

# Happy Easter

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## Softball games

JV Maidens vs Olney  
Fri., Mar. 29, 4:30 & 6 p.m.  
at Olney

JV, V Maidens vs Stamford  
Tues., April 2, 4:30 & 6 p.m.  
at Stamford

## Baseball games

V Indians vs Stamford  
Fri., Mar. 29, 4 p.m., at Stamford

JV Indians vs Hamlin  
Mon., April 1, 4 p.m., at Haskell

V Indians vs Albany  
Tues., April 2, 5 p.m., at Haskell

## Track

Indians, Maidens  
Munday Relays  
Fri., Mar. 29

## Golf

Indians & Maidens  
at River Creek Golf Course, Olney  
Thurs., March 28, 8 a.m.

## Calendar

### Sagerton Hee Haw set April 4-6

The Sagerton Hee Haw will be held Thurs., Fri., and Sat., April 4, 5 and 6 beginning at 8 p.m. each evening. Thursday's performance is sold out. Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances are \$4 each and may be obtained by calling 940-997-2688. Ticket sales are limited to ten tickets per person. Plate lunches, sandwiches and pies will be available in the cafeteria beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### Society to meet Mon., April 1

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., April 1 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m. Chase Seelke will read his paper about Bob Easterling. Sydney Brueggeman will read her paper about Ervin Frierson. Both are students of Darlene Bellinghausen.

### Social Security representative to be here April 4

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., April 4 at 9:30 a.m.

### Haskell High Senior parents to meet Thurs., March 28

The senior parents of Haskell High School's Class of 2002 will meet Thurs., March 28 at 7 p.m. in the Church of Christ annex. Plans for the senior roast will be made.

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PICTURE OF THE PAST—With a distinct flavor of realism, a colorful depiction of a street scene in downtown Rule in 1908 has been painted on the exterior wall of one of the buildings there. Artist Larry LeFevre of Rule has been working for months with painstaking skill to authentically capture the essence of that bygone era.

## Rule artist captures picture of the past

By Mary Kaigler

Bringing history to life in Rule, a large mural being painted on the exterior of a downtown building authentically recalls "the way it was" in the small rural town almost a hundred years ago.

A product of the artistic talent and work of Rule farmer/painter Larry LeFevre, the idea for the mural began last year when he was contacted by Rule banker, Patrick Pace about doing something in the city.

After talking to the City Council and obtaining permission, he began the painting process last August. However, he had to stop before completion when the weather became too unsettled.

Wanting to be historically accurate, LeFevre found a picture post card made in downtown Rule in 1908. Using the postcard scene for the larger middle section of the mural, he did some research and found two other pictures which showed the end portions of the same street. When

completed, the whole street scene will be an authentic depiction, even down to duplicating the printing on the store signs shown in the two small pictures.

Although donating his work, he said he has received some donated funds for the good quality exterior acrylic enamel paint he uses for the large mural.

Asked about his background as an artist, LeFevre, the son of Delbert and Joyce LeFevre of Sagerton, said he liked to draw and paint pictures since he was a little kid. However, he never planned to make art a career, and became a professional painter only six or seven years ago.

After finishing college, he coached and taught school. In 1977 he and his wife Susan, who is also from a farm family, the daughter of A. D. and Tomi May of Rule, came back to this area. She is a teacher with Haskell CISD.

Starting out by doing small pictures on canvas, LeFevre began to do

outdoor Christmas decorations. These led to the larger works. Other murals he has done include the Bobcat on the exterior of the old Rule Gym, the Flag mural in Old Glory and the mascots on interior walls of the Rochester and Aspermont gyms.

Much of his work now is in painting school mascots on gym floors. During this last year these were mostly in Colorado and New Mexico. In Texas during this past year he did the gym floors in Rochester and Denver City and has been

contacted by a gym floor company in Lubbock.

Although many of these contracts have come by word of mouth, LeFevre said he will set up a booth to showcase his work at the Basketball Clinic to be held in San Antonio in May.

Painting for schools and gyms is usually done in the summer before the fall term begins. "I enjoy it," he said of this artistic, yet demanding work.

LeFevre is also active in the community, serving as music director and youth leader at Rule First Baptist Church and member of the Rule ISD board. Recently named Rule Man of the Year, he will serve as the 2002-03 Chamber of Commerce president.

The LeFevres have two children and three grandchildren. Daughter, Larressa Earthman is a physical therapist in Weimer. Son, Shane LeFevre is head basketball coach at Sundown.

## Sales tax receipts show increase

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently delivered \$271.3 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit departments and special purpose taxing districts. Sales tax allocations to local governments are down 2.4 percent compared to the \$278.2 million paid in March 2001. So far this year, local sales tax allocations are down 0.2 percent compared to the first three months of 2001.

March sales tax rebates include local sales tax collected in January and reported to the Comptroller in February. The state's share of sales tax collected during this period was \$1.2 billion, down 1.5 percent compared to a year ago.

Rylander sent March sales tax rebates of \$181.9 million to 1,115 Texas cities, down 1.8 percent compared to, March 2001. Texas

counties received March sales tax rebates of \$15.9 million went to 121 Texas counties, up 3.7 percent compared to one year ago.

Haskell County had a 30.17 percent increase for March, 2002 of \$20,243.23 in comparison to \$15,551.13 for March 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$82,943.32 reflect a 1.29 percent increase over 2001 payments to date of \$81,881.71.

The City of Haskell had a 32.40 percent increase for March, 2002 of \$19,339.91 in comparison to \$14,606.17 for March, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$77,191.36 reflect a 1.73 percent increase over 2001 payments to date of \$75,876.49.

The City of O'Brien had a 55.42 percent decrease for March, 2002 of \$22.99 in comparison to \$51.58 for March, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$250.86 reflect a 6.43 percent

decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$268.11.

The City of Rochester had a -22.94 percent decrease for March, 2002 of \$224.51 in comparison to \$291.35 for March, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$1,553.93 reflect a 3.01 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$1,602.28.

The City of Rule had a 5.97 percent increase for March, 2002 of \$638.00 in comparison to \$602.03 for March, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$3,359.14 reflect a 7.06 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$3,614.43.

The City of Weinert collected \$17.82 for March, 2002 in comparison to \$0.00 for March, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$588.03 reflect a 12.99 percent increase over 2001 payments to date of \$520.40.

## City, school candidates file for May election

Several candidates have filed for places in the May 4 city and school elections.

In the city election, incumbent Ken Lane is unopposed for mayor. Dale Bullinger is unopposed for the unexpired open seat on the City Council. Incumbents Ruby Turner and Dan Hoover have filed for the two at-large places on the Council. Rick Decker has filed for one of the at-large places.

Early voting dates for the City election are April 17-30. Voting

place will be at the City Hall.

In the Haskell CISD Board election, single member District #2 incumbent, Donnie Rieger is unopposed. Rosemary Brown and Mynea Short have filed for the single member District #3 position which was formerly held by Keith Everett.

Dates for early voting will be April 17-30. Voting place will be at the Haskell CISD Administration Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

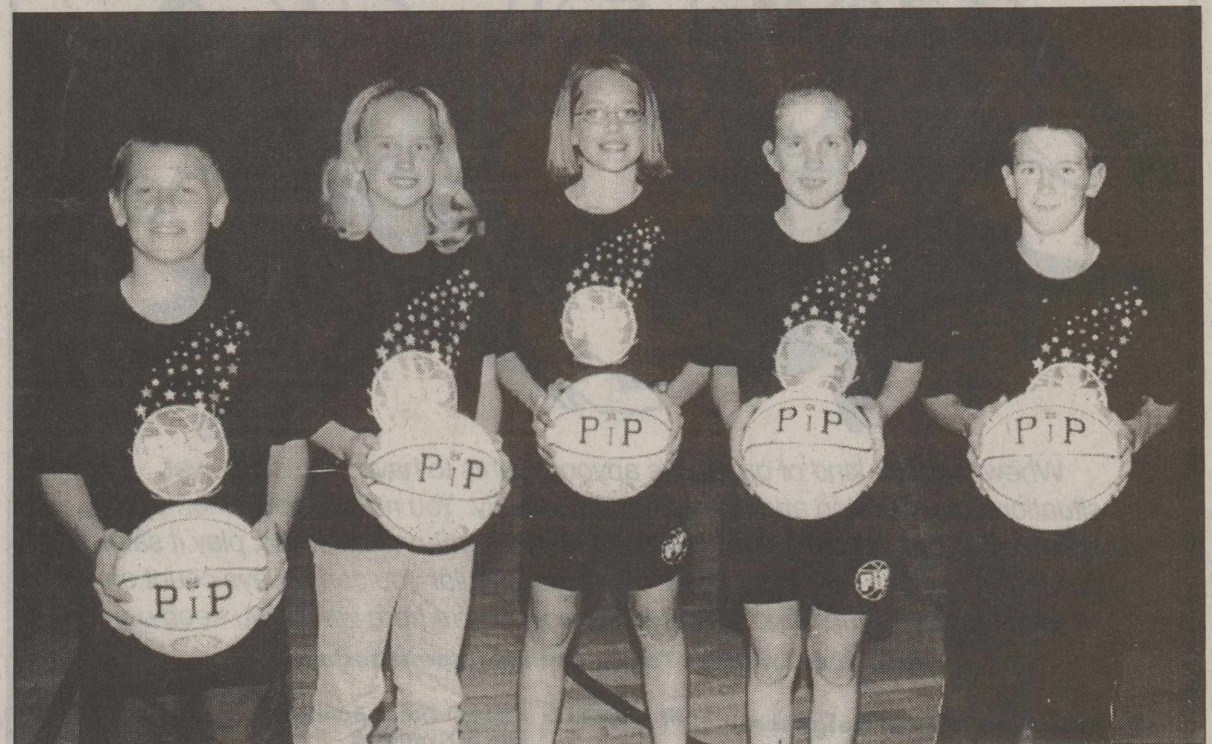
## Book fair set at Elementary

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Haskell Elementary School April 8-12 to bring the best books and learning products from more than 150 publishers to readers of all ages. The book fair will be in the Haskell Elementary Library from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until noon on Friday.

The book fair features traditional children's favorites and new works by popular authors and illustrators.

Parents and teachers will find plenty to interest them, too. The fair is open to the community and everyone is welcome. When you visit the book fair, look for the Classroom Wish List display to see how you can help building your child's classroom library.

The book fair helps promote learning and encourages young readers. For more information call 864-6146.



BOUND FOR HOOP CITY—Five members of the Haskell Players in Progress (PIPs) group will leave Mar. 28 to perform at Hoop City in Atlanta, Georgia. They will return on April 1. From the left are Travis Adams, Ashton Rutkowski, Chambray Bartley, Paige Adams and Weston Rutkowski.

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## Haskell School Menu

### April 1-5 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** Breakfast on a stick  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast hot pocket  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, toast  
**Thursday:** Sausage, biscuit  
**Friday:** Peanut butter and jelly sandwich

### Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School.

**Monday:** Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, hot rolls, fruit salad

**Tuesday:** Submarine sandwich, lettuce and tomato slices, pickle spears, tater tots, Royal brownies

**Wednesday:** Soft tacos, cheese and salsa, lettuce and tomatoes, pinto beans, orange wedges

**Thursday:** Pizza, corn with garden salad, baby carrots and ranch dressing, banana pudding

**Friday:** Steak on a bun, lettuce and tomato slices, French fries, ice cream

## ECC Calendar and Menu

### Mon., April 1

11:00 a.m. Singing  
Lunch—Chicken and dumplings, English pea salad, mixed greens, cornbread, dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

### Wed., April 3

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check  
Lunch—Smoked sausage with barbecue sauce, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea,

or coffee

### Fri., April 5

Lunch—Chili Beans with hamburger, creamy mashed potatoes, sliced onions and pickles, savory coleslaw, cornbread, cookies, pears, 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.

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 267 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., March 23, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cattle steady \$1-2 lower; stockers steady to \$1-2 lower; feeders \$3 lower.

Jersey, longhorns, holsteins, cripples, bad eyes, knots, \$5-\$25 less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .35-.43; cutters, .40-.47; canners, .20-.34.

Bulls: bologna, .50-.59; feeder: 62-73; utility: 45-55.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.50; 300-

400 lbs., .95-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .82-1.00; 500-600 lbs., .79-.88; 600-700 lbs., .75-.85; 700-800 lbs., .68-.78; 800-up lbs., .60-.75.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.35; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.00; 400-500 lbs., .85-.95; 500-600 lbs., .77-.87; 600-up lbs., .55-.80.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 475-625.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 600-725; aged or small 450-625.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 700-925; aged or small, 650-750.

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JESSICA RIEGER



MINDY PRICE

## Students visit Rotary Club

Jessica Rieger is the daughter of Donnie and Ellen Rieger of Haskell. She is a member of the First Baptist Church.

In school she is active as Band President, Vice president of the National Honor Society, Co-chairman of the Spanish Club and a member of the Math Club.

Special recognitions for her include being voted most friendly of the Senior class, a member of the Division I marching band, Band Sweetheart, Lion's Club Sweetheart. She is a two-time selective member of the Abilene Northside All-Star Softball Team, a three-time State Solo and Ensemble participant (piano twice, theory twice, and brass ensemble once), and 11 year participant in the National Piano Guild Auditions. She was a regional qualifier in UIL Calculator Application and attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D. C.

Her favorite leisure time activities are softball, running, playing piano and hanging out with friends.

After finishing high school, she plans to attend Texas Tech University with a major in biology.

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Mindy Price is the daughter of Mike and Pam Price of Haskell.

In Haskell High School she is active in the National Honor Society,

basketball and softball and is secretary of the Spanish club.

Special recognitions she has received include Captain of the Softball Team, 1st Team All-district infield, softball, in '99-00 and '00-01. 1st Team All-district basketball, in '99-00 and '01-02. She is in the top 15% of her class, (ranking 6th of 56), and was voted Best Hair of the Senior Class.

Her favorite pastimes are riding around with friends, showing steers, shopping and talking on the phone.

After finishing high school she plans to attend Abilene Christian University and hopes to become a Speech and Language Pathologist.

## Hospital

### Admissions

Chester Cunningham, Haskell  
Ala Myers, Munday

### Dismissals

Johnny Wheatley, Eva Dewey, Margaret Ratliff, Jerry Poole, Sena Murray, Robert Kirksey, Allie Smith, Pauline Norman, Aldo Fernandez

## Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., April 4 at 9:30 a.m.

## Obituaries

### Louis Frank Wilson

Funeral services for Louis Frank Wilson, 80, of Haskell were held Sat., March 23 at Trinity Baptist Church with Tony Grand and Kenneth Blair officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Born Sept. 25, 1921 in Rule, he was the son of Milton and Willie May Glen Wilson. He married Nellie Ralston Feb. 26, 1941 in Haskell. He served in the U. S. Army and worked as a preacher and a bricklayer. He was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church and the American

Legion.

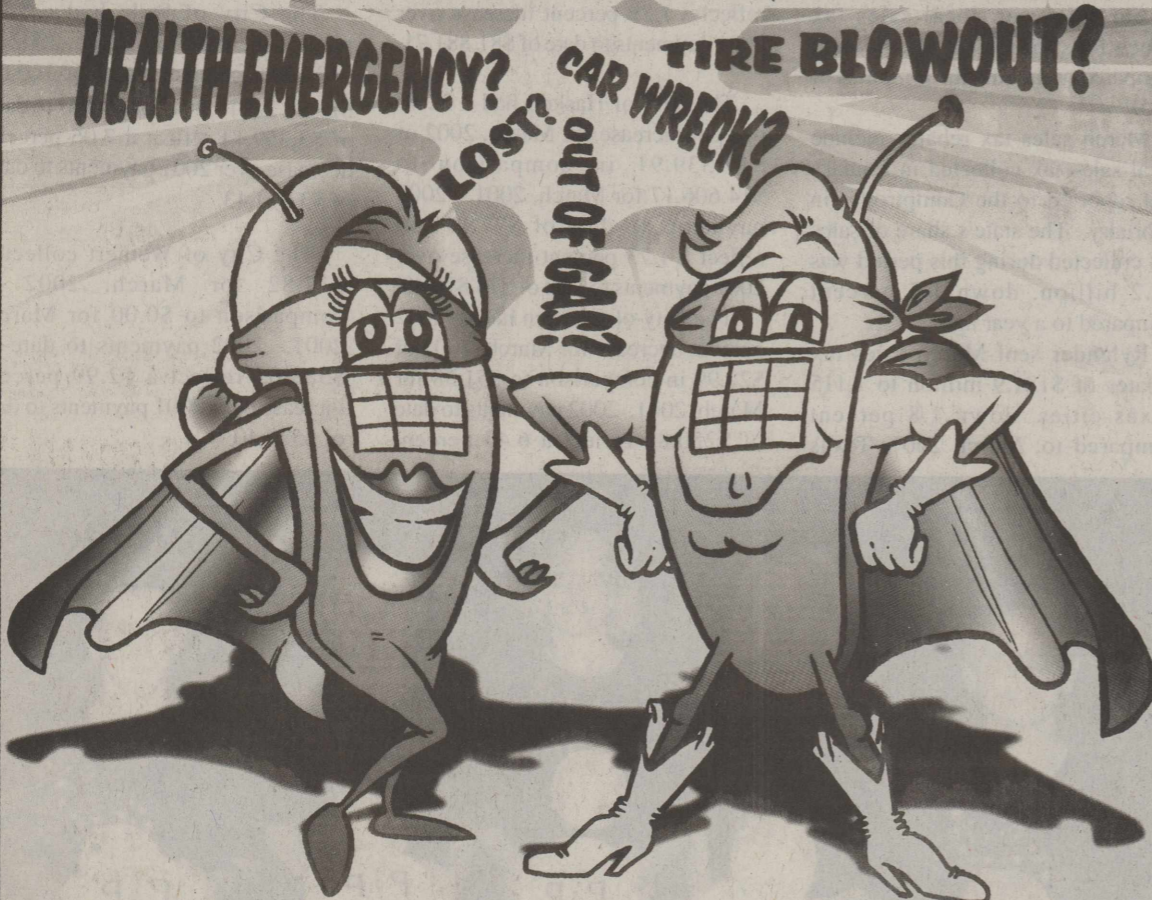
He was preceded in death by two sisters, Cortez Kreger and Zelda Lee Neil; and his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Nellie, of the home; three sons, Billy Wilson of Abilene, David Wilson of Pegosa Springs, Colo. and Roger Wilson of Wichita Falls; one daughter, Sandra Stewart of Midlothian; one brother, Randolph Wilson of Haskell; nine grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

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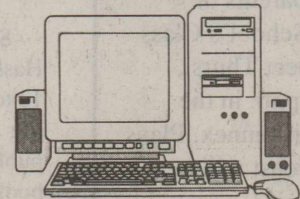
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## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Cody and Wendy Blair and girls, Haley and Abigail, of Olney visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair on Saturday.

Ann Blair and girls, Ariel and Alice, took Jean Blair to Plainview to visit with Eric Blair on Sunday.

Johnny and Isabella Castillo spend Sunday in Abilene visiting her mother, Mrs. Jiminez.

Nedra McCauley is back home and doing well after being with her daughter, Melissa, to recuperate from a broken leg.

Faye Gray went to Weatherford last week to visit her sister, Pauline Gruben. They picked up sister, Billie Hubbard, in Dallas and all visited at Pauline's for a few days. Faye returned home on Monday.

Bernice Hilliard attended the monthly square dance at the Wagon Wheel in Tye March 16.

Louisa Archibald of Minnesota is visiting with her mother, Ernestine Herren.

Fannie Mae Barton is home after an extended trip. She visited in Fort Worth with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kip Derrick. They took Fannie Mae along with grandsons and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Derrick to Tulsa, Oklahoma. There they met granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Walkman and baby,

Rachel, of Kansas City, Missouri for a birthday party and visiting. The Kip Derricks and Fannie Mae went to Leadington, Missouri to be with the family of Paris Barton's sister, Violet Helms during their time of sorrow. Fannie Mae returned home on Wed., March 20.

Mrs. Blaine Bennett, daughter of Andy and Laquita Wilfong, was selected as lady of the year at the Stamford Chamber of Commerce banquet on Thursday night. Bennett was recognized for her outstanding service at the Stamford Hospital for the day care center and her work with the elderly.

The family of Mattie Muriel Felker English celebrated her birthday at the Abilene Country Club Feb. 23. Attending were her sisters, Frances Lane and Hortense Lees of Haskell; and her children, Michael Felker and Elizabeth Kay Brandt of Levelland and Walter Felker of Beverly Hill, Calif. Nieces and nephews who attended included Linda (Lane) and Eduardo Bloise of Haskell, Suzanne (Lane) and Rob Starr of Abilene, Hazel (Hodge) Clark of Leander, Harold and Belinda Hodge of Arlington, Sara (Lees) and Kermit Jackson of Hurst, Ellen (Walling) Rieger and Tommy Matthews, both of Haskell.

## New program to benefit family caregivers

The new federally funded National Family Caregiver Support Program will be a valuable benefit to family caregivers throughout the Big Country, says Robert E. Campbell, Caregiver Coordinator of West Central Texas Council of Governments.

An estimated one in four Americans, or about 54 million people, care for one or more spouse, parent, sibling, grandparent or other relative providing care for older individuals or grandchildren. The Federal Government has recognized the importance of their untiring contribution to the long-term care system. In November 2000, the Older Americans Act was amended and a new program, the "National Family Caregiver Support Program" was born. The sole purpose of this legislation is to provide supportive services to the family caregiver. The targeted population is those individuals caring for persons over 60 years old and grandparents or relatives under 60 who are the primary caregiver for children under 19 years old. Here is how the NFCSP can support them:

- \*Provide information about available services.
- \*Provide assistance in gaining access to supportive services.
- \*Provide counseling, organization of support groups, and caregiver training to assist in making decisions and solving problems relating to their caregiving roles.
- \*Provide respite care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved from their caregiving responsibilities.
- \*Provide supplemental services, on a limited bases, to supplement the

care provided by caregivers. Anyone among the targeted population who could benefit from these services is encouraged to contact the West Central Texas Council of Governments, Area Agency on Aging, Caregiver Coordinator at (915) 672-8544 or (800) 928-2262.

## John Thomas celebrates birthday

John Thomas of Haskell will celebrate his 90th birthday, Sat., Mar. 30. He was born Mar. 21, 1912.

A party in his honor will be held at the Haskell National Bank Building from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

All friends are invited to attend to help him celebrate. If unable to attend, cards may be sent to 1005 North Ave. D, Haskell.

Party hosts request no gifts, please.



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TODD MAYES - PAIGE OVERTON

## Overton, Mayes plan June wedding

Dr. and Mrs. Michael E. Overton of Fairview are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Paige Michelle of McKinney, to Todd Kieth Mayes of Hallsville, son of Keith and Sandie Mayes of Hallsville.

The couple plan to be wed June 8, in St. Thomas USVI, the bridegroom's birth place. A reception in their honor will be held in Dallas June 22.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mabel Overton and the late Gene Overton of Paint Creek. The prospective bridegroom is the grandson

of I. E. and Margie Smith of Hallsville.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Allen High School and a 1997 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree. She also received a master of education degree from A&M in 1999. She is a teacher and principal at Southwest Academy in Allen.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1992 graduate of Hallsville High School, and a 1996 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree. He is in construction sales with Mueller, Inc. in Kilgore.

## Births

Trenton Lane of Decatur is proud and excited to announce the birth of his baby sister, Kaitlyn Dawn, who arrived at 8:08 a.m., Feb. 28, at Denton Regional Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Proud parents are Michael and Carey Lane of Decatur. Grandparents, Bill and Regenia Lane of

Granbury are excited to have a little girl in the family.

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## Felker named to editorial board

Dr. Mike Felker of Levelland, son of Mattie Muriel Felker English of Haskell, has been named a member of the editorial board for *Academic Leadership*, the journal of The Chair Academy, based at Maricopa College in Arizona. The journal has a circulation of almost 10,000 and has subscribers throughout the United States and five foreign countries. The Chair Academy is the sponsor of the annual International Conference for Community College Leaders, and conducts leadership training and development programs worldwide.

In addition, Dr. Felker was asked to facilitate the breakfast session for English and Reading department chairs at all future international conferences, beginning last month in Kansas City, at which he also chaired his own session, "What Works for

Me: Tips and Techniques for Being a Better Leader."

Felker is a graduate of Haskell High School. He is currently Chair of the Department of English and Philosophy at South Plains College in Levelland, after teaching eight years at Texas Tech University.

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# OPINION

## Letters to the editor

Dear editor,

The members of the Paint Creek Volunteer Fire Department wishes to thank all the area residents that helped make the Fire Department's pancake supper a success. A special thanks to those who donated items for the auction.

Joyce Lewis

Dear editor,

Hats off to the Dusaks on South Avenue H. What a display of spring and patriotic things in their yard. They have seasonal displays at all times. I know this takes time and lots of effort. If you haven't noticed--look, it's great!

Thanks Dusaks.  
Carolyn Reynolds

Dear editor,

Nearly 200,000 children in Texas are reported as abused or neglected every year. It's a tragic fact; take it personally.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and this year's statewide theme is "Neglect: Take It Personally." It's a time to focus on ways not only to protect children but also to prevent abuse from even occurring. This is your opportunity to make a difference in young lives. The Haskell County Child Welfare Board is hoping to create an awareness of child abuse and neglect, and help educate people in our community on how to prevent it. During the month of April, Haskell County schools will participate in a different activity each week to promote awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Neglect is the most frequent form of child abuse. Children die simply because they're put in situations where they are not supervised. Last year, from January through December, 2001, Child Protective Services carried out thirty-two investigations in Haskell County and removed six children. There are a total of thirteen children who are in care in Haskell County. We all know that law enforcement cannot prevent all crime. We cannot expect the state's Child Protective Services to stop all child abuse and neglect. We all have to recognize neglect and take it personally.

Parents are not alone. Information and support is available to make communities strong and safe. The Web site [www.itsuptoyou.org](http://www.itsuptoyou.org) contains a wealth of information on how to prevent child abuse, where to go to get help with parenting skills, and what to do if you suspect a child is in danger. Additionally, volunteers from Haskell County Child Welfare Board are in the community sharing information from Child Abuse Prevention Kits. Contact your local Child Protective Services office to get more information. It's up to all of us to prevent child abuse. We must take it personally.

Sincerely,  
Haskell County  
Child Welfare Board

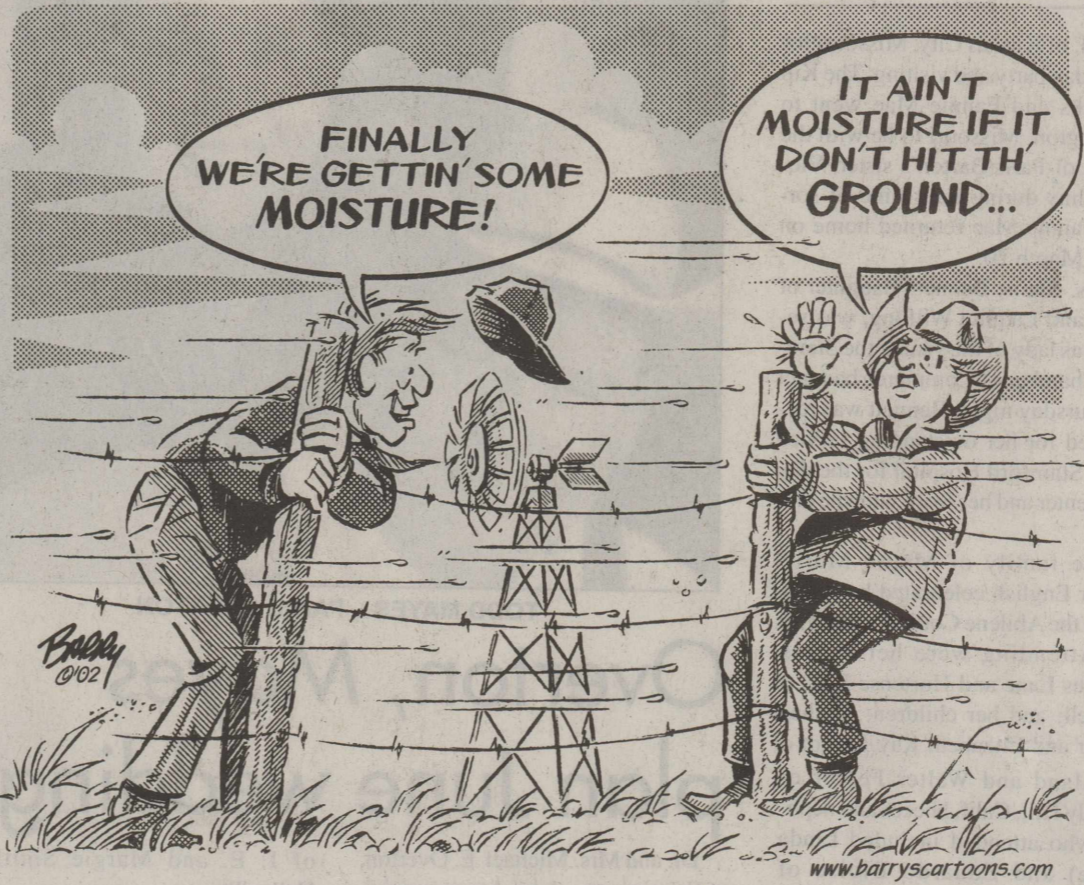
Dear editor:

I am taking this time to thank Haskell's coaching staff, administration and community and give a special thanks to coach Brad Brunson for putting on the track meet on Mar. 8, 2002.

Due to the serious pole vault injuries suffered by Jonathan Hajek on Feb. 28, and the loss of another student, Reid Livingston, on Mar. 3, the Seymour coaching staff decided to move the Panther Relays to Haskell.

With all the events that are taking place in our world today, it is vital that communities pull together for when they are in a time of need. The town of Haskell did just that by allowing Seymour to move its track meet to Haskell. Again, thank you, Haskell Indians, for coming to Seymour's aid.

God bless,  
Ken Cates, Seymour A.D.



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



Another election is coming up in November that most Texans haven't heard about yet: the State Board of Education will be voting on textbooks for the school children of the state.

The stakes are high: Parents and concerned citizens worry about the impact the texts will have on children (pick a heated social issue and someone likely has an opinion about it) and publishers are vying for \$570 million in textbook sales.

The battles used to get even stormier before 1995, when legislation took away the education board's power to require textual changes in books before approving them for classroom use. Now all the board can do is approve or reject a particular battle.

This year it will have more than 200 titles to consider.

### Older isn't always better...

The old saying that "you're not getting older, you just getting better" isn't always the case. A good example is evident in glancing over the Department of Public Safety's Texas Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list.

Of the nine wanted persons currently on the list (No. 10, wanted killer Wayne Owen Stubblefield, was arrested in Coryell County recently and has not been replaced,) seven are Baby Boomers born between 1951 and 1960. The eighth person on the list just barely missed the Boomer generation, having been born in 1966. (Demographers say the post-World War II baby boom ended in 1964.)

At 50, wanted murderer Margie Trevino Ortez, last known to be in the Dallas area, is the senior member of the Top Ten list. She'll celebrate her 51st birthday on May 10.

If you want to invite the DPS to her birthday party call Texas Crime Stoppers at 1-800-252-

TIPS (8477). It could earn you a \$1,000 cash reward.

The ages of the other wanted felons are 50, 49, 48 (two), 45 and 41. The only two "kids" on the wanted list are 36 and 25.

For a full description of these eight wanted men and one wanted woman, check the DPS Web site at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted.htm](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted.htm).

### North Texas squeaker...

No one won or lost in the March 12 primary by only one vote, but District 104 state Rep. Domingo Garcia of Dallas came close.

The recount he requested showed he lost his House seat by 41 votes, not the 38 votes counted on election night.

Garcia requested the recount after the initial tally showed him losing to challenger Roberto Alonzo.

The next step, if Garcia chooses to take it, is a court challenge. If he decides to do that, he has 30 days from the election to file suit.

Assuming no judicial reversal of the election results, Alonzo will face Republican Joe Hernandez in the general election.

### Remembering the Alamo...

It's been 42 years since the last blockbuster Alamo movie was shot in Texas—John Wayne's 1960 epic filmed at the late Happy Shahan's ranch near Brackettville.

But director-actor Ron Howard, who wasn't even playing Opie yet in 1960, is considering Texas as the location of a 21st century Hollywood retelling of the 1836 siege in San Antonio.

Howard and a couple of producers had lunch last week with Gov. Rick Perry and Film Commission head Tom Copeland to discuss the project and the possibility of filming in the Lone Star state.

## Spring Fling set

by Lou Gilly

**Haskell Co. Extension Agent**  
Activate your energizer at Spring Fling '02! An event filled program sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service, Spring Fling '02 is for people 50 and over. It's all happening April 15-19 at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood.

Spring Fling '02 specializes in great food, educational workshops, tours, recreational activities and warm friendly people. Learn more about Spring Fling '02 by calling Lou Gilly, Haskell County Extension Agent-FCS at 940-864-2546 or the Texas 4-H Center at 1-800-432-8342 for more information.

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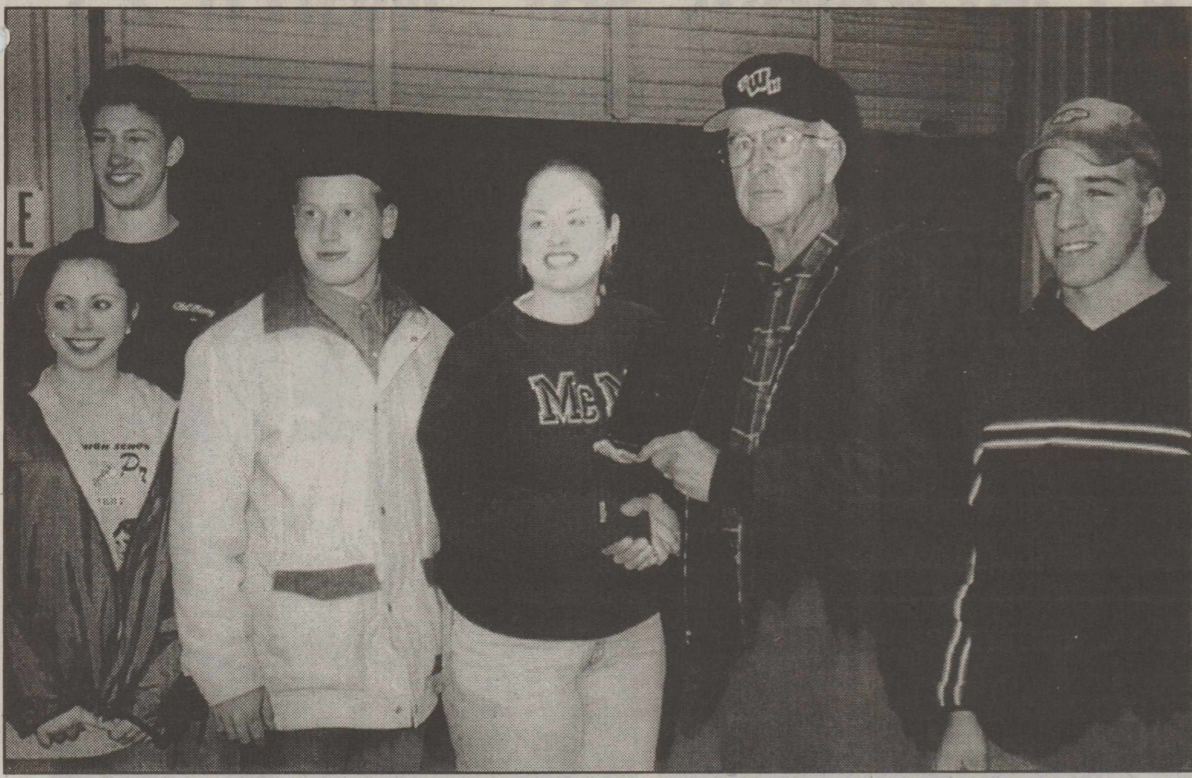
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**10 Years Ago**  
**March 26, 1992**  
Jennifer Comedy and Amy Cunningham placed in the top 10 at the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association state meet at San Antonio. Comedy placed fourth in calculator and Cunningham placed fifth in calculator and ninth in science and math.  
New loan officer at Farmers National Bank in Rule is Rick Arnold. He will be dealing primarily with agricultural loans.  
The 1600 relay team of Heather Hobgood, Kelly Nanny, Teresa Diaz and Cathryne Seelke placed fourth in the Possum Kingdom Relays in Graham.  
**20 Years Ago**  
**April 1, 1982**  
First place winners from Haskell in the District UIL meet recently included Jay Druesedow, editorial writing; Sharla Drinnon, shorthand; David Wheatley, feature writing and science; and Anthony Garland, prose.  
Sam Watson, Phillip Cockerell, Bill Lane, Jr. and Kenny Watson received official notification that they had completed requirements for basic volunteer firefighter certification.  
Eugene Rhodes was named Man of the Year and Grace Bishop was named Woman of the Year during the Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet.

**30 Years Ago**  
**March 30, 1972**  
Joe Kretschmer is named Indian of the Week. He placed 3rd in high-jump at Brady and first in high-jump at Albany.  
Eddie Briles is the FHA Beau at Rule High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Briles and a senior.  
The FFA Sweetheart at Rule High School is Sammie Oliver. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rayburne Oliver and is a senior.  
Mrs. John Clark of Sagerton entertained the Stitch and Chatter Club in her home. Guests were Mrs. M. Y. Benton, Mrs. G. A. Leach, Mrs. Swede Kittley, Faye Gibson, Louise Stegemoeller and Mrs. R. N. Sheid.  
**40 Years Ago**  
**March 29, 1962**  
Diane Reid of Rochester is a member of the costumes crew of Shakespeare's "Richard III," which will be presented by the University Players at North Texas State University.  
Bobby Vern Collins of Haskell pledged Kappa Alpha and Billy Lee Bliar of Rochester pledged Delta Sigma Phi at North Texas State University at Denton.  
Walter D. Larned, a salesman with Bill Wilson Motor Company, Haskell, has earned a "Master Salesman" award for outstanding salesmanship.  
**50 Years Ago**  
**March 27, 1952**  
Rule Future Farmers won

sweepstakes at ACC's Field Day. The group included: Eugene Fischer, Jack Thompson, Jimmy Hannsz, Ted Terrell, Roy Dean Smith, Dan LeFevre, H. J. Kainer, Bill Hertel, Dean Quade, Bob Kittley, James Baliff, Jerry Saffel, John Arnett, Charles Gibson and Hayes Rowan.  
The Veterans Wives Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Grady Newsom. Attending were Mrs. Howard Sloan, Mrs. Bobby Rule, Mrs. Arvie Stephens, Mrs. J. C. Halliburton, Jr., Mrs. Paul Grinstead, Mrs. Grady Newsom and Miss Wirges.  
A surprise birthday party was given by the Curry Chapel Baptist young people's Sunday School class for their teacher, Jesse Kreger. Attending were Leta Curd, Margaret Toliver, Delphia Green, Jesse Kreger, Danny Hill, Leonard Jones, Robert Hill, Biggon Drinnon, Glenn Kreger, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Howard and Virginia Sue and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kreger.  
**90 Years Ago**  
**March 30, 1912**  
Harry and E. E. Marvin left Monday for Dallas, where they will receive two new automobiles and drive them through to Haskell, having sold the cars to parties here.  
Dr. H. N. Robertson has resigned as County Health Officer and Dr. D. L. Cummins has been appointed to the office.  
Fred Hicks and J. S. Menefee of Rochester were in town Thursday. They reported a good rain in their section Wednesday night.

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**JUDGING WINNERS**—The Haskell judging team won second place in the annual Haskell SWCD and California Creek SWCD Pasture and Range Judging Contest held at Avoca High School, Mar. 4. From the left are Sidney Brueggeman, Ryan Burgess, Ross Bullinger, Wendy Proctor, California Creek SWCD Board member Don Walker and Chase Cockrell.



**WINNING TEAM**—The Haskell High School team won second place in the Land Judging Contest held by the Haskell and California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District. From the left are students Jesse Martinez, Omar Payan, Angel Pena and Don Walker, member of the California SWCD Board.

## USDA announces new NAP regulations

Federal regulations published recently set the stage for better risk protection for growers of noninsurable crops, but leave only a short time for producers to take advantage of the benefits available for crop losses in 2001 and 2002. Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices stand ready to accept applications from producers for coverage available through the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP).

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available including fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turfgrass and forage crops.

"The new regulations governing NAP give producers the opportunity to purchase affordable protection against crop losses," says John Fuston, State Executive Director for FSA in Texas. "It's critical that producers file their 2001 and 2002 applications for coverage and pay their service fees by April 18, 2002. Like crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone," he says.

NAP coverage requires a service fee of \$100 per crop, per producer with a \$300 cap per county. Out-of-pocket expenses for any producer will not exceed \$900, even if pro-

duction occurs in more than three counties. Service fees may be waived for eligible limited resource producers.

"The new, streamlined program has already begun to benefit Texas growers. To date Texas has dispersed more than \$212,000 for NAP crop losses incurred in 2001," Fuston says.

Under the previous NAP program, coverage was only available when catastrophic losses occurred in a widespread area. New provisions allow for individual coverage tailored to meet a producer's specific needs and allow for a customized crop protection plan. With the elimination of area crop loss provisions, each qualifying individual loss can be addressed based on its own merits.

"Because FSA has the ability to protect against individual losses, response time is quicker and payment to the producer will be at the end of the growing season," says Fuston.

As outlined in the regulations, maintaining eligibility for 2001 and 2002 crops requires producers who otherwise would be late in filing the application apply and pay service fees within 30 days of publication of the rule. NAP continues to require reporting of crop acreage, yields and

production as a condition of eligibility. In addition, producers are required to report losses the earlier of 15 days after damaging weather occurs or the date loss becomes apparent.

"Good record-keeping by producers is becoming increasingly more important. This is especially true for NAP because accurate records ensure producers receive the best coverage available under the program," says Fuston.

Fuston explained, if producers timely filed a notice of loss for the 2001 crop year they may be eligible for NAP benefits. However, if this notice of loss was not filed within 15 calendar days of the disaster or the loss became apparent, then the producer is not eligible for 2001.

In addition to filing applications for coverage and paying fees within the next 30 days, NAP crop producers have the opportunity to certify their 2000 crop production to both support their proven yields and submit 2001 crop production records to substantiate loss claims.

"The window of opportunity for NAP coverage for 2001 and 2002 is now down to less than 30 days. So I would encourage interested producers who timely submitted notices of loss on 2001 crops to apply for coverage by April 18, 2002, and encourage 2002 NAP producers to heed this deadline as well," Fuston states.

For more information about NAP and other FSA administered programs, contact your local USDA Service Center or visit the national FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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## Easter egg safety

With spring right around the corner, pastel-colored Easter eggs become a hot topic. Tradition has it that eggs symbolize new beginnings, joy, hope and regeneration.

So while dyed eggs are part of the seasonal fun, experts are concerned with egg safety. They suggest you inspect the eggs before purchasing, store eggs in their original container

and buy eggs a week before you plan to hard-cook and dye them.

Don't use cracked eggs and do not hide them where they can be found by pets.

If an egg is cracked, don't decorate it. Be sure to keep decorated eggs refrigerated. You should hide eggs immediately before hunting them.

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