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## Baseball games

Haskell V vs Hamlin  
Fri., April 6, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell  
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Haskell JV vs Hamlin  
Mon., April 9, 5 p.m.  
at Hamlin  
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Haskell V vs Anson  
Tues., April 10, 5 p.m.  
at Anson

## Softball games

Haskell V, JV vs. Anson  
Fri., April 6, 4:30 p.m.  
at Anson  
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Haskell V, JV vs. Olney  
Tues., April 10, 4:30 p.m.  
at Olney

## Calendar

### Basketball awards

The Haskell Youth Basketball awards ceremony will be held Thurs., April 5 in the big gym beginning with team pictures at 6:30 p.m. An awards ceremony will follow at 7:30 p.m.

### 4-H photo project

Those who participated in the Haskell County 4-H photography project will hold a public exhibition Sat., April 7 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the First National Bank meeting room. An awards ceremony will begin at 2 p.m.

### Bake sale

Rule Sports Association will hold a bake sale Sat., April 14 at Stamford Wal-Mart from 9 a.m. to noon. Members are to bring homemade baked items to Sharon Simpson or Tina Threet no later than 8:15 a.m. April 14. For information, call Threet at 997-2839.

### Storm sirens

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

### Paint Creek reunion

Lyla Mary (Mickler) Isbell is upgrading addresses of alumni for the upcoming Paint Creek Reunion. Addresses may be submitted to Mrs. Isbell at 705 N. Ave. E Apt. 3, Haskell, Texas 79521 or to TaTa@westex.net.

### Class of '61 reunion

The Haskell class of 1961 will meet for a 40th reunion Sat., April 21 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

### Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., April 5 at 9:30 a.m.

### Art club to meet

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., April 9 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Esme Glenn of Abilene will be the guest artist.

### Bake sale

The American Legion Auxiliary of Haskell will host a bake sale Sat., April 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of Wild Horse Trading Post on the south side of the square. Proceeds will benefit Bluebonnet Girls State of Texas.

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EXHIBITING THE BEST—Courtney Buerger, right, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Kenny and Gina Buerger of Avoca, standing center, exhibited the Champion Angus Market Steer at the 2001 Houston Livestock Show in early March. This was the Paint Creek student's first year to show in Houston and made it a

memorable one to put into her Haskell County 4-H Record Book. Her 1124 pound lightweight Angus Class winner bested all of the middle and heavy weight steers to take home the purple banner. Standing left is Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag, Brandon Anderson.

## FSA now accepting LAP applications

The Haskell County Farm Service Agency is now accepting applications for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP). According to Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director, LAP regulations were published as a final rule March 19 and sign-up will end April 27. LAP provides direct payments to producers who suffered grazing losses due to natural disaster during calendar year 2000.

"Often, producers equate Farm Service Agency assistance with row crops. However, LAP is one of the many livestock oriented programs available to producers through FSA," said Brzozowski. "We recognize that individuals who raise livestock only and those who raise livestock in conjunction with row crops have suffered devastating losses on both accounts due to recent natural disasters," he said.

According to Brzozowski, 2001 LAP payments are available to qualifying counties. In Texas, 240 counties have been approved for

LAP, including Haskell County. Eligible counties must have sustained a 40 percent or greater loss of available grazing for at least consecutive months. Losses may have resulted from drought, excessive heat, disease, insect infestation and other adverse impacts attributed to a natural disaster event.

"LAP provides assistance to eligible livestock producers who have owned or leased qualifying livestock for at least three months prior to the payment period," said Brzozowski. "Producers interested in LAP should be prepared to provide information including the number and kind of livestock, acres, location and type of grass forage used to support livestock and an estimated percent of grazing loss."

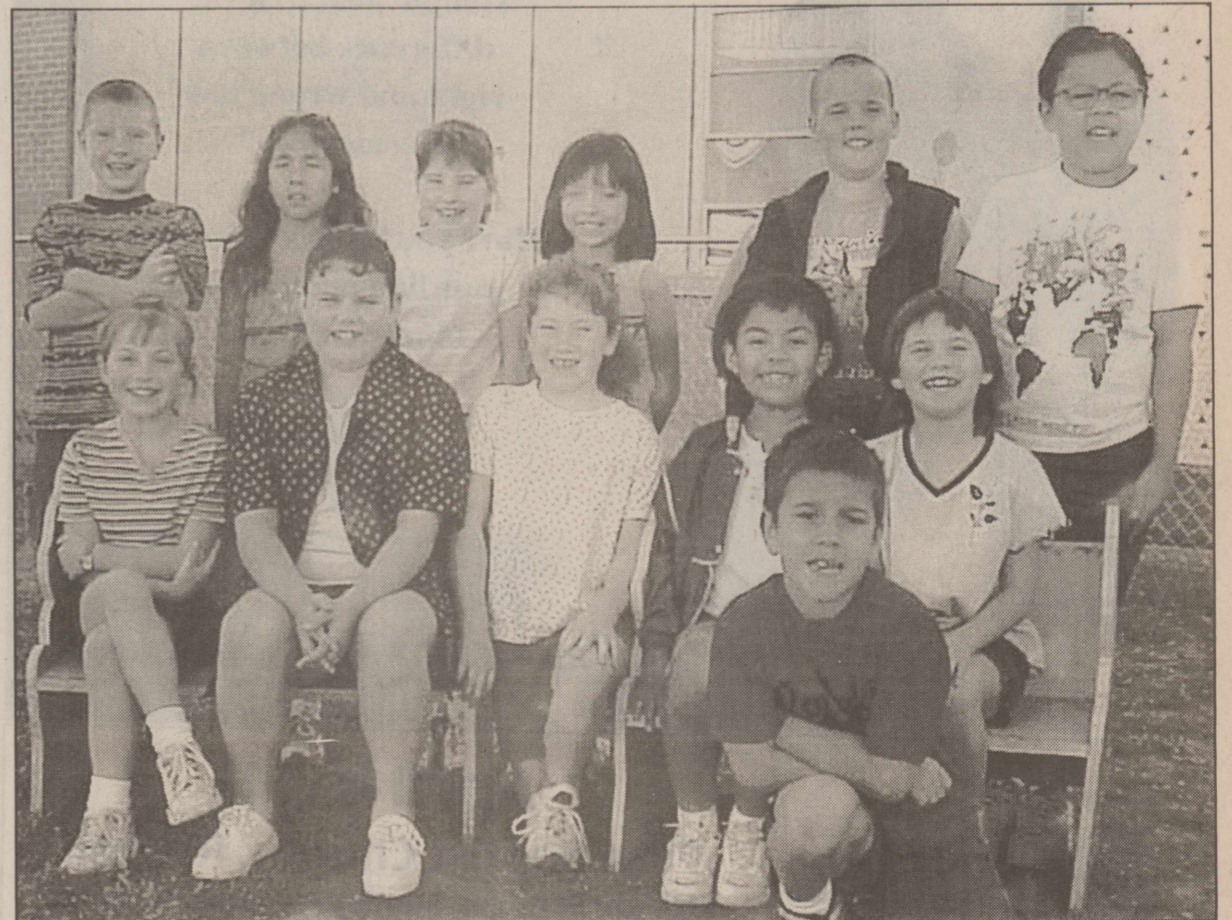
Eligible livestock under LAP provisions are beef and dairy cattle, buffalo and beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine and

equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm.

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to provide approximately \$430 million in LAP assistance by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and

Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, Pub. L. 105-277.

For more information regarding Livestock Assistance Program eligibility and to schedule an appointment to file an application, contact the Haskell County office at 940-864-2617.



READERS RECOGNIZED—Second grade students honored at the Mar. 22 Haskell CISD Board meeting for passing a total of 1219 Accelerated Reading tests for a total of 534.5 points were: back row, l-r, Austin Nanny, Clarissa Walker, Meagan Kimbrough, Jamie Fuentes, Nathan Meredith and Ricky Molina. Front row, Codi Foster, Ashlee Short, Leslie Crosson, Angelica Gonzales, Lisa Crawford and Tony Trevino, kneeling. The points earned can be spent in the Accelerated Reading Store for toys and coupons from local businesses.

## City, school elections set

At the close of the Mar. 21 final date for filing for open places on Haskell County School Boards, the names of those seeking the offices in the May 5 election have been announced.

Filing for Haskell CISD single Dist. 1 seat are incumbent Felix Rodriguez and Jerry Don Hudgens. For the single Dist. 6 seat are Steven Foster, Donna Cole and Robert Tribbey. Early voting will be done at the Haskell CISD Administrative office from Apr. 18 through May 1. The May 5 voting place will be at the Haskell National Bank.

Filing for three full term seats on the Rule ISD Board are Lynn Dale Dudensing and incumbents Bobby Don Smith, Kraig Kupatt and Rob Kitley. Early voting will continue from Apr. 18 through May 1 at the Rule High School, with regular voting on May 5.

Filing for the two full-term seats on the Rochester ISD Board are incumbents Larry Short and Randy Wilcher. Early voting will be at the Rochester High School, Apr. 18 through May 1. The May 5 voting will be held at the Fire Hall.

Filing for three full term seats on the Paint Creek School Board are Will Duniven, Darlene Walton and Brian Bredthauer. Early voting from Apr. 18 through May 1, and the regular voting on May 5 will be held at the Paint Creek School.

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Those filing for three full term seats on the Haskell City Council are B. J. Ray and incumbents Fred Hernandez, Doris McMeans and Sue Medford. Ruby Turner filed for the unexpired term seat. Early voting is from Apr. 18 to May 1 and the regular voting on May 5 will be held at the Haskell City Hall.

## Nikki Wallace named to teams

Haskell High School junior Nikki Wallace was named to the Class 2A All-Big Country Girls Basketball 1st team.

The 5' 5" player was also named to the Class 2A All-Region First Team.

## Haskell tracksters to run in Austin Friday and Saturday

The following Haskell High School students will run at the Texas Relays Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7 in Austin at the University of Texas.

100 m. dash - Stephanie Hodge  
1,600 relay - Leslie Grand, Lynzie Harlan, Brittany Lindsey

and Stephanie Hodge  
400 relay - Grand, B. Lindsey, Tiffany Lindsey and Hodge  
100 - Tyrone Billington  
The 1,600 meter relay and Billington will run Friday.  
The 400 meter relay will run Saturday morning.

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## Obituaries

### Kathi Hutchinson



KATHI HUTCHINSON

Funeral services for Kathi Hutchinson, 62, of Weinert were held Wed., April 4 at First Baptist Church

in Weinert with John Snider officiating. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hutchinson died Mon., April 2 at a Wichita Falls Hospital.

Born March 3, 1939 in Roth, Germany, she was the daughter of Konrad and Katherine Hoflich. She married Lester Hutchinson Nov. 12, 1960 in Roth, Germany. She had been a resident of the United States for 40 years. She will be remembered for her love of singing.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Lester Hutchinson of Weinert; two sons, Dieter Hutchinson and wife,

Leisa and Wayne Hutchinson and wife, Cheryl, all of Haskell; one daughter, Debbie Spradlin and husband, Lance, of Bridgeport; grandchildren, Lauren Hutchinson, Julie Kate Hutchinson, Kimie Hutchinson, Cole Hutchinson, all of Haskell and Brittany Spradlin and Brayden Spradlin, both of Bridgeport; and one sister, Anni Hinz of Germany.

Pallbearers were Bart Cox, Randy Cox, Mike Cox, Charles Curd, Todd Meers, Jeremy Hutchinson and John Brueggeman.

Memorials may be made to Weinert Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 98, Weinert, Texas 76388 or the American Cancer Society, 209 S. Danville Dr., Abilene, Texas 79605. PD. NOTICE

### Wallace Reid Stark

Funeral services for Wallace Reid Stark, 82, of Snyder, formerly a resident of Haskell, were held Fri., March 30 at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel in Snyder with Dale Huff and Bill Looney officiating. Graveside services and burial were held in Willow Cemetery in Haskell directed by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Stark died Tues., March 27 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder after a sudden illness.

Born Oct. 27, 1918 in Haskell, he married Opal Culpepper June 30, 1945 in Haskell. He had lived in Snyder since 1976, moving there from Artesia. He was

retired from Newmont Oil, having worked for them for 12 years. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corp where he served in World War II for 34 months in Europe as a mechanic. He was a member of 37th St. Church of Christ in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Curtis Stark.

Survivors include his wife, Opal, of Snyder; two sons, Garland Stark and wife, Pamela, and Johnny Stark and wife, Dolores, both of Irving; and four grandchildren, Joey, Susan, Kelsey and Colin Stark, all of Irving. PD. NOTICE

### Nadine Norman Foil Tinkle

Funeral services for Nadine Norman Foil Tinkle, 72, of Eules were held Fri., March 30 at First Baptist Church Chapel in Irving. Burial was in Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Calvary Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tinkle died Mon., March 26 at HEB Hospital in Bedford.

Born July 13, 1928 in Rule, she was the granddaughter of a pioneer founder and long time resident Virgil Xerxes Norman of Rule. She was a homemaker and had been a resident of Eules since 1977. She was a member

of First Baptist Church Irving, a former member of the Rebekkah Lodge and Jayettes in Las Vegas, N.M. and was a present member of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion in Eules.

Survivors include her husband, William G. Tinkle of Eules; one daughter, Dana, and husband, Norman Jefferson of Austin; two grandchildren, Sgt. Christiana Weisel of Killeen and Sean Thorton Martinez of San Antonio; one brother, Barry Foil; and one sister, Janice Foster. PD. NOTICE

### Virginia 'Sue' Pate

Graveside services for Virginia 'Sue' Pate, 75, of Haskell were held Mon., April 2 at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors. A memorial service followed at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Shane Brue, Dusty Garrison and Rev. William Hodge officiating.

Mrs. Pate died Sat., March 31 at her home in Haskell.

Born Oct. 21, 1925 in Haskell, she was a loyal employee of West Texas Utilities for 43 years where she became the first woman manager at the Haskell office.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one sister, Patsy Pate Cobb of Haskell; cousins, Robert and Suzann Starr of Abilene, Carolyn and Jerry Hill of Millsap, Frances Clark of Wichita Falls, John Hamilton of Houston, Shirley and Lester Smith of Florida and Bette Star of Odessa.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell, Texas 79521 or to Hendrick Hospice Care, P. O. Box 1922, Abilene, Texas 79604. PD. NOTICE



AT HOME ON THE RANGE—Some of the student team members demonstrated their skills during the Soil and Water Conservation District Range Judging Contest, held recently at Paint Creek. Teams from Haskell, Wylie, Stamford and Anson schools participated.

## 53 students participate in local judging contests

Fifty three area students participated in the recent Pasture, Range and Land Contest held at Paint Creek, sponsored jointly by the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District and the California Soil and Water Conservation District.

In the Land Contest, eleven teams were entered: Haskell #1, Haskell #2, Paint Creek, Seymour, Quanah, Munday, Stamford, Wylie #1, Wylie #2, Anson #1 and Anson #2.

Winning first place in the Land Judging Contest was Anson #1 team, consisting of members Trussell Davis, Michael Moreno, Dustin McEwen and Sam Jackson.

Taking second place was the Stamford team of Cody Ott, Josh Stephens, and Casey Spraberry.

The Wylie #1 team of Justin Hardin, Anna Hooper and A. J. Jennings won third place.

Winners in the Land Judging Contest High Individual category were: 1st, Sam Jackson, Anson #1 team; 2nd, Trussell Davis, Anson #1 team; and 3rd, Casey Spraberry of the Stamford team.

Members of the Haskell #1 team were Angel Pena, Omar Payan, Justin Trussell and Andy Martinez.

Haskell #2 team members were Shawn Jeans and Phillip Collins.

Paint Creek team members were Bronc Davis, Coy Hise, Clay Ender and Arron Duniven.

Teams competing in the Range Contest were Haskell, Wylie, Stamford, Anson #1 and #2.

The Stamford Team of Marissa Hager, Brent Lundgren and James Decker took first place in the Range Judging Contest. The Haskell team of Ross Bullinger, Kristi Christian, Wendy Proctor, and

Ryan Burgess took second place. Third place went to the Anson #2 team of Amber Eckert, Amanda Hooten and Coy Sanchez.

The Range Judging High Individual first place award went to James Decker of Stamford. Winning second was Marissa Hager of Stamford. Third place went to Kristi Christian of Haskell.

Don Walker, of Stamford, Director of the California SWCD Board, presented each of the winners with a plaque.



THE ART OF JUDGING LAND—Two of the 53 students entered in the Haskell and California Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Land Judging Contest, carefully study the details involved in the process. Teams competing were from Haskell, Paint Creek, Seymour, Quanah, Munday, Stamford, Wylie, Anson and Hamlin schools.

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## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Toliver are back home after being in Alabama. They attended a Texas Tech basketball game; Tech lost by two points.

Wednesday evening Joyce was honored with a hamburger supper, cake and ice cream for her 79th birthday. Those who helped her celebrate were Margaret and Creora Tatum, Gary Hawkins, Darlene and Daniel Conn, Denise Conn and girls, Julie Cochran and daughter, Christopher and Melissa Tatum and boys and Bobby Scheets. Joyce had calls from her brother Dolan Vaughn from Panhandle, sons Glendon of Irving and James of Wichita Falls, sister-in-law Tiny Vaughn of Anson and daughter Yvonne Huffines of Dimmitt and grandson Jonathan Tatum of Hartley. She also received several calls during the day from local friends and lots of cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins of Irving spent the weekend with his mom Joyce Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Roysdon of

Mansfield spent the weekend visiting her mother Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Miller left Friday afternoon for Fort Worth where they spent the weekend attending the car races. They returned late Monday evening.

Monday, March 26, Margaret Tatum took her mom Joyce to Abilene for pre-op admittance to Hendrick Medical Center. Tuesday Joyce went again to Abilene for medical checkup. She will have hip replacement surgery Thursday, April 5.

Bill and Oweta Muse of Tulsa, Okla. visited Fay Gray. She went to Lubbock with them to visit a sister-in-law Vivian Hudson. Fay spent the weekend in Abilene visiting her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hix.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hilliard of Odessa visited his mother Bernice Hilliard over the weekend and attended church with her. Mrs. Ron Hilliard also visited her mother in Rule.



JEFF McCLENDON - PAULA HARVEY

## Harvey, McClendon to be married June 2

Paula Diane Harvey and Jeffrey Randal McClendon, both of Arlington, have announced their engagement to be married.

The wedding is planned for June 2, at the East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Harvey of Haskell. She is a 1999 graduate of Haskell High School, and is a junior student at University of

Texas at Arlington. Currently, she is employed at Tom Thumb in Arlington.

Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Randy McClendon and Donna McClendon of Garland. He is a 1999 graduate of Lakeview Centennial High School, and attended Lincoln Tech Institute. He is employed by Vandergriff Honda in Arlington.

## Herbs cause controversy

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent Americans are spending between 3.5 to 5 billion dollars annually on herbal supplements. Herbs used as health aids count for a lot of that money and many health professionals urge against their use.

Since the Food and Drug Administration does not test herbal supplements, they do not have to

meet the same standards that traditional medications do. Herbs are not tested for purity before going on the market and anyone who is thinking of taking an herbal supplement should study the product before taking it. Talk with a doctor and get an accurate diagnosis before using any herb. Learn about the potential side effects of the herbs considered and seek unbiased scientific research for information.

## Births

Tony and Denise Manske of Stamford announce the arrival of their daughter, Taylor Faith. She was born Wed., March 21 at 2:52 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center. Taylor weighed 9 lbs., 1 1/2 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Jack and Suzie Wilson of Rule and Jerry and Shirley Manske of Stamford. Great grandparents are Slick and Peggy Myers of Munday, Allene Wilson of Rule and Mozelle Manske of Sagerton.

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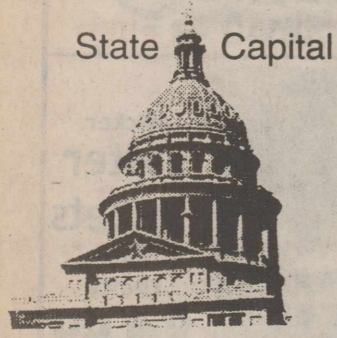
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# OPINION



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**AUSTIN** — The Senate has passed a \$111.7 billion state budget, but that action is just another step in the process.

The next step is a review of the budget by a House-Senate conference committee in April.

The Senate's budget provides money for state employee pay raises, new health and human services spending, new public education spending and money for Texas Grant college scholarships.

Before the vote, two Democratic members, Sens. Mario Gallegos of Galena Park and Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso said Texas' current tax structure is hurting state spending.

Gallegos said the tax cut pushed through by President George W. Bush when he was governor is what has caused the state's current budget woes.

In addition to a cash shortfall, the state will lose \$2 billion in matching federal funds, Gallegos said.

### Orient Railroad doesn't go to the Orient

You own a railroad and may not even know it. And we're not talking a Monopoly game windfall.

It received hardly any publicity, but the Texas Department of Transportation has closed a \$9.5 million deal to buy the South Orient Railroad Co.

The Orient Railroad, of course, does not go to the Orient. It's as West Texas as oil wells and mesquite.

The railroad cuts across the state from Coleman County to Presidio, where it

connects with a Mexican rail line.

The largest community served by the Orient is San Angelo. That's where the movement to save the Orient from closure began.

The state is paying \$6 million to buy the Orient's assets, from tracks to trains. Texas Pacifico Transportation, the company getting a 40-year license to operate the system will fork over the other \$3.5 million.

### State Museum Opening

Austin's Bob Bullock Texas History Museum will officially open April 21—San Jacinto Day.

A gala commemorating the opening is planned for April 28. One of the guests may be President Bush.

### Parks and Wildlife reward offered

A \$4,500 reward is being offered for information concerning the slaughter of 39 antelope in Dallam County.

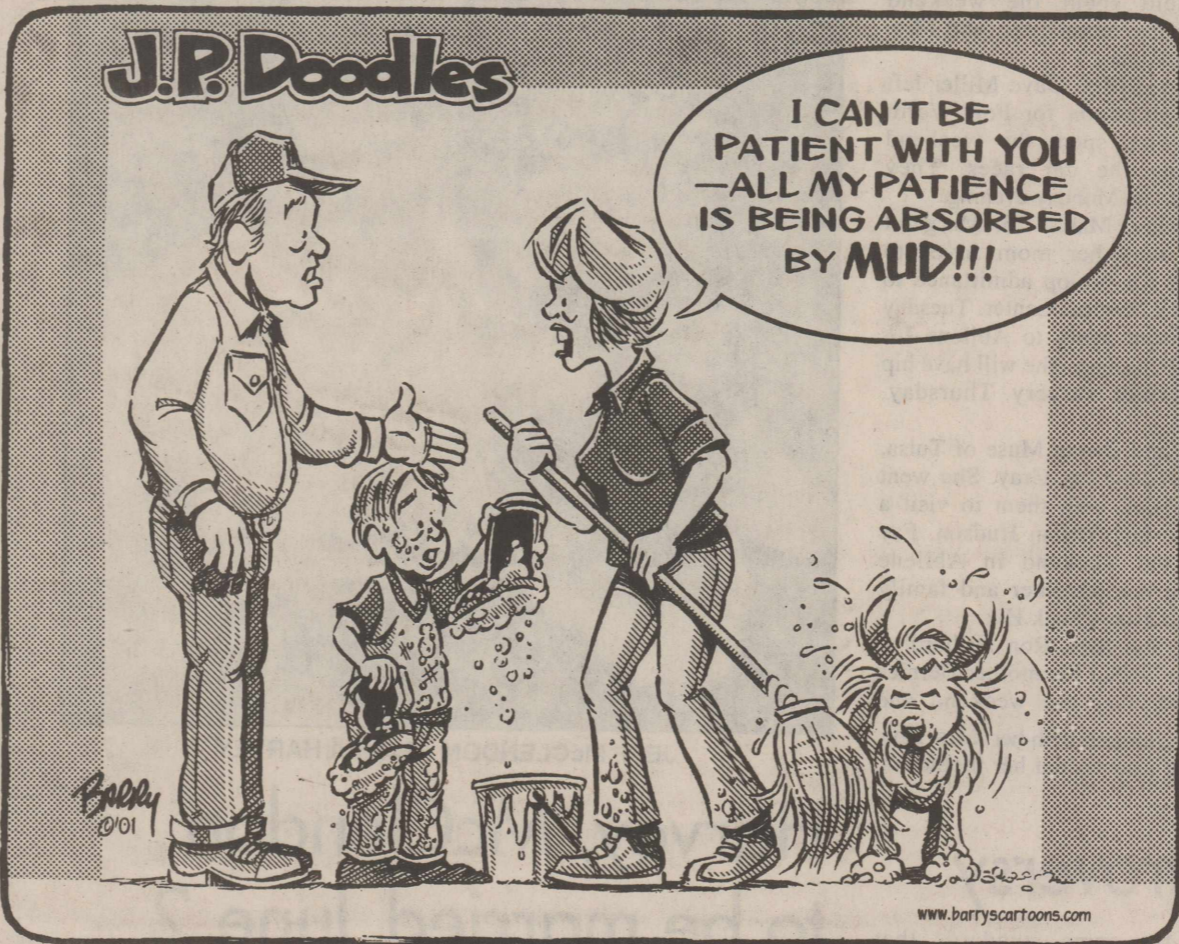
The animals were found dead on a ranch in Dallam County on Dec. 9 after fire fighters responded to a grass fire on the property.

"This is the most wanton waste of wildlife I have seen in my 30-year career," said Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement Director Jim Robertson. "The way these animals were killed was horrendous, about as barbaric as you can get."

Investigators said some of the antelope had been run over with vehicles, others were shot at close range with shotguns.

Statewide, Texas has only 11,000 antelope, compared with more than twice that number in 1987.

Anyone with information on the slaughter should call the toll free Operation Game Thief hotline at 800-793-4263.



## From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

There is no doubt that sports play a big part in our community and national activities and make up a big part of what we, individually and collectively, spend our time, resources and energy in pursuing.

The community spirit of backing our school sports is commendable. It should be that way. We should indeed follow and take a great deal of pride in our teams.

Yet, sometimes we see those individuals who are more concerned over having winning teams at the moment than they are over having ongoing balanced academic opportunities for our youth to help ensure their being prepared for the future.

Let's face it, we want to win at sports, and our self esteem seems to be tied up in whether we do or don't. Even our smallest kids often perceive early on that this is the whole reason for playing the game, and that nothing else matters. Adults, supposedly, can handle this. Yet, sometimes young children can be so pushed to win that they become discouraged by the reality of not always being able to win. This defeats some of the highest ideals offered by youth sports.

Young children play sports to have fun, learn and improve skills, be with friends and make new ones, have excitement, feel successful or like a winner, and to exercise and become physically fit.

Children drop out of sports because of not having enough playing time (while the more adept players are featured in order to win), being criticized and insulted, mismatching, stress, feeling failure or like a loser, and poor team organization.

The Texas Dept. of Protective and Regulatory Services, says the future of youth sports can be enhanced by a child-centered coaching philosophy that emphasizes the importance of helping young children develop their positive overall self-images through participation in sports.

The child-centered coach understands the child is the center and main reason why the game is played, and promotes winning as a feeling that winning is knowing that you have done your best. A child-centered coach praises players for being and doing; uses only gentle touch and respects the privacy of a child's body; motivates the players to provide continuous, positive support for all team players; uses comparable

playing time to give everyone a moment of glory; creates a mood that makes the game fun; expects a child to perform only as much as the child's age allows; establishes clear expectations and standards of conduct that promote success and sportsmanship.

Such a coach, regardless of whether it is a parent coach or professional coach, will encourage appropriate behavior by using praise, appropriate touch and privileges; treats his or her players with respect while administering discipline; teaches his or her players how to appropriately express and manage feelings of discomfort, and realizes that kids look to them for direction and example.

Is this too much to expect or even want from a youth sports coach? That probably depends on whether we are of the opinion that "Winning is the only thing" or whether we are of the opinion that the overall welfare of our kids is well worth finding out if their coach is child-centered.

"Winning isn't everything, trying to win is. Try your hardest to do the best you can," is a message that, when carried over into other aspects of life, will truly help young children have fun and feel like winners.

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago

April 4, 1991

Tommy Casey of Rule took 12th place in the Texas High School Powerlifting Association Championship Meet at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Haskell teachers Jill Druesedow and Greg Melton were honored at the West Texas State University "Success Teacher" banquet.

Dr. Cliff Ray caught the biggest fish in a crappie-thon tournament at Lake Ray Hubbard. The winning fish weighed 3.63 pounds, beating out the next biggest by .01 of a pound.

### 20 Years Ago

April 2, 1981

Mr. and Mrs. Novis Ousley were honored as Outstanding Citizens at the Rule Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

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Haskell Jaycees at the annual election.

Weinert voters re-elected W. B. (Bailey) Guess for a third term as mayor. R. W. Raynes and Ted Boykin were elected to the City Council.

R. L. Edwards and R. A. Mathison were re-elected members of the Weinert School Board.

### 50 Years Ago

April 5, 1951

Joe Thompson, owner and proprietor of Service Cleaners of Haskell, will leave today for Washington, D. C. where he will attend the National Institute of Cleaners and Dyers for three months.

Mayor Courtney Hunt will leave this week on a trip to Los Angeles, Calif. Alderman A. M. Turner will serve as mayor pro tem in the absence of Mayor Hunt.

Mayor Hob Smith of Rochester was re-elected when he received 40 votes out of a total of 63 votes cast. John Michael and Felix Mullino were re-elected Rochester aldermen, each receiving 41 votes.

### 90 Years Ago

April 8, 1911

Figures released by the Census Bureau, from the count made last year, gives the population of Haskell as 2,436.

Mr. Cogdell and Mr. Stokes shipped fourteen cars of cattle to market this week.

Lightning killed two steers at the oil mill feed lots Sunday night.

Harry Brewer has returned to Haskell and is now working at Collier's.

## Steps for quality babysitting

April has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Prevent Child Abuse Texas, and the Children's Trust Fund of Texas have offered some precautions to follow for keeping kids safe.

One aspect of keeping kids safe is in having quality babysitting.

Before parents leave, babysitters should have the following information written down and accessible in case of emergency:

- \*Children's names and ages.
- \*Parent's names.
- \*House address with nearest cross street.
- \*Instructions on how to contact parents.
- \*Phone numbers of relatives and neighbors.
- \*Doctor's name and medical release from parents.
- \*Phone number for poison control center.
- \*Reminder to call 911 in case of emergency.
- \*Instructions about any medications the parents want you to give their child.
- \*Children's food allergies in case you feed them.

\*\*\* Before parents leave, babysitters should:

\*Have parent's permission to have guest, but it is best not to have visitors.

\*Meet the family pets.

\*Walk through the house and check for any obstacles that could be a hazard to you in getting the children out of the house in an emergency.

\*Check for any items that can be dangerous for the children such as matches, lighter fluid, electrical cords, plastic bags or loose change on the floor.

\*See if a doggy door or any unlocked gates, door or windows lead to a swimming pool.

\*Make sure all doors and windows are locked.

\*\*\* When parents leave, babysitters should:

\*Turn on the outside lights.

\*Know the location of the children at all times.

\*Never leave the house without the children.

\*Never open the front door to anyone unless you personally know the person.

\*Contact the police at 911 if you suspect a prowler.

\*\*\* In case of fire, babysitters should:

\*Remain calm.

\*Yell fire as loudly as possible.

\*Close the door to the area where the fire is.

\*Get everyone out of the house.

\*Keep all the children together.

\*Not go back into the house.

\*Call the fire department at 911 from a neighbor's house or wireless phone.

## Falling is serious concern

by Lou Gilly

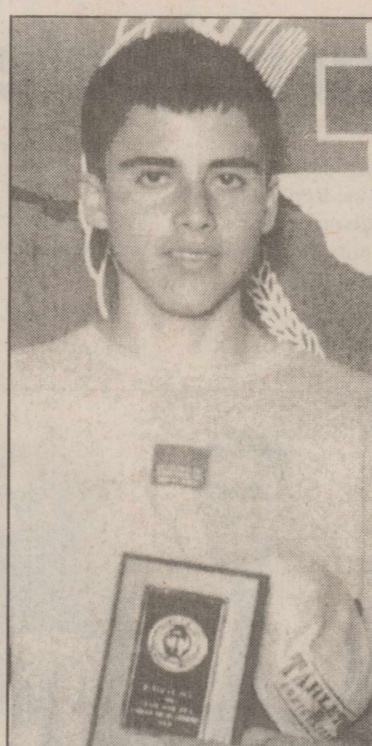
Haskell Co. Extension Agent Approximately one-third of people over the age of 65 fall each year and serious falls can lead to permanent injuries and even cause problems that can lead to death.

Falls are associated with 40 percent of nursing homes admissions, but many incidents can be prevented. Because older people tend to have longer reaction time and poorer vision, something as simple as increased lighting can be a lifesaver.

Discases such as Parkinson's disease, arthritis and osteoporosis can contribute to the risk of falling, but with the proper medical care, that risk can be lessened. Other conditions may contribute to the risk of falling, including loss of muscle strength and flexibility, balance disorders, multiple medications and a history of falling. The elderly can reduce the fear of falling by practicing ways to get up after a fall with the assistance of a physical therapist and having an emergency response plan.



**TOP JUDGES**—Haskell students Kristi Christian and Ross Bullinger were among the top twenty high individuals in the Range and Pasture judging contest at the 2001 State Wide Invitational FFA Career Development Event held at Tarleton State University. Christian scored 7th high and Bullinger scored 16th high in the event. The event is sponsored by the University's College of Agriculture and Human Sciences.

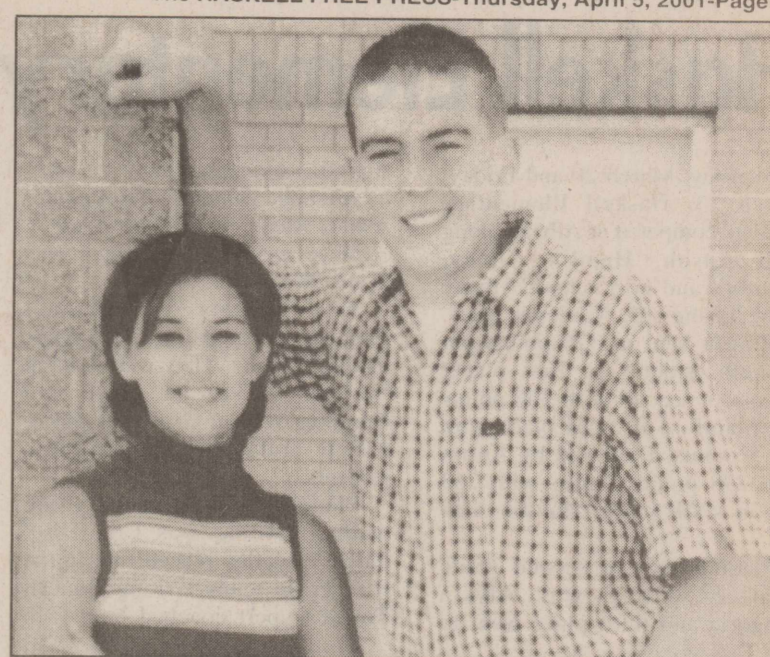


**LAND JUDGE**—Angel Pena of Haskell High School was the 15th high individual in the Land judging category of the 2001 Statewide Invitational FFA Career Development Event held at Tarleton State University.

## Tarleton Relays results

The Haskell Maidens participated in the Tarleton Relays in Stephenville Sat., March 31. The results are:

- Shot put - 3. Judith Andress 6. Jenny Goudeau
- High jump - 4. (tie) Brittany Lindsey
- 400 m. relay - 1. Haskell 50.56; team members are Leslie Grand, B. Lindsey, Tiffany Lindsey and Stephanie Hodge.
- 800 m. dash - 1. B. Lindsey 2:32.0
- 100 m. dash - 1. Hodge 12.42
- 800 m. relay - 1. Haskell 1:49.1; team members are Nikki Wallace, B. Lindsey, T. Lindsey and Hodge.
- 400 m. dash - 3. Grand 64.10
- 300 m. hurdles - 6. Kristen Rodela 54.30
- 200 m. dash - 5. Lynzie Harlan 29.2
- 1600 m. relay - 2. Haskell 4:18.1; team members are Grand, Harlan, T. Lindsey and B. Lindsey.



**SOPHOMORE FAVORITES**—10th grade class favorites at Rule High School are Chryssy Ramirez and Brady Standefer.



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## Driving safety begins before you turn the key to start the car

Driving safety begins before you even turn the key to start your car. Every driver should perform several easy safety checks before any trip and follow some important safety rules when traveling, especially during inclement weather.

Make sure your headlights and mirrors are clean. Dirt can reduce headlight output by as much as 70 percent. Check to see that your headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals work properly. Also be sure that your tires are set to the pressure recommended by the manufacturer. Under-inflated tires will reduce the handling abilities of your car.

"One of the most overlooked areas of the car is one of the most obvious when people are checking their car before a trip," said Kimberly Bucek, general manager of health, safety and environment for Castrol North America. "You should clean your car windows and apply a rain repellent to your windshield so you can improve visibility in inclement weather."

The key to safe driving, especially during bad weather, is to buckle-up and drive defensively. There are five top safety tips to keep in mind when you drive:

1. The standard rule is to keep at least three seconds behind the car in front of you. To determine the distance, pick a stationary reference point and make sure it takes you at least three seconds to each that point after the car in front of you passes it. During difficult driving conditions, allow more distance between yourself and the vehicle in front of you.
2. Anticipate problems using the 12-second rule. Focus on traffic approximately 12 seconds, in front of you, looking for brake lights, sudden lane changes and merging traffic.
3. Reduce your speed to match the road conditions. The slower you drive, the more time you have to react to situations in front of you.
4. If you must stop suddenly

and your car is equipped with anti-lock brakes, do not pump the brake pedal. Instead, apply gentle but firm pressure and allow the brakes to slow the car. To regain control during a skid, release the brakes and look in the direction you want to go and steer the car in that direction.

5. When traveling, carry safety items, such as a cell phone, flares, winter or rain gear, nonperishable food items and a flashlight with extra batteries.

For more driving safety tips, simply log on to [www.castrolusa.com](http://www.castrolusa.com) and "Ask the Expert."

## Rolling Plains Relays results

The Rolling Plains Relays were held Sat., March 31 in Jayton.

### Girls

- Team standings - 1. Rotan 166; 2. Jayton 96; 3. Benjamin 45; 4. Spur 43; 5. Abilene Christian 40; 6. Blackwell 36; 7. (tie) Trent and Rochester 34; 9. Motley County 25; 10. Rule 23; 11. Aspermont 16; 12. Guthrie 8; 13. (tie) Moran and Lueders-Avoca 7
- Discus - 3. Marquis, Rule 89-3  
800 - 1. Garcia, Rochester, 2:35.67  
1,600 - 1. Garcia, Rochester, 6:07.15; 2. Lisle, Rule, 6:20.84

### Boys

- Team standings - 1. Trent 110; 2. Rotan 104; 3. Jayton 78; 4. Patton Springs 41; 5. Abilene Christian 40; 6. Spur 34; 7. Blackwell 30; 8. Aspermont 24; 9. Hermleigh 19; 10. (tie) Rule and O'Donnell 16; 12. Moran 14; 13. Motley County 12; 14. Rochester 6; 15. Lueders-Avoca, 3; 16. Benjamin 2.
- Discus - 3. Herode, Rochester 120-10 1/2  
3,200 - 2. Falkner, Rule, 11:28.94  
1,600 - 3. Falkner, Rule, 5:12.37

## Police Report

Law enforcement officers in Haskell County and City of Haskell have had a busy schedule during the first three months of the new year.

Haskell Police Chief Tom Bassett has reported that ninety-one arrests were made in the county January through March, including 13 marijuana arrests, three cocaine arrests, nine DWI arrests, nine public intoxication arrests, five assault arrests and a total of \$850.00 in seizures.

The total number of criminal case clearances made by local law enforcement included five for theft, five for assault, two for criminal mischief, one for sexual assault, one for unauthorized use of a vehicle, and two recovered stolen vehicles.

During the period of January

through March a total of 481 hours were spent in officer training.

Seventeen calls to 911 were received in the month of March.

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## Mogul Relays results

The Mogul Relays were held Sat., March 31 in Munday.

- 400 relay - 1. Haskell, 43.45; team members are Adam Diaz, Jesse Martinez, Bucky Howeth and Tyrone Billington.
- 100 - 1. Billington, Haskell, 10.75
- 400 - 3. Early, Haskell, 54.31
- 200 - 2. Martinez, Haskell, 22.27; 3. Howeth, Haskell, 23.39
- 1,600 relay - 1. Haskell 3:27.45; team members are Osiel Garcia, Howeth, Martinez and Billington.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. on Monday.

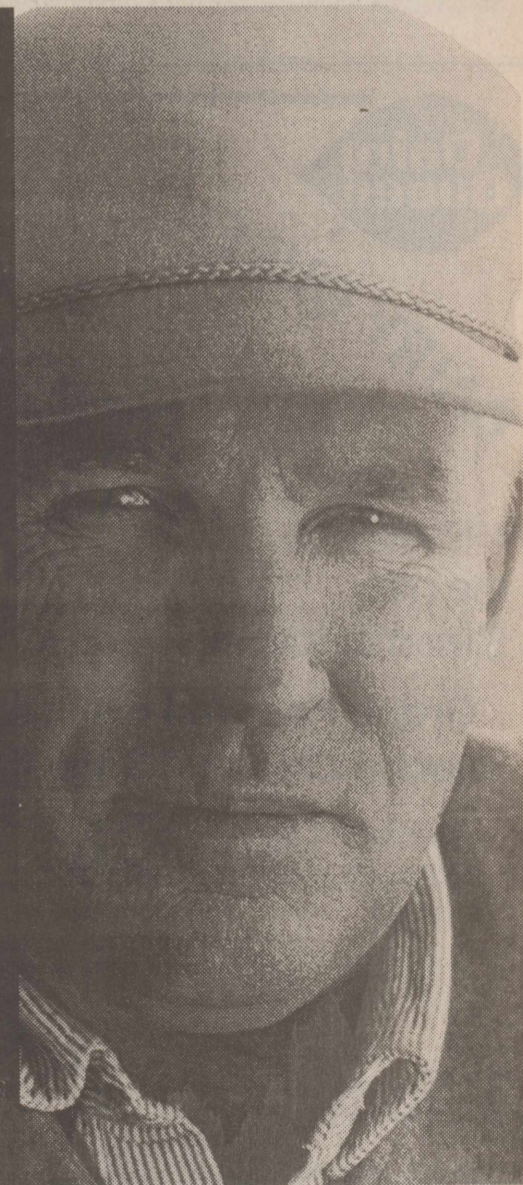
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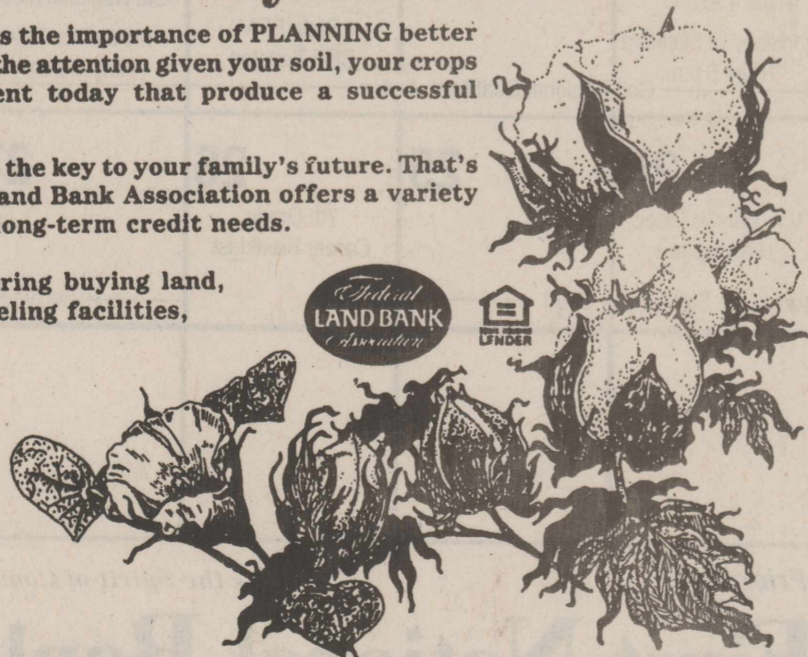
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# Haskell Elementary students participate in UIL events

Tuesday, March 20 and Friday, March 23, Haskell Elementary students competed at Albany along with Anson, Hamlin, Olney, Stamford and host school Albany in the Spring UIL Academic Meet. Scoring a total of 376 points put Haskell students in first place; Albany in second with 300 points and Stamford in third place with 281.5 points. Followed by Anson with 278 points, Olney with 263 and in sixth place, Hamlin with 107.

Placing first in second grade creative writing was Alyssa Longoria and third place went to

Angelica Gonzales, both coached by Michelle Dunnam. Third grader Ashley Meier took fourth place in creative writing. Her coach was Donna Waggoner.

Two students from Haskell Elementary placed in fourth grade reading writing. They were Lauren Newton in second place and Brandon Wilson in fourth place. JoNell Trammell coached these students.

Placing third in sixth grade reading writing was Erin Hise. Paige Wheatley placed first in the fifth grade ready writing contest. Tonya Cypert coached both fifth

and sixth graders.

Jennifer Farber, coached by Renee McClellan, placed third in fifth grade oral reading. Stephanie Grand, coached by Caron Yates, placed third in the sixth grade oral reading contest.

In the fifth grade listening contest, Randall Pace placed third and Bryan Richardson placed fifth. Sixth grader Andrew Long won third place in the listening contest. The listening coach was Debbie Earles.

Tonya Cypert coached the sixth grade mathematics team. Jared Webb placed third, Stephanie Grand placed fourth and Diana Mauricio placed sixth.

In fourth grade number sense, Hanna Wallace and Paige Adams both placed third with a tie score. Bryan Richardson placed sixth in the fifth grade division of number sense. Paula Everett coached both fourth and fifth graders.

In sixth grade number sense, Jared Webb placed fourth and Andrew Long placed sixth. Sixth graders were coached by Bonnie Fouts.

Diane Huff coached both the fifth and sixth grade maps, graphs and charts students. Jennifer Farber won second place in the fifth grade division.

The sixth grade calculator students were coached by Bonnie Fouts. Diana Mauricio placed first and Kristen Martinez placed second.

The third and fourth grade music memory team won first place. Members, coached by Melodee Christian, were Ethan Frierson, Megan Bailey, Lauren Newton, Paige Adams and Austin Marshall.

The sixth grade music memory team, also coached by Christian, placed second. Members included Scott Agraz, Angela Pena, Jasmine Thomas and Kristen Martinez.

Receiving first place medals in fifth grade dictionary skills were Paige Wheatley and Veronica Session. Kristen Martinez placed second and Stephanie Grand placed third in the sixth grade division of dictionary skills. Both grades were coached by Letha Newton.

Donna Waggoner coached the third grade spelling contest. Aubrey Bassett placed third place; Veronica Benton placed fifth place and McKenzie Barrington placed sixth place. Fourth grade spelling, coached by JoNell Trammell, had Brandon Wilson as the fifth place winner. Sherry Adams coached the fifth and sixth grade spellers. Fifth grade spellers Bryan Richardson placed first and Lacey Peiser placed sixth.

The art contest team made up of fifth graders placed first. Members included Meredith Harvey, Derek Agraz, Eric Markunus and Edward Benavides. The fourth grade team

placed third and was made up of Hope Reid, Haley Chavez, Brandon Wilson and Brittany Garison. Both teams were coached by Judith Chapman.

Jimmy Lisle, elementary

principal, accompanied the group. He, along with the rest of the Haskell CISD administration, believes strongly in the goal of UIL, which states "using competition as a tool in the preparation of students for

citizenship and successful adulthood" and supports fully the efforts of the students and teachers involved. He commends all participants for their hard work and congratulates those who participated in the meet.



DISTRICT UIL WINNERS—Haskell Elementary student winners, pictured with Principal Jimmy Lisle, back row, l-r, are: Veronica Session, Megan Bailey, Lauren Newton, Derek Agraz, Austin Marshall, and front row: Ethan Frierson, Paige Adams, Alysa Longoria, Edward Benavides and Eric Markunas.

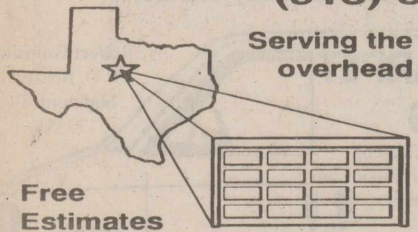


UIL WINNERS—Haskell Elementary students winning places in the District contests were: back row, l-r, Bryan Richardson, Jasmine Thomas, Diana Mauricio and Kristen Martinez. Center, Meredith Harvey and Angela Pena; front row: Scott Agraz, Jennifer Farber and Paige Wheatley.

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### Monthly Calendar of Events

### APRIL 2001

### Haskell Independent School District

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 JV Indians vs Albany Here 5 p.m.	3 Maidens vs Albany JV- V There 4:30 V Indians vs Olney There 5 p.m.	4 Area II Land & Range Pasture Tarleton State	5 B&G Dist. Golf Red River Golf Courses	6 JH Track at Hamlin 2:30 Maidens vs Anson JV- V There 4:00 V Indians vs Hamlin Here 5 p.m.	7 Area II CDE Texas Tech
—Texas Relays, Austin Qualifiers only—						
8 B&G Dist. Golf Maxwell Course, Abilene	9 JV Indians vs Hamlin There 5 p.m.	10 Maidens vs Olney JV- V There 4:30 V Indians vs Anson There 5 p.m.	11 Concert & Sight Reading HS Cheerleading Tryouts	12 District HS Track	13 District HS Track	14 Holiday
15 Bad Weather Day	16 JV Indians vs Anson Here 5 p.m.	17 Maidens vs Stamford JV- V There 4:30 V Indians vs Stamford There 5 p.m.	18 Golf Regional Qualifiers, Jayton	19 HS Band Trip State FFA CDE Tarleton	20 UIL Regional Meet V Indians vs Albany Here 5 p.m.	21 State FFA CDE A&M
22	23 Sr. Supper Methodist Church	24 V Indians vs Olney Here 5 p.m.	25	26 7th Grade Career Breakfast	27	28 State FFA CDE Texas Tech
—B&G Regional Golf, Shady Oaks, Baird—		—Regional Track, Abilene—				
29	30					



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SCOUT COUNCIL REPORTS TO AUSTIN—Texas Governor Rick Perry, stands behind the flag of his Paint Creek Boy Scout Troop, along with the Chisholm Trail Council Boy Scouts of America contingency at the recent Report to State in Austin. From the left are; Justin Phillips, Wallar Overton, Josh Martindale, Nick Watkins, Gov. Perry, Matt Webb, Matt Fenner, Marvin McFadden and Kent Phillips.

## District urges owners to register existing water wells

The Haskell-Knox Underground Water Conservation District is continuing to register existing wells in Haskell, Knox and Baylor counties. Existing wells are exempt from spacing requirements under a "grandfather" clause. The best way to make sure that a well falls under this classification is to register it. The District is attempting to make this process as painless as possible. Registration forms are available at the District office at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, at the county Extension offices in Haskell, Knox and Baylor counties and at the county tax appraisal district offices of Haskell, Knox and Baylor

counties. Wells located in the city limits can be registered by using the form printed elsewhere in the paper. There is no fee of any kind to register any existing well.

It is important that house or yard wells be registered because of changes that may be made at the state level in spacing and completion requirements under the Texas Water Well Driller's Rules. These rules are subject to change in many ways. Documentation from the registering of these wells will preserve the "grandfathered" status of a well from new spacing and completion requirements. Existing wells may lack the documentation

that preserves their status.

It is important that all wells in the District be registered, if the well is producing or not. Even if a well is dry at the present time, with the lowered water table, it is important that the well location be known. Any pathway to the aquifer is a potential source of pollution. Knowing the location of a well can be invaluable in tracing the path and extent of any discovered contaminant in the future.

Any questions can be answered at the District office at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, by phone at (940) 422-1095 or by fax at (940) 422-1094.

## Station celebrates anniversary

By Mary Kaigler

Tues., April 3 marked the 20th anniversary of commercial broadcasting in Haskell. On that date in 1981, radio station KVRP aired its first test signal, and about five days later, began two decades of being "The Voice of the Rolling Plains."

Since that beginning much has changed for the station and the station owners, Ken and Nelda Lane.

Moving to Haskell in 1961, the newly married couple farmed for the next twenty years. During their time in Haskell the Lanes raised five children; daughters Kim, Kiersta and Shannon and sons Shawn and Matt. They now have seven grandchildren.

Always having the thought that Haskell should have a radio station, Ken Lane's long-held vision for the community became a possibility when he received the opportunity to apply for a license.

Although having no previous training or experience in radio, the Lanes found a competent consultant in the Dallas area, and in 1981, they built the station at 1401 North 1st Street. The 100,000 watt FM station became the only area radio

station, except for a small AM station in Stamford.

In 1986 the Lanes bought the Stamford AM Station KDWT, renaming it KVRP AM. Because of an expansion of frequencies in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the local station changed its original frequency from 95.5 to 97.1 in August 2000.

KVRP's programming features country music. It carries Texas Rangers baseball, Dallas Cowboy and Texas Tech football and basketball games, and broadcasts area high school football, basketball and baseball games. To supplement weather data and forecasts from the National Weather Service, the station has in-house color weather radar.

The last twenty years have also brought many technological changes for the station. Turntables that once played records have been replaced by CD machines that can hold a hundred disks each. Messages are now recorded digitally and fed directly into a computer, instead of being put on tape. Automation systems allow totally "hands-free" operations during overnight hours.

In addition to both of the Lanes, the station has four full-time employees and several part-time employees. Four of the original employees still work there in various capacities. Over the years, through involvement at the station, many high school students have been encouraged to find broadcasting careers.

Ken Lane, now serving in a third term as Haskell mayor, says that while much has changed since the station first signed on, his basic philosophy has not changed. "We're in the communication business. That means we have to identify a need that is not being served, then fill that need."

What began as a vision to fill the need of a community has indeed become a twenty year reality for him, as well as for the community.

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## Milburn named new general manager

A. C. Richardson, owner of Richardson's Case-IH - True Value - NAPA, is proud to announce that Carl Milburn is the new General Manager of Richardson's in Haskell.

A. C. started Richardson's thirty-seven years ago as an International Harvester dealership. Today after more than thirty-seven years, Richardson's is your friendly and convenient Case-IH, True Value and NAPA store.

Carl Milburn has been Parts Manager with Richardson's going on fourteen years and Richardson is looking forward to their association continuing for many years to come.

Carl and his wife, Lisa, are members of Haskell First Baptist Church and have four children.

Saturday, April 7, Richardson's is celebrating thirty-seven years with an Open House and Antique Tractor Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Customers and friends are invited to come and enjoy the fun and congratulate Carl. Bar-b-que sandwiches will be served during the noon hour. Tractors from Moran to Ralls as well as several from the local area are expected.



NEW GENERAL MANAGER—Carl Milburn has been named the new general manager of Richardson's in Haskell. Milburn will be on hand to help celebrate the 37th anniversary of Richardson's in Haskell this Sat., April 7 at the company's open house and antique tractor show.

## Commissioners make appointments

At the Haskell County Commissioner's Court meeting Mar. 27, Robert Ace Turner was appointed to the Water Board.

A job description for maintenance personnel was approved, with a release of liability attached.

The resignations of Robert Baker and Weldon Norman from the Hospital Board of Directors were accepted. The nominations of Don Comedy and Joyce Thomas were accepted as replacement members to the Hospital Board.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday

## Ronald Parrot named Ace Driver of the Month



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Ronald Parrot of Abilene was named Driver of the Month for Ace Transportation for the month of February 2001.

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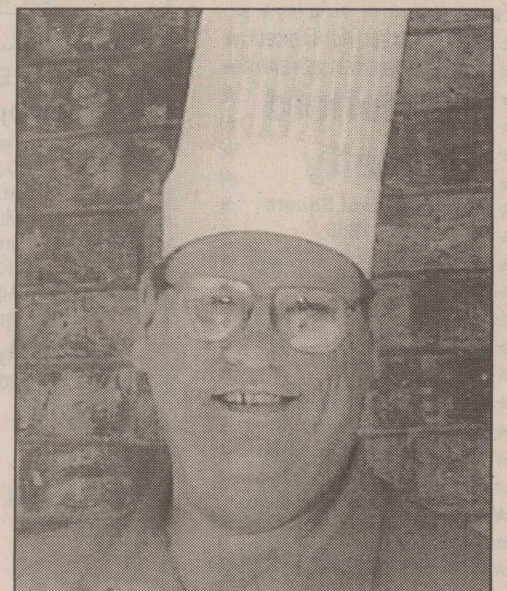
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Haskell-Knox Underground Water Conservation District

### Application for Water Well Registration

Remit to: H-KUWCD  
P. O. Box 717  
Munday, Texas 76371

Questions? Call (940) 422-1095

FOR DISTRICT USE ONLY

WELL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
RECEIVED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
COMPLETION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. Well Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2. Physical address of well \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Well location on property \_\_\_\_\_  
(ie: backyard, frontyard, south side of house)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
(ie: call ahead, vicious dog in backyard)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form may be used to register wells located within the boundaries of all cities within Baylor, Haskell and Knox counties.