

1/1/04
Baze Book Binding
514 W 7th St
Amarillo TX 79101-2212

3

Amarillo--33333 ZZXXXXXXXXXXXX
AMARILLO TX 791

Softball games

JV-V Maidens vs Eastland
Fri., Feb 28, 3:30 p.m.
at Eastland
JV-V Maidens vs Hawley
Tues., March 4, 3:30 p.m.
at Haskell

Baseball games

V Indians at
Poolville Tournament
Thurs., Feb. 27-Sat., March 1
JV Indians vs Ranger
Mon., March 3, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

Golf

Indians at Haskell Country Club
Mon., March 3, 9 a.m.
Maidens at Merkel Golf Course
Wed., March 5, 9 a.m.

Calendar

One act plays

A night of one act plays will be held Mon., March 3 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. Students from Rule, Paint Creek, Haskell and Munday will present their plays. Admission is \$3 per person.

Peanut deadline

The final deadline for producers to request 2002 crop peanut marketing assistance loans and LDPs has been extended to the close of business on Feb. 28. For more information contact the FSA at 864-2617.

Chamber banquet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will hold the 49th annual banquet Tues., March 4 at 7 p.m. in the Rule School cafeteria. Tickets are \$8. The meal will be catered by the Junior class. Red, white and blue will be the attire of the evening as the group honors those serving in the military. Door prizes and announcement of the man and woman of the year will follow the meal. Entertainment presented by Larry LeFevre, Dickie Greenwood, Randy Hise and Mike Fouts.

Car show

The 7th annual Haskell Fire Dept. Car Show will be held Sat., March 15 around the courthouse in Haskell. Entries are \$20. Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. Judging will be at 12:30 p.m. followed by a trophy presentation at 3:30 p.m. Hot Wheel races will be held for the kids. Kids tractor pull will be held. A 5k run walk will be held. Air castles will be available for the kids. For more information contact Randy Shaw at 864-2023 or Coy Scoggins at 864-3694.

Study Club meeting

The Haskell Progressive Study Club will meet Sat., March 1 at 8:45 a.m. at the gazebo to car pool to Stamford for the Texas heritage Breakfast.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., March 2 at the Irby Hall. The hall will open at 2 p.m. followed by a meeting at 3 p.m. The meal will be potluck.

All-night party meeting

An organizational meeting for the Haskell All-Night party will be held Thurs., Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the First National Bank meeting room. All Haskell County parents of high school students are urged to attend.

Flea market

A flea market sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce will be held Sat., March 15 around the square in conjunction with the Haskell Fire Department's Car Show. For vendor information call the chamber office at 940-864-2477 or Janet Earle after 5 p.m. at 940-864-3830.

Index

ObituariesPage 2
Around TownPage 3
Out of the PastPage 4
MenusPage 6
ClassifiedsPage 7

Shop your hometown merchants

The Haskell Free Press

VOL. 117-NO. 9, ©FEBRUARY 27, 2003

"The People's Choice"

8 PAGES-ONE SECTION-50 CENTS

Severe weather week set in Texas

Texas Governor Rick Perry has designated March 2-8 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas.

"Flash flooding kills more motorists and rescue workers each year across the U. S. and West

Central Texas when motorists take that chance to cross a flooded road," says Hector Guerrero, Warning and Coordination Meteorologist. "In addition, our children who play near flood waters are at risk from flash flooding. Whether you're on foot or

in your vehicle the National Weather Service urges you to turn around, don't drown."

"Tornadoes can strike your area anytime of day or night," Guerrero said. He warned that everyone should have a way to receive a warning,

whether at home, church, asleep, outside or in the car. Many deaths have occurred because tornado victims had no means of receiving a warning. Recent statistics prove that people in mobile homes are most at risk from tornadoes.

The Weather Service advises the following list for better safety during severe weather:

*Stay informed with NOAA weather radio, local radio or TV. Always have a means to receive weather information.

*A tornado, severe thunderstorm or flash flood watch means conditions are favorable for a tornado, hail storm, damaging winds or a flash flood. A tornado, hail storm or flash flood warning means that a tornado, or damaging wind storm has been detected on radar or has been reported by SKYWARN storm spotters.

*Know the name of your county and those around you. Have a road map nearby your TV remote control or radio receiver.

*For tornado and high wind safety, know the safe places from tornados and high winds, and be sure

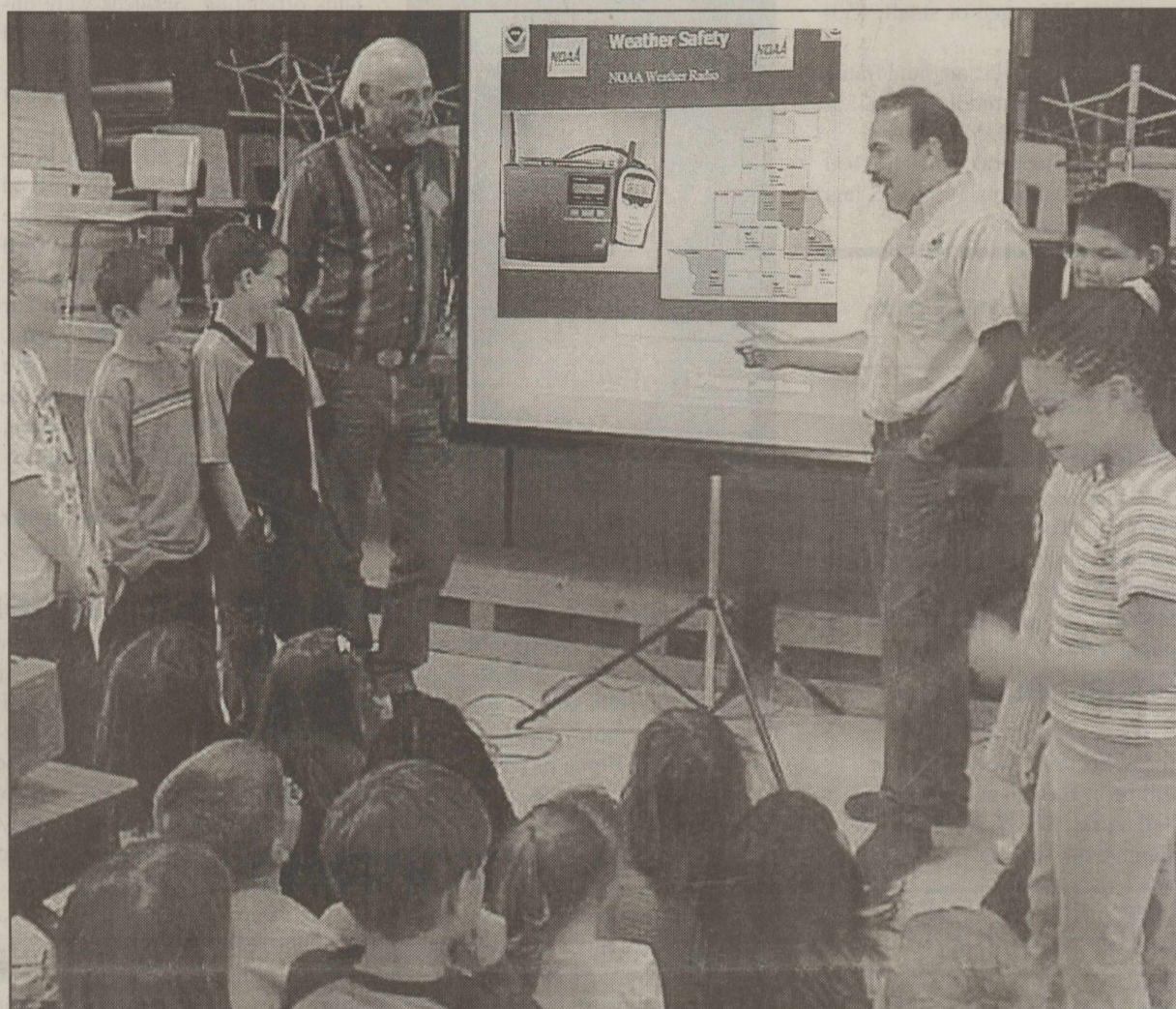
your family knows, too. An underground shelter is the safest place. However, the next safest place is an innermost room or hallway on the lowest floor of your home, school or business, away from outside walls and windows.

*Abandon mobile homes for a safer place from both tornadic and straight-line winds, and know where to go when a Watch or Warning is issued for your area.

*Always turn around when you encounter a flooded low-water crossing, whether on foot or in a vehicle.

*If you hear thunder, you're too close. If you're caught outside in lightning your car is a safe refuge. Stay away from windows.

On Wed., Mar. 5, the National Weather Service in San Angelo will issue a practice tornado warning through NOAA Weather Radio and the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The purpose of this drill is to give everyone an opportunity to practice tornado procedures. A practice tornado warning will be issued at approximately 9:00 a.m., and a follow-up cancellation severe weather statement will be issued at around 9:15 a.m.



SKYWARN PROGRAM-Haskell Elementary students listen as Hector Guerrero, of the National Weather Service, on the right, presents a program about weather watching and storm spotting, Feb. 10. On the left is Danny Stocks, of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department.

EQIP released for comments

The proposed rule for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) has been released for public comment. The 2002 Farm Bill reauthorized and amended the program, which is administered by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"The Farm Bill represents an unprecedented investment in conservation on America's working lands, providing a \$17.1 billion increase in conservation over ten years, which is an 80 percent increase," according to Dr. Larry D. Butler, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "In addition, the Farm Bill offers voluntary solutions for complying with the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and other regulations. EQIP-one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill-is designed to help producers meet the significant environmental regulation they face," Butler said.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations. Funds will help farmers and ranchers install conservation practices that protect natural resources by reducing soil

erosion, improving water use efficiencies and protecting grazing land.

Through the rule making process, NRCS has streamlined program administration and addressed several primary statutory changes in the proposed rule, including:

*Up to 90 percent cost share for limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers.

*A total payment limitation of \$450,000 per qualified individual or entity for all fiscal year 2002-2007 EQIP contracts.

*Providing livestock producers with cost share assistance for waste storage facilities regardless of size, but must develop and implement a comprehensive nutrient management plan.

*Allocating 60 percent of EQIP funds towards livestock related practices.

The proposed fiscal year 2004 agriculture budget includes \$850 million for EQIP to install conservation measures such as erosion control and water quality enhancement, \$51 million for ground and surface water conservation and \$8 million for water conservation and water quality enhancements in the

Klamath Basin of California and Oregon.

"In Texas, farmers and ranchers are proud of their environmental stewardship and conservation on working lands," Butler said, "Since 1997 more than 6.5 million acres have been enrolled in the EQIP program in Texas. There is a strong commitment for conservation among private landowners to improve the environment and protect our natural resources."

All-District teams named

Haskell Indians named to the District 8-2A All District first team include: Leon Goudeau, 5'10" senior; Ryan Burgess 6'5" senior and Eddie Loyd, 6'2" senior.

Named to the second team was Josh Webb, 6'2" senior.

Receiving honorable mention honors were Melvin Garcia, 5'11" senior; Osiel Garcia, 5'11" junior and Ross Hairgrove, 6'2" junior.

Haskell's coach Toby Villa was named Coach of the Year.

Area athletes recently named to the District 8-A Division II Boys All-District 1st Team were Craig Lowrance of Paint Creek and Winston Stephens of Rule.

Named to the 2nd Team were Duane McGee of Rochester and Eric Hobbs of Paint Creek.

Kyle Kitley of Rule was named a Defensive Player of the Year. Tully Brown of Rule was named Newcomer of the Year.

Sheriff issues appeal for Sheriff's Association

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff David Halliburton has announced that Haskell County citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

Membership appeals will go out in the mail shortly. Donations are tax-deductible.

The funding provides critically technical resources, training and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

"With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the Associate Membership drive has taken on greater importance

than ever before," said Sheriff Halliburton. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play."

"I urge every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member," he said. "It is a valuable investment in our future."

Founded in 1874, the Sheriff's Association of Texas is a nonprofit professional and educational organization. They do not make solicitations by telephone. Anyone receiving a phone call from someone using the name should report it to the local Sheriff or County District Attorney.



COURTNEY AND 'LUCY'-Courtney Buerger of Paint Creek and Lucifer 'Lucy,' won Reserve Angus Steer at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Courtney is a member of the Haskell County 4-H Club. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Gina Buerger.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 864-2686

GONZALES CARPET CLEANING
 Carpet Cleaning • Upholstery Cleaning
 Emergency Water Extraction • Expert Floor Care
 Waxing Polishing & Cleaning

Residential & Commercial
 (915) 773-2667 • (915) 773-2258

Robert Gonzales
 P.O. Box 929
 Stamford, Tx
 79553

BERNARD E. GODLEY, INC.
TAX SERVICE & BOOKKEEPING
 Computerized • Tax Returns & Bookkeeping
 98 Hill Drive • Seymour, Texas
940-889-8809
 Office Hours: 9 to 12 and 2 to 5 Monday - Friday

Jones-Haskell Eye Clinic
Dr. Trussell Thane, O.D.
 Therapeutic Optometrist
 Appointments Available • Monday through Friday

Dr. Thane provides comprehensive eye care including the diagnosis and treatment of eye disease. Dr. Thane offers complete evaluation for eyeglasses and contact lenses.

Various contact lens packages available.

MEDICARE, MEDICAID, BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD AND FIRSTCARE ACCEPTED.

1501 Columbia
 Stamford, Texas
 915-773-2083

Reach your financial goals with an **IRA** or an **annuity** from **TEXAS HERMANN SONS FRATERNAL INSURANCE**

Competitive rates paid on Traditional IRAs, ROTH IRAs and Annuities.

Call today for information on life insurance and fraternal benefits for the entire family.

1-877-HERMANN • 1-800-234-4124
 Area Lodges and Agents:
 Haskell #241: Eunice Koehler - 940-864-2134
 Elna Weise - 940-864-3564
 Old Glory #228: Beunice Vahlenkamp - 940-989-3609

Serving Texas Families Since 1890
 Order of the Sons of Hermann in Texas, San Antonio
 www.texashermannsons.org

HERMANN SONS
HSFI
 FRATERNAL INSURANCE

LEGAL NOTICE

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$99 for residential customers and \$198 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con siete cientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporarios no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporales, indicados por La Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 233 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Feb. 24, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 22 sellers and 18 buyers attended.

Feeder cattle were \$1 to \$2 higher. Short run due to bad weather.

Cows: fat, .36-.42; cutters, .40-.45; canners, .20-.33.

Bulls: bologna, .50-.57; feeders, .65-.75; utility, .47-.52.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.30; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .87-1.07; 500-600 lbs., .80-.93; 600-700 lbs., .75-.88; 700-800 lbs., .70-.79; 800-up lbs., .65-.76.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.20; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .82-.95; 500-600 lbs., .75-.85; 600-up lbs., .65-.78.

Bred heifers medium frame, 550-650.

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

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-875; aged or small, 575-750.

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

Calendar

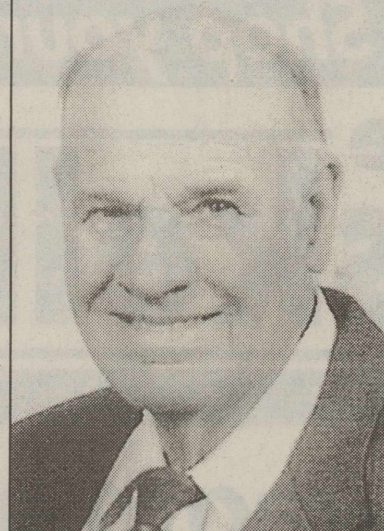
Rochester School homecoming meeting
 A meeting to discuss the upcoming Rochester School homecoming will be held Sun., March 2 at 3 p.m. in the Rochester cafeteria. For more information call 864-5012.

Social Security
 A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., March 6 at 9:30 a.m.

To Subscribe, Call
940-864-2686

Obituaries

Brother J. R. Williams



BROTHER J. R. WILLIAMS
 Funeral services for Brother J. R. Williams, 76, of Rule were held Thurs., Feb. 20 at First Baptist

Church in Rule with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Kevin Kirkland officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mr. Williams died Tues., Feb. 18 in Abilene.

Born Jan. 17, 1927 in Potosi, he was the son of Jessie and Dora Bell Vest Williams. He married Nell Horton Williams Jan. 19, 1949. He lived in Rule for thirty years. At the time of his death, he was the minister at Peacock Baptist Church. During 58 years as a pastor, he served the following churches in Texas: First Baptist Church Mission, Spur; Midway Baptist Church, Afton; Berry Flat Baptist Church, O'Donnell; Mt. Blanco Baptist Church, Crosbyton; Calvary Baptist Church, Floydada; Courtney Baptist Church, Stanton;

First Baptist Church, Welch; First Baptist Church, Rule; First Baptist Church, Goree; and First Baptist Church, Peacock.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and eight sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Nell of Rule; one son, Marion Williams of Breckenridge; three daughters, D'Lynn Kirkland of Lamesa, LaNell Trussell of Rule and Wynette Yarbrough of Tuscola; one sister, Jessie Alldredge of Spur; fourteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Big Country Baptist Assembly, P.O. Box 248, Lueders, Texas 79553 or Baptist Church Builders of Texas, 2810 El Paso, Snyder, Texas 79549.

PD. NOTICE

Wanda S. 'Sue' Adams



SUE ADAMS
 Graveside services for Wanda S. 'Sue' Adams, 61, of Brady were held

Mon., Feb. 24 in Rest Haven Cemetery in Brady with Rev. Dick Williams officiating. Services were under the direction of Leatherwood Memorial Chapels.

Mrs. Adams died Fri., Feb. 21 at her Brady residence.

Born Nov. 22, 1941 in Ibox, Kentucky, she was the daughter of Fred Smith and Izora (Lyons) Smith. She married James Marvin Adams April 2, 1964 in Sandy Hook, Kentucky. She was a dispatcher/jailer for McCulloch County Sheriff's Dept. She had also worked for the Fredericksburg and Kerrville Police Departments. She loved to garden, bowl and dance. She was Pentecostal.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and four brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Adams of the home; two sons, Randy Adams and wife, Judy, of Brady and Brady Adams of Austin; one daughter, Paula Adams of Brady; two brothers, Stirl Smith and Worley Smith, both of Sandy Hook, Kentucky; five sisters, Beulah Smith of Morehead, Kentucky, Ada DeBorde of Seaman, Ohio, Ruth Fannin of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, Omega Oppenheimer of Olive Hill, Kentucky and Magdalen Mabry of Mansfield, Ohio; and grandchildren, Kirstin Reno, Tucker Vineyard, Julia Ramirez, Stephanie Ramirez, Victor Ramirez and Rose Cruz.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Girling Hospice.

PD. NOTICE

Arlon W. Alexander

Funeral services for Arlon W. Alexander, 64, of Plains were held Sat., Feb. 8 at First Baptist Church in Plains with Rev. Glen Harlan and Rev. Bill Wright officiating. Burial was in Plains Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

Mr. Alexander died Wed., Feb. 5 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Born Sept. 2, 1938 in Weinert, he was the son of Henry and Johnnie (Logsdon) Alexander. He devoted his life to children and served as the high school counselor in Plains for 28 years. He served the community on the Plains City Council and the Yoakum County Credit Union Board. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother,

Arvil; his father-in-law, Woodrow Sirman; and his mother-in-law, Minnie Sirman Arnold.

Survivors include his wife, Sue; one son Dawson and wife, Laura; one daughter, Johnnie Jones and husband, Barry; one brother, Jerry and wife, Shirley; four sisters, Nelta Reeves, Lois Brewer and husband, Williard, Alene Thomas, Sandra Atcheson and husband, Boyett; a host of special nieces and nephews, cousins and friends; and four granddaughters, Danielle, age 13; Kaitlyn, age 13; Rebecca, age 2; and Kristen, 11 weeks old.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, Texas 79423.

PD. NOTICE

Maxine Simmons Junell

Graveside services for Maxine Simmons Junell, 87, of San Angelo were held Mon., Feb. 17. She died Sun., Feb. 16.

Born Sept. 11, 1915 in Waco, she was the daughter of Ike and Nellie Simmons. She had a brother, Jack; and two sisters, Mildred and Anita Jo. She graduated from Haskell High School in 1932. She attended The University of Texas at Austin for two years, where she was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. She transferred to Hardin-Simmons University, where she was a member of the Cowgirl organization and graduated with a bachelor's degree in home economics. While at Hardin-Simmons, she met and married Frank Junell on Sept. 29, 1935. He preceded her in death Oct. 15, 2000. They made their home in El Paso where two children, Janice and Robert,

were born. In 1948, they moved to Lubbock, where son, Dan, was born in 1956. In 1966, they moved to San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother; her sister, Mildred; and her husband.

Survivors include her sister, Anita Jo of Conroe; her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Junell Baugh of Abilene; one daughter and family, Janice Junell McDonald and husband, James, of Fredericksburg and their two children, Bryan McDonald and Karin McDonald Reyna; son Robert Junell and wife, Beverly, of San Angelo and their three children, Ryan, Keith Elizabeth and Clay; and son Dan Junell and wife, Debra, of Austin and their two children, Olivia and Riley; and three great grandchildren, Ashley McDonald and Jessica and Mason Reyna.

PD. NOTICE

Jail and detention center population is 183

Development Corporation of Haskell Director, James Elam, reported Monday that the population of the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center stood at 162 in the Detention and 21 in the County Jail.

Archer County recently signed a contract to house their inmates at the local facility. At the present time, they have 10 inmates here in the jail.

The Video Conference system has been installed and is operational. Selected employees have been trained to operate the equipment. This system allows hearing examiners and judges to conduct hearings and arraignments without having to transport the detainee to the hearing or courtroom. This saves the cost of transportation and makes it possible for timely hearings.

At the present time the facility has 96 employees.

Federal LAND BANK Association

4.25%

- 6 MONTH VARIABLE RATE
- LONG TERM FARM & RANCH LOANS
- IMPROVEMENT LOANS
- FIXED RATES AVAILABLE
- RATES PRICED WEEKLY
- NO PRE-PAYMENT PENALTY

Federal Land Bank Association of Texas, FLCA
 550 S. 2nd • Haskell, Texas • (940) 864-8565
 www.flbatexas.com

Annual percentage rates from 4.5260% APR to 4.3300% APR depending on length of contract. APR based on rates for specified 6 month variable rate during week of February 25, 2003 - March 3, 2003. Rates subject to change without notice.

EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

Sayre, Howard wed in Abilene

Robert A. Howard and Jerita Sayre were married Jan. 10 in Abilene.

The ceremony was held in the home of the bride before a hearth decorated with white candles and flowers. Four crosses also stood on the hearth, and were presented to the couple's four children at the beginning of the ceremony.

The groom's children, Brandon and Jessica, and the bride's children, Brittany and Austin stood beside their parents as they recited their vows.

Josh Ensor and Deonna Galbraith served as best man and matron of honor.

Nickolas Whittaker sang a song he had written especially for the couple.

At the reception, the brides' cake, decorated with fresh flowers, and the groom's cake, decorated with

sugared grapes, adorned the table. Following the ceremony and reception, a dinner for friends and family was hosted by the bride and groom at Perini's.

Attending were Anita Herren, grandmother of the groom, Jan Gannaway, aunt of the groom, and Kim Howard, sister of the groom, with her children, Sidney, Clay and Samantha Jo.

Robert Howard is the son of the late Dan and Betty Howard and the grandson of the late R. W. (Bob) Herren. He is the CEO of Haskell National Bank, located in Haskell and Abilene.

Jerita Howard is employed as a Financial Advisor with Merrill-Lynch.

After a ski trip to Vermont, the couple will continue to make their home in Abilene.



100 DAYS AND COUNTING—Haskell Elementary 1st grade celebrated 100 Days of School, Jan. 28, and stayed busy all day with activities and projects that emphasized "one hundred." Pictured back, l-r, are Shelton Toliver, Emily Fouts, Kelly Bell. Third row, Baylee Rodriguez, Dana Rodriguez, Stormy Darnell, Josh Frame. Second row, Kaley Mathis, Nate Dever, Zachary Tatum. Front, Elizabeth Flores, Selina Rojas and Dakota Silvas. They are members of Marijane Cunningham's class.

Study Club meets with local 4-H'ers

Members of the Haskell Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Feb. 13 in the Haskell High School Homemaking Cottage with Haskell County 4-H girls and their leaders as special guests.

President Oleta Cornelius welcomed guests and members. Each member answered roll call with "A Favorite Valentine." The living room of the cottage was decorated with a Valentine theme.

Members made a donation to the Haskell County Hospital Auxiliary. Plans were made for a visit to the Texas Heritage Breakfast Sat., March 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Stamford. The Pierian Club of Stamford will be host to the event.

Tips and information on women's finance were presented by Thula Perry. Linda Lane-Bloise spoke of the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and of various projects that individuals could do to help with the center.

4-H club members and leaders were introduced. 4-H leaders present were Lynette Tribbey, Renee Dudensing and Tammy Parker. The 4-Her's made pillows and headscarves for M. D. Anderson patients. They were assisted by Study Club members and 4-H leaders.

Hostesses for the evening were Frances Lane and Dorothy Hartsfield who served Valentine cheesecake, cherry tarts, punch and coffee.

TEEA to meet in Quanah March 4

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) will meet for their annual District meeting in Quanah Tues., March 4. Delegates from twenty-four counties in the Rolling Plains area will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Quanah, beginning with registration at 9:00 a.m. according to Pam Foster, District Extension Director for the Texas Cooperative Extension, Rolling Plains-3.

The program theme will be "Stepping Into Spring" with Dr. Carol Rice, Extension Health Specialist, speaking on "Getting to

the Heart of the Matter."

Bobbie Elmore, State Texas Extension Education Association secretary, will bring a message from the State Association. Three workshops are scheduled after lunch: "Stepping into Spring," a fashion show; "Hands On-Nail and Skin" and "Brilliant Beads," about jewelry.

Hardeman and Childress EEA members are hosting the meeting. Jean Roy, of Wichita County, is District Director for the Extension Education Association and will chair the meeting.

Approximately 200 members of the EEA clubs in the Rolling Plains

District are expected to attend. The purpose of the organized EEA clubs is to strengthen family living, develop leadership skills, and to improve human rights.

For more details, contact Lou Gilly, Haskell County Extension Agent—Family & Consumer Sciences at (940) 864-2546. EEA clubs are sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Suzanne Wollard of Bryan visited with her parents, Lewis and Joyce Thomas and helped them celebrate their belated birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hawkins and grandchildren Britney and C. J. Grimes of Lewisville visited with his mom, Joyce Hawkins and other relatives over the weekend.

Those helping Gary Hawkins celebrate his birthday Saturday night were his wife, Vickie; his mother, Joyce; sisters, Darlene Conn and

Margaret Tatum; brother and wife, Bobby and Darlene Hawkins; and several nieces and nephews. They all enjoyed cake and soft drinks.

Visitors at Trinity Baptist Church on Sunday morning were David Pharam of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pannell of Throckmorton and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hawkins, Britney and C. J. of Lewisville.

Faye Gray attended the quilt show in Munday last Saturday.

Sagerton Hee-Haw set March 27-29

The Sagerton Community has begun making preparations for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw, to be held March 27-29, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Hospital

Admissions

Robert Drinnon, Haskell
Pauline Dick, Haskell
Reta Farber, Haskell

Dismissals

Maria Hernandez, Herbert Stodghill, Frieda Piland, Nancy Plunkett, Henrietta Fischer, Dirk Barrington, Faye Stiewart, Betty Cole

Music and singing will provide entertainment about an hour before the Hee Haw begins.

The Hee Haw program for Thurs., March 27, is for groups only. Tickets for March 28 and 29 will go on sale Fri., March 7, at 3:00 p.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. Thereafter you may call (940) 997-2688 for tickets. Tickets will be limited to 10 tickets per person.

Plate lunches, sandwiches and pies will be available in the cafeteria beginning at 5:30 p.m.

To Subscribe,
Call 940-864-2686

TFWC convention set March 8 in Abilene

The 43th Spring Convention of Mesquite District of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs will be held Sat., March 8, at the Ambassador Suites in Abilene, hosted by the Clyde Study Club.

Coffee and registration will begin 8:30 a.m. followed by an Executive Committee meeting. The call to order will be made by Mesquite District president, Nancy Toliver. Opening ceremonies will be followed by state life, district life and Mesquite District past presidents recognition.

Executive reports will be given and Texas Federation Women's Clubs president, Bobbe Mitchell of Sanderson will speak followed by roll call of clubs with presidents giving report of clubs activities.

Lunch in the Atrium will be followed with award presentations and memoriam.

Reservations by March 2 are to be made to Louise Massey, 411 E. McHarg St. Stamford, Tx. 79553 or by calling 915-773-3520.

Want to reduce your cancer risk?

..... Find out how

Come to Weight Watchers for the American Cancer Society's **Great American Weigh In**

WHEN: Wednesday, March 5 WHERE: The Weight Watchers center near you

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For the participating Weight Watchers center nearest you:
1 800 651 6000 • WeightWatchers.com

For cancer information: 1 800 ACS 2345 or www.cancer.org

©2003 Weight Watchers International, Inc. owner of the WEIGHT WATCHERS trademark. All rights reserved.

two corndogs

99¢

plus tax

A deal you can feel good about

No Waiting
Call In Orders **864-8533**

Limited Time Only!
Offer good February 1-28, 2003. Not valid with any other offer. Only at participating Drive-Ins. ©2003 America's Drive-In Trust.

Are You A Diabetic?

Is it hard to find a Comfortable Pair of Shoes?

You may be entitled through your Medicare benefits to receive a pair of extra depth therapeutic shoes. Call Lonnie or Raquel at

THE DRUG STORE

Haskell 864-2673

Visit our new web site at www.haskelldrugstore.com

To Subscribe,
Call 940-864-2686

SPORT ABOUT
402 N 1 ST
HASKELL, TX.

SATURDAY
MARCH 1

PHOTO HOURS
9:30-3:30

\$ 12⁹⁹

plus tax
due at pick-up

1 - 10X13 \$1.99 sitting fee
1 - 8X10 per person
2 - 5X7s
2 - 3X5s

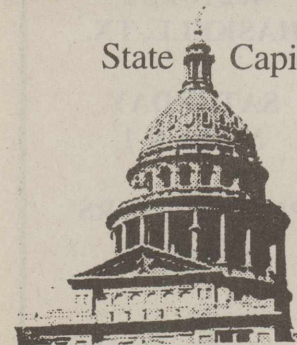
16 King Size Wallets
8 Regular Size Wallets

WE USE KODAK PAPER, FILM & CHEMISTRY

OPINION

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Do you know significance of March 2?

AUSTIN—Texas may not be perfect, but at least it's ours.

Five years ago, the late Jay Johnson, an Austin businessman and former city council member, decided Texans were not paying enough attention to one date on their calendars—March 2.

Confederating with folks such as Austin advertising executive Roger T. Moore, who publishes an annual Texas history calendar on which March 2 is listed as New Year's Day, Johnson began trying to revive the state's interest in celebrating Texas' Fourth of July—the day Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

This year's celebration is set for March 1, beginning with a 5K run in downtown Austin. At 10 a.m., a parade will make its way up Congress Avenue, followed at 11 a.m. by a Capitol celebration led by Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin.

On Sunday, March 2, a memorial ceremony in the State Cemetery will honor all veterans of the Texas Revolution.

"When I was growing up in Merkel," Moore said, "Texas Independence Day was even a big deal there. In many other places across the state, they closed school and had big celebrations. We're trying to bring that spirit of celebration back. In fact, given the state's financial crisis, maybe it would save the state a little tax money if school districts started observing the holiday again."

Still pending in the Legislature are bills that would make March Texas History Month. March 2 is a holiday for state workers, but it's known as a "skeleton" staffing day because government offices still have to be open. Of course this year, since March 2 is a Sunday, it's a moot point.

Unpacking the court...

President Franklin Roosevelt set off a huge controversy in 1937 when he proposed that the size of the U.S. Supreme Court be increased. Since Roosevelt would have been the person picking those new court members, with the advise and consent of the Senate, he could have influenced the ideological direction of the court for years to come. In case you missed this part of your history class, the high court stayed the same size.

Here in Texas 66 years later, the

chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court and his associates have another idea: reduce the size of the court. But their motive is to save money, not ideology (well, cutting the costs of government without raising taxes is ideology to some extent).

This is Chief Justice Tom Phillips' math: reducing the size of the court from nine to seven members would save the state in excess of \$300,000 annually in salaries and other expenses ranging from desks to travel.

The other benefit, Phillips said, would be in making the court more efficient in that seven judges might agree on an issue easier than nine judges.

Texas' high court has the final say on matters of civil litigation in Texas, but not the makeup of its membership. For the reduction to happen, legislators, by a two-thirds vote, would have to approve a measure placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot for voters' consideration.

Another Texas brag...

Texas has more than 30,000 billboards along its roads and highways, the third highest number in the 50 states.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville and Rep. Joe Nixon, R-Houston, have filed bills (Senate Bill 512, House Bill 994) that would bar new billboards and prevent existing billboards from being replaced along roads or highways.

Billboards have been regulated along Texas' highways since 1965 with passage of the Federal Highway Beautification Act during the Johnson administration. Texas followed with the Texas Highway Beautification Act in 1972.

But the proposed new legislation goes beyond regulating location, size and spacing—under the measure billboards in Texas would become fading cultural artifacts. In time, once all the grandfathered billboards had succumbed to old age, the only signs on roadways would be those placed by governmental entities.

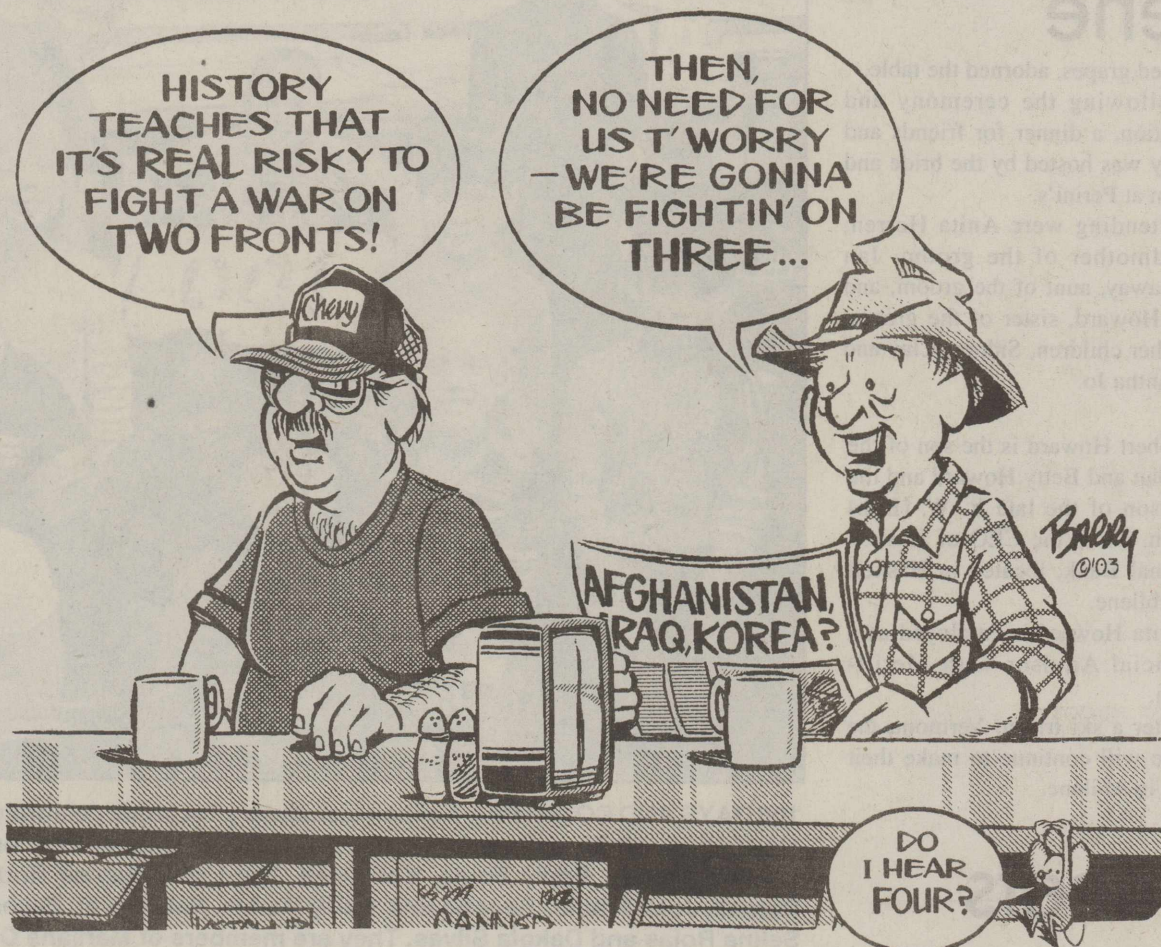
Five states have legislation on the books similar to the Texas proposal. Additionally, 200 Texas cities prohibit new billboards.

Best quote of the week was from Carroll Shaddock, chair of Scenic Texas, the nonprofit organization advocating for the billboard proposals: "A journey through Texas is a lot like a drive through the yellow pages. They're [billboards] litter on a stick."

Students in the news

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Melanie Alvarez, Betsy Coleman and Joel Nanny of Haskell were among approximately 264 students that received degrees during the fall commencement exercises Sat., Dec. 14.

Alvarez received a Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree in all-level physical education. Coleman received a Bachelor of Science degree in grades 8-12 Life Science. Nanny received a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology with a minor in Computer Science.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in Haskell. I have been married 28 years and have 3 children.

I attended school in Munday and at Hardin-Simmons University.

No one knows that I once went to a large mall in Dallas with my sister who had just learned she was expecting a baby. I secretly made a sign which I was able to stick on the back of her sweater without her knowledge that said, "Congratulations, I'm pregnant!" After several strangers congratulated her, she became suspicious and discovered the sign. I just put it in my purse.

As we were leaving the mall, we rode down an escalator which was right beside the one going up. It happened so fast. As we were approaching a sixty-something year old lady, who was on the 'up' escalator, I took the sign from my purse, peeled the tape open and successfully patted the "Congratulations, I'm pregnant!" sign on her back with a friendly greeting as we met. She greeted me back and went on up the escalator to shop. I have no idea how that turned out.

My favorite TV show is Andy Griffith.

My favorite type of music is worship music.

I like to have friends over and visit. I enjoy trying to be creative with sewing, cross stitching or decorating. I like to attempt making anything. I enjoy yard work.

My favorite place in Texas is my home in Haskell.

My favorite vacation spot in the world is anywhere the rare moment occurs that my family is together and still.

My best quality is that I sincerely enjoy learning about people, listening to what people like to do, how they feel about anything; what is really in their heart.

My worst quality is my

disorganization.

I hate it when people 'smack' when they eat. Seriously, I am sad when people choose to live life on their own, without the very real present help of Jesus or the secure eternal future He offers.

My greatest personal accomplishment is that I am the mother of three children who respect the Word of God and who are walking daily with Him. This is not exactly my own accomplishment, though.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is the support and friendship we are able to give and to receive. Folks in our town feel part of one another. I've seen our town respond over and over again to individual needs as well as share in one another's successes. And because we've raised a family here, Haskell is full of wonderful memories.

Watch for the identity of this reader next week.

Update

Last week's Mystery Reader was Troy Culpepper, who once, as a young boy, tried out for the part of Alfalfa in the Our Gang Comedy series.

Troy first came to Haskell in 1966 as pastor of the First Baptist Church. He left in 1973 for a charge in another church.

He and his wife, Jean, married in 1984, both having been widowed. Following their retirement, they came back to Haskell in 1988, and Troy became the interim pastor at First Baptist.

Since then he has served as interim pastor nineteen times, including First Baptist in O'Brien and Rule. He has preached in about forty churches, ranging in an area from Burkburnett and Childress on the north, east to Olney, Throckmorton and Rising Star, west to First Baptist in Snyder, and south to Sweetwater.

He also now serves in the capacity of coordinator for a group of volunteers who work with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, offering different programs of medical and life insurance for active pastors and staff members.

Troy has two sons who work for Southern Bell Telephone Co. Robert lives in Dallas, and James, who has twin daughters, lives in Abilene.

In addition to all that is involved in their busy life in retirement, the Culpeppers enjoy playing dominoes with friends. Their future plans include staying right here, they say.

A Thought for the Week

"The million little things that drop into your hands; the small opportunities each day brings. He leaves us free to use or abuse, and goes unchanging along His silent days," wrote Helen Keller.

Speaking of the tendency many of us seem to have to let the daily opportunities we're given go by, Greenville Kleiser writes some thoughtful words.

"There are many fine things which you mean to do some day, under what you think will be more favorable circumstances. But the only time that is surely yours is the present. Hence this is the time to speak the word of appreciation and sympathy, to do the generous deed, to forgive the fault of a thoughtless friend, to sacrifice self a little more for others. Today is the day in which to express your noblest qualities of mind and heart, to do at least one worthy thing which you have long postponed, and to use your God-given abilities for the enrichment of some less fortunate fellow traveler. Today you can make your life significant and worthwhile. The present is yours to do with it as you will."

Bank joins Amber alert network

Rule Banking Center of Rule is participating in the Governor's Amber Alert Network as part of grassroots efforts by members of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT).

The organization of community bankers joined the statewide network at the request of Governor Rick Perry, making available the services of the banks' electronic message systems and lobby and drive-through facilities to alert the public of missing children.

Governor Perry created the Network through executive order as a cooperative program involving the Governor's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Association of Broadcasters.

"Every minute counts when a child is abducted," Governor Perry said. "There is no more urgent cause than that of finding an innocent, abducted child and returning that child to their loved ones."

The governor emphasized the statewide network will work in coordination with local systems already in place in some Texas cities.

"That's where we can help," Chris Williston, President/CEO of IBAT, said. "Our members can put information on the missing children on their electronic message boards by the roadside. They can put pictures of the missing by the teller's windows and at their drive-through locations."

Williston said that there are 1,500 independent banks and branches that can be available to participate in the Governor's program.

"We surveyed our membership and received an overwhelming

response to help in this important effort."

The Amber Alert concept originated in Texas after nine-year-old Amber Hagerman was kidnapped from her Arlington home in 1996 and murdered. A neighbor was able to provide details of a car believed to be involved in the abduction, but there was not a system in place to get that information to the public quickly.

After Amber's death, local residents worked with area radio stations to develop the Amber Alert. The network has been credited with helping safely recover more than 20 children across the nation.

Correction

In a cutline announcing Haskell basketball favorites, Brittany Lindsey should have been identified as a senior student at Haskell High School.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

February 25, 1993

Haskell Cub Scouts were big winners in the district Pinewood Derby contests in Sweetwater. Winners included: Adam Greenwood, second, Tiger division; A.J. Shaw, first, Tiger division, Best Design in Tiger division and fourth place sweepstakes; Ross Bullinger, first, Wolf division and second sweepstakes; Jason Shaw, Best Design in Webelos; and Brent Watson, third in Webelos.

Five Haskell area students who attended Angelo State University in San Angelo were listed on the honor roll. The students were Nichole Sheree Smith, Rusty L. Stocks and Bo Watson, all from Haskell; Thomas Edward Davis and John Ray Leonard, all of Rule.

The Haskell Indian JV basketball team completed the 1992-93 season with an impressive 22-3 record and an amazing 20-game winning streak.

20 Years Ago

February 24, 1983

Paint Creek girls won Bi-District title by defeating Roby. Scoring for the Pirates was Julie Coleman with 25, Luann Cockerell with 6 and Mary Gonzales with 2. Becky Medford held with 6 assists.

Three students from Haskell placed third or above in the Roscoe Invitational Meet. Fred Barnett placed first in feature writing and third in newswriting. Doug Richardson placed second in newswriting and David Wheatley took third in editorials.

Eight members of the Haskell Indian Band received a Superior or Division I rating at the UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest. Receiving a Division I were Holli High, Diana Jarred, Shannon Lane, Miehchell Stout, Marla Gonzales, Sheila Klose and Emily Thornhill. Eric Wilson received a Superior rating.

February 22, 1973

Expiring terms for the Board of Trustees of the Haskell Independent School District were Jack McAdoo, Albert Johnson and Leonard Weise. All three have announced for reelection.

Bette Karen Long, freshman at McMurry College, was named to the Dean's list.

Janice Wall, Senior at Texas Tech University was listed on the Dean's Honor list in the College of Education.

40 Years Ago

February 28, 1963

Jack Whorton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Whorton, of Rule was rewarded a football scholarship to Texas Technological College of Lubbock.

The trace of snow received in Weinert was welcomed by the farmers and ranchers in our area. They say the grain suffered from the dry freezes.

50 Years Ago

February 26, 1953

The HHS Indians "A" basketball team had their dads as opponents in a basketball game played in the high school gym. The post-seasoned game was sponsored by the HHS Basketball Club to raise money for a new basketball scoreboard.

Nanette Weaver, McMurry College freshman for Haskell is included in the group of 40 Chanters who will tour New Mexico.

John Adams and Bobby Smith of Haskell took active parts in the annual Religious Focus Week activities at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

100 Years Ago

February 28, 1903

Judge H. R. Jones is holding a term of district court in Fisher County.

Dr. R. G. Litsey, returned from Kentucky, where he had been spending several weeks with his parents and friends. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Jennie Litsey, who will spend some time here with the family of her brother, Prof. L. T. Litsey.

J. W. Wright, grading contractor on the Haskell railroad, and his entire force have been laid off from work due to bad weather and muddy conditions of the ground.

The Haskell Free Press
 Established January 1, 1886
 PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY
 420 North First Street
 P. O. BOX 555 HASKELL, TEXAS 79521

John McDougal Publisher
 Lisa Shaw Business Manager
 Mary Kaigler Editor
 Doris McDougal Production
 Bill Blankenship Staff Photographer

Periodical Paid Haskell, Texas 79521
 (USPS 237-040)

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
 Haskell County, one year, \$20.00.
 Outside of Haskell County, one year, \$28.00.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC—Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any firm, individual or corporation will be gladly corrected upon being called to the attention of the publisher.
 POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Haskell Free Press, P.O. Box 555, Haskell, TX, 79521-0555.

TA MEMBER 2003
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

This issue mailed Wed., Feb. 26, 2003

To Subscribe, Call 940-864-2686



FRIEND OF 4-H—Dr. Tom Hairgrove, right, was named the 2002 Haskell County Friend of 4-H. Pictured with him, are his wife, Peggy, his mother, Arlene Patton Hairgrove and son, Ross.



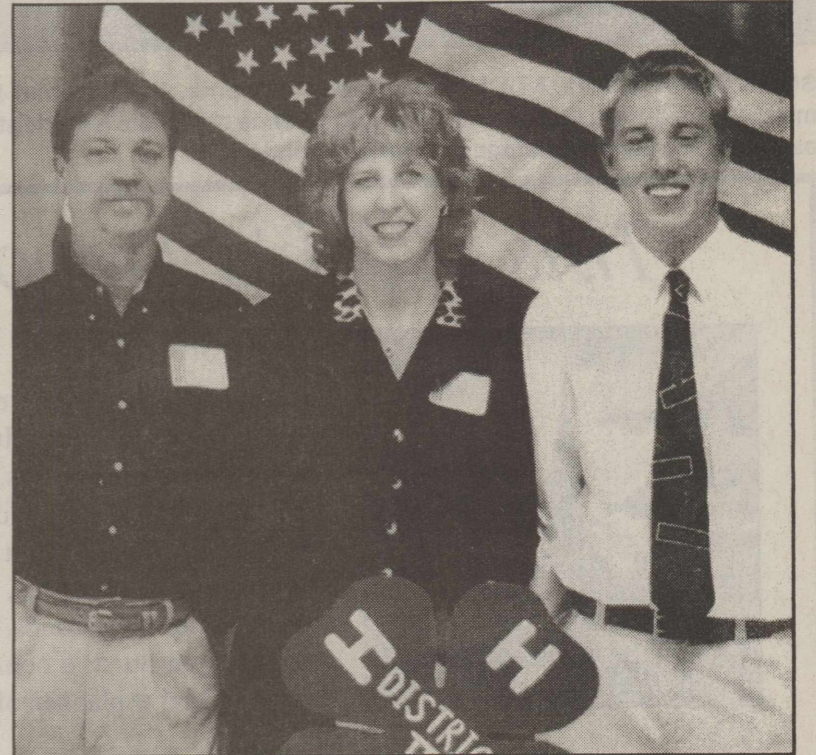
OUTSTANDING FAMILY—The Robert Tribbey family of Haskell was named the 2002 Outstanding 4-H Family. From the left are Robert, Lynette and children Robbyn and Derrick.



GOLD STAR—Abby Dudensing of Rule 4-H Club, one of Haskell County's District 4-H Gold Star recipients, is pictured with her parents, Lynn and Renee Dudensing, at the District 4-H Gold Star Banquet.



CLOVER AWARDS—Brooke Bullinger, left, and Andrea Anderson, both of the Haskell County Junior 4-H Club are Haskell County's 4-H Clover Award honorees for 2002.



GOLD STAR—Derrick Tribbey of Haskell, one of Haskell County's District 4-H Gold Star recipients is pictured with his parents, Robert and Lynette Tribbey, at the District 4-H Gold Star Banquet.

Dudensing, Tribbey named 4-H Gold Star honorees

Abby Dudensing and Derrick Tribbey are Haskell County's 2002 Gold Star honorees. The Gold Star Award is the highest award a 4-H member can receive from the county and is awarded only once in a member's 4-H career.

To be eligible to receive the Gold Star Award a 4-H'er must meet the following requirements: (1) be at least 15 years old, (2) have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, (3) have completed projects in 3 different project areas, (4) have participated in one or more activities in at least 3 areas of the 4-H program

other than their chosen project, and (5) must have submitted an awards program recordbook in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

The recipients of this award are 4-H members who have shown excellence in leadership and citizenship abilities. These 4-H'ers are outstanding examples of hard working youth who not only accept responsibility in their 4-H club work, but also accept responsibility outside 4-H work in their church, school, and community affairs.

Counties have Gold Star Award quotas based on the number of senior

4-H members enrolled in the county. Haskell County's quota is two Gold Star Awards. The 2002 Haskell County honorees are two exceptional 4-H members. They can always be counted on to volunteer to help out when volunteers are requested and they can also be counted on to help out when they are asked to do so.

Abby Dudensing is the daughter of Lynn and Renee Dudensing of Sagerton. Abby is in her eighth year as an active 4-H club member. During this time she has participated in 5 main project areas: food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, public speaking, photography, and gardening and horticulture. She has participated in County, District, and State 4-H events and contests. Abby is very proud of two major 4-H accomplishments that she achieved in 2002—having a first place food and nutrition recordbook at state recordbook judging and placing fourth with her food and nutrition illustrated talk during State 4-H Roundup. Because of placing first with her recordbook, she was fortunate enough to be able to participate in a 4-H leadership Conference held in Washington D.C. Nov. 28-Dec. 3.

She received Haskell County's Silver Star Award in 2001. Abby is currently serving on the State 4-H Food and Nutrition Project Team, as an alternate District 4-H Council Delegate for Haskell County and as a County 4-H Council Delegate. During her 4-H career, she has served in many other leadership positions as well as serving on numerous county and club 4-H committees. Because of her deep interest in her 4-H Food and Nutrition Project, she has taught 481 people food and nutrition related information through presentations and workshops.

Abby is an active Junior student at Rule High School in all areas—academics, athletics and extra curricular activities. She was selected as 'Rule High School's "Most Spirited"' for 2001-02 as well as being named to the A Honor Roll and being selected for the Gifted and Talented Program. She is also an active member of FFA and FCA.

She is currently an active member of the youth group of Abilene Bible Church.

Abby hopes to receive a 4-H Scholarship and plans to attend

Texas A&M University. The prospect of improving a species through biotechnology intrigues her, and she is considering this as a field of study at college.

The following quote from Abby's 4-H Recordbook sums up how she feels about 4-H and why she was selected for 4-H's highest award: "Participation in 4-H has helped me struggle through times of being too busy, being complacent, being discouraged, having a lack of confidence, or feeling inexperienced. I have learned always to work hard and do my best because, in the end, there is a reward, or perhaps, a learning experience. I have experienced much in 4-H and in life. I know I am a better person for it. If I have really worked hard, prepared and done my best, I can be content with myself."

Derrick Tribbey is the son of Robert and Lynette Tribbey of Haskell. Derrick is in his seventh year as an active 4-H club member. During this time he has participated in three main projects—photography, food and nutrition, and clothing and textiles. He has participated in County, District and State 4-H events and contests. Derrick is very proud of two major accomplishments that he achieved in 2002—qualifying to participate in the State 4-H Food Show during Texas 4-H Roundup and having four first place and three second place winning pictures in the State 4-H Photography Show. His pictures were displayed in the MSC on the Texas A&M campus during State 4-H Roundup. He was honored in 2001 with the Danforth Leadership Award.

Derrick is currently serving as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Haskell Senior 4-H Club and as a delegate for both the Haskell County 4-H Council and the District 4-H Council. During his 4-H career, he has served in many other leadership positions as well as serving on numerous county and club 4-H committees. He is always eager and willing to volunteer to take pictures during county 4-H activities, contests and events.

Derrick is a Junior student at Haskell High School where he is actively involved on the school's newspaper staff and in athletics. He is a member of the National Honor Society for Texas High School Journalists and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

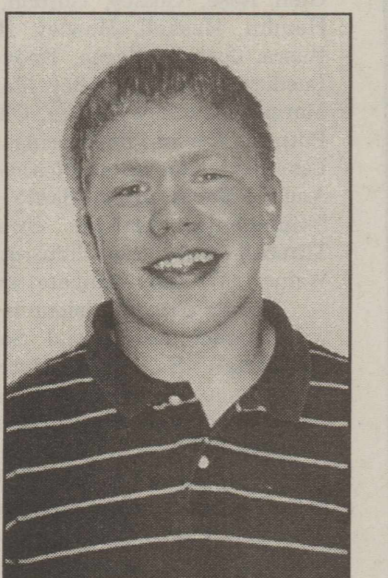
Derrick is a member of the First Baptist Church of Haskell.

The following quote from Derrick's 4-H Recordbook exemplifies why he was chosen to receive 4-H's highest award and lets you know how Derrick feels about 4-H and what the future holds for him: "At this time in my life I am looking forward to my next few years in 4-H. It is such a worthwhile organization where the sky is the limit and you get as much out of it as you put into it. I am hoping that through my 4-H experiences I will find my place in life. At this time I am just leaving the door open for opportunities to see what God has in store for me, though I am leaning toward photography and journalism."

Both Abby and Derrick were honored on the county level with a \$50 cash award courtesy of the co-sponsors for the County 4-H Awards Program, an engraved plaque, and a Gold Star Certificate. They were also honored on the District level as a special guest, along with their parents, for the District Gold Star Banquet where they received a Gold Star pin and an official framed Gold Star Certificate.



ROOKIE OF THE YEAR—Jenny Dudensing of the Rule 4-H Club is Haskell County's Rookie of the Year 2002.



SILVER STAR AWARD—Emery Dudensing of the Rule 4-H Club is Haskell County's recipient for 2002.



OUTSTANDING LEADER—Lynette Tribbey, manager of Haskell Senior 4-H has been named Haskell County's outstanding 4-H leader.



DANFORTH AWARD—Ross Bullinger of Haskell received the prestigious "I Dare You" Award at the 2002 County 4-H Awards Program.

Haskell Sr. 4-H News

The Haskell Senior 4-H Club's first meeting was held in September. Officers were elected: President, Ross Bullinger; Vice-President, Courtney Buerger; Secretary, Derrick Tribbey; Reporter, Caleb Hudgens; Refreshment Chairman, Kerri Newton; and Calling Committee, Candace Brister and Maggie Teague.

Robbyn Tribbey and Candace Brister will serve on County Council. Those present also enjoyed a program on Child Safety presented by Tom and Kim Bassett.

The Senior Club, with the help of the Haskell Junior 4-H Club, hosted the County Food Show in October. There was a total of 37 entries. Three entries were from the Sr. Club, and they all advanced on to District. At District, Candace Brister received 4th and Robbyn Tribbey and Caleb Hudgens both qualified for the State 4-H Food Show which will be held at Texas A&M this summer.

The October meeting was a costume party. Twelve members were present and prizes were awarded for best costume.

For the December meeting a Christmas party was hosted by the Robert Tribbeyes. Members all brought canned goods for the club's food drive for the needy. Twelve members were present who enjoyed refreshments and playing games. Robbyn Tribbey volunteered to submit a news article about the club's activities since the 4-H year began.

The January meeting was held at the Haskell Healthcare Center. The group presented a program and made and served refreshments.

The February meeting featured Mary Murphy presenting a program on photography.

The Photography contest and Clothing projects both will be coming up very soon. For more information on 4-H, call the Haskell County Extension Office at 864-2658.

Births

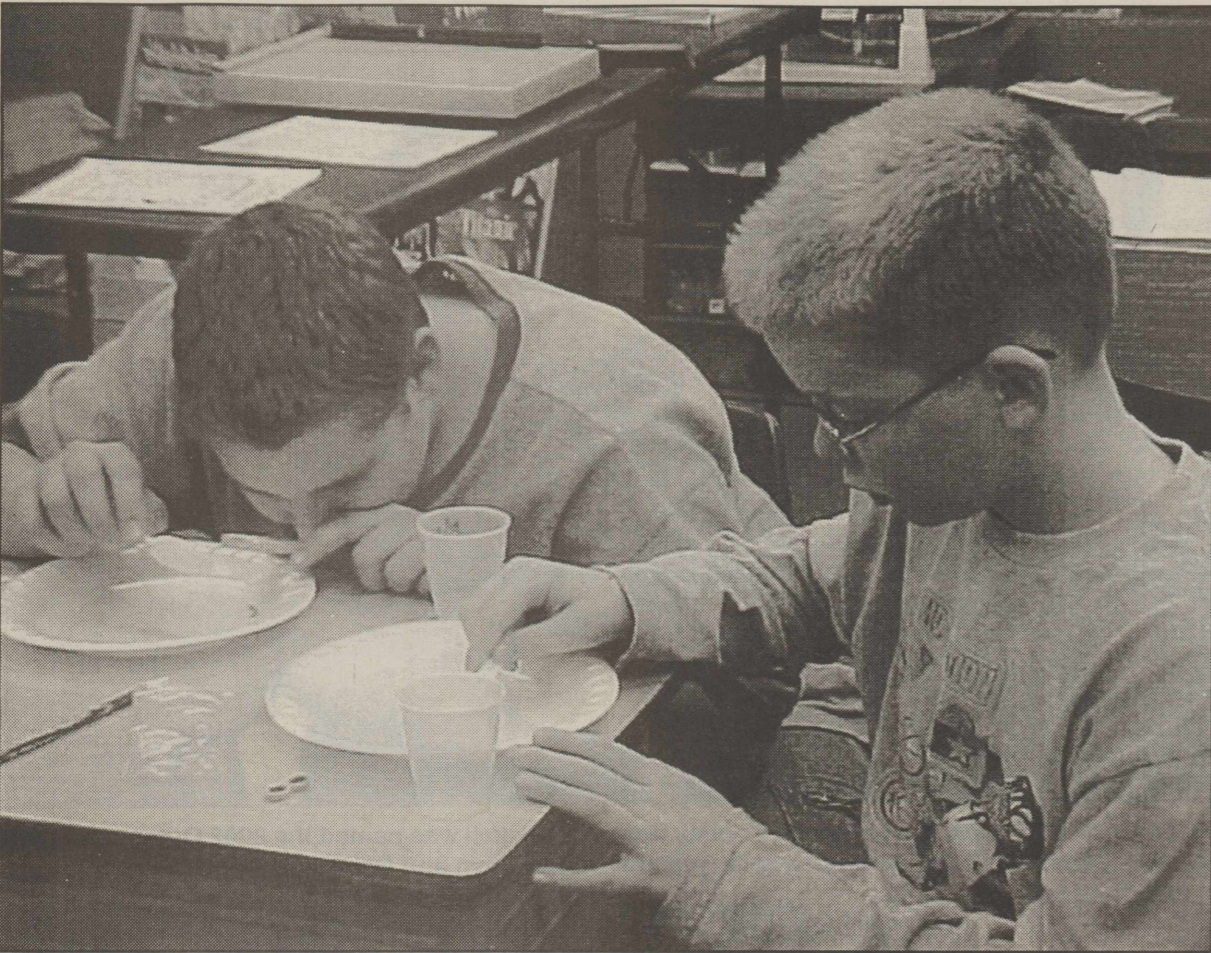
Tristan Ray Stafford was born Feb. 8, at 5:06 p.m., at Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie, Wyoming. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

His parents are Charli and Penny (Peden) Stafford of Elk Mountain, Wyoming.

Grandparents are Jim and Florence Alexander and the late Hank Peden of Old Glory.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

February 24, 2003	
Haskell	
Haskell Co-op Gin	12,124
Haskell County Gin	4,853
O'Brien	
O'Brien Gin	25,711
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	7,950
Sagerton Gin	3,680
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	6,575
Weinert Gin	8,550
Total Bales	69,443



SCIENTIFIC OBSERVATION—Paint Creek students, l-r, Marcous Irby and Curtis Bishop, look at mealworms during the 4th and 5th grade science class. Each student had his or her own worm to study as it went through the stages of metamorphosis.

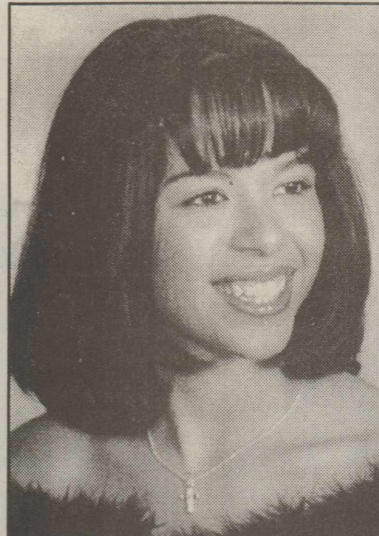
Haskell School Menu

March 3-7
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Pigs in a blanket
Tuesday: Waffle sticks
Wednesday: Cereal, graham crackers
Thursday: Muffin
Friday: Breakfast pizza

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: Popcorn chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, pineapple tidbits
Tuesday: Beef nachos with salsa, garden salad, chips, pinto beans, Spanish rice, brownie
Wednesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, apple crisp
Thursday: Goulash, green beans, hot biscuit, baby carrots with ranch dressing, sliced peaches
Friday: Choice: tuna sandwich or pimento cheese sandwich, curly fries, pickle spears, ice cream



JACKLYN ESCOBEDO



TONI ABILA

Students visit Rotary Club

Jacklyn Escobedo is the daughter of Jackie Escobedo and Irene Castillo.

Her activities in school include Varsity softball, band (color guard), National Honor Society and Student Council.

Special recognitions she has received are Miss HHS, Homecoming Queen, Highest Ranking Student and Class Favorite.

In her leisure time she likes to spend time with friends and listen to music.

Her future plans after finishing high school include attending San Angelo State University and getting a good job, perhaps in the medical field.

Toni Abila is the daughter of Arthur and Elisa Abila of Haskell.

In school she is active in the band. During her leisure time she likes to draw, paint and read.

After finishing high school, she plans to attend Texas Women's University.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., March 3

Lunch—Meatballs, mushroom gravy, creamy mashed potatoes, green beans, carrot raisin salad, biscuits, dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., March 5

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

Lunch—Oven fried chicken with gravy, au gratin potatoes, English

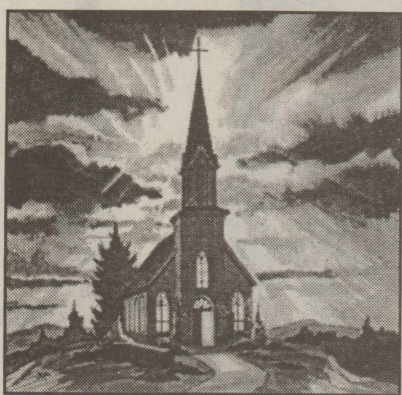
peas, cranberries, biscuits, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., March 7

Lunch—Ham slice, cornbread dressing, cranberries, green beans, chili with corn casserole, frosted spice cake, milk, tea, or coffee

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

This Week's Devotional Message:



GOD GAVE US THE TECHNOLOGY TO INVENT THE COMPUTER

Among the greatest inventions of this century is the computer. It has become a necessity to businesses, government, medical facilities, etc., and many a home now has one. It performs a mind-boggling array of useful functions, like retrieving case histories in seconds. It serves as a typesetter, an artist, a composer, a photo processor and a planner of achievements

beyond the imagination of most of us. The computer is indeed a marvel of modern technology. Our House of Worship teaches us that God created man and endowed him with the ability to invent something like this. There is no finer example of the good that can be accomplished by human ingenuity, or of God's wisdom in making all things possible as a result of it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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 Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- New Vision Family Worship Center**
James Rincker, pastor • 864-5438
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 Melcher
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., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.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.
Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert

ROCHESTER
Church of Christ
Steve Wills, 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 Gulledege, 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 Greesson, 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

Sonic Drive-In

1402 N. Ave. E
864-8533
Managers: Leon & Carolyn Herring

Steele Machine

Hwy. 280 • 864-2208

Modern Way Food Store

1202 N. Ave. E • 864-3763

Smitty's Auto Parts

107 N. 1st East • 864-2607

HANSON PAINT & BODY SHOP

207 S. 1st • 864-3631
Professional Auto Body Repair
Glass Installation • 24 Hour Wrecker Service

Rule Co-op Gin & Elevator

301 Adams • Rule • 997-2421

Rice Springs Care Home, Inc.

1302 N. 1st • 864-2652
Medicare • Medicaid • Therapy

Committed To Excellence
In Service

Personality Slipper Shoppe

413 S. 1st (South Side of Square)
864-2501 and 864-3051
"One Stop Shopping"

McGee's Lumber Yard

105 N. 1st

The Haskell Free Press

"The People's Choice"
401 S. First • Haskell • 940-864-2686
Serving Haskell County Since 1886

Sport About of Haskell

864-3891 • "Where Winners Shop"

NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

TXU Gas Distribution (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all residential, commercial and industrial customers in the unincorporated areas in the vicinity of the West Region Distribution System ("Enviros Customers"). The West Region Distribution System includes the following cities: Abilene, Albany, Alvarado, Anson, Avoca, Baird, Ballinger, Bangs, Benjamin, Blackwell, Blanket, Blum, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Carbon, Carlsbad, Cisco, Cleburne, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Covington, DeLeon, Desdemona, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Glen Rose, Godley, Gordon, Goree, Gorman, Granbury, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Hermleigh, Hillsboro, Impact, Itasca, Joshua, Keene, Knox City, Lawn, Lipan, Loraine, Lueders, May, McCaulley, Meridian, Merkel, Miles, Moran, Morgan, Munday, Novice, O'Brien, Olden, Osceola, Ovalo, Putnam, Ranger, Red Springs, Rhineland, Rio Vista, Robert Lee, Roby, Rochester, Roscoe, Rotan, Rowena, Rule, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Santo, Seymour, Snyder, Stamford, Stephenville, Strawn, Sweetwater, Sylvester, Talpa, Throckmorton, Trent, Truscott, Tuscola, Tye, Valera, Vera, Weinert, Whitney, Wingate, and Winters.

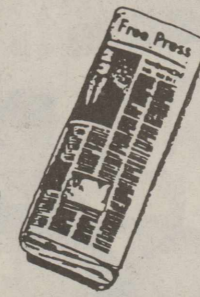
The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact Residential Service, Commercial Service, Industrial Sales, Industrial Transportation, Rate Adjustment Provisions (Gas Cost Adjustment, Tax Adjustment, and Surcharges), and Miscellaneous Service Charges (Connection Charge, Read for Change Charge, Returned Check Charges, Delinquent Notification Charge, Main Line Extension Rate, Excess Flow Valve Charge, and Certain Stand-by Gas Generators). The proposed new schedule of rates will also eliminate the Rate Schedule for Public Schools-N and Commercial Contract Public Schools Rate.

The proposed rates are expected to produce a \$357,845 or a 10.27 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from residential, commercial and industrial enviros customers in the West Region Distribution System. The proposed change will affect 3,494 residential, 475 commercial customers and 18 industrial customers. The proposed change may constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual residential and commercial customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$50.93, which would constitute a change ranging from a decrease of \$6.93 to an increase of approximately \$7.60 per month. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a change ranging from a 14.71% decrease to a 15.39% increase. Information on the change in any specific area can be obtained from TXU Gas Distribution.

A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas on January 31, 2003 is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with questions or who want information about this filing, or a copy, may contact TXU Gas Distribution at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in enviros rates by March 21, 2003, with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.



Shop The Haskell Free Press CLASSIFIEDS



864-2686

ALL DEADLINES MONDAY 5 P.M.

864-2686

For Sale

NEED MARY KAY? Inventory Close-out! Call for prices. 864-2915. Please leave message. 8-9p

GOOD EGG layers available: buff Orpingtons, black Australorps, black Jersey Giants. See at 900 N. 8th St. Randy Bowers, 864-2964. 9p

FOR SALE: Blue sectional with 2 recliners and hide-a-bed. 3 long and 1 short formals, sizes 5 and 7. 864-6155 or 864-2658. 9p

Cars For Sale

FOR SALE: 1977 GMC pickup with butane system; some farm equipment including 2 shredders; also seed cleaner, sea container. Call 940-864-3122 evenings. 9p

Garage Sales

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 505 N. E. 1st. Sat., 8 to 2. 9c

Jobs Wanted

I WILL SIT with the elderly. Call 940-989-2999. 9p

Help Wanted

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS for all positions at Sonic Drive In, Haskell. Apply in person. 25tfc

PART RN needed for weekend coverage. Apply in person at Teakwood Manor, 1003 Columbia St., Stamford. 33tfc

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE position available for dependable person. Please apply in person at Brazos Valley Care Home, 605 S. Ave. F, Knox City. 44tfc

WANTED: Service technician for local tractor dealership. Health, retirement and vacation benefits included. Call 940-422-4534. 50tfc

LICENSED NURSE. Flexible opening available in stable long-term care facility. Benefits with insurance and 401k option. Fax resume to administrator, 940-658-5068. 2tfc

NEED DEPENDABLE home health care provider. Must have dependable transportation. Mon-Fri., 8:30 to 12. Call Interim Health Care 915-677-2047. 8-9c

TEAKWOOD MANOR has an opening for 3-11 shift LVN. Please contact Vickie at Teakwood Manor, 1003 Columbia, Stamford, EOE. 9tfc

RICE SPRINGS CARE HOME has an opening for a cosmetologist. See Kathie or call 864-2652. 9c

GIRLING HEALTH CARE. LVN, speech and occupational therapists needed immediately! Earn excellent pay for part time work! Girling Health Care needs LVN and contract therapists for home health visits in Rule and surrounding area. Please call Shirley Sparks at 1-800-950-0786 for more information. EOE.9-10c

Miscellaneous

A, D & T REFINISHING. Your resurfacing experts. Bath tubs, ceramic tile, countertops, appliances. For information call 940-422-5458. 2-9p

HOUSE LEVELLING and foundation repair. No payments until work is satisfactorily completed. David Lee & Co. 915-675-6369. 6tfc

NEED AN AVON Representative? Call Leisa Hutchinson 864-2915. 8-9p

Lost & Found

LOST OR STRAYED: 2 black cows, 1 red cow with red/white face, 2 medium calves. Branded -D-. Biggon Drinnon, 940-864-3147 or 940-256-3541. 8-9c

Real Estate

FOR SALE: Brick home. Smoke-free. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Attached garage. CH/A. Corner lot 150x132. Storm cellar, water well. Price reduced. Call 940-864-2264. 40tfc

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, dining, C/A, 2 car garage, 2 storage buildings. Call Bridget at Haskell County Realty 864-2665. 52tfc

FOR SALE OR LEASE purchase: 3 bedroom, 3 bath in country. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. 256-1400. 4tfc

FOR SALE: 165 acres, 2 miles northeast of Rule, all row crop, with allotments, receiving PFC or DP payments. \$400 acre. Negotiable. 936-560-0575. 7-10c

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Rule. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 carport, large living and kitchen. Breakfast bar, large storage building. Painting allowance for exterior. Inside looks great-just move in. Call 940-997-2003. 9-10p

1408 N. AVE. K: Immaculate three bedroom, two bath, two living areas or fourth bedroom, large utility room, carport, tiled entry and some hardwood floors. Call Rike Real Estate 940-864-2411 or 940-864-2332. 9-10c

IMMACULATE three bedroom, two and one-half bath, brick with hardwood floors, lots of storage, complete new central air and heat with new ducts, energy efficient, sun porch or game room, oversized garage and cellar with inside and outside entrance. Yard has well and sprinkler system. Price has been reduced. Call Rike Real Estate, 940-864-2411 for appointment or see at www.rikerealestate.com. 9-10c

Never assume that someone thinks your pet is adorable as you do. We have a very large selection of La-Z-Boy recliners in just about any size you need. Right now get 2 great La-Z-Boy recliners for one low price starting at \$499 for a pair. Kinney Furniture in Stamford still offers easy terms, free out of town delivery and small town personal service. 9c

For Rent

FOR LEASE: Available March 5. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. CH/A. 906 N. Ave. E. 846-3762. 9c

Public Notices

NOTICE TO PUBLIC
TAN TERRA Environmental Services, Inc. (TTESI) whose registered agent is Mr. A. L. Rhoads of 1150 Estates Drive, Suite D, in Abilene, Texas 79602, proposes to operate a waste tire processing/storage facility located on land in Haskell County, Texas. The proposed processing/storage facility is situated on the south central portion of an 87.68 acre tract of land described in Volume 7, page 219 in the Haskell County Plat Records. The site of the proposed facility is also located approximately 2.0 miles north of the north city limits of Stamford, Texas. All work at the proposed facility will be performed under existing Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) rules that concern management of waste tires. The TCEQ office in Fort Worth, Texas (Ms. Cynthia Hackathorne at 817-588-5817) or Austin, Texas (Mr. John Forehand at 512-239-2515) may be contacted concerning this project. A copy of the Waste Tire Processing/Storage registration may be reviewed in the County Judge's office in Haskell, Texas. 7-9c

NOTICE
The City of Haskell is accepting sealed bids for general liability, auto coverage, property, public official and police liability insurance. Specifications may be picked up at Haskell City Hall, 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bids will be accepted in the City Manager's office until 1:30 p.m. March 20, 2003. The Haskell City Council will accept or reject bids at the regular City Council meeting to be held at 7:00 a.m. March 24, 2003. The City of Haskell reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 9-10c

MAKE A BUNDLE
CALL 864-2686
SELL THOSE UNWANTED ITEMS
The Haskell Free Press

The Haskell Free Press
read by more people in Haskell County than any other print media.

Wanted

LOOKING for small pasture land for grazing cows. Call 864-5525 or 864-4370. 9-10p

NOTICE
The Haskell Free Press reserves the right to edit and/or delete all news stories and locals for length and liability and to refuse to print anything deemed not newsworthy. 9c

RULE OWNER FINANCED
Cozy 2 bedroom. Nice yard with trees. Low down, low monthly payments.
Call Jim at 915-518-8128 or Teri at 915-660-2122 11c

Dodson Concrete Construction
Commercial - Residential
David Dodson
704 N. Ave. F • Haskell
940-864-2038
Over 20 Years in the Business
FREE ESTIMATES 18tfc

Haskell Training Center will crack and shell your pecans. We also package picnic packs for your family reunions, church groups, picnics, etc. Please come by 305 N. 1st (next to the Fire Station) or call 940-864-3622 for more information. 9-11c

RULE Western Winds Motel/Eatery
NEW PHONE 940-997-0205
Call in your order!
Great Hamburgers, Chili Dogs, Homemade Steak Fingers
Open for lunch and dinner Monday ~ Saturday 9c

Call me to find out how safe drivers save.
Haskell County Insurance Agency
103 N. Ave. E
Haskell, TX 79521
940-864-2665
Allstate. You're in good hands.
Allstate Insurance Company and Allstate Property and Casualty Insurance Company, Northbrook, Illinois. ©2002 Allstate Insurance Company.

Affordable Handyman
20 years experience in Home Remodeling and Swimming Pool Maintenance and Repairs - House Painting
Kenneth Black Home 940-864-5433 Cell 915-725-5337
Free Estimates All Work Guaranteed Haskell, Texas

FOR SALE RIKE Real Estate
864-2411 864-2332
Mary Rike, Broker 411 1/2 South First St.
RIKE REAL ESTATE
NEW LISTINGS
1004 N. 3rd EAST, Immaculate remodeled, 3-2-2, C/H/A, brick, well, sprinkler, hot tub.
300 N. 2nd, Immaculate older home. Two living areas, large kitchen, dishwasher, two bedrooms, 2 baths, sprinkler system. One bedroom, one bath, attached apartment.
502 N. AVE. E, Large 4-3-carport, living, dining, den, C/H/A, storm cellar, well and sprinkler system.
206 N. AVE. M, 3-2-2, living, den and sun porch, ceramic tile kitchen floor, C/H/A, above ground pool, well and sprinkler.
1606 N. AVE. F, Hardwood Floors, new heating and cooling, plus many amenities in this immaculate home. 3-2 1/2-2, brick, automatic sprinkler and well. Reduced.
607 S. 2nd, Large brick, 3-2-2 plus den, kitchen with breakfast area, living-dining, C/H/A, lots of storage and all on corner lot.
411 1/2 South First Street
Box No. 853
Haskell, TX 79521
(940) 864-2411 (940) 864-2332
FAX (940) 864-3686
Mary Rike, Broker John Rike, Agent
mrike@westex.net

Taxes are like alimony—the politicians want to be supported in the style they have become accustomed. Come see the greatest mattress set that's ever been offered—the Spring Air Mirage. This bed has it all—individually pocketed coils, a foam encased edge all the way around, and a never turn pillow top. Kinney Furniture in Stamford will give you a free set of sheets with any size you buy. 9c

RULE Packrats Two ANTIQUE STORE
Open Wed. ~ Sat. 10 a.m. ~ 5 p.m.
601 5th Street
Antiques, Collectibles
NOW HANDLING DREAMER CANDLES 9c

OWNER FINANCED COUNTRY HOME
1 acre with trees. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central A/C and Htg. Easy terms, damaged credit O.K.
Call Jim at 915-518-8128 or Teri at 915-660-2122 47tfc

EXPERT AUTO WORK
REASONABLE RATES

See us for all your auto mechanic needs. 20 years experience. We do it right the first time. 305 South Ave. E • Haskell

HASKELL 3 BEDROOM OWNER FINANCED
2 living areas, nice neighborhood. Damaged credit—no problem.
Call Jim at 915-518-8128 or Teri at 915-660-2122 51c

Medicare Supplement Insurance too high?
For very competitive rates call Hess Hartsfield at 864-2665 or 864-2004. 6tfc

FOR SALE
Lake Stamford, 20 acres. Shoreline, highway frontage. City water. Will divide. 915-773-3863 7-16p

For Your Sheet Metal Work
Water Storage Tanks
All Kinds of Metal Duct Work
See or call:
Guinn Sheet Metal & Plumbing
940-658-3341 L.C. Guinn Knox City, TX

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all those who sent cards, food and flowers and remembered us in prayer in our time of sorrow. Also, we would like to send a very special thank you to Dr. Wayne Cadenhead and the staff of the Haskell Healthcare center. Your kindness, warmth and generosity will always be remembered.
The family of Jenelle Nanny

I appreciate all the prayers and comfort you have provided during this trying time. The help at the gym when Ferrell fell and the support of those who came to the hospital to be with me meant more than words can say. The outpouring of care from the community made a difficult time bearable. The thoughtfulness and visits have allowed me to spend time with my sons and their families. The pain of a difficult day spent at the graveside and memorial services was eased by the presence of family and friends. Thank you all for the kindness you have shown our family.
Jane Coston
Tom and Shirley Coston
Wendell and Charlotte Coston
and grandchildren

The Hard Way.
FOR SALE

FOR SALE
Sure, you can stand in the street in the middle of a major intersection every day for a week with an item you want to sell, put a couple of huge signs on it, and hope someone takes you up on the offer. It might just get the job done. Or you might just end up looking foolish.

The Easy Way.
For Sale:

Or, you can place a Classified Ad with us and have people from all over the area clamoring to take your unwanted items off your hands for a handsome profit. Quickly and easily. And for a very small investment. So what are you waiting for? Call now!
The Haskell Free Press
P. O. Box 555
420 N. First Street
Haskell, Texas 79521
Serving Haskell County for over 100 years

NOTICE
The deadline for Classified Advertising is 5 p.m. on Mondays.
Haskell Free Press

WILD HORSE TRADING POST
Haskell's General Store and RadioShack.
New Radio Shack sale flyers are available for pickup at the store!
Don't forget—we also have guns, ammo, gifts and ladies clothing!
419 S. 1st, Haskell • 864-2200
Hours: M-F 9-6; Sat. 9-3

West Texas Appliance Parts & Service
formerly WTU Appliance Service
Factory Authorized Service For
GE - Amana - Whirlpool - Frigidaire - Maytag - Crosley
and Most Other Major Household Appliances
and Room Air Conditioners
Visa - Mastercard - AMX - Discovery
Tel 915-672-2500
804 Walnut Toll Free 866-725-2500
Abilene, TX 79601 Fax 915-672-2892

ROUSTABOUTS WINCH TRUCKS WELDERS
BACKHOES DUMPTRUCKS

LANGFORD ROUSTABOUT SERVICE
SCOTT LANGFORD
Mobile: (940) 256-0535 Home: (940) 864-2565
East 380 • Haskell, Texas



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL—Members of Doris Watson's 1st grade class at Haskell Elementary School celebrated 100 Days of School with activities such as reading books, counting to one hundred by tens, making trail mix from 100 edible items, measuring to 100 inches and decorating a cake. Back row, from the left, Daniel Contreras, Hunter Hall, Hector Ramirez, Emmett Benton, Jasmine Dever, Breiana Ball. Middle row, Marlee Andrada, Robert Williams, Braeden Alves, Dalinne Reed, Blade Siegfried. Front, Tiffany Brewer, Kelly Crain.

USDA establishes disaster assistance working group

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman has announced that the USDA is establishing a disaster assistance working group to ensure timely and efficient implementation of program benefits contained in the \$3.1 billion disaster assistance package passed by the Congress last week.

"We want to make sure that the disaster aid implementation is a farmer friendly process and our team at USDA is going to work to ensure that the program benefits reach producers as quickly as possible," said Veneman. "This working group will examine ways to expedite the process and cut red tape if possible to get program benefits in the hands

of farmers and ranchers."

While it is still too early for USDA to determine when sign-up for the various disaster assistance programs will be available, this working group will begin examining program requirements and appropriate timetables. The disaster assistance programs contained in the measure will require producers to sign-up to receive program benefits through local Farm Service Agency offices. This will take USDA additional time to establish regulatory guidelines and write computer software programs so county offices are able to perform sign-up when those timetables are announced.

The working group, much like USDA's Farm Bill working group, will consist of the Secretary's Sub-cabinet officials, USDA's Chief Economist, Budget Director and other career employees. This team will be instrumental in implementation of the disaster programs.

As part of the disaster aid implementation process, USDA will launch a new website next week for producers to utilize that will contain information about the disaster assistance programs, questions and answers, as well as other pertinent data. The website will also contain a comments and suggestions section to encourage producers and interested parties to provide input to USDA on how best to move the implementation process forward.

"This working group will establish the framework to analyze the new programs, put in place the timeframe for implementation and sign-up and issue guidance to producers who are eligible to receive these benefits," said Veneman. "Our team will continue their hard work in the coming months to get the job done."

Cornelius named manager

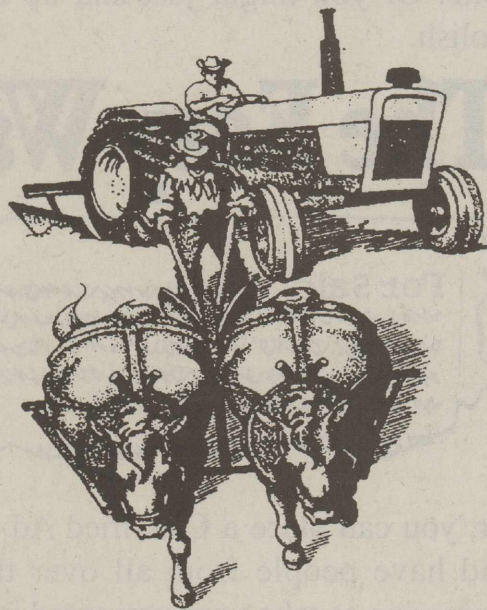
Richard W. Cornelius of Abilene, process improvement consultant II, Unregulated Power Generation, has been named plant general manager at Lieberman/Arsenal Hill plants, John F. Norris, senior vice president, Regulated Power Generation, has announced. Cornelius succeeds Ted McCrory, who is retiring.

Cornelius brings more than 29 years of plant operations, maintenance, safety and training experience to Lieberman/Arsenal Hill, including 24 years in supervision. Cornelius joined the staff of Abilene Power Plant in 1973. He moved to Fort Phantom the

following year as control room operator and progressed to the title of assistant plant manager. While at Fort Phantom, Cornelius participated in start up of two new generating units. He was named senior engineering technician consultant for West Texas Utilities in 1994 and went to Lon C. Hill Power Station in 1998 as operations superintendent. Over the years Cornelius has participated in a variety of projects and teams working to improve fleet operations and efficiency.

Cornelius is a graduate of Rule High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cornelius of Rule.

The more things change, the more our commitment to you stays the same.



Generation after generation, we've built our reputation on helping farmers make the most of changing times and new technologies.

We're proud of our local farmers and the way they meet new challenges. And we're pleased to be of help in every way we can.

First National Bank Haskell

200 South Avenue E Haskell, Texas 79521 940-864-8555



Other Convenient Locations to Serve You: First National Bank Munday - Stamford - Rochester

Also available as an IRA
EARN 4.50%

Our current Annuity interest rate

Current rate guaranteed for one year upon issue, subject to change on policy anniversary dates.

The guaranteed rate is **3%** for the life of your Annuity

Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company offers a Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity designed for periodic as well as single premiums. Your contributions, less any applicable maintenance fees, accumulate wealth for the future. Surrender charges apply only during the first seven policy years.

Kenny Tanner or Tonya Miller
940-864-2647
sfbl.com • txfbins.com



Helping You is what we do best.

Texas Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.
Texas Farm Bureau Underwriters
Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co.
Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co.
Farm Bureau County Mutual Insurance Company of Texas

TZZAH0218 Policy Form #A7200

Jerry Mullins honored

Jeremy Mullins of Merkel High School's varsity football team was named in a full-page advertisement in the Feb. 6 issue of *USA Today* as a member of the Top 50 Red Zone Football Players of the Year. He was chosen from among 450 high school athletes across the country by Old Spice.

The twelfth-grader is the great-grandson of Winnie Sherman of Haskell. His grandparents are Don and Wynette Mullins of Sweetwater.

Mullins, who competed as a running back on offense and linebacker on defense, previously earned all-state salutes for his work on the field and in the classroom.

His love for football evolved as a child, following his father, Keith Mullins, on the sidelines during games and spending time with him after school at the stadium. Keith Mullins is Merkel's offensive coordinator. His mother, Shelly, is a physical education instructor at Merkel Elementary and Intermediate schools.

Head coaches nominated players for the Top 50 list based on accomplishments in the red zone, extra effort, leadership abilities, statistics, honors and achievements. Coach David Flowers said Mullins was the defensive leader in 2002. He made 167 tackles, including 78 by himself and 12 that were for a loss of yards. He also sacked opposing quarterbacks five times and knocked down three passes.

He was chosen as the defensive Most Valuable Player by the opposing coaches in Dist. 3-3A.

His father, a coach for 18 years, said his son's honor is well deserved, but it is actually a reflection of the entire team. "Without the coaches and his teammates, he couldn't have done by himself." His grandfather was a coach for more than 30 years, and his uncle played college football at Stephen F. Austin University.

Mullins has decided to play football at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

The Merkel senior is a member of the National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He plays baseball and is involved with the high school's Peer and Leadership Skills group and Teen Court.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

STAR STOP

706 N. 1st • Haskell • 864-2062

Snickers, Milky Way and M&M Cookies

NEW **3 for 99¢**

Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Diet Mountain Dew and Mountain Dew 1 liter **99¢**

1/4 Pound Rowena Hamburger **\$2.49**

With French Fries or Tator Tots and 24 oz. fountain drink

Get Connected...

- Local Internet Access
- Local Tech Support
- Free Software
- Multiple Free E-mail Accounts
- Free Home page
- No set-up fee
- Unlimited Access

\$19.95 per month or \$16.95 per month if paid annually

West Texas Internet

Locally Owned and Operated
864.8124 • www.westex.net • administrator@westex.net
Haskell

At Texas Cellular...
Love is Forever!



SERVICE AFTER THE SALE

Don't you feel the love? We do.
You and your honey ought a kick up your heels and dance the night away!
Why? Because, at Texas Cellular WE LOVE OUR CUSTOMERS!
That's why we always provide great service...long after the sale!

We Take Care Of Our Neighbors.

TEXAS CELLULAR
A service of Taylor Telecommunications, Inc.
9796 N. I-20 • Merkel, TX • 79536
915-928-3200 • 800-424-7182



Visit your friendly Texas Cellular agent today.

N HASKELL: Haskell Tire & Appliance
206 S. Avenue E
940-864-3269

N ALBANY: Albany Communications
408 S. Main Street
915-762-2333

N SWEETWATER: 1113 Lamar
915-235-2853
Sierra Communications
1901 Bristol
915-235-4377

©MMIII TTI