Softball games

JV-V Maidens vs Hawley Fri., April 2, 4 p.m. at Haskell V Maidens vs Cisco Tues., April 6, 4 p.m. at Cisco

Baseball games

V Indians vs Hawley
Fri., April 2, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
JV Indians vs Hamlin
Mon., April 5, 4 p.m.
at Hamlin
V Indians vs Cisco
Tues., April 6, 4:30 p.m.
at Cisco

Track

Haskell
Indians and Maidens
Fri., April 2
Double Mountain Relays
Aspermont
Haskell Junior High Track
Sat., April 3
Eastland-Dist. Track Meet

Paint Creek
Pirates and Lady Pirates
Fri., April 2
Asperment Invitational

Calendar

Storm sirens to be tested on Friday

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays, weather permitting.

City clean up set April 5-17

The City of Haskell will conduct a city wide spring cleanup April 5-17. Call City Hall for more information.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., April 4 at the Irby Hall. The hall opens ad 2 p.m. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The meal will be ham and all the trimmings.

Society to meet

The Haskell County
Historical & Genealogical
Society will meet Mon., April
5 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

Sonrise service set Sun., April 11

Cornerstone Baptist
Fellowship will celebrate
Resurction Sun., April 11
with special services. At 8 a.m.
a Sonrise Service will be held
on west Highway 380 at the
site where the church's new
building will be constructed.
At 9 a.m. breakfast will be
served at the Civic Center
followed by a time of singing
and testimony. Morning
worship will begin at 10:45 at
the Civic Center. Everyone is
invited.

Storytime

Fun with Friends storytime will be held each Tuesday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the Haskell County Library until April 20. Children under 5 years old, accompanied by an adult, are encouraged to bring their favorite toy, blanket or pillow. Storytime is provided by friends of the haskell County Library and the Lebri Foundation.

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RAISING THE BIG TOP-Numbers of excited area elementary aged school children were on hand to witness the raising of the big tent for the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus on Thurs., Mar.

25. A circus representative, standing far right, explains the many details involved throughout out the process of raising the big circus tent by experienced circus personnel.

Senior citizens to enjoy banquet April 4

Haskell CISD and the Haskell County Commissioners' Court will again sponsor the Senior Citizens Senior Banquet on Sun., April 4, from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m, at the Civic Center.

The event, which has become an annual tradition, offers the entire community an opportunity to honor its senior citizens and to enjoy a

delicious meal in a beautiful setting.
Each year, Haskell High School
Junior Class students, sponsors and
parents spend hours constructing
lavish surroundings for the Senior
Class Banquet held on Saturday night
for high school students. On the
Sunday following, everyone else has



CASEY LUSK

Soldier returns from Iraq

Lieutenant Casey Lusk, who has been serving with the 4th Infantry Division in Iraq, has returned to Ft. Hood.

Lusk is the son of Jim and Terri Lusk of Duncanville, Arizona, and the grandson of Dora and Vernay

Joining him at Ft. Hood on his arrival were his wife, Natalea, and daughter Kaylea.

the opportunity to enjoy the banquet setting at the meal given in honor of all community senior citizens.

Tickets for the Sunday banquet are

everyone else, the cost of the ticket is \$5.00, which helps to defray the costs of providing the meal free to senior citizens.

Tickets are available at the Experienced Citizens Center, the school administration office, from any county commissioner and the county judge.

Regional issues to be discussed Apr. 28

A luncheon planned in Haskell, Wed., April 28, is one of a series of network luncheons Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) will sponsor in April for community leaders throughout the region.

The luncheons are for community leaders who are working to insure a brighter future for their respective community, said TMCN President Don Henry.

Cowboy, poet humorist to speak Sunday

John Gaither of Seymour, well-known inspirational cowboy poet, song writer and humorist, will be the guest speaker at a breakfast meeting, to which the community is invited, at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Sun., Apr. 4.

Now retired, the former cowboy from the 6666 Ranch, writes cowboy poems and songs, is active in his church and speaks to many groups around the country. He has produced a CD of some of his songs along with Red Stegall, and has appeared on "Cowboy Corner" on KVRP on Sunday evenings.

Anyone who wishes to come is invited to attend the 8:00 a.m. breakfast, which will be prepared and provided at no charge by men of the Methodist Church.

Gaither will speak at 8:30 a.m., allowing time for those attending to attend their regular Sunday School classes or church services.

"This year's series of luncheons will focus on issues important to our regions in the next Legislative Session," Henry said. City officials, county officials, economic development boards, chamber of commerce representatives and civic volunteers are invited to participate.

Interested participants in the Haskell meeting are encouraged to make reservations by calling 940-864-2477.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness and promotion, education and legislative action. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

For more information about the luncheons, call the TMCN Office at 325-676-0329 or 800-845-3563.

City wide clean up set

April 5-17 has been set aside by the Haskell City Council for the annual City Wide Clean Up. All citizens are asked to gather up, clear out and remove debris and trash from their property in an effort to make the community a safer, neater and more desirable looking place.

During cleanup days, two trailers will be available for half day use only, for those who do not have their own trailer or means of hauling off trash. Residents should call ahead to the city office to reserve a trailer. It will be delivered to the property and picked up by the city. The landfill and city offices will be closed on Good Friday, Apr. 9, and Sat., Apr. 10 for Easter. The landfill will be open on Sat., Apr. 17.

Large, bulky items, such as furniture, will be picked up if they are placed in the alley beside the dumpster. Brush and recyclable items may be taken to South 2nd and Ave. A. Items that will not be accepted during cleanup week are chemicals, tires, asbestos, any roofing materials or paint.

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

During cleanup week, free dumping will be available at the landfill for citizens of Haskell only.

Persons dumping at the landfill may be asked for proof of residency, such as a water bill.

All Big Country teams named

Three Haskell players named to the year's Class 2A girls basketball second team were:

Monica Buerger, 5' 10" junior center, with stats of 12.4 ppg; 5.8 rpg and 4.4 spg.

Calina Kendall, 5'7" junior guard/forward, with stats of 9.4 ppg 1.6 apg; 2.7 rpg.

Mollie McKnight, 5' 7" sophomore guard, with stats of 9.1 ppg; 2.1 apg; 3.6 rpg; 3.8 spg.

Named to the Class A girls basketball second team was Rule's M'Lynn Lehrmann, senior, with stats of 15 ppg; 9 rpg.



HELPING HANDS—Jackie Carter, left, Stamford District Manager of Big Country Electric Cooperative, presents a \$5000 check to Terry Joe Brueggeman, Asst. Chief of the Paint Creek Fire Dept., to help with expenses to rebuild the Paint Creek Station. The station was totally destroyed in the Mar. 4. tornado at The Anchor. The department is accepting donations for both the reconstruction of the station and for pumps for two fire trucks that have recently been donated to the department. Brueggeman estimates that \$10,000 is needed to fund the station reconstruction.

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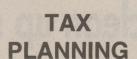
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Written By Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



PUT YOUR TAX REFUND TO GOOD USE

Did you recently receive an income tax refund? Here are some suggestions for making the most of it.

Pay off consumer debt. This is generally one of the best uses for extra cash. For example, if you typically carry a credit card balance and pay 16% interest, you'll realize a 16% return if you pay off that debt. You probably won't save quite as much by paying off other types of loans, but you should consider that as well.

Contribute to an individual retirement account (IRA). A contribution to an IRA is a good idea whether it's tax-deductible or not because IRA earnings grow tax-deferred. If you're self-employed and show a profit for the year, you can also make a tax-deductible contribution to a Keogh plan.

Start or add to an education fund. Consider investing your extra money in stock or bond mutual funds earmarked for your child's education. The younger your child, the more you might want to tilt your college savings toward stock mutual funds. They have performed better than bonds over the long term. We can help you decide whether your education fund should be held in your name, your child's name, or in trust. We can also make sure that you don't get snared by the "kiddie tax."

Invest in yourself. While planning for your family's education, don't forget yourself. Have you put off training for new job responsibilities or a new career because you couldn't afford it? Now that you have some extra cash, spending it on yourself may be the best investment of all. You also may be entitled to a tax deduction for education expenses that are required by your employer or that improve the skills required on your current job.

Don't just spend a tax refund; put it to work improving your financial well-being.

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Students visit Rotary

Brian Scifres is the son of Rosie Scifres of Stamford.

He attends First Baptist Church, Stamford.

At Paint Creek High School he is active in University Interscholastic League, on the yearbook staff, National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Students.

Special awards he has received include 2nd place in UIL Mathematics, 2001; the Presidents Award and a Perfect Attendance

His favorite leisure-time activities include playing on the computer and working.

After finishing high school he plans to attend a junior college and then transfer to a university to become a mathematics teacher.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 442 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Mar. 29, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 46 sellers and 28 buyers were present.

Stockers steady to \$2 higher, feeders \$1 to \$2 higher, stocker cows and pairs \$15 to \$20 higher.

Cows: fat, .43-.51; cutters, .40-.55; canners, .32-.40.

Bulls: bologna, .60-.68; feeders, .75-.87; utility, .48-.59.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.70; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.45; 400-500 lbs., 1.05-1.28; 500-600 lbs., .94-1.12; 600-700 lbs., .90-1.05; 700-800 lbs., .85-.95; 800-up lbs., .77-.86.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.55; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.12; 500-600 lbs., .88-1.05; 600-up lbs.,

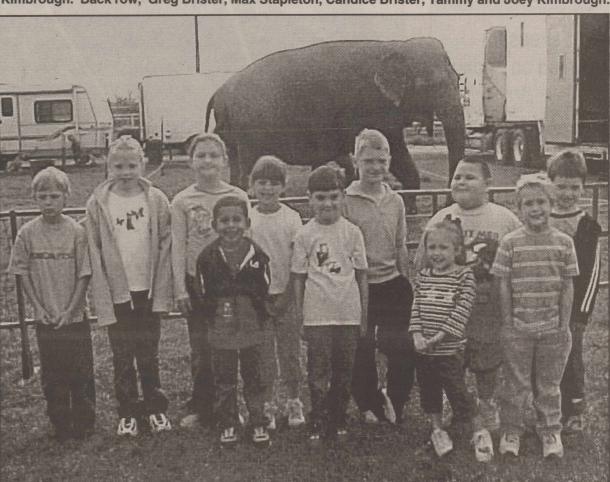
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700-825; aged or small, 450-650. Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 850-1150; aged or small, 700-825.

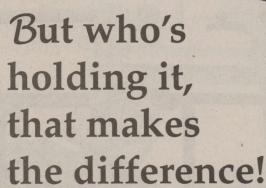


WINNING LAMB-Meagan Kimbrough of Haskell hugs her lamb which won 2nd place lamb at the San Antonio Stock Show. With her, front row, I-r, are Duane Gilly (breeder of the lamb), and Kyle Kimbrough. Back row, Greg Brister, Max Stapleton, Candice Brister, Tammy and Joey Kimbrough.



FUN AT THE CIRCUS-Paint Creek elementary students enjoying watching the circus come to town are: back row, I-r Shawn Myers, Caitlin Medford, Kadie McCord, Tarah Trotter, Tyler Hall, Christopher Elias and Ryan Reid. Front, Brandon Luevaro, Dalton Einhaus, Sara Edwards and Dylan Webb.

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Obituaries

Ella E. Grametbaur

Funeral services for Ella E. Grametbaur, 84, lifetime resident of Haskell County, were held Sat., March 27 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Stamford with Father George Roney and Father Michael Melcher officiating. Burial was in Highland Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home in Stamford.

Mrs. Grametbaur died Thurs.,

March 25 in an Abilene hospital. Born April 22, 1915 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of the late Gus and Annie Itze Kretschmer. She married John W. Grametbaur May 8, 1945 in Seymour. He preceded her in death July 3, 1983.

She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

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Preceding her in death were her parents; husband; one sister, Mary Moeller; two brothers, Willie and Richard Kretschmer; and two nephews, Willie and Edwin Moeller.

Survivors include a sister, Martha Stiewart of Haskell; four nieces, Francis Moeller, Katherine and Bobby Medford, all of Haskell, Dora Brueggeman of Weinert, and Erna and Tom Brueggeman of Fort Worth; two nephews, Ernest and Zella Moeller of Haskell and Leon and Melba Kretschmer of Thorndale; several cousins; great nieces and nephews; and great great nieces and nephews.

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ELLA E. GRAMETBAUR

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Colbert honored at presentation

Julee Ann Colbert was honored Sun., Mar. 28 by the North Dallas Chapter of National Charity League, Inc., during a formal Senior Presentation ceremony at Hotel Inter-Continental in Dallas.

Colbert is the daughter of Robin and Lee Ann Colbert, and the granddaughter of Golda Colbert and the late Dr. Robert Colbert, and Bailey and Nancy Toliver of Haskell.

Born in Edmond, Oklahoma, in 1985, throughout her years in high school, Colbert has been a part of various activities. At Shepton High School and Plano West Senior High School, she was a cheerleader, a part of the Student Congress and National Honor Society. As a member of the Cougar Cheer and Dance Company, she was nominated for All-American Cheerleader and won several places at different competitions.

She has spent her summers as a lifeguard, a swim team coach, and teaching private swimming lessons.

Participating through the National Charity League, Colbert has especially enjoyed working at Shoes for Orphan Souls and the Multiple Sclerosis Walk.



JULEE ANN COLBERT

"Being a part of the NCL has not only given me a chance to give back to the community, but also a chance to spend time with my mom," she said. "I have learned from NCL how much of an impact one can have on another's life through volunteering

In the fall, she will attend the University of Oklahoma and will major in Nursing.

Reception held for McNetts

A dinner reception was held Sat., Mar. 13, in Chickasha, Oklahoma, for Mr. and Mrs. Donnie McNeff (formerly Traci Fry), who were married Dec. 6.

Guests were greeted at the community center on the Grady County Fairgrounds by the bride and groom and their parents, Sandra and Keith Fry of Rochester, and Lou and George McNeff of Chickasha. Registering guests were Ellen and Kate McNeff, daughters of the groom. On display in the reception foyer was a composite of pictures

from the couple's wedding. After a special welcome was given by nine-year-old Kate McNeff, introduction of the bride and her parents was made by the groom's mother. Guests were given packets of wildflower seeds by Taylor Watson, niece of the bride. Matthew Watson, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer, using a pillow with embroidery by Dorothy Fry, grandmother of the bride

Carrying out the nature theme, tables for the 170 guests were decorated with clay pots of asparagus fern and glass candles, covered with handmade paper and raffia. Die-cut paper leaves made by Becky Underwood were strewn the length of the tables. In addition to a barbecue and German sausage meal prepared by the groom's family and friends, guests enjoyed a table with tiers of fruit, a vegetable table and the cake tables, which held five cakes of different varieties surrounding a three-tiered bride's cake topped with fresh flowers. Shannon Wood of Oklahoma City and Becky Sherman of Stillwater, Oklahoma, served the bride's cake and punch.

The groom's cake was presented on a table covered with an edible decor containing a Jeep trail made of brown sugar, chocolate rocks and red Jeeps representing the groom's own Jeep. Caci and Cari McNeff, nieces of the groom, served the groom's cake. Cakes were prepared by Janice Gibson.

Music from the '50s and 60's era was provided by a disc jockey, and a special children's section was set up for the young ones in attendance. The bride and groom held the wedding cake pinata for the children. Videos and prizes were on hand for their entertainment.

Those helping to decorate and prepare the tables were Sandra Fry, Becky Underwood of Lubbock, Carol Trueblood of Rochester and Ellen McNeff of Houston. Other members of the house party included Michelle Mickey of Abilene, Mrs. Jamie Brown of Yukon, Oklahoma, Tara Hesson of Columbus, Ohio, Vonda Archer of Seymour, Anne Witte of McKinney, Camille Allred of Wichita Falls and Shanon Sherman of Sulphur Springs.

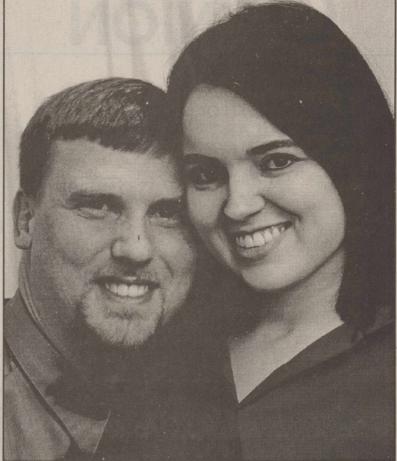
Student in the News

Whitney Hise of Haskell has successfully completed certification requirement for the country's original program in equine sports massage

Through the program, offered by Equissage. Inc. of Round Hill, Virginia, Hise has prepared for a career in the increasingly utilized muscle therapy for horses engaged in athletic competition.

Massage therapy, commonly employed to enhance sports performance in human athletes, has also proven to enhance the performance of equine athletes and assist the horse in reaching its fullest potential. Certification training concentrates on the theory of massage therapy and its benefits, as well as hands-on experience in applying the techniques on high performance horses.

The Haskell High School graduate is the daughter of Jerrie Sue and Vonnie Hise of Haskell.



ROBERT KLEIN - ALLISON PIKE

Pike, Klein to wed

John and Gina Pike of Rule are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Allison Paige Pike, to Robert Alan Klein, son of Drex and Bev Klein of Flower Mound.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Rule High School. She received a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance from Hardin-Simmons University in 1999 and a master's degree in Taxation from the University of Notre Dame in 2000. She is employed as a CPA with KPMG in Fort Worth.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1994 graduate of Flower Mound Marcus High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas Christian University. He works in advertising at the RadioShack corporate office in Fort Worth.

A June 26 wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church in Rule at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

A reception will immediately follow in the fellowship hall.

EEA attend Rally Day

Six members of the Haskell Extension Education Association were among 38 TEEA members from Baylor, Knox and Haskell Counties, who traveled to Seymour, Mar. 17 to attend the Tri-County Rally Day.

After a short business meeting, a program on Spring Gardening Tips, and a video on "Make it Fun for Members" was presented.

During a show-and-tell session, Alice Yates of Weinert showed her collection of harmonicas, and entertained the club with a song. Mary Jennings showed her mother's antique curling iron.

Following lunch, Annawyn Bandy, Baylor County CEA-FCS gave a program on "A Healthy Harvest, Safe Handling of Fruits and

Attending from Haskell were Flossie Bates, Mary Jennings, Jane Smith, Alice Yates, Lena Tidwell and Geraldine Baker.

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Births

Joe and Marla Strittmatter of Denton announce the arrival of their twin sons born Feb. 26. Reed Joseph Strittmatter weighed 7 lbs. and was 19 3/4 inches long and Collin Michael Strittmatter weighed 8 lbs. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are John and JoHelen (Elliott) Phillips of Lampasas and David and Bernice Strittmatter of Pilot Point.

Great grandparents are Helen Elliott of Haskell and Margaret Strittmatter of Pilot Point.





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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Troops rally support for Texas military bases

AUSTIN-School finance and the ongoing Travis County grand jury investigation into campaign funding issues figure in most state political news stories these days, but troop movements are continuing in preparation for the coming "war" to preserve military spending in Texas.

The stakes are the economic wellbeing of some Texas communities, and the campaign is proceeding on schedule, with the balloon set to go up in May 2005. That's when, with the presidential elections over, the list of military installations targeted for closure will be announced.

The beginning of the big battle still more than a year off, here are some recent "troop movements" affecting Texas:

•Last week, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld certified to Congress that the military believes it has nearly a quarter more base capacity than it needs. Specifically, he said, the Army has 29 percent excess capacity, the Air Force 24 percent and the Navy and Marines 21 percent. The nation could save billions of dollars by 2011 in reducing those percentages, he said.

•U.S. Sen. John Cornyn suggested that Texas could be just the place to station the thousands of troops expected to be moved back to the U.S. from abroad. "Texas has the space, the facilities, the weather and the quality of life our troops deserve and need to most effectively defend our nation," the senator said after making his proposal to Rumsfeld and other military officials.

•U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortizworried about the three naval bases in the Corpus Christi areaintroduced a bill that would postpone any base closures until 2007, but observers did not give the measure much chance of passage.

· A delegation from El Paso, which has had an Army garrison

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shaken by a frustrated parent or

caregiver who is faced with the daily

tensions of life, there may be

learned this when her grandson was

diagnosed as a victim of Shaken

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January. Since that time, she has had

a burning desire in her heart to learn

more about this fast-growing form of

child abuse, and to share the

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Dunlap, who with her husband, is

frightening facts with others.

Debbie Dunlap of Throckmorton

irreparable consequences.

since 1848, went to Washington to make its case for the continuation of Fort Bliss. Since 1988, the military has closed 97 installations across the nation. Texas currently has 17 military bases contributing a total of \$49 billion to the state's economy.

Report cards out...

Most Texas school children got their report cards last week, and in a figurative sense, so did Texas' educational system. The Texas Education Agency reported that preliminary results of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) showed that 91 percent of the state's third-graders passed the standardized reading test this spring.

That's a two-point increase over last year's test, even though the test this year was more challenging. Last year, pupils had to get 20 out of 36 questions right. This year, the standard was 23 out of 36 questions, the TEA said.

Slightly more than a third of the students achieved the "commended performance" level by missing no more than two questions. Last year the percentage was 26.

The 9 percent of students who did not pass the test will get two more changes and will receive additional help in learning to be better readers. Last year, by the third try, 96 percent of the state's third-graders had passed

Coastal grants announced...

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson has announced \$7.4 million in grants to be used in combating coastal erosion.

The General Land Office said Texas has 229 miles of significantly eroding beach. Shrinking beaches, the GLO said, significantly impact infrastructure, wildlife and even public health. Money made available through the grants will be used to add sand to the dry portions of beaches, widening them by up to 300 feet. Sand also will be added underwater. The Legislature approved funding for the program in 1999.

of shaking a baby during the stress

of being parents. Their grandson's

father is going on trial Mar. 29 in

SBS is caused by vigorous

shaking of an infant or young child

by the arms, legs, chest or shoulders,

5 to 20 seconds, or 40 to 80 times

back and forth. In some cases the

shaking is followed by a final impact

to the baby's head against a bed, chair

or other surface. Also, even throwing

small children up in the air and

catching them, jogging with them in

back carriers, or tossing them

playfully onto a bed-all seemingly

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harmless acts of playing-can cause bleeding around the brain and eyes, resulting in varying degrees of

blindness. A baby's head and neck are especially vulnerable to injury because the head is so large and the neck muscles are still weak. In addition, the baby's brain and blood vessels are very fragile and easily damaged by whiplash motions. Rib and long bone fractures, and bruises around the head, neck or chest can

In the worst SBS cases, the death rate is almost half of all babies involved. Children who survive may suffer partial or total blindness, hearing loss, seizures, developmental delays, impaired intellect, speech and learning difficulties, paralysis or coma. Severe mental retardation may also result.

baby looks normal immediately after shaking, they may eventually develop one or more of these problems. By the time they enter the school system, it is more difficult to link these problems to a shaking incident of

SBS are learning disabilities; behavioral problems; partial loss of vision or blindness; Mental Retardation; Autism, Cerebral Palsy; paralysis; permanent vegetative state;

SBS is difficult to diagnose, unless someone accurately describes what happened. Physicians often report that a child with possible shaken baby syndrome is brought for medical attention due to falls, difficulty breathing, seizures, vomiting, altered consciousness or choking. The caretaker may report that the child was shaken to try to resuscitate it.

Babies with severe or lethal shaken baby syndrome are typically brought to the hospital unconscious with a closed head injury.

An estimated 50,000 cases occur each year in the United States. One shaken baby in four dies as a result of this abuse.

Most SBS victims are shaken by males. This differs from other forms of child abuse in which children are most frequently harmed by females. One study in 1997 found that of those causing SBS, 40 percent were fathers or stepfathers; 21 percent were boyfriends of the mothers; 21 percent were babysitters; and 13 percent were mothers.

The costs for treating SBS survivors are high. Estimates of medical expenses for each hospitalized baby, as a result of SBS, range between \$75,000 and \$95,000. The costs for one infant surviving three years with severe neurological damage are estimated at \$1 million.

Those who feel they have reached their limit of patience in caring for a child are encouraged to call a friend, relative or neighbor to come over while they take a break. While many as parents see this as a failure or admitting defeat, it is the most responsible thing to do.

The message of SBA week, which is the third week in April, is that a baby is the greatest gift of all, one that is to be lovingly held, caressed and gently cared for.

Debbie Dunlap's mission is to do all she can to help make others aware of the anguish brought to a family by shaken baby abuse. She says her family is living proof that it can happen to anyone and everyone.

"My goal is that our grandson can someday realize that his life wasn't turned upside down without maybe helping some other child," she said.

Pat Everett, a junior at Haskell High School, placed first in shorthand and Derinda Amonett, a

> 40 Years Ago April 2, 1964

sophomore, placed first in typing in

UIL.

Brenda Griffith of Paint Creek became the spelling champion of Haskell County in a spelling bee sponsored by Haskell Jaycees. Ava Jean Posey of Rochester was runner

At a meeting of the student body, the "1964 Bobcat," yearbook of Rule High School was dedicated to Mrs. C. W. Dunnam, faculty sponsor. Louetta Barbee and David May were revealed as Mr. and Mrs. Rule High School.

50 Years Ago April 1, 1954

Lois Sturdivant, first grade teacher in Haskell schools, was chosen as the teacher of the week. She is the former Lois Anderson and was raised in Haskell. She taught third grade in Hockley County schools before her marriage.

Jean Elliott, Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald, Mrs. S. W. Flournoy, Mrs. James E. Ferguson, Mrs. Edd Hester and Mrs. R. W. Herren attended the 26th annual conference of Thirteenth District of Texas Congress of Parent and Teachers.

> 100 Years Ago April 2, 1904

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Frost returned from Mineral Wells where they spent the winter with their son, Harvey.

Jim and Tom Tucker, who have been away for a year or two, arrived here on a visit to their mother, Kate

February sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced that state sales tax revenue in February totaled more than \$1.26 billion, up 6.2 percent compared to February 2003.

Strayhorn delivered \$303.6 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, an 8.3 percent increase compared to March 2003. So far this calendar year, local sales tax rebates are up 7.4 percent compared to the first three months of 2003.

"Texas' economic recovery is gaining momentum," Strayhorn said. "The latest economic data indicate that the Texas economy will outpace the nation through 2005."

State sales tax revenue for February, and the payments made to local governments in March, are based mainly on sales that occurred in January.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent March sales tax payments of \$206.1 million to Texas cities, up 9.3 percent compared to March 2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 8 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$17.4 million, up 4.1 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 6.5 percent higher than last year.

Haskell County had a 68.13 percent increase for March, 2004 of \$27,397.62 in comparison to \$16,295.31 for March 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$89,906.83 reflect a 17.16 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$76,737.55.

The City of Haskell had a 73.04 percent increase for March, 2004 of \$25,898.57 in comparison to \$14,966.75 for March, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$83,476.55 reflect a 17.64 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$70,955.91.

The City of O'Brien had a 22.78 percent decrease for February, 2004 of \$24.54 in comparison to \$31.78 for February, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$410.50 reflect a 31.12 percent decrease over 2003 payments to date of \$595.97.

The City of Rochester had a 29.48 percent increase for March, 2004 of \$471.92 in comparison to \$364.46 for March, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$1,745.43 reflect a 13.87 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$1,532.78.

The City of Rule had a 7.47 percent increase for March, 2004 of \$965.50 in comparison to \$898.31 for March, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$3,808.82 reflect a 17.21 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$3,249.49.

The City of Weinert had a 9.05 percent increase for March, 2004 of \$37.09 in comparison to \$34.01 for March, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$465.53 reflect a 15.40 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$403.40.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and this year's theme is "Don't Walk Away: Helping to Strengthen Texas Families." The Haskell County Child Welfare Board is hoping to create an awareness of child abuse and to educate people in our community on how to prevent it. The best way to prevent child abuse and neglect is to support families and provide parents with the skills and resources they need. We believe that preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of every caring community member.

During the month of April, Haskell County schools will participate in a different activity each week to promote awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Week one is "Blue Ribbon Week," and there will be cash prizes for selected students who are wearing their Child Abuse Prevention ribbons. During week two, poster contests will be conducted by the elementary grades, with the theme "Don't Walk Away: Helping to Strengthen Texas Families." Bookmarks will be

provided for every K-12 student during week three. Students will receive pencils and activity sheets during the fourth and final week of Child Abuse Prevention Month. With these activities, we hope to make our students a part of preventing child abuse.

Parents need to know that they are not alone in making our community strong and safe. The Web site www.itsuptoyou.org contains a wealth of information on how to prevent child abuse, where to go to get help with parenting skills, and what to do if you suspect a child is in danger. Additionally, volunteers from the Haskell County Child Welfare Board are in the community sharing information from Child Abuse Prevention Kits. Contact your local Child Protective Services office for more information. We cannot afford to walk away from child abuse and neglect.

Sincerely, Betsy McManamon Haskell County Child Welfare Board



NEWS ITEM: GAS PRICES DOUBLE IN SOME AREAS SINCE 2001 ...

From Out of the Past

June Biffle and Harold Woods

were named outstanding citizens

during the Rule Chamber of

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago April 7, 1994

"The Patchwork Quilt" Haskell Secondary school's one-act play advanced to area competition. Winning honors at the district competition were Janeen Jordan and Kurt McCord with places on honorable mention all-star cast. Christy Cadenhead and Amy McWhorter made all-star cast. Katy Martin received best actress.

Neal Holmes and Michelle Green of Haskell won first place in the Greenhand range and plant identification in the annual Haskell SWCD/California Creek SWCD Soil and Grass Judging Contest.

The Rule High School math and science team won sweepstakes at the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association state meet in San Antonio. Team members were Denise Wilson, Michael Murray, Cory Robinson, Allison Pike, Kacy Baltz and Julie Saffel.

April 5, 1984

The Haskell Maidens captured the district team championship in tennis. Jennifer Davis, Sheila Klose and

Commerce annual banquet.

Denise Burris advanced to regional Haskell students Fred Barnett with 1st in news writing, Paul Cox with 3rd in headline writing, Holli High with 1st in science and Kendall Medford with 2nd in informative

speaking earned the right to go to regional UIL. 30 Years Ago

April 4, 1974 Haskell Junior High Band entered the Cisco Jr. College Music Festival and came home Sweepstakes winner. Earning a Div. I rating were Sarah Cox, Terri Therwhanger, Kim Campbell, Connie Frierson, Tamara Sorrells, Vickie Hill, Teresa Jenkins, Greg Gideon, Sharon Gray, Gayle Holder, Mary Moody, Betsy Opitz, Leisa Reynolds and Jill Adkins.

20 Years Ago

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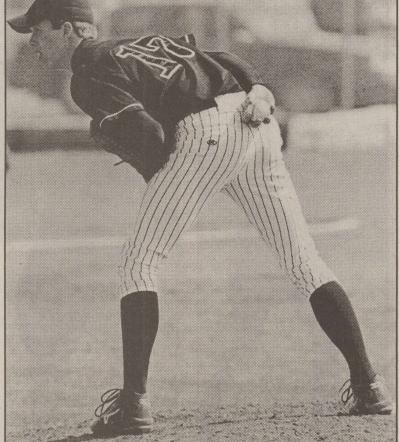
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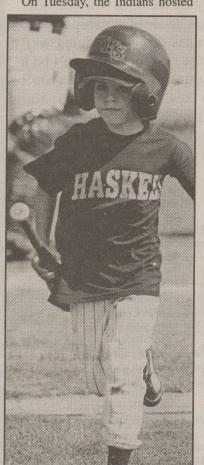


CATCHER AT THE PLATE-Jeffry 'Worm' Silba is ready to receive a pitch in the Indians' winning game with Eula, Mar. 27. WINNING PITCHER-Haskell pitcher, Brad Blanks, is on the mound in the game with Eula, in which he pitched 11 strike outs and no

hits in 5 innings. Haskell took the game, 5-4.

Last week the Haskell Indian Baseball team picked up two important district wins.

On Tuesday, the Indians hosted



BIG LITTLE BATBOY-Kade Colley, son of the Haskell Coach, Kent Colley, runs to do his job at the Indian's game

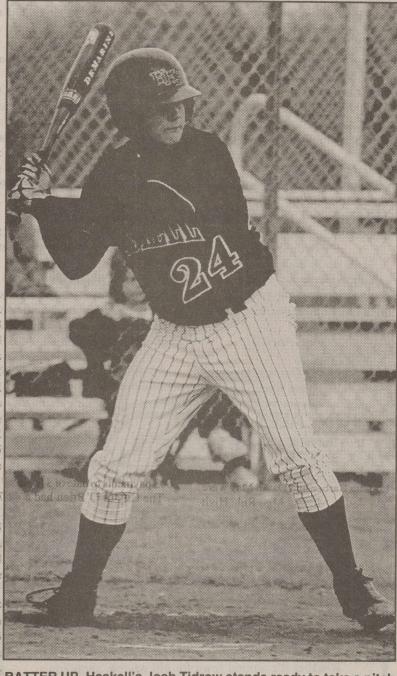
the Bulldogs of Stamford and outscored them 5-2. The winning pitcher was Kendall Mitchell, who pitched the complete game. On Saturday, the Indians were scheduled to play in Eula, but due to early morning rains in Eula, the game was switched to Haskell. In that game, the Indians had a come-from-behind win, outscoring Eula 5-4. The winning pitcher was Brad Blanks, with 11 strike outs and no hits in 5 innings. These two wins pushed the Haskell overall record to 6-4 and 3-1 in district play.

Extra base hits last week went to Jeff Silba, Josh Tidrow, Brad Blanks, Jon Dulaney and Brandon McClatchey, with top offensive honors going to Brad Blanks.

The Indians were to finish up the first round of district play this week with a road trip to Eastland on Tues., Mar. 30, and hosting Hawley on Fri.,

The JV played two games last week. Monday, they traveled to Stamford, losing 4-2. Saturday, they hosted Eula's JV and defeated them

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BATTER UP-Haskell's Josh Tidrow stands ready to take a pitch in the game with Stamford, Tues., Mar. 23.

Monthly Calendar of Events

APRIL 2004

Haskell Independent School District

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1225-088-C	38-1 10 38-1 10			District One Act Play at Anson	V-Baseball Hawley at Haskell 2 4 p.m. Softball JV-V vs Hawley at Haskell 4 p.m. Double Mountain Relays at Aspermont	JrSr. Banquet Jr. High District Track at Eastland
Sr. Citizen Banquet at Civic Center	JV Baseball at Hamlin 4 p.m.	V Baseball at Cisco 4:30 p.m. V Softball at Cisco 4 p.m. UIL Band Concert at Anson	B & G Dist. Golf at Shady Oaks, Baird Area II Land & Range Tarleton State Univ.	Spring Pictures 8 a.m. – til V Softball Coleman at Haskell 4 p.m.	Track TBA	Area One Act Play
11	12	V Baseball Anson at 13 Haskell 4:30 p.m. JV-V-Softball Anson at Haskell 4 p.m.	B & G Dist. Golf Maxwell Course at Abilene	15	JV-V Softball at Olney TBA ack at Haskell	NHS-Student Council to Six Flag Area II CDE Texas Tech
18	JV Baseball Stamford at Haskell 4 p.m.	V Softball at Stamford 20 4 p.m. V Baseball at Stamford 4:30 p.m.	Cheerleading Try Outs 21 B & G Reg. Golf at Shady Oaks, Baird - State FFA at Tarleton -	B & G Reg. Golf at Shady Oaks, Baird ————————————————————————————————————	JV-V Baseball at Eula 4 p.m. AP and UIL Academics	24 Regional Track TBA at ACU
Senior Supper First Christian 7 p.m.	26 Senior Roast	TAKS Test 7-8 Math 10 Social Studies 11 Math	TAKS Test 7-8 Reading 10 Math	TAKS Test 8 Social Studies 29 9 Math 10 Science 11 Social Studies JV-V Baseball at Eastland 4 p.m.	V Baseball at Hawley 30 4:30 p.m. TAKS N	

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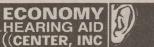
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Haskell School Menu

April 5-9 **Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast pizza Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket Wednesday: Captain Crunch cereal,

pop tart Thursday: Cinnamon toast

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 ham and cheese.

Monday: Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, sliced peaches

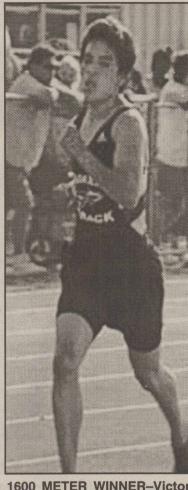
Tuesday: Soft tacos/cheese, garden salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, cherry gelatin

Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, fried okra, green beans, breadstick, banana pudding

Thursday: Cheeseburger, lettuce/ tomato/pickle slices, French fries, ice cream



TEAM MEMBER-Haskell's Holton Hernandez runs a leg of the 800 meter relay at the Mogul Relays. Photo by Bill Blankenship



1600 METER WINNER-Victor Ajoleza won 1st place in the time of 5:10.5 at the Mogul Relays. Photo by Bill Blankenship



RUNNING THE MOGUL-Amber Bingham of Haskell runs in the 1600 meter relay at the Mogul Relays. Photo by Bill Blankenship



TEAM WORK-Haskell girls running 1st in the 800 at the Moguls Relay with a time of 1:55:01 are, I-r, Stephanie Grand, Roxanne Chavez, Jasmine Thomas and Kerri Newton. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Iracksters run at Mogul Relays

The Haskell Maidens and Indians participated in the Mogul Relays held Sat., March 27 in Munday.

The Maidens placed 8th with 51 points.

Results include: 3200 meter run: 2. Grand 12:58.024.

800 meter relay: 1. 1.55.1. 400 meter dash: 4. Grand 64.93. Discus: 6. Amenta Vic, 80'2". Long jump: 2. Chavez, 14' 10 3/4"; 5. Thomas, 14'2"

points.

Results include: 400 meter relay: 6. 46.15. 800 meter relay: 3. Ajoleza,

800 meter relay: 4. 1:36.01. 400 meter dash: 3. Andrada,

1600 meter relay: 5. 3:43.48.

This Week's Devotional Message:



During our childhood, we were often so carried away with April Fool jokes that we continued them the next day. Then, someone would admonish us with the little two-liner, "April Fool is past; you're the biggest fool at last!" However, after we grew up, we learned that fools are not hard to find, and that we don't have to wait for a special occasion but can see them all the year

'round. They are the ones who consider attending their house of worship a waste of time, because things are going well for them at the moment. So don't be a fool, but start now-if you haven't already-to seek God's help and guidance. Then, when something does go wrong, you'll be better prepared to solve it or cope with it. It's the wise

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Rev. Tom Collins, pastor

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, Haskel

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.

Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend

Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

Gazebo or Pavillion

Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship

Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

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First Baptist Church

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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

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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 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 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 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell First Assembly of God

1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell St. George Catholic Church Father George Roney

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

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

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500 Main, Rochester Union Chapel Baptist Church Rev. Clarence Walker Hopewell Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Rochester 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell Faith Chapel of Rochester Katherine Byrd, minister Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

thing to do.

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. -SAGERTON-Sagerton Methodist Church Melissa Bemis, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor

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

---RULE-First Baptist Church Josh Stowe, pasto 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

Wendall Fergerson, 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.., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m. 300 Sunny Ave., Rule ---PAINT CREEK-

Paint Creek Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m. Paint Creek ---O'BRIEN-

O'Brien Baptist Church Milton McManus, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m. O'Brien

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Mon., April 5 11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check

Lunch-Hungarian goulash with rice, vegetables, turnip greens, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., April 7 Gospel singing

Lunch-BBQ German sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, onions/ pickles, cheese bisquits, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee Fri., April 9

Lunch-Chicken and dressing, cream gravy, green bean casserole, sliced cranberries, yeast rolls, applé crisp, milk, tea, or coffee

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



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MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Sat., April 3, 8 til? Clothes, knick-knacks, deer rifle, dolls and etc. 806 S. First St. 14p

CARPORT SALE: Sat., April 3. 8 til 2. Deep freezer, toys, stuff. 103 Ave. J East. 14p

MULTIPLE FAMILY SALE: Sat., April 3. 309 Bonnie Lane. Lots of kid's clothing, household items/decor, couch, loveseat, glider rocker, play equipment, refrigerator/freezer, bicycles. 8 to 1. 14p

GARAGE SALE: Fri. and Sat. 8 to 6. 1206 N.Ave. G. Name brand clothes, jewelry, other items. 14p

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The planning and zoning commission of the City of Haskell, Texas, will hold a public hearing pursuant to this request on April 16, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

A request has been received from Carlos Rodriquez and Kimberly Rodriquez to change the following described property: Lot number 6, 7 & 8 block 8, 800 S. Ave. G, other description Highland Addition from residential zoning district to commercial zoning district. The applicant proposes to use the property for burrito stand if zoning is achieved.

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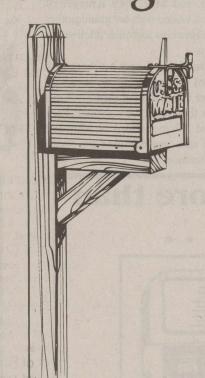
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Local scout earns top award

Preston Morrow of Haskell helped Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136 with the annual fund-raiser for Scouting, by selling Trails-End popcorn to friends, relatives and neighbors throughout the community during October, 2003.

Morrow was one of over 850 Scouts in the Double Mountain District working to support the "Ideal Year of Scouting" plan to finance their unit's activities and projects during the coming year. In doing so, he earned a top award.

Headquartered in Abilene, the Texas Trails Council provides incentives to the Scout Units to complete this activity promptly and efficiently in a short time frame. A division of Weaver Pop-Corn Inc., Trails-End offers individual Scouts personal incentives to reach certain sales goals. Awards range from lapel pins to uniform patches, gift certificates, and college scholarships. Additionally, the Council provides personal incentives to the Individual Scouts for benchmark sales. These include Scout Shop Certificates, Camp Cash, and Cash Awards based on percentage of individual sales.

This year, community sponsors assisted with an added incentive in the form of a top-of-the-line GO-CART, which was to be awarded to participating Scouts, based on qualifying levels of sales. The drawing from the fifty-five eligible entries was conducted Dec. 18 at the Texas Trails Council Board meeting. This special grand prize awarded



'GO GETTER' READY TO GO-Haskell Cub Scout Preston Morrow, sits in the new GO-CART he won by being a top salesman of Trails-End popcorn during the Double Mountain District's fund-raising project to support the "Ideal Year of Scouting" activities during the coming year. Morrow's name was drawn from a pool of 55 other top-selling eligible Scouts at the Texas Trails Council Board meeting in December. Over 850 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts worked on the District project. The GO CART award was made possible by support from Wallace Emerson and the First National Bank of Haskell.

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Collectively, the Double Mountain Scouts raised over fifty thousand dollars to support the Scouting programs in their district,

which includes Haskell, Jones, Fisher, Nolan, Stonewall, Shackleford and part of Taylor

Three Haskell County Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) groups will be among more than 1,300 AAH groups statewide expected to participate Sat.,

April 3 in the 19th annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, one of the nation's largest single-day cleanups.

The groups in Haskell County that

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Charlotte Foreman of Odessa spent the weekend in Haskell visiting with her son and family, Flint, Lisa and Austin Nanny; her sister and brother-in-law, Jeanie and Hyrum Richards; and her mother, Lois Redwine. She also attended the Classic Car Show and church at the First Baptist Church.

Stan and Jean Wheatley of Casper, Wyoming spent the night last week with Hyrum and Jeanie Richards. They were en route to Florida.

Garry and Yuvonne Huffhines of Dimmitt stayed at the camp grounds last weekend. They attended the dinner and reception held for her mother, Joyce Hawkins, on Saturday. They visited with Margaret Tatum and Joyce Hawkins during their time here. They left Monday for Lake Texhoma to spend a week.

Jimmy Boyd of Abilene visited with Joyce Hawkins on Thursday.

Jake and Katy Roysdon of Mansfield visited with Charlene Hawkins and repaired her roof while

A dinner and reception for Joyce Hawkins in celebration of her 82nd birthday was held Sat. at the Trinity Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. 64 attended from Wichita Falls, Dimmitt, Lubbock, Panhandle, Anson, Lewisville, Temple, Jarrell, Mansfield, Grapevine, Marble Falls

Mr. and Mrs. Joey Krueger of Burnett visited with her grandmother Joyce Hawkins and other relatives on

Don Ballard and brother, Bob Ballard of New Home went to visit brother Jim Ballard of Lake Texhoma where they spent the weekend. They visited Devin Ballard of Munster, Jim's son, and attended his rodeo have already signed up for this year's event are the Dan Griffith Family, Paint Creek Yacht and Polo Club and the Texas Chiefs Model Airplane

Last year alone, one million pounds of trash was picked up by more than 70,000 AAH and Keep Texas Beautiful volunteers all across Texas, making it one of the most successful years in Trash-Off history.

Since TxDOT started counting in 1994, volunteers have picked up more than 14 million tons of trash on Texas highways. That equals 1,417 pounds for every man, woman and child in Texas.

For more information on the AAH program or to sign your AAH group up for the Trash-Off, contact the Haskell County AAH coordinator, Laramie Creacy, at 940-864-8521 or Kilgore at 325-676-6806.

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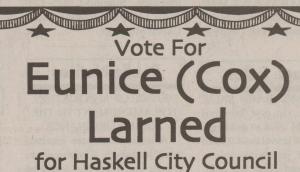
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