

Track

Indians, Maidens
Regional Track Meet (ACU)
Fri.-Sat., April 26-27

Calendar

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon each Friday, weather permitting.

Arbor Day

Haskell Garden Club members will dedicate crepe myrtles planted at the courthouse gazebo Fri., April 26 at 9 a.m.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., April 27 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand in Texas will open at 5:30 and the music will start at 6 p.m. No admission is charged. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

Spring musical

The 4th, 5th and 6th grade choirs will present their spring musical "The Good News Cruise Celebrating Life in the Son" Sun., April 28 at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Head Start registration

The Haskell Elementary Head Start registration is set for Tues., May 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Elementary school. To register bring the child's birth certificate, child's social security card, child's immunization record, income verification (check stub, tax form, etc.), proof of public assistance (WIC, Medicaid, HUD).

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North is gathering favorite family recipes to be published into a cookbook to be sold by the organization. Recipes are sought from Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties. Mail your favorite recipes, along with the person's name to the Noah Project-North, P. O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521. For more information call 940-864-2551. Deadline for recipes is May 10.

Garage sale

A garage sale benefitting Vermont missions will be held Sat., April 27 at 600 N. Ave. F in Haskell. Donations may be made by contacting Tori Hicks at 864-5461. Vermont missions is sponsored by Texas Baptists.

Rochester banquet

The Rochester High School activity banquet, sponsored by Rochester Booster Club, will be held Mon., May 13 at 7 p.m. in the Rochester School cafeteria. High School students are admitted free. Barbecue plates are \$5.00. Everyone is invited to attend.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., May 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Ex-students to meet

Rolling Plains Texas Tech ex-students will meet Mon., April 29 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Country Club for a spring meeting. Registration begins at 6 p.m. Cost is \$12. Featured speaker is basketball coach Bubba Jennings. Contact Joey Kimbrough or Sam Toliver for details.

Parade entries

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held May 31 at 5 p.m. in downtown Haskell. To enter or for more information call Loutina White at 864-3507.

Garage sale

Haskell High and Junior High cheerleaders will hold a garage sale May 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Haskell High School auditorium.

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City Wide Clean Up set April 29-May 4 - Do your part!

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GOING TO STATE- Haskell students Bergen Peiser, left, and Kristin Cypert, hold the regional 2A championship journalism trophy they earned at the Regional meet in Abilene. Bergen placed 1st in news writing and 4th in feature writing, and Cypert placed 1st in editorial writing, 1st in headline writing and 5th in news writing.

Students advance to state UIL

Two Haskell High School students, Kristin Cypert and Bergen Peiser have qualified for the University Interscholastic League Academic State competition, May 2-4 at the University of Texas at Austin.

Qualifying at the UIL Regional Meet, Cypert placed 1st in editorial writing and 1st in headline writing. Peiser placed 1st in news writing. The two also earned more awards; Peiser with a 4th place in feature writing and Cypert with a 5th place in news writing, to win the regional championship in journalism.

In other competitions, Sydney Brueggeman earned a 4th place in calculator.

"Students who participate in UIL academics are as competitive and dedicated as any athlete or musician," said Bobby Hawthorne, UIL academic director.

"They devote untold hours to practice and individual meet competition, and for many, these hours will be among the most important they spend during their high school careers. Over the years, we've heard from hundreds of students who claim that these contests were the most fulfilling and rewarding activities of their entire high school careers."

The purpose of these contests, Hawthorne added, is to teach thinking and problem-solving skills. "Employers want employees who can solve problems, speak effectively and write clearly. Each contest is designed to help students reach these goals."

City Wide Clean Up Week set

April 29 through May 4 has been set aside as City Wide Spring Clean Up Week in Haskell. All citizens are asked to gather up, clear out and remove debris and trash from their property in an effort to make the entire community a safer, neater, more desirable looking place.

During the week two trailers will be available for half days only, for those who do not have their own trailer or means of hauling off trash. Reservation for the trailers can be made by calling the city office.

Personal trailers and trucks hauling loose trash must be covered with a tarp. Bulky items such as lumber, tin, etc., must be tied down.

Items that will not be accepted during cleanup week are chemicals, tires, batteries, anything with freon, asbestos, any roofing materials and paint.

Bulky items will be picked up by the city trucks if they have already been placed beside the dumpster. Brush and recyclable items may be taken to South 2nd and Ave. A.

For cleanup week only, free dumping will be available at the land fill, including Sat., May 4, from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This service is being provided for citizens of the city of Haskell only. Persons dumping at the landfill may be asked for proof of residence, such as a water bill.

Sales tax receipts show increases

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently delivered \$272.7 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 1.4 percent compared to April 2001. So far this year, local sales tax allocations are down 0.5 percent compared to the first four months of 2001.

March sales tax rebates include local sales tax collected in February and reported to the Comptroller in March. The state's share of sales tax collected during this period was \$1 billion, down 1.5 percent compared to a year ago.

Rylander sent sales tax rebates of \$182.5 million to 1,116 Texas cities, down 0.6 percent compared to April 2001. Texas counties received April sales tax rebates of \$15.8 million went to 121 Texas counties, up 2.6 percent compared to one year ago.

Haskell County had a 13.02 percent increase for April, 2002 of \$21,332.74 in comparison to \$18,873.64 for April 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$104,276.06 reflect a 3.49 percent increase over 2001 payments to date of \$100,755.35.

The City of Haskell had a 13.57 percent increase for April, 2002 of \$20,297.31 in comparison to \$17,870.55 for April, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$97,488.67 reflect a 3.99 percent increase over 2001 payments to date of \$93,747.04.

The City of O'Brien had a 57.65 percent decrease for April, 2002 of

\$18.77 in comparison to \$44.33 for April, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$269.63 reflect a 13.70 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$312.44.

The City of Rochester had a 30.19 percent increase for April, 2002 of \$370.10 in comparison to \$284.27 for April, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$1,924.03 reflect a 1.98 percent increase over 2001 payments to date of \$1,886.55.

The City of Rule had a 6.59

percent decrease for April, 2002 of \$628.58 in comparison to \$672.95 for April, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$3,987.72 reflect a 6.98 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$4,287.38.

The City of Weinert had a 1067.53 percent increase for April, 2002 of \$17.98 for April, 2002 in comparison to \$1.54 for April, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$606.01 reflect a 16.10 percent increase over 2001 payments to date of \$521.94.

Guilty plea entered in murder case

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton reported Monday that Richard Delosantos of Rule pled guilty April 9 for the July 5, 2000 slaying of Ray Webb of Rule.

Scheduled to go to trial for the crime Tuesday, Delosantos entered into a plea bargain and received a 46 year sentence.

The brutal murder in which the victim's throat was slashed, was the first murder in the city of Rule in

decades.

Sheriff Halliburton said it took a year of investigation to get a warrant for Delosantos' arrest. He was arrested and charged in August, 2001, and has been in local custody since that time. He will remain in local custody until sometime next month when he will be transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

Bible drill students advance to state

Six children from East Side Baptist Church advanced to the 2002 Texas Children's State Bible Drill Competition, and three youth from ESBC advanced to the 2002 Texas Youth Semi-Final Bible Drill Competition, both held this past Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Abilene. All the drillers qualified for their contests by achieving high scores at the Haskell/Knox Associational Bible Drill Competition March 24, hosted by ESBC.

The children's contests consisted of 10-second drills in finding books and specific verses in the Bible, locating key passages on specific topics of theology in the Bible, and

reciting passages from memory. Participants received recognition and seals at the awards ceremony following the competition. Laura Bowers and Hannah Page both earned the State Winner Perfect rating and were awarded the Bibles with which they drilled. Jennifer Farber and Jodi Langford both received the Excellent rating. Aubrey Bassett and Chelsea Bullard were awarded the Good rating. Also participating at the Associational Competition were Travis Carothers and Dustin Carothers.

The more difficult youth contest consisted of 8-second drills in finding books and randomly selected verses in the Bible, finding passages on various doctrines of theology, identifying and locating verses when only a portion of a verse is quoted, and memorizing and locating verses in response to questions about the

Christian faith. Bonus points were also given for being the first in one's group to locate the called item, placing contestants in a race against each other as well as the clock. In this division, Lauren McCormick earned a Good rating, and Matthew Bowers received an Excellent rating. Acquiring a perfect score and six bonus points. Bethany Elmore received the second highest score of the competition and was awarded the Outstanding rating. As a result, Elmore will be one of four drillers representing the Abilene region at the State Final Competition in Fort Worth May 3-4, where they will compete against drillers from the entire state.

The state drill was made possible by the Cooperative Program, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and the State Missions Commission. ESBC's drill classes

and the associational competition were directed by Karla Page, with Vicki Bullard, Taylor Seelke, and Janet Bowers assisting her. This was the sixth year the church has been involved in Bible drill competition. Page encourages all area churches interested in participating in Bible Drill classes and contests for next year to contact her for information about leadership training and materials. In addition to drilling contests, a Youth Speakers' Tournament is also held at the same time for youth grades 10-12. Scholarship prizes are given by the Bible Study/Discipleship Center of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at the state level of youth competition to the winners, who will represent Texas in convention-wide demonstrations at Glorieta, New Mexico, and Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

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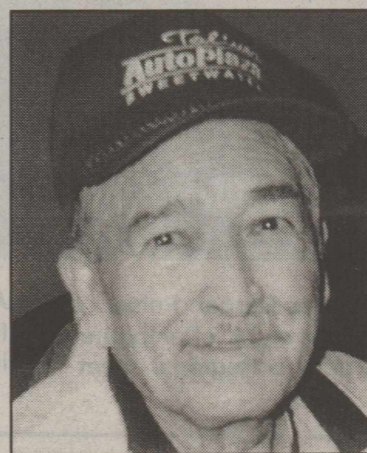
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GOOD MANNERS REWARDED—Students receiving award certificates and coupons from Sonic and Haskell Elementary for using good manners in the cafeteria during the month of March were: Back row, l-r, Amanda Reynolds, Paige Adams, Andrew Hearn, Phillip Coleman and Tillie McGuire. Center row, Justin Meier, Christian Myers, Colton Young, A. J. Benton and Julie Zavala. Front row, Heather Brewer, Christina Villa and Dawn Skinner.

Obituaries

Leopolda 'Leo' Garza



LEO GARZA

Mass services for Leopolda 'Leo' Garza, 69, of Haskell were held Wed., April 24 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Garza died Mon., April 22 at an Abilene hospital.

Born Aug. 20, 1932 in Rio Hondo, he was a farm laborer and worked at Haskell Gin for many years. He enjoyed hunting and loved to barbecue for family and friends.

He was preceded in death by three sons, Paul, Nick and Leo Jr.; one

sister, Maria Quininoez; and one grandson, Nick Anthony Garza.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Irene Garza of Haskell; two sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Ruth Garza of Navasota and Tomas and JoAnn Garza of Caldwell; four daughters and sons-in-law, Yolanda and Ronnie Sanford of Angleton, Susanna and Jessie Perez of Somerville, Belinda and Ricky Guadaluca of Haskell and Nelli and Joseph Silva of Caldwell; 16 grandchildren, six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. PD. NOTICE

Oscar Alfred Rueffer

Funeral services for Oscar Alfred Rueffer, 82, of Haskell will be held Fri., April 26 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell. Burial will follow in Pleasant Valley Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Rueffer died Sun., April 21 at his home in Haskell. Born March 26, 1920 in Haskell County, he was the son of August and Annie Merchant Rueffer. He served in the Army-Air Force during World War II. He married Pauline Alma Navert Jan. 31, 1947 in Sagerton. She preceded him in death April 4, 2001. He was a farmer and member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

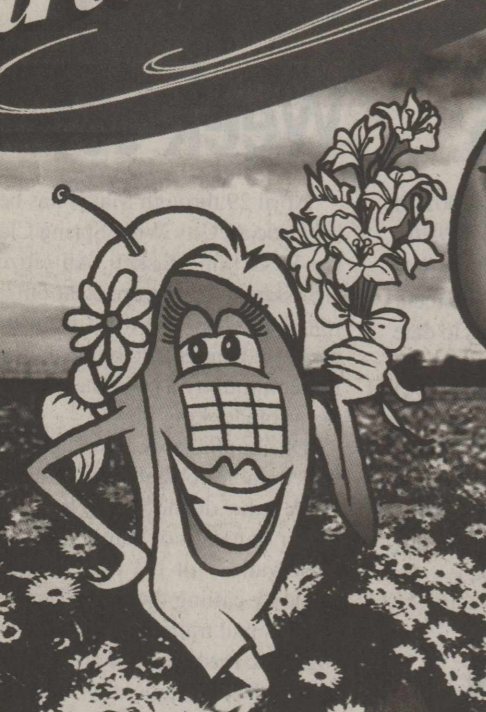

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gus and

Henry Rueffer.

Survivors include two daughters, Helen Reid of Haskell and Bernice Houska and husband, Jim of Wessington Springs, South Dakota; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charlie and Debbie Rueffer of Munday and Jack and Brenda Rueffer of Sweetwater; two sisters, Bertha Hohenberger of Marble Falls and Louise Mueller of Stamford; one brother, Herbert Rueffer of Bertram; six grandchildren, Kelli and Leland Reid of Haskell, Teddy and Pamela Rueffer of Munday and Erica and Rebecca Rueffer of Abilene.

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CHESSA HILLIARD - SCOTT AKINS

Hilliard, Akins to marry Aug. 3

Ricky and Cinda Parker of Lubbock and Ken Hilliard of Waco have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Chessa Hilliard and Dr. Scott Akins, both of Richmond, Virginia.

Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Charles and Shirley Akins of College Station and Sherry Akins of Loveland, Colorado.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 3, at the First United Methodist

Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect graduated from Lubbock Coronado High School and from Texas Tech University. She plans to attend Texas Tech Law School in the fall.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Thompson Valley High School in Loveland, Colorado, the University of Texas and Texas Tech Medical Center. He is employed at Medical College of Virginia.

McGehee family to lead revival

Randy and Diane McGehee and family of Illinois, founders of the Rivers of Living Waters Ministries, will be in Haskell Apr. 28 through May 1, for a revival held at the First Assembly of God. Services will begin each night at 7:00.

Pastoring in the state of Illinois since 1986, the ordained ministers have an understanding of effective local church ministry. Believing that

souls are at stake and lives must be touched, since 1999 they have ministered in churches all over the United States, with an anointed mix of ministry in song and preaching of the word of God.

The community is invited to join with the McGehee family, local Pastor J. C. Amburn and the First Assembly of God at 1500 N. Ave. E., in seeking genuine revival.

Talent show

The Experienced Citizens Center will sponsor a talent show Sat., May 11 at 8 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Entries are being accepted. Entry fee is \$20. All age groups are encouraged to participate. Cash prizes will be awarded. A barbecue dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost of the show and dinner is \$10 per person. Cost of the show only is \$5.00. Children 13 and under will be admitted free. To enter or for more information call 864-3875.

Garage sale

The Experienced Citizens Center will hold a garage sale Sat., April 27 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 1401 S. 1st. Donated items are now being accepted for the fund-raiser. Items may be brought to the center Monday through Friday or arrangements can be made for items to be picked up. Call 864-3875 for more information.

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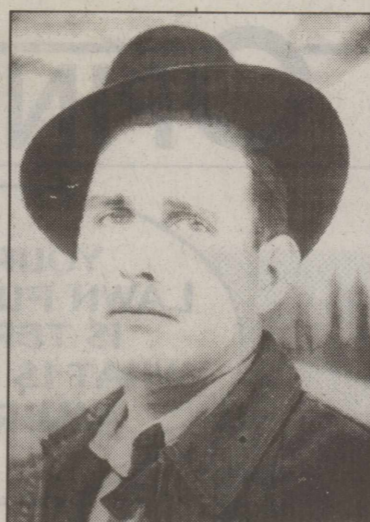
SELINA SALINAS

Salinas competes for Miss WTC

Haskell native, Selina Salinas, was chosen as one of six campus favorites by the student body of Western Texas College in Snyder last week. Selina is the daughter of Fidel and Abby Salinas of Haskell. Each Spring, nominations are held and the top male and female nominees are selected as campus favorites.

Following nominations, an election is held for two weeks after which the two nominees who receive the highest number of votes are named as Mr. and Miss WTC.

The annual formal is hosted by the WTC Student Government Association. This year's theme is "A Night in Bloom."



C. E. (Chunky) TIDWELL

Tidwell to celebrate birthday

C.E. (Chunky) Tidwell will be honored on his 90th birthday, Sat., April 27 with a celebration at the Haskell National Bank community room from 2-4 p.m.

Chunky was born in Farmersville, April 27, 1912 and moved to Haskell County at the age of 7 years. He married Viola Harrell Nov. 8, 1933. They were married for 67 years at her death Feb. 26, 2001.

The Tidwells farmed in the Foster community. As well as being Haskell County Commissioner for 8 years, he was a county employee for 20 years. Chunky was a long-time member of Pinkerton Baptist Church and currently serves as a greeter at East Side Baptist Church and is active in the Sunshine Club.

Dan and Travis Burson invite friends and family to come by and celebrate with Chunky on this happy occasion.

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Admissions

Orbyrie Littlefield, Munday
Henrietta Ray, Haskell

Dismissals

Roy Fain, Viola Brueggeman,
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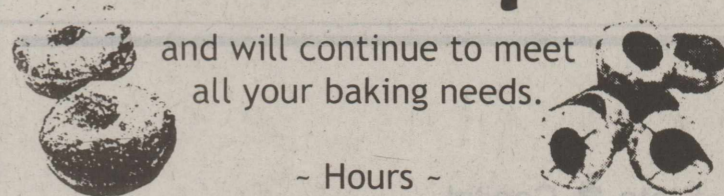
at the Haskell Civic Center

Worship service begins at 10 a.m.
followed by a brisket luncheon
beginning at noon.

Many former pastors and staff members will be present to help the congregation celebrate more than 80 years of ministry.

If you need more information or would like to contribute photos or stories to the celebration, contact Dr. David Page by writing to ESBC Family Reunion 600 North First East Haskell, Texas 79521 or by calling 940-864-2738 or by faxing 940-864-2771.

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Bridal Selections

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JUDGING AWARDS—Haskell FFA members display the awards they have won during judging events in March and April. Front row, l-r, are: T. J. Yates, Alexis Reed, Sydney Brueggeman, Susie Skinner and Amy Pena. Middle row, Jimmy Rinker, Sean Jeanes, Charlie Smith, Wendy Proctor, Omar Payan, Jesse Martinez and

Angel Pena. Back row, Chase Cockerell, Casey Moeller, B. J. Opsahl, Ross Bullinger, Ryan Burgess and Monica Buerger. Haskell FFA judging teams qualifying for State contests at Texas Tech University, Tarleton and A&M University, are Range and Pasture, Land, Ag Mechanics, Poultry and Cotton.

FFA members win in competitions

Several members of the Haskell FFA program have won awards during judging events in March and April.

At the Tarleton Invitational Range contest, Ross Bullinger won the High Point Individual Award.

At the West Texas A&M Agriculture Mechanics and Poultry contest, Wendy Proctor won 7th, Ross Bullinger won 8th and Chase Cockerell won 9th.

At the ACU Range contest, Ross Bullinger won 1st and Wendy Proctor won 6th. In Land, Angel Pena won 1st.

At the Cleburne contests, Angel Pena won 2nd and Omar Payan won 4th in Land. In Range, Ross Bullinger was 3rd High Point Individual.

At the Area II contest in Stephenville, Omar Payan was 1st in High Point Land Judging and Jesse Martinez won 5th. In Range, Ross Bullinger won 3rd, Ryan Burgess won 6th and Sydney Brueggeman won 9th.

At the Texas Tech contests, Angel Pena won 7th in Land. Chase Cockerell won 6th in Range. In Ag. Mechanics B. J. Opsahl was 1st in High Point, T. J. Yates won 3rd, Casey Moeller won 5th and Charlie Smith won 6th.

In the Haskell-Jones Soil Conservation Service contest, the Haskell Range Team won 2nd, and the Land Team won 2nd. In the Jacksboro contest, Haskell's Range Team won 4th and the Land Team won 4th. In the Sweetwater contest, Haskell's Range Team won 3rd.

At the Tarleton contests, Haskell Range Team placed 5th with the Land team winning 6th. In Canyon, the Haskell Range Team won 3rd, the Land Team 5th. At Clarendon, the Range Team won 1st and the Land Team 5th. At ACU the Range Team won 1st and the Land team won 3rd. At Cleburne, the Range Team placed 3rd and the Land Team placed 1st. In the Area contest, the Range Team placed 2nd and the Land Team placed 1st. In Hamilton, the Land Team placed 3rd.

The Ag. Mechanics team won 5th at San Marcos, 3rd at East Texas and 1st at Texas Tech Area contest.

The Poultry Team won 2nd in Dist. at Texas Tech and 4th in Area. Haskell teams that have qualified for State contests are Range and Pasture, Land, Ag. Mechanics, Poultry and Cotton.

Members of the Range and Land Team are Ross Bullinger, Ryan Burgess, Sydney Brueggeman, Wendy Proctor and Chase Cockerell. The State contests will be held April 25 at Tarleton.

Members of the Land Team are Omar Payan, Jesse Martinez, Angel Pena and Shawn Jeans. The State contests will be held April 25 at

Tarleton. Members of the Ag. Mechanics Team are B. J. Opsahl, T. J. Yates, Casey Moeller and Charlie Smith. Members of the Poultry Team are Ana Benavides, Samantha Pedroza, Tara McCarty, and Alexis Reed. These State contests will be held April 27 at A&M.

Members of the Cotton Team are Holly Olson, Amy Pena, Monica Buerger and Dana Skinner. The state contest will be held at Texas Tech, April 20.

The Haskell Horse Team is composed of Susie Skinner, Amy Pena, Tiffany Campbell and Laura Baxter.

Mother's Day flowers

The Paint Creek FFA Booster Club will be selling Mother's Day flowers for a fund-raiser. Various corsages and blooming potted plants will be available. Contact Gina Buerger at 915-773-5226 or any booster club member to place an order or for more information.

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District 9-10A Track Results

The District 9-10A area meet was held at Highland and the results include:

- Girls**
 Team totals: 3. Rochester 52; 8. Rule 42; 15. Paint Creek, 14.
 Triple jump: 1. Tara Lisle, Rule, 32-3; 2. Dana Holmes, Rochester, 31-9.
 Shot put: 3. Abby Dudensing, Rule, 30-10.
 Long jump: 2. Maggie Brzozowski, Paint Creek, 15-1.
 High jump: 2. Tara Lisle, Rule, 5-0.
 Pole vault: 1. Tara Lisle, Rule,

- 7-9.
 3200: 1. Meinia Garcia, Rochester, 13:05.40; 3. Lisa Caddell, Rule, 13:29.
 100: 1. Cassidy Brown, Rochester, 13.19; 3. Maggie Brzozowski, Paint Creek, 13.61.
 200: 1. Cassidy Brown, Rochester, 26.62.
 1600: 2. Melina Garcia, Rochester, 5:51.03.
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 11. Rule, 14; 15. (tie) Rochester, 2.
 800: 2. Trey Kittley, Rule, 2:11.10.

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Kindergarten students to register Friday, April 26

Haskell Elementary School will have Kindergarten registration and screening Fri., April 26 in the elementary conference room.

To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2002.

Students whose last names begin with letters A through F will register at 9:00 a.m. Those with last names beginning with letters G through L will register at 10:00 a.m. Those with last names beginning with letters M through R will register at 1:00 p.m. and those with last names beginning with letters S through Z will register at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your child to the elementary conference room. Students who are currently enrolled in prekindergarten are still required to come to registration.

Each child needs to bring his/her birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration.

Immunization requirements which must be met before the first day of Kindergarten are: three doses polio vaccine including one received on or after the 4th birthday, four doses DTP/DiAP vaccine including one received on or after the 4th birthday, two doses MMR vaccine (or one dose MMR and one dose measles vaccine), three doses hepatitis B vaccine and one dose varicella vaccine or documentation of having had chicken pox.

All grades including Head Start, Early Childhood, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten will have class on Fri., April 26.

Boy Scouts set 'Shootout'

The first annual Chisholm Trail "Shootout" has been announced by the Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America. Scheduled to be held May 3-4, the "Shootout" will benefit the Council and its mission to provide a quality Scout program for the youth of West Texas.

The clay shoot will be held at Abilene Clay Sports, located at the intersection of Hwy. 707 and Spur 707 in south Abilene.

For a \$100.00 fee, shooters will compete on a custom course designed to duplicate multiple types of hunting situations. The 10-station course will take approximately two hours to complete. Shooters will be eligible to compete for a number of prizes. Even first-time shooters will have a chance to win.

For an entry fee of \$35.00, younger shooters (age 12-16) can participate in the youth division. All youth shooters will receive a special patch.

A "Shootout" preview party for non-shooters and shooters, held at the famous Perini's Ranch Steak House in Buffalo Gap Friday night,

May 3, will feature Tom Perini's world famous steaks and dancing to the music of "Slim Chance and the Survivors." A silent auction will feature game hunts at some of the area's most historic and desirable hunting ranches.

The clay shoot is limited to the first 100 contestants to register. All reservations must be made before April 26. For information or reservations call 915-677-2688.

City to paint water towers

At the Mon., Apr. 22 meeting of the Haskell City Council, a bid in the amount of \$109,000 was accepted from Phoenix Tank Company for the repainting of the outside and refurbishing and repainting of the inside of both city water towers. The extensive process will be in compliance with all safety and health regulations. The work is tentatively scheduled to begin by June 1, and to be completed within the contract time of 150 days.

With the extensive renovation requiring that each tower be drained,

Players in Progress place in contests

Local youngsters placing in the Players in Progress (PIP) Festival events in Abilene Mar. 8-9 were:

6th graders: Travis Adams placed 3rd in both the Obstacle Speed Dribble and Between the Leg Pass. Weston Rutkowski placed 2nd in Obstacle Speed Dribble, 2nd in PIP Lay-Ups, 3rd in PIP Shots, and 4th in Fantasy Lay-Ups.

5th graders: Paige Adams placed 2nd in Obstacle Speed Dribble and 6th in Ball Figure 8 Chase. Lauren Newton placed 5th in Drop Pass and 6th in Obstacle Speed Dribble. Ashton Rutkowski placed 2nd in Obstacle Speed Dribble and 6th in PIP Lay-Ups.

4th graders: Aubrey Bassett placed 5th in PIP Lay-Ups and 5th in Between the Leg Pass. Brooke Bullinger placed 4th in Between the Leg Pass.

3rd graders: Kelsie Adams placed 5th in Backward Dribble. Sara Weise placed 4th in Obstacle Speed Dribble, 6th in Two ball Dribble and 6th in Duo.

2nd graders: Jasmine Klose placed 3rd in Two Ball Dribble, 4th in Drop Pass and 4th in Spin. Austin Page placed 1st in Drop Pass, 3rd in Between the Leg Pass and 4th in Spin.

1st graders: Carson Hadaway placed 5th in Drop Pass.

Kindergarten: Micah Thomas placed 3rd in Drop Pass. Max Weise placed 6th in Backward Dribble.

Also competing was Christian Page and Old Timers Erin Hise and Chambray Bartley who won 1st in Fantasy Lay-Ups and 1st in PIP Shots.

Travis Adams, Paige Adams and Lauren Newton competed in a Trio event, winning 3rd place. Aubrey Bassett and Brooke Bullinger competed in a Duo event, winning 1st place. Kelsie Adams and Sara Weise competed in a Duo event, winning

6th place.

Haskell PIPs also had a mini group composed of Travis Adams, Lacey Peiser, Weston Rutkowski, Paige Adams, Lauren Newton, Ashton Rutkowski and Kelsie Adams.

Paige Adams and Kelsie Adams also attended the Happening in Florence. Paige won 1st in Obstacle Speed Dribble, 3rd in PIP Shots and 3rd in PIP Lay-ups. Kelsie won 5th

in PIP'N Time and 6th in Obstacle Speed Dribble.

Several PIPs have also made Angie's Spin Club since the PIP program was started in Haskell three years ago. To be in the club participants must be able to spin the ball for 20 seconds. Haskell PIPs are very proud of the following members who have made the club: Travis Adams, Weston Rutkowski, Paige Adams, Lauren Newton, Ashton Rutkowski, Brooke Bullinger and Jasmine Klose.



PLAYERS IN PROGRESS—Members of the Haskell PIPs program holding awards they have won recently are: Back row, l-r, Lauren Newton, Lacey Peiser, Erin Hise, Paige Adams and Ashton Rutkowski. Middle row, Sara Weise, Carson Hadaway, Travis Adams, Kelsie Adams and Weston Rutkowski. Center, Jasmine Klose, Aubrey Bassett and Brooke Bullinger. Front, Christian Page, Max Weise, Micah Thomas and Austin Page. Not pictured is Chambray Bartley.

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