



Happy Easter

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Baseball games

Haskell V vs Archer City
Thurs., April 20, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
Haskell JV vs Olney
Mon., April 24, 5:30 p.m.
at Olney
Haskell V vs Seymour
Tues., April 25, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

Golf

Regional Qualifiers
Jayton Golf Course
Thurs., April 20, 9 a.m.
Girls Region II Tournament
The Legends Country Club
Stephenville
Mon.-Tues. April 24-25
Boys Region II Tournament
The Legends Country Club
Stephenville
Wed.-Thurs. April 26-27

Calendar

Benefit supper

The Haskell Lions Club will hold a baked potato supper to benefit the Haskell County Library Fund Fri., April 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$4.50 each and are available from any Lions Club member.

Storm sirens

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

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., April 27 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 2 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., April 22 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand in Texas will open at 5:00 and the music will start at 5:30 p.m. No admission is charged. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

Sunrise service

Community sunrise services will be held at the Weinert Cemetery at 7:15 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 23. Special music and a brief resurrection message will be given by Troy Culpepper. Chairs will be provided.

Class A

UIL winners

advance to state

The following area students qualified either individually or as a group Friday and Saturday for the state University Interscholastic League academic contests. The top three individuals and first-place teams will advance in academics.

The state meets will be May 4-6 at the University of Texas in Austin.

Winners from the Class A academic meet at Hardin-Simmons University are:

Computer applications - 2. Nora Hatley, Rule; 3. Kami Baitz, Rule

Computer science, team - 2. Rule (Jeremy Hertel, Josh Smith, Cole Wolsch)

Ready Writing - 1. Candace Eberhart, Paint Creek

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David Halliburton named new sheriff

By Mary Kaigler

In one of the biggest voter turnouts in the Big Country, David Halliburton defeated his Democratic opponent, Dan Griffith, 1,105 to

1,008, in the April 11 runoff election for Haskell County Sheriff.

Facing no Republican opponent in the November election, Halliburton, a deputy with 12 years

of experience, will begin his term on Jan. 1.

In an interview following the runoff election, Halliburton said he would like to thank everyone who

got out and voted.

Also thanking Sheriff Johnny Mills for his support, Halliburton said he is looking for a smooth transition period when Mills retires at the end of this year after serving as county sheriff since 1984. "I've enjoyed working with Sheriff Mills," he said.

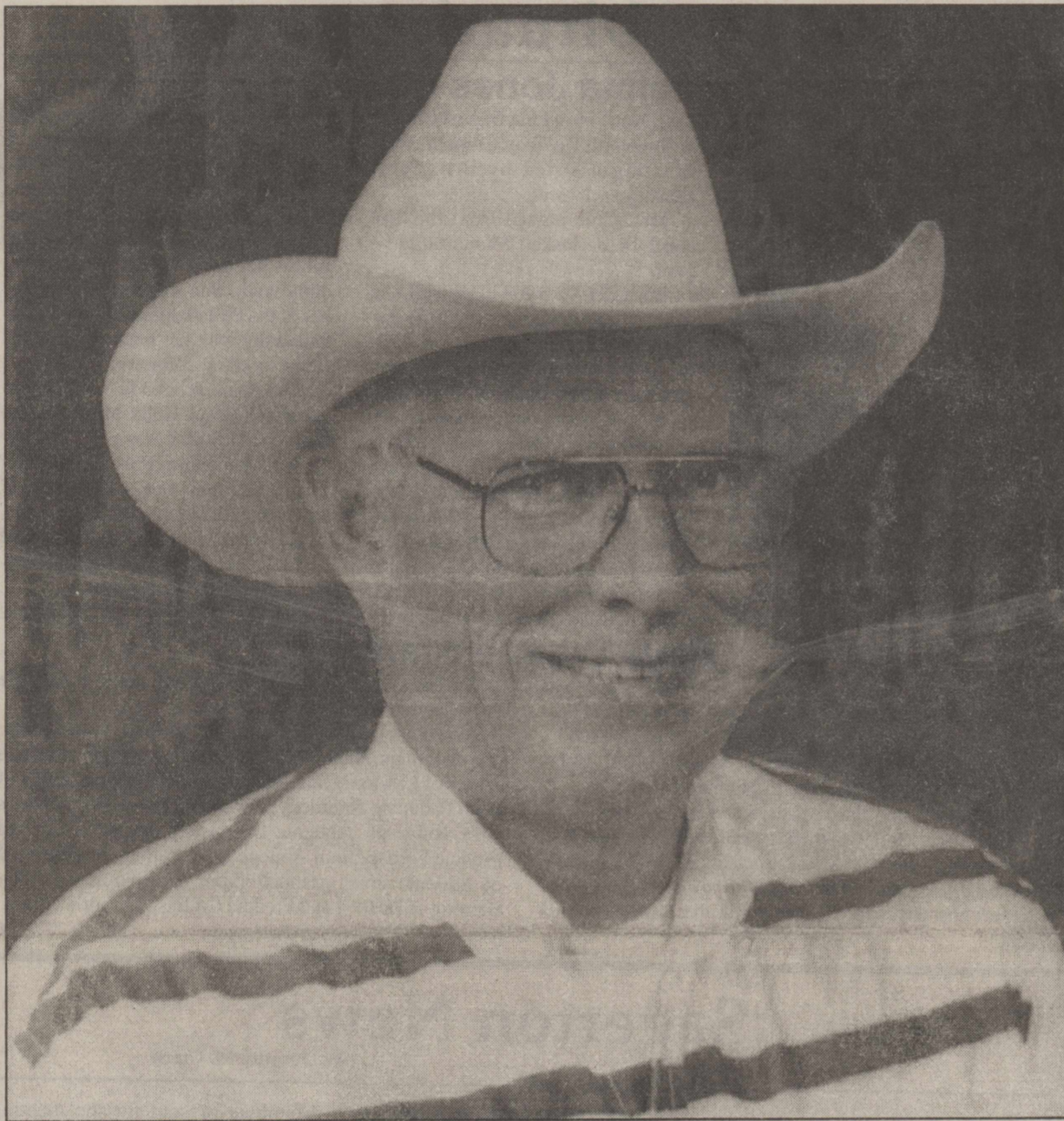
As sheriff, Halliburton said he wants to keep the lines of communication open with the citizenry. "I am not a gifted speaker," he said. "But, I will be supportive and available for helping with things that are going on for the good of the county, and I will be there for the people of the county. One of the main requirements of a county sheriff is that of peace keeper. I intend to try

to do that."

Halliburton said he wants to bring the Sheriff's Department up to better levels in investigation through new methods and some new equipment, and to continue training and education for all employees.

In the office he will be working with two deputies, five dispatchers and a secretary. The flow of traffic through the office includes transmittals on 911, fires, ambulance, law enforcement and the DPS.

Raised in Rochester, Halliburton has lived in Rule since 1980. He and his wife of 33 years, the former Claire Wright, have three sons and one grandson.



DAVID HALLIBURTON

Sales tax receipts down

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander sent \$189.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,104 Texas cities and 119 counties, an 11.1 percent increase over the \$170.7 million allocated to cities and counties in April 1999. Sales tax rebates for the first four months of 2000 are up 8.9 percent, compared to the first four months of 1999.

Comptroller Rylander sent sales tax rebates totaling \$174.6 million to Texas cities, 11.3 percent higher than last April's payments of \$156.8 million. Rebates of \$15.1 million to Texas counties were up 9.0 percent compared to allocations of \$13.9 million in April 1999.

April sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in February and reported to the Comptroller in March.

Haskell County had a 4.84 percent decrease for April, 2000 of \$18,237.13 in comparison to \$19,164.72 for April, 1999. 2000 payments to date of \$101,571.35

reflect a 4.99 percent decrease over 1999 payments to date of \$106,909.86.

The City of Haskell had a 4.50 percent decrease for April, 2000 of \$17,226.54 in comparison to \$18,038.37 for April, 1999. 2000 payments to date of \$94,347.55 reflect a 5.27 percent decrease over 1999 payments to date of \$99,602.52.

O'Brien had a 501.82 percent increase for April, 2000 of \$62.59 in comparison to \$10.40 for April, 1999. 2000 payments to date of \$333.36 reflect a 21.10 percent increase over 1999 payments to date of \$275.27.

Rochester had a 66.05 percent increase for April, 2000 of \$444.94 in comparison to \$267.94 for April, 1999. 2000 payments to date of \$2,173.64 reflect a 9.45 percent increase over 1999 payments to date of \$1,985.86.

Rule had a 42.01 percent decrease for April, 2000 of \$482.89 in comparison to \$832.73 for

April, 1999. 2000 payments to date of \$4,045.87 reflect a 8.40 percent decrease over 1999 payments to date of \$4,417.13.

Weinert had a 32.00 percent increase for April, 2000 of \$20.17 in comparison to \$15.28 for April, 1999. 2000 payments to date of \$670.83 reflect a 6.83 percent increase over 1999 payments to date of \$629.08.

Council grants TXU gas rate increase

Heading the agenda at the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council, April 10, was discussion and approval of a TXU gas rate increase of 18 cents per customer per bill. Formerly known as Lone Star Gas, TXU has, since 1992, based its rates on the cost of living for the previous year. As the price of gas has fluctuated, the rate has changed. The present rate is less expensive than it was in 1992.

Continuing its work on city-wide clean-up of unsafe and derelict properties, the City is giving property owners a 30 day notice for yard cleaning, and 180 days are

allowed for repairs to houses to make them habitable. The property owner at 907 North 5th St. is to bring an estimate and proposal for work to be done on that property by the next council meeting.

Approval was given for repairs on the floor of the old City Hall.

Discussion was continued about replacing some water lines from North 16th St., to North 19 St., and on Ave. F., and Ave. H., to better improve water service.

It was announced that the new pavilion floor has been poured, and that walls are almost completed on bathrooms at the R.V. park.

Headstart registration

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for Head Start classes for the 2000-2001 school year Thurs., April 27. Registration will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

To attend Head Start, a child must be 3 to 5 years of age.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and income verification to registration. It is not necessary for your child to attend registration. Call 864-2654 for additional information.

Class 2A UIL winners

Winners from the Class 2A academic meet at Tarleton State University in Stephenville are:
Calculator applications,

individual - 3. Dan Fouts, Haskell
Calculator applications, team - 1. Haskell (Tom Fouts, Dan Fouts, Sydney Bruggeman)




POSTER WINNERS—Holding their award plaques won in the District Mid-West Texas Firemen and Fire Marshal's Association fire prevention poster contest, are: l-r, Justin Amaro, 3rd place, Special Education; Noe Rivera, 2nd place, Jr. High; Miquel Chavez, 1st place, Jr. High; James Williams, 1st place, Primary; and Jodi Langford, 1st place, Intermediate. Standing with them is School Principal, Jimmy Lisle. The winning posters will go on to state competition to be held in Waco in June.

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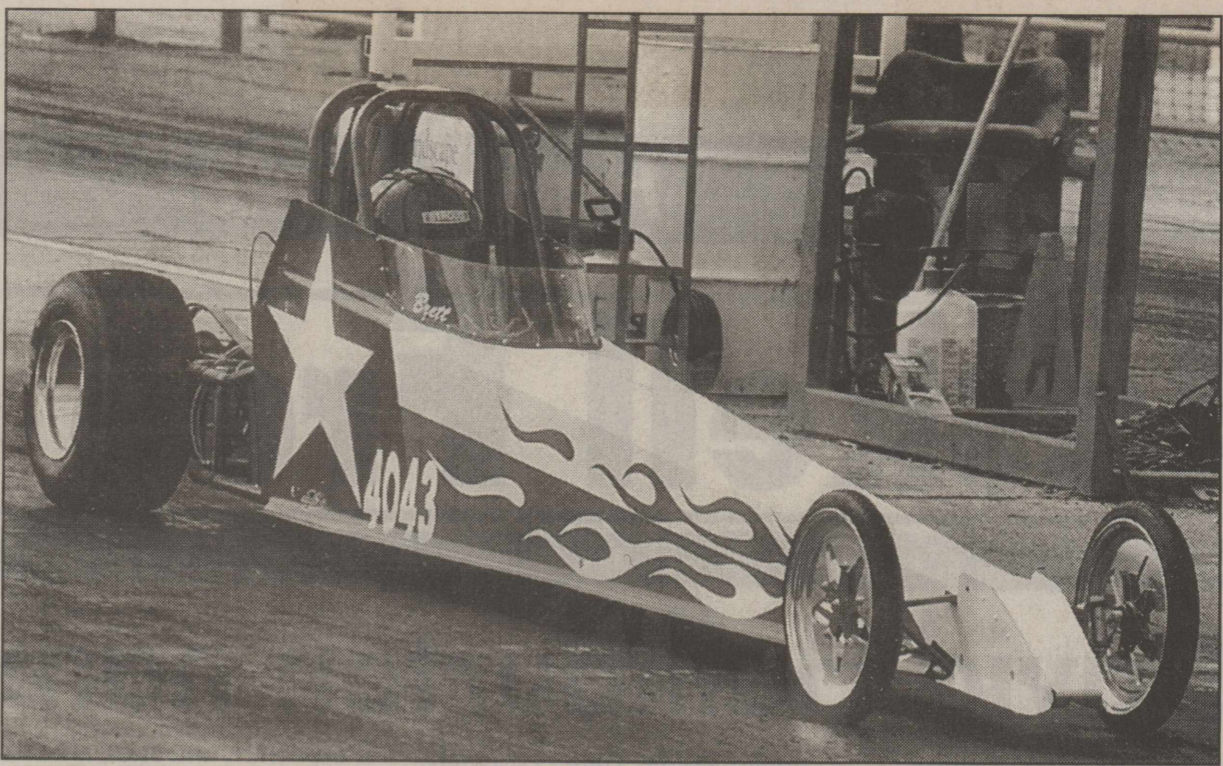
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JUNIOR DRAGSTER—Brett Siegfried of Haskell, son of David and Shelly Siegfried, takes the lead in the points race at Wall Dragway. He won first place trophies in the months of Febuary and March.

Obituaries

Thelma Jones Cole



THELMA COLE
 Memorial services for Thelma Jones Cole, 96, of Rule were held

Sun., April 16 in First Baptist Church in Rule with Dr. Troy Culppepper officiating assisted by Bro. Scott Hensley.
 Mrs. Cole passed from this life April 14 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.
 Born Oct. 12, 1903 in Haskell, she was a lifelong resident of Rule except for time away at Simmons College, now Hardin-Simmons University. She was a member of a ladies quartet while in college and represented the school before various civic clubs and other community events. She married her childhood sweetheart, Winford Cole, also known as Skinny Cole. This relationship endured and grew for 64 1/2 years. A longtime member of First Baptist Church, Rule, she was a soloist in the

choir, a Sunday School teacher, Girls Auxiliary director, pianist and teacher for the Spanish-speaking mission and a faithful visitor in the community of Rule. A lover of all people, she encouraged many to know and follow her Lord, Jesus Christ, by her daily walk. She was a charter member of the Philadelphia Club of Rule and along with her husband took interest in many community affairs.
 She was preceded in death by her parents, J. L. and Hallie Martin Jones; siblings: Nollie, Lennis W., Chester L., Nell Andeburg, Francis Hills and Foster L. Jones; one son, Max; and her husband, Winford S. Cole, Sr.
 Survivors include one son, Ford and his wife, Donna; and grandchildren, Kerre and Loren Cole.
 PD. NOTICE

Faye Dianne Starks

Funeral services for Faye Dianne Starks, 51, of Lawton, Okla., were held Tues., April 18 at Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Rev. Thomas Starks, pastor, Harmony Baptist Church, West Paducah, Kentucky, officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.
 Mrs. Starks died Sat., April 15 at a Lawton hospital.
 Born Dec. 15, 1948 in Ranger, Texas, she was the daughter of Frank and Magdaline Anne Ford. She married Tommy D. Starks Dec. 23, 1968 in Lawton. She was a school bus driver for 23 years with the Lawton Public Schools.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Maggie Frierson Ford.
 Survivors include her husband, Tommy, of the home; two daughters, Anne Thompson of Burkburnett and Katie Starks of Lawton, Okla.; one son, Rev. Thomas Starks of West Paducah, Kentucky; her father, Frank Ford and his wife, Ruby, of Abilene; two sisters, Robin Hicks and Francie Ford, both of Abilene; one brother, Frankie Ford of Abilene; seven grandchildren; and two aunts, Mary Bassing of Haskell and Freddie Collins of Fredrick, Okla.
 PD. NOTICE

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Easter greetings to all our readers. We hope that all of you will be able to worship the risen Christ on Sunday and enjoy being with family and friends on this special day. Youngsters will be hunting Easter eggs and old-timers will be remembering the times when they did the same. Oh what fun that was, especially when you were able to find the prize egg. We recall that many times the prize egg would be a golden goose egg and that really was a treasure. Probably some of us even remember the flashlight Easter egg hunts that were held in pastures after dark and shudder to think of the many rattlesnakes that were probably lurking in the grass. We may live in a "country town," but we share many enjoyable times that city kids never get to do.
 Special services coming up this week at Faith Lutheran Church include worship services with Holy

Communion on Maundy Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. Then on Good Friday worship services will be held again at 7:00 p.m. with the Handbell Choir presenting a special number. On Sunday morning members of the local branch of AAL will be serving a pancake breakfast at the church from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. A freewill offering will be received to help defray expenses. Come and eat breakfast with your neighbors before attending church. Members are encouraged to attend these special services in preparation for Easter and everyone else in the community is invited to share these special events with members of Faith Lutheran.
 Ladies of the community met for breakfast at the community center on Wednesday morning with Frances Clark, Joyce LeFevre and Dorothy Toney hosting. Other ladies attending were Mary Neinast, Leona Letz, Odene Dudensing and Janice Wolsch and Anita Dozier from Old Glory.

Members present for the meeting included Margie Hertel, Joyce LeFevre, Leona Letz, Frances Clark, Ev Ulmer, Peggy Tabor, Mary Neinast, Christine Stremmel and Wilma Teichelman.
 Joe and Dorothy Clark are happy to announce that they are great grandparents again. Their granddaughter, Anna and her husband Jeremy Willis are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy, born April 12 at Hermann Hospital in The Woodlands. He arrived at 8:11 p.m. and weighed in at 8 pounds and 11 ounces. The new Mr. Willis was named Colton Parker and of course, grandparents, Peggy and David think he's just about the cutest baby ever born!
 A beautiful, moving service of Stations of the Cross was presented on Palm Sunday morning during the worship hour at Faith Lutheran Church with Pastor Stan Leaf and Brenda Turner in charge of the service. Beautiful banners moved forward in the sanctuary as special hymns were sung and readings were given. Readers and assistants participating in the service included Esther Kinman, Michelle and Clayton Stegemoeller, Alvin Bredthauer, Robert Ace, Samuel, Matthew and Joseph Turner, Jana and Jacob Manske, Larry and Ashley Nehring, J. B. and Dorothy Toney, Marchel and Barbara Nauert, Kevin Corzine, Kami and Tami Baitz, Eloise Hertel and Marvin and Verlene Stegemoeller.

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Students visit Rotary Club

Kevin McSmith is the son of Dr. William and Carol McSmith. He is a member of the First Baptist Church.
 In school activities, McSmith participates in varsity baseball, track, tennis and cross country. He is chaplain of the National Honor Society, vice-president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and member of the Academic Challenge team.
 Special awards for him have been; State band qualifier in saxophone, three years; Regional cross country qualifier, four years; Regional tennis qualifier, one year and A+ Honor Roll, six years.
 Favorite leisure activities for McSmith include guitar and saxophone music and playing sports.
 After high school he plans to attend the University of Hannibal La-Grange in Missouri, where he will be playing the saxophone and guitar in the college jazz band, and possibly the college praise and worship band. His area of study will be Bible, computer technology and mathematics.

Hilee Mulligan is the daughter of Lynn and Dobber Dodson. She attends the First Christian Church.
 Mulligan's school activities include the National Honor Society, Student Council, yearbook staff, being a twirler and in the band.
 Special recognitions for her have been: named 1999-2000 West Texas Junior Miss; feature twirler; national NBTA competitor; Miss Haskell High School; Homecoming Queen; and Most Beautiful.
 After high school Mulligan plans to attend Sam Houston State University where she hopes to be twirling, and to pursue a degree in advertising. She plans to become an executive advertising director.

Photography contest winners

by Brandon Anderson
 Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 Ten Haskell County 4-H youth entered pictures in the 2000 Haskell County 4-H Photography Contest. 26 pictures were submitted by the 4-H youth for judging. Bill Blankenship served as the judge for this year's show. The Photography Project has become very popular and competitive in Haskell County. Youth can enter in up to 8 classes in two different categories; the categories are Single Color Print or Single Black and White Print and the 8 classes for People, Animals, Landscape & Scenic, Flora & Plants, Humor, Promote 4-H, Career Photos and Digital Photography.
 The winning photo in each class is sent to the State competition in College Station during 4-H State Roundup in mid June, to be judged at the state level. Participants in this year's Photography Project were Paige Adams, Laura Bowers, Candace Brister, Paden Brown, Chase Cockerell, Tabitha Coker, B. J. Opshal, Derrick Tribbey, Robbyn Tribbey and Amy Turner.
 The following are results of this year's judging:
 Single Black & White Print: Landscape & Scenic: 1st place, Tabitha Coker
 Single Color Print: People: 1st place, Laura Bowers; 2nd place, Robbyn Tribbey; 3rd place, Paige Adams
 Animals: 1st place, Tabitha Coker; 2nd place, Candace Brister; 3rd place, Paige Adams
 Landscape & Scenic: 1st place, Chase Cockerell; 2nd place, Paige Adams; 3rd place, Amy Turner
 Flora & Plants: 1st place, Laura Bowers; 2nd place, Paige Adams; 3rd place, Chase Cockerell
 Humor: 1st place, Amy Turner
 Digital: 1st place, Derrick Tribbey; 2nd place, Chase Cockerell

Students in the news

Jimmy Huff, Dan Fouts, Tom Fouts, Jeff Blanks and DeShea Phemister of Haskell High School and Cole Wolsch, Gloria Aguinaga, Matthew Arendall, Jamie Smith and Josh Smith of Rule High School were recently honored by Hardin-Simmons University.
 The HSU Enrollment Services Office held its annual "Gold Carpet" banquet to honor the top five juniors from high schools in the Region XIV Education Service Center area.



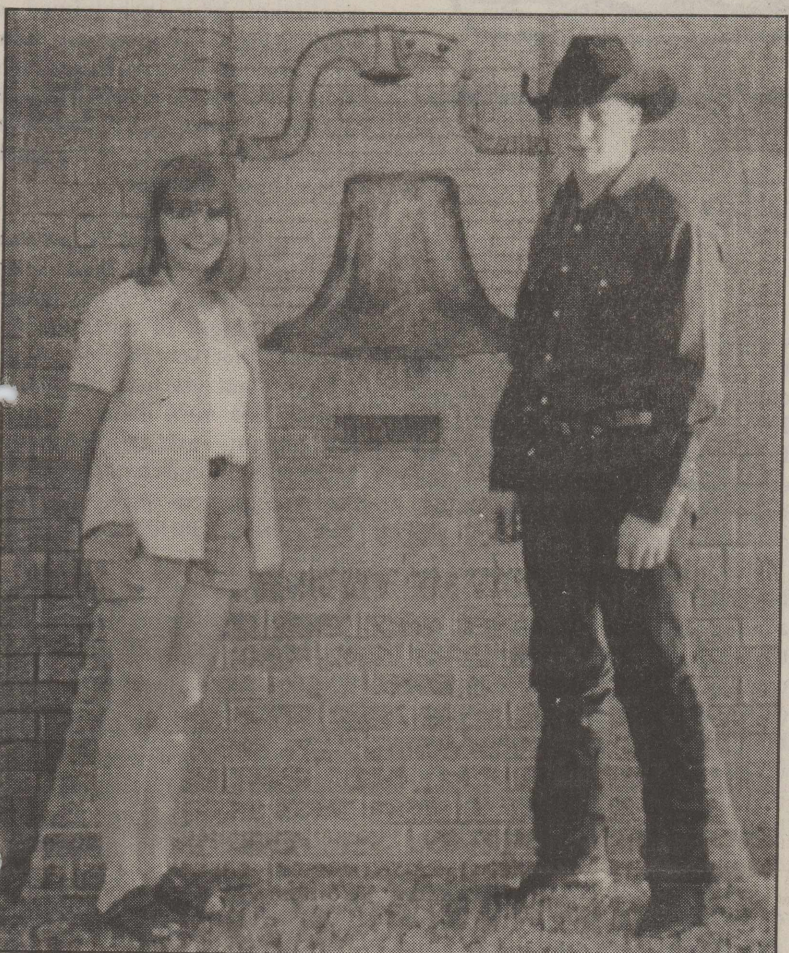
SPECIAL, DRESSY FASHIONS—Participating in the specialty and dressy construction category at the County 4-H Fashion Show were, l-r, Mackenzie Miller, Rule; Shana Nicholson and Kerri Newton, Rochester.



CASUAL FASHIONS—Participants in the County 4-H Fashion Show casual construction category were, l-r, Teddye Sue Harris and Lauren Newton, Rochester; Kyla Jones, Haskell and Mykel McGhee of Rochester.



JUNIOR BUYERS—Participating in the Junior buying category in the County 4-H Show were, l-r, Robbyn Tribbey, Haskell; Kelsie Miller and Emery Dudensing, Rule; and Candace Brister, Haskell.



INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR BUYERS—Participating in the buying category in the County 4-H Fashion Show were Miranda Robertson of Rule and Ross Bullinger of Haskell.



FIRST YEAR FASHIONS—Participating in the first year construction category in the County 4-H Fashion Show were, l-r, Stephanie Grand, Haskell; Molly Dudensing, Rule; Laura Bowers, Haskell and Tiffany Rios, Rochester.

First American Bank scholarship

First American Bank Texas, SSB will award a \$250.00 scholarship to a deserving graduating senior from each of the four Haskell County schools. Applications are available in the offices of Christye Gannaway at Haskell High School; Lizette Hasty at Rochester High School; Leslie Kupatt at Rule High School; and Debbie Hobgood at Paint Creek High School. They are also available at First American Bank Texas, SSB, located at 518 S. 2nd, Haskell. Deadline to apply is Friday, May 5. Entries will be evaluated by three local community leaders on academic scores, activities, financial need and a short essay. The scholarship winners will be announced at the graduation exercises of each high school.



THANK YOU

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for voting in the Sheriff Run-off Election.

I appreciate you, the citizens of Haskell County, for putting your trust in me. Again, thank you for your support.

DAVID HALLIBURTON

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by David Halliburton

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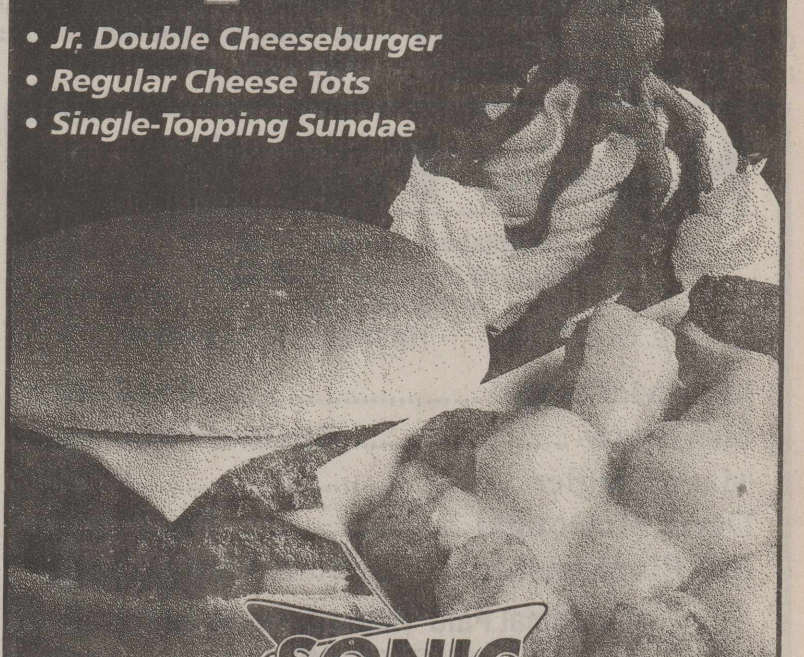
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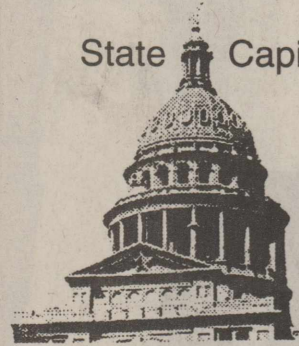
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor on April 10 reduced homeowners insurance benchmark rates by a statewide average of 6.6 percent. Montemayor also ordered a 3.4 percent reduction in renters insurance statewide. The insurance industry had requested a 6.6 percent increase, but the Texas Department of Insurance and the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, a state agency representing consumers, recommended rate reductions. New benchmark rates will take effect June 15, but policy premiums may not change for every policy holder, because rate-regulated companies set their own rates within a 30 percent range above or below benchmark in each of the 23 rating territories in the state.

Plan Cuts Health Care Costs
Needy families will pay no more than \$18 a month or \$10 for office visits under the state's new Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Prescriptions would cost \$1 to \$10. Applications are available now through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. The program is open to children under 19 whose families have an annual income of no more than twice the poverty level, or \$34,100 for a family of four.

Nearly one-fourth of Texas' 5.8 million children do not have health insurance, and Texas ranks 49th in the percentage of children with health insurance, ahead of only Arizona. As many as 471,000 of Texas' uninsured children are expected to be eligible for the program.

Court Denies Abortion Request
The Texas Supreme Court last week upheld a lower court's decision denying a bypass and ordering "Jane Doe 4" to tell her parents before getting an abortion. The 17-year-old high school student said she didn't want to tell her parents because her older sister was thrown out of the house several years ago for getting pregnant.

"The minor did not prove as a matter of law that she is mature and sufficiently well-informed to have an abortion without notifying her parents," the court found.

'Texas Exile' Team Named
Texas Attorney General John Cornyn last week appointed a team of special prosecutors to

handle illegal gun cases in state and federal courts with the goal of obtaining the maximum penalty in each case.

The appointments are part of "Texas Exile," a program that has resulted in 197 arrests, 115 indictments, 10 convictions and 632 guns confiscated statewide since December.

Special prosecutors named by Cornyn include Michael McCaul, Austin; John Briggs, El Paso; Michael Gill, Fort Worth; Ashley Chapman, Houston; Robb Catalano, Dallas; Jay Hileman, Houston; Gerald Matheny, San Antonio; and Jennifer Lowery, Beaumont.

Other Highlights

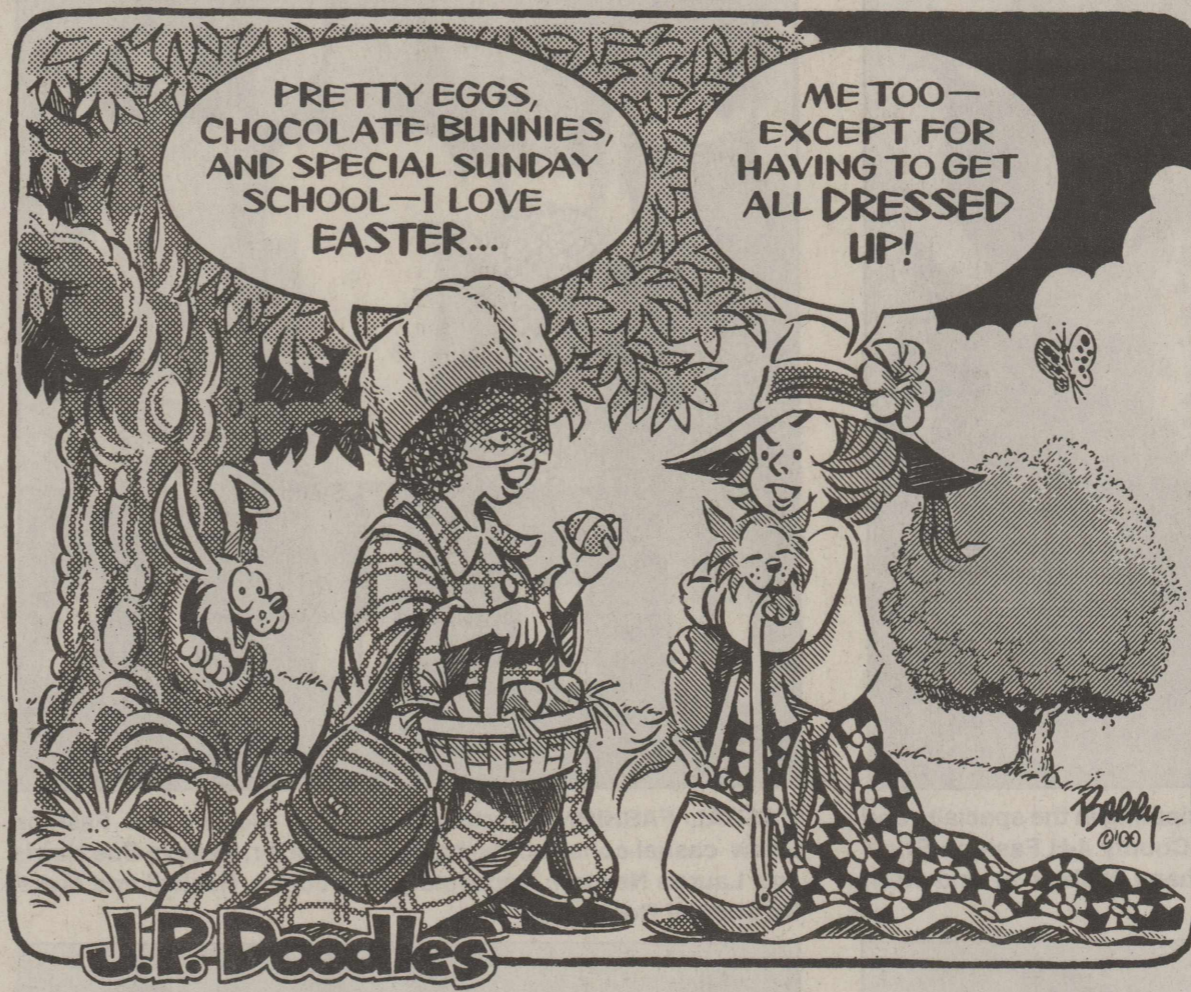
Gov. George W. Bush has proclaimed the week of April 10-14 "Environmental Crime Prevention Week" to promote awareness of the impact of environmental crime on Texas and what local, state and federal agencies are doing to combat it.

A report released last week by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights criticized Texas, California and Florida for eliminating affirmative action in college admissions. Texas ended its affirmative action programs under a federal court order in 1996, House Higher Education Committee Chairwoman Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, pointed out, in response to the report.

Ford Motor Co. is asking an administrative law judge to let the automaker reopen a used-car Internet site that the state shut down for violating franchise laws. Texas Division of Motor Vehicles officials said state law prohibits the direct selling of cars online by Ford or anyone else and only dealers licensed by the state can sell cars in Texas.

Texas' Democratic and Republican parties are courting corporate sponsorship for their upcoming state conventions. The GOP state convention, with as many as 18,000 delegates and alternates, is among the largest political gatherings in the country. Estimated cost for the event June 15-17 in Houston: \$600,000.

Texas Health Commissioner Reyn Archer apologized last week for statements he made in interviews with the Austin American-Statesman and the New York Times. Archer made comments construed as insensitive regarding the Hispanic community and teen pregnancy.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

"Inasmuch as you have done it unto one, the least of these my brothers, you have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40

Through the doors of the humble church building that he converted from an old barn on the quiet fifty acres of land near O'Brien, Richard Palma reaches out and ministers to those who are hungry, feeble and feeling powerless in the uncertainties and wilderness of life.

Although he lost his right arm in Vietnam, a conflict that caused him to lose so much of the love for life, he has found a deep, caring compassionate love for people who are struggling and hurting.

Palma and his wife Mary Ann, are both ordained pastors. He has spent most of his life in San Francisco and Phoenix. She is a native of the Haskell County area. After they met and married in Texas, they lived in Phoenix, where he had been a deacon at the First Assembly of God for eight years.

However, Mary Ann longed to be back again in the open spaces of West Texas. Speaking of that, Richard said, "I took the girl out of the country, but you just can't get the love of the country out of the girl."

Returning to Texas, they bought the small acreage near O'Brien where, during the last three years, they have established the Abundant Life Church.

Non-denominational, it is established on the simple principles of Christian faith, and is engaged in outreach to those in need, both body and soul.

Each week the Palmas look for food to buy on sale, and then

distribute it to families in Benjamin, Munday, Rochester, Rule and the Haskell area. They also minister to the elderly by building handicap ramps and hand rails. Palma said he is fortunate to be "twice retired," to be able to give his time and to do these things.

Along with the small congregation, the church draws several worshippers who attend the little church at night after attending their regular church on Sunday morning. The piano was donated by a Baptist Church, the pews were given by a church in New Mexico, and an organ was given by another church.

Palma says people in West Texas are reluctant and "prideful" about asking for or accepting help. "Even some of the churches they attend are not aware of the needs of their family," he said. "Often, when we take them food, they ask us to meet them at a neutral location, rather than take it to their homes."

"There is a great need for a return to compassionate ministry," Palma said. "In this time of job shortage in this area, and the economic hardship it brings, many people are dependent every month on food stamps. They have enough food for their family for the first three weeks, but by the fourth week, with the high cost, they are often without food, and they are hurting."

Without being judgmental, Palma does what he can to help. Acknowledging that there may be some who take undue advantage of his generous spirit, he says that is no excuse to stop offering a helping hand where it is needed.

Using his degree in psychology,

he gives his time to offer counseling to many in Haskell and Knox Counties, through the Noah Project and juvenile services, who are abused and battered and would not otherwise have access to counseling services.

Not only is Palma dedicated to his calling as a pastor, he is acutely aware of and thankful for the great blessing of freedom this country has traditionally enjoyed, (often at great expense). He deeply believes that everyone should be involved on every level of their life in doing what they can to help keep it a great place in which to live.

"We need our youth to be aware of having a voice in local government," he said. Recently named chairman of the Haskell County Republican Party, he says he is challenged by it and is looking forward to the opportunities to serve in that capacity.

"Our youth are in peril if we do not, as a people, return to valuing morality in every aspect of our lives; in the family, schools, business and political arenas," he said. "We need to do more than just talk about this. We need to begin to demonstrate in our own lives the principles we profess to believe."

Cutting through much of the fluff, show and affectation of religious practice, this man who gave a hand and an arm for his country, seems to be doing with all his might whatever his hand and his heart find to do.

One has to wonder whether God or Country could ask much more.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago April 19, 1990

Roger Roewe threw the discus 174 feet, 3 inches, to establish a new district 7-2A record at the district meet in Anson last week.

Opal Adkins won first place and Thula Perry won second place at the old hat contest at Super Second Saturday activities.

Ryan Burgess, Rachel and Reid McLelland and Lee Christian were winners in the Super Second Saturday pet parade. Ryan's Superman uniform with his Superdog Hank was voted the most original. Rachel and Reid had the funniest dog - Hoover and Lee's toad, "Toady" was the most unusual.

The Haskell eighth grade track team captured the district 7-2A championship scoring 1209 1/2 points. Robert Huff won first in the 800-meter run and Manuel Villarreal took first in the triple jump.

20 Years Ago April 17, 1980

Haskell Indian Monnie Hise has been selected to play in the 1980 Texas school boy coaches All-Star Game according to Indian Coach Jim Baldwin.

April 21, 1960

The Junior Class of Haskell High School will present the class play, "Hot Ice" a three-act comedy. Reserved seat tickets are 75 cents and general admission 50 cents.

Dorothea Rueffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rueffer, and Martha Jane Bynum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bynum, will attend Bluebonnet Girls State at Austin in June. Named as alternates were Linda Speer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer and Louisa Herren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Herren.

Mrs. R. C. Liles, president of the Weinert Matrons Club, Mrs. P. F. Weinert, Mrs. Fred Monke and Mrs. Bill King, all of Weinert, attended the Progress Day meeting in Stamford.

50 Years Ago April 20, 1950

Five Haskell High School students, Nancy Burton, Betty Joy Redwine, Billy Adkins, Bobby Ann Herren and Dorothy Fouts brought home three blue ribbons and one red ribbon from the 6A district Interscholastic League Meet at Abilene.

Opening of the newest and one of the most modern drive-in

Arbor Day— Time to plant trees

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The first Arbor Day in the U. S. was celebrated April 10, 1872 in the state of Nebraska. During that first celebration prizes were awarded to the individuals and counties that correctly planted the most trees on that day. This special day resulted in the planting of over one million trees, thanks to the push by J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska. Morton was a firm believer in the importance and need of trees in the landscape. He was a journalist by trade and later became Secretary of the Nebraska Territory. National Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April.

Today the most common date for the state observances is the last Friday in April and several U. S. presidents have proclaimed a national Arbor Day on that date. But a number of state Arbor Days are at other times to coincide with the best tree-planting weather, from January and February in the south to May in the far north.

Planting a Tree

Select a site that is in full sun. Dig the hole twice as wide as the root ball (container) and no deeper than the height of the root ball. The soil that you dig out of the hole is what you use to backfill around the root ball. No soil amendments are recommended when planting a tree; therefore, no compost, peat moss, or shredded pine bark should be added to the backfill.

After planting the tree, build a 4-inch tall berm around the edge of the hole. Fill the berm with a mulch (i.e. shredded bark, compost). The mulch and berm make it easier to water the tree and reduce weed competition.

For most trees, staking is not recommended; however, if the tree trunk is not sturdy enough, use two stakes, one on either side of the tree and give the trunk support for the first year only.

Right after planting, water the tree in by filling the bermed basin with water. This will settle the existing soil around the root ball. For the first week after planting, lightly water the tree every day (about one pint of water each day). The second week, water every other day with about one quarter of water. During week three, water every third day with two quarters of water. Week four and beyond, water once a week if needed. The goal is to wean the tree slowly off of supplemental irrigation and get the root system large enough for the tree to thrive on natural rainfall.

Remember, these are just guidelines. Use your index finger to check the soil moisture under the mulch. If the soil is cool to the touch, do not water. If it is warm and dry, then water. More plants are killed by over-watering than by under-watering.

theatres in this section, the Sky-Vue, located one mile west of Haskell on the Rule highway is scheduled for Fri. night. The new theatre, conveniently located to serve people of Haskell and neighboring towns, has parking space for 350 cars, each space providing an excellent view of the large 42x49 foot screen.

James Mickler of Haskell became the national champion bareback bronc rider of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association when he performed at the recent NIRA championship rodeo held in the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

90 Years Ago April 16, 1910

Beginning April 18, all the local stores except drug stores and meat markets, will close each day at 7 p.m. except on Saturdays.

The first baseball game of the season was played Saturday between Haskell and Munday, ending with a 9-3 win for the home boys.

A large group of Haskell people went to Stamford early Tuesday and joined an excursion trip to Spur, new town being developed on the Plains. About 500 people made the trip.

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Jones named 'Teacher of the Millennium'



CYNTHIA JONES

In March Cynthia Jones was notified that she had been awarded "Teacher of the Millennium." She was selected from over 3,500 applicants to be 1 of 4 winners in the United States. The "Teacher of the Millennium" Program was designed to honor educators who are heading into the new millennium with an abundance of creativity, enthusiasm and an extra dose of technical savvy to inspire their students. The program, sponsored by Random House Children's Books and Bonus.com, the SuperSite for Kids, received an essay from one of Jones' students, Dallas Key.

Dallas' essay is as follows: "Technology is not for Wimps." That's just one of the many cool shirts Miss Cynthia Jones, our Elementary Computer Teacher and Technology Coordinator, wears. She inspires us to stretch our minds and to move ahead to bigger and better projects in reading and technology. Miss Jones teaches hundreds of kids daily in computer classes at Morton Elementary School. She runs the high-tech KNDN news studio (named for our school mascot-the Indian) at Morton Elementary. Miss Jones is always updating the studio with new monitors, teleprompters, computers and other TV equipment. We get to experience being anchorpersons, camerapersons, program directors and computer graphics specialists. Miss Jones is always telling us how the skills we learn daily will be helping us get jobs in the future. I'm proud that at 11 years old I can already put so many technology things on a job application.

Miss Jones also pushes us to explore new Internet sites. Each year the world and even space become a little bit closer as we choose new themes to study such as customs of other countries at Christmas, the disappearing rain forests, or current NASA projects across the internet. Books fly off the shelves and are being read at amazing rates since Miss Jones hooked us up with the Accelerated Reader program. Every teacher has this on his or her

classroom computers thanks to Miss Jones.

Miss Jones also lends a technology hand to many awesome musical stage productions put on at our school. For example, picture the Christmas program featuring a tree shaped set of risers filled with about 50 kids in tinsel collars. The outline of the tree is lined with thousands of colored lights that Miss Jones wires and controls to make patterns with our songs.

I can't wait to get to high school because Miss Jones takes a group of kids to learn at a computer camp at Texas A&M University. A week learning how to build, clean and update computers allow the high school kids to come back and get paid to work on the school computers. They also get credit for computer courses in high school and college.

Miss Jones also is teaching my dad right now in a computer course. She instructs classes at night for adults to learn how to use the computer, Microsoft Office and the Internet. She is teaching 3 classes at night at present time. She not only educates the kids but the parents and adults in our community. She is trying to help everyone become computer literate.

Miss Jones works long hard hours keeping our school on top of things, so we can be successful in tomorrow's technology world. Because of her work, I don't feel like Morton, Texas is so isolated. Hundreds of kids that have had Miss Jones this past 17 years at Morton Elementary would agree with me - Miss Jones deserves to be "Teacher of the Millennium!"

Cynthia is the daughter of Leon and Delight Jones of Haskell. She graduated from Haskell High School in 1977 and has taught in Morton ISD for 17 years.

Commissioners set Anchor rates

At the regular meeting, of the Haskell County Commissioner's Court, April 10, the following new rates were set for use of the County Park: \$6.00 for tents; \$9.00 for tent trailers; \$12.00 for small campers with single air; \$15.00 for larger campers with dual air.

The Court approved a motion by Commissioner Billy Wayne Hester to tear down two derelict duplexes at the County Park, and to put in R.V. hookups.

Hester's motion to re-instate the

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. David Pharam of Wichita Falls visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wright over the weekend. He attended church services at Trinity Baptist Sunday morning.

Cody Blair and Wendy with children from Wichita Falls visited his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair on Friday. On Saturday, daughter Michelle Pannel and children Lorin and Brittany of Throckmorton came for a short visit.

Those helping Ariel Blair celebrate her birthday on Saturday were her parents Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Blair and sister Alice, grandparents Charles and Jean Blair, uncles and aunts Gary and

Vickie Hawkins, David and Cindy Muhle and children of Rochester and great uncle Grant Nixon of Missouri who is spending several days visiting in the Nathan Blair home.

Visiting the week with Rozelle Wilkinson was her cousin and husband L. M. and Juracy Ray of Pecos. They took Rozelle to Lubbock for a doctor check up and she got a good report.

John and Jan Gannaway of Lubbock stopped by for a visit with his mom Lucille Gannaway. They were on their way to College Station.

Vivian Roberson's granddaughter Casey Drinnon from A&M came on Sunday to visit.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 765 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., April 15, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cattle steady-2 lower; stocker cattle 1-3 lower; feeder cattle steady-2 lower.

Longhorns, Jerseys, Holsteins and out cattle \$5-30/100# less than figures quoted.

Cows: fat, .38-.44; cutters, .40-.46; canners, .25-.35. Bulls: bologna, .45-.55; feeder, .69-.75; utility .38-.43.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.40; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.25; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.15; 500-600 lbs., .87-.98; 600-700 lbs., .83-.96; 700-800 lbs., .78-.88; 800-up lbs., .68-.83.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-

1.25; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.18; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.15; 500-600 lbs., .84-.95; 600-up lbs., .55-.85.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 550-675.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-750; aged or small, 480-600.

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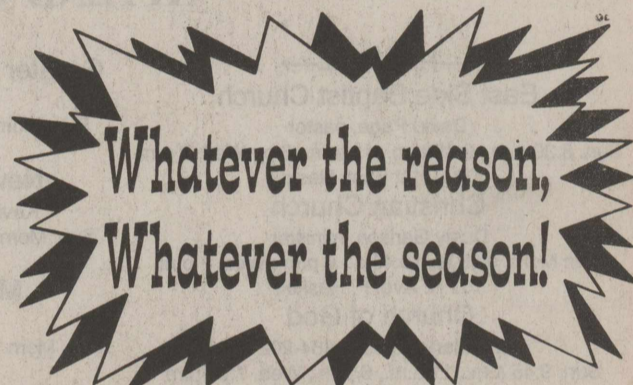
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LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHILE IMPOUNDED: Haskell Livestock Barn.
DESCRIPTION OF ESTRAY: Kind of animal, cow; Breed, mixed; Color, red; Sex, female; Age, 3 years; Size, 900 pounds; Brands, mark, identifying characters: none, horned.
On the 5th day of April, 2000, I impounded the above described estray, and on the 5th day of April, 2000, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Haskell County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Haskell County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.
Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 22nd day of April, 2000, said estray will be sold at public auction at Haskell Livestock Barn.
Johnny L. Mills
Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas
Martin Coleman 15-16c

Public Notices
NO. 4056
ESTATE OF: RUBY L. TEICHELMAN, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RUBY L. TEICHELMAN, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary for the estate of Ruby L. Teichelman, deceased, were issued on April 13, 2000, in cause No. 4056, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to:
Mr. Reggie Robertson, 206 N. Midkiff Ste. C, Midland, Texas 79701.
All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present such items within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Dated April 13, 2000
Travis M. Hartgraves
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE
A request has been received from Wallace and Carolyn Babcock to change the following described property: Lot number West 60 ft. block 10A West 60' x 104' address 1402 South Fourth other description English I Lot 129 from single family zoning district to general special purpose zoning district. The applicant proposes to use the property for trailer home if zoning is achieved.
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