



UIL WINNERS—Twenty-one elementary students were introduced and presented Achievement Award certificates during a special meeting of the Haskell School Board, Jan. 31. They were winners at the district University Interscholastic League meet held in Eula. Contests participated in included creative writing, calculator, math, spelling, oral reading, music memory, art, number sense, listening and ready writing. Back row, l-r; Lauren Newton, Hanna Wallace, Haley Chavez, Kacy Wilcox, Brittany Garison and Faith Silvas. Middle row, Paige Adams, Brooke Bullinger, Jordan Burson, Aubrey Bassett, Dawn Skinner, Brook Hall, Meagan Kimbrough. Front row, Megan Bailey, Veronica Benton, Ashlee Short, Codi Foster, Carson Hadaway. Kneeling front, Nathan Meredith, Garrett Brueggeman and Brady Leach.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 581 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Feb. 3, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 60 sellers and 35 buyers attended.

Demand good on all classes. Packer cattle \$1 to \$2 higher, stockers and feeders steady.

Special cow sale Feb. 10, 500 cows consigned.

Cows: fat, .35-.43; cutters, .40-.46; canners, .20-.32.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.54; feeders, .65-.75; utility, .45-.49.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.35; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.12; 400-500 lbs., .88-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .82-.94; 600-700 lbs., .78-.85; 700-800 lbs., .77-.82; 800-up lbs., .68-.78.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.20; 300-400 lbs., .88-1.00; 400-500 lbs., .80-.95; 500-600 lbs., .75-.85; 600-up lbs., .65-.77.

Bred heifers medium frame, 500-625.

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Obituaries

Geraldine Elizabeth 'Gerry' (Fouts) Spain



GERRY SPAIN

Funeral services for Geraldine Elizabeth 'Gerry' (Fouts) Spain, 84, formerly of Haskell were held Fri., Jan. 31 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Spain died Wed., Jan. 29 in Hilltop Haven Nursing Home in

Gunter after an extended illness.

Born Dec. 15, 1918 in Jud, she was the daughter of J. R. 'Jim' and Mary (Malone) Fouts. The Fouts family migrated from Georgia to Texas at the turn of the century then moved to Haskell County in 1902. They became prominent and active members of the farming community.

Gerry married Harold Russell Spain in Ardmore, Okla. May 6, 1938. After the war, the couple moved to Haskell in September of 1946 to live and raise their family. Harold was postmaster from 1948-66 and past president of the Texas State Teachers Association, Haskell County Teachers Association, Association of Texas Educators and Retired Teachers Association. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Haskell and taught Sunday school classes for the young people for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Robert 'Jim' and Mary (Malone) Fouts; and her

husband, Harold R. Spain.

Survivors include one daughter, Gayle (Spain) Maxson and husband, Dwight of Denton; two sons, Philip Spain and wife, Helen of Denton and Hal Spain and wife, Kimberly of Robert Lee; six grandchildren, Kevin Maxson and wife, Corinia of Denton, Laura Kirk and husband, Allen of Bayfield, Colo. Stephanie Spain of Sanger, Angela Spain of Dallas, Christi Savage and husband, Obie of New York, N.Y. and Wade Spain of Waco; eight great-grandchildren, Ariel and Robert Maxson of Denton, Luke, Zachary, Jessica, Matthew, Michael and Melissa Kirk, all of Bayfield, Colo.; and one sister, Lois (Fouts) St. Clair of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were grandsons Kevin Maxson and Wade Spain; grandson-in-law, Allen Kirk; George Fouts, John Fouts and Carl Bailey.

Honorary pallbearers were deacons of First Baptist Church of Haskell.

PD. NOTICE

Karen Sue Livingston



KAREN SUE LIVINGSTON

Graveside services for Karen Sue Livingston, 40, of Haskell were held Wed., Feb. 5 in Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. W. Douglas Mills officiating. Services were under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene.

Livingston died Fri., Jan. 31 in Haskell.

Born Jan. 15, 1963 in Waco, she was a graduate of Haskell High School. She was a welder at Reinsman Equestrian for 12 years and had worked at Haskell Nursing Home as a nurse's aid. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her

father, Richard Dell Livingston; and her mother, Frances Draper.

Survivors include four brothers, Steve 'Frog' Livingston and his wife, Yvonne and Nathan of Clyde, Randy Livingston and fiancée, Mary Williams of Haskell, Harvey Livingston and wife, Carol of Caldwell and David Livingston and wife, Maxine of Abilene; three sisters, Glenda Storm and husband, Billy of Caldwell, Kathy Gosdin and husband, Tom of Bernalillo, N.M., and Kim Sansom and husband, Johnnie of Mineral Wells; her stepfather, Fred Draper of Haskell; several nieces and nephews; and many aunts and uncles.

PD. NOTICE

Bessie Ames Stewart

Graveside services for Bessie Ames Stewart, 92, of Odessa were held Thurs., Jan. 30 in Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. John Erwin, pastor of St. John's Methodist Church, officiating. Services were under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home in Stamford.

Mrs. Stewart died Tues., Jan. 28 at Teakwood Manor in Stamford.

Born Feb. 15, 1910 in Boswell, Okla., she was one of five children born to J. L. and Elwa Stewart. She was proud of her name. The day she was born, Miss Ames, a well known Methodist missionary came to visit her parents. Because of the admiration for Miss Ames, the new baby was named Bessie Ames. She never wanted to be just Bessie, instead always Bessie Ames.

From early childhood until her retirement, she was involved in school. She graduated from North Texas

Teachers College and later attended the University of New Mexico for graduate study. She taught a total of 46 years with the last 28 years being in Odessa. Bessie Ames had the reputation of being a very strong and thorough teacher. Dr. Bea Marie Leopold of Odessa had three children. She arranged to have each child start in Bessie's first-grade class to make sure the child received a good foundation.

She was an active of the First Methodist Church and a charter member of the Fidelis Class.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Dr. Hazel Weaver of Haskell; and a brother, J. B. Stewart of Midland.

Survivors include two sisters, Cornelia Faye Hirsch of Arlington and Marjorie Sue Vanderworth of Stamford; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Milton Christian, Gary Decker, Tom Hirsch, Dick Hirsch, and Don Perry.

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Rev. James Meuree, CICM

Memorial services for Rev. James Meuree, CICM will be held Sun., Feb. 9 in Haskell at St. George Catholic Church. Mass will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Stamford at 11 a.m. on Sun., Feb. 16.

Rev. Meuree died Sun., Oct. 13 in Belgium after a short stay in the hospital.

Father James was a member of Missionhurst

Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He had worked as a missionary in China at the end of World War II. He served as a priest in this area for twelve years beginning in the 1950's. He is responsible for building the present churches of St. Michael's in Anson, Holy Trinity in Hamlin, St. George in Haskell and St. Ann's in Stamford.

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Jimmy Boyd of Abilene visited with Joyce Hawkins on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Castillo spent the weekend in Abilene with her mother, Mrs. Jiminez.

David and Denise Conn are home from Austin, where he underwent surgery on Friday.

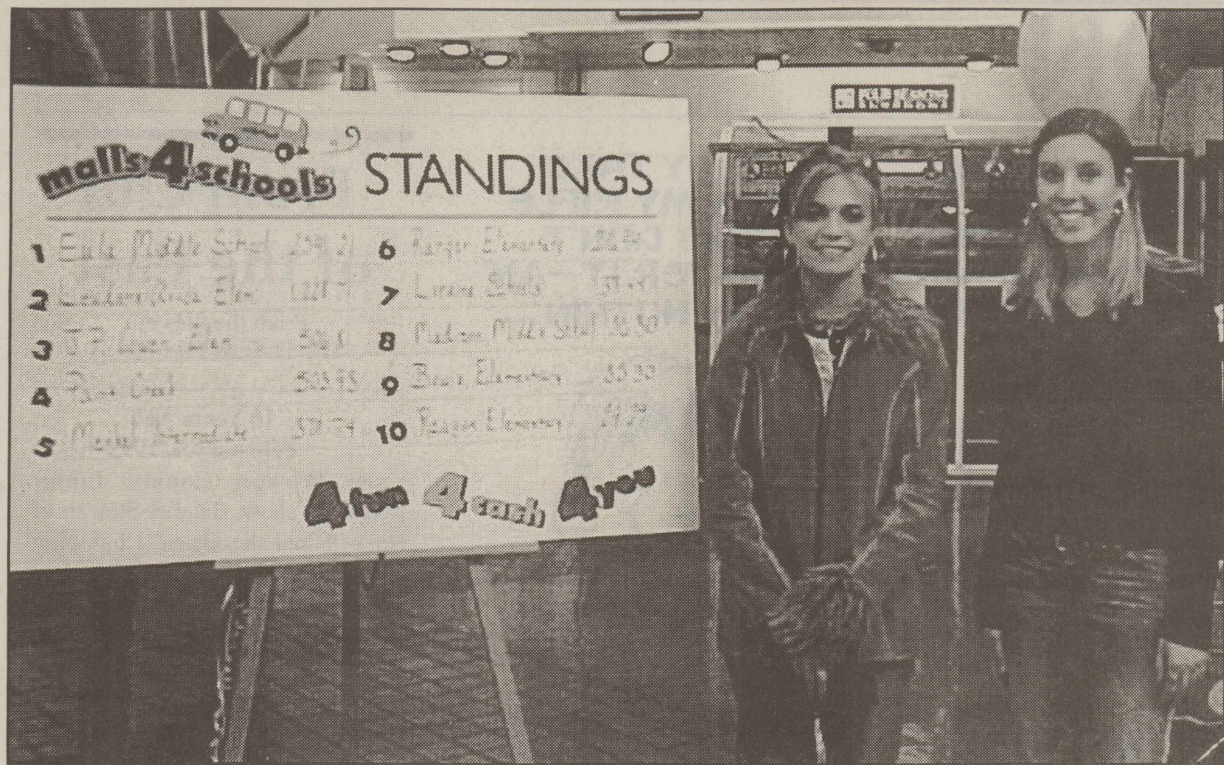
Glendon Hawkins of Stamford visited with his mom, Joyce Hawkins, on Monday.

Tammy Flannary of Arkansas visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair, on Saturday. Their daughter, Ashley, and a friend had been visited with the Blairs for the last two months.

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MONEY FOR SCHOOL—Paint Creek Student Council Officers, Cassie Lamb and Courtney Buerger, recently accepted a check for Paint Creek's participation in the Malls4Schools program sponsored by the Mall of Abilene, Aug. through Dec. 31. The school received 4th place in the contest.

Area Basketball scores

<p>Girls Rule 52, Rochester 51 Scoring for Rule: Dudensing 17, Brown 16, Marquis 12, Lisle 3, Smith 2, Hertel 2. Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 20, Martinez 8, Turner 8, Brown 8, Ramos 5, Sanchez 2. *** Stamford 48, Haskell 46 Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 11, Wallace 10, Bird 9, Buerger 6, Hise 3, McKnight 3, Harlan 2, Rutkowski 2. JV score: Haskell 35, Stamford 27. *** Rochester 71, Paint Creek 46 Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 33, Brown 12, Turner 9, Ramos 7, Martinez 3, Sanchez 3. Scoring for Paint Creek: Thomasson 14, Gonzales 13, K. Daniel 6, Reel 4, Brzozowski 4.</p>	<p>Duniven 2, Walton 2, Lamb 1. *** Rule 52, Jayton 38 Scoring for Rule: Brown 13, Dudensing 12, Smith 10, Marquis 7, A. Lisle 6, Hertel 4. JV score: Jayton 28, Rule 17. *** Boys Rule 65, Rochester 54 Scoring for Rule: Kittley 19, Standefer 14, Stephens 11, Smith 10, Brown 7, Dudensing 2, Turner 2. Scoring for Rochester: Saucedo 15, Earle 14, McGhee 12, Self 8, Reyna 5. *** Haskell 54, Anson 41 Scoring for Haskell: Webb 14, Hairgrove 13, E. Loyd 12, Goudeau 7, B. Loyd 4, Garcia 4. JV score: Haskell 48, Anson 41. *** Haskell 61, Stamford 47</p>	<p>Scoring for Haskell: Goudeau 16, B. Loyd 14, Burgess 11, Webb 9, M. Garcia 6, Hairgrove 5. JV score: Haskell 34, Stamford 29. *** Paint Creek 53, Rochester 40 Scoring for Paint Creek: Hobbs 17, Lowrance 13, Cisneros 10, Biba 6, Hope 4, Brown 3. Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 15, Earle 10, Self 8, Saucedo 5, Carrasco 2. *** Rule 63, Jayton 35 Scoring for Rule: Stephens 24, Smith 10, Kittley 8, Brown 7, Fuentes 4, Standefer 4, Turner 4, Simpson 2.</p>
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Commissioner's Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in regular session Jan. 28.

In the matter of personnel, the court approved a motion to pay \$7.00 per hour to the people working on the septic system at the Anchor.

James Elam gave a report on the Detention Center.

Ruby Turner and Bob Smith met with the court to report that Smith is donating the Christmas decorations that belonged to his late mother, Allie Belle Smith, to the Chamber of Commerce. The decorations will be displayed on the courthouse lawn during the Christmas season. The decorations will be stored by the county during the remainder of the year.

Upon the recommendation of Sheriff David Halliburton, a motion was approved to hire Greg Rogers as deputy sheriff effective Jan. 21, at the regular deputy probationary salary.

The court approved a resolution supporting immigration reduction and also a resolution supporting English as the official language of government.

A motion was approved not to sell the oil, gas and mineral lease interest in Hockley County.

A resolution was passed in support of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in our area.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday

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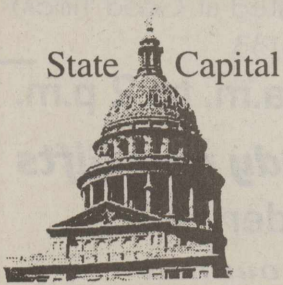
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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Democrats take spots in leadership mix

The new leadership in the Capitol has surprised some by being surprisingly...Democratic. That's Democratic with an uppercase D, as in Democrats.

In the Senate, Republicans got the chairs of the really heavy hitting committees: Senate Finance (Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo); State Affairs (Sen. Bill Radloff, R-Mount Pleasant); Business and Commerce (Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay); and Health and Human Services (Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound). But Democrats were appointed by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst to chair International Relations (Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Harlingen) and the new Government Organization Committee (Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston).

On the west side of the Capitol, House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, has said he intends to spread responsibilities around, with new faces in key spots. The new Government Organization Committee, charged with hunting down duplicate services in state agencies, will be headed by Rep. David Swinford, R-Amarillo.

The 7 Percent Solution ...

Gov. Rick Perry has given state agencies until Feb. 6 to come up with ways to cut 7 percent from their current budgets. First line of cuts is trending toward travel and hiring freezes, an action Texas A&M University announced early on.

The next round takes agencies from a 93 percent budget to a 0 percent budget for next fiscal year. In other words, rather than starting out with a recommended budget, legislators will begin at zero with each agency and add from there.

Remembering the Alamo ...

It's no coincidence that the 103-year-old Texas State Historical Association has its annual meeting

the first week of March. As someone once said, that period includes the High Holy Days of Texas—the day Texas declared its independence from Mexico (March 2, also Sam Houston's birthday) and the day the Alamo fell (March 6).

A group of history-minded Texans are now pushing another document they went signed, House Bill 294 by Rep. John Davis (R-Houston) and its companion, Senate Bill 250 by Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos (D-Austin.) The bills are simple.

The law they would create would not cost the state anything or raise taxes. Neither would the proposed measures solve the state's fiscal woes, but they would designate March as Texas History Month.

"They will assure that the heritage and pride we all share as Texans will be celebrated well into the future by generations to come," said Charlie Yates, director of the Texian Legacy Association and one of the prime Movers behind the proposed bills.

Yates is hoping the bills can get the support of two-thirds of both houses, which would transform them into law immediately.

"There is an outside chance we could have the first Texas History Month this coming March," Yates said.

Yates is on the board of another non-profit organization, Celebrate Texas, which has been working to revitalize Texas' annual celebration of its version of July 4-March 2.

And don't forget the Capitol ...

What's going on inside the Capitol this legislative session is as contemporary as it gets, but it's all happening in one of the more historical structures in Texas. To learn more about the building that has been the heart of Texas government since 1888, check out the new Capitol Visitors Center web site, www.texascapitolvisitorscenter.com.

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From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is This Mystery Reader?

I was born in Bunkie, Louisiana. I am single. I have two children.

I attended Haskell High School and Baylor University.

No one knows that I once climbed the Haskell water tower with a fellow senior football teammate and painted "8-6," which was the final score of our first win over arch rival Stamford Bulldogs in an eleven-year period. I was the 'look-out' for the project, and I was scared to death. The next week the Haskell Free Press headline was "Vandals strike watertower." My dad never learned that I was one of the 'vandals.'

My favorite TV show is Monday

Night Football.

My favorite type of music is Christmas music, (Silent Night.)

My favorite song is "God Bless America."

I like working out, reading, writing poems and watching sports events.

The last book I read was *Robert E. Lee*, by Philip Van Doren Stern. I am now reading *Twilight to Honor*, by Al Dewlen.

My favorite place in Texas is San Antonio. My favorite vacation spot in the world is Yellowstone National Park.

My best quality is being persistent. My worst quality is not knowing when to quit.

I hate it when people procrastinate.

My greatest personal accomplishment was being elected a Baylor University football captain.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is the people; the friendliest, most down-to-earth and hard working people in the state of Texas.

Watch for the identity of this reader next week.

Update

Last week's Mystery Reader was Laela Martin of Haskell.

The former Hardin-Simmons Cowgirl came to Haskell 27 years ago from Abilene. She has been a nurse since 1984, retiring last October. Her years in the nursing profession included working at Haskell Memorial Hospital, with Home Health and at Rice Springs Care Home.

Her husband, Philip Martin, also a nurse, works with Outreach Health Services and travels a wide area of West Texas looking after patients.

The couple has two children, both of whom live in Wichita Falls. Son Andy, who is married, is a psychotherapist with Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Daughter Katy is a program director of a radio station. Both children graduated from MidWestern University.

Sharing a great love of singing, the couple has sung together since

Gin Report

February 3, 2003

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Haskell CISD Comments

by Eddie Bland Superintendent

The future of public school finance is uncertain at this time. Senate Education Chairwoman Florence Shapiro submitted a bill that would end the current school finance law we know as "Robin Hood" on September 1, 2005.

If passed, the legislation would require lawmakers to design a new funding formula by the 2005 session. Supporters said the work could be done in a special legislative session before then.

As leaders of the education committees in their respective chambers, Shapiro and Grusendorf (Chairman of the House Education Committee) are expected to have little trouble pushing the legislation through, particularly since Gov. Rick

Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick have called for abolition of the "Robin Hood" system.

The share-the-wealth "Robin Hood" law, which the Legislature passed in 1993 under pressure from the Texas Supreme Court, is designed to maintain funding equity among school districts. Before the system was installed, some school districts were able to spend thousands of dollars more per year on each student than other districts.

The senator said it is unlikely the system can be changed in the current legislative session because of the nearly \$10 billion revenue gap projected over the next two years. An overriding goal of a new system would be to increase the state share of funding for schools, she said.

In the current school year, the state share of funding is projected to drop to less than 41 percent, as the local share—primarily property tax revenues—climbs to more than 59 percent, according to the Legislative Budget Board. That stands in sharp contrast to three years ago, when state aid made up more than 47 percent of state and local funds for education.

As far as designing a new finance system, the senator said she is open to a variety of options—but she opposes a state income tax as a new source of revenue.

The most unpopular part of the finance law is the provision that requires high-property-wealth school districts to share their property tax revenues with low-wealth districts.

In the current, two-year budget cycle, 118 wealthy districts are giving up an estimated \$1.5 billion in property taxes to their poorer counterparts. Over the next two years, they will need to surrender as much as \$2.5 billion.

Shapiro, Grusendorf and other Republican lawmakers have also expressed interest in a comprehensive "adequacy" study to determine the cost of meeting educational standards set by the state.

By specifying how much it costs to help the typical student achieve state standards, the Legislature could get a better handle on school revenue needs. Maryland and other states have used such studies to revamp their education funding systems in recent years.

No one knows the exact structure of future school funding laws, but everyone agrees there will be significant changes. Whatever happens in the next few months and years will have long term implications on our public school system.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 4, 1993

At Haskell County Junior Livestock show, Heather Stewart of Haskell had the Grand Champion steer. Reserve Champion was exhibited by Mindy Howard. Mary Belle Turner of Rochester took both Grand Champion and Reserve Champion honors in the heifer division. Halee Walton had the Grand Champion lamb and Kurt Sloan had the Grand Champion hog.

Two students from Haskell County were among 1,300 who received degrees at Texas Tech University. Douglas Nixon Davis of Haskell received a bachelor of science degree in entomology and James Carroll New of Sagerton received a bachelor of general studies.

Two students from Haskell were included in the Dean's list at Texas Tech University. The list included Chan Allen Guess and Teresa Faye Unger.

Lori Frierson, a freshman member of the Klein High School Choir, performed with the Texas All-State Choir in San Antonio.

20 Years Ago February 3, 1983

Dalyn Gilly exhibited the Grand Champion Steer at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show. She also received the Showmanship award. Chad Ballard exhibited the Grand Champion Barrow and won the Showmanship award in the lamb show.

Officers of the Haskell 4-H Club displayed a quilt project which benefited the Haskell Civic Center.

The E.L. Hilliards had their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shaw, Dawn, Karen, Laren and Marshall of Bryan visiting in their home over the weekend.

February 1, 1973 30 Years Ago

Cheryl Bennett was selected as Haskell High School's 1973 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mildred Bennett.

The sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Dudensing of Stamford, Kenneth and Glenn were listed on the Dean's list at Texas Tech.

Marilyn Monroe Manske of Rule, a student at Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

40 Years Ago February 7, 1963

Frances Foil, Haskell High School Senior, was named recipient of the Betty Crocker Award for Homemaking by the Haskell Chapter of Future Homemakers of America.

The Junior Class of HHS produced a play of "The Night of January 16th." Casting for the junior class sponsored project was: Ruby Kay Alvis, Margaret Ann Wall, Barry O'Neal and Jeff Robertson.

Airman Basic Winford L. Seeling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie A. Seeling of Haskell was reassigned to Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas for technical training as a United States Air Force Supply Specialist.

50 Years Ago February 5, 1953

Bill Wilson Motor Co., of Haskell, recently received its fifth Four-Letter Award of Ford Motor Company's Ford Division for outstanding dealership operation.

Completion of a Strawn sand discovery, and spotting of five new locations marked oil development activity in Haskell County.

Teamwork, loyalty, and the development of quick-thinking individuals was stressed by Athletic Director Dutch Meyer of TCU in his address to an audience of 300 gathered to honor Haskell High School's district football champions, band and squad.

100 Years Ago February 7, 1903

Walter Tandy assisted in the bookkeeping department of the Alexander Dry Goods Store during the absence of Henry Alexander.

J.L. Baldwin shipped from Knox County to Kansas City, by way of Seymour, the 175 cattle he had on pasture and feed in Knox.

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GOOD LUCK, INDIANS and MAIDENS



HASKELL INDIANS: from left, Coach Mark Adams, Osiel Garcia, Melvin Garcia, Kendall Mitchell, Ross Hairgrove, Josh Webb, Ryan Burgess, Eddie Loyd, Bobby Loyd, Brad Blanks, Leon Goudeau, Angel Pena, Coach Toby Villa. Center: Larry Trevino.

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INDIANS

Fri., Feb. 7 • 6 p.m.
JV & Varsity Boys vs Eastland
at Eastland

Tues., Feb. 11 • 6 p.m.
JV & Varsity Boys vs Hawley
at Haskell



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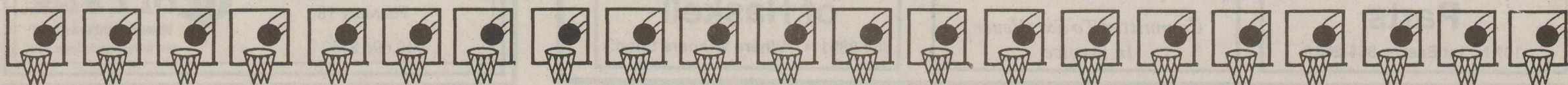
HASKELL MAIDENS: From left, Coach David Middleton, Coach Shawna Faircloth, Brittany Lindsey, Monica Buerger, Whitney Hise, Calina Kendall, Katie McKnight, Lynzie Harlan, Brittany Bird, Mandy Adams, Whitney Wallace, Brittany Rutkowski, Shanee Mays, Consuelo Gonzales

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GOOD MANNERED—Haskell Elementary students awarded Certificates of Achievement and free coupons for drinks and ice cream for using good manners in the cafeteria during the month of January, included: back row, l-r, A. J. Benton, Samantha Rodriguez, Jacob Long, Stephen Dooley. Middle row, Breezy Gibbs, Kelli Ozuna, Macy Bingham, Casey Calhoun, Brook Hall, Lauren Lampe. Front row, Hunter Hall, Nathan Reid, Selena Rojas and Drake Everett.

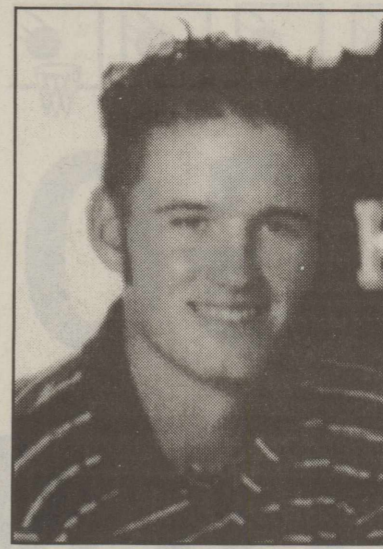
Students in the News

Texas Tech University in Lubbock has named students who qualified for the Dean's List in Fall 2002. Students making the list must have a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9, having taken at least 12 qualifying course hours during the semester.

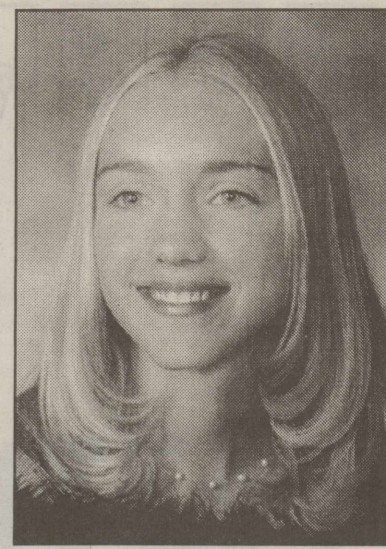
Included on the Dean's List from Haskell were Meg McManamon, a junior Multidisciplinary Studies student, and Jessica Rieger, a freshman student studying animal science.

Mary Jane Short, a Senior Ag Communications major, has been named to the President's Honor List at Texas Tech University. This award is presented to students who have attained a grade-point ratio of 4.0 during the 2002 Fall semester.

Short is the daughter of Larry and Linda Short of Rochester and the granddaughter of Bernice Hilliard of Haskell and Warren and Jane Short of Rochester.



JAMES JEANES



LESLIE GRAND

Students visit Rotary Club

James Jeanes is the son of Penny and John Isbell of Haskell.

His church affiliation is Baptist. In school he is active in baseball, track, football and Fellowship of Christian Students.

Special awards he has received include the Football Award in 2001-2002, A-Honor Roll, All-District Honors in football, All-District Honors in baseball.

His favorite pastimes are hunting, playing with his dog and sports.

After finishing high school he plans to attend Texas Tech University to pursue a career in education or computer graphic design.

Leslie Grand is the daughter of Steven and Pat Grand of Haskell.

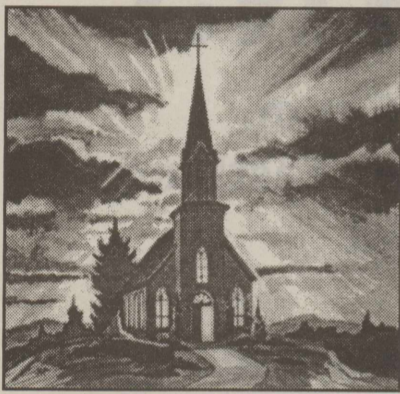
She attends First Baptist Church. In school she is active in track, cross country, band, Fellowship of Christian Students and National Honor Society.

Special recognitions for her include the Cross Country Award for the past three years, Band Sweetheart, voted Best Eyes in the senior class, Homecoming Queen nominee in 2001 and the A-Honor Roll.

She likes to spend time with friends and attend First Baptist Church Youth Group.

After finishing high school she plans to pursue her career in business or communications, possibly attending Texas Tech University, and to get married.

This Week's Devotional Message:



TRUE LOVE IS MUCH MORE THAN CARDS ON VALENTINE'S DAY

In just about a week from now
There'll be a special day
For which we all have made a vow
To send what will portray
How much we love someone we know,
In words that will combine
With lacy hearts and cupid's bow
In red and white design.

But love extends beyond a card
For someone else to read;
It's meant to show our deep regard
For helping those in need.
Our Bible lessons underscore
Their messages divine:
That love is infinitely more
Than just a Valentine.

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—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garrison, minister
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Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Allen Brooks, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Felcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

Chris Powell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Jackie Brem, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church

Kyle Gulleddge, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Melissa Bemis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

Haskell School Menu

February 10-14

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast pizza

Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket

Wednesday: Cereal, toast

Thursday: Sausage/biscuit

Friday: Poptarts

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with cheese

and ham.

Monday: Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot biscuit, pineapple tidbits

Tuesday: Chalupas/cheese, garden salad/salsa, corn/Spanish rice, Royal brownie

Wednesday: Lasagna, fried squash, garden salad, breadstick, icy peach slices

Thursday: Chicken nuggets/gravy, green beans, macaroni and cheese, hot roll, applesauce

Friday: Cheeseburger, French fries, lettuce/tomato/pickle, Valentine cake

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Feb. 10

Lunch—Chicken and dumplings, seasoned green beans, squash, cornbread, brownies/applesauce, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Feb. 12

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check

Gospel Singing

Lunch—Hamburger steak w/ brown gravy/onions, whipped potatoes, English peas, buttered corn, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Feb. 14

Lunch—Meat loaf, whipped potatoes, green beans, carrot-raisin salad, cornbread, cherry cheesecake, milk, tea, or coffee

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

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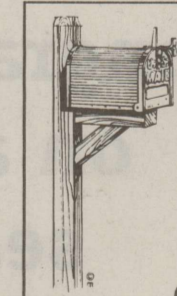
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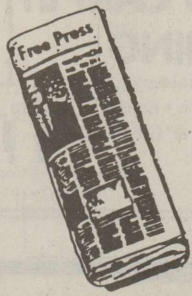
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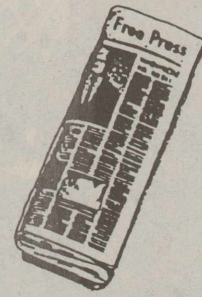
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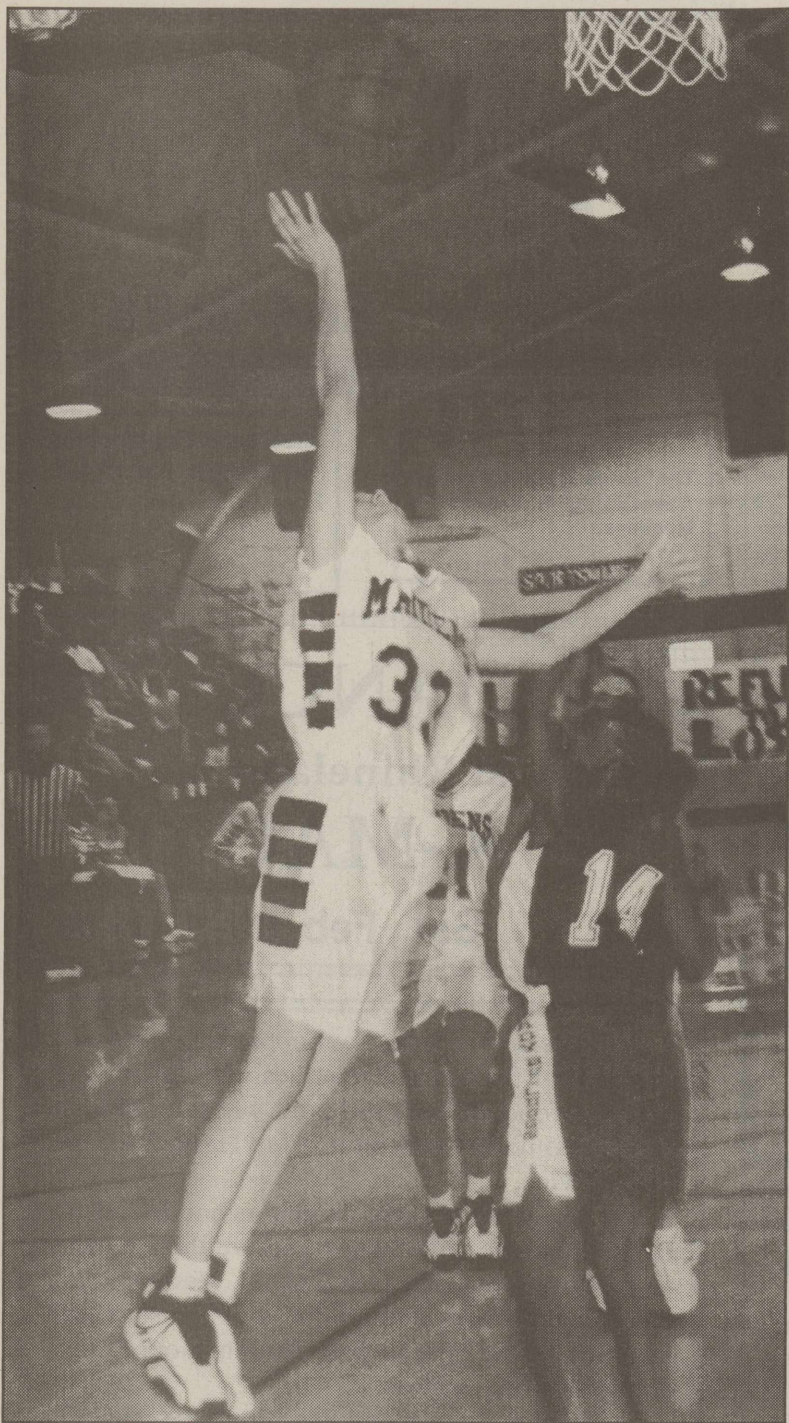
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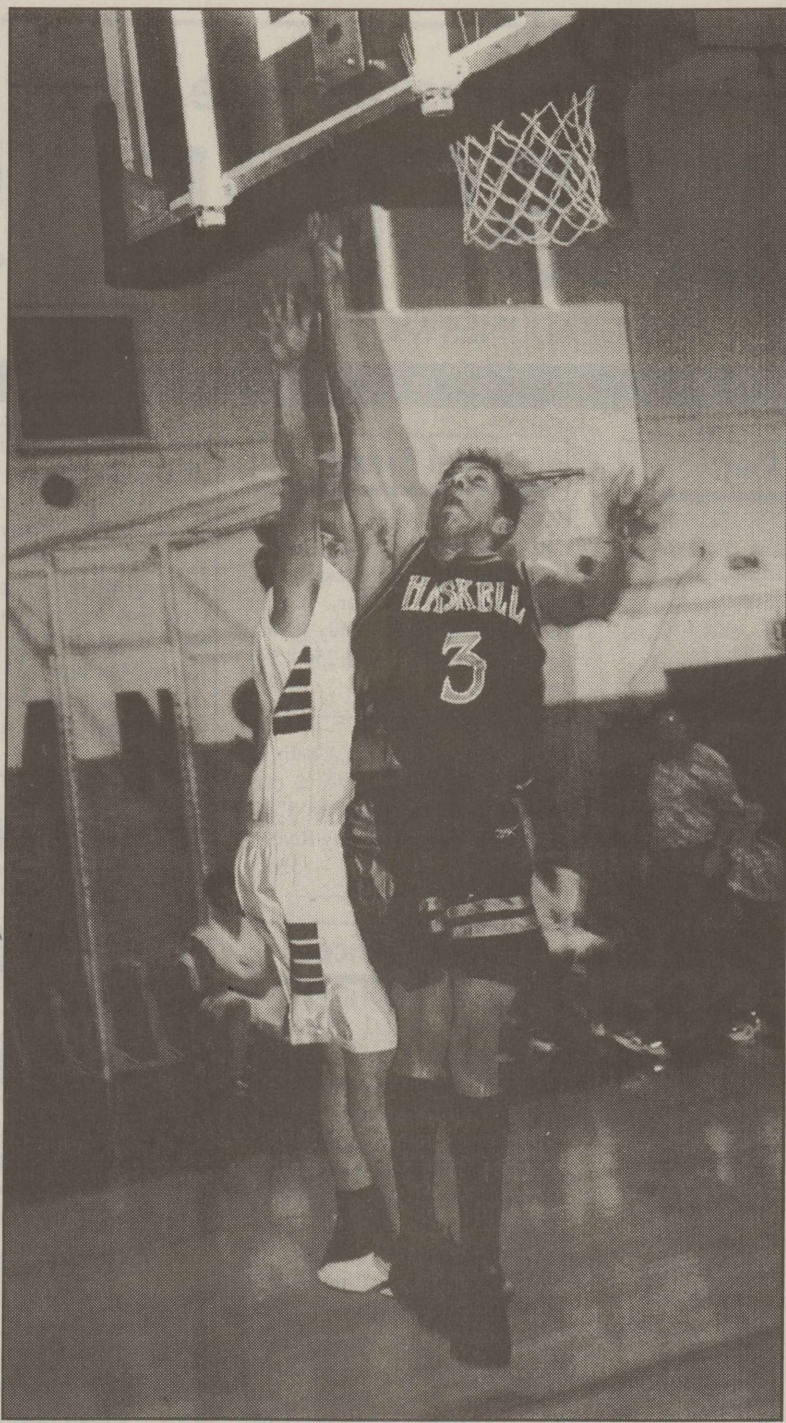
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