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Eula Tournament  
Feb. 24 & 26  
V Maidens vs Seymour  
Fri., Feb. 25, 5 p.m.  
at Albany  
V Maidens vs Hamlin  
Tues., March 1, 4:30 p.m.  
at Haskell

### Baseball games

JV Indians vs Clyde  
Thurs., Feb. 24, 4 p.m.  
at Clyde  
V Indians  
Seymour Tournament  
Feb. 24-26  
Fri. games: 9 a.m. & 12 noon  
V Indians vs Aspermont  
Tues., March 1, 4 p.m.  
at Haskell

### Calendar

#### Black history program

A Black history program will be presented Sat., Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. and Sun., Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. at the Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. Third Street, Haskell. The program theme, One Person Can Make A Difference, will be presented by Rev. T. L. Griffin, pastor. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### Tournament

A Little Dribbler's basketball tournament and hamburger lunch will be held Sat., March 5 at the Haskell Little Gym. Games begin at 9 a.m. An 'Indian Meal' of hamburger, chips, candy and drink will be available for \$5. A concession stand will be open. Proceeds benefit the Haskell Little Dribblers Association.

#### Fish fry

The Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Group will hold a fish fry Sun., Feb. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church located on East Highway 380 in Haskell. Fried fish, coleslaw, beans, french fries, dessert and drink will be served at a cost of \$6.

#### Rule Chamber banquet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Tues., March 1 at the Rule School cafeteria at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8. The meal will be prepared by the parents of the Junior Class. Man and Woman of the Year will be announced. New officers will be named.

#### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Feb. 24 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

#### One Act Plays

The Haskell Memorial Civic Center will host a night of One Act Plays Mon., Feb. 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. High school students from Rule, Munday, Paint Creek and Haskell will present their plays. Admission is \$3 per person. A concession will be available during intermission of each play. Door prizes will be given.

#### Long term care

A meeting to discuss "The Basics of Long Term Care Insurance" will be held Fri., Feb. 25 at 11:30 at the Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell while those attending have lunch. The program will be presented by Jeannie Williams, Benefits Counselor of West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging. Call the ECC at 864-6164 for the meal price.

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# The Haskell Free Press

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**MAKING WAY FOR THE HIGHWAY**—Construction crews and equipment were busy on South 6th Street in Haskell Monday, as it and several streets are closed, and work continues on the extensive Hwy. 277 bypass around Haskell.

## Tornado drill set March 4

As we in Haskell learned last March 4th, when tornadic winds ripped through portions of the county, leaving property damage and costly rebuilding in its wake, severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning.

Do we have a way to receive a warning about storms? Do we know what to do in such a situation?

The National Weather Service Office in San Angelo invites schools and communities in the area to participate in their 5th annual Tornado Warning Drill on Thurs., Mar. 3. Haskell County is one of 24 counties to be included in the practice warning.

At approximately 10:05 a.m. on Mar. 3, the National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a practice tornado warning through NOAA Weather Radio. Some local radio and TV stations and Emergency Management offices may also relay this warning. The practice tornado warning will be cancelled at 10:20 a.m.

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**DIVISION ONE WINNERS**—Haskell High School Indian Band students earning Division One ratings at UIL contest early this month are: back row, l-r, Sarah Garcia, Caleb Hudgens and John English. Front row, Meredith Harvey, Natalie Lopez, Teddye Harris and Noah Lemmond. Chris Wright is the Haskell Band director.

## Band members headed to state contests

Earlier this month, several Haskell Band students participated in the annual UIL Solo and Ensemble contest, individually preparing solos in order to perform for a judge who would give them a rating based upon the quality of their playing. Similarly, small groups of students worked together to learn ensemble music to perform for a rating. A judge's rating of Division One is considered superior.

Haskell students honored to receive a Division One rating included Caleb Hudgens, performing a piano solo from memory, qualifying to perform at state level in May; Sarah Garcia, performing a euphonium solo; Meredith Harvey, earning honors on both a trumpet and a piano solo; Natalie Lopez, Teddye Harris, John English and Noah

Lemmond, performing a saxophone quartet.

These instrumental solos are in addition to the Division One rating received by several Haskell Band twirlers, earlier this year. Qualified to go to the state contest in May for their solos are Robbyn Tribbey and Kristen Martinez.

The Haskell Junior High twirlers Brittany Garison, Laura Garcia, Selina Rodriguez, Miranda Ashley and Lonnie Alvarez all received a Division One for their ensemble performance. Also, Brittany Garison, Laura Garcia and Miranda Ashley all received a First Division for their twirling solos.

Haskell Band Director, Chris Wright said the Haskell Indian Band is proud of these students and all others who participated in the event.



**HASKELL JR. HIGH TWIRLERS**—Members of the team receiving a Division One rating for their ensemble performance at the UIL contest are, l-r, Laura Garcia, Miranda Ashley, Lonnie Alvarez, Selina Rodriguez and Brittany Garison. Also receiving a First Division rating for their twirling solos were Garison, Garcia and Ashley.



**TWIRLERS GOING TO STATE**—Haskell High School Twirlers, l-r, Kristen Martinez and Robbyn Tribbey received a Division One rating for their solos at the UIL contest, qualifying them to go to the state contest in May.

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## Calendar

### Classic car show

The 9th annual Haskell Fire Dept. Classic Car Show will be held Sat., March 19 around the courthouse in Haskell. Entries are \$20. Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. Judging will be at 12:30 p.m. followed by a trophy presentation at 3:30 p.m. Hot Wheel races will be held for the kids. A kids tractor pull will be held. For more information contact Randy Shaw at 864-2023.

### TCROT lunch

The Texas Cowboy Reunion Oldtimers Assn. (TCROT) will host a stew and cornbread lunch Fri., March 11 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Bunkhouse, just southwest of the TCR main entrance in Stamford. Tickets are \$6. Proceeds will help pay for needed repairs to the Bunkhouse and Round-Up Hall. Advance tickets may be purchased by calling 864-2411 or contacting any TCROT member. Carryouts will be available.

### Benefit walk

A walk for Autism research will be held in Abilene Sat., April 2 beginning at 9 a.m. Those wishing to join "Taylor's team" should contact Melissa Burson. Sponsors, donations and team members are needed. Proceeds benefit the National Alliance for Autism Research.

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 418 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Feb. 19, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 34 sellers and 37 buyers were present.

Packers \$2 to \$5 lower. Stockers \$2 to \$3 lower. Feeders \$1 to \$4 lower.

Cows: fat, .50-.55; cutters, .48-.58; canners, .35-.48.

Bulls: bologna, .64-.71; feeders, .85-.95; utility, .55-.67.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.35-1.85; 300-400 lbs., 1.30-1.50; 400-500 lbs., 1.20-1.45; 500-600 lbs., 1.05-1.29; 600-700 lbs., 1.00-1.14; 700-800 lbs., .97-1.08; 800-up lbs., .84-1.00.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.70; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.25; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.20; 500-600 lbs., .92-1.15; 600-up lbs., .72-1.05.

Bred heifers medium frame, 750-925.

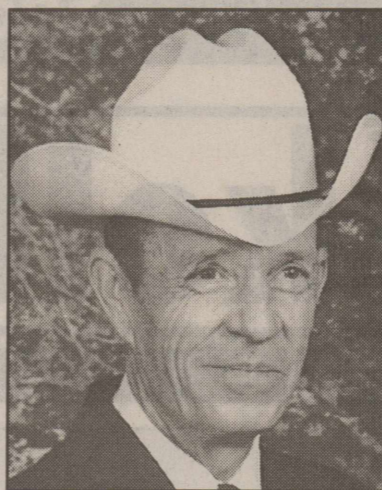
Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 925-1100; aged or small, 575-875.

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## Obituaries

### Edwin 'Eddie' Adkins



**EDWIN 'EDDIE' ADKINS**  
 Funeral services for Edwin 'Eddie' Adkins, 79, of O'Brien were

held Sun., Feb. 20 at First Baptist Church in Knox City with Gayle Baucum officiating. Burial was in Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Adkins died from injuries sustained in a car accident early Friday morning, Feb. 18.

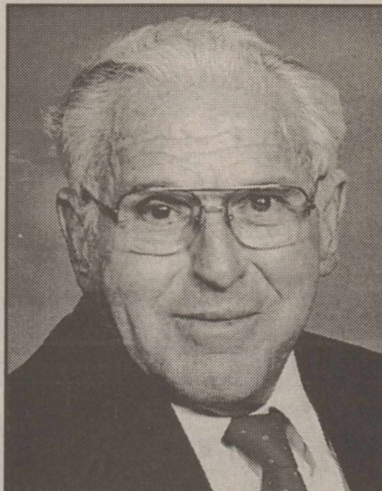
Born Feb. 5, 1926 in Rochester, he was the son of Ace and Mary Adkins. He returned home to marry his sweetheart, Virginia Tankersley Jan. 9, 1947 in Haskell, after serving in the U.S. Army from 1944-46. She preceded him in death Oct. 23, 2003. A farmer, he served on the Board of Directors at Tri-County Electric for over 35 years. He was a member of

First Baptist Church in Knox City. He enjoyed country music, gardening and fiddling.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Virginia; one son, Jim Edd Adkins; and one brother, Wilburn Adkins.

Survivors include his daughter, Mary Lynn Fowler and husband, Ronnie of Hobbs, N.M.; one sister, Joyce Nell Turner of Rule; two grandchildren, Brian Anthony Fowler of Odessa and Leigh Anne Bass of Hobbs, N.M.; three great grandchildren, Emily Bass of Hobbs, N.M., Madison Fowler and Brayden Fowler, both of Odessa; and one step great grandchild, Leci Blauvelt of Odessa. PD. NOTICE

### Taylor Vernay Burson



**VERNAVY BURSON**  
 Funeral services for Taylor Vernay Burson, 80, of Haskell were held

Mon., Feb. 21 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Rev. Eddie Smart officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Burson died Sat., Feb. 19 at

Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born June 14, 1924, he was the son of C.G. and Lela Burson. He proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Force flying thirty-three missions over Europe. He was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and two bronze Battle Stars, earned a Distinguished Unit Citation and the Good Conduct Medal. He received the European African Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Medal while serving as a B-17 Tailgunner. He married Betty Becker Oct. 16, 1945 in Spokane, Washington. She preceded him in death Jan. 16, 1991. He was a farmer in Haskell County for over 30 years. He served as the secretary of the Businessmen's Bible Class at First Baptist Church for many years and was a charter member of Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship of Haskell. He enjoyed hunting and the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Betty Burson and

Adelene Glass Burson; one brother, C.G. Burson, Jr.; three sisters, Ora Childress, Robbie Roberts and Cleo Scott.

Survivors include Tommie Collum of Abilene; two daughters, Diana and Eddie Smart of Early and Pam Thigpen of Haskell; five grandchildren, Tonya and Will Frantz of Burleson, Cheryl and Brian Fitzgerald of Silver Springs, Maryland, Stephanie Smart of Fort Worth, Joseph Thigpen of Midland and Jodi Thigpen of Lubbock; four great grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Matthew and Emily Frantz and Samantha Fitzgerald; three sisters, Pauline Norman of Haskell, Maxie Inglis of Houston and Leta Norman of Wisconsin; one cousin, Earl Smith of Haskell; and stepmother, Nita Burson of Haskell.

Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship or the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

### C. R. 'Shorty' Messenger



**C.R. 'SHORTY' MESSENGER**

Funeral services for C.R. 'Shorty' Messenger, 85, of Haskell were held Wed., Feb. 23 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Tony Grand and Rev. J.W. Davis officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Messenger died Sun., Feb. 20 at his Haskell residence.

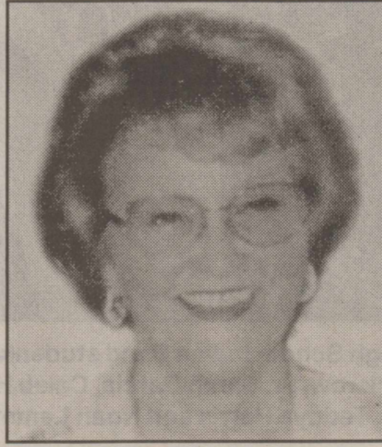
Born Aug. 5, 1919, he was the son of Jessie Lee and Nona Cox Messenger. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. He married Emma Cunningham March 13, 1943 in McLean. He was a retired oilfield worker and resident of Haskell for 62 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Emma Messenger of Haskell; four sons, Kenneth Wayne Messenger of Snyder, Stephen Richard Messenger of Odessa, Roger Dale Messenger of Rule and Randy Bert Messenger of Haskell; one daughter, Brenda Cox of Haskell; one brother, Johnny Messenger of Throckmorton; one sister, Rhoda Mae Mayes of Graham; twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship or the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

### Peggy R. Guinn



**PEGGY R. GUINN**

Funeral services for Peggy R. Guinn, 68, of Knox City were held Fri., Feb. 18 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Rob Harrison, Sequoyah Reynolds and Rev. Paul Chambers officiating.

Burial was in Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Guinn died Mon., Feb. 14 at Knox County Hospital.

Born Dec. 18, 1936 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of Cornelius and Ozelle Stephens. She graduated from Knox City High School in 1955. She married Jerry Guinn in Oklahoma Nov. 20, 1954. She had managed an insurance business and was secretary to State Representative, David Counts, until retirement. She was active with the Knox County Child Welfare Board for years, American Heart Association chairperson, CCEC Lay Director for Ladies Walk #77 and a Sunday School teacher for many years. She was a member of the Foursquare Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cornelius and Ozelle Stephens; and one sister, Lucille Lummus.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry, of the home; one son, Dell Guinn of Dallas; two daughters, Jan and Jerry Eaton of Fort Worth and Sheryl and Mel Reed of Snyder; one brother Wyndoll and wife, Ann Stephens of Katy; one sister, Wynelle Roberts of Tulsa; four grandchildren, Wendy Reed, Brady Reed, Krystal Sanders, and Jason Zeissel; three great grandchildren, Daniel, Makenna and Reagan.

Memorials may be made to Knox County Welfare Board, Box 368, Knox City, Texas 79529 or the American Heart Association. PD. NOTICE

### Sibyl Graham

Funeral services for Sibyl Graham, 91, of North Richland Hills were held Wed., Feb. 16 at Forest Ridge Funeral Home. Graveside services were held Thurs., Feb. 17 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Forest Ridge Funeral Home of Hurst.

Mrs. Graham died Mon., Feb. 14 at a North Richland Hills area care center.

Born April 27, 1913 in Brownwood, she was a retired hairdresser. A talented artist working with oil mediums, she never had an idle moment. She was active in her

church and in the community. She was a member of the DAR and the Genealogical Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Graham in 1974.

Survivors include her daughters, Toni Parkhill and husband, Bobby, and Kay Ash and husband, Bob; four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Christ Haven for Children in Keller of Community Hospice in Fort Worth. PD. NOTICE

### Barbara Lynn Pack

Funeral services for Barbara Lynn Pack, 42, of Stamford, formerly of Aspermont were held Sat., Feb. 19 at Central Baptist Church in Aspermont with Rev. Jerry West and Rev. Justin Neal officiating. Burial was in Aspermont Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Aspermont.

Mrs. Pack died Thurs., Feb. 17 in an Abilene hospital.

Born Dec. 27, 1962 in Belton, she was the daughter of

Rufus and Dell West. She was an employee of Wal-Mart at the Stamford store. She was a Christian and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her father, Rufus West Nov. 27, 1995.

Survivors include one son, Travis Pack of Hamlin; mother, Dell West of Aspermont; sisters, Terry Sumner of Jayton and Cristy Garcia of Aspermont; two nieces and one nephew. PD. NOTICE

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**AIDING DISASTER VICTIMS**—Haskell Elementary sixth grade students present an oversized check for \$1,656.60 to representatives of the Abilene chapter of the American Red Cross. The fund was collected by the students to aid victims of the tsunami in southern Asia. Front row, l-r, are Marco Gonzales, Ronnie Bradus, sixth grade teacher Debbie Earles, Ed Rouse, and Bailey Fillmon. Back, students Denise Hibbitts, Kelsie Adams, Ashley Bullard, Cheslee Hearn, Garrett Miller and Ashlee Short.

## Students learn and grow collecting for Red Cross

Recently soliciting donations from their own families, neighbors, local businesses, church members and all students and staff of the elementary and secondary schools, the 42 students of Debbie Earles sixth grade science and English classes collected money to donate to the International Red Cross to aid the victims of the tsunami that struck southern Asia in December.

Wed., Feb. 16, Ed Rouse and Ronnie Bradus of the Abilene chapter of the American Red Cross came to Haskell Elementary to accept the students' donation. All elementary students and their teachers gathered in the cafeteria for the presentation of an oversized check, made by teacher Paula Everett, to Bradus and Rouse in the amount of \$1,656.60.

Accepting the donation, Bradus said he had traveled to about 10 other elementary schools, and that the Haskell students' donation was the most of all the schools. He praised each of the sixth graders for their generous contributions and the work they had put into the project of asking for and collecting donations.

During the two week period in which they collected for the Red Cross, students wrote essays on their feelings, their hopes for the victims of the tsunami, their future volunteerism, and memorable events of the two weeks.

"It made me feel as good as it will feel when they receive the clothes and blankets," wrote Austin Nanny. Meagan Kimbrough, Jessica Rodriques and Tony Trevino all wrote, "It made me feel like a hero." Jacob Long said, "It made me feel good that I was helping people in need," and that it was "a cool experience." Sara Weise wrote, "I was actually doing something that might save someone's life!"

Kelson Aguero wrote that he feels "very proud of myself for helping other people in need," and that he was "really shocked by how much money we collected." Denise Hibbitts wrote about feeling that working on this project "put a spotlight on me as a person and made me feel older and

wiser because I know I saved a person's life."

Several students said that going to people and asking for donations helped them to be less shy. Arabella Garcia wrote, "It helped me be a better person and to care about others more. I'm not as shy as I used to be and I made more friends."

Judith Isbell wrote that she felt "sad and guilty" about what happened to the people of southern Asia. Others expressed similar mixed feelings of feeling good about themselves while feeling sad about the situation in the ravaged area and the sick and injured people. Nathan Meredith wrote that it "showed me that we have so much, while they have so little." Mona Cuellar wrote that she felt "happy that I did something to help."

Pamela Walker wrote, "At church, I saw a really long line of people just waiting to put in their donations." Other students remarked about older people praising them for doing a good deed and thanking them for it. Rosebud Wright wrote that even those at the nursing home contributed money and "made me happy."

Because sixth graders aren't allowed to drive, many of the parents assisted in the distribution of collection boxes all over Haskell, and some took boxes to their work sites.

Most students said their parents didn't mind too much, because the money was going to such a worthy cause. Leslie Crosson wrote, "My parents, older brother and other family helped, too. It was pretty much a family project!"

Many times, children feel that they can not do much about all the happenings in their lives. However, Ashley Bullard wrote, "We have made a difference in the lives of the people suffering from the tsunami right now." Christian Myers wrote that he hoped the aid money would reach the victims soon, "so they will not have to wait long to (resume) their

normal lives." Clarissa Walker wrote, "Even though I am in the elementary, I can do something for someone in a different country." Rosa Nieto wrote that she hoped the money she collected "will let them have the great lives they had before the tsunami happened."

Students such as Codi Foster and Cheslee Hearn expressed surprise when their younger siblings gave a large part of their own "hard earned money." Codi continued, "It was touching that someone that young could understand those people's needs, and not just say it was sad, but take action." Several students of Kristi Gibson's kindergarten class even gave their ice cream money to help.

"Helping with this project has shown me the value of helping others," wrote Ricky Molina. David Gonzales wrote, "It made me feel good that people were giving money to help others instead of (buying) something for themselves." Ross Wittenborn wrote, "Since America is the wealthiest country, we have the opportunity to help other countries in need."

"Even though we live in different countries," wrote Katie Fowler, "we're still people, and we all have feelings." Many of the students plan to volunteer in the future to help their community and other people around the world.

Perhaps Angelica Gonzales best expressed what the students learned about successfully completing this project. She wrote, "I learned that if you put your heart, soul, and mind into something, you can really accomplish anything in the world."

## EEA Club meets

The Haskell County EEA Club met Thurs., Feb. 10 with nine members present.

Alice Ballard presented the recreation with a reading of "Church Humor."

Sue McGee gave an informative program on "Identity Theft: When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name."

The concession stand at the Junior Livestock Show was reported to be a great success, and plans were made to take applications for the 4-H scholarship for high school seniors and the Young Adult Scholarship for college students.

It was announced that the sale of birthday calendars will begin soon. Persons interested in receiving calendars may contact any club member.

Refreshments of strawberries and fruit dip, nuts, and tortilla pinwheels were served by Mary Jennings and Mildred Robertson.

The next meeting of the club will be held Mar. 10.

## Tubbs gives watercolor demonstration

The Brazos West Art Association met Feb. 14 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Guest artist, Becky Tubbs of Anson, formerly of Haskell, gave a demonstration using watercolors, showing simple techniques to achieve reflections in water or in a puddle. She also brought several of her framed watercolor paintings to show the club.

Attending the meeting were the hostesses, Martha Spitzer and Nelwyn Beakley, and Betty Berry, Marsha Whittemore, Jennie Lyckman, Frances Olson, Flo Olson, Doris Reeves, Bobbie Harrison, and Peggy Middlebrook.

## Births

Michelle and Brody Moore of Haskell announce the birth of their daughter, Madilyn Grace Moore, born Feb. 10 at 2:04 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. She was 20 1/4 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Teresa and Allen Chastain of Granbury. Paternal grandparents are Melvina and Delton Moore of Wilson.

Maternal great grandparents are Wanda and Billy Dean Price and Josephine Chastain, all of Wetumka, Oklahoma and Dub Chastain of Weleetka, Oklahoma.

Paternal great grandparents are Naomi Moore of Wilson and Lula Jo Stewart of Post.

Maternal great great grandmother is Margaret Burkes of Wetumka, Oklahoma.

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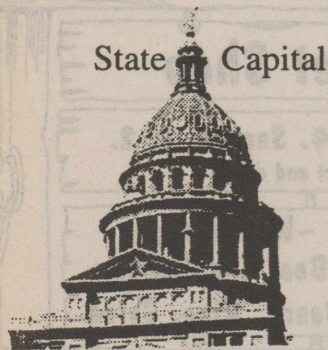
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# OPINION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

### House speaker supports 'indexed' increase in gas tax

AUSTIN—Until recently, the likelihood that most legislature-watchers would bank on the prospect of an increase in the state gasoline tax ranked right up there with the possibility of pigs learning to fly.

The gas tax has been 20 cents a gallon since 1991. But on Feb. 15, House Speaker Tom Craddick (R-Midland) endorsed a plan that, through what is called "indexing," would raise the gasoline tax without calling it a tax increase.

Since inflation has reduced the value of the 20-cent tax to slightly less than 15 cents, under the plan being discussed the tax would be indexed to grow with inflation. (At 3 percent inflation, that would amount to a penny a year.)

But those pennies add up. A one-cent increase in the tax via indexing would raise some \$100 million annually. Roughly three-fourths of that money would go to the Highway Fund, with the other 25 percent going to education.

No bill has been introduced yet, but with Craddick's support it's considered likely to hit the hopper. **Not today for Tomorrow Fund...**

With per-semester costs up an average 23 percent since the Legislature gave state-operated institutions of higher learning the authority to set their own tuition, the Texas Tomorrow Fund will stay closed to new enrollment for another year, the Comptroller's office announced.

Started on Jan. 1, 1996 by the Legislature, the Texas Tomorrow program enables Texans to guarantee their child's college education by buying a prepaid contract.

The fund was closed to new enrollment in 2003, though the state continues to guarantee the tuition for those children already covered by

the plan.

### One race down...

Gov. Rick Perry still faces a contentious Republican primary next year, but he has one tough race behind him. The 54-year-old ran in a marathon in Austin on Feb. 13, finishing the 26.2-mile race in four hours, six minutes and 54 seconds.

Mikhail Khobotov, a Russian, came in first with a time of 2:12:38.

### Ride 'em, Dewhurst...

Many people living outside Texas think all Texans wear cowboy hats and ride horses. Well, in the case of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, they're right, at least when he's not presiding over the Senate.

The lieutenant governor, wearing a black cowboy hat, competed in the National Cutting Horse Association World Finals in Amarillo on Feb. 16. He came out 23rd in the novice category, but fell to 33rd out of 50 the next day, which eliminated him from further competition in this year's finals.

### Tired tires...

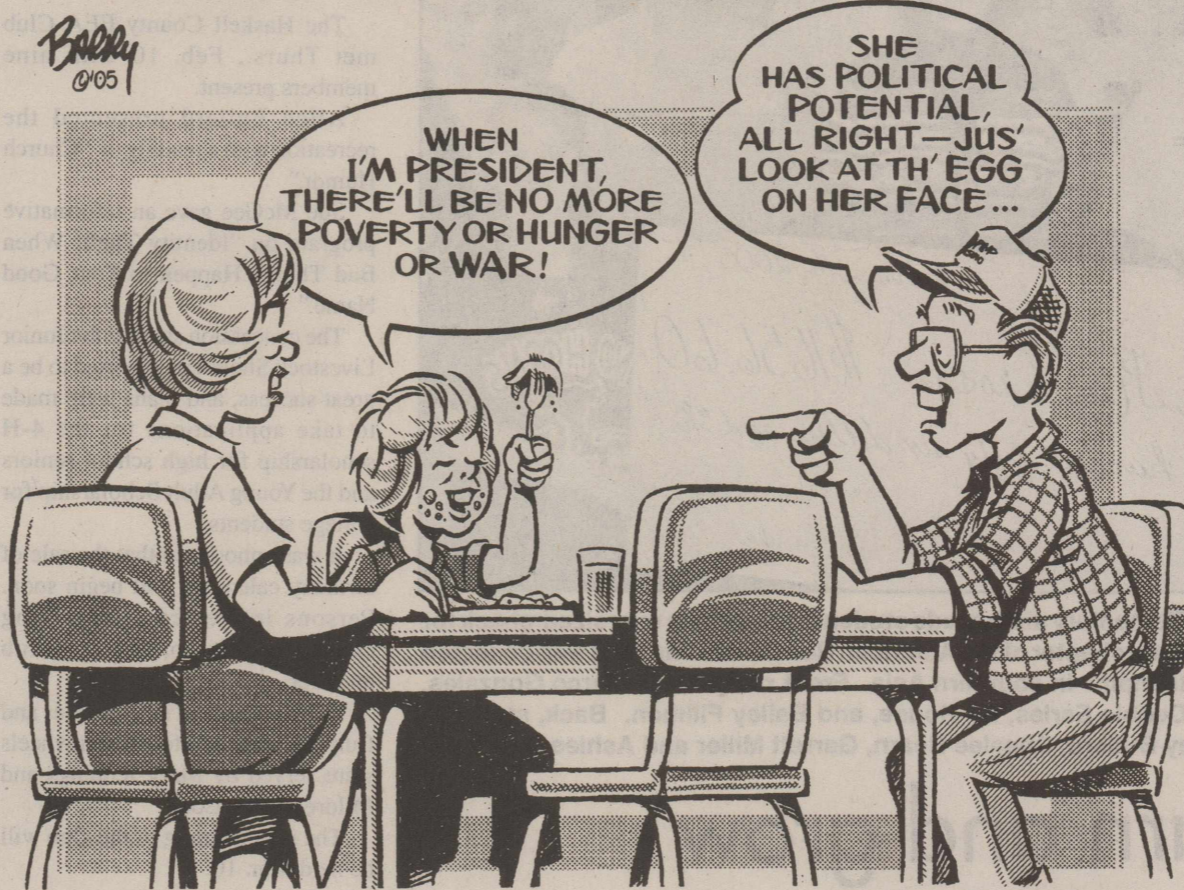
Every year for the last six years, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Department of Transportation have issued a joint report that never gets much attention, but offers some amazing numbers.

Texas faces no shortage of challenges, including what to do with the millions of scrap tires it produces yearly. Each year, Texans discard an estimated 24 million worn out tires, more than one tire per resident.

Used to be, old tires ended up in rat-infested, mosquito-breeding heaps.

Scrap tires continue to accumulate, but this year's report says progress is being made in tire recycling by using them for everything from pavement to fuel.

Even so, the report estimates Texas still has 43.4 million old tires lying around.



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## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago February 23, 1995

O. T. Kregar was crowned Valentine King and Lillian Wonnus was crowned Valentine Queen at Haskell Healthcare Center.

Thelma and Joe Mathis representing W. L. Mathis Ranch in Haskell County were honored by Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry for keeping their family-owned land in agriculture production for at least 100 years at the 21st annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony.

The Rule Lady Bobcats scored 58-55 over the Throckmorton Lady Greyhounds in the second half of the girls Region II-A bi-district basketball playoff game. Denise Wilson was high point scorer with 20 points and Amy Hisey scored 12 points.

Reena, daughter of Gary and Barbara Harris, placed 1st in the Novice Solo division; Robbyn, daughter of Robert and Lynette Tribbey, placed 2nd in the Miss Valentine pageant and the Costume Model and won 1st place in the Basic Strut (marching) and the Novice Solo divisions at the February Twirling Festival in Littlefield.

Students from Haskell that received a Division I rating on a grade

I selection at the region contest and advanced to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest were Katy Martin, Christy Cadenhead, Clarissa Huff, Patrick Middleton, Philip Huff, Kaki Stapleton and Anna Rieger.

### 20 Years Ago February 28, 1985

John Yearly, a Haskell native, became a new department director of planning and organizational development at Hendrick Medical Center.

The February Yard of the Month winner was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loid (Fuzzy) Renfro, North Ave. P.

Leigh Ann Reel, first grader at Paint Creek, was Grand Champion winner in the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest.

Abel Gonzales of Rule was honored for outstanding achievement during Wayland Baptist University's annual Recognition Day Chapel. Gonzales received the Spanish Award from the Division of Languages and Literature as the outstanding student of the year in that area.

### 30 Years Ago February 27, 1975

Sandra LeFevre was presented with her First Pearl Award by Lois Mason at a meeting of the Delta Alpha Chapter of Episcalon Sigma

Alphain in Bay City.

Stan Hager of Weinert showed the grand champion steer and Rod Townsend of Rochester showed the reserve champion at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show.

First place winners in the Weinert Matron's Club Patriotic Poster Contest were Fuben Costella, Gwen Walker, Gregory Turnbow, Michelle Raynes and Stanley Hager.

The Haskell Young Homemakers held their annual Valentine Party.

### 40 Years Ago February 25, 1965

Brenda Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Boone of Weinert, showed a 820-pound Hereford reserve champion at the annual 4-H and FFA Junior Beef Show in Wichita Falls.

Dr. J. B. Payne, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wheatley of Haskell, received a Research Grant at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C.

A. R. (Pete) Eaton of Rule, was one of three prominent West Texas agricultural leaders elected to offices at the 13th joint annual meeting of the Texas Federation of Cooperatives.

Rev. Gene B. Louder, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Rochester was elected president of the Rotary Club of Rochester. T. P. Herring was named secretary.

A true leap year couple, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bland of Haskell were honored at their home by their children on one of their "rare" anniversary observances. On their 25th year together the Blands who married on Feb. 29 in 1940 have had but six actual anniversaries.

### 50 Years Ago February 24, 1955

Robert Leo Duncan, senior textile engineering major, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Duncan of Haskell, was on the honor roll at Texas Tech.

A. C. Pierson, president of the Haskell National Bank was elected chairman of the Seventh District, Texas Bankers Association at the annual meeting of the association in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Quenton Price Biffle of Haskell announced the birth of a son, Hershell Wayne.

Haskell's Progressive Study Club new members were Mrs. Pete Frierson, Mrs. Dale Condron and Mrs. Ferrell Coston.

### 100 Years Ago February 25, 1905

John L. Robertson returned from a trip which included Stamford, Roby, Sweetwater and Abilene. He says that while at the latter place he became pretty convinced that the C. T. & M. Railroad will be built to Haskell.

M. M. Cause, the gin man of the northern part of the county, was here and reported things looking good in his section.

Judge H. R. Jones will open a term of district court at Roby, Fischer County. He was fortunate in having a lay-off at home during the late cold and disagreeable weather.

I. B. Crow, who moved to Jones County some weeks ago, has reconsidered things and moved back he says to stay this time.

## Weather Whys

### Occluded Fronts

Q: Sometimes the weatherman talks about an "occluded front." What is it?

A: In simple terms, an occluded front occurs when a cold front gradually overtakes a warm front, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Cool air comes in contact with warm air, and this forms a sort of boundary both on the ground and above the surface," McRoberts explains. "When this warm air is lifted aloft, it's called an occlusion, or an occluded front. So you can have a cold occlusion front or a warm occlusion front."

Q: Is rain associated with an occluded front?

A: Very often, that is true—heavy rains can result from an occluded front, McRoberts adds. "Because of the mixing air masses, rainfall is common during an occluded front," he says.

"Changes in temperature, dew point and wind direction can happen during an occluded front, and these changes often mean rain. Occluded fronts can occur any time of the year, but they are most common during winter and spring when cold fronts are more frequent."

### How Rainfall Is Measured

Q: You often hear of "light rain" or "moderate rain."

How is rainfall classified?

A: There are three different measurements of rainfall, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Light rain is defined as rain that amounts to one-tenth of an inch or less in a one-hour period and these raindrops are often difficult to see," he explains. "Moderate rain is rainfall of no more than three-tenths of an inch per hour, and these raindrops are clearly visible. Heavy rainfall is anything more than three-tenths of an inch per hour and these drops can be so heavy that visibility is restricted."

Q: What about drizzle?

A: "Drizzle is a form of precipitation, but is not classified as rainfall," McRoberts adds. "Drizzle contains moisture that is so small—usually less than .02 of an inch—that it doesn't form an actual raindrop. It is moisture that barely falls to the ground."

For extremes, think of this: Parts of India have recorded more than six feet of rain in less than 24 hours, while in Chile, there are regions of the country that have gone more than 15 years with no measurable rainfall at all."

### Humidity

Q: Can humidity itself affect the weather?

A: Yes, it can in several ways, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"Humidity is the amount of water vapor in the air," McRoberts explains. "So the higher the amount of humidity, the more water vapor there is. If we didn't have humidity, our atmosphere would be totally different—there would be few if any clouds, which means no rain, sleet or snow. Very high humidity rates, coupled with heat, produce thunderstorms. Very low humidity usually indicates fair and dry weather. High humidity tends to make the air very unstable, and this unstable air often produces thunderstorms."

Q: What other ways does humidity affect us?

A: The most obvious would be how we feel, McRoberts adds. The combination of high humidity and high temperatures can be deadly.

"When the sun warms the air and the humidity is high, it can be a deadly time for people outdoors. This is when you hear the term 'heat index' because the combination of the two can kill," he says. "Also, high humidity can affect people with breathing problems or those with asthma, and also people who have muscle or joint problems. That's why some people prefer to live in dry, desert areas instead of near a coastline where the humidity is almost always much higher."

## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

### New Law Allows Free Credit Reports for Consumers

A recent amendment to the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) will entitle Texas consumers to receive a free credit report each year. The new law allows Texas consumers to begin receiving free credit reports after June 1, 2005. This new law will make it more convenient and give consumers more incentive to keep track of their credit history. It is a good idea to review your credit report on a regular basis, so you will be aware of any errors or

unauthorized activity. Errors could cause you to be denied financial options for which you should qualify.

If you find inaccurate information in your credit report, both the credit bureau and the reporting creditor are responsible for correcting the information, according to the FCRA. Tell the credit bureau and the reporting company, in writing, what information you think is inaccurate.

Credit bureaus must investigate the items in question, unless they consider your dispute frivolous. They also must forward all the data

you provide about the inaccuracy to the organization that provided the information. Upon receiving the information, the creditor must review the relevant information, and report the results back to the credit bureau. If the reporting company finds the disputed information is inaccurate, it must notify all three credit bureaus so they can correct the information in your file.

Upon completion, the credit bureau must give you written results of the dispute and a free copy of your report if it results in a change. This report does not count as your annual free report. An item that is changed or deleted cannot be put back in your file unless the reporting company verifies that it is accurate and complete. The consumer reporting company must also send you written notice that includes the name, address, and phone number of the information provider.

You should also contact the creditor to dispute inaccuracies. If the creditor reports the item to a credit bureau, it must include a notice of your dispute. In addition, if you are correct in your dispute, the creditor may not report it again.

If the investigation does not

resolve your dispute with the creditor, you can ask that a statement of the dispute be included in your credit file and in future reports. If you tell the creditor that you dispute an item, a notice of your dispute must be included any time the information provider reports the item to a credit bureau.

Credit bureaus can report accurate negative information for seven years and bankruptcy information for ten years. Information about a lawsuit or an unpaid judgment against you can be reported for seven years or until the statute of limitations runs out, whichever is longer.

If a credit reporting agency or creditor refuses to correct inaccurate information, you should file a complaint with the Texas Attorney General's Office and the Federal Trade Commission.

The new law will help you protect your credit, but beware that scam artists will see it as yet another opportunity to cheat consumers. Be wary of anyone who offers to help you get your credit report. You can easily obtain your report by yourself and remember, there should be NO charge.

## Correction

The City of Weinert is taking applications for three city council seats open for election in the General Election on May 7. These are places now held by incumbents Stanley Hager, W. R. Hager and Donald Griffis. Information given earlier did not include these positions as being open in Weinert.

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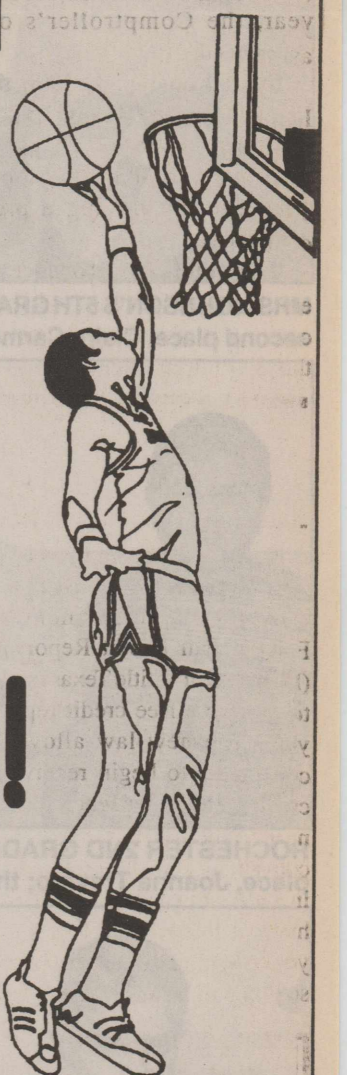


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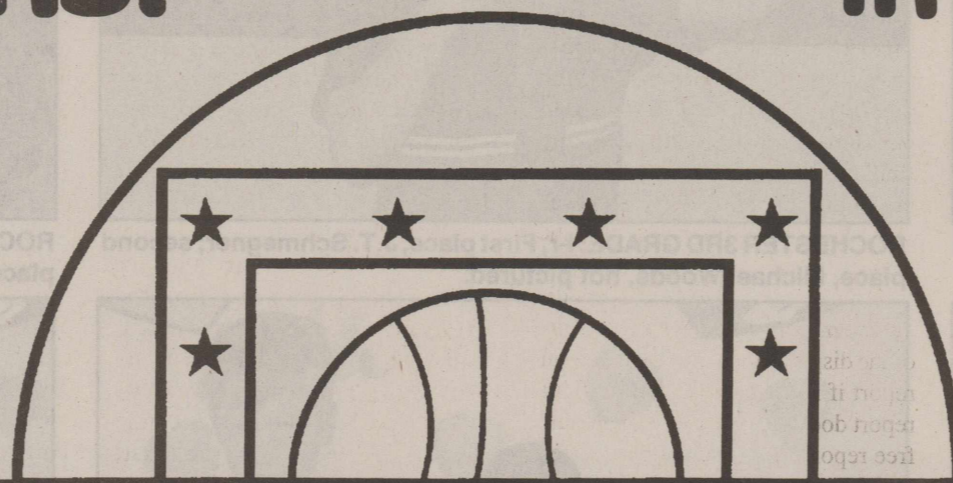
HASKELL INDIANS: Front, l-r: Ryan Davis, Kevin Kilgore, Ramon Cueller, Jakaan Hodge, Kory Foster, L.J. McCulloch and Jared Webb. Back: Coach Toby Villa, Miquel Chavez, D.J. McCulloch, Nate Webb, Augustine Lara, Gary Frierson, Kendall Mitchell and Coach Lolo Martinez.

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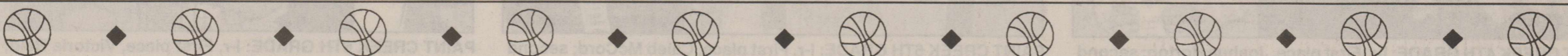
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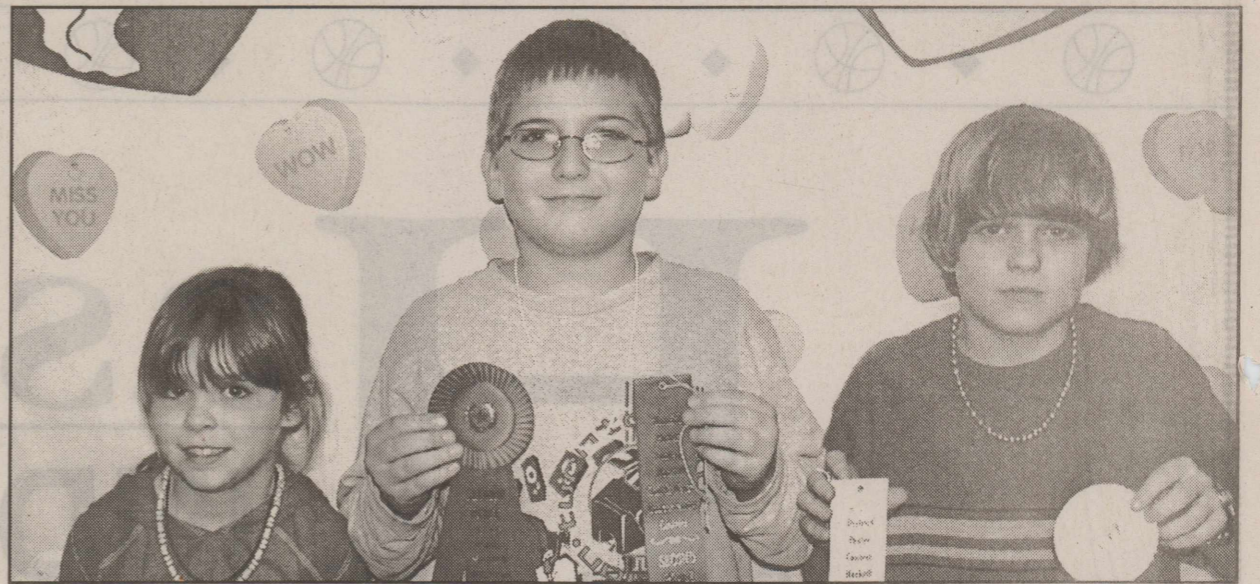


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MRS. WHITE'S PRE-K, HASKELL: First place and overall winner, Tyler Johnson.



MRS. ADAMS' 4TH GRADE, HASKELL: I-r, First place, Madison Mayfield; second place, Cannon Edwards; third place, Taylor Burson.



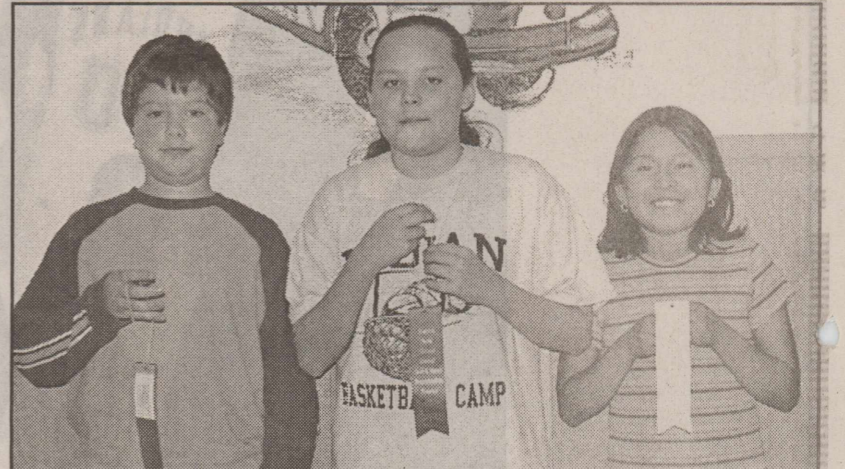
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MRS. ROBERT'S 4TH GRADE, HASKELL: I-r, First place, Drake Everett; second place, Carson Hadaway; third place, Morgan Frierson.



HASKELL OVERALL 4TH GRADE: I-r, First place, Drake Everett; second place, Carson Hadaway; third place, Madison Mayfield.



MRS. FOUTS' 5TH GRADE, HASKELL: I-r, First place, Garrett Brueggeman; second place, Felysha Walker; third place, Bertha Carranza.



MRS. JOHNSON'S 5TH GRADE, HASKELL: I-r, First place, Sara Duncan; second place, Claire Carmichael; third place, Krista McLemore.



HASKELL OVERALL 5TH GRADE: I-r, First place, Sara Duncan; second place, Claire Carmichael; third place, Garrett Brueggeman.



ROCHESTER 1ST GRADE: I-r, First place, Celina Martinez; second place, Sabrina Shadden, not pictured; third place, Caitlyn Nicholson.



ROCHESTER 2ND GRADE: I-r, First place, Ruben Torres; second place, Joanna Trevino; third place, Colton Rogers.



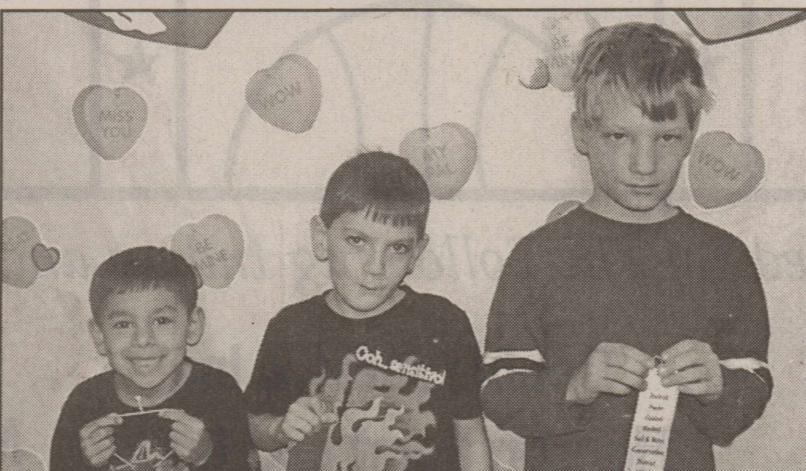
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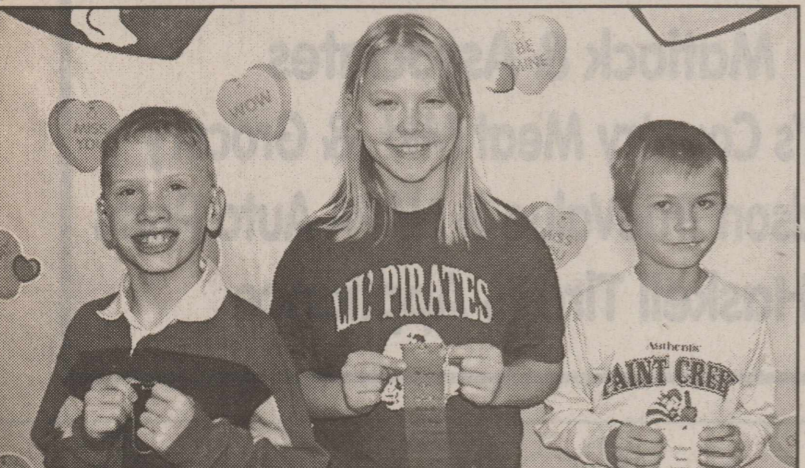
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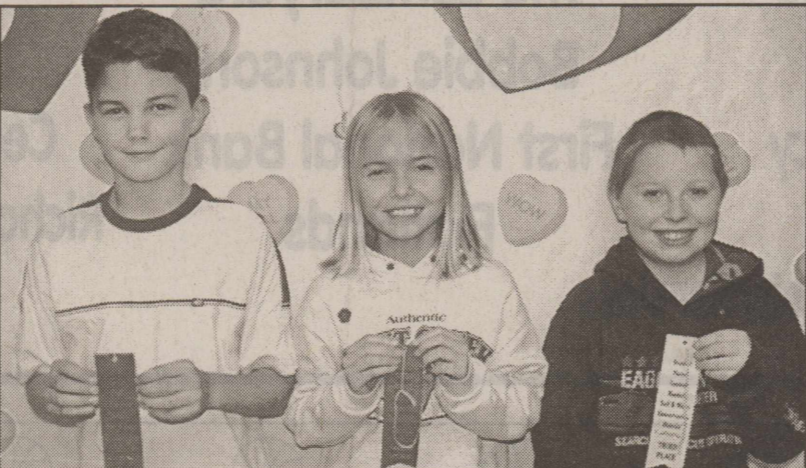
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PAINT CREEK 5TH GRADE: I-r, First place, Caleb McCord; second place, Katrina Buerger; third place, Dalton Barnett.



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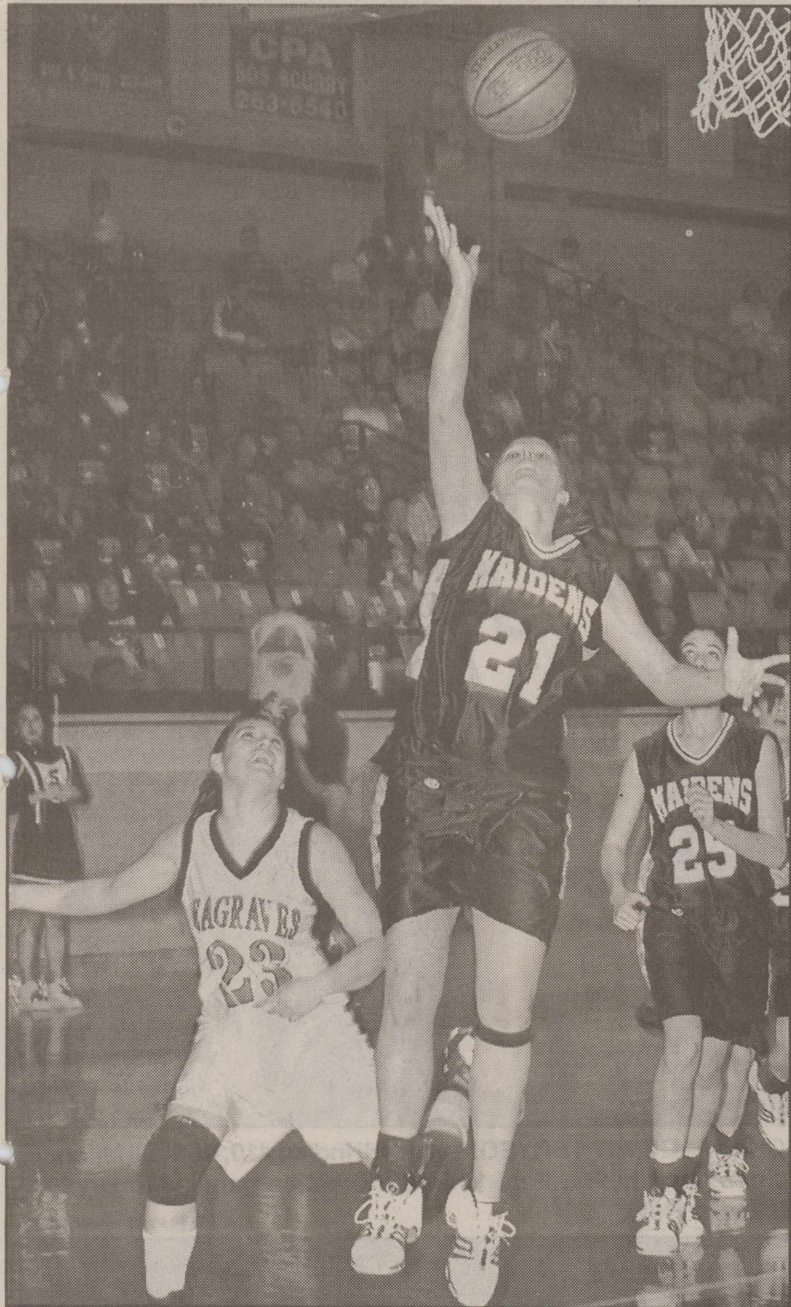
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**Thursday:** Toast or cereal  
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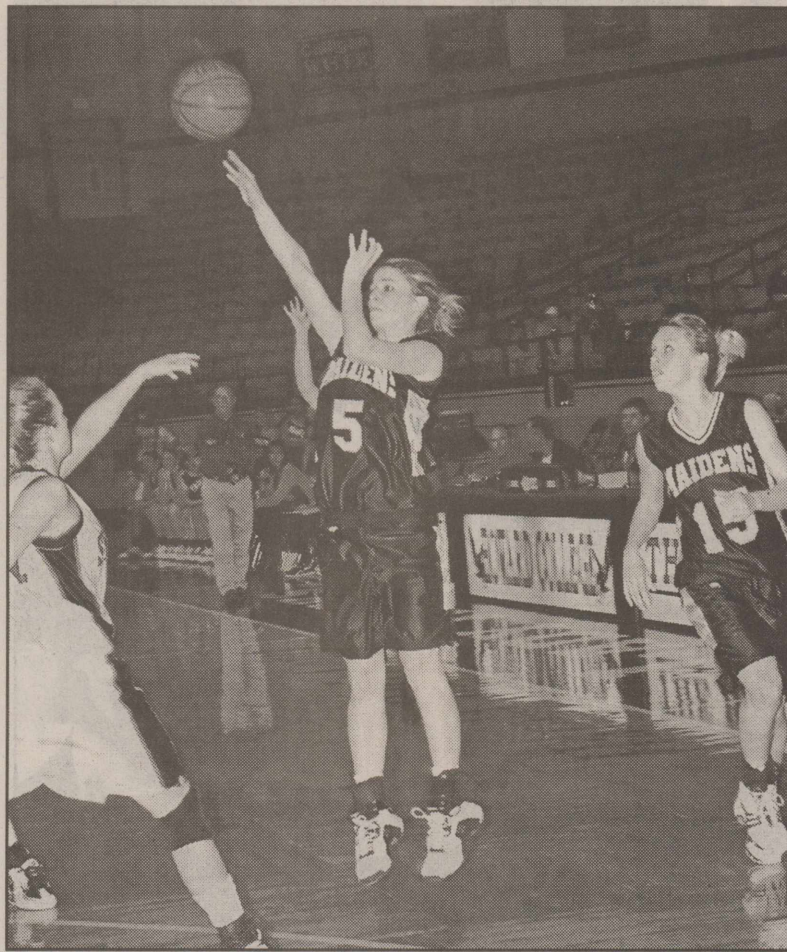
**Lunch**  
 Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Beef stew, cornbread or ham sandwiches, fruit cups  
**Tuesday:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, pudding with graham cracker  
**Wednesday:** Spagetti with meat sauce, broccoli, salad, garlic bread,

applesauce cake  
**Thursday:** Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, fries, corn on the cob, fruit  
**Friday:** Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, Spanish rice, jello

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**ADDING ON THE SCORES**—Haskell Maiden #21, Monica Buerger, leaps for two of the twelve points she made in the Bi-District playoff game with Seagraves in Big Spring. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**IN FOR TWO**—Haskell's #5, Calina Kendall, sends up two points in the Maidens' Bi-District playoff game played with the Seagraves Lady Eagles in Big Spring. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## School board training workshop set in Abilene

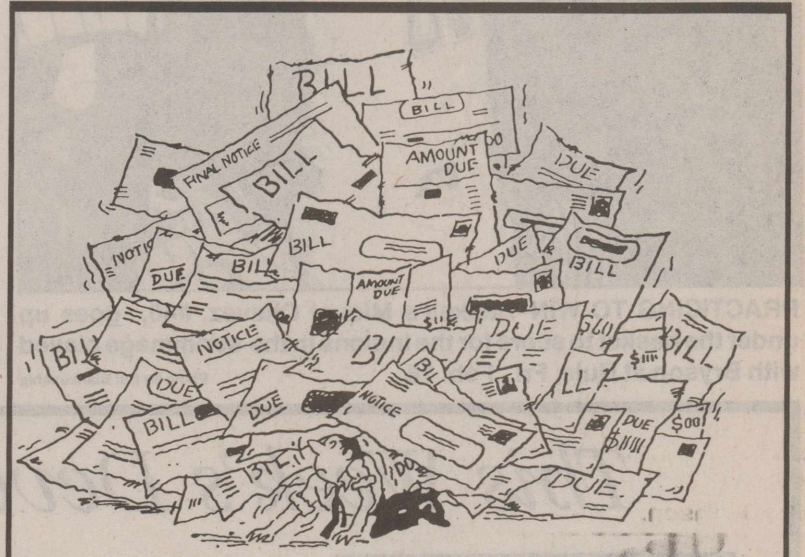
Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thurs., March 3, from 7-9 p.m. at the Region 14 Education Service Center, 1850 Highway 351, Abilene.

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view a video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, ext. 6104.

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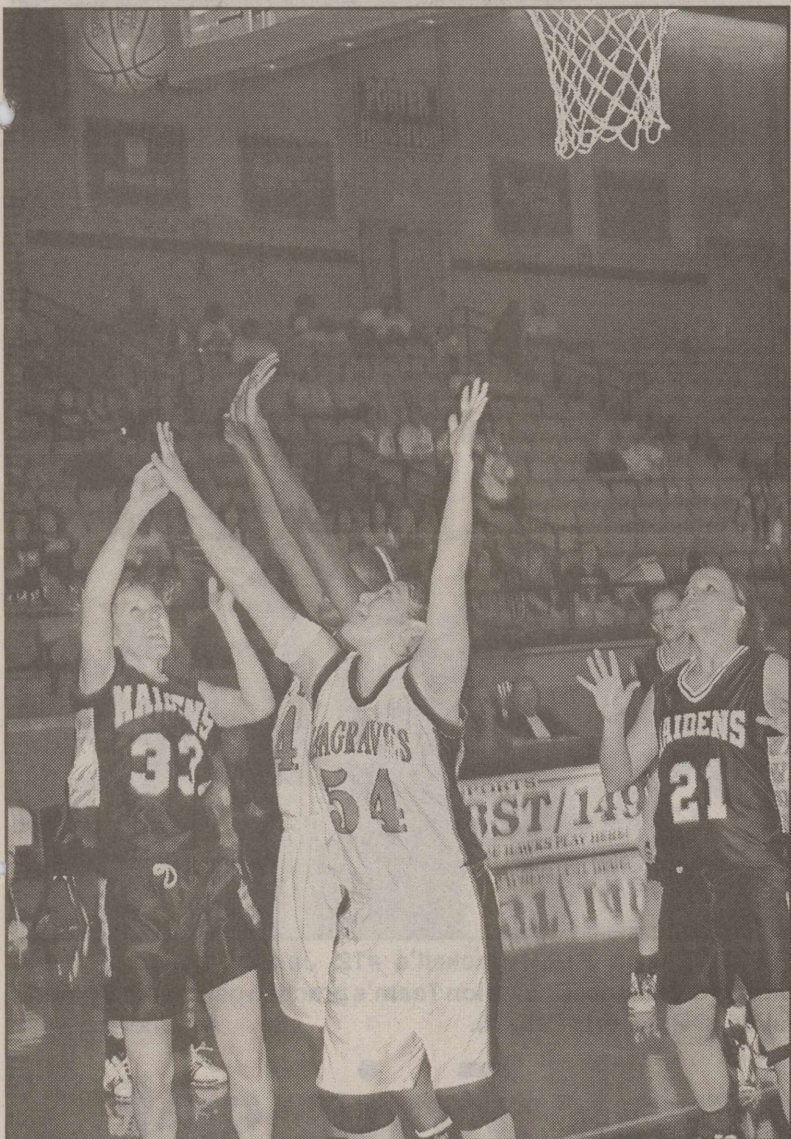
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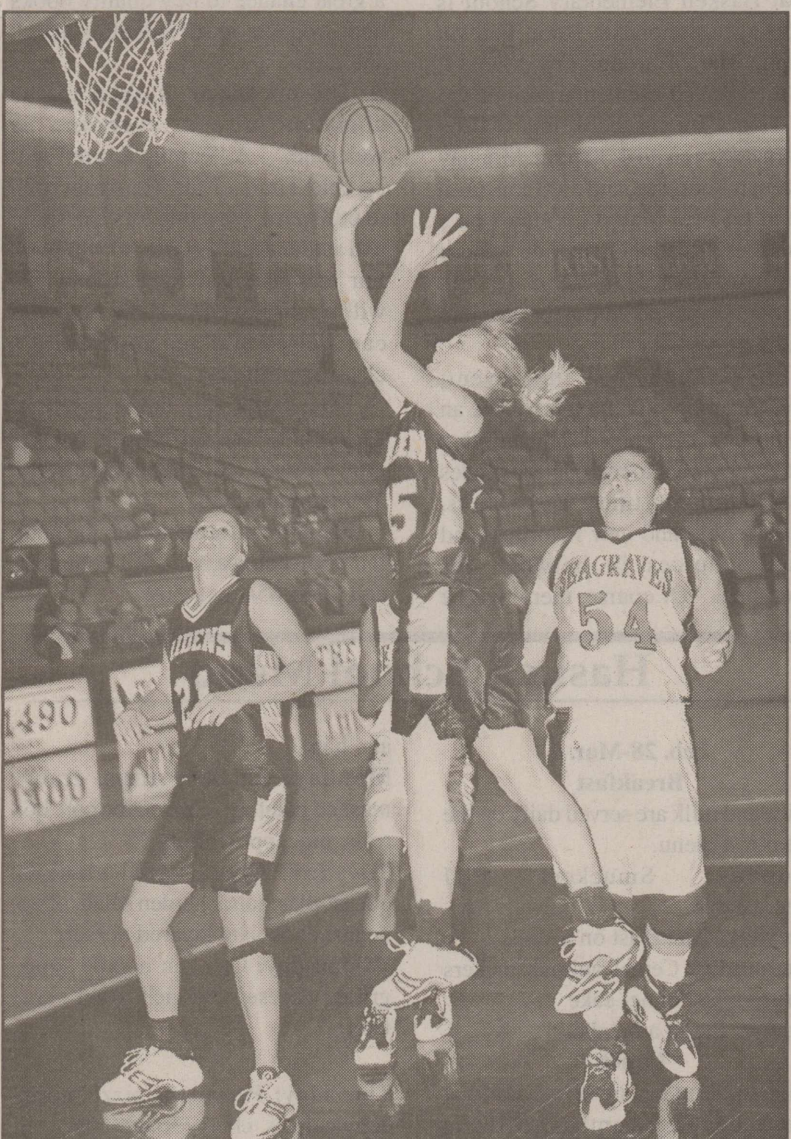
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**PLAYOFF ENDER**—Haskell Maiden #33, Robbyn Tribbey, shoots to score in the Bi-District playoff game loss to the Seagraves Lady Eagles in Big Spring. Photo by Bill Blankenship

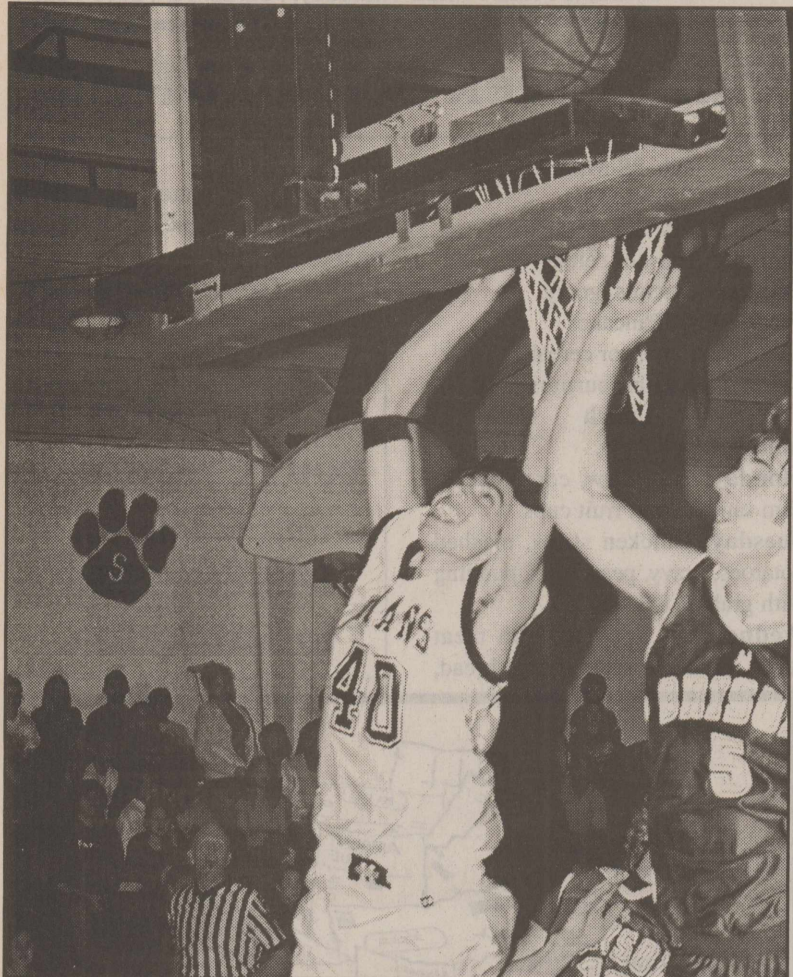


**SOARING TO SCORE**—Haskell Maiden #15, Whitney Wallace, soars above some Lady Eagles, putting count on the board in the Bi-District playoff game loss to Seagraves. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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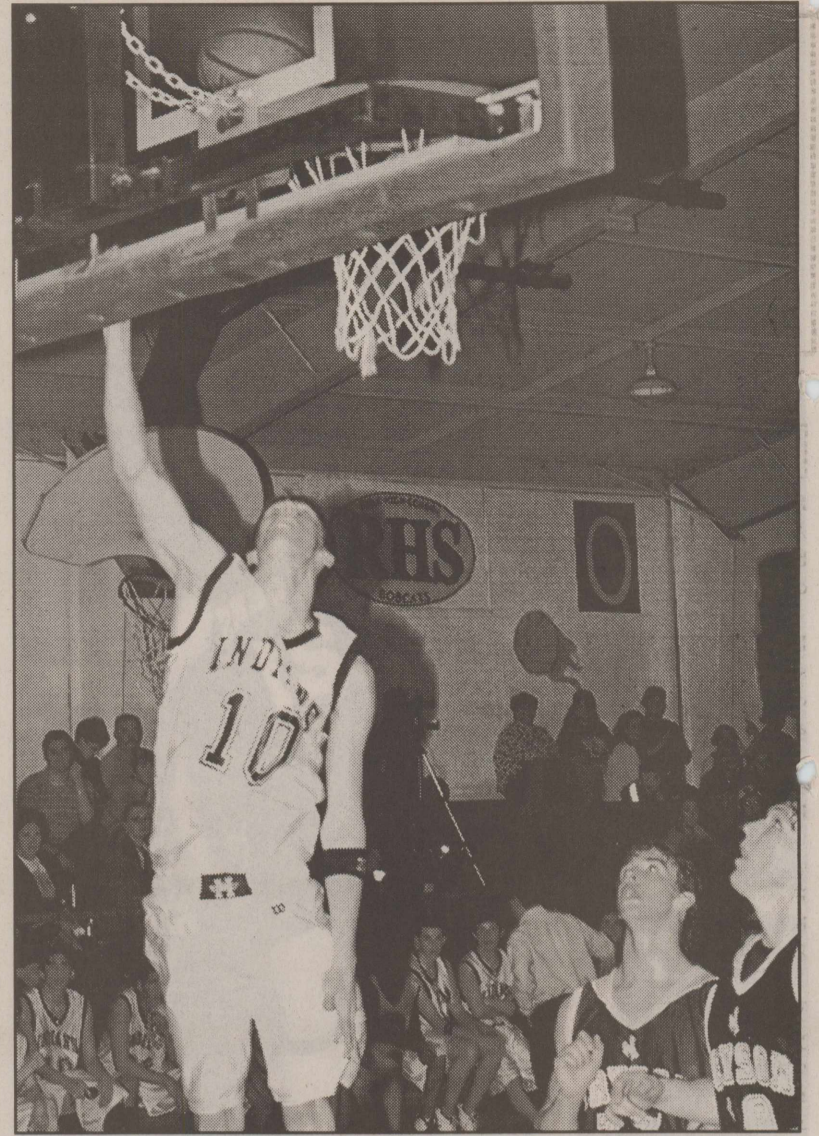
**PRACTICING TO WIN**—Haskell's Miquel Chavez, #40, goes up under the basket to score for the Indians in the scrimmage played with Bryson at Rule, Fri., Feb. 18.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



**SCORING ON BRYSON**—Haskell Indian #22, D. J. McCulloch, stretches to tip in a basket in the scrimmage with Bryson played at Rule High School, Fri., Feb. 18.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



**SCRIMMAGE WITH BRYSON**—Haskell Indian #10, Kendall Mitchell, scores handily Fri., Feb. 18 in the practice game with Bryson, played in Rule.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### APPLY THE LESSONS OF THE SABBATH ALL THE REST OF THE WEEK

At the place where you worship the sermons compel  
That you contemplate mending your ways;  
After which you are told to remember this well,  
For the week has another six days.  
You consider that service an hour well-spent,  
Where the guidance of God will abound;  
And with all good intentions you try to repent,

For temptations are always around.  
But those wonderful lessons you're apt to ignore  
For the rest of the week, as we know;  
So just carry them with you right out of the door.  
And apply them wherever you go.

—Gloria Nowak

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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Dusty Garrison, minister  
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- 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 George Roney  
Sat. Mass 7 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.  
114 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

Rev. T. L. Griffin  
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

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

#### Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 6 p.m.  
1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell

#### —WEINERT—

#### First Baptist Church

J. C. Baker, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
Weinert

#### Weinert Foursquare Church

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

#### —ROCHESTER—

#### Church of Christ

Steve 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

#### 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

Philip Houston, 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

Wendall Ferguson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 8:30 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule

#### Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

#### Sweet Home Baptist Church

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

#### West Bethal Baptist Church

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

#### —PAINT CREEK—

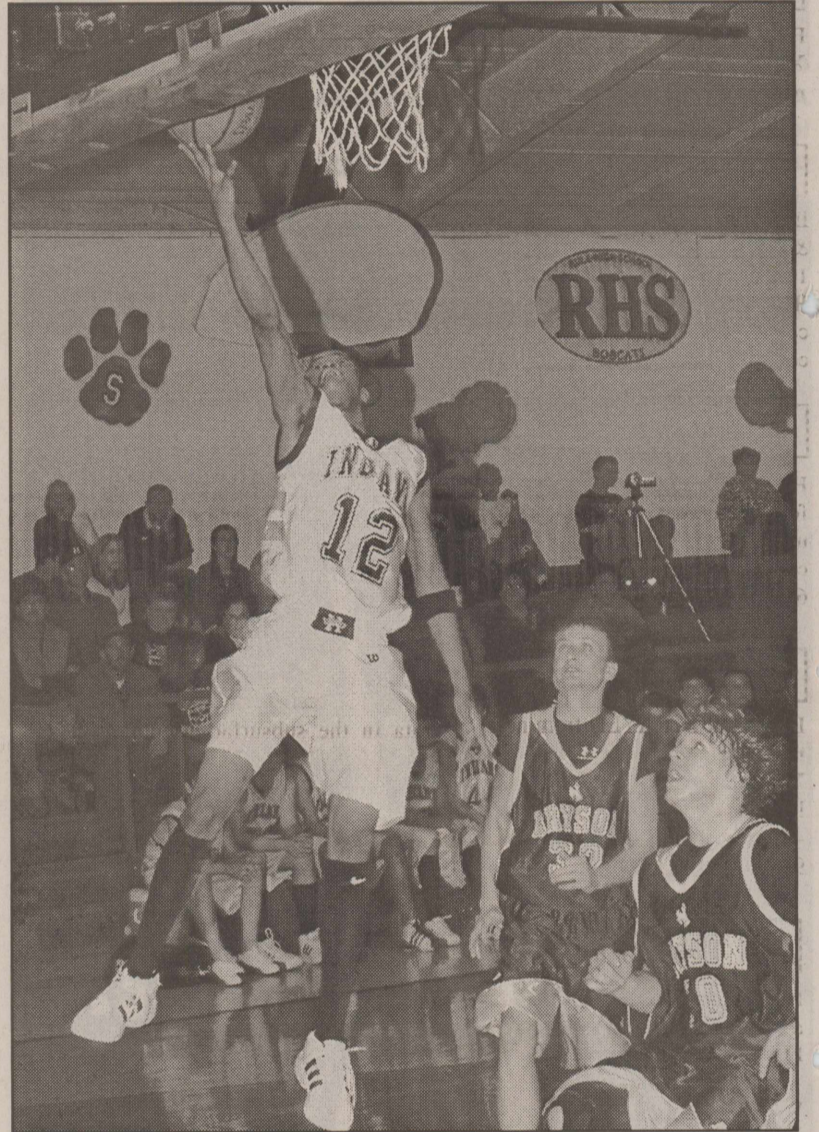
#### Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

#### —O'BRIEN—

#### O'Brien Baptist Church

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



**PRACTICING IN RULE**—Haskell's #12, Jakaan Hodge, tips in count in the District Champion Team's practice game with Bryson played at Rule, Fri., Feb. 18.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Book Fair set

Haskell CISD librarian, Betsy McManamon, announced Monday that Haskell Elementary School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on Mon., Mar. 7 through Fri., Mar. 11, at the Haskell Elementary Library.

Hours for the book fair will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. until noon on Fri., Mar. 11. This year's theme is "Read a Great Tale," and it features lovable pets to get the students excited about books and reading.

In announcing the event, McManamon said the fair will be an assortment of wonderful "tales" that kids really want to read. This includes award-winning titles, best sellers, classics, old and new favorites, and many choices in between for everyone. "Of course, there will be

a selection of adorable books where pets are the main characters. This is a great chance to buy quality books and products at affordable prices," she said.

The book fair is open to the community, and everyone is welcome. A "Family Event" will be held Thurs., Mar. 10, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., when visitors can shop, and students can register to win book fair merchandise. Classroom lists will be displayed to show how you can help build up your child's classroom library.

"The book fair helps promote learning by turning young readers into lifelong readers and learners," McManamon said.

For more information on the book fair or on being a book fair volunteer, call 864-2654, ext. 309.

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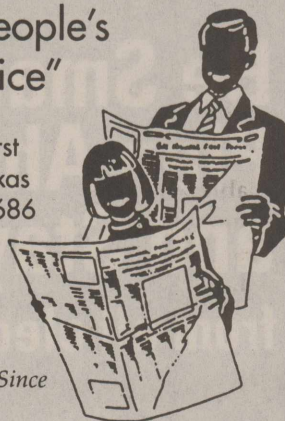
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#### Feb. 28-Mar. 4 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** Smuckers PBJ Uncrustable

**Tuesday:** Breakfast on a stick

**Wednesday:** Cereal, animal crackers

**Thursday:** Funnel cake

**Friday:** Pig in a blanket

#### 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:** Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, hot rolls, pineapple tidbits

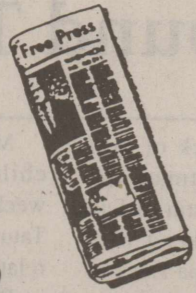
**Tuesday:** Coyote grill chicken quesadillas, salsa, garden salad, pinto beans, chocolate layered dessert

**Wednesday:** Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich, fried okra, fruit

**Thursday:** Pepperoni pizza, corn, baby carrots, cherry shape-ups

**Friday:** Cheeseburger or tuna fish sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, french fries, orange wedges

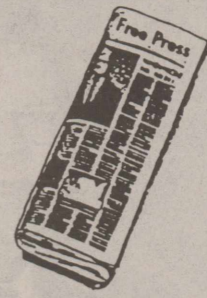




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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Palo Pinto, Pace Lease, Well Number 4. The proposed injection well is located 6 miles south of Haskell in the Haskell South Field, in Haskell County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3626 to 3730 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 8c

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Texas Community Development Program  
Date of Publication: 2/24/05  
The City of Haskell is giving notice of the intent to submit a TCF Economic Development application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is for \$225,000 for the following activities: water, sewer, streets, engineering and administration in east central Haskell. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. 8c

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The relocation project consists of approximately 4,740 LF 16" C905 DR25, 600 LF 14" C905 DR25, 1,885 LF 10" C900 DR18, 4,885 LF 8" C900 DR18, 2,715 LF 6" C900 DR18 WL, 40 LF 4" CL200, 4,265 LF 2" CL200 water lines and appurtenances, asphalt repair, service re-connections and fire hydrants. Also the project includes of 2,848 LF 12" SDR 35, 780 LF 10" SDR 35, 390 LF 8" SDR 35 sewer line, 20 manholes, asphalt repair.

It is anticipated that the Notice to Proceed will be issued before the end of March. The time of completion has been set at 120 consecutive calendar days.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Contract, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications, and Addenda (if any) may be examined at the following locations:

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Bids will not be received from contractors who have not obtained plans and specifications from Jacob & Martin. Bids shall be submitted on original documents and the entire specification book must be returned with bid. No faxes or copies of bid sheets will be accepted.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

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CITY OF HASKELL, TEXAS  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Paint Creek ISD is now accepting applications for a place on the ballot for the May 7, 2005 School Board election. Three places to be filled are place 1, 2 and 4 currently held by Gina Buerger, Brenda Reel and Randy Emert. Applications can be picked up at Paint Creek ISD business office or call 940-864-2471. The deadline to file an application is March 7 at 5:00 p.m. 7-8c

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Paint Creek ISD will conduct a meeting on March 3, 2005 in the school cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the school calendar for the 2005-06 school year. The district is considering applying for a waiver to start school prior to August 22, 2005. 8c

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504 N. AVE. E. 2-1, detached garage with door opener. Older rock home with large living-dining, kitchen, two bedrooms, one bath, and utility room. Doors have beautiful old door knobs and walls have light paneling.

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**SUCCESS IN SAFETY**—Paint Creek ISD Superintendent, Don Ballard, right, is presented an award from Wesley Slade, CEO of Claims Administrative Services, for savings of \$22,992 to the district through safety programs to prevent employee injuries.



**SAFETY REWARDED**—Haskell CISD Superintendent, Eddie Bland, left, receives an award from Bill Costanza, president of Claims Administrative Services, for savings of \$7,312 to the district through implementing employee workplace safety programs.

## School districts receive awards for savings

Haskell CISD and Paint Creek ISD were among more than 472 participating schools that recently received the Diamond Award from the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee

injuries in the workplace.

Haskell CISD, represented by Superintendent Eddie Bland, was recognized for savings of \$7,312 to the district.

Paint Creek ISD, represented by Superintendent Don Ballard, was recognized for savings of \$22,992 to

the district.

Presenting the awards, Wesley Slade, CEO of Claims Administrative Services, said the worker's compensation program has assisted Texas schools in avoiding over 15,542 employee injuries since 1991, plus savings of over \$184

million in costs to the schools.

"Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees," he said.

## Tornado drill

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In conjunction with the drill, the National Weather Service recommends the following tornado safety rules.

**\*If at home:**

If you have a tornado safe room or engineered shelter, go there immediately.

Go at once to a windowless, interior room; storm cellar; basement; or lowest level of the building.

If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.

Get away from the window. Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such

as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

**\*If at work or school:**

Go to the area designed in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows.

Avoid spaces with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways, or shopping malls.

Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

Get down low and use your arms to protect head and neck.

**\*If outdoors:**

If possible, get inside a building.

If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

Use arms to protect head and neck.

**\*If in a car:**

Never try to out-drive a tornado in a car or truck.

Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building.

If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

## Maidens fall to Seagraves

Ending a successful season, the Haskell Maidens basketball team fell to Seagraves 59-45 in the Class A, Bi-District playoffs at Big Spring's Dorothy Garret Coliseum, Tues., Feb. 15.

Scoring for Haskell were Molly McKnight 17, Monica Buerger 12, Lindsay Pannell 6, Whitney Wallace 6, Calina Kendall 2, and Chambray Bartley 2.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Kip and Kaye Derrick of Fort Worth and Kristy Waltman and children, Rachel and Austin of San Antonio spent last weekend with Fannie Mae Barton. Emma Liles of Weinert had lunch with them on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Tatum and children of Amarillo spent last weekend with his mother, Margaret Tatum. They also visited with other relatives while here.

Pauline and son, Greg Gruben of Weatherford visited sister, Faye Gray, one day last week.

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## STAR STOP

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**1/4 lb. Burger Basket**

\$3.49

with French fries or tator tots and 24 oz fountain drink only

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**1/2 lb. Burger Basket**

\$4.49

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# FARMER'S MEETING

at the Bunkhouse in Stamford  
Monday, Feb. 28 • 12 noon

Topic: How to Save on Crop Insurance Premium  
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**Haechten Crop Insurance brings you Crop1 with their PDP premium discount plan.**

What level do you carry? Use the table below to figure how much Haechten Crop Insurance and Crop1 can save you!

	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%
MPCI - You Save:	10.6%	9.7%	9.7%	8.5%	8.5%
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If you plan to attend, please call by

Fri., Feb. 25 as seating is limited and a catered meal will be served.  
Yes! Your wife is invited too!

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