased a trained drug dog. The yellow Labrador will be taken to schools to familiarize children with the drug program. City policeman, Shawn Lewis, is the dog handler.

The request for annexing of a private property to the city was discussed. The city has 18 months to respond to the request and to provide public utilities should the property be annexed.

The ordinance requiring permits for holding garage sales in the city will go into effect on April 1, with the first permit per individual being

free of charge. The ordinance was passed to protect residential areas from the permanent encroachment of commercial uses; to protect the aesthetic qualities of neighborhoods; and to ensure the harmonious and orderly operation of garage sales in residential areas.

In a special meeting of the

Council, called on Mon., Mar. 6 to accept bids for construction of the Pavilion and rest rooms at the R. V. Park, the winning bid for the R.V. Park construction was from McGee's Lumber Co. Eddie Klose and Kyle White won the bid for the construction of the Pavilion.

A proclamation signed Mar. 6 Margie and Lamar Casey were named Man and Woman of the year during the 46th Annual Rule Chamber of Commerce Banquet held Mar. 6.

Living in the community for over 50 years, the couple married in 1948 and began operating a cafe together in 1949. Through the years they have participated in

Community voting at the Haskell County Clerk's office will continue through Fri., Mar. 10. Voting places for the county are as follows:
Box 1. Pct. 1. Catholic Church Haskell
Box 2. Pct. 2. Assembly of God Church, Haskell
Box 3. Pct. 3. County Agent's Office, Haskell.
Box 4. Pct. 4. Sr. Citizen's Center, Haskell.

Box 5. Pct. 4. Rule School Gym.
Box 6. Pct. 1. Rochester Fire Dept.
Box 7. Pct. 1. O'Brien City Hall.
Box 8 Pct. 2. Weinert School or Community Room.
Box 9. Pct. 3. Paint Creek School Library.
Box 10. Pct. 4. Sagerton Community Bldg.

Rule names man and woman of the year

Community events and have supported the Rule School athletic events.

Margie Casey is a talented artist whose paintings are on display in the cafe which is now being run by one of their sons.

Members of the Rule Church of Christ, they have two sons, Gary of Ruidosa, and Rudy of Rule, and one daughter, Sonja, also of Rule. They have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Entertainment at the banquet featured the Prayer-E-Strings of Haskell.
Rule Chamber of Commerce officers for the year are: Steve Long, president; Kenny Tanner, first vice-president; Sonja Parr, second vice-president and Orheana Greeson, secretary/treasurer.

Drought predicted to continue through spring

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Some old-timers are already saying the current drought is worse than the drought of 1955. But according to historical records, it's not quite that bad. At least not yet.
Texas climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon says the current drought will only be comparable if it does not rain for another two months. He says there is a 60 percent chance the drought will

continue, based on the strength of La Nina.

Extension forage specialist Larry Redmon says producers should prepare for a very long drought. He says they should reduce stocking rates and inputs and consider drilling wells.

By definition, droughts last a decade or more. Current data suggests this is the early middle of a real drought.



JOSHUA W. NEW

In the Service

Air Force Airman Joshua W. New has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

New is the son of Teresa K. and Mike W. New of Haskell.

The airman is a 1998 graduate of Haskell High School.

Be careful with hair braiding

Hair braiding may look cool, but it is not very healthy for your hair or scalp.

"Braiding creates a great deal of tension, which can interfere with the blood supply and cause the hair to fracture," said Dr. John Wolf, a dermatologist with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "This can lead to the destruction of the hair follicle, which ultimately leads to permanent hair loss."

Braiding can also cause hygiene problems. Wolf says it's virtually impossible to shampoo your hair when braids are in place. Failure to properly clean the hair can lead to dandruff, dermatitis and other skin problems.

Obituaries

Juanita 'Neat' Bevel



JUANITA 'NEAT' BEVEL

Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.
Mrs. Bevel died Mon., Feb. 28 at a local hospital.
Born Aug. 19, 1912 in Henderson County, she married Norman Lonzo Bevel Oct. 21, 1933 in Rochester. He preceded her in death in February 1982. Known to her grandchildren as Granny 'B,' she was a homemaker and a member of East Side Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by six siblings, H. B. Turner, Jr., S. F. Turner, Eula Turner, Irene Turner, Bernice Chambers and James Turner and one granddaughter, Lela Joy Bevel Reed.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Lela

Bevel of Haskell and Jack and Royleene Bevel of Kenedy; three daughters, Darlene Cummings of Santo, Patricia B. Kiddney of El Paso and Joy and Jackie Harvey of Odessa; two sisters, Vesta Wisenbaker of Weslaco and Sylvia Mudd of Reno, Washington; 15 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews and many other family members.

Pallbearers were Berl Bevel, Brad Bevel, Kent Hackney, Brad Peterson, Joel Bevel, Richard Kiddney, Alan Reed and Reagan Petty.

Memorials may be made to the Experience Citizens Center, 1404 S. 1st, Haskell, TX 79521 or East Side Baptist Church Building Fund, 600 N. 1st East, Haskell, TX 79521.

PD. NOTICE

James E. 'Jimmy' Crawford

Memorial services for James E. 'Jimmy' Crawford, 79, lifelong resident of Haskell were held Fri., March 3 at First Christian Church in Haskell with Dusty Garrison and Steve Pepper officiating. A private family burial was held in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Crawford died Wed., March 1 at an Abilene hospital.

Born March 25, 1920 in Haskell, he was the son of James Monroe Crawford and Mattie Irene Roberts Crawford. He graduated from Haskell High School in 1938 and married Eula Faye Glass Aug. 27, 1941 in Haskell. He served in the U. S. Army Infantry during

World War II and had been the owner and operator of Haskell Monument Company since 1948, working in the monument business for 62 years. He was a Baptist and had attended the First Christian Church for 58 years.

Survivors include his wife, Eula, of the home; one daughter, Merilan Sue & W. L. 'Blue' Holt of Mason; one son, James Robert Crawford and Kim Crawford of Haskell; five grandchildren, Rebecca Faye Russell, Stephen Kent Holt, David Clark Holt, James Duward Crawford and Amanda Kay Crawford; six great grandchildren; and one nephew, Malcolm Crawford.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell, TX 79521.

PD. NOTICE

Scholarship available for students planning on newspaper career

The Haskell Free Press and publisher John McDougal are pleased to announce applications are currently being accepted for two \$2,000 scholarships awarded through the West Texas Press Association and Texas Press Association.

The contest is open to applicants in the area served by WTPA member newspapers and whose career goals include working with a community newspaper. Haskell County students are eligible to apply for the scholarships through the Haskell Free Press membership in WTPA.

The scholarships are named in honor of the late West Texas publisher Bob Craig of Hamlin and will be awarded to a graduating high school senior and a college

junior or senior pursuing journalism careers. Craig, who died in 1981, was the longtime publisher of the Hamlin Herald and member of West Texas Press board of directors. He served 18 years on the board in all capacities, including president in 1967 and secretary/treasurer from 1969.

Each scholarship will be divided into two payments of \$1,000 for two semesters. The winners must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university journalism courses each semester that the scholarship is awarded.

Each applicant must fill out an application form and write an essay based on the theme "My Future and Career Plans in Community Journalism."

One scholarship will be presented to a graduating high school senior and the other to a student already attending a college or university as a print journalism or advertising major.

Application forms have been sent to member newspapers and high schools in the areas served by West Texas Press Association members and to college journalism departments. Prospective applicants may secure a form from the high school journalism department or counselor or their local newspaper office. Applicants must be from the area served by the WTPA membership.

Applications and essays should be sent to Mark A. Jordan, WTPA Scholarship Chairman, P. O. Box 149, Decatur, Texas 76234 and be postmarked no later than June 15, 2000.

Brian Brisendine of Brownfield, a journalism major at Texas A&M University at Canyon, was recipient of the \$2,000 scholarship and Mindi Ratliff, a graduating senior at Breckenridge High School, was chosen to receive the other \$2,000 scholarship at the WTPA convention held last July in Abilene.

Winners will be chosen by the West Texas Press Association board of directors and will be announced at the Association's 70th Annual Summer Convention, July 20-22, 2000, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

West Texas Press Association is the world's largest press organization by virtue of the vast geographic area it encompasses throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

Student in the News

Mary Jane Short of Rochester has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the 1999 fall semester of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students who have earned at least a 3.50 grade point average for the semester.

Short is attending Texas Tech University with an agriculture communications major.

She is the daughter of Linda and Larry Short of Rochester and the granddaughter of Bernice Hilliard of Haskell and Jane and Warren Short of Rochester.

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Lessons Learned from This Campaign

My name is Andrew Ottaway, candidate for District Attorney in Kent, Stonewall, Haskell and Throckmorton counties. I wish you could have gone with me as I went from house to house campaigning. Here are some of the good things that I have learned from listening to the people.

I have been very encouraged by how deeply religious many people are in this area. They live here on purpose because they love this land, with or without the rain. They love their kids and grandkids, but they also love your kids too - every Jaybird, Pirate, Hornet, Steer, Bobcat, Indian, Cowboy, and both kinds of Greyhounds. The quality of the schools are rightfully the pride and joy of each community.

I have especially enjoyed meeting the older people and learning from them. From Girard to Elbert, there are delightfully interesting people at work. There is a lot of wisdom to be found in this District if you will only ask. There are many compassionate people working behind the scenes to prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation of others. These unsung servants, both in the private sector and in government service, need help and encouragement. People are surprisingly well informed about this election, and they know what is at stake. I know that this election is very important to a lot of people, because they realize that the way of life that most of us enjoy requires constant vigilance.

If I am elected I will do my duty to uphold my oath of office, every day, full time, because it would be an honor to represent the kind of people that I have met. I am looking forward to getting the election settled so I can wind up the cases I have in my law office and prepare for the challenges I have learned exist across these four counties. The young people of these communities are watching every move we make. We must continue to live up to the standards of the people who built this country, and to help those who are rebuilding some of it. I will not disappoint you.

ELECT ANDREW OTTAWAY FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY
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Cottonseed program payments to help farmers with losses

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced that USDA will propose to pay cotton farmers and ginners about \$74 million to help offset losses from low 1999-crop cottonseed prices.

"Because of those low prices, many gins were unable to meet operating expenses normally covered by cottonseed revenues and some cotton farmers had to pay higher ginning costs," Glickman said. "This discretionary program will help farmers make up this lost income."

The proposed payments would be made to cotton gins based on seed tonnage produced from the 1999 crops of upland and Extra Long Staple cotton. USDA plans to propose that gins share cottonseed program payments with

cotton farmers commensurate with any increased 1999-crop ginning charges as a condition of accepting program payments.

Glickman said if USDA's current estimate of 6.5 million tons of cottonseed is correct, the payment rate would be expected to be about \$11.40 per ton of cottonseed.

"This rate estimate is very preliminary," said Glickman. "The actual rate would be based on the

total number of applications, the total payment tonnage of seed and a final determination of available program funds."

Regulations for this program must be published in the Federal Register before payments are made. The program would be implemented by USDA's Farm Service Agency and is authorized by section 104 of the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000.

FCE members attend district convention

The Texas Association for Family and Community Education District 3 Spring meeting was held March 3 in the Doss Center, Weatherford College in Weatherford. District 3 consists of 25 counties and 615 members. 123 attended the meeting. Attending from Haskell County were agent Lou Gilly, three delegates Jane Smith, Betty Sanders and Lena Tidwell and two members Joetta Burnett and Dolores Medford. The theme was "Catch a Dream, Enriching Lives in the 21st Century."

Speaker Keitha Story Stephenson, Parker County, spoke on "Restart Your Life—A Primer on Motivation and Encouragement." Coin for Friendship pledge of \$5,000 was made to the 4-H Center in Brownwood for sound system in the auditorium and dining hall.

The next district meeting will be March 9, 2001 in Wichita Falls.



HONORED EMPLOYEES—Haskell County maintenance section employees recognized for safety at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) annual safety awards banquet were, l-r, kneeling, Mike Poteet and Vernon Session; standing, beginning second from left, Bennie Harvey; Virgil Thompson; James McFadden, assistant section supervisor; Joe Swinney; Chris Medford; Ben Barrera; Clarence Walker and Kyle Martin. Erlinda Mayfield, extreme left, maintenance section office manager for TxDOT, joined the honorees at the banquet.

Haskell Co. TxDOT employees receive safety awards

The Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene district held their annual Safety Awards Banquet recently at the Wagon Wheel Ranch in Snyder. This banquet is held to recognize the district employees' outstanding efforts in the operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for

having no work related injuries.

The Haskell County maintenance employees were recognized for combined totals of 189 years as safe operators and 148 years of no injury.

Members of the Haskell County maintenance section receiving

awards were: Joe Swinney, Kyle Martin, Chris Medford, Earl Proctor, maintenance section supervisor, Clarence Walker, Vernon Session, Danny Kierpka, Mike Poteet, Bennie Harvey, Virgil Thompson, Rick Martin, James McFadden, assistant section supervisor and Ben Barrera.

Now is the time to evaluate pasture management practices

by Brandon Anderson

Haskell Co. Extension Agent With Texas ranchers enduring a third drought season in four years, Extension Range Specialist Larry White says it's a critical time for evaluating pasture management practices. He says the current dry cycle may last for up to 10 years, so protecting forage resources through reduced stocking rates is essential. However, the amount of reduction necessary depends on the producer's current situation.

A healthy pasture may have some bare ground. But the majority should have stubble three to six inches high. White says there should be even more if producers are continuing to graze livestock, because pasture growth is not expected until April or May.

Producers who have already

made stocking rate adjustments may be able to maintain the reduced herd size, if they receive rainfall soon. However, White says even reduced stocking rates may be too high for producers that are already in trouble. He says those producers should eliminate their entire herd.

The danger of overgrazing is losing important resources like

rainfall and soil. A higher percentage of rainfall runs off overgrazed pastures and with excess run-off comes excess soil erosion. White says pasture management decisions should always take drought into account. He recommends a regular forage monitoring system, where forage supply is evaluated three times a year.

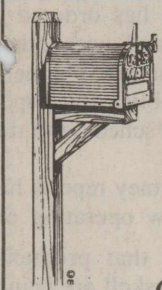
Comfortable shoes needed

Whether the latest shoe trend is stiletto heels or platform shoes—women's feet always seem to be at the mercy of the fashion gods. But women pay a high price for vanity, says Dr. John Early, assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Of the people who have foot problems—90 percent are women.

"Men don't usually suffer from this kind of foot discomfort because they refuse to wear uncomfortable shoes," says Early. "Women, however, are willing to sacrifice their comfort for fashion."

Wearing high-heeled shoes for extended periods of time can result in painful—and sometimes debilitating—foot and ankle problems. Cramming toes into narrow pointed-toe shoes can cause deformity. The constant friction of ill-fitting shoes causes corns and calluses.

Early suggests selecting a shoe that has ample toe room and a heel inclination of less than two inches. In addition, try on shoes in the afternoon when your feet are slightly swollen.



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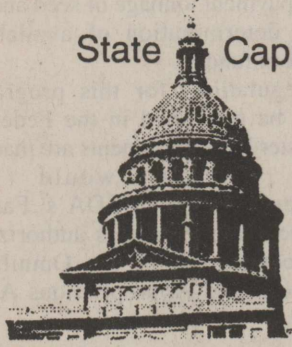
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Guaranteed minimum jackpots for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas drawings probably will have to be lowered by \$1 million because of weak ticket sales, lottery officials said Feb. 29.

The state has been losing money on the game and the only way to deal with the trend is to change the game or join in one of the multistate, high-stakes games such as Powerball, lottery officials told *The Dallas Morning News*.

"I'm sad to say we've reached the limit . . . with trying to hold out on our minimum jackpot at \$4 million," Executive Director Linda Cloud told lottery commissioners.

"It is going to be necessary to make an announcement to our players in the next couple of weeks that we are going to have to reduce the minimum jackpot."

Lotto Texas sales are down 28.5 percent for the first 26 weeks of the fiscal year, compared with the same period in fiscal 1999, officials said.

Cloud blamed lack of player interest in Pick Six on small jackpots.

"The only solution to this situation is to introduce larger jackpots for Texas players," she said.

Group Wants Exit Test
A small group of University of Texas professors want to require standardized tests for students seeking bachelor's degrees at public institutions.

An exit test would provide a way to judge the quality of instruction just as the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills measures public schools, they said.

Advocates pitched the idea to staff at Lt. Gov. Rick Perry's office, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week.

Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for Perry said the lieutenant governor is intrigued by the idea.

In the summer, a commission appointed by Perry to study ways to reform higher education will discuss ways to measure the quality of higher education.

More Funds Needed in Probe
Texas A&M University last week asked the state to increase to \$2 million the Aggie bonfire investigators' budget and extend their deadline by more than a month.

Hundreds of witnesses, bonfire workers and A&M officials are being interviewed in the Nov.

18 collapse that claimed the lives of 12 students and injured 27 others.

Officials estimate the investigation will be complete by early May.

Four consulting firms are being paid to analyze and test the bonfire structure, interview officials and participants and evaluate safety procedures and supervision.

UT Will Raise Tuition

Students enrolling at the University of Texas next fall will pay \$420 more a year in tuition and fees.

The tuition hike is meant to hire more faculty, raise salaries and help needy students, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week.

Part of the increase, a \$10 per-hour charge, is being billed as a library and information-technology fee and will be used to support those services while freeing up money elsewhere in the budget.

Texas undergraduates taking 15 hours of classes a semester pay \$3,167 in in-state tuition and mandatory fees for a full school year.

They would pay \$3,587 next school year. The totals do not include class-specific fees, so many students pay more to attend UT.

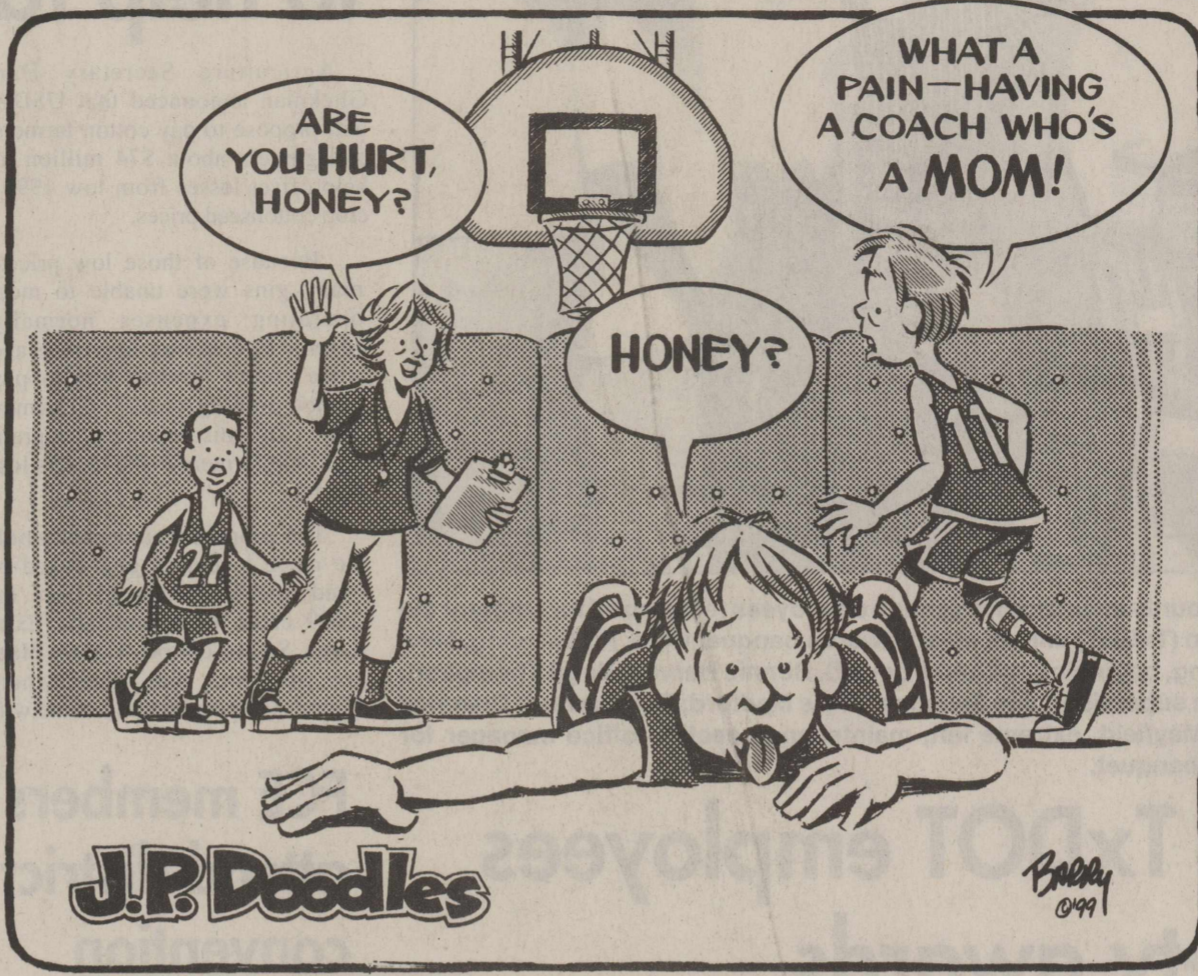
Other Highlights

■ Texas death row inmate Betty Lou Beets was executed Feb. 24. Beets, 62, was the second woman to have been executed in Texas since the Civil War.

■ A nationwide moratorium is in effect, blocking taxes on Internet sales until October 2001. Gov. George W. Bush has said he favors extending the moratorium on new taxes while Internet commerce develops. The issue was debated at the national governors' conference.

■ Calvin Jerold Burdine, 46, who spent 16 years on death row in the stabbing of his former roommate, was ordered freed by a federal judge last week because prosecutors missed a deadline to retry Burdine on a technicality.

■ The city of Austin is facing an \$8.6 million bill for delaying the opening of Austin-Bergstrom International Airport last May, although its main contractor had agreed to meet an earlier deadline.



J.P. Doodles

Bobby 0991



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

It is an undeniable fact that the future of our children is shaped both by the values of their parents and the policies of our nation.

Are our children's present and future safe? And how important is the safety of our children to the rest of the world?

G. Campbell Morgan wrote in the Westminster Pulpit, "If the child is safe everyone is safe."

Marian Wright Edelman, in her book, *The Measure of our Success*, said that family and community values and supports are disintegrating among all races and income groups, reflecting the spiritual as well as economic poverty of our nation. She states that our children today are growing up in an ethically polluted nation where instant sex without responsibility, instant gratification without effort, instant solutions without sacrifice, getting rather than giving, and hoarding rather than sharing are the too-frequent signals of our mass media business and political life, all of which affect the lives of our children.

Expanding the thought, she writes, "All our children are threatened by pesticides and toxic wastes and chemicals polluting the air, water and earth. No parent can shut out completely the pollution of our airwaves and popular culture, which glorify excessive violence, profligate consumption, easy sex and greed, and depict deadly alcohol and tobacco products as fun, glamorous and macho."

"All our children are affected by the absence of enough heroines and heroes in public and daily life, as the standard for success for too many Americans has become personal greed rather than common good, and as it has become enough to just to get by rather than do

one's best.

"All our children are affected by escalating violence fueled by unbridled trafficking in guns and in the drugs that are pervasive in suburb, rural and inner city alike."

Concerned for the children, Edelman says that the overarching task of leadership today in every segment of American society is to give our youths, and all Americans, a sense that we can be engaged in enterprises that lend meaning to life, that we can regain control over our families and our national destiny, and that we can make a positive difference individually and collectively in building a decent, safe nation and world.

The place to begin is in ourselves. We need to care.

The most important work to help our children is done quietly, in our homes and neighborhoods, our churches and communities.

Those who volunteer in an after school mentoring or tutoring program; spend time rocking and caring for an individual child; adopt a pen pal, a lonely child who never gets a letter from anyone; give a youth a summer job; pledge to take some responsibility for at least one child who may not be their own; and teach their own child tolerance and empathy by their example, are making a positive difference for now and in the future.

The following prayer by Ina J. Hughes speaks for all of our children.

We pray for children who sneak popsicles before supper; who erase holes in math workbooks; who never find their shoes.

And we pray for those who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire; who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers;

who never "counted potatoes;" who never go to the circus; who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions; who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money.

And we pray for those who never get dessert; who have no safe blanket to drag behind them; who watch their parents watch them die; who can't find any bread to steal; who don't have any rooms to clean up; whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser; whose monsters are real.

We pray for children who spend all their allowance before Tuesday; who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food; who like ghost stories; who shove dirty clothes under the bed, and never rinse out the tub; who get visits from the tooth fairy; who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool; who squirm in church or temple and scream in the phone; whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those whose nightmares come in the daytime; who will eat anything; who have never seen a dentist; who aren't spoiled by anybody; who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep; who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children who want to be carried and for those who must; for those we never give up on and for those who don't get a second chance.

For those who smother...and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it.

Edelman's plea to all of us who care is, "Please offer your hands to them so no child is left behind because we did not act."

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
March 8, 1990

Rodney Medford of Paint Creek FFA exhibited the champion Duroc barrow at the 41st annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

Thad William Jennings has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Jennings of Haskell.

James Rike and Harper Stewart were named to the all-district basketball team selected by coaches of 7-2A schools. Rike was voted the district's most valuable player.

Missy Davis and Shelia Usher were chosen by district coaches for the girls' all-district team.

20 Years Ago
March 6, 1980

A new ambulance was delivered to the Haskell County EMS. Cost of the vehicle was approximately \$20,000.

The first meeting of the Haskell Softball Association was held to elect officers for the 1980 season and to make plans for the remodeling of the field. Sixteen team representatives met and elected Donnie Rieger as president and Ronnie Reynolds as vice president.

Joseph E. Brass of Rule, junior aerospace engineering major, has earned "Distinguished Student" ranking at Texas A&M University.

30 Years Ago
March 5, 1970

"Out of this World" was the theme of the Weirner FHA "Ma, Pa and Me" banquet held in the Weirner gym. Paula Wilfong, FHA president, welcomed the parents.

A three-day "grand opening celebration" of the newly enlarged and remodeled M-System Super Market begins today. Some 3,000 square feet have been added to the building and the store has been completely remodeled throughout.

Gene Overton was selected as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer by the California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District.

California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District named Penny Darnell as outstanding essayist. Darnell's essay was entitled "My Stake in the Natural Resources of Texas." She is a junior at Haskell High School.

40 Years Ago
March 10, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Cobb and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Middleton have returned from a visit to the Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville, Port Isabel and Padre Island.

The Weirner Study Club met at the Community Center for a Texas Day program directed by Mrs. Glenn Caddell. Topics discussed were Big Bend National Park, old forts in Texas and Texas shrines and monuments.

50 Years Ago
March 9, 1950

Haskell High School athletes won first place in the 5-team invitation track meet held in Haskell last week.

Nabella Hassen of Haskell is a new member of Forensica, girls' speech organization at the University of Texas.

The Haskell High School Band will present a band concert in the Rule High School Auditorium. The band concert is being sponsored by the Rule Senior Class. The "Singing Wits" of Haskell High School composed of Rose Ann Johnson, Sue Busby and Doris Nell Camp will perform also.

W. D. Rogers and Bob Segó, present members of the board of trustees of Haskell ISD, have filed for re-election to the board.

90 Years Ago
March 5, 1910

The Free Press has ordered a folding machine and with other improvements that are planned, will be able to publish the paper on a more uniform schedule in the future.

George C. Courtney reports his broom factory now operating on full schedule and that products manufactured in Haskell are being sold over a wide territory in Texas.

The school at Gilliam has been discontinued temporarily due to the illness of the teacher, Miss Emma Nicholson.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
The leaders of Cub Scout Pack 136 would like to thank the scouts, their parents and relatives for their

hard work in preparation for the Blue & Gold Banquet. The leaders would also like to express their appreciation for the continued

support of the Kiwanis Club and the American Legion.

A special thanks to Bill Perry for his presentation and slide show on the past adventures of scouting in Haskell. It is the support of all the people in our community that keeps our scouting program alive.
Scoutmaster and Den Leaders
Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Shop 'Til You Drop... Your Mouse

Two Texas cities are at the top of the list in an online shopping study. Austin is number one and Dallas ranks sixth.

Percentage of Adults Who Have Shopped Online	
Austin	32.0%
Washington DC	31.6%
Charleston WV	30.9%
San Francisco	29.8%
Jacksonville FL	28.5%
Dallas/Ft. Worth	27.9%

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander wants to give Texans the opportunity to use the Internet for government services as well. The goal of e-Texas, the cornerstone of Comptroller Rylander's administration, is to transform Texas government from its traditional bricks and mortar foundation to a national technological leader that uses the Internet to deliver services.

Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and 1999 USADATA.com/Scarborough Research.

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SALUTING THE FUTURE—Haskell Elementary 5th grade students traveled to the Grace Cultural Museum during the Mars Millenium Project, to view the flags and clothing patches they designed for taking on a space expedition to the planet in the year 2030. Student Josh Burke salutes the future history, while classmates, back row, l-r, Kristen Martinez, Scott Wilson, Kellye Tidrow and Beto Rivera enjoy the displays of space events and activities.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

The March winds have begun in earnest, ladies are experiencing the "skirt alert" and farmers are still waiting for the rains to come.

Census packets are being distributed in Haskell County and Sagertonites are getting geared up for the big "to do," namely the Sagerton Hee Haw. The month of March will be busy for most folks and a time when everyone works together for a common cause.

Congratulations are in order for local FFA students who took pigs to the Houston Livestock Show. Of the 3,700 pigs entered in the competition which began at Brenham, two from Sagerton placed

in the show and made the sale. Kortney Kupatt, daughter of Leslie and Kraig and granddaughter of Billie, placed 3rd with her Cross at Houston and had placed 8th the previous week at Ft. Worth with a Cross. Brian Lehrman, son of Steven and Karen and grandson of Clancy and Helen placed 5th at Houston with his OPB. Laci Williams, granddaughter of J. D. and Meta Kupatt, placed 4th with her OPB.

Tarah Toney was elected an eighth grade cheerleader at Tison Junior High School in Weatherford for the 2000-2001 school year. She is the daughter of Bruce and

Michelle Toney and the granddaughter of J. B. and Dorothy Toney.

Calvin and Cherri Lynn Stegemoeller and their children Ross and his friend Shane and Christi and her friend Brooke of Hewitt spent the weekend with his parents, Leon and Mae Stegemoeller. Clifford, Teresa, Brannon and Bailey Stegemoeller of Hamlin visited with their family also on Saturday.

The local branch of Aid Association of Lutherans met for a business meeting and chili and stew supper in the fellowship hall of Faith Lutheran Church Sunday night. Clayton Stegemoeller, president of the local branch, conducted the meeting. Plans were made to sponsor a brisquet dinner at the church on Sunday, April 2 and an Easter pancake breakfast before Sunday School. Further details will be forthcoming.

Milton Schmidt of Austin spent the weekend visiting with Joe and Dorothy Clark and attended church at Faith Lutheran Sunday morning. Other guests in the home of the Clarks Sunday afternoon included Max and Doris Jean McMeans, Emmalee Bivins and Rick Plemister of Haskell.

The Handbell Choir of Faith Lutheran Church will be ringing for their first time at the morning service next Sunday morning. Ashley Nehring will be singing with the group. The choir consists of ten members of the local congregation and is progressing nicely.

Melvin and Anella Baitz spent the weekend in Leander visiting with the Leslie and Kay Baitz family.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 852 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., March 4, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cattle 1-3 higher; stocker and feeder cattle steady on short run of calves and yearlings.

Holsteins, longhorns, jersey, out cattle, cripples and goons \$5-

30/100# less than figures quoted.
Cows: fat, .36-.43; cutters, .34-.44; canners, .20-.32.
Bulls: bologna, .47-.54; feeder, .68-.78; utility .38-.45.
Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.15-1.38; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.25; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.15; 500-600 lbs., .84-.96; 600-700 lbs., .80-.89; 700-800 lbs., .77-.85; 800-up lbs., .70-.84.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.14; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .87-.103; 500-600 lbs., .80-.90; 600-up lbs., .68-.83.
Bred Heifers: medium frame, 475-640.
Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 550-730; aged or small, 475-625.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 650-780; aged or small, 600-700.

Births

Randy and Mindy Bradford of San Angelo would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Nicole, born Feb. 1 at 12:08 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 5 oz. and measuring 19 inches.

Grandparents are Ben and Sue McGee of Haskell and Ralph and Kathy Bradford of Christoval. Great grandmother is Elsie McGee of Haskell.

Re-Elect Kenny Thompson

**Haskell County
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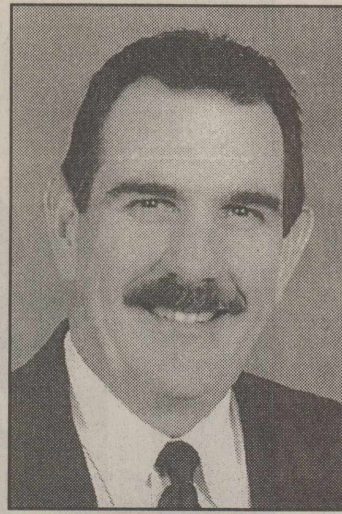
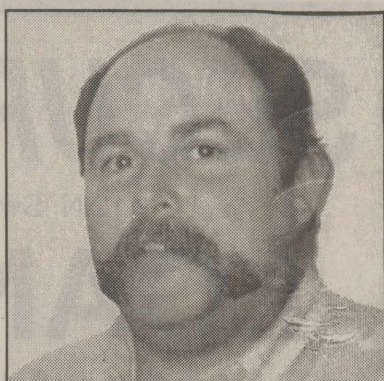
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THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR A TOUGH VOICE!

Dear Voters of the 39th Judicial District,

In performing my duties as an elected prosecutor for more than seven years, I have had the privilege of working with local law enforcement and the local court system and can honestly say that our system of justice can and will work to protect the people. With this most basic knowledge, it is a great privilege to be a candidate for the office of District Attorney for the 39th Judicial District.

When I took office in January of 1993, there were over 2,400 criminal cases pending in the county court, some of which dated back over 30 years. I reviewed each of these cases, determined the ones that were still prosecutable, aggressively prosecuted them, and then cleaned the old ones out. In addition, I have filed over 1,500 new criminal cases, prosecuting each one efficiently and effectively, resulting in the imposition of fines and court costs in excess of \$230,000 and the recovery of victim restitution of over \$175,000. This record is proof that I am not afraid to take criminals on, no matter who they are, and no matter what social status they hold. I am proud to say that I will leave the County Attorney's Office at the end of my second term with a current docket and in the best shape it has ever been.

In the District Court of Haskell County, I have effectively prosecuted over 50 felony juvenile offenses, including one murder. Working cooperatively with the Juvenile Probation Department and the District Court, we have been successful in sending a strong message to any would-be juvenile criminals in this area that crime will not be tolerated. My willingness to be firm when needed, and to keep juveniles in detention or send them to the Texas Youth Commission or private placement facilities, when conditions demand, has made our schools and our streets safer. Our quick and tough response to Juvenile problems has even helped to turn some of these kids into productive members of our society and saved them from a lifetime of crime.

As the only candidate for District Attorney with experience in managing an elected office, I know the importance of performing my duties as an elected official with true professionalism, integrity and efficiency. I invite each of you to speak with any local businessman or law enforcement officer pertaining to my cooperation and performance as a local elected prosecutor. Success in this business comes from an understanding that a prosecutor's duties must be taken seriously. I know the importance of listening to the victims of crimes and to the law enforcement officers who build the cases I must prosecute. By cultivating a close working relationship with area law enforcement and by not being afraid to file cases or to go to trial if need be to stop crime, my tough voice against crime has already paid off. Eight years ago, DWI offenses in Haskell County were a common occurrence. Today, they are rare, and it is common knowledge that if someone is caught driving while intoxicated in Haskell County, they will be prosecuted and will learn first-hand that the sign which reads "DWI, you can't afford it" is a fact, at least in Haskell County.

Another area where my tough voice has paid off is in family violence. I realized quickly that family violence was a recurring problem that was not being addressed in the area. By encouraging law enforcement to bring me the family violence cases and through cooperation with the NOAH Project which helps victims of family violence, it is now commonly known that such violence will not be tolerated, and if a person is charged with committing family violence in Haskell County, they will suffer the tough consequences.

These are just two examples of my "tough on crime" philosophy which has guided me in my success as a prosecutor and which I will carry with me to the District Attorney's Office.

Now, I cannot promise easy answers to all the issues we face in our fight against crime, but I can promise to work hard to expand my "tough on crime" philosophy into all the counties of the district. I will make myself available 100% of the time to the citizens, as well as to other professionals, who must deal with the office of the District Attorney.

The issues we currently face are going to be solved by all those involved with criminal justice working together to ensure our citizens remain free from crime. If elected District Attorney, my job will be to use my knowledge and professional experience along with all of the resources available to the DA's office in a cooperative effort with other law enforcement agencies to focus on effective and aggressive prosecution of crime.

Some of the crucial issues we will face are:

The War Against Drugs: I believe if someone is caught dealing drugs in the 39th Judicial District, they need to go to jail . . . 0 Tolerance!! Someone who threatens our children's lives and future with the threat of drugs or violence shouldn't get a second chance, they should find out what it feels like to sit in jail . . . 0 Tolerance!! Too many criminals burglarize homes and businesses so they can buy drugs and it is the people who normally seem calm and reserved who get drunk or high and then commit family violence, or who get a weapon in their hands and seriously injure or kill some innocent victim. Such actions cannot be tolerated and must be dealt with swiftly and strongly.

Protecting our Children: I feel strongly that our children are our future and I promise to work tirelessly to protect this our most valuable resource. I will work closely with school administrators and teachers to enhance "Drug Free" school programs and to make sure any attempt at gang activity is stopped before it starts. Our efforts should be directed toward keeping our schools safe and free of drugs and crime so our children will never know the violence many children must deal with on a daily basis. I pledge to continue my tough fight against family violence and violence against children.

Expanding Cooperation: I will dedicate myself to establishing a cooperative base in which all law enforcement officers and prosecutors at all levels throughout the 39th Judicial District can work together and funnel their diverse knowledge and experience into fighting crime. The DA's office will take an active roll in all phases of criminal investigation and then aggressively follow through with the swift prosecution of all crime.

During the last several weeks, I have had the opportunity to visit with many of you and have learned much about your needs and concerns regarding the District Attorney's Office. I would like to thank each of you for your input and constructive comments and pledge to continue to listen to you if elected.

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To be considered lean, three ounces of cooked meat should have less than nine grams of fat. Scott suggests choosing cuts that have

most of the fat trimmed. Cuts with the word "loin," such as tenderloin, top loin and sirloin, are usually leaner choices. The grade of meat is also important. "Select" is the leanest grade, followed by "choice" and "prime," which is the highest in fat.

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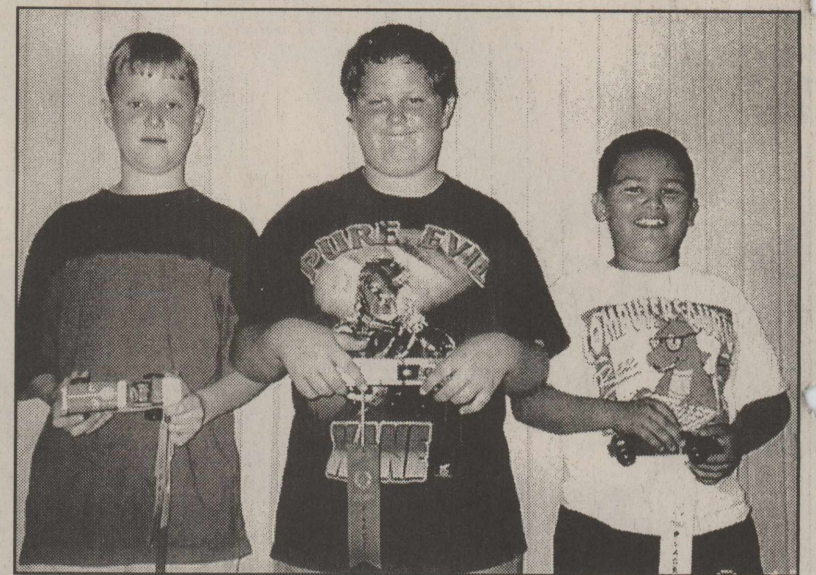
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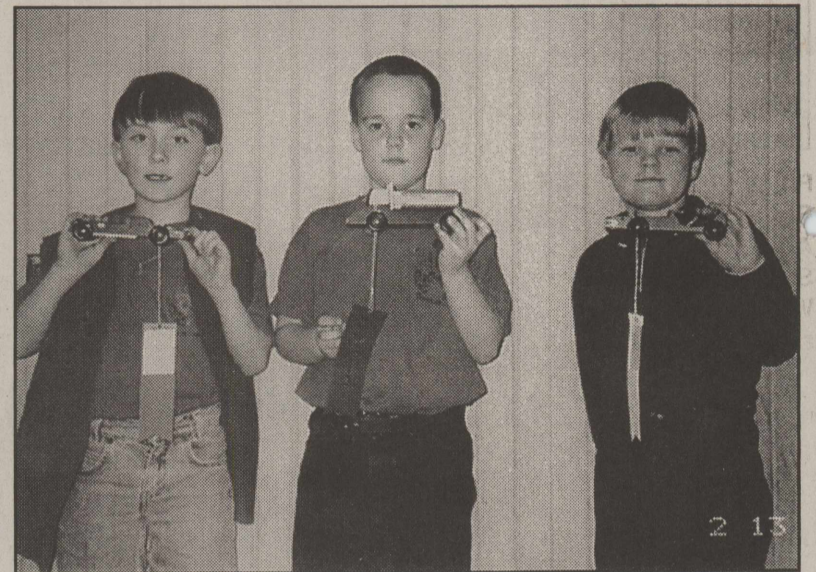
SCOUT WINNERS—The Over All winners in the Cub Scout Pack 136 Pinewood Derby, held Sun., Feb. 13, were, l-r, Callen Pittman, for first place, Jared Webb for second place and Tucker McCormick with third place.



WEBELOS AND BEARS—Winners in the Pinewood Derby were Cub Scouts, l-r, Jared Webb with a first place ribbon, Rylie Tatum, with a second place ribbon and Jacob Rodriguez with a third place ribbon.



WOLVES WINNERS—Holding their ribbons won in the the Feb. 13 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby were Wolves, l-r, Callen Pittman with blue ribbon for first, Quentin Berry, with a red ribbon for second place, and James Williams with a white ribbon for third place.



TIGER CUBS—Winning in the Cub Scout Pack 136 Pinewood Derby, Feb. 13, were Tigers, l-r, Tucker McCormick in first place, Nathan Meredith in second place and Michael Buerger in third place.

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

Q: My neighbor is an unregistered resident. She is very concerned about the Census. She is afraid that she will be deported if she fills out the form. I keep telling her that she won't be. Am I right?

A: Yes you are. All information on Census responses is completely confidential. It will not be turned over to Immigration or to the Internal Revenue Service. Everyone living in Texas needs to be counted, regardless of their immigration or residency status. The census helps communities and the State of Texas obtain funding and information for planning schools, hospitals, roads and more.

Be Counted

When you receive your Census form, it is important that you respond to all of the questions honestly and accurately. Your responses are

completely confidential. I want to repeat emphatically, no one will be deported by INS or audited by the IRS as a result of completing the Census form.

Help for non-English speakers

It is a fact that many, many Texas residents speak Spanish. Some people are concerned that those who do not speak English will be left out of the Census.

To assist all non-English speaking residents of the United States, the U.S. Census Bureau provides assistance for almost 50 languages including Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese. Residents will be mailed an advance letter announcing the Census. There will be an option that allows the recipient to select his or her preferred language. A questionnaire or language assistance guide in that language will arrive within a few weeks. In addition, telephone language

assistance will be available, and questionnaire assistance centers will provide assistance to non-English speakers.

Because of the Census Bureau's commitment to provide assistance in as many languages as possible, they are hiring bi-lingual census workers.

If you are bi-lingual and would like to work for the Census, call (800) 325-7733 for information.

Q: I know that a lot of Texas residents were missed during the last Census. What is being done to make sure that an undercount doesn't happen again, particularly in areas like the colonias?

A: You are correct that a large number of residents were missed during the last Census. Nearly 500,000 Texas residents were not counted in the 1990 Census. This undercount resulted in the loss of tens of millions of dollars in federal funding per year for the state.

Governor George W. Bush has appointed Secretary of State Elton Bomer as the Census 2000 Ambassador. The Office of the Attorney General is committed to working with Governor Bush and Secretary Bomer to ensure that Texas receives a complete count.

Our efforts

We already have begun our Census efforts. Some of our programs to assist in a complete count include:

- Assisting local governments to revise the Census Bureau's address list for their area.
- Directing the Census Bureau to colonia areas resulting in 40,000 households being added to the Bureau's most intensive enumeration program.
- Assisting counties in obtaining Census Bureau status for their colonia areas, which will provide better, more accurate statistics for use in planning and developing

funding proposals.

- Mapping areas across the state designated as hard-to-enumerate, which helped to focus the Census Bureau's attention on these critical areas.

In addition, I am working with Governor George W. Bush and Secretary Bomer to educate all Texans about the importance of filling out and returning the Census questionnaires.

For more information

To obtain more information on the Census 2000, contact the U.S. Census Bureau at (888) 325-7733. Information is also available on the Census Web site at www.census.gov.

Don't make brown eyes blue

Shopping on the Internet may be a sign of our times, but ordering contact lenses online without a prescription is inviting a disaster.

Colored or patterned contacts that temporarily change the color of the eyes are increasingly popular among teen-agers and can be ordered online without prescriptions. But it may be exchanging permanent harm for temporary fun.

"Buying contact lenses without a prescription is breaking the law of common sense by risking your eyesight as well as breaking the law, period," says Dr. H. Dwight Cavanagh, professor of ophthalmology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Ill-fitting contact lenses could cause an infection that might lead to blindness."

"Contact lenses are medical devices," he says, "not fashion toys."

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Dry weather could slow mosquito activity

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The current dry spell in Texas could spell relief from one pesky critter—mosquitos. However, any appreciable rain could bring hordes of mosquitos back again. Experiment Station entomologist Jim Olson says the state's mild winter has allowed more mosquito eggs to overwinter, which could allow for population explosions as the weather warms.

The mild winter has allowed mosquitos in tidal areas and coastal regions to begin their life cycles earlier than normal. Also, some species of mosquitos that overwinter as adults are active now,

when they should be "hibernating" in storm sewers and septic tanks.

The Texas Department of Public Health is currently expanding its mosquito-borne surveillance program. However, Olson says prevention of mosquito-borne disease starts with avoiding mosquito bites. Any kind of container that holds water for up to three days is a potential breeding ground for mosquitos. This can include flower pots, bird baths, dog dishes, old tires, or rain gutters. Olson says if you don't need the container, get rid of it. And if you can't throw it away but don't need it now, turn it over so it won't collect rain.

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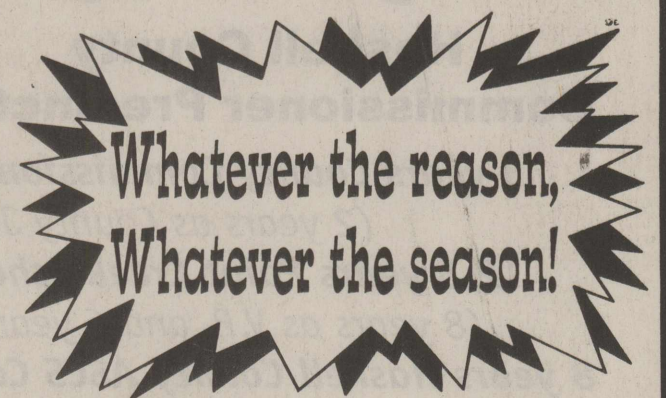
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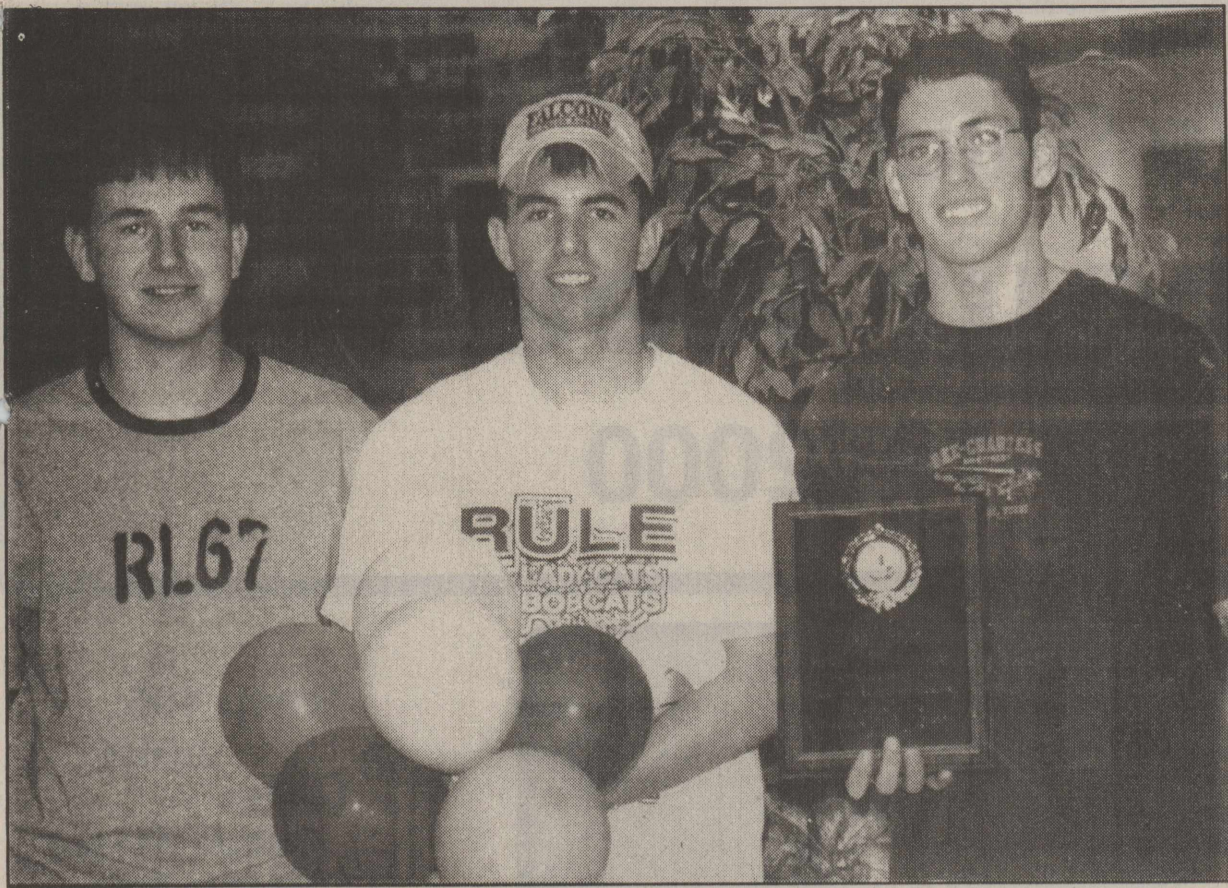
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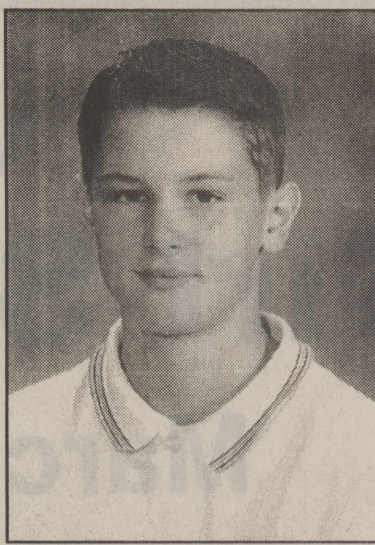
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FIRST PLACE PROGRAMMERS—Rule High School's computer science team, l-r, Cole Wolsch, Josh Smith and Jeremy Hertel, "out-programmed" 16 teams from large and small schools to win the Fourth Annual Midwestern State University High School Programming Contest. Sponsored by the MSU Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery, the meet took place Sat., Feb. 26 in Wichita Falls. For programming six problem sets in the least amount of time, the team was awarded a first-place plaque and a One-Touch scanner for their school.



JESSE MEDFORD

Medford to play in Austin

Jesse Medford, 14 years old and an 8th grade A & B Honor Roll student of Paint Creek School, has received a letter congratulating him on being identified by the USA Amateur Athletic Association basketball games committee of Madison, Wisconsin. The committee has expressed their desire to see Medford compete in the USA Amateur Athletic Association All-state competition held March 12 at Lake Travis High School in Austin.

Athletes will have top competition, coaching, possible scholarship opportunities and will be watched by college coaches.

Proud parents are Jesse and Martina Medford of Haskell.

Indoor tanning may not be safe

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Inundated by stories of how the sun can damage skin and cause cancer, but still wanting that "healthy" glow of a tan, many people turn to indoor tanning beds. Contrary to the beliefs of many people, however, tanning beds are not a safe alternative to sunlight. Tanning beds contain artificial UV light, which is just as damaging as that which you might encounter if you stayed out in the sun for very long. Long-term exposure to sun and to artificial sources of ultraviolet rays can result in skin cancer.

Also, eye damage can result from indoor tanning beds. Studies show too much exposure to ultraviolet rays, including those UVA rays emitted by tanning beds, can damage the retina, burn the cornea and over time, change the structure of the lens so that it begins to cloud, leading to cataracts. Closing your eyes, wearing ordinary sunglasses and

using cotton balls will not protect the cornea from UV radiation in tanning beds. Your skin may remain cool in a tanning device, but actually the intensity of lights used is much greater and potentially more harmful, than that of natural sunlight.

Exposure to tanning salon rays increase damage caused by sunlight because ultraviolet light actually thins the skin, making it less able to heal. Unprotected UV exposure also results in premature aging (e.g., wrinkling, sagging) skin. Whether you tan indoors or out, the combination of UV rays and some medicines, cosmetics, birth control pills and soaps may accelerate skin burns or produce skin reactions (e.g., rashes). Tanning devices may also induce light-sensitive ailments, such as cold sores.

For more information, please contact the Haskell County Extension Agent-FCS, Lou Gilly at (940) 864-2546.

Use high fat foods sparingly

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Some foods and food groups in the Food Guide Pyramid are higher in fat than others. Fat and oils and some types of desserts and snack foods that contain fat provide calories but few nutrients. Many foods in the milk group and in the meat and beans group (which includes eggs and nuts, as well as meat, poultry and fish) are high in fat, as are some processed foods in the grain group. Choosing lower fat options among these foods allows you to eat the recommended servings from these groups and increase the amount and variety of grain products, fruits and vegetables in your diet without going over your calorie needs.

Remember, whether fat comes from plant or animal sources, it contains more than twice the number of calories of an equal amount of carbohydrate or protein. Choose a diet that provides no more than 30% of total calories

from fat - however, this does not mean that every food you choose must contain only 30% calories from fat. A quick way to keep percent of calories from fat at or below 30% is to look for products that contain 3 grams or less of fat per 100 calories.

The upper limit on grams of fat in your diet will depend on the calories you need. Cutting back on fat can help you consume fewer calories. For example, at 2,000 calories per day, the suggested upper limit is about 600 calories. Sixty-five grams of fat contribute about 600 calories [65 grams of fat x 9 calories per gram=585 calories (or about 600 calories when rounded off)]. On the Nutrition Facts Label, 65 grams of fat is the Daily Value for a 2,000-calorie intake.

Olive and canola oils are particularly high in monounsaturated fats; most other vegetable oils, nuts and high-fat

fish are good sources of polyunsaturated fats. Both kinds of unsaturated fats reduce blood cholesterol when they replace saturated fats in the diet.

Partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, such as those in many margarine and shortenings contain a particular form of unsaturated fat known as trans-fatty acids that may raise blood cholesterol levels, although not as much as saturated fat.

The body makes the cholesterol it requires. In addition, cholesterol is obtained from food. Choosing foods with less cholesterol and saturated fat will help lower your blood cholesterol levels. The Nutrition Facts Label lists the Daily Value for cholesterol as 300 mg. You can keep your cholesterol intake at this level or lower by eating more grain products, vegetables and fruits and by limiting intake of high cholesterol foods.

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The Current Department is doing a fine job. Our response time to people is remarkable considering that we are a department of 3 for a county of over 4000. The job of the Sheriff's Department involves not only responding to inquiries but also investigation, serving papers, and being responsible for the other officers' lives. Patrolling the county is another way the department serves and protects its citizens. We all hold each other's lives in our hands. Our dispatchers at the office are all trained and qualified personnel experienced in their jobs.

Professionalism is determined by job performance, not by carrying a firearm or wearing a uniform. Job performance is evaluated by successful on-the-job experience, of which I have 13 years. Your county jail just recently received an "unannounced" inspection and surpassed all state requirements. That is also proof of a job well done.

I am committed to continuing the excellence of this department. I apologize if there are any citizens that I have failed to greet. Please realize this was not an oversight but just due to the fact that I have been working in my position as your Deputy Sheriff. I would appreciate your consideration on March 14.

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Breanna Baldwin
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Troop 266 Brownies

Leader:
Peggy Adams
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Andrea Anderson
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Brooke Bullinger
Brittany Garison
Miranda Gutierrez
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Emily Richardson
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**Service Unit
Director
Felecia Wallace**



Troop 196 Junior

Leader:
Felecia Wallace
Meagan Wallace
Alexis Chavez
Haley Chavez
Megan Bailey
Chelsea Bullard
Brittany Jordan
Janie Walker
Lauren Lampe
Shayla Felty
Laura Bowers
Marissa DeLaCruz
Mariah Fernandez
Shayla Sessions
Veronica Sessions
Krystal Wilson
Selina Rodriguez
Brittney Martinez

Troop 228 Cadettes

Leader:
Jerri Buerger
Monica Buerger
Adria Stephens
Jaclyn Drinnon
Shanee Mays
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Troop 462 Senior

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For eighty years, Girl Scouts of the USA has encouraged girls of all ages to achieve their personal best through a program that stresses self-discovery, exploration and community service. During Girl Scout Week, the local businesses featured on this page have joined together to honor this outstanding organization.

Girl Scout Week is the week of March 12th, that day in 1912 when Juliette Low gave her cousin a phone call proclaiming the good news that would change the lives of millions of girls. Many troops/groups plan special ceremonies either on March 12th or on whichever day that they meet during Girl Scout Week. Girl Scout Sunday is the Sunday that begins the week in which March 12 falls, and Girl Scout Sabbath is the Saturday before Girl Scout Sunday. Girls often wear their uniforms to their religious services.

In some communities, girls plan community events and publicize their accomplishments. In other cases, groups have honored famous or historical women, or women in their community who were Girl Scouts. Members from many years back have united for reunions. Communities have sought out their oldest Girl Scout and made her an honored guest at a special ceremony. All of these are possibilities for celebrating Girl Scout Week.

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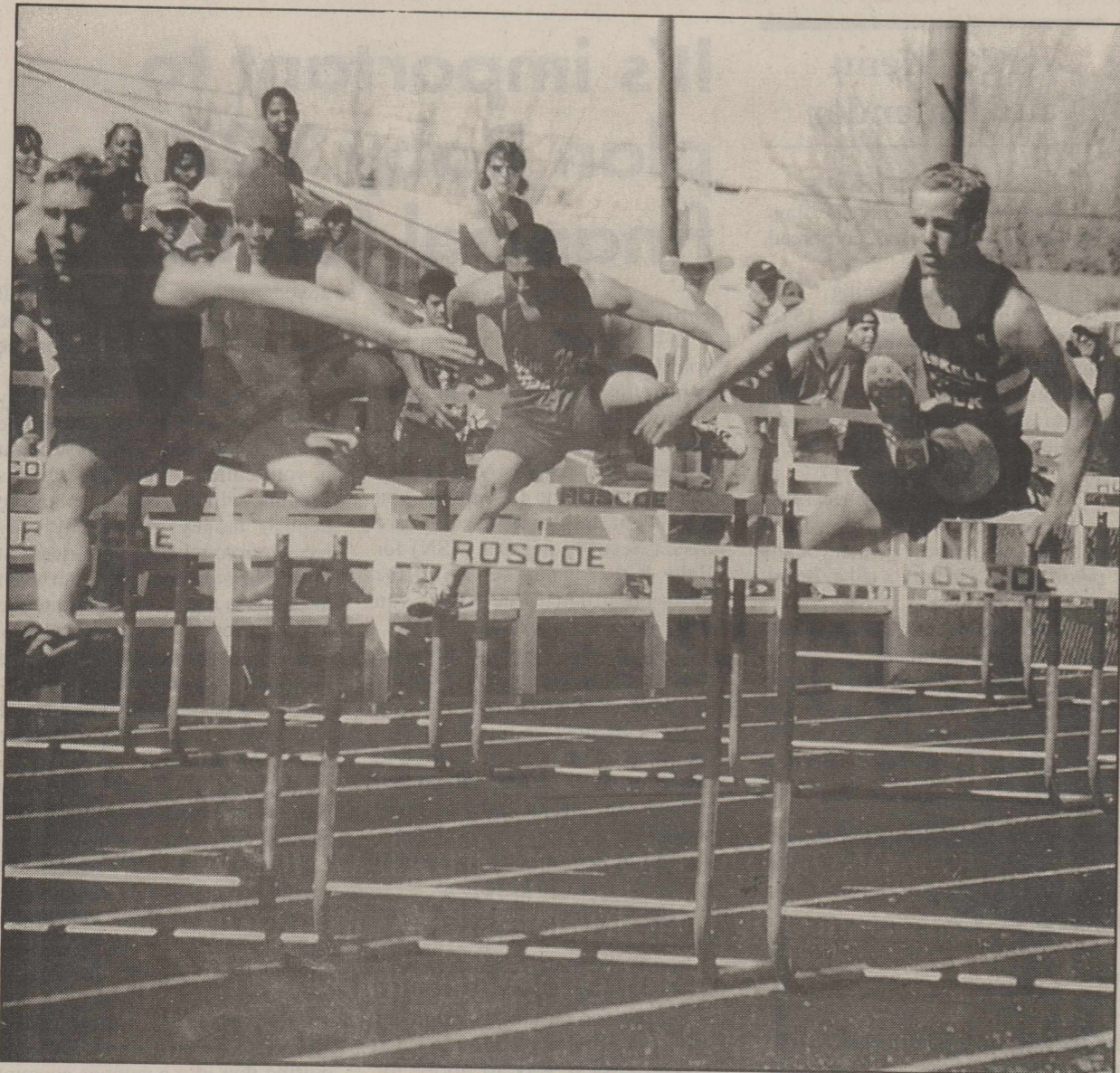
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VARSITY TRACK MEET—Haskell's Evan Everett, on the right, goes over to win 2nd place with the time of 43.65 in the 300 Meter Hurdles at the track meet in Roscoe. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Haskell golf tourney results

The following are Mon., Mar. 6 results of the Haskell Invitational played at Haskell Country Club.

Team Totals: 1. Throckmorton 349; 2. Hawley 355; 3. Munday 365; 4. Jayton 369; 5. Merkel JV 373; 6. Haskell No. 1. 382.

Medalists: 1. Kaleb Hodges, Throckmorton, 79; 2. Wes Crawford, Munday, 82; 3. Will Longan, Munday, 83.

Haskell: 1. Mitchell Cox 84; 2. Leon Goudeau, 107; Zack McGuire, 96; Kyle Hunt, 95; Zack Coker, 108.

Hawley: Blaine Newman 85; Cory Jordan 90; Caleb McElroy 94; Josh Whitehead 106; Justin Hill 86.

Throckmorton: Kaleb Hodges 79; Jed Gray 92; Mikel Martinsen 85; Mikeal Priddy 93; Chuck Reneau 112.

Merkel: Rode McElereth 86; Jimmie Cooke 84; Michael Qualls 102; Casey Boone 101; Dustin Schultz 105.

ACHS: Clay Rich 96; Scott Hughes 90; Steven Saffel 111; Lary Isenhower 128.

Rotan: Chris Miranda 87; Scott Tandy 89; Gareth Pipes 111; Dane Mullins 116; Rode Morrow 96.

Roby: Wes Pullig 100; Brian Anderson 95; Mitch Wagoner 127; Klay MacWilliams 124; Robert Pippen 109.

Aspermont: Aaron Roan 102; Tanner Ray 104 Bubba Beddingfield 126; Josh Linsey 125.

Paint Creek: Ryan Mueller 105; Jerry Willaims 125; Chad Sagaser 132; J.R. Hodges 118; Eric Hobbs 131.

Haskell No. 2: Loren Cole 119; Dan Fouts 124; Tom Fouts 132; Ryan Burgess 142; Andy Martinez 131.

Other individuals: Josh Fillingim, Hamlin 84; Jake Johnson, Hamlin, 99; Clint Powell, Hamlin, 90; Daniel Newcomb, Moran, 122; Wesley Haynes, Moran, 108; Mark Copeland, Rotan, 116.

Haskell girls compete at track meet

Results of the Roscoe Blackland-Divide Track Meet are as follows:

In the 400 Relay, Nikki Wallace, Tiffany Lindsey, Brittany Lindsey, Leslie Grand, (Morgan Cox, alternate), took 4th place with the time of 53.7.

In the 800, Jillian Thomas took 7th place with 2:56.9.

In the 100, Stephanie Hodge came in second with 12.6.

In the 800 Relay, the team of Nikki Wallace, Tiffany Lindsey, Brittany Lindsey, Stephanie Hodge, (Jillian Thomas, alternate), took first place in 1:51.9.

In the 400, Tiffany Lindsey came in 4th in 67.8.

In the 1600 Relay, the team of Tiffany Lindsey, Brittany Lindsey, Leslie Grand and Stephanie Hodge took second place in 4:26.2.

Cowgirls to be on TV Friday

A game between the Hardin-Simmons Cowgirls and the McMurry Lady Indians will be televised on KTAB Friday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The Cowgirls are coached by Julie Roewe Goodenough.



VARSITY GIRLS TRACK—Haskell's Stephanie Hodge wins the preliminary heat to go on to place 2nd in finals in the 100 Meter Dash with the time of 12.67. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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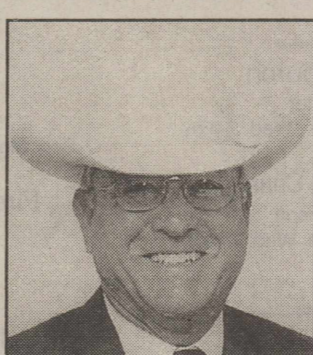
We have been able to work with them and you no longer have to sign up every farm. They are allowing partial sign ups.

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Dan Griffith Campaigns for Sheriff the Way He Promised; Knocking on Doors and Listening to Voters



Dan Griffith figures he's knocked on the door of just about every voter in Haskell County. And he's got the worn-out boots to prove it.

And Griffith says it's been the best part of campaigning for Haskell County Sheriff. "The best people in the country live in Haskell County," said Griffith. "And I've had the pleasure of seeing a whole lot of them during this campaign." He estimates he's knocked on more than two thousand doors since beginning his campaign in December. And with one week left before the Tuesday, March 14 primary, Griffith figures he'll get to some homes twice.

"People deserve a chance to ask a candidate why he's running, what's he going to do if he's elected, and why they should vote for him," said Griffith. "And I've been listening to what they think needs to change."

Griffith, an area farmer and rancher is running to replace Sheriff Johnny Mills who is retiring.

Since his announcement in December, Griffith has been talking with voters about three priorities for the sheriff's office:

- Quicker response and better follow-up when you call the Sheriff's department;
- Better cooperation among all the law enforcement agencies which serve the citizens of Haskell County; and
- A trained, professional department that puts the protection and safety of your family first.

So many Haskell county citizens depend on the sheriff's department for their primary law enforcement protection, said Griffith. "It's important that when a citizen calls the department for help, that they get a quick response and that we follow up. It's the very least a citizen should expect from their government."

Griffith was encouraged to run for sheriff by a number of people but especially by other law enforcement officials. "It only makes sense that if all the agencies cooperate and communicate more, law enforcement will be more efficient and effective," said Griffith.

Griffith said he was committed to improving the professional work-standards of the department. He identified increased training, uniforms and dispatching consistent with law enforcement standards as the three places he would start. "Citizens, regardless of where they live, who they are, or what they do for a living, deserve the consistent and fair application of the law and law enforcement principles," said Griffith.

Griffith also said if he wins the March primary he plans to attend the certified peace officer's training school that starts in April. "Most new sheriffs wait until they've been sworn in," said Griffith. "I did some investigation and found you don't have to wait. So if Haskell County voters give me the nod, I'm going. Come next January, I'll hit the ground running."

Griffith is a graduate of Paint Creek High School and Texas A&M University. He was a paratrooper in the Army, and commanding officer in the 131st Field Artillery Battalion of the Texas National Guard unit based in Stamford.

Griffith and his wife of 38 years, Earlene, are members of the First Baptist Church where Dan teaches Sunday school. Earlene is a second grade teacher at Haskell. The Griffiths have three grown children, Kimberly, Danny and Andy, and seven grandchildren.

"The people of this area deserve excellent law enforcement protection. If elected, I pledge to work hard and get results for the people of Haskell County," said Griffith.

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