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Basketball games Haskell JV-VB vs. Stamford

Fri., Feb. 9, 6 p.m. at Haskell

Baseball games

Haskell vs Hawley (Scrimmage) Tues., Feb. 13, 4:30 p.m. at Haskell

Softball games

Haskell vs Stamford 5 p.m. Haskell vs Anson 7 p.m. (Scrimmage) Thurs., Feb. 8 at Haskell ********

Haskell vs Aspermont Haskell vs Eula Haskell vs Clyde (Scrimmage) Sat., Feb. 10 at Haskell ********

Haskell V vs Hawley Tues., Feb. 13, 5 p.m. at Haskell

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Immunizations clinic set Feb. 21

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Wed., Feb. 21 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.



and displaying their racing vehicle designs in the annual Pine-

Brennan Medford, Kendall Medford, Assistant Cubmaster, Eric



REP. DAVID COUNTS David Counts to be speaker

Honorable David Counts, State Representative of the 70th District, will be the guest speaker at the Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet, Mon., Feb. 12.

A native of Munday, the eight term legislator graduated from Rule High School, attended West Texas and North Texas State Universities, and graduated from the U.S. Army and General Staff College.

In his public service career Counts has served as director and president of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce, is a retired Brigadier General of the Texas Army National Guard and pastpresident of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators. In the Texas House of Representatives since 1988, he has served as Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, and as a member of numerous

Rule Chamber banquet to be held March 5

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual banquet Mon., March 5 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meal will be catered by the Junior Class. Tickets are \$8. Larry LeFevre is in charge of the entertainment.

Garage sale to benefit Australian mission trip

A garage sale will be held at 600 N. Ave. F in Haskell Sat., Feb. 24 at 8 a.m. benefiting an Australian Mission Trip. H. B. Graves, Baptist minister of Munday, is raising funds for the trip planned for summer 2001. The trip is sponsored by the Texas Baptist Partnership.

Becky Tubbs to present Art Club program

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Becky Tubbs will present a demonstration in watercolor on masa paper.

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wood Derby, Sun., Feb. 4, were: front row, I-r, Ethan Frierson, Markunas and Austin Marshall.

head coach

By Mary Kaigler After three years of working as defensive coordinator in the Haskell High School football program, Brad Brunson was named last week by the Haskell school board to the position of athletic director and head football coach. He succeeds Don Flippen, who is retiring after an extensive coaching career.

In what will be his first job as head coach, Brunson said he is extremely excited and pleased with the prospects, and greatly appreciates the smooth transition

involved in the change over. During his first week, described by him as being hectic, he has been busy getting organized and moved into his office.

"This is a great place to be," he said. "We have some fine young men and women in our athletic program. The kids are a pleasure to work with, and the people have been a pleasure to work with."

Expressing his philosophy about coaching, Brunson said, "As it should be with any coach, we're

Chamber officers, directors and

outgoing directors will be

recognized by Shane Hadaway, and

recognition of Chamber past-

presidents will be given by Abe

Citizen of the Year Award will be

State Representative, 70th District,

will be the guest speaker for the

made by Fred Hernandez.

Presentation of the Haskell

The Honorable David Counts,

here to help young athletes become responsible citizens. We are here for the kids. My main job is to guide, help them build up character, and to send them out into society well equipped to have a positive impact.

Brunson grew up in Silverton and attended Eastern New Mexico University, where he played football five years. After graduating, he stayed at the University as a defensive line coach. Following that, he worked a year as a defensive line coach at Lubbock Roosevelt High School

before coming to Haskell.

Coach Brunson's wife, Julie Brunson, is an eighth grade teacher and coach of the Junior High School girls basketball team. The couple has a two year old son, Dylan. They attend the Haskell Church of Christ.

"We are so pleased that we can both be here in the Haskell school system," the new coach said.

Already at work on his duties and plans for the Haskell athletic program, Coach Brad Brunson says he is looking forward to the challenges of his new position.

committees and caucuses. Counts is the son of Alma

Counts of Rule. He and his wife, Mary Counts have one son, David Counts, III of San Antonio, and one daughter, Patti Counts Holmes of Lubbock. They have five grandchildren

His professional career includes farming in Knox County, being vice-president and director of Rolling Plains Well Service, and founder and operator of Counts Real Estate.

A member of the Knox City Lion's Club since 1957, Counts is a member of the Texas Association of Realtors, Independent Insurance Agents of Texas, and AARP. He is a 30 degree Mason, and member of Gideons International and First Baptist Church of Knox City.

Chamber banquet set Monday night

Valentines will be in season at the annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday night, Feb. 12.

Beginning at 6:30 with mood music by pianist Lindo Guess, a Valentine dinner will be served by the Chamber board of directors.

The program following dinner will include introductions of out-oftown guests by master of ceremonies, Monty Montgomery.

Quality Implement receives award

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evening.

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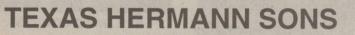
BASKETBALL FAVORITES-Deshea Phemister and Kyle Hunt were named Basketball Sweetheart and Basketball Hero during the Haskell girls' last home game. Photo by Kis

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DERBY WINNERS-Haskell Cub Scouts hold their ribbons won at the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, held Sun., Feb. 4. From the left are Austin Marshall, the Most Original, Brennan Medford, the Best Design, and Eric Markunas, who won the Cubby Award.



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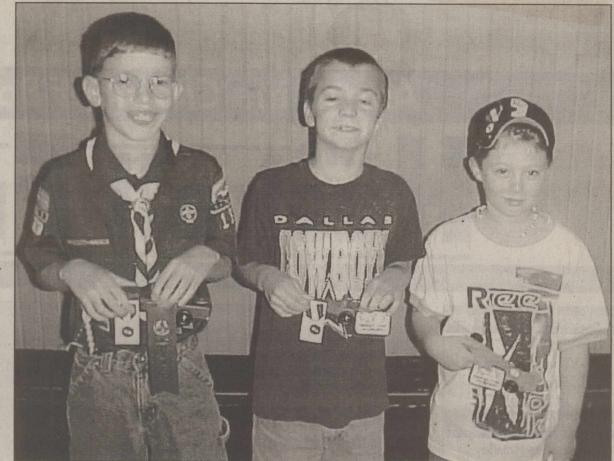
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PLACE WINNERS-Cub Scouts placing at the Pinewood Derby, Sun., Feb. 4, were: I-r, Brennan Medford, 1st place, Darren Wilson, 2nd place and James Williams, 3rd place.

Burson named zone manager

Haskell native Patrick Burson has been named zone manager for the Southern High Plains/Caprock Eradication Zone.

In the position he will oversee operations for the zone encompassing close to 1.2 million acres of cotton. Counties included in the zone are Cochran, Hockley and Lubbock, along with parts of Crosby, Dickens, Lynn, Terry and Garza counties. Burson is the son of Tim and Linda Burson of Haskell and grandson of the late Raymond and Estelle Burson.

A fourth-generation farmer, Burson graduated from Haskell High School in 1990, and studied agronomy and entomology at Texas Tech University from 1990-92. At Texas Tech he assisted with research in the agronomy department.

In 1996 Burson joined the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, working as environmental monitoring specialist in Haskell before becoming a field unit supervisor here in 1997. In 1999, he moved to Muleshoe to become assistant zone manager for the Northwest Plains Eradication Zone. He is now based in Lubbock.

Obituaries

James Loyal Cameron Loyal Cameron, 85, of Cameron; and one sister, LaVerne Emmerson.

Funeral services for James Loyal Cameron, 85, of Haskell were held Sat., Feb. 3 at the Church of Christ in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cameron died Thurs., Feb. 1 in Abilene.

Born in Aspermont, he was a lifelong resident of Haskell County. He was a farmer and devout Christian, having served as a former Elder with the Church of Christ. He served in the U. S. Army from 1942 to 1943.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Artie Cameron; one son, James Cameron; one brother, Wayne

Haskell; two sisters, Grace King of Odessa and Charlene Funk of Abilene; one daughter-in-law, Judy Cameron of Elk City, Okla.; three grandchildren, Cory Cameron of Grand Island, Nebraska, Jason Cameron and his wife, Aimee, of Round Rock and Cambra Jame Cameron of Lubbock; one great granddaughter, McKenzie Cameron

Survivors include his wife, Willie Belle Cameron of

Survivors include three daughters, Geraldine

Eddington of Madill, Okla., Marilyn Boyles of Aspermont and Juanita Galloway of San Antonio; two sons, Thomas

Pike of San Antonio and John Pike of Rule; eleven grand-

children, thirteen great grandchildren and one great great

of Round Rock; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Dorothy Esther Pike ther Pike, 90, of Rule Pike and one son, James Burl Pike.

Funeral services for Dorothy Esther Pike, 90, of Rule were held Mon., Feb. 5 at First Baptist Church in Rule. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Pike died Fri., Feb. 2 in Abilene. Born in Buffalo, Missouri, she was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Burl

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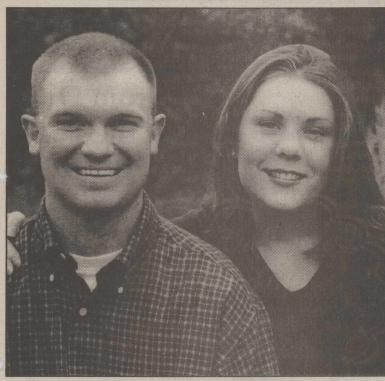
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COLE LARNED – AMANDA JAY

Jay, Larned to be married in Lucas

Amanda Jay of Plano and Cole Larned of Dallas have announced their engagement to be married June 23, at Grace Evangelical Free Church in Lucas.

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The bride elect's parents are Frank and Susan Jay of Plano and Cyndi and Brad Wick of Pitkin, Colorado.

She is a 1996 graduate of Allen High School and graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in Multidisciplinary Studies. She is employed by Plano Independent School District.

Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Larned of Haskell. His grandparents are Dr. R. E. Colbert of Huntsville, Alabama, Mrs. Golda Colbert, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Larned and Mrs. Alice Larned, all of Haskell

He graduated from Haskell High School in 1989 and earned a bachelor degree in Exercise and Sport Sciences from Texas Tech University. He is employed by Coppell Independent School District

Haskell School Menu

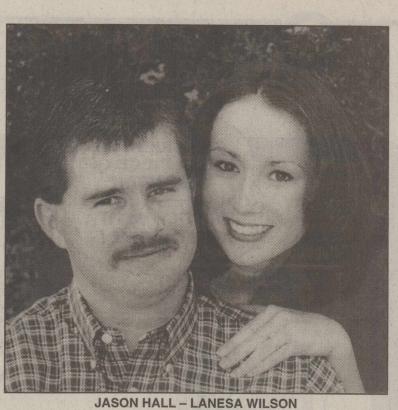
Feb. 12-16 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Monday: Breakfast pizza Tuesday: Breakfast burrito Wednesday: Donut Thursday: Sausage & cheese biscuit Friday: Cinnamon toast Lunch

A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar is offered daily at the Secondary campus. Ala-carte line offered daily Secondary only. Snack bar Wednesday only-Secondary. Milk

and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Monday: Chalupas with cheese, lettuce, tomato, picante sauce, corn, sliced peaches Tuesday: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, ice cream Wednesday: Barbequed drumsticks, mixed vegetables, fried okra, hot biscuit, iced brownies Thursday: Enchiladas with cheese, pinto beans, tortilla chips, queso, fruit salad Friday: Cheeseburgers, fries,

lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, orange



Wilson, Hall to exchange vows

Debbie Pankhurst of Munday and Mr. and Mrs. Lowry Wilson of Lubbock proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lanesa Lashea to Jason Lee Hall, son of

milk, tea or coffee

10:30 a.m. Bingo

Services blood pressure check

Mr. and Mrs. Denton Bates of Haskell.

The couple plans to exchange vows June 16 at the First United Methodist Church of Munday.

ECC Calendar and Menu

coffee

Mon., Feb. 12 Lunch-Lincoln logs, copper pennies, scoop of honesty, a serving of humility and humanness,

Wed., Feb. 14

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health

Lunch-Roast beef, brown gravy,

potatoes, broccoli, pickled beets,

Fri., Feb. 16 11:00 am. TX State Hearing Lunch-Beef stew, tossed salad, great emancipator dessert, bread, fruit cobbler, cornbread, milk, tea

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

All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

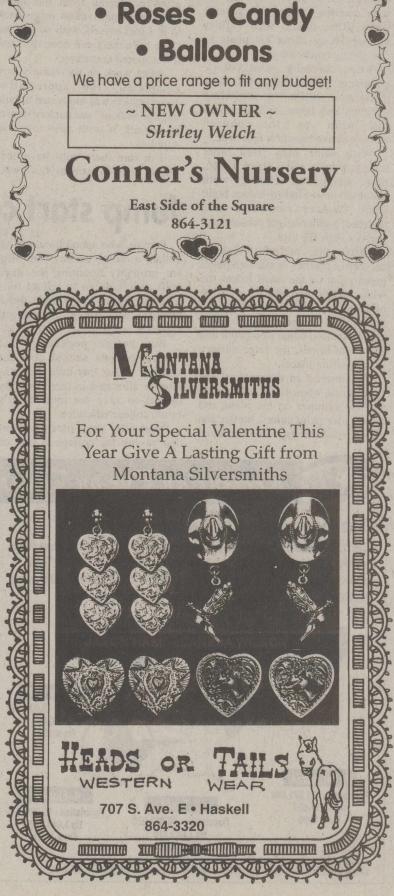


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OPINION

YOUR **GIRLFRIEND IS**

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HIGHLIGHTS By Mike Cox **TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION**

AUSTIN-Museums are an economic asset to any community. In addition to reminding Texans of their heritage, they generate tourist dollars.

The Former Texas Rangers Association, which has a small museum adjacent to the Witte Museum in San Antonio, is working to raise money for a larger historical center in Kerrville.

Since plans to build the museum were announced in November. the early fund-raising association's foundation has been working to acquire enough money to buy land and build the museum.

"We have a contract signed on a 10-acre tract on I-10 in Kerrville," foundation president Joe Davis said. "We have applications in to two foundations and have picked up some substantial donations toward our goal."

A retired Ranger, Davis has his sights set on raising \$5 million to build the Kerrville facility and create an endowment for acquisition of archival material and artifacts.

Davis says the former Rangers association, whose roots trace to an organization created in 1897, is not trying to compete with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco.

"We've been around a long time and we've got to expand," he said. "Our association and the museum in Waco both have

council there is considering seeking a part of the needed money from the Legislature.

employee raise State sought

Public The Texas Employees Association has asked for an 8.25 percent pay hike for the state's 150,000 workforce.

Of course, as the old expression goes, "askin' and gettin'" are two different things.

The raise as requested by TPEA would cost \$1 billion over the biennium.

After hearing an evening's worth of testimony on Jan. 31, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Rodney Ellis agreed state workers need a raise, but said the request might be more than the budget could handle.

A state pay scale considerably below the private sector has resulted in high turnover, the TPEA said. The problem will be compounded as the state's large block of Baby Boom generation workers begin reaching retirement age.

Parks and Wildlife books available online

who live in Texans communities without bookstore now have a new way. to buy books about the outdoors.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Press, a part of the state agency charged with protecting the state's game, fish and many of its historic and scenic attractions, has set up an online bookstore. Now available through www.tpwpress.com is the Official Guide to Texas State Parks, the Official Guide to Texas Wildlife Management Areas and the Learn About

them excellent and well thought out. He is a multi-talented young man, using his abilities in constructive ways.

But I was surprised to find my brief involvement in his project evoked again some of the excitement and exhilaration that was the very nature of the job I did for many years, working with individuals and commercial builders in Midland and Austin. I decided that, like an old fire horse or old soldier, an old decorating consultant's urge to create a certain look or bring about a wholeness of ambiance to an area, never dies. Despite all of the practical reasons I'd had for retiring from it, for a brief time I felt a tugging nostalgia for those productive days. However, after recovering from the shortlived wild motivation to go back

the pleasant room that day, who were warmly filled with memories of the times when they were bringing their own bright-eyed little ones to Sunday School.

Love

When someone viewing the room remarked that it had absolutely everything it needed, another person said, "But now, we need some more babies to fill it."

"Well, don't look at me to take care of doing that," answered one talented young man who is dedicated to the planning and carrying through of many projects and programs of the church. "I've been there and done that already," he said, smiling. Knowing the young father and the children he has raised to near adulthood, I've no doubt that he could have added, "And it was rewarding."

I'm convinced that no matter

their top savings priorities, but

just over half save regularly. Many

parents may be hoping for financial

aid to help with college costs, but

that strategy could be risky as most

financial aid is in the form of

loans, which must be repaid after

According to the College Board,

the cost of college is rising faster

than the rate of inflation-four years

at a public college or university

could cost more than \$100,000 in

18 years and more than double that

amount for a private education. The

good news is that parents who start

saving early can make great

headway toward saving enough for

find "new" money to save that

doesn't put a drain on lifestyle

expenses, shifting a regular

payment toward an investment goal

is a great way to turn an expense

For example, most parents

would stop writing a check each

month as soon as the daycare center

stopped sending the bill. However,

since the family has become

accustomed to that outflow, it's a

great opportunity to jump-start a

options than ever to make the most

of their college savings, including 529 Plans, so-named after the IRS

code that created them. These plans

are open to residents of all states

and offer a tax-advantaged way to

save to help meet or potentially

beat college inflation to pay for

tuition and expenses at most

accredited colleges and universities

in the United States.

Today's parents have better

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From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 7, 1991

Haskell teacher Christie Stapleton is one of 300 teachers nominated for the 10 Texas Excellence Awards for Outstanding High School Teachers given annually by the Ex-Students' Association of the University of Texas.

The Rule Junior High calculator and math teams placed first at an academic meet in Stamford. Team members are Allison Pike, Denise Wilson, Cory Robinson, Kacy Baitz, Justin Sanders, Michael Murray and Stephanie Stegemoeller.

Roy T. Everett of Haskell was among 44 justices of peace from Region 8 who recently completed a 20-hour seminar in Wichita Falls which was conducted by the Texas Justice Court Training Center.

20 Years Ago February 5, 1981

Charles Thornhill, Jerry Hunt, Raja Hassen and Bobby Simpson were elected directors for the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

Arson is suspected in the fires of the Rule Fire Station and Farmers Co-op Grain Co. offices in Rule. The Farmers Co-op Grain Co. office received approximately \$6,000.00 in damages.

The Haskell Maidens beat the Paducah Dragonettes 54-37. Kim Lane scored 12 points and Melinda Blakley 11 points.

30 Years Ago

February 11, 1971 Clifford Campbell signed a preenrollment application to Texas Tech for a full four-year football scholarship.

Gena Fischer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fischer of Paint Creek, was top money winner with her pigeons at the Fort Worth Stock Show

The Sagerton 4-H girls met in the Lutheran Church basement. Two new members, Pam Coker

and Cheryl Marquis, were recognized.

Keith Everett was elected president of the "H" Club of Haskell High School. 40 Years Ago

February 9, 1961

Sandra Allred, Haskell High

From The Inside Out By Mary Kaigler

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"Lions and tigers and bears, oh my." They are going around the whole room. But, unlike the scary ones Dorothy imagined in the dark forest on the way to the Emerald City, the gentle creatures encircling the perimeter of the children's nursery at Haskell First United Methodist Church are as mild and happy as the little children who come to the nursery during church service.

Fold

The wide, toddler-high wallpaper border of playful animals is just one of the recent new additions to the room, all made possible by the planning of Boy Scout Ross Bullinger, who chose the remodeling of the nursery as a project toward earning an Eagle Scout badge.

Obtaining permission to renovate the nursery, which had not seen extensive change in several ears, Ross talked with builder Leland Thane about his plans to completely renew the area. After choosing paint colors, wallpaper border and carpet, Ross made cost estimates, including supplies and labor, and presented his plan to the church administrative board for approval. With some help from other scouts, family and Leland Thane, new walls and ceiling were installed, new window ledges built, light fixtures renovated and replaced, toddler-height cabinets and shelves built for toys. With the added finishing decorative touches of marbled pastel. green paint on the walls below the wide border and shades of blue blending to simulate sky above the border, blue carpet, natural finish wood cabinets, white woodwork and new mini blinds, the large nursery is an inviting place. My interest in the project was heightened when Ross came by to ask my opinion on his plans and choices for paint colors, border and carpet before he started on the actual

work. I was not surprised to find

more items than we can display as it is. There's plenty of room in Texas for both museums."

Waco museum, The operated by the city, also has expansion plans--\$15 million worth. Though the museum is actively looking for nongovernmental funding, the city

series of children's books. Subscriptions to Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine also are available online.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mary,

I thoroughly enjoyed your recent feature article about your new Governor Rick Perry. I wrote him a congratulatory note and introduced myself. Our backgrounds are reasonably similar, even though a generation apart.

I did not know, however, until I read your article and saw the photograph, that his wife, Anita,

is the daughter of Joe Thigpen and his wife

Mrs. Thigpen was the daughter of Dennis Ratliff. She and I attended high school at the same time. I remember her vividly because she was widely recognized as the local beauty queen.

Best Regards, Frank C. Spencer, M. D. NYU Medical Center

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to it, I told myself, with no regrets, "I've been there and done that, and it was indeed rewarding.'

After work on the nursery was completed, the appreciative congregation was motivated to hold an "open-house" and nursery shower to restock it with new toys and supplies.

I'm sure there must have been others also, as well as I, viewing

Jump start college tund

Parents who spend hundreds of dollars a month on day-care bills are probably counting the days until their kids go to school fulltime so they can spend those dollars on other household expenses or luxuries.

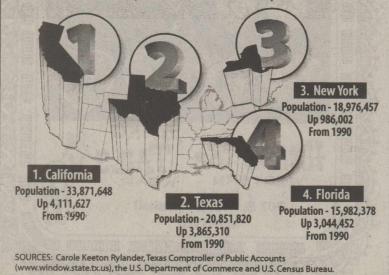
But before pocketing that money, parents should consider shifting those day-care dollarsalready allocated in their monthly budget-to save for their child's future college education.

Year after year, parents report that saving for college is one of



Climbing the Ranks

The U.S. Census 2000 reports Texas is the second most-populated state, with figures that show 20,851,820 residents as of April 1, 2000. Texas gained nearly 4 million people in the 1990s, and the state's 22.8 percent increase boosted Texas past New York to the No. 2 position.



what stage of life we are in, we all

sometimes experience a nostalgia for earlier times when days were School senior and daughter of Mr. sweet for living. Yet, we know there comes a time for us to move on to other phases of life for which we are now more suited. And despite the lions, tigers and bearsized set backs we encounter on the way, these later phases also will be rewarding, if we let them.

and Mrs. Ark Allred, was named Student Guest of the Rotary Club for the month of February. "G. I. Blues" with Elvis Presley is showing at the Texas Theatre. Mr. and Mrs. John Alex

Mayfield, Arch, Evelyn and Alexis of Weinert attended the Stock

Show at Fort Worth. The Weinert FHA Chapter elected Mary Davis as a candidate for an area office. Linda Adams was named as a voting delegate and Shirley Sanders and Linda Cunningham will sing in the area chorus.

50 Years Ago February 8, 1951

G. B. Therwhanger of Weinert has purchased the stock and equipment of the Magnolia Service Station at 301 North First Street, formerly operated by Merle Weaver.

Dan M. Oates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hill Oates, received his Master's degree from the University of Texas. Oates is a 1942 graduate of Haskell High School.

Raymond Medford was named assistant County Agent in the office of the County Agent F. W. Martin. Medford is a 1946 graduate of Paint Creek High School and a 1950 graduate of Texas A&M University.

> 90 Years Ago February 11, 1911

The Civic Club held its regular business meeting in the home of Mrs. Gordon McGuire.

Will Bland of the Sayles community was in town wanting to hire men and teams to break sod at \$2.00 per acre. He has quite a bit of new land that he wants to put under the plow this year.

Mrs. T. J. Watson of Rule was in the home of her son-in-law, J. E. Walling this past week. She says that Haskell is the prettiest town that she has ever seen.

T. J. Sims has moved his grain and feed business to the building formerly occupied by Williams and English.

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WEEK FEBRUARY 4-10





Haskell Cub Scouts Pack 136

Commissioner **Bill Perry**

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Den 4 Webelos I & II **Den Leader: Bill Markunas** Justin Amaro Eric Markunas **Edward Benavides Steven Glines** Jacob Rodriguez



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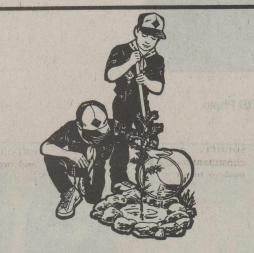
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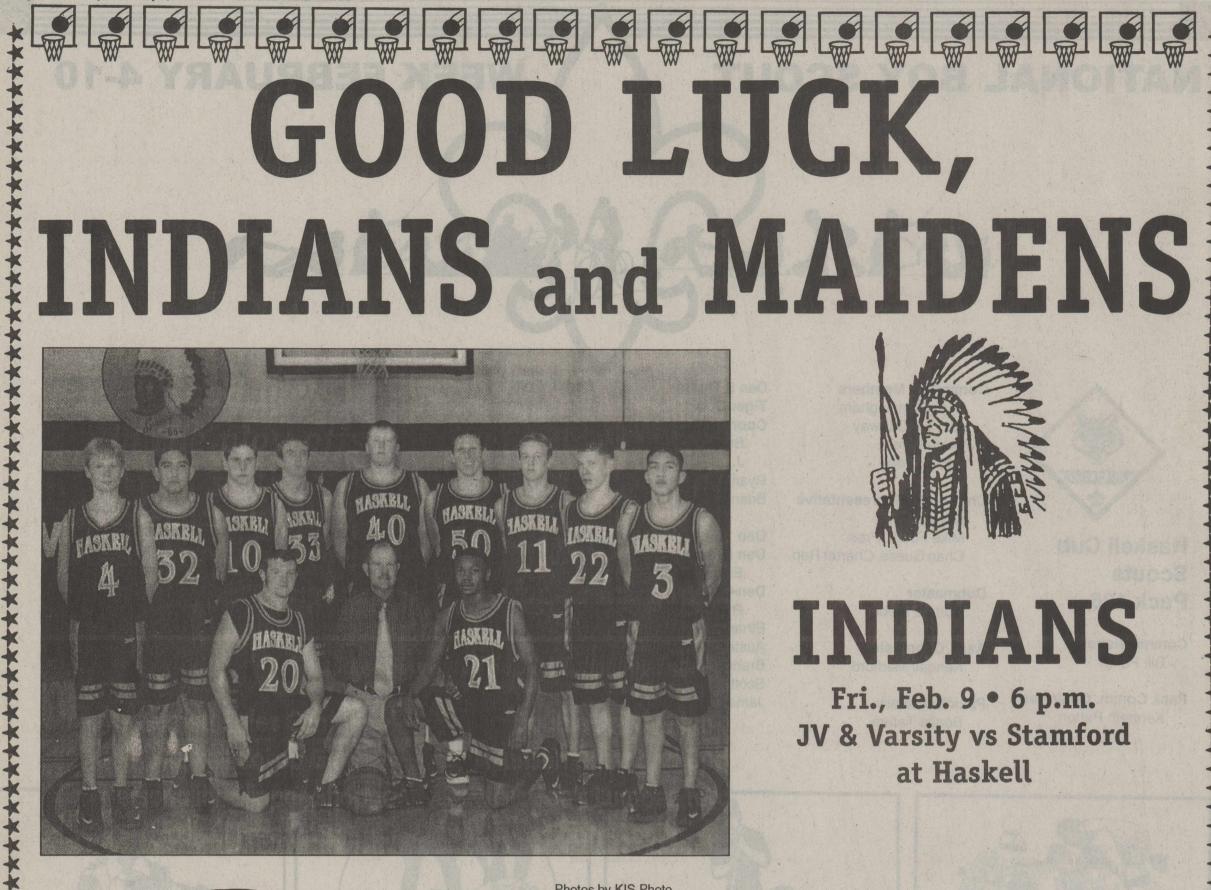


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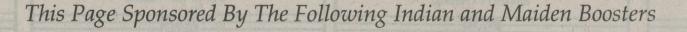
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MAIDENS Good luck in the play-offs!





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Don't get burned when buying firewood

A roaring fire in the fireplace may be just what's needed during this bitterly cold Texas weather. But in the rush to keep the home fires burning, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs says some consumers may be getting short-changed because they don't know how much firewood they are buying.

"By law, firewood can only be sold by the cord or by fractions of a cord," Combs said. "Anything else and consumers may be getting burned."

A standard cord of firewood is 128 cubic feet of wood, generally a pile measuring 8 feet long by 4 feet tall by 4 feet deep. The wood should be placed in a line or row with individual pieces of wood touching and parallel to each other. The cord of wood should be compact.

Other units, such as "rick," "truckload," "face cord," "rack" or "pile," are not legitimate measurements and people have no way of determining how much firewood they are actually receiving.

If you think you have been short-changed, contact your Texas Department of Agriculture regional office or TDA's Weights and Measures Program at (512) 463-7483 or 1-800-TELL-TDA (835-5832).

TDA offers other helpful hints for buying fire wood:

•Only burn well-seasoned wood. If you try to burn green wood, the heat produced by combustion must dry the wood before it will burn, using up a large amount of the available energy in the process. Well-seasoned firewood generally has darkened ends with visible cracks or splits. It is relatively lightweight and makes a clear "clunk" when pieces are hit against each other. Green wood on the other hand is very heavy, the ends

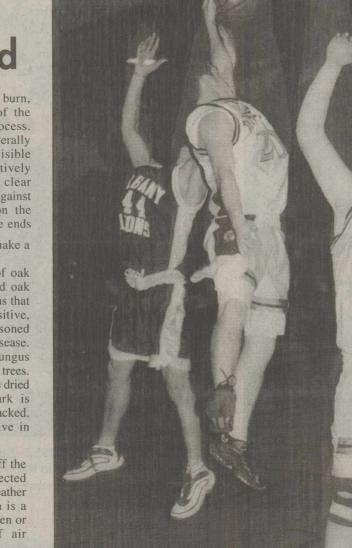
look fresher and it tends to make a dull "thud" when struck.

•To prevent the spread of oak wilt, only buy well seasoned oak firewood. Although the fungus that causes oak wilt is heat sensitive, storing contaminated, unseasoned wood may help spread the disease. The beetles that carry the fungus may fly off and infect healthy trees. Well seasoned oak firewood is dried to the point where the bark is falling off and the wood is cracked. The fungus is no longer alive in well seasoned wood.

•Wood should be stored off the ground if possible and protected from excess moisture when weather threatens. The ideal situation is a wood shed with a roof and open or loose sides for plenty of air circulation to promote drying.

•Only burn a little pine, even construction scraps, as kindling.

•Packaged natural wood offered for sale in quantities less than oneeighth cord or 16 cubic feet, must display the quantity in terms of cubic meters or cubic feet or any fractions of cubic meters or cubic feet and must meet TDA's labeling requirements for accuracy.



VARSITY INDIANS-Haskell's #20 Dustin Threet and #40 Cliff McGuire help put the Indians ahead in the game with the Albany Photo by Kis Lions.



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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 743 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Feb. 3, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Light cattle \$2-5 higher; stockers 1-3 higher. Feeders steady-2 higher; packers steady-2 higher.

Jerseys, Longhorns, Holsteins, cripples, knots, bad eyes and goons \$5-\$30/100# less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .36-.44; cutters, .35-.47; canners, .28-.34. Bulls: bologna, .48-.57; feeder,

.74-.84; utility .45-.52. Steers: medium and large frame

"Don't give your horse the spur till you know which way you're going."



No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.80; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.30; 400-500 lbs., 1.05-1.18; 500-600 lbs., .92-1.08; 600-700 lbs., .87-.97; 700-800 lbs., .85-.92; 800-up lbs., .75-.85.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.15-1.45; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .85-.97; 600-up lbs., .65-.88. Bred Heifers: medium frame, 500-600.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 625-750; aged or small, 525-650.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-900; aged or small, 675-775.

Healthy weight important for adults

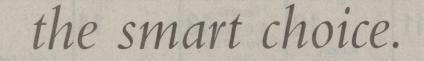
by Lou Gilly Haskell Co. Extension Agent Maintaining a healthy weight in older adults requires a good diet and physical activity. Diets should consist of sensible portions of a variety of foods. Fruits, vegetables and grains such as cornbread, tortillas, biscuits with jam, whole wheat muffins and pancakes. Legumes, peas and beans can be tasty, inexpensive meals.

Older adults need more calcium, vitamin D and vitamin B-12 than other age groups. Low-fat milk and other dairy products are excellent sources of vitamin D and calcium.

Vitamin B-12 can be found in fortified breakfast cereals and animal products such as beef, poultry and eggs. People of all ages can benefit from a healthy diet, but weight loss is not recommended for adults over the age of 65 without the supervision of a doctor.

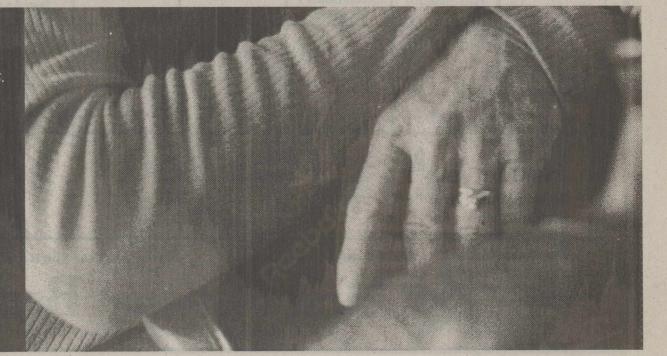
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STUDYING THE NUMBER 100-Haskell Elementary first grade students of Doris May Watson celebrate the first 100 days of school with a party and learning projects.



CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED-Students of teacher Kristi Gibson's Early Childhood class at Haskell Elementary, joined in the celebration of attending school 100 days.



ONE HUNDRED AND COUNTING-First grade teacher Marijane Cunningham is joined by students celebrating 100 days of school with arts and crafts projects, reading, counting and food games.



CAKE FOR 100 DAYS-Students in first grade teacher Trish Johnson's class, enjoy a party as they celebrate the first 100 days of school, and learn about the number 100 through games and projects.

Students celebrate 100 days of school One hundred M & M's don't take Doris May Watson was that Lanuary 19th was the 100th day of count by fives and tens, and worked Some said that they would be old and wrinkly, while others said that

One hundred M & M's don't take p much room, and one hundred January 19th was the 100th day of

they would be out in the rest home letting kids push them in their wheelchairs.

Students in the News

Hardin-Simmons University hours with a grade point average of

3.6 or better.

average.

Jennifer A. Page, Physical

Therapist Assistant student from.

Rule, has been named to the fall

2000 honor roll at Amarillo

College with a 4.0 grade point

Page joins more than 300

students on the list. To be

much Cheerios don't fill a big bowl. However, students in the first grade at Haskell elementary had a terrific time studying the number 100 Fri.,

The cause for all the excitement in the first grade classes of Marijane Cunningham, Trish Johnson and

the school year.

The Friendly

To first graders, this special day is a goal to look forward to, and a reason to celebrate. The students enjoyed activities with math games, arts and crafts, reading and writing, and food activities. They learned to with place value. After their arts and crafts project, they made a list of 100 words they can read and write.

When asked what they thought they might look like and what they would be doing when they reached the age of 100, their replies varied.

At the end of the day, the students enjoyed a party and were awarded a certificate for giving 100% all day.

Monthly Calendar Haskell Independent **FEBRUARY 2001** of Events **School District** SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT 2 3 San Antonio Stock Show Feb. 3-18 UIL Wylie 10 6 9 5 4 8 Softball Valentine Classic 2 Way Scrimmage **BB** Stamford Softball HS Here Stamford-Anson Here 6 p.m. Here 5 p.m., 7 p.m. JV-B Boys 4 Way Scrimmage Baseball Baseball UIL Solo 11 Scrimmage 13 12 14 15 & Ensemble Scrimmage 16 Hawley 4:30 Here Aspermont There Houston 5 p.m. JV & V JV&V Cross X Debate Stock Show Softball Hawley V Softball Hawley V at Hamlin Feb. 13-March 4 There 5 p.m. Here 5 p.m. Baseball 24 18 21 23 20 22 19 7th Grade Senior Supper Hawley There **Career Breakfast** First Baptist 1:00, 3:00 7 p.m. - Abilene Softball Tourney JV & V -25 26 28 27 Baseball Softball Eula Seymour 4:30 There There JV & V JV 3:30

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That's the Spirit of Community Pride

announces that four students from the Haskell area made the HSU honors lists for the fall 2000 semester

Amy Aycock of Haskell and Leigh Ann Reel of Paint Creek made the President's List. Katie Cruz of Haskell made the Dean's List and Jodi Andress of Haskell made the Honorable Mention Roll.

The HSU President's list honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a 4.0 grade point average and the HSU Dean's List honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.75 or better.

The HSU Honorable Mention Roll honors students who completed from 6 to 11 semester

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recognized, students must be enrolled in 12 or more hours of academic courses at Amarillo College and earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher. *** Jace Allan Yates, son of Joe and

Caron Yates of Weinert, graduated in December from Texas A&M University with a degree in Bioenvironmental Science.

Earlier in the semester he was inducted into the Golden Key International Honor Society. To qualify for membership a student must be ranked in the top 15% of his class.



Ask the AG By John Cornyn, Attorney General

Q. A debt collection agency is calling me at work several times a day. Is this legal?

A: Creditors have the right to collect debts. However, state and federal law limits the methods that may be used.

Federal law prohibits professional bill collectors from contacting you at work if you have advised them in writing not to do so. Federal law also prohibits bill collectors from calling you at home before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m., unless the collector knows such times are convenient for you.

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In addition, the Texas Debt Collection Act provides additional safeguards for consumers. These rules apply to anyone trying to collect a consumer debt in Texas. Under this law, debt collectors may not:

- Harass debtors by making anonymous telephone calls or by making repeated or continuous calls;
- Use profane or obscene language; • Threaten you with violence or other criminal acts;
- · Falsely accuse you of fraud or other crimes;
- · Ask you to accept collect charges on a telephone call without first disclosing the true name of the caller; or
- Send you documents that falsely appear to be from a court or other official agency.

Q: What should I do if Pm being repeatedly contacted by a bill collector?

A: You may want to contact the Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS). This non-profit organization provides debt counseling to families and individuals. You can contact CCCS at (800) 388-2227 to locate an office in your area.

If you are being subjected to wrongful debt collection tactics, you can file a consumer complaint with my office. Call us at (800) 337-3928

to request a complaint form, or download it from the Office of the Attorney General Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

To stop a professional debt collection agency from contacting you, notify the collector in writing. Keep a copy of your letter and send the original by certified mail. You should also send a copy to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which investigates illegal practices by professional bill collectors. You can contact the FTC's Dallas office

Q: What does your office do when someone violates the Debt Collection Act?

at (214) 979-0213.

A: My office will take action to stop violations of the Debt Collection Act and other consumer protection laws. Depending on the facts of the case, we may resolve the matter by negotiating an assurance of voluntary compliance with the debt collector, ask a court for an injunction or restraining order to stop the violation, or assist local prosecutors in conducting a criminal investigation. Civil or criminal penalties may be assessed against the debt collector.

Any action that this office takes, however, will be on behalf of the State of Texas, not an individual consumer. We are sometimes able to obtain restitution for consumers, although this is not always possible.

In January 2001, my Consumer Protection Division won a temporary restraining order that shut down three fraudulent Houston-area debt collectors. The collectors allegedly committed numerous violations of the Debt Collection Act and Deceptive Trade Practices Act and violated a federal law that bans sending unsolicited faxes.

The individuals named in the suit often passed themselves off as attorneys. They sent unsolicited faxes to businesses nationwide offering to collect debts. After obtaining a company's credit files, the defendants used threats of criminal prosecution, including the use of profanity, to harass people into paying debts. Frequently, money collected from debtors was never passed on to creditors.

MOVING THE BALL-Haskell Maiden #40 Katie Thompson takes

the ball down court during the winning game with Albany. Final score was Haskell 55, Albany 42. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Area Basketball scores

Girls

Haskell 55, Albany 42 Scoring by quarters: Haskell 13, 13, 10, 19. Albany 10, 10, 10, 12. Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 25, Lindsey 12, Thompson 10, Phemister 4, Bird 3, Price 1.

JV Score - Haskell 42, Albany 40.

Rule 87, Rochester 22 Scoring by quarters: Rule 28. 25, 18, 16. Rochester 6, 6, 6, 4. Scoring for Rule: Lisle 24, Lehrmann 23, McDuff 18, Marquis 6, Hertel 4, Navarrette 4, Dudensing 2, Brown 2, Webber 2, Davis 2

Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 7. Garcia 4, Adkins 4, A. Stoddard 4, Turner 2, Penman 1.

Rule 73, Benjamin 34 Scoring by quarters: Rule *16, 30, 16, 11. Benjamin 12, 7, 7, 8. Scoring for Rule: McDuff 24, Lisle 18, Lehrmann 16, Brown 4, Marquis 4, Hertel 3, Dudensing 2, Caddell 2. ***

Rochester 56 Paint Creek 47 Scoring by quarters: Rochester JV Score - Haskell 47, Albany Olney 66, Haskell 38 Scoring by quarters: Olney 14,

20, 11, 21. Haskell 7, 7, 8, 16. Scoring for Haskell: C. McGuire 10, Goudeau 7, Huff 5, Loyd 5, Lindsey 3, Garcia 3, Palacios 2, Threet 1, Hunt 1. Webb 1

JV Score - Olney 66, Haskell 45. ***

Rule 49, Rochester 43 Scoring by quarters: Rule 11, 15, 14, 9. Rochester 11, 7, 11, 14. Scoring for Rule: Coker 20, Faulkner 9, Hensley 8, Truelsen 8, Murray 2, Smith 2

Scoring for Rochester: Taylor 13, E. Sanchez 11, McGhee 8, Hastey 6, Baker 3, Hearn 2.

Rule 51, Benjamin 38 Scoring by quarters: Rule 9, 7, 12, 23. Benjamin 9, 8, 10, 11. Scoring for Rule: Coker 17, Hensley 14, Smith 9, Faulkner 7,

Truelsen 4. Rochester 72

Paint Creek 54

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Buckling up saves lives

by Lou Gilly Haskell Co. Extension Agent In the United States last year, 51 percent of the children under 14 that died in auto collisions were not wearing seatbelts.

Extension assistant for passenger safety education Martha Kingston says Texas law requires children less than two years old be in a car seat. She says the best practice, however, is for all

children weighing less than 40 pounds to ride in a safety seat with a full, five point harness.

Kingston urges that everyone wear a seatbelt all the time, even though Texas law does not require people over the age of 15 to wear a seatbelt in the back seat. An adult safety belt should fit low across the hips and then across the shoulder. Kingston says taking three seconds to strap yourself and your loved ones in may save lives.

16, 16, 19, 5. Paint Creek 8, 14, 8, 17.

Scoring for Rochester: Garcia 24, Turner 12, Adkins 10, Byrd 10. Scoring for Paint Creek: Wade 15, Hearn 12, Gonzales 8, Isbell 4, Lopez 3, Daniel 3, Walton 2.

Boys Haskell 41, Albany 27 Scoring by quarters: Haskell 15, 8, 11, 7. Albany 7, 6, 8, 6. Scoring for Haskell: C McGuire 11, Garcia 10, Webb 5, Goudeau 4, Huff 4, Lindsey 3, Loyd 2, Z. McGuire 2

Scoring by quarters: Rochester 24, 14, 16, 18. Paint Creek 4, 12, 13.25

Scoring for Rochester: Taylor 20, Hearn 14, Sanchez 14, Hastey 9, McGhee 7, Baker 6, Garcia 2. Scoring for Paint Creek: C. Hobbs 17, Hise 15, Biba 6, Hope 5, River 4, Dunniven 3, E. Hobbs 2, Medford 2.

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Please come to an open house in her honor on Sunday, February 11, 2001 at the First National Bank Community Room, Haskell from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

No gifts please. Just share with us a memory or an amusing story about a very special lady.

Hosted by her daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

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Heart patients really shouldn't get steamed

Heart patients really shouldn't get steamed.

A hot sauna may seem nice and relaxing, but it can be risky for some people with heart problems. If you tend to experience chest pain when you exercise, you should probably avoid getting in a sauna because you have an increased risk of fainting, heart attack and death related to sauna use.

The heat of the sauna increases heart rate slightly. That could affect patients who have restricted blood flow to the heart. When the heart

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doesn't get enough blood, a heart attack or death may result. One symptom of decreased blood flow is chest pain with exercise.

Researchers in Montreal studied the sauna effect on a group of patients who have decreased blood flow to the heart. When these patients were in the sauna, their heart rate increased, their blood pressure decreased and the level of stress hormones rose.

For most people, sauna bathing is harmless. But doctors at U-T Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say it's still a good idea to limit your time in a sauna or hot tub. Even healthy people shouldn't spend more than 15 or 20 minutes at a time in a sauna or hot tub.

If you have any kind of heart problem, check with your doctor before you enjoy a sauna bath.

This Week's Devotional Message: TRUE LOVE IS MUCH MORE THAN CARDS ON VALENTINE'S DAY



In just about a week from now There'll be a special day For which we all have made a vow To send what will portray

How much we love someone we know, In words that will combine

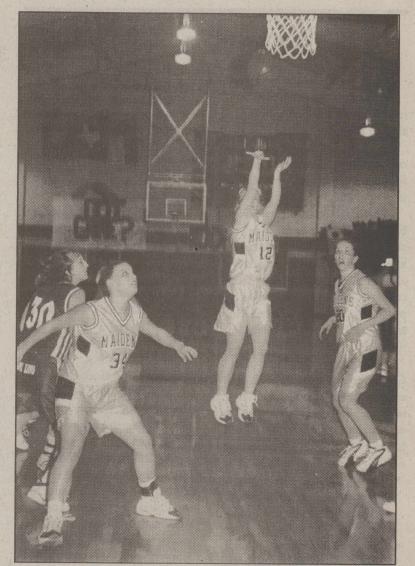
With lacy hearts and cupid's bow In red and white design.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Greater Independent Baptist Church Faith Chapel of Rochester East Side Baptist Church Katherine Byrd, minister Bobby Ray Wade, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p. Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. David Page, pastor Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 301 N. 3rd St., Haskel Hwy 6, Rochester 600 N. 1st East, Haskell First United Methodist Church New Covenant Foursquare Christian Church Bill and Renee Glass, pastors Dolan Brinson, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Dusty Garison, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Rochester 200 S. Ave. F, Haskel 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell **Mission Revival Center** ----SAGERTON---• Church of God Rev. William Hodge Sagerton Methodist Church Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m. Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021 Tommy-Wilson, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. East Hwy 380, Haskell First Baptist Church Sagerton Kevin Hall, pastor **Trinity Lutheran Church** Faith Lutheran Church Sun, Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Gary Bruns, pastor Stan Leaf, pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Hwy 380 East, Haskell Church in the Park Sagerton Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. ----RULE---Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. 607 S. 7th, Haskell Gazebo or Pavillion First Baptist Church First United Methodist Church Scott Hensley, pastor ----PAINT CREEK----Shane Brue, pastor Sun Morn 45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed, 7 p.m. Paint Creek Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 1001 Union Ave., Rule 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m. Primitive Baptist Church Paint Creek First Assembly of God Dale Turner Jr., pastor Rev. J.C. Amburn First & Third Sundays 10 a.m. •---WEINERT---• Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule First Baptist Church 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell Church of Christ Chris Powell, pastor St. George Catholic Church John Greeson, minister Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m. Father Michael Melcher Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Weinert Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m. 811 Union, Rule Weinert Foursquare Church 901 N. 16th, Haskell First United Methodist Church Rev. Robert Harrison **Church of Christ** Shane Brue, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. Brett Anderson, minister Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m Weinert Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell 1000 Union Ave., Rule •---ROCHESTER---• **First Presbyterian Church** Church of Christ Primera Iglesia Bautista Henry Chisholm, temporary supply Artuo Jr. Floves Steve Wilis; minister Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell Elm Street•Hwy 380 E, Rule West on Main Street, Rochester Trinity Baptist Church Sweet Home Baptist Church First Baptist Church Rev. Kenneth Blair Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. Troy Culpepper, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p. Gladstone Ave., Rule Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m. 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell West Bethal Baptist Church 500 Main, Rochester Hopewell Baptist Church Union Chapel Baptist Church Rev. Robert Sweet John Lewis, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a.., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m. Rev. Clarence Walker Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 300 Sunny Ave., Rule Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell Rochester Personality Sonic Drive-In **HANSON PAINT** Slipper Shoppe **& BODY SHOP** 1402 N. Ave. E 413 S. 1st (South Side of Square) 207 S. 1st • 864-3631 864-8533 864-2501 and 864-3051 **Professional Auto Body Repair** Managers: Leon & Carolyn Herring Glass Installation • 24 Hour Wrecker Service "One Stop Shopping' Steele McGee's **Rule Co-op Gin Lumber Yard** Machine & Elevator Hwy. 280 • 864-2208 301 Adams • Rule • 997-2421 105 N. 1st **Modern Way** Haskell Free Press Attend Church **Food Store** This Sunday "The People's Choice" 1202 N. Ave. E • 864-3763 401 S. First • Haskell **Rice Springs** 940-864-2686 **Jay's Tire Center** Serving Haskell County 506 N. 1st East • 864-2908 Care Home, Inc. "See You In Church" *Since* 1886 1302 N. 1st • 864-2652 **Sport About Smitty's Auto** Medicare • Medicaid • Therapy of Haskell Parts **Committed To Excellence** 864-3891 • "Where Winners Shop" 204 N. 1st St. • 864-2607 In Service

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UP AGAINST THE LIONS-Haskell Maiden, #12 Nikki Wallace scores, and #34 Mindy Price, and #20 Deshea Phemister assist during the Maidens game with Albany. Photo by Kis

Faulty roofs can lead to expensive repairs

If you're a homeowner, you know that hidden costs often sneak up in the form of unexpected damage and unforeseen repairs. But if you want to keep a solid roof over your head, you'd better learn the warning signs of when you need a new one.

If your roof is older than 10 years, you may need to call in a professional. A faulty roof can cause leaks, cracks, excessive heating costs and other unexpected financial expenses.

Roofing experts offer these tips: = 1. Keep on top of your homeknow your roof. There are five layers to a house that water can penetrate if the roof is deteriorating. They are: the shingles, felt, wood decking, insulation and interior dry wall. The deeper the water penetrates, the more costly the repair to the home. Look for signs of deterioration to prepare for inclement weather. They include: algae buildup, interior ceiling stains; damaged flashing; loose, missing, curling, cracked or rotting shingles; and a rotting deck.

3. Be cautious when choosing a roofing contractor. If you notice signs of deterioration, call in a professional roofing contractor. But keep in mind that 96 percent of roofing contractors go out of business within five years.

Be comfortable with who you choose as a contractor and that they will be in business throughout the life of the roof. Ask these questions: Does the contractor have complete workman's compensation insurance and general liability insurance in case something happens on the job? Is the contractor properly licensed?

Don't hire the contractor without a minimum of 10 references including names, addresses and phone numbers. Check with the Better Business Bureau to make sure there are no

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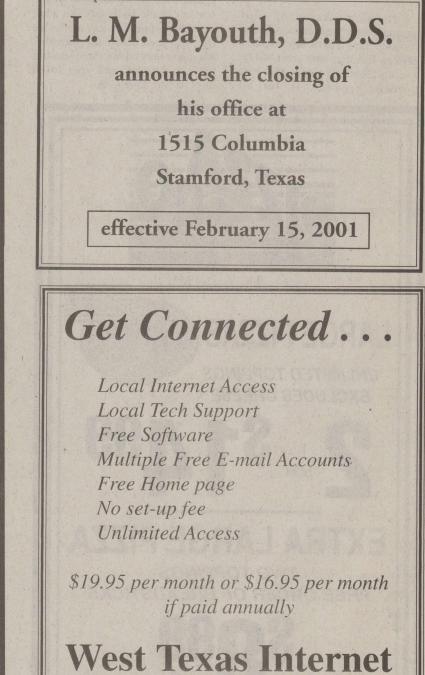
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PLAYERS IN PROGRESS-Some of the 73 Haskell youngsters enrolled in the PIPs programs, entertain with their ball-handling routine at half-time during a recent basketball game.

PIPs group to perform at Friday basketball game

by Mary Kaigler When the Haskell PIPs group runs out on cue onto the gym floor to perform and entertain the basketball fans at half-time during the game Friday night, it will mark the end of their training and performing program for the season. Since enrolling in the Players in Progress last August, 73 Haskell youngsters, ranging in age from kindergarten to sixth grade, have become proficient in the crowdpleasing drills and routines they have developed through their participation.

Designed for children who are still too young to enter and play in a regular school basketball program, the PIPs program regimen helps to develop ball handling skills, strengthen handeye coordination, increase memory and listening skills and build discipline. Performing the routines in front of large groups gives them personal confidence. The local PIPs group is coached by Darlene Therwhanger, who is assisted by numerous adult volunteers during the season.

basketball games, the group was the featured act during half-time at a recent Abilene Christian University game. Last year they performed at Hardin-Simmons University and in Wichita Falls.

Although the regular PIPs season is ending, some members of the group may be attending the Players in Progress Festival that will be held in Abilene in March.

The next PIPs season will begin in August. The cost for registration is \$50.00 for each child

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participating. On registering, each one receives their own basketball and a PIPs T-shirt. Divided into two age groups, they practice together once a week and when the regular basketball season opens, they perform their synchronized routines at one game each week.

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Commissioner's Court votes to temporarily move library

At the Jan. 23 meeting of the Haskell County Commissioner's Court, the vote was unanimous to temporarily move the County Library to the old Hassen building, while repairs and new construction are being made at the present library building and property.

Upon recommendation of County Sheriff David Halliburton, the court approved the hiring of Johnny Mills as a part-time dispatcher at the jail at the regular hourly pay rate, and to allow him to work as a Reserve Deputy at no salary if he is needed.

Also upon recommendation of Sheriff Halliburton, the court voted to take Deputy Sheriff Jeff Mitchell off probationary salary and put him on regular salary.

Around Town By Joyce Hawkins

Bernice Hilliard attended the square dance at the Wagon Wheel Saturday night Faye Gray's grandson Michael

Hicks of Abilene came by on Thursday for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hawkins of Lewisville spent the weekend with mom Joyce. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Hawkins and children of Aspermont came. Also, Bobby's friend Leroy Stieman of Eastland came and the men went hunting with Christopher Tatum.

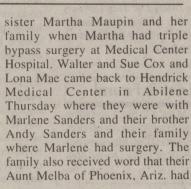
Creora Tatum spent the weekend in Wichita Falls with college friends.

Michelle Pannell and children Loran and Brittney of Throckmorton visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair Sunday and attended church at Trinity Baptist. Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Cody Blair of Wichita Falls visited his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair.

Friends are glad to know that Lois Redwine has moved back to Haskell

Visiting with Christene Greene Saturday was Ozella Griffis of Bowie and her son Clifford McCraw of California. They went with Christene to a baby shower for Becky Franklin who has a new daughter Jaedin who was born Jan. 18. The shower was held at the

Walter and Sue Cox of Omaha, Marie Kirkland of Ft. Worth, Jacky Sanders of Aledo and Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell were in Odessa last Wednesday to be with their



a stroke and was in Good Samaritan Hospital.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued in January by Rhonda Moeller, Haskell Co. Clerk include: Robert Nelson Watson, Jr. and

Beverly Peters, both of Haskell Michael Darrell Huggins and

Deborah Lynn Carlton, both of Stamford

Approval was given to the hiring of Tammy Hobbs as maintenance person at the salary of \$18,000.00 per year for the first 6 months and \$18,600.00 per year after that.

Before adjourning for lunch, the court approved the 1999-2000 audit report by Jeff Gregg, CPA.

In the afternoon session, the commissioners approved resolution concerning the continued operation of the Rural Court Delay Reduction Project for a fourth year, beginning on June 1, 2001 and ending on May 31, 2002. The county will pay for a portion of the cost of a Court Coordinator for the District Judge.

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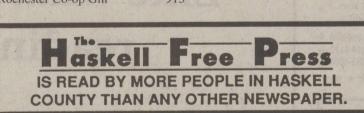
The project is a state-wide project involving rural, multicounty district courts, with each county that participates in the project being responsible for the county's portion of the project costs attributable to the district Haskell County court. Commissioner's Court has agreed to provide a sum of \$4,371.73. Kent County will provide \$678.37. Stonewall County, \$1,281.37, and

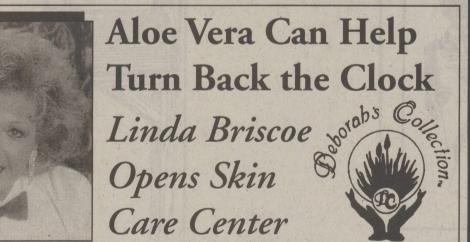
Throckmorton County, \$1,205.99. The total of these is the amount equal to one-fourth of the total costs to the 39th District Court, as required by the grant application. A copy of the resolution is on file at the County Clerk's office

In other business for the day the Commissioners voted to help the City of Rochester with repairs to their sewer plant when the precinct hands have time. Tiffen Mayfield was appointed to the Ambulance Board. A motion was approved to sell the Experienced Citizens Center



Not only a popular part of the half-time activity at local





Linda Briscoe, a long-time resident of Haskell County, is enthusiastic about opening a Deborah's Collection Distribution Center. The center will provide service and skin care and beauty products throughout the area.

Linda became involved with the Company during the Christmas holidays. After using the products for only a few weeks, the condition of her skin was greatly improved. "I simply want to share this product with others," Linda stated.

Linda attributes the fast results to the concentration of aloe vera gel used as the base for this product line. "I knew the juice of the aloe vera plant has long been a home remedy for minor burns and healing needs."

Taking the healing properties of the succulent, Deborah Gibbs, President of Deborah's Collection, has formulated skin care products that will moisturize, heal and benefit the skin's tissue.

Deborah says the difference in this skin care line is the aloe and how it is extractedeach leaf is hand-filleted to get the purest part of the plant's gel. Then the gel is stabilized to maintain the aloe's effectiveness. This "pure gel" provides the base for the entire skin care line, which is formulated to help heal problem skin and enhance the natural glow.

Wrinkles occur when the skin losses moisture, but the aloe in Deborah's Collection helps retard the natural evaporative process and penetrates the outer skin surface taking the aloes' healing and moisturizing processes deeper within our skin.

One of the main attractions of the skin care is the non-surgical facial lift. Deborah says the lift is applied like a facial mask. However, it works on tightening and toning the facial muscles. "The lift is so delicate that you can apply it over the eyes," she says, "which is often the area which begins aging first." Deborah says what makes her products easy to market is the fact that the customer can see a difference for herself after just one demonstration of the product.

Deborah will be in Haskell, February 26th, Haskell National Community Building at 7 p.m., to demonstrate and introduce the skin care line to this area. The public is invited to attend. For reservations or additional information, please contact Linda Briscoe, 940-864-2688 or 864-3658.

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Citizen of the Year Award
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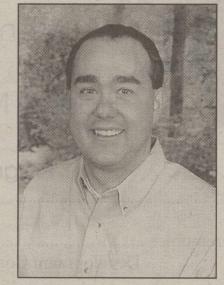
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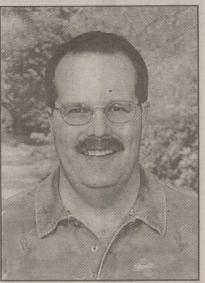
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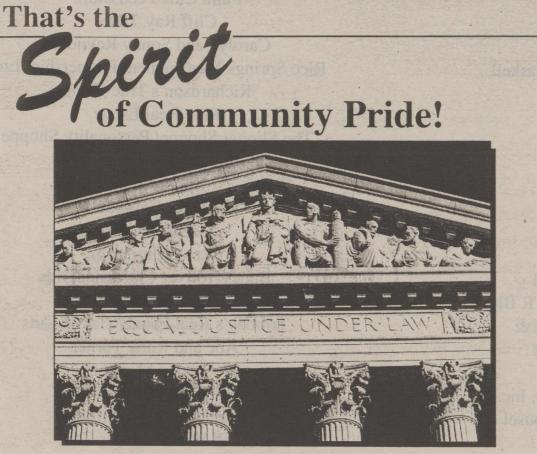
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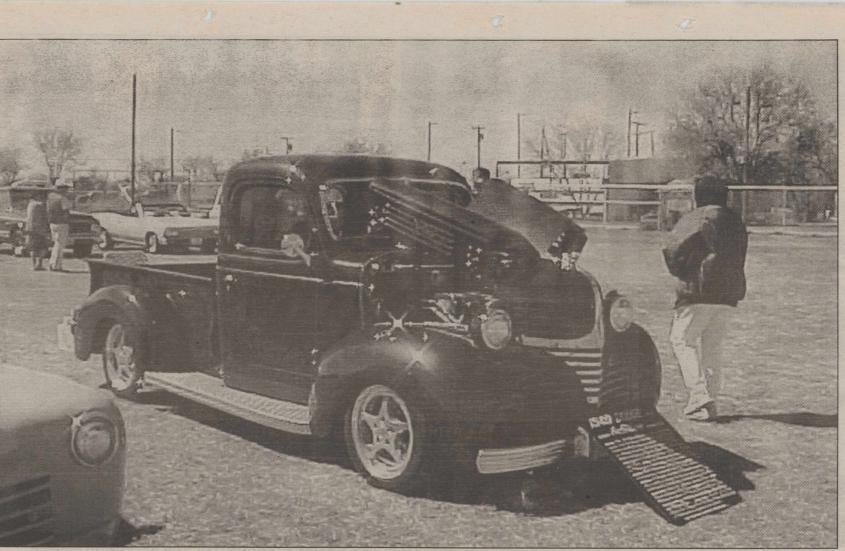
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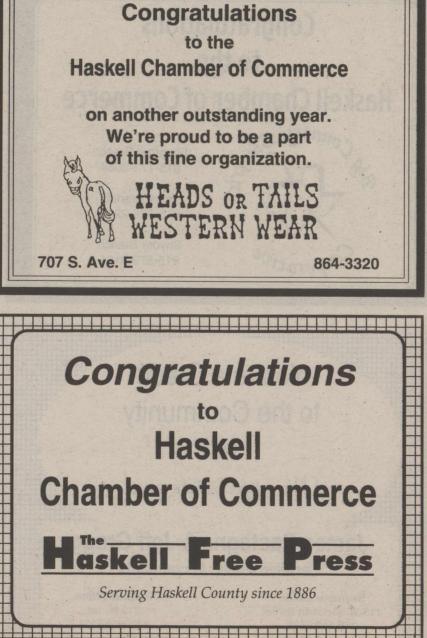
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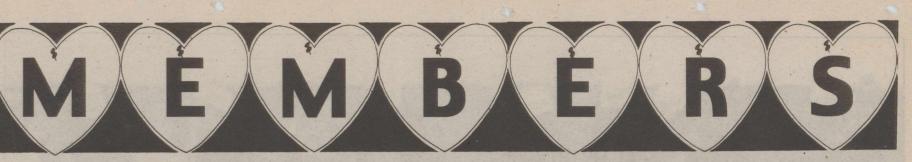
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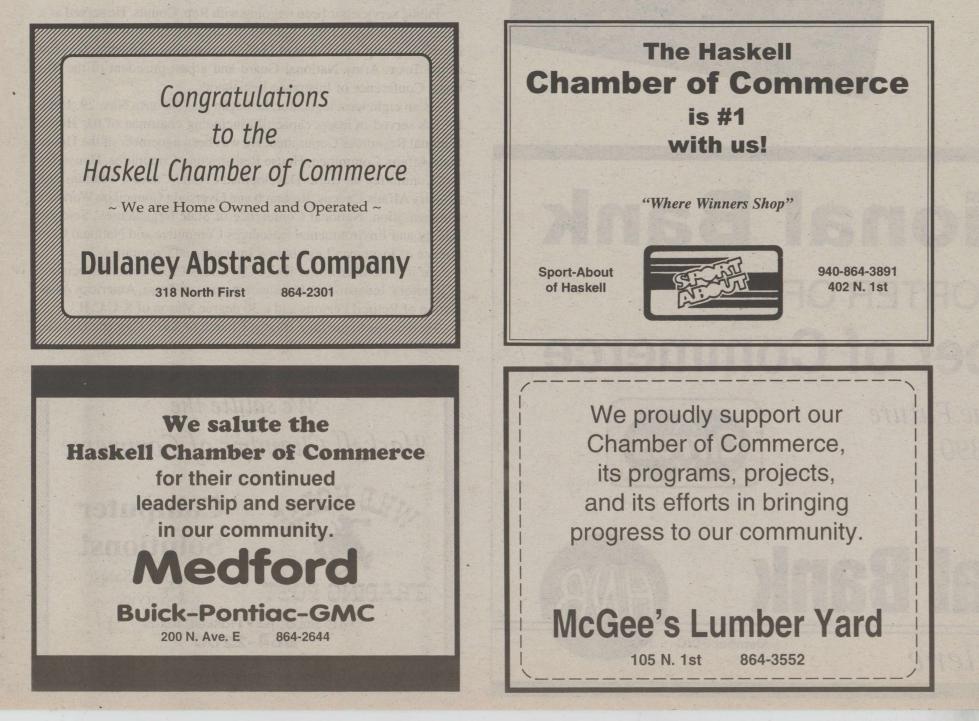
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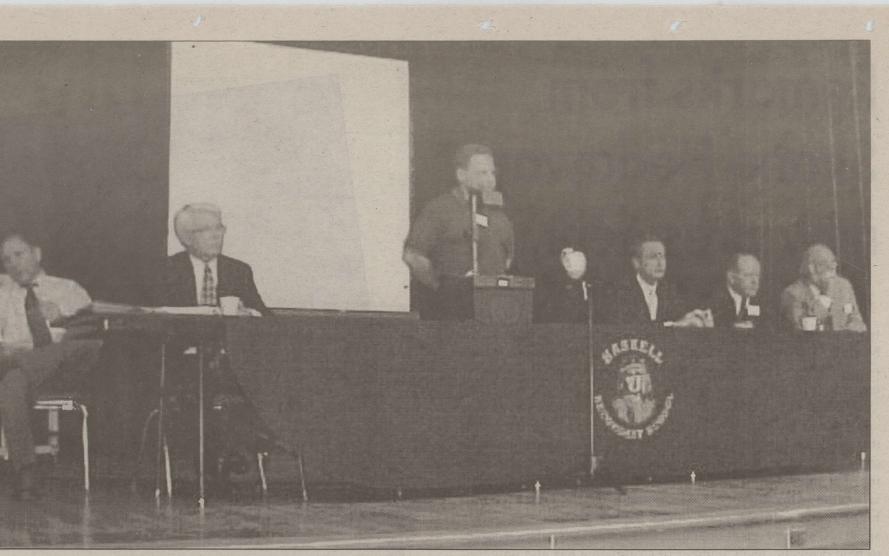
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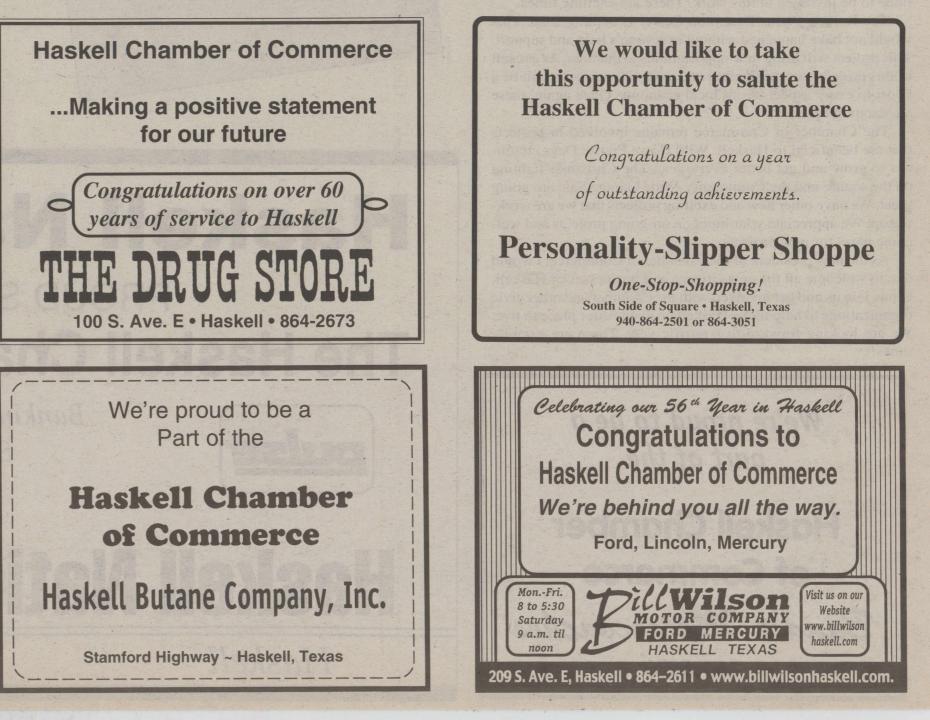


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TOWN HALL MEETING FOR ROLLING PLAINS REGIONAL COUNTY JAIL AND DETENTION CENTER



Remarks from Shane Hadaway, new president

"These are exciting times!"

Haskell-what a great place to live!! Times are changing-the town, the city and the people are changing. The past year has brought new businesses to town along with new employment opportunities. The coming year will see even more. These are exciting times.

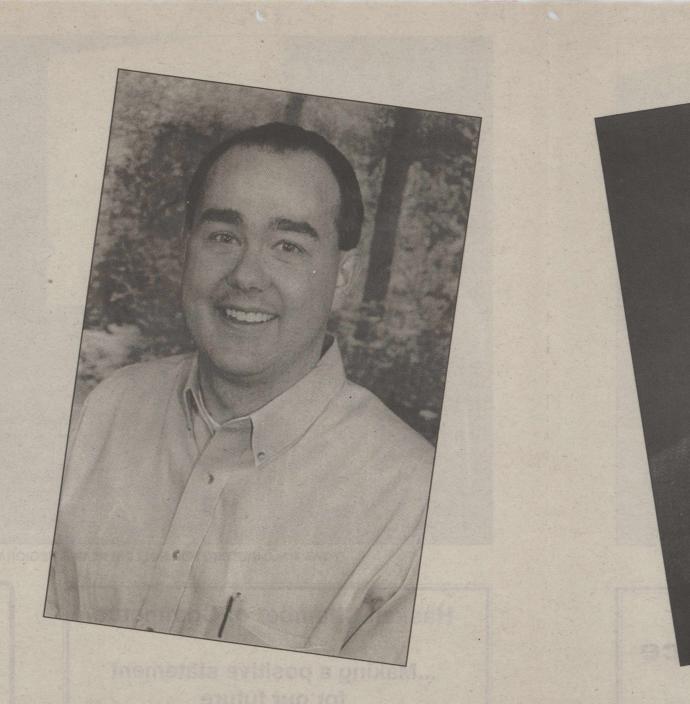
Haskell has so much going for it. We continue to lead other small towns in Texas. We have businesses and job opportunities that other small towns do not. Businesses ranging from unique gift shops, three new car dealerships, innovative cotton breeding, RV manufacturing and so much more. The City, County, school and Development Corporation of Haskell are all working together to make good things happen for our area. Other small towns envy our cooperation and enthusiasm when it comes to new projects. The Chamber of Commerce has and will continue to be involved in this work. These are exciting times.

The Rolling Plains Detention Center is coming soon. This would not have happened without everyone's help and support. This project will bring new opportunities to our area. As a result of this project, new businesses and over 100 new jobs will be a boost to every aspect of our local economy. Once again, these are exciting times.

The Chamber of Commerce remains involved in projects that are beneficial to Haskell. Wild Horse Prairie Days continues to grow and get better every year. The Christmas lighting on the square and the Community-Wide Garage Sale are going great. We have other new and exciting projects that we are working on. We appreciate your input on on-going projects and welcome ideas for new projects.

As the new president of the Chamber of Commerce, I would like to welcome all the new citizens and businesses of Haskell. Come join us and get involved with the Chamber and other civic organizations to help make Haskell an even better place to live. We are looking forward to a terrific year. These are exciting times!!





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David Counts, State Rep. District 70

About Our Guest Speaker

Tonight's guest speaker is The Honorable David Counts, State Representative for District 70.

Born July 14, 1936 in Munday, David is the son of Alma Counts of Rule. Mrs. Counts owned and operated Counts Beauty Shops there. He graduated from Rule High School in 1954 and attended West Texas and North Texas State Universities from 1954-56. In 1975, he graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

He married Mary Counts on July 15, 1956. They have a son, David Counts III and a daughter, Patti Counts Holmes.

David and Mary have five grandchildren, Jeremy and Seth Barnett and Jennifer, Sarah and Matthew David Counts.

Rep. Counts is founder and owner of Counts Real Estate in Knox City. He farms in Knox County growing cotton, milo and wheat. He is vice president and director of Rolling Plains Well Service, an oilfield service company.

Public service has been ongoing with Rep. Counts. He served as a director of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce from 1965-85, serving as the group's president in 1985. He is a retired Brigadier General of the Texas Army National Guard and a past-president of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators.

As an eight term legislator, he began his first term Nov. 29, 1988. He has served in many capacities including chairman of the House National Resources Committee. He was been a member of the House State Affairs Committee, House Redistricting Committee, House Select Committee on Rural Development, Rural Caucus, Veterans and Military Affairs Caucus, Research and Oversight Council on Worker's Compensation, National Conference of State Legislatures' Science, Energy and Environmental Resources Committee and National Conference of Insurance Legislator's International Committee.

He is a member of the Knox City Lions Club, Texas Association of Realtors, Independent Insurance Agents of Texas, American Association of Retired Persons and a 30 degree Mason of K.C.C.H.

He belongs to the First Baptist Church of Knox City and Gideons International.



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