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JV-V Maidens vs Eula
Thurs., April 17, 3:30 p.m.
at Eula

Baseball games

JV-V Indians vs Eastland
Thurs., April 17, 5 p.m.
at Eastland

JV Indians vs Hawley
Mon., April 21, 4:30 p.m.
at Hawley

V Indians vs Hawley
Tues., April 22, 4:30 p.m.
at Haskell

Golf

Indians and Maidens at
Shady Oaks Golf Course,
Baird, Mon.-Tues., Apr. 21-22
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Calendar

Easter egg hunt

An Easter egg hunt will be held for children through age 12 on Sun., April 20 at 2 p.m. on the courthouse lawn. The event is sponsored by the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept.

Aggie Muster

Aggie Muster will be held Mon., April 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Club Depot building at Slim Sorrell's Park on Hwy. 380 in Rule. A barbecue meal will be served for \$6 per plate. Register by Fri., April 18 by calling Wallar Overton 940-864-2958, Glenn Brzozowski 864-3158 or John Ekdahl 915-773-3676 or 915-773-2614.

4-H to meet

The Haskell Jr. and Sr. 4-H Clubs will meet Mon., April 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Sunrise service

The Weinert community will host its annual Easter sunrise service Sun., April 20 at 7:30 a.m. at the Weinert Cemetery.

Easter services

Easter services will be held at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell Thurs., Fri. and Sun. evenings at 8 p.m. Sat. evening services will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Stamford. Easter morning services will be held at 9 a.m. in Haskell followed by an Easter egg hunt.

Revival

Revival at Iglesia Bautista El Calvario, 600 S. 7th in Haskell will be held April 24-27. Chad Ezell of Breckenridge Cowboy Church will preach April 24. Crox Quintanilla of Wounded Christian Ministries will preach April 25-27. Services are bilingual and will begin at 7 p.m.

Antique tractor show

An antique tractor show is set Sat., April 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Richardson's in Haskell. Events will include a slow tractor race, tractor parade and events around the square.

Josselet reunion

The Josselet reunion will be held Sat., April 19 at the Haskell Civic Center beginning at 9 a.m. Many activities are planned including auctions and an Easter egg hunt.

Exes game

Haskell exes wishing to play in the Educational Foundation Exes basketball game April 19 may register by calling Billie McKeever at 940-864-2602 ext. 102, Shane Hadaway at 940-864-2434 or at www.haskellcisd.net. A silent auction for old trophies will be conducted during the game. Entry fee is \$10. Girls play at 6:30 p.m. followed by the boys game.

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Happy Easter

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LESLIE GRAND
2003 WILD HORSE PRAIRIE DAYS QUEEN

Grand is Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen

Haskell High School student, Leslie Grand, daughter of Steven and Pat Grand, was named the 2003 Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen during a pageant held Sun., April 13 at the Haskell High School Auditorium.

Leslie was sponsored by radio station KVRP. Her school activities include being a class officer, a member of the National Honor Society, in band, track, cross country, basketball, color guard, UIL and Fellowship of Christian Students. In both track and UIL competitions she has won various awards. She was also a Homecoming Queen Nominee. She is active with the Haskell First Baptist Church youth group, and her hobbies include running, watching movies, photography and scrapbooking.

The pageant activities for the queen included a Saturday afternoon Coke Party with the judges, where contestants were interviewed and scored on the basis of appearance, response to questions, poise and modeling and response to a drawn question. The Coke Party was held April 12, at the Haskell High School Homemaking Cottage. Judges for this year's contest were Dala Allen of Abilene and Robyne Stewart of Munday, both Haskell High School exes.

The first runner-up was Robbyn Tribbey of Haskell, sponsored by Tribbey Real Estate, daughter of Robert and Lynette Tribbey. Second runner-up was Whitney Hise of Haskell, sponsored by Kay's Cleaners, daughter of Vonnie and Jerrie Sue Hise. Other participants were Cassidy Brown of Rule, daughter of Debbie Kimmel, sponsored by First National Bank of Haskell; Jaclyn Drinnon of Haskell, daughter of Ricky and Kitsie Drinnon, sponsored by Haskell National Bank; Melody Kennedy of Haskell, daughter of Rick and Debbie Kennedy, sponsored by Haskell Butane.

Sammy Larned of Haskell, with the WHPD committee and Chamber of Commerce, opened the pageant with a welcome and listing of the sponsors, and an introduction of the Master of Ceremonies.

Jerry Don Hudgens got the rest of the pageant off to a lively start with a listing of donors and donations and the introduction of judges and contestants.

Entertainment was provided by MacKenzie Barrington, 5th grade student at Haskell Elementary School, daughter of Dirk and Gena Barrington; and by Robbyn Tribbey, Haskell High School freshman and daughter of Robert Tribbey and Lynette Tribbey.

2002 WHPD Queen, Brittany Rutkowski, daughter of John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski, crowned the 2003 Queen, assisted by flower girl, 4-year-old Madaline Williams, daughter of Gregg and JoAnn Williams of Haskell.

The 2003 Queen will receive an academic studies award, and among her activities as queen, she will ride in the WHPD Parade and the Grand entry of the Rodeo on June 6-7.

The coordinators of this year's contest were Opal Langford and Tammy Parham.

Haskell, Rule schools to register Kindergarten

Haskell Elementary School will hold Kindergarten registration and screening on Fri., April 25 in the elementary conference room.

To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2003.

Students whose last names begin with letters A through F will register at 9:00 a.m. Those with last names beginning with letters G through L will register at 10:00 a.m. Those with

last names beginning with letters M through R will register at 1:00 p.m. and those with last names beginning with letters S through Z will register at 2:00 p.m. Students who are enrolled in prekindergarten are still required to come to registration.

Each child needs to bring his/her birth certificate, immunization record and social security card registration. Parents need to bring their driver license. Immunization requirements

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

had chicken pox.

All grades including Head Start, Early Childhood, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten will have class Fri., April 25.

Kindergarten registration for Rule School will be held in the nurse's office of Rule ISD Thurs., April 24, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 are asked to attend. Each child needs to bring an up-to-date immunization record, social security number, official birth certificate from the court house and his parent's driver's license. If you cannot bring these, please attend anyway, but all four things will be needed before the child starts to school in August.

If you cannot attend, and your child will be attending Rule ISD in the fall, please contact the school 997-2115 or 997-2246 so arrangements can be made to meet with you another time. It is important that this is done before school dismisses in May.

Aggie Muster set in Rule April 21

Former students of Texas A&M University of Haskell, Jones, Stonewall, Knox and Kent Counties will assemble in Rule, April 21 for the annual Aggie Muster.

Muster activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Rule Lions Club-Depot Building at Slim Sorrell's Park on Hwy. 380, with the brief ceremony of roll call, recognizing absent Aggies. A short business meeting will be followed by fellowship and a meal. Muster is open to all former students and their

families, parents of students and friends of Texas A&M.

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Texas Aggies pay their respects to all those who are absent because of death since the last muster, by answering "here" when the deceased friend's name is called.

Individuals planning to attend the local muster are requested to contact one of the following for meal reservations by Fri., April 18: Wallar Overton, 940-864-2958; Glenn Brzozowski, 940-864-3158; John Ekdahl, 915-773-3676 or 915-773-2514.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 527 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., April 14, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 60 sellers and 32 buyers were present.

Steady with last week.
Cows: fat, .34-.39; cutters, .35-.42; canners, .20-.30.
Bulls: bologna, .46-.54; feeders, .65-.74; utility, .42-.49.
Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .82-.95; 600-700 lbs., .76-.87; 700-800 lbs., .73-.82; 800-up lbs., .65-.75.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.35; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .78-.94; 500-600 lbs., .70-.84; 600-up lbs., .62-.77.

Bred heifers medium frame, 575-650.
Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-750; aged or small, 475-575.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-875; aged or small, 575-725.

Big Country Electric to meet April 26

Big Country Electric Cooperative will hold its fourth annual meeting of the membership Sat., April 26 at the Hamlin High School Auditorium.

Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by a barbecue meal.

An arts and crafts fair will be available at 4:00 p.m. and entertainment will begin in the auditorium at 5:00 p.m. Demonstrations will also be available on the grounds.

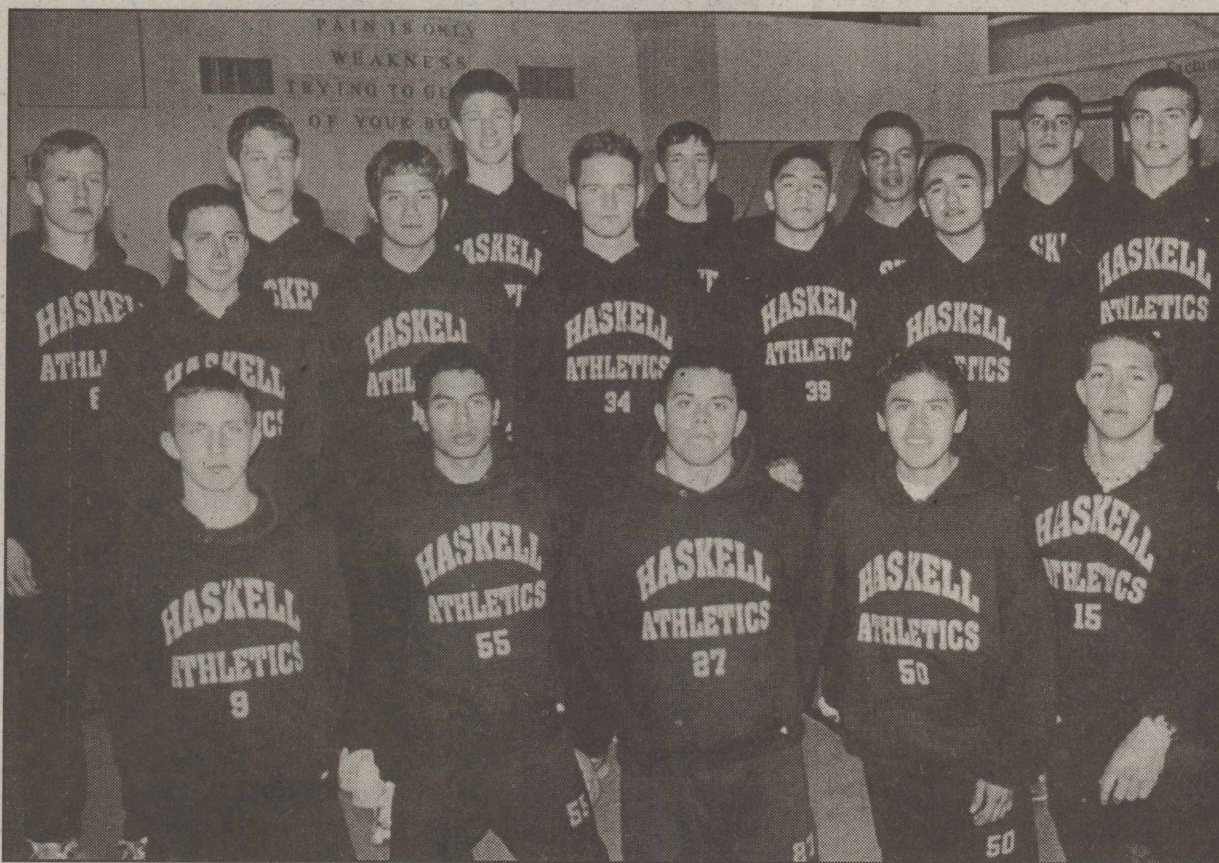
The business meeting will convene at 6:00 p.m.

Member-owners of Big Country Electric Cooperative are encouraged to attend and take an active role in the director elections and business of their cooperative.

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GIRLS TRACK—Haskell tracksters are: Front, l-r, Leslie Grand, Brittany Lindsey, Whitney Wallace, and Brittany Rutkowski. Back; Whitney Hise, Vickie Armenta, Morgan Acosta, Amy Pena. Photo by Kis



BOYS TRACK—Haskell boys participating in track are: front, l-r, Eric DeLa Cruz, Julio Solano-Guerra, Ramon Cuellar, Victor Ajoleza, Melvin Garcia. Back; Jamie Loyd, Angel Pena, Eddie Loyd, Eric Sanchez, Ryan Burgess, James Jeanes, Jeremy Sorrells, Homero Payan, L. J. McCulloch, Omar Payan, Holton Hernandez, Sean Jeanes. Photo by Kis

Obituaries

Mrs. Vernon Ozelle Frierson

Graveside services for Mrs. Vernon Ozelle Frierson, 93, of Haskell were held Mon., April 14 in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Frierson died Sun., April 13 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born Nov. 2, 1909 in Limestone Co., Mrs. Frierson was a retired school teacher, grocery store owner and sales clerk at Lyles Jewelry of Haskell. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Haskell, the Progressive Study Club, Magazine Club and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ervin M.

'Dick' Frierson; her daughter, Virginia Cox; her son-in-law, Vaughn Cox; her daughter-in-law, Maudine Frierson; and her parents.

Survivors include her son, Ervin E. Frierson of Haskell; granddaughters, Deanna Sullivan of Houston, Suzanne Naylor of Fort Worth, Connie Brueggeman of Haskell and Laura Gibson of Dallas; grandson, Lyle Cox of Lubbock; great grandchildren, Sydney and Garrett Brueggeman of Haskell; sisters-in-law, Velma Campbell, Stella Steele and Marion Frierson, all of Haskell; her brother-in-law, Pete Frierson of Fort Worth; and her cousin, Woodrow W. Dishongh of Athens, Alabama. PD. NOTICE

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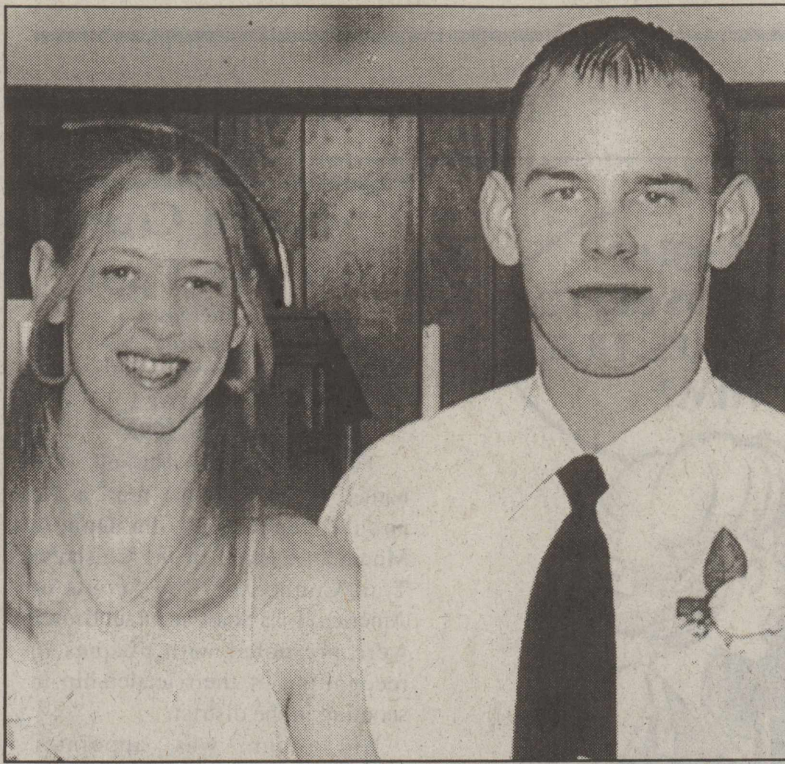
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Hope, Langford wed

Heidi Marie Hope and Brandon Jay Langford were married Feb. 12, at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell, with Rev. Allen Brooks officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Danny and Donna Myers of Lake Stamford. The bridegroom is the son of Danny and Gaynell Langford of Rule.

The maid of honor was Alisha Lee. Serving as best man, was Skeet Hope, brother of the bride.

Before the vows were read, Shanna Tibbets, sister of the groom, sang, "I Do Cherish You." Following the pronouncement of husband and wife, she sang "Flesh of My Flesh."

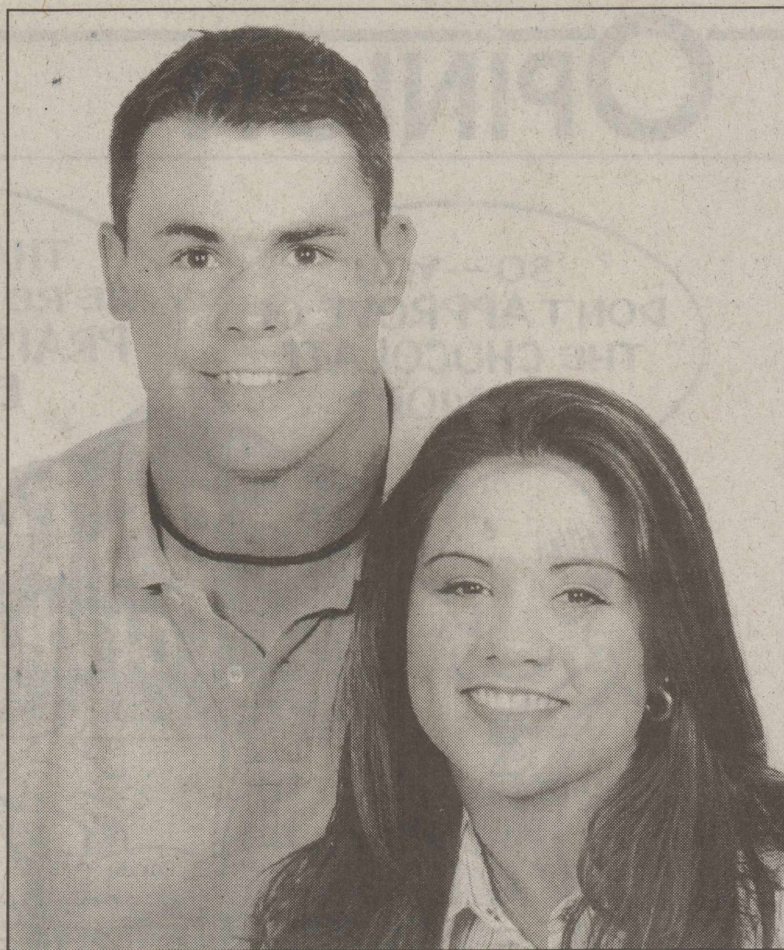
The bride was given in marriage

by her parents. For something old, a penny dated 1983 was placed in her shoe. Something new was her dress. Something borrowed was a necklace belonging to her sister. She wore the traditional blue garter.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall. The wedding cake was made by the bride's aunt, Frances Scheets.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Paint Creek High School. The bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of Rule High School. Both are employed at Lawrence Bros. in Stamford.

The couple will make their home in Haskell.



CASEY THOMPSON - ERIN KATHLEEN STUARD

Stuard, Thompson plan January wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Stuard of Iraan are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Kathleen Stuard, to Casey Paul Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Thompson of Paint Creek.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Iraan High School and a graduate of Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business and Management. She is completing an early childhood education degree at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville and is employed by the Huntsville YMCA.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1996 graduate of Paint Creek High School and a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University with a Bachelor

of Science degree in Physical Education and English. He is employed by Groveton ISD as a teacher and coach.

The couple plan to wed on June 14, at Logsdon Chapel at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

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One-act play honors

Haskell High School students receiving individual awards in the UIL Region 1, Area 2 one-act-play contest held in Anson were: Drew

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Students in the News

Hardin-Simmons University student Katie Wooten Cruz of Haskell was honored at the Irvin School of Education's special recognition program.

Dr. David S. 'Scotty' Holland, who along with his wife, Jacque, have endowed the school, spoke briefly and assisted in the recognition of the students.

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Joel Ryan Nanny of Haskell has received the Holland School of Science and Mathematics' 2003 Geology Medal.

Nanny is working on his masters in Environmental Management. He is also the president of the HSU chapter of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

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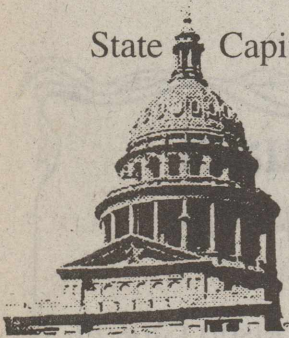
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

\$9.8 billion state budget deficit grows; sales tax revenue shrinks

AUSTIN—For months now, the number attached to the extent of the state's budget deficit has been \$9.9 billion. In actuality, it's probably worse.

In March, for the ninth consecutive month, Texas sales tax revenue was less than what was collected in the same month a year ago. Receipts last month amounted to \$1.01 billion, a decrease of \$23.4 million from March 2002.

This revenue stream, which accounts for more than 50 percent of the state's non-federal income, has been holding at 2.5 percent less each month compared with the previous month and year since the new fiscal year began on Sept. 1.

In other words, for state officials, and anyone who derives income or benefits from the state, these numbers are not cheering.

"I wish the news was better," Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said after the new numbers came out. "But unfortunately, our Texas economy remains weak, and there is no turnaround in sight."

Key lawmakers have proposed using the state's Rainy Day fund to help with the budget problem, but Strayhorn has continued to say she will not certify a budget that includes that provision.

As it stands now, the budget that has taken shape in recent weeks is about 5.5 percent smaller than the 2002-03 document. However, some components of the budget still in the works have even higher reductions.

The House is expected to take up its proposed \$117 billion budget for fiscal year 2004-05 this week, with Senate consideration of its Finance Committee's version coming later. Then, of course, both bodies will slug it out to reach a consensus on the size of the budget that will end up on Gov. Rick Perry's desk.

"This is the toughest session that I've ever been in," Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, told members of the Texas State Employees Union as they rallied at the Capitol complex last week. "Many programs are in limbo, and some pretty horrible suggestions for saving money are out there."

Diesel fuel tax approved...

The House has passed a bill that would raise money for emissions reduction in Texas by imposing a tax on diesel fuel.

If the bill reaches Gov. Perry's desk and is signed, the state would begin collecting 3 cents a gallon on the bulk delivery of diesel fuel. That would generate about \$90 million a year for the state's emissions-reduction plan.

Another \$35 million needed for the program would be raised through a 2 percent surcharge for the sale, leasing or rental of construction equipment, including equipment used by the oil and gas companies.

Dope smokers get a chance to help...

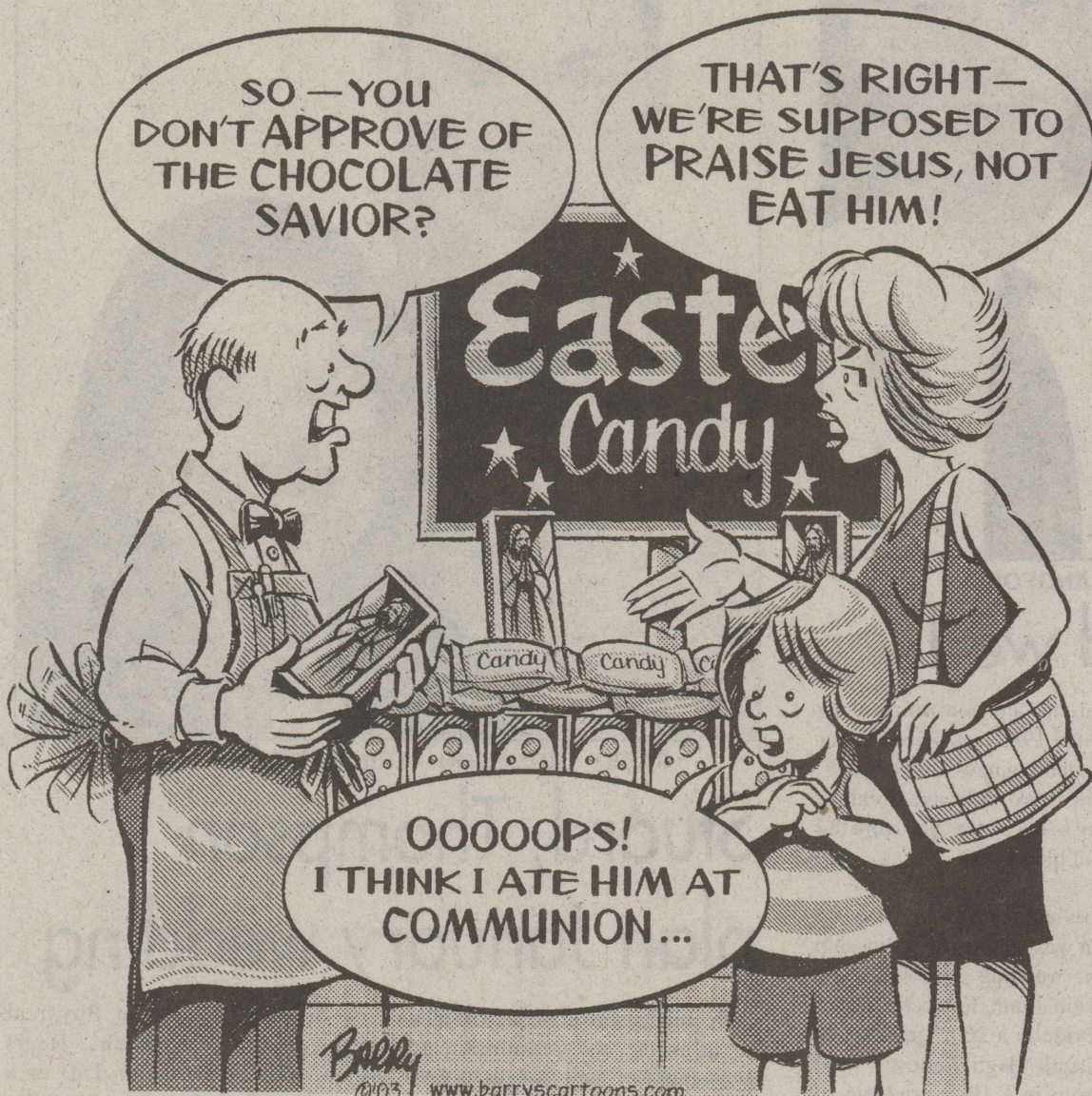
Edinburg Rep. Aaron Pena has filed a bill that would levy a \$1 tax on the sale of rolling papers. The Valley Democrat said only one out of a hundred buyers of the thin, white paper use it for hand-rolling tobacco cigarettes.

The other 99, he said, use the paper to roll joints—marijuana cigarettes.

The bill, House Bill 2022, would channel half of the tax revenue to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Whew...

The Legislature is still wrestling with the budget issue, but a bill to protect Texans who go under the knife is making progress in the House. House Bill 1592 by Rep. Joe Nixon, R-Houston, makes it a felony for a doctor to operate on a patient while intoxicated—while the doctor is intoxicated, that is.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in Haskell. I have been married 27 years and have two children. I attended Haskell High School and Tarleton State University. No one knows that I was once a member of the Haskell County Sheriff's Posse. My favorite TV program is Texas Rangers Baseball. My favorite type of music is Christian Praise and Worship. My favorite songs are "You Are My King" and "He Hideth My Soul." I like to play guitar and sing, travel and work in my yard. The last book I read was *Rebel With a Cause*, by Franklin Graham. I am now reading *Christ in the Camp*, by J. William Jones. My favorite place in Texas is San Antonio. My favorite vacation spot

in the world is Colorado.

My best quality is reliability. My worst quality is that I tend to be a perfectionist when performing tasks. I hate it when people don't keep their word.

My greatest personal accomplishment is working with my wife to instill in our children love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is the way people care for one another and that it only takes five minutes to drive to any location. Watch next week for the identity of this Haskell Free Press reader.

Update

The Mystery Reader profiled in the April 3 edition was Wallar Overton, Haskell County farmer.

Wallar and his twin brother, William, (now a retired teacher in Abilene), were sons of Mable and Gene Overton, long time Haskell County residents.

With his family active in scouting, Wallar became an Eagle Scout. After finishing Texas A&M, he served as a platoon leader for the 2nd Squadron Armored Cavalry in Bad Kissingen, Germany in 1961-63, running patrol on the border.

While there he met his future wife, Steffi, during the Fasching celebration, the equivalent of Mardi Gras. During the festivity and games, she stole his cap, which led to the two sharing beverages together and starting to date. Returning home in 1965 he left her there, but they continued to correspond.

In 1973, Steffi came here to visit and stayed four months. Secretly they became engaged, and when she went home to Germany, she began to send things back here in preparation. They married on Mar. 10, 1974.

The couple raised two sons, Hans, a graduate of Angelo State lives at home in Haskell, and Marcus attends Texas A&M in College Station.

Wallar ended his army career as a captain in the Reserves.

Staying active in community affairs, Wallar was on the Paint Creek Water Supply steering board, serving as president for 10 years. He

served 21 years on the Paint Creek School Board, finally choosing not to run again.

He served four years on the Farmer's Co-op Gin board of directors, was a Sunday School teacher at Paint Creek Methodist Church for 10 years, also serving on the church Administrative Council. He and Steffi are now members of the Haskell First United Methodist Church.

Still actively involved with Scouting, Wallar has received many honors for his continuing dedication to the organization which remains a life-long love of his. Also, he is still involved each year with the Texas A&M Aggie Muster, and is an active member of the Masonic Lodge.

When their farming and ranching responsibilities will allow it, Wallar and Steffi plan to do some traveling.

A Thought at Easter

Adam Returns

When Adam went from Paradise in sorrow for his fate, the Father set the sword of love across the open gate.

He placed the sword in the angel's hand and bid him keep the guard, and the cherubs paused in their ceaseless chant to hear the Holy Word.

"By Love alone shall the gate be held, this is My Perfect Will. When Love brings Adam back again, He shall find it open still."

The Lamb slipped down from the heavenly throne in haste the way to find. He stayed not even to ask for leave, for He knew the Father's mind.

Swiftly He sped, nor did He wait the flaming sword to dodge. He darted straight through the open gate and hid in Adam's lodge.

Long were the years of toil and pain, and fierce the fight with sin; but wherever Adam made his home, the Lamb was hid therein.

When a star shone down from Paradise to mark the time and place, the Lamb came forth from Adam's lodge and men beheld His face.

Year after year the angel stood watching the earthward track, and ever he held the open gate till he saw the Lamb come back.

His feet were bleeding, His eyes were dim. His fleece was scarred and torn. A cross was branded across His back, and His head was crowned with thorn.

The angel dropped the flaming sword and fell upon his knee. "Welcome Lord to the gate," he cried, "Tis open still for Thee."

The Lamb passed in to Paradise. Loud sang the Cherubim! For He came not alone to His Father's throne. Adam returned with Him!

Author unknown

Correction

An obituary for Argie McFadden published in the April 10 edition of the Haskell Free Press should have read: She married Jim McFadden Jan. 18, 1941 in Haskell and they recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

A cutline published in last week's Haskell Free Press identified a member of the Haskell girl's golf team as Katie McKnight. The golfer in the picture was Susie Skinner.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
April 15, 1993

Two leaders from Haskell were named "Scouters of the Year" at the annual banquet of the Double Mountain District of the Chisholm Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America. Lisa Shaw and Paul Brown were presented with plaques in recognition of their leadership in scouting in the district.

Sid Winn was appointed postmaster of the Haskell post office. A 10-year veteran with the U.S. Postal Service, Winn began his postal career in 1983 as a city carrier and clerk in the Seymour post office.

Paint Creek students Mandy Payne and Jeremy Andress visited with Congressman Charles Stenholm.

20 Years Ago
April 21, 1983

Members of the Haskell County Appraisal Board hired Jamie Weaver as the new chief appraiser of Haskell County.

Haskell High School student Doug Richardson will compete in the State University Interscholastic League newswriting competition. Richardson finished second in newswriting to qualify for state.

John Sam Rike III, was the victim of a surprise roast at a regular meeting of the Haskell Lions Club. Rike will assume duties as President and Chief Executive Officer of First State Bank in Tulia.

Seventh grade students at Haskell Junior High School completed projects in Texas History class. Winners are first place Leiza Morales with a Mission Labahia, second place Mona Galindo with a Plains Indian village and third place Tammy Everman with a log cabin.

30 Years Ago
April 19, 1973

Ron Bingham of Mineral Wells assumed the duties of editor of The Haskell Free Press. Don Comedy, who has served as editor for the past year, will assume the duties of the mechanical department.

Fonda Horn is the Maiden of the week, after an outstanding year in discus. Fonda has consistently won the discus event and also placed high in the shot put event.

40 Years Ago
April 18, 1963

Pamela Baird, received the national Arion Foundation Award for musical merit and for the most outstanding contribution to a musical organization.

Beth Vaughter, 16-year-old Haskell High School Junior, was the first Haskell selectee to be accepted for participation at Girls' State by the American Legion Auxiliary of Haskell.

Army PFC Junior L. Ootson son of Bryan Ootson, of Haskell, was awarded a driver's badge for attaining a high degree of skill in the maintenance and operation of various types of Army vehicles while assigned to the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment in Germany.

50 Years Ago
April 16, 1953

Billie Chritzberg, executive secretary of the Haskell County Red Cross Chapter resigned to accept a position as bookkeeper with the Lone Star Gas Company.

Mrs. J. W. Casey and 6-year-old son, Grady are en route to Sidi Slimane, French Morocco where they will join their husband and father, M/Sgt. Joseph W. Casey, who is stationed at a U. S. Force base in the French province in North Africa.

Bill Matthews, senior at North Texas State College, won honors in six state championship AAU diving meets.

100 Years Ago
April 18, 1903

Tom Griffin was up from Stamford looking after business for Brazleton & Johnson Lumber Yard.

J. C. McWhirter, R. A. Wine and Fred Knowles were on the Carney Ranch building fences and windmills.

Joe Irby, court stenographer here, left for Aspermont where he will attend district court which is now in session at that place.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

A special thank you to all the contestants, donors and sponsors for the Wild Horse Prairie Day Queen Pageant.

And special thanks to Robert Acosta, Dala Allen, Andrea Anderson, MacKenzie Barrington, Janet Earle, Osiel Garcia, Mike Harrell, Caleb Hudgens, Jerry Don Hudgens, James Jeanes, Scott Kennedy, Sammy Larned, Brittany Rutkowski, Robyne Stewart, Kayce Strickland, Wanda Thompson, Derrick Tribbey, Robbyn Tribbey, Mayree Turnbow, Meagan Wallace, Madaline Williams, Haskell Free

Press, KVRP and to Haskell High School for the use of their facilities.

Also, for the citizens of Haskell County that support and attend various county activities. Without all of you the Queen Pageant would not have been a success.

Again Thank You!
Opal Langford
Tammy Parham

Dear editor,

This year's Scholastic Book Fair at Haskell Elementary was a big success, thanks to the students, teachers, parents and community members who attended. The fair,

which was held during the week of April 7-11, provided a large and exciting assortment of books, gift items, posters and software for preschool through middle-school children. During Thursday night's "Family Event," students, parents and the public had a final chance to browse through the book fair, sample cookies and appreciate the large variety of materials for readers of all ages. Three lucky students won door prizes for book fair merchandise during the "Family Event."

The book fair was a success because of the efforts and support of many people. We are grateful to the office staff and faculty of Haskell Elementary who help with the fair in a variety of ways each year. A special thanks goes to the wonderful parent and community volunteers who gave their time and energy to help during the days, and during the very busy family night. We appreciate every person who helped in any way, and all those who came in to look. We look forward to another great reading event next year.

Betsy McManamon,
Librarian

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GOING TO REGION—Haskell's 1600 meter relay team won 2nd in District Competition, qualifying to compete in Region. From the left are: Ryan Burgess, Holton Hernandez, Melvin Garcia and Eric Sanchez. Photo by Bill Blankenship



MAIDENS AT DISTRICT—Qualifying for Region at the District 8-2A meet were Haskell girls relay team; l-r, Mollie McKnight, Whitney Wallace, Brittany Lindsey and Leslie Grand. They won 2nd in 400 meter relay, 1st in 800 meter relay and 2nd in the 1600 meter relay. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Haskell CISD Comments

by Jamie Davis
 Secondary Counselor

This is the time of year that seniors, parents and families are frantically making plans for their college bound student. There are several testing requirements, as well as college information, that is important at this time for students interested in starting their college classes at Haskell or finishing up paperwork as they prepare to strike out on their own. The following information pertains to Haskell Sophomores and above.

Haskell Secondary offers the Quick TASP, Texas Academic Skills Program, twice a year on our campus. The next one is on May 17. The TASP is the college entrance exam that must be taken to enroll in college classes either through Vernon or any other college. The test in May is already filled, but a waiting list has been started. Examinees need to bring pencils, a driver's license and social security card. A basic calculator is allowed. There are other options to taking it at Haskell. The counselor's office at the Secondary has dates and times for the TASP at the Vernon campus, Abilene or in Wichita Falls. These locations usually offer the exam once a week.

Vernon College registration for Haskell students and adults is on May 12, for Summer I classes.

Schedules are available, also at the counselor's office. If you have previously taken classes through Vernon you may be able to register online this year. Instructions are included in the schedule, but Jamie Davis at the high school will be glad to answer any questions about the procedure.

Seniors in high school who have not completed their FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, need to contact Davis as soon as possible. This is due at the college by June, but it is highly recommended that this be done in April. Some types of financial aid are distributed on a "first come, first serve basis." This form may be filled out online or on paper with the parent's income tax forms. If any parent would like help with this paperwork, please call Davis for an appointment. Any other financial aid questions are welcomed, as well as any college admission concerns.

June 14, is the next ACT exam date. Juniors should consider taking the test this summer as they may want to take it a second or third time as a senior to improve scores. This score is required at all universities and most junior colleges. Registration packets are available at the school. Call Jamie Davis at 940-864-8123 for further information.

County's small acreage reports due May 1

Haskell County wheat, oats, barley and rye producers are reminded that Thurs., May 1 is the final day to report intended use of your 2003 small grain acreage.

A total farm certification is required for 2003 for farms that are participating in the new Direct/Counter Cyclical Programs. Final program payments can not be issued for the applicable year unless all the cropland is certified on that farm. This is a new requirement of the 2002 Farm Program Legislation passed last May 13.

Producers that fail to report acreage by the specified deadline will have to file a request for late acreage report. This is a paid for service by

the producer and is a minimum of \$35.00 per farm.

The County Office staff request that you call for an appointment, 940/864-2617 and press #2.

Acreage and intended use(s) are required, such as wheat for grazing and the same acreage is intended for grain also. Producers that were recently hailed out need to report the acreage as failed and report the subsequent use of the failed acreage: plowed, grazed or hayed.

May 1 is the deadline for Haskell, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties. Counties north of this line have a May 15 deadline. Call and make your appointment to insure program eligibility.



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS—Haskell girls placing at the District Competitions were: l-r, Brittany Lindsey, 2nd in High Jump, and Whitney Hise, 1st in Shot Put. Photo by Bill Blankenship

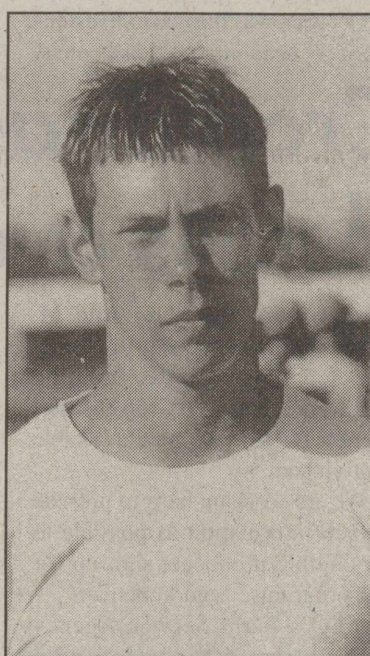
Eat breakfast

If you're trying to lose weight, skipping breakfast may not be such a good idea.

"Breakfast gets the metabolism going for the day," says Lona Sandon, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Research shows that people who eat breakfast tend to maintain their weight and are able to meet nutritional needs."

One example of a healthy breakfast includes cereal, skim milk, nuts and fruit.

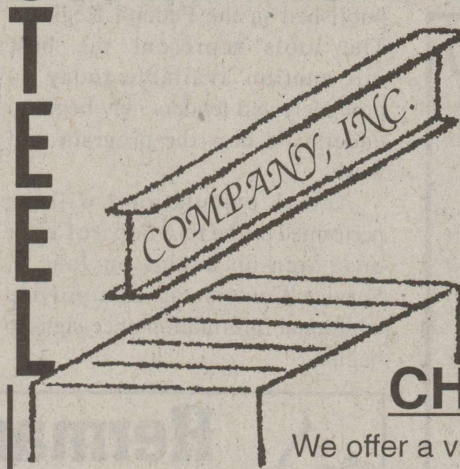
"Cereals are fortified with multiple vitamins and minerals including B vitamins, iron and calcium," Sandon adds. "Skim milk is a good source for calcium, which builds strong bones. New research shows that getting three to four servings of low-fat calcium foods per day may aid weight loss efforts. Nuts provide protein, fiber, magnesium and healthy fatty acids for maintaining good cholesterol levels."



GOING TO REGION—Winning 1st in Triple Jump and 2nd in High Jump at District, Haskell's Eddie Loyd qualified to compete at Region. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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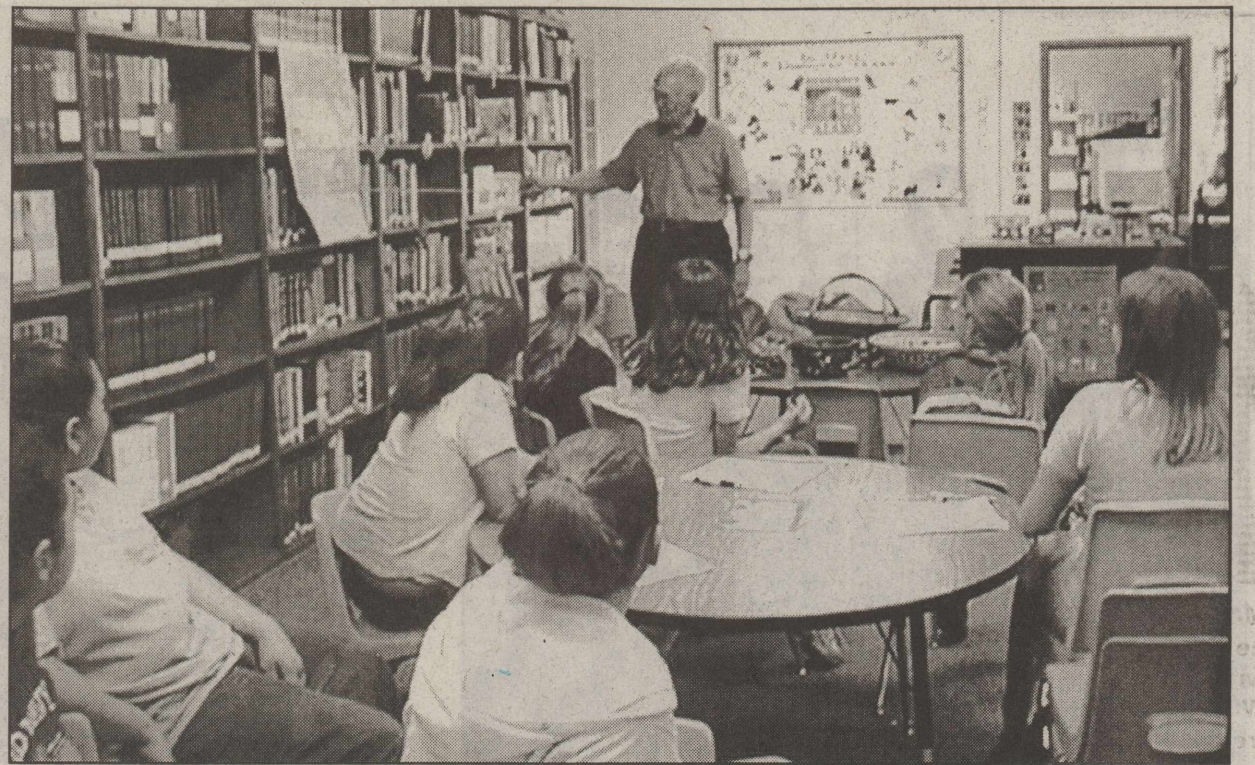
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BOYS TENNIS—Haskell High School tennis athletes are: I-r, Angel Pena, Korey Foster, Wade Cothron, Miguel Chavez, Zack Coker, Jakaan Hodge, Leon Goudeau, Vincente Solano-Guerra, Benny Lopez and tennis coach, David Middleton. Photo by Kis



AFRICAN STUDY—Haskell sixth graders intently listen as Gerald McCoy, former Haskell science teacher, tells about his recent visit to Zambia, Africa. At the conclusion of the presentation, the students came to the realization that life in America is quite different than the life of Zambian people.



GIRLS TENNIS—Haskell High School girls participating in tennis are: I-r Susie Skinner and Amy Pena. Photo by Kis

Livestock compensation program deadlines extended

Livestock producers who were not eligible for the LCP-I Livestock Compensation Program due to county ineligibility, or missed the application deadline, may have another opportunity to participate during the LCP-II signup period as outlined in the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003.

Signup for the expanded program, referred to as LCP-II, began on April 1 and will run through early June, according to Glenn Brzozowski, County Executive Director of the Haskell County Farm Service Agency. "Congress opened the program to more producers by expanding the eligibility dates and adding catfish as an eligible commodity," he said.

Producers who were eligible for LCP but did not file an application by the Dec. 13, 2002, deadline also have an opportunity to apply.

The 2002 program, announced last October, was limited to livestock producers headquartered in a county

designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as a primary disaster county between Jan. 1, 2001 and Sept. 19, 2002. LCP-II makes eligible any counties that were requested as primary disaster areas under a presidential or secretarial declaration by Feb. 20, 2003, and that were subsequently approved. Counties named as contiguous counties are not eligible for the program.

Owner and livestock eligibility requirements remain unchanged. To be eligible for assistance a producer's livestock operation headquarters must be physically located in a county with a qualifying disaster designation. Eligible livestock are cattle, sheep, goats and buffalo, as well as catfish.

The livestock must have been owned or subject to a cash lease on June 1, 2002, and have been owned or leased for a minimum of 90 days. The June 1 date could fall anytime within the 90-day period. Animals

located in a commercial feedlot are eligible provided they are producer-owned and the owner meets all eligibility requirements. Animals that were sold or died on or after June 1, 2002, and that meet all other eligibility requirements may be eligible for payment. LCP-II payments will be based on number of eligible livestock and catfish.

Brzozowski said payment would be available as soon as possible after an eligible producer has signed up and the application has been processed. Producers participating in LCP-II are subject to a \$2.5 million gross revenue limitation. Payments are limited to \$40,000 per person and livestock covered under LCP-I are not eligible for LCP-II.

According to Brzozowski, livestock producers should be aware that eligibility requirements not previously outlined in LCP-I are now required by LCP-II provisions. These additional requirements stipulate that producers meet all conservation compliance provisions and that the applicant's combined

per-entity benefits for LCP-I and LCP-II cannot exceed \$40,000. Furthermore, a producer who was determined ineligible for LCP-I for noncompliance (or any other reason) is considered ineligible for LCP-II as well.

Other provision changes for LCP-II require that livestock producers provide sales and proof of death loss documentation for livestock that were sold or died after June 1, 2002. This documentation must be submitted to FSA at the time of application.

"Due to program changes and to insure efficiency, I highly recommend that livestock producers interested in LCP-II contact FSA to determine eligibility and identify documentation required for application before coming into the county office," said Brzozowski.

For more information about the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), FSA or other farm bill provisions contact your local FSA office at 940-864-2617.

Crop disaster details available

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced April 17 that more details on disaster program benefits, including the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), are now available for producers.

"We are working hard to provide as much information as possible to help eligible producers sign up for these programs," said Veneman.

USDA's Farm Service Agency received over 600 e-mails with questions, suggestions, comments and concerns about the disaster programs, especially the Crop Disaster Program. In response, a significant number of questions have been posted along with answers at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>. As new questions are submitted, frequently asked questions will be updated on a regular basis.

FSA has also posted a two-page document that explains the basics of the CDP and how to calculate program benefits. Additionally, a spreadsheet can be downloaded that will calculate potential disaster benefits by entering a few pieces of data about crop losses. The spreadsheet will work for typical crop losses, but not under all circumstances.

For example, the current spreadsheet does not handle "prevented planted" or "unharvested" acres, losses for crops with fresh and processed markets such as apples, or production that has been affected by quality.

The formulas in the spreadsheet and the answers to the questions are for illustrative purposes and will not be finalized until the regulations are published in the Federal Register. The tools represent the best information available today so producers and lenders may begin to understand how the program will work.

Actual calculations will be performed by the FSA Service Center once sign-up begins on June 6. Service Centers can also provide additional information once sign-up begins.

Termite swarms make way through Texas

With termite swarming season beginning in some areas of the state, Texas homeowners should be on the lookout for the pests, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"Swarming begins in the Rio Grande Valley in February and progresses northward," said Dr. Harry Howell, an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. "The last swarms of native subterranean termites will be in April and May in the Panhandle."

The Formosan subterranean termite swarms from May 15 through June 15 with most of the swarms occurring around June 1. Drywood termites swarm during August and September.

Generally, there's not much difference in swarming times from year to year.

"We do not notice that one year is any different from another," Howell said. "There will be perhaps a week's difference in swarming date but nothing else."

The native subterranean termite is present in all parts of Texas, Howell said. Formosan subterranean and drywood termites are present east of

a line from Denton to Austin to San Antonio to Edinburg. All termites are destructive to wooden structures and cabinetry.

All parts of Texas are equally affected by subterranean termites; there is no way to predict how hard they will hit. Termites love moist and humid conditions, but they have adapted to dry areas as well, he added.

The estimated cost of control, prevention and repair in Texas is \$350 million annually, "which is a very good reason to have annual inspections," Howell said.

Annual inspections by licensed pest control operators are the most effective method to prevent property damage caused by termites, he said. The cost depends on the size of the structure. Howell advised homeowners to do a pre construction treatment of soil with termiticides. And look at different construction techniques, he added, for the least appealing for termites.

For example, split level or sunken areas in slabs, that are not done properly, provide entry for termites, he said. Also, planter boxes built against a house help termites climb through the soil and into the house. Stucco covering should be terminated about 8 inches above the soil, or termites will find access to the house.

Installing physical barriers below the slab foundation stops subterranean termites from entering the structure, Howell said.



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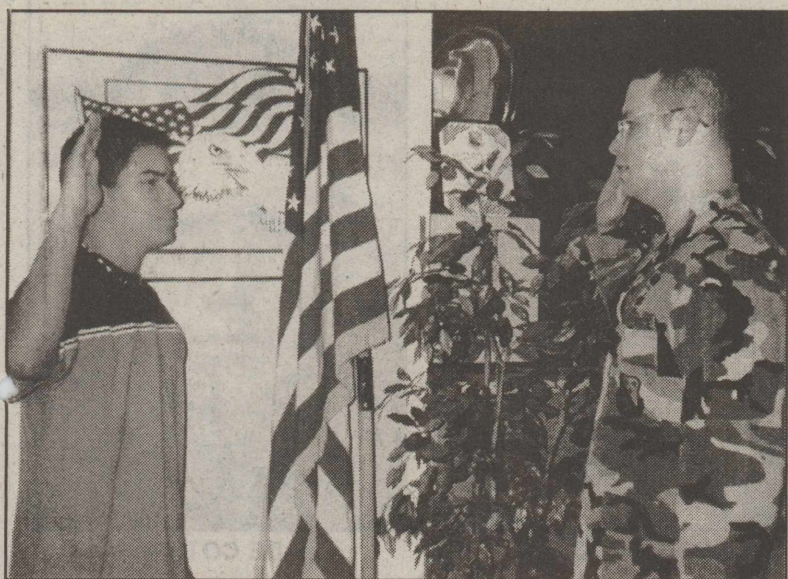
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MARTINEZ ENLISTS—Thomas "Andy" Martinez takes his oath as he enlists in the Air Force Reserve, Mar. 31. Lt. Hunter J. Channell with the 82nd Mission Support Squadron at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, was the administrating officer. Upon graduating from Haskell High School in May, Martinez is expected to leave in the summer for basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio. Upon completion of his training, he will be assigned to the 433rd Security Forces Squadron at Lackland AFB. Martinez is the son of Bill and Jolanda Jones of Rule and Thomas Martinez of El Paso. His sister, Kristen Martinez of Rule, also attends school in Haskell.

Garden Club to plant willows

The Haskell Garden Club met for their April meeting at the Haskell National Bank Community Room, with Melyn Wittenborn presiding in the absence of president Florence Alexander.

During a business session, a report about the Club's project to plant Desert Willows at Willow Cemetery was given by Frances Bowen. Trees have been ordered, and the public is invited to make memorial donations to the fund.

Bowen introduced the guest speaker, Shirley Welch, owner of Conner's Floral in Haskell, who has 27 years of experience in the floral business. She was assisted by designer Claudia Bryant.

Welch brought several wreaths, explaining how to create them, and how to take an existing grapevine wreath and make it look brand new, by spraying it with clear spray paint and adding new silk flowers or vine. Instructions were given never to hot

glue flowers on a wreath, but to wire them in, using excess greenery or flowers. Saying that you get what you pay for, she said the greater the quality of the wreath and the silk flowers used, the longer the arrangement lasts.

Refreshments were served to sixteen members and two guests by hostesses Margie Dorner, Bennie Shelton and Betty LeFevre. An Easter theme was used on all the tables.

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be a luncheon on May 8, at the Haskell National Community Room at 11:00 a. m. An installation service for new club officers will follow. Interested gardeners are invited to attend.

Garden Club Tip of the Month: Take a denture tablet, add to warm water in a bowl and soak fingers in it to remove dirt and grass stains after working in the yard.



MR. AND MRS. KEVIN ALLMON

Allmons celebrate 25th anniversary

Kevin and Gail Allmon of Hawley, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with friends and family Sat., Mar. 29.

Kevin Allmon was born in Brownfield, and Gail Howard was born in Denver City. The couple met in Haskell and were married by Rev. Don Marquart, in the Trinity Lutheran Church of Haskell, Mar. 25, 1978.

During their years together they have made their home in Haskell, Denton, Abilene and Hawley. Kevin is employed with Batjer and Associates of Abilene and Gail is employed as a secretary at the State Farm Claims office in Abilene.

The couple's daughter, Jennifer Rice, is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and teaches at Lee Elementary in Abilene. She and her husband, James Rice, have two sons, Hunter and Riley. The family resides in Abilene.

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Locally, Head Start is sponsored by the Region 14 Education Service Center and Haskell CISD.

Pre-Registration for the Haskell Head Start program will be Tues.,

May 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Haskell Elementary School. To apply, parents will need to bring the following to registration: child's birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization record, child's documentation of Disability (if applicable), income verification (check stub, tax form, etc.), and proof of any public assistance (WIC, Medicaid, etc).

Questions concerning the eligibility of a child should be directed to the Haskell Head Start offices at 940-864-5244.

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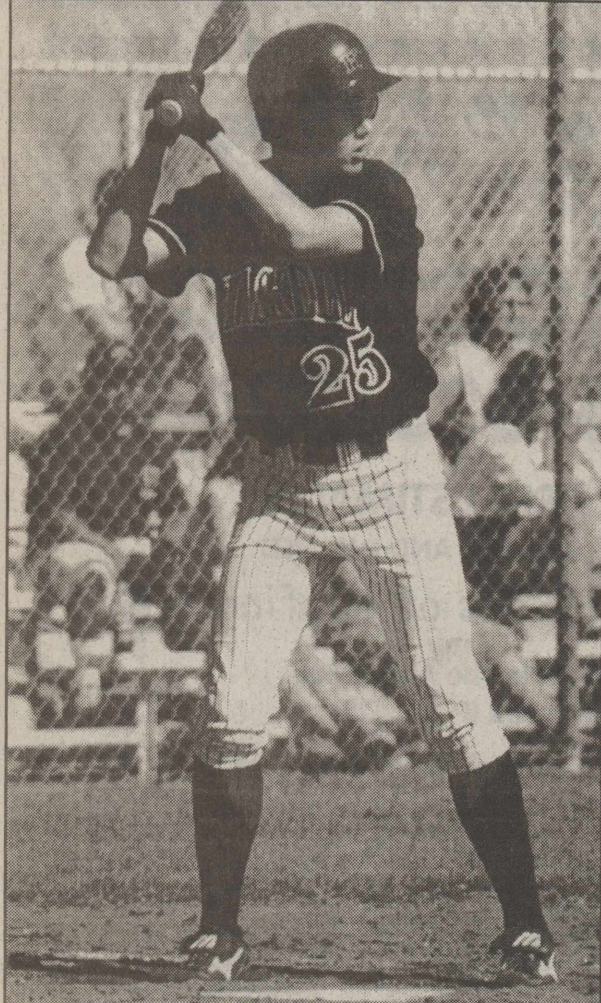
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Planting the right tree in the right place.

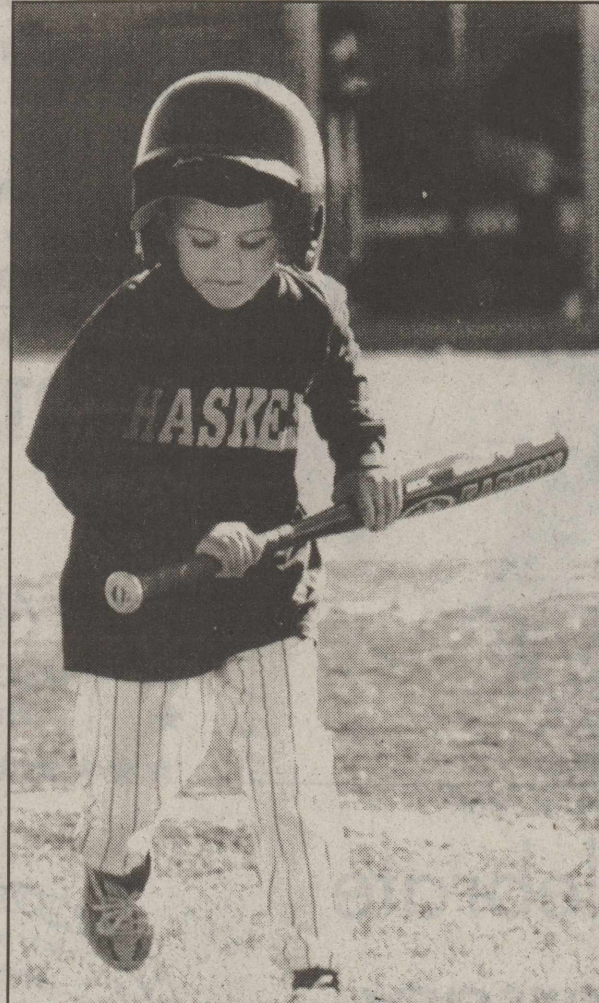
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SEELKE AT BAT—Haskell Indian Chase Seelke is at bat in the game with Anson.



BATBOY AT WORK—Young Cade Colley, gets a workout during the Indians game with Anson.

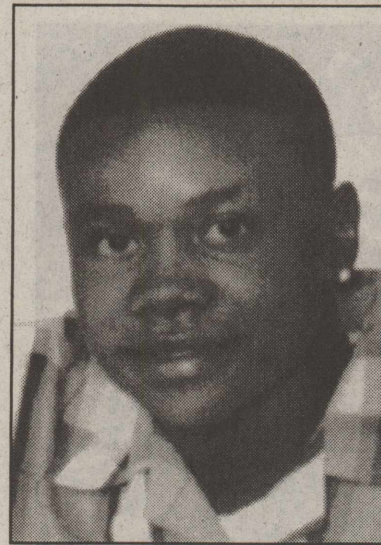
Haskell School Menu

April 21-25 Breakfast

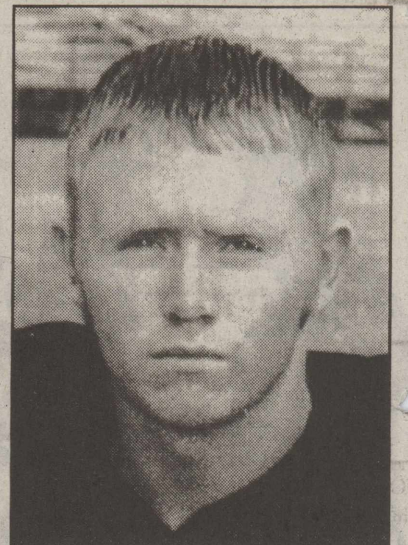
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: School holiday
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
Wednesday: Cereal, toast
Thursday: Breakfast burrito
Friday: Cinnamon roll

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: School holiday
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot biscuit, applesauce
Wednesday: Corn dog, macaroni and cheese, tater tots, sliced peaches
Thursday: Frito pie/cheese, pinto beans, garden salad, cookie
Friday: Hamburger, lettuce/tomato/pickle, Freedom fries, ice cream



LEON GOUDEAU



WADE COTHRON

Students visit Rotary Club

Leon Goudeau is the son of Birdie Mae Goudeau of Haskell. He attends Greater Independent Baptist Church.

In school he is active in the Student Council, National Honor Society, basketball, golf, tennis and the Fellowship of Christian Students.

"Being blessed with family and friends who support me in everything I do is the greatest award I have received," he said.

Wade Cothron is the son of Joe and Connie Cothron of Haskell. He attends East Side Baptist Church.

In school he is active in athletics, including football and tennis, journalism, UIL competitions and the Spanish Club. His special awards include advancing to State in Agriculture Mechanics; advancing to Regional in Plant Judging and Creed Speaking; winning second in District UIL Editorial Writing and fourth in News Writing.

Among his favorite pastimes are working on the farm, listening to music and hanging out with friends and family.

His future plans after finishing high school include attending Angelo State University.

Among his favorite pastimes are playing basketball, listening to music and hanging out with family and friends.

After finishing high school, he plans to graduate from college and "then ride life until the wheels come off."

This Week's Devotional Message:



Our holiest events occur
 At different times within the spring;
 According to the calendar,
 Which marks this yearly happening.
 Now this year they will coincide;
 In others, they're on different dates.
 In either case, they will provide
 The supper that commemorates

The Saviour being crucified
 And then arising from the grave,
 Or else, with Moses as the guide,
 The exit of each Hebrew slave.
 Whatever be our chosen creed,
 Our worship service will abound
 With joyful message to heed,
 That will be heard the world around.

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**
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Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Allen Brooks, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael 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.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion

PAINT CREEK

- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**
Chris Powell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER

- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Jackie Brem, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

O'BRIEN

- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Kyle Gullledge, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p. Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- First United Methodist Church**
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

SAGERTON

- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Melissa Bemis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

RULE

- First Baptist Church**
Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**
Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegs
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.m., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

ECC Calendar and Menu

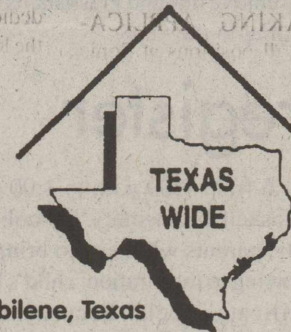
Mon., April 21
 Lunch—Ham and beans, creamy cabbage/apple slaw, onion/tomato slices, cornbread, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., April 23
 11:00 a.m. Outreach Health

Services blood pressure check
 Lunch—Hungarian goulash/rice, green beans, yellow squash, onion slices, garlic bread, yellow cake/white icing, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., April 25
 Lunch—BBQ beef sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, carrot raisin salad, onion slices, chips, pickle slices, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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IRS MAKES IMPORTANT CHANGES IN HOME SALE RULES

The IRS recently made important changes to the home sale rules—changes that are good news for many taxpayers.

As you're probably aware, you can sell your home and exclude from taxation up to \$250,000 of profit from the sale (\$500,00 for joint filers). To qualify for this tax break, you must have owned and occupied the home as your principal residence for at least two of the five years prior to its sale. The law provides a partial exclusion if you have to move earlier due to "unforeseen circumstances."

The IRS has defined those unforeseen circumstances that will allow partial tax exclusion on a home sale. Among the events that will qualify are the following:

- Your home is damaged by a natural or man-made disaster, or by act of war or terrorism.
- You lose your job or are transferred.
- You or a family member must move for health reasons.
- The sale is the result of divorce or legal separation.
- You can no longer afford the mortgage payments due to a change in your employment status.
- You have to sell your home following multiple births from the same pregnancy.

The rules also change how a sale is reported for taxpayers who claimed deductions for a home office. In the past, the sale had to be divided into a business portion and a personal portion. Gain from the business portion did not qualify for the exclusion. Now, the homeowner will only pay tax on depreciation claimed after May 6, 1997, and will be allowed to exclude any additional gain up to the maximum exclusion allowed.

For details or a review of how these changes might apply to your home sale, give us a call.

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FOR SALE: 2000 Red Monte Carlo. Extra clean, low miles. 864-3820. leave message. 16-17c

Garage Sales

HUGE YARD SALE: Beds, appliances and lots more. Thurs.-Sat. Come to Stamford Marina and follow signs to 129 Lakeshore Drive. 17p

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NOTICE
The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority and the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District have an immediate opening for a full-time Office Professional.

Duties will include organizing, developing and maintaining information, much of which is on the computer. Experience with Microsoft Office is required. Duties will also include bookkeeping and payroll administration with proficiency in double entry and accounting principles and practices. Resumes may be mailed to P. O. Box 36, Munday, Texas 76371 or faxed to 940-422-4385 or e-mailed to mmcguire@rpgcd.org. Applications are available at the NCTMWA office at 135 N. Munday Ave., Munday, Texas.

The North Texas Municipal Water Authority and The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District are Equal Opportunity and At-Will Employers. Salary will be based on skills and experience. 16c

RICE SPRINGS Care Home is accepting applications for full time RNs and LVNs; and a relief RN. Call Karen at 864-2652 for information. 161stfc

THE CITY OF RULE will be taking applications for Water Superintendent until April 21, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. Applications can be picked up at City Hall. Contact Carla for more information at 940-996-2214. 16c

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. is a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to serving the needs of the low-income in our service area. The service area includes: Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties. The priority target populations for our services are the low-income elderly/disabled and low-income households with small children (age 5 and under).

The ASBDC, Inc. is now offering assistance with energy needs under our Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). The CEAP program has four "components" which are designed to address the energy needs of the low-income and assist them in becoming more self-sufficient in the area of energy consumption. Certain qualifying criteria must be met in order to qualify for assistance under this program.

For more information about the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) and other services of the ASBDC, Inc. please call (940) 989-3538 or (800) 722-0137. 16c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HARVIE B. Q. FURRH, Deceased, were issued on April 9, 2003, in Docket No.

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Malcolm C. Douglass is a resident of Brazos County, Texas. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows:

Malcolm C. Douglass, Independent Executor, Estate of Harvie B. Q. Furrh, Deceased, c/o Don R. Lane, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 1781, Pampa, TX 79066-1781.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 9th day of April, 2003.

Malcolm C. Douglass 16p

CLERK OF THE COURT
Penny Anderson, P. O. Box 27, Haskell, Texas 79521.

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY OR PETITIONER
L. W. (Bill) Jones, III
P. O. Box 1085,
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Nora Sylvia Thompson and to all whom it may concern, Respondent(s). "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of Jeffrey T. Thompson, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Haskell County, Texas, on the 26th day of February, A. D. 2003, against Nora Sylvia Thompson, Respondent(s), numbered D-3183 and entitled "In the Matter of Marriage of Jeffrey T. Thompson and Nora Sylvia Thompson."

The court has the authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

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Attest: Penny Anderson, Clerk of the 39th District Court, Haskell County, Texas.

By: Katherine S. Drinnon, Deputy. 16c

LA INSCRIPCIÓN DEL KINDERGARTEN

Haskell Elementary School llevará a cabo la inscripción de Kindergarten y chequeo el viernes, 25 de abril en la sala de juntas elemental.

Para atender a Kindergarten, un niño debe tener 5 años de edad ahora o antes 1 De Septiembre, 2003.

Cada niño necesita traer lo de el/su certificado de nacimiento, tarjeta de inmunización el registro y de seguro social para la registracion. Los padres necesitan traer la licencia de manejar.

Todos los grados incluyendo: Ventaja Delantera, Childhood Precoz, Prekindergarten y Kindergarten tendrán clase el viernes, 25 de abril.

Si usted tiene preguntas, favor de llamar para mas informacion al Tel. 864-2654. 16c

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Haskell students win UIL Academic Meet honors

For the second year in a row, Haskell High School has brought home the Sweepstakes Championship. With a total of 364 points, Haskell was awarded a plaque for being first place school at the 2003 District 8-AA UIL Academic Meet held at Eula High School, Mar. 24-27. Other schools competing were Stamford with 264 points, Cisco with 202 points, Eula, Eastland, Hawley and Anson.

Forty Haskell students competed in an array of events, bringing home a total of 6 plaques, 20 gold medals, 5 silver medals, and 9 ribbons.

In Calculator, Applications, Sydney Brueggeman won 1st place;

Jacklyn Escobedo 2nd; Jillian Thomas 4th, and Brittany Bird 5th. The team also won first place, qualifying for Regional.

In Computer Applications, Christi Sorrells placed 3rd, also qualifying for Regional.

In Mathematics, Sydney Brueggeman won 1st; Jillian Thomas 4th, and the team consisting of Sydney Brueggeman, Jillian Thomas, Leon Goudeau and Jacklyn Escobedo won 1st, all qualifying for Regional.

In Number Sense, Sydney Brueggeman won 1st; L. J. McCulloch placed 5th, and the team of Brueggeman, McCulloch, Angel

Pena and Goudeau placed 1st, all qualifying for Regional.

In Spelling and Vocabulary, Jacklyn Escobedo won 1st; Leslie Grand 3rd; Keli Jo McCarty 4th. The team of Escobedo, Grand, McCarty, and Susie Skinner won 1st, all qualifying for Regional.

In Speaking events, Haskell High School claimed Overall Speech Team Champion. For Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Kory Foster placed 2nd; qualifying for Regional. For Informative Speaking, Laura Baxter received 4th place; alternate for Regional. In Persuasive Speaking, Meagan Wallace placed 2nd and Caleb Hudgens placed 3rd, both

qualifying for Regional. For Poetry Interpretation, Jaelyn Drinnon received 3rd place, qualifying for Regional. Earlier this year, Drew Garison and Hudgens won 1st place in District Cross-Ex Debate, automatically qualifying for the State Debate AA Meet. Both of these students successfully advanced to the second day of competition, which placed them in the top 16 of 62 teams.

Haskell High School was also awarded with Overall Journalism Team Champion. In News Writing, Drew Garison placed 1st, and Debbi Long placed 2nd, both qualifying for Regional Competition. Wade Cothron received 4th place, alternate for Regional. For Feature Writing, Garison received 1st, qualifying for Regional, and Long placed 6th. For Editorial Writing, Garison won 1st place, and Long won 2nd, again both qualifying for Regional. In Headline Writing, Long placed 1st, qualifying for Regional, and Keli Jo McCarty placed 5th.

Other participants representing Haskell at the District Meet were Kerri Newton, Mollie McKnight, Robbyn Tribbey, Jacque Underwood, Taylor Seelke, Alexis Reed, Ryan Burgess, Chase Seelke, Josh Webb, Ross Hairgrove, Mike Payne, Nick Mendoza, Dax Pueschel, Cameron Short, Lindsay Pannell, Zack Coker, James Rincker, Ramon Cuellar, Kaysi Adams, Katie McKnight and Tracy Richardson.

Three of the fourteen Haskell High School students competing at the Region 1-AA UIL Academic Meet advanced to State Competition. The Regional UIL Academic Meeting was held Sat., April 12 at Abilene Christian University. Only the top three individual places and

first places in each event advance to State.

Meagan Wallace won 1st in Persuasive Speaking, Drew Garison won 2nd in Feature Writing and Sydney Brueggeman won 3rd in

Number Sense and 2nd in Calculator Applications. These three will compete at the University of Texas in Austin, May 2-3, at the State AA UIL Academic Meet.

Calendar

Youth baseball

Haskell Youth Baseball, now associated with Texas Teenage Baseball, will offer these leagues: coach-pitch 5-6 year olds, midjets 7-9 year olds and freshmen 10-12 year olds. League age is as of July 31, 2003. Registration is now being accepted. Tryouts for midjets and freshman will be April 19. Entry forms are available at Haskell Tire or Sport-About. Fees are \$15 per person or \$20 for two. For more information call Steven or Gina Foster at 864-2900 or 864-3273.

Garage/Bake Sale

The Team in Training Leukemia Society will hold a garage and bake sale Sat., April 19 from 7 to 11 a.m. at 3 Ave. B in Haskell. Donated items and donations welcome. Contact Bill Markunas 864-8903.

Head Start to register

Haskell Head Start will register Tues., May 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Elementary School.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., April 19 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 1303 N. Ave. 1 in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Easter play

An Easter play titled "From the cross to the glory," will be presented on Good Friday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at the Church of God in Haskell. The public is invited to attend.

Car wash

A free car wash will be held Sat., April 26 beginning at noon at Haskell Tire and Appliance in Haskell. Hot dogs, drinks and popcorn will also be available. Donations will be accepted to help send kids to the Church of God youth camp this summer.

Willow trees

The Haskell Garden Club is planting memorial desert willow trees at Willow Cemetery. Those wishing to donate \$25 to plant a tree in memory of their loved ones should call Frances Bowen at 864-2067.

Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated Fri., May 2 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell beginning at 7 p.m. with a Mexican dinner. Sunday events will begin at 11 a.m. and will include bingo, a horseshoe tournament and cake walk. Sunday's events conclude at 5 p.m.

Kindergarten to register

Haskell Kindergarten will register Fri., April 25 in the elementary conference room beginning at 9 a.m. with last names beginning with A-F, G-L will register at 10 a.m.; M-R at 1 p.m. and S-Z at 2 p.m.

Rochester Booster Club

The Rochester Booster Club will meet Tues., April 22 at 7 p.m. at the Rochester School Cafeteria. The Activity Banquet plans will be discussed.

PIE Meeting

Parents in Education will meet Thurs., April 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Haskell Elementary Cafeteria. All elementary parents are urged to attend.

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