

Basketball games

HASKELL
Winner of
Indians vs Jim Ned game
played Wed., Feb. 21 at
6:30 p.m. in Merkel for
Bi-District title to play
Reagan County TBA

Softball games

Haskell at Wichita Falls
Tournament
Feb. 22-24 TBA
Haskell JV at Eula Pirate
Tournament
Feb. 23-24 TBA
Haskell vs Winters
Tues., Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

Baseball games

Haskell vs Albany
Tournament
Feb. 22-24 TBA

Calendar

Catfish dinner

A catfish filet dinner will be held Sun., Feb. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church, East Hwy. 180 in Haskell. Cost is \$7 for a meal of fried fish, coleslaw, french fries, hushpuppies, beans, tea and dessert. Takeouts will be available. Proceeds benefit the Trinity Lutheran Youth Group church camp fund.

Round Robin

The Haskell Area Ministerial Alliance will host community wide Round Robin services Feb. 25-March 1 at 7 p.m. each night. Sunday services will be held at First Baptist; Monday at First Assembly of God; Tuesday at East Side Baptist; Wednesday at First United Methodist; and Thursday at First Christian Church.

Luncheon, auction

Taylor's Team will sponsor a spaghetti luncheon and silent auction Sun., Feb. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Haskell. Tickets are \$7 and are available at the church office or from team members. Takeouts will be available. Volunteers are needed to bring desserts and items for the auction. Proceeds benefit Taylor's Team and Autism Speaks. For more information or to help, call Melissa Burson at 864-8161.

One act plays

The Haskell Memorial Civic Center will host a night of One Act Plays Mon., Feb. 26 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Civic center. Paint Creek students will perform at 5:30 p.m., Munday at 6:30, Rule at 7:30 and Haskell at 8:30. Admission is \$3. A concession stand will be available during intermission of each play. Door prizes will be given away.

Enchilada dinner

Calvary Baptist Church, 600 S. 7th in Haskell, will host an enchilada dinner Sun., Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to benefit their Mexican mission trip. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Takeouts will be available.

Softball sign up

Signups for Haskell girls' softball will be held Mon., Feb. 26 in room 108 at the high school (Coach Foster's room) during Little Dribbler's games from 6 to 7 p.m. (Use the east entrance). Girls ages 5 (on Jan. 1) to 14 must be accompanied by an adult to sign up. Games will be held after the Little Dribblers season.

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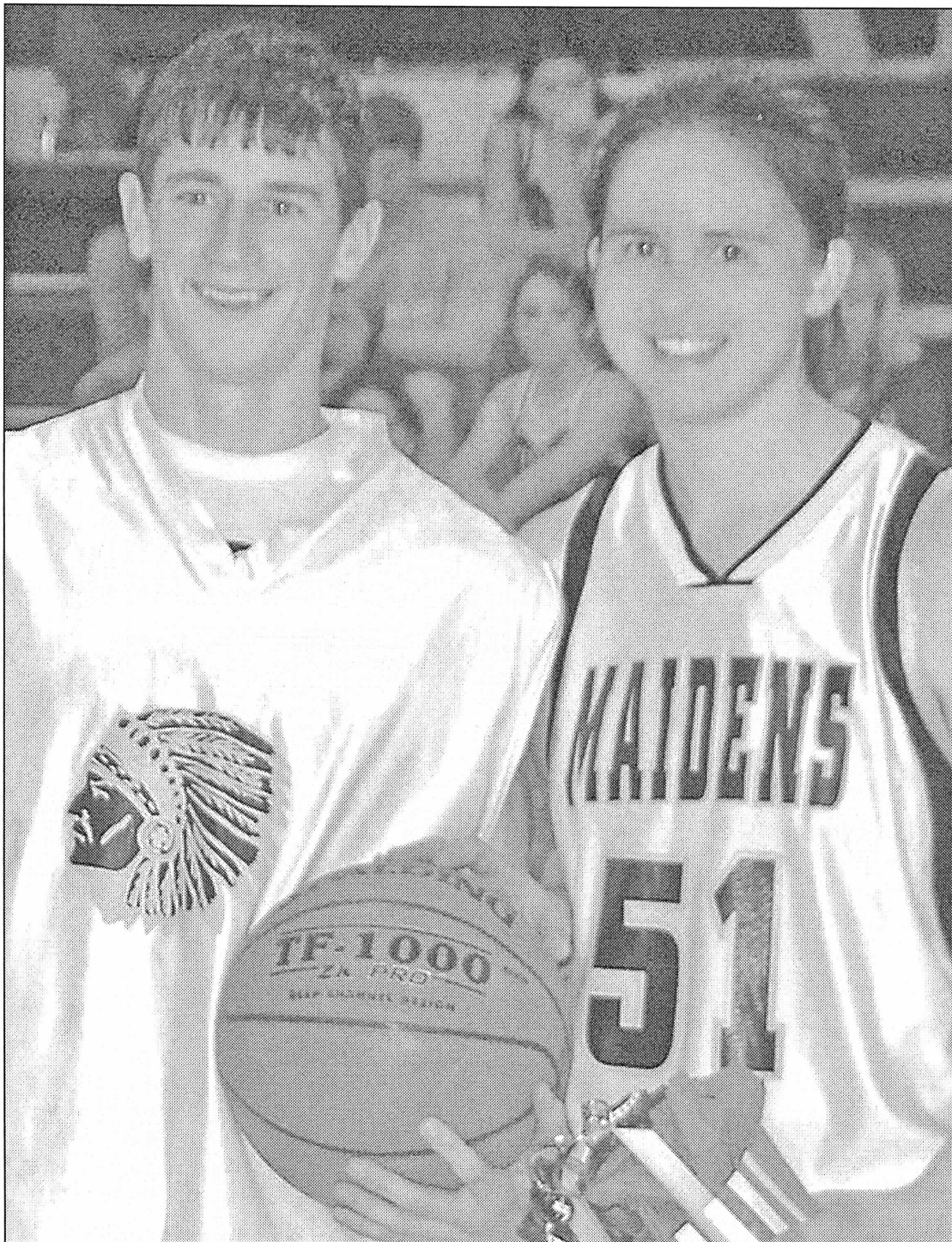
Night of One Act Plays set Mon., Feb. 26

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BASKETBALL FAVORITES- Haskell High School athletes recently chosen and honored as favorites are Basketball

Beau, Weston Rutkowski and Basketball Sweetheart, Lacey Peiser.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

City Council holds special meeting

In a special meeting, the Haskell City Council convened Tues., Feb. 13. Attending were Mayor Ken Lane, Councilmen Chan Guess, Bob Smith and Lonnie Meredith, City Administrator Brandon Anderson, City Secretary Louetta Wallace, city employees, Thomas Rodriguez and Linda St. John, and City Auditor Jeff Gregg.

Mayor Lane called the meeting to order and Councilman Smith gave the invocation. A General Election was ordered by Lane to be held on May 12 for the purpose of electing three aldermen.

On a motion by Councilman Meredith the council approved the bid submitted by Deerwood Construction for the water and sewer line project to be funded by the Texas Department of Agricultural Community Development Grant. A motion by Councilman Smith was approved for the already budgeted skid loader purchase for the street department.

On a motion by Smith, the council approved giving the mayor the authority to turn back \$150,000 allotment to TxDOT

Aviation for a possible larger project in the future.

The 2005/2006 fiscal year audit report was presented by Jeff Gregg.

A discussion was held about the water and sewer project for the Assisted Living Center.

A motion by Smith was approved for the contract for the rent house at the Country Club.

In the Administrator's report, Anderson said that the TxDOT sidewalk project is progressing, and the city is working with TxDOT to try to get the corners and handicapped ramps situated around the square.

He said the sketch of the La Vista Place Assisted Living Center is being displayed at the Haskell National Bank this week, and will be moved to Citibank next week, and then to City Hall and EDC. Interested citizens can look at the display at these locations.

The curb for the fence at the new warehouse is complete, Anderson said, and the fence should be started soon, with demolition of the old warehouse and other buildings to begin soon.

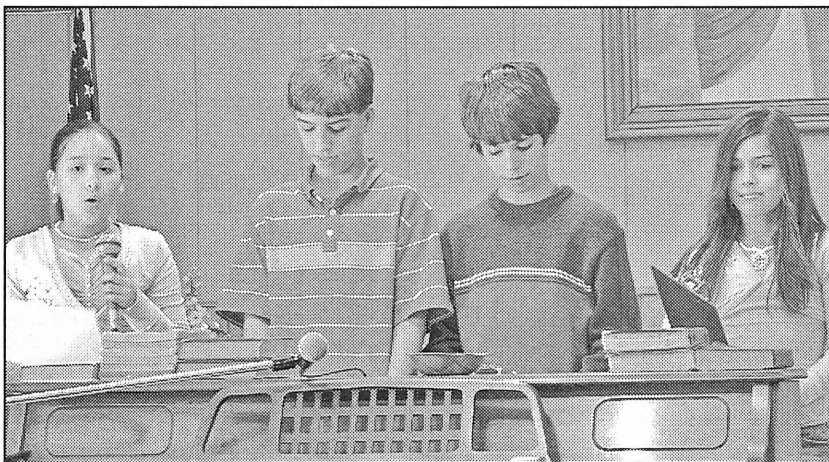
The landfill was inspected by TCEQ, and all of the

recommendations or changes that were suggested have been fixed or addressed, he said.

Also, the city has a new copier lease with Xerox; the expected lease will be about \$150.00 less than the old lease.

The new Tahoe that is being purchased with the grant money

from the Governor's office, has arrived and should be a vehicle that will be beneficial to the Police Department, Anderson said. The Council added their thanks to Police Chief Tom Bassett and officer Mathew Cunningham for their dedication in getting this grant.



BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM-Invited by the Greater Independent Baptist of Haskell, 5th graders, l-r, Meg Glover, Aaron Waggoner, Colton English and Lucy Carmichael joined with other groups in a program on famous Black Americans and their contributions to America. Haskell students partner with faith-based and civic organizations to spread the message of volunteerism and service to the community. A project is funded by a Learn and Serve America Grant which Haskell CISD will receive for the next three years.

Round Robin Revival set Feb. 25-Mar. 1

The community-wide Round Robin Revival services, brought each year by the Haskell Area Ministerial Alliance, has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. nightly Feb. 25 through March 1.

The Sun., Feb. 25 services will be held at the First Baptist Church, with pastor Danny Manross of East Side Baptist bringing the message.

Mon., Feb. 26, services will be held at the First Assembly of God Church with pastor Ron Renegarbe of Trinity Lutheran Church bringing the message.

Tues., Feb. 27, services will be held at East Side Baptist Church with pastor Daniel Echols of the First Methodist Church bringing the message.

Wed., Feb. 28, services will be held at the First Methodist Church with pastor Greg Gasaway of the First Baptist Church bringing the message.

Thurs., Mar. 1, services will be held at the First Christian Church with Jim Yates, pastor of the Church of Christ bringing the message.

Each night a love offering will be taken for the benevolence ministry of the Ministerial Alliance.

Filing for City election underway

The Haskell City election will be held Sat., May 12 at the City Hall. The three places open for election are those of councilmen Chan Guess, Jimmy Roberts and Sue Medford. All are two year terms.

The last day to file for a place on the ballot is Mar. 12. Filing will be done at the City Hall.

Early voting by personal appearance at City Hall during regular hours starts April 30, and ends May 8.

To vote in the election, voters must present their voter certificate, driver's license, personal identification or form of ID containing one of the following: a photograph, birth certificate, a copy of a utility bill, a bank statement, a government check, paycheck or government document that shows name and address of the voter. No vote will be counted without one of these.

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Obituaries

Howard Scheets



HOWARD SCHEETS
 Funeral services for Howard Scheets, 69, of Haskell were held Sun., Feb. 18 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Truett Kuentler officiating.

Burial was in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Weinert under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Scheets died Thurs., Feb. 15 in Abilene.

Born Feb. 23, 1937 in Haskell County, he was the son of John and Vergie Hilliard Scheets. He married Frances Kreger Jan. 5, 1963. He worked many years at the Rochester schools and then retired from Haskell Independent School District. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Rochester. He was actively involved in the communities of Rochester and Haskell. He was a member of the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department, serving as fire chief for a period of time in the 80's. He was a Boy Scoutmaster and head coach of several Little League baseball

teams. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Vergie Scheets; and brother, Weldon Scheets.

Survivors include his wife, Frances of the home; son, Howard Earl Scheets Jr. and wife, Jackie of Abilene; daughters, Connie Darden and husband, Randy of Abilene, Deanna Liles and fiancé Jeremy Jordan of Richardson; brothers, Roy Scheets and wife, Lou of Sour Lake, Marvin Scheets and wife, Linda of Rule, Jerry Scheets and wife, Jeannie of LaFeria; sisters, Margie Cale and husband, Mike of Abilene, Noretta Herrold and husband, Gary of Abilene, Bonnie Breit; and six grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Opal Mae Trussell Tidrow



OPAL TIDROW
 Funeral services for Opal Mae Trussell Tidrow, 75, of Haskell were held Mon., Feb. 19 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Brother Danny Manross officiating. Burial was in Willow

Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Tidrow died Sat., Feb. 17 in Abilene.

Born Aug. 27, 1931 in Mabank, she was the daughter of Robert Clayton and Beulah Mae Roberson Trussell. She married Wayland Bryant 'Chick' Tidrow March 10, 1951 in Haskell. She was a homemaker and a member of East Side Baptist Church. She was a very loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, R.V. 'Doc' Trussell, Robert Clifton Trussell, Billy Ray Trussell, and an infant brother and sister.

Survivors include her husband 'Chick' of the home; her children, Robbie Ann Grigg and husband, Joe of Springtown, Gary Wayne Tidrow and wife, Donna of Haskell, Kathy Marie Buker of Dickson, Tennessee, Ricky Eugene Tidrow and wife, Gale of Haskell, Robert Bryant Tidrow and wife, Brenda of Breckenridge; brother and sisters, J.I. Trussell and wife, Dorothy of Haskell, Letha Marie Culberth of Haskell, Althe Lone Howeth of Houston, Mary Ellen 'Jimmie' Darden and husband, Orville of Haskell, Margaret Ann 'Betty' Hegwood of Tye, and Linnie Faye McEntire of Potosi; 13 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Girls softball makes changes

The Haskell Girls Softball Association will have softball registration on Mon., Feb. 26 in room 108, Coach John Foster's room at Haskell High School, during Little Dribbler's games from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Foster said the HGSA board has made a few changes this year. "We are going in with a different softball association, ASA in the Abilene District. Most of the surrounding towns are in the ASA association, which allows us to play their teams. This should especially help with our older teams who have had a hard time finding games in the past. Also, this enables us to play in area tournaments, if a coach wants to take a team."

The divisions are determined by the child's age on this past Jan. 1 as follows: 6 and under (ages 5

and 6), 8 and under, 10 and under, 12 and under, and 14 and under. These are a little different than in the past. Due to the success of last year's season, using the pitching machines in the home games for the younger divisions, they will continue to use the machine in the 6 and under, 8 and under and 10 and under ages divisions. Using the pitching machine made for an exciting game as the girls were pounding the ball, running bases and playing defense, even in the outfield, instead of "picking daises," Foster said. "Learning to pitch comes with hard work and cannot be learned solely in a game at the expense of the remaining 17 girls. If an out-of-town game is played, we will be expected to use a player-pitcher. So then a girl who has

been practicing will get her chance to pitch 'live.' Girls interested in pitching should start practicing now, even in the younger divisions."

The organization has videos available for loan to anyone interested in helping their child learn how to pitch. Cindy Foster may be contacted at 864-8011 for more information. Videos on other aspects such as catching, throwing and hitting are also available for loan.

Often asked why the softball fees are more than Little Dribbler's fees, Foster said there is so much more softball equipment involved and certified umpires (when required) are more expensive.

Fees are due at the time of registration. Late fees will be accepted until the first game. Each girl will need a properly sized glove to play. The league provides team t-shirts and other equipment.

Coaches are needed, and anyone interested in going to a coaches clinic on Sat., March 3, to learn more about coaching softball, should contact Foster. The fee will be paid by HGSA. Attending the clinic is not required to coach a team.

Umpires are also needed. Anyone interested in participating in an ASA umpire certification class in Haskell on Sun., March 18 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. should contact Foster. The certification fee will be paid by HGSA.

Sponsors are needed, and any business, organization or individual who would like to sponsor local teams are encouraged to send funds to HGSA in care of Donnie Rieger, P.O. Box 633, Haskell, Texas 79521. Team sponsors donating \$100.00 will have their business name printed on team t-shirts. League sponsors donating \$50.00 or more will have their business name and/or logo, posted on a banner at all home games. Money collected from league sponsorship will be used to cover the cost of equipment and umpires.

The softball league games will not begin until the Little Dribbler's games are over.

Farm Bureau

Purpose of Texas Farm Bureau

Texas Farm Bureau's purpose is to analyze the problems of farm and ranch families and to formulate action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity, and social advancement, thereby promoting the national welfare.

Mission of Texas Farm Bureau

Texas Farm Bureau's mission is to be an effective organization in successfully advancing the public interests of farmers and ranchers and serving the "Voice of Texas Agriculture" while providing high-value member benefits and services.

Vision

Our vision for the Texas Farm Bureau is to be the state's largest farm and ranch membership organization that is the strongest and most credible voice of the Texas Agricultural Industry. As the state's leading advocate for agriculture and rural Texas, emphasis should be given to (1) becoming the state's strongest political organization, (2) becoming a catalyst for agricultural producer profitability through education and government action, and (3) developing beneficial and/or cost saving services for members.

Farm Bureau Preamble

We give thanks to almighty God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us as a nation and as individuals. We invoke His wisdom and direction upon our every decision in order that we may be worthy citizens of His Kingdom and of our nation. May He grant us the grace to know and to do His will.

We believe that our faith in God and the democratic principles of free enterprise and human freedom upon which our nation was founded are responsible for its greatness. We encourage our government officials to return to the concepts of this Preamble concerning our belief in God.

We believe in the right of all people to choose their own occupation free from compulsory unionism; to be rewarded in accordance with their productive contribution to society; to save,

invest and spend their earnings as they choose; and to worship as their conscience dictates.

We believe that the present degree of centralization of power and authority and the trend toward further centralization of power and authority in the Federal government and the apathy of American people to this trend are among the greatest dangers threatening our Republic and the American way of life. "Planned economy" concepts such as socialism and communism, fascism and other forms of totalitarianism must be opposed wherever and in whatever form they may be found.

In order that we as individuals in our profession may make greater contribution to the above stated principles through group action, Farm Bureau is a free, independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization of farm and ranch families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity, and social advancement, thereby promoting the national welfare. Farm Bureau is local, national and international in its scope and influence. It is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-secret in character.

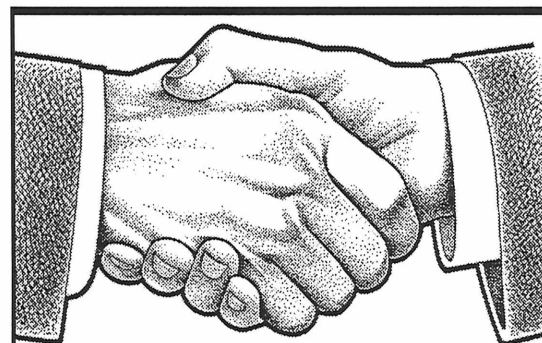
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Scholarships

Texas Farm Bureau invests large amounts of money and time in developing youth leadership. Annually, scholarships totalling almost \$80,000 are awarded to students who participate in our youth contest, various youth leadership organizations or apply for several other scholarships that are made available. This year three scholarships will be awarded here in Haskell County for \$600 each. To be eligible, students must be children of our local members. If you aren't already a member and would like more information, please give us a call at 940-864-2647.

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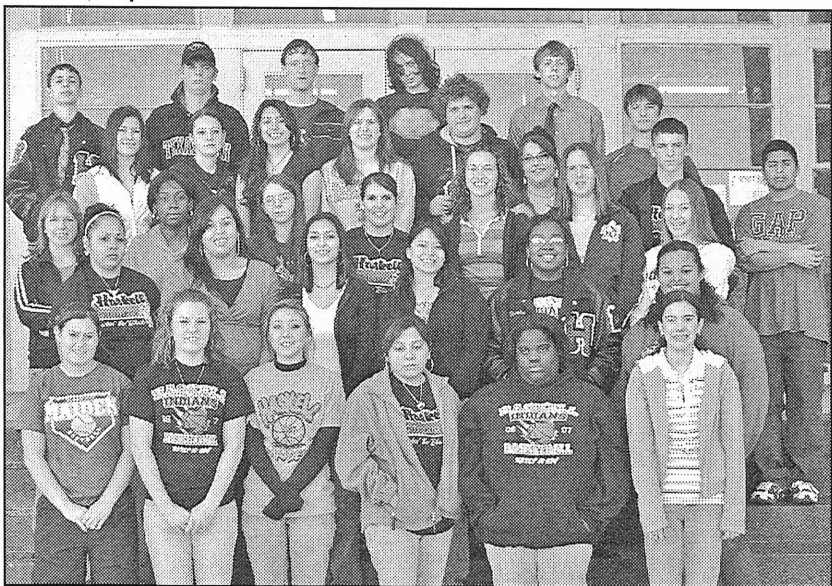
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HASKELL POW WOW WINNERS—Back row, l-r, Meredith Harvey, Shelby Still, Kellye Tidrow, Kristen Martinez and Veronica Session; front row, Tara Myers, Lacey Peiser, Diana Mauricio, Stephanie Grand and Jared Webb.



HASKELL POW WOW PARTICIPANTS—Top row l-r, John English, Douglas Moore, Jared Webb, Robert Ward and Blake Foley; 4th row, Ashley Meier, Maegan Baugh, Diana Mauricio, Teddye Harris, Justin Cox, Tara Myers and Colton Young; 3rd row, Shelby Still, Tamisha Dever, Sarah Dunbar, Kimie Hutchinson, Stephanie Grand, Lacey Peiser, Ethan Frierson and Edward Benevides; 2nd row, Roxanne Chavez, Sarah Garcia, Kristen Martinez, Jerrica Escobedo, Veronica Session and Lisa Rodgers; front row, Kellye Tidrow, Shayla Felty, Maggie Teague, Christina Villa, Shayla Session and Meredith Harvey.

Haskell UIL Pow Wow, Wylie Classic results listed

The Haskell UIL Academic department hosted the 4th annual Pow Wow Invitational meet Sat., Feb. 3. Eighteen area schools competed allowing the UIL program to raise over \$4000 towards scholarships.

Archer Overall, Archer City won for 1A classification, and Stamford won for 2A. Haskell came in behind Stamford for second place. Haskell had over 30 students competing in several events, and ten of those students placed in the top six.

Individual placings at the Haskell Pow Wow included:

Lacey Peiser: 5th News Writing and 3rd Calculator Applications; Stephanie Grand: 2nd Calculator Applications, 6th Accounting and 3rd Poetry; Kellye Tidrow, 6th Current Events; Veronica Session, 3rd Prose; Meredith Harvey, 2nd Feature Writing; Jared Webb, 6th Feature Writing; Shelby Still, 4th LD Debate; and Tara Myers, 6th LD Debate.

Team scores included:
1st Place Calculator Team: Stephanie Grand, Lacey Peiser and Kristen Martinez.

On Sat., Feb. 10, Haskell took approximately 25 students to compete in the Wylie Valentine's Classic. Over 45 schools from 1A-3A classification entered in this competition. Four Haskell students placed in the top six.

Individual placings at the Wylie Valentine's Classic included:

Veronica Session, 1st Prose; John English, 5th Prose; Lacey Peiser, 4th Editorial Writing; and Meredith Harvey, 4th Feature Writing.



WYLIE VALENTINE'S CLASSIC WINNERS—Back row, l-r, Meredith Harvey and John English; front row, Veronica Session and Lacey Peiser.

Tubbs is art club guest

The Brazos West Art Association met Mon., Feb. 12 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room with guest artist, Becky Tubbs of Anson, demonstrating a watercolor batik technique.

Tubbs lead the group through

eight steps leading to a completed batik watercolor. She brought her portfolio of completed art works and other watercolor batik works to share.

Hostesses were Nelwyn Beakley and Martha Spitzer.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Lawmakers put property tax cut on fast track

AUSTIN—The Texas Senate on Feb. 14 passed a resolution to break the state's constitutional spending cap.

This was done in order to move a step closer to delivering school property tax relief required by legislation passed a year ago in the 3rd called session of the 79th Texas Legislature.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 20 by Sen. Steve Ogden, R-College Station, establishes that the existing need for lower school district property taxes constitutes an emergency for the people of Texas.

The resolution also makes it so state tax revenues not dedicated by the Texas Constitution for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 may be in an amount not to exceed \$14.2 billion more than authorized.

On a simple majority vote and with none of the usual floor debate that regular legislative bills receive, the resolution quickly moves property tax relief ahead of other items on the agenda.

Once passed by the full Senate, SCR 20 shifted over to the House for consideration.

The House Appropriations Committee approved it too. Next, the resolution is subject to a vote of the full House on Feb. 20. It is predicted to pass on a Republican party line vote, or something close to it.

\$14 billion surfaces over & over

Fourteen billion dollars keeps popping up here and there in the world of state finance.

As previously mentioned, via SCR 20, the Legislature is close to giving itself permission to spend \$14 billion more in the next budget cycle.

In early January, newly installed state Comptroller Susan Combs pegged the state budget surplus at more than \$14 billion.

The third reference to \$14 billion: Gov. Rick Perry says financial experts put a conservative estimate of the sale price of the Texas Lottery at \$14 billion.

If sold for \$14 billion, Perry said, the money may generate about \$1.3 billion annual interest based on an average return of 9 percent, or \$300 million more than the Lottery currently returns, per year.

Perry said he would use the annual interest to create trust funds for cancer research, public education and an assistance

program for Texans with no health insurance.

Senate to consider Jessica's Law

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Feb. 14 announced the filing of Senate Bill 5, the Texas version of Jessica's Law, part of his Texas Children First plan.

SB 5, sponsored by Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, who also is a medical doctor, would do the following:

- Require mandatory 25 years to life sentences for a first-time violent sexual offense against a child under age 14;

- Require lifetime GPS monitoring for child sex offenders;

- Allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty for a second sexually violent offense against a child under age 14; and

- Double the statute of limitations on sexual crimes against children from 10 to 20 years.

Jessica's Law is named for 9-year-old Floridian Jessica Lunsford. In March 2005, she was abducted from her Florida home, raped and murdered by a convicted sex offender. Since then, more than two dozen states have enacted toughened sex offender laws in memory of Jessica.

Texas Tomorrow Fund update

A new report commissioned by state Comptroller Susan Combs recommends that the close to enrollment.

The prepaid college tuition program begun under then-Comptroller John Sharp in 1996 has been closed to enrollment since 2003.

The size of the fund will be \$3 billion short of the demand on it in 20 years, and with today's leaping tuition costs, a much greater shortfall is possible.

Combs said funds contributed by the 158,000 families who are already enrolled are safe.

Lawmaker addresses high tuition

In the wake of Comptroller Combs' report, state Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, called for an end to tuition deregulation.

Coleman said that since tuition deregulation was enacted by the Legislature in 2003, tuition has gone up an average of 37 percent at Texas' 35 public colleges and universities.

He said unless something is done, families that already have invested in the fund cannot be guaranteed the money will be there when their kids need it.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

February 20, 1997

Debbie Earles, Haskell Elementary sixth grade teacher, is among the six area school teachers to earn designation as science mentor teacher after completing a two year program.

Cub Scouts Pack 136 of Haskell held their annual Pinewood Derby. Winners in the Tiger division were Samuel Bitner, Weston Rutkowski and Moses Munoz. Wolf division winners were Cade Kruger, Rylie Tatum and Cameron Short. Webelos division winners were Scott Kennedy, Eric Lewis and Kendall Mitchell.

Lyle Fouts, Robby Pheil and Casey Burgess visited the Rotary Club.

20 Years Ago

February 19, 1987

Mary Kaigler presented a program to the Haskell Young Homemakers in the home of Katie Hopper. Kaigler spoke to the members about the Beautify Texas program.

Boy Scouts of Troop 136 participated in the Council First Aid Meet in the Mall of Abilene. The Haskell boys finished first in presentation and sixth overall. Representing the local group were Jimmy Johnson, Rusty Stocks, Chris Tanner, Shawn Sanford and Cody Josselett.

Richard Billington killed a rattlesnake on the Bob Aycock farm 10 miles east of Haskell. The snake had 8 rattlers and was 54 inches long.

30 Years Ago

February 17, 1977

Linda Yates has been named Weinert's 1976-77 General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow. At the All Sports Banquet Kenneth Young, outgoing president, introduced retiring officers and introduced Dudley Bragg as incoming president of the Booster Club. Bragg presented the Dick Gaines award to Mike New and Young presented the Booster Club award to Gary McAdams. Kem Kemp presented the Basketball Hero, Gary McAdams, and McAdams introduced Sherry Everett as Basketball Sweetheart. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hiebert spent the weekend in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hiebert. Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Landess of Brownwood spent the weekend with Mr. Landess parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Landess and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Green.

40 Years Ago
February 16, 1967
Della Medford, Frances Arend, Christine Greene, Martha Toliver, Eula Mae Herren and Betty Gideon were in Dallas attending the All Texas Beauty Show held at the Adolphus Hotel. The beauticians saw the latest in hair styling and coloring. Game Warden Jackie Young, who has been stationed in Crowell by the Parks and Wildlife Department, is being transferred to Haskell County. Receiving Boy Scout Eagle Badges were Randell Arent, Mike Kierepka, Jack Smith, Larry Hartsfield and Gary Black.

50 Years Ago
February 21, 1957
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sanders and family of Lubbock visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dunnam. Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Tidwell of Refugio visited in the home of his sister, Maggie Larned over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. G.J. Turner of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. White. Mrs. H.R. Jones and Mrs. Billie Wilkes of Wichita Falls spent the weekend in the home of Mrs. Tommye Hawkins and Beryle Boone.

100 Years Ago
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Calendar

Vendors needed for car show

Vendors are being sought for the 11th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show set Sat., March 17 in downtown Haskell. Cost of vendor spaces is \$15. Call Randy or Lisa Shaw at 864-2023 evenings or Randy at 325-721-0674 or Lisa at 325-721-0441 anytime.

Driving class

A safe driving class, sponsored by AARP, and hosted by the Experienced Citizen Center, 1404 S. First St., Haskell will be held in two sessions from 1 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 27 and March 1. The eight-hour course is designed to educate participants about how to best reduce traffic violations, crashes and chances for injuries; and provide safe driving strategies to compensate for age related changes that affect one's driving ability. For registration information, contact Tom Hart at 325-762-3582.

Garage, bake sale set March 2

The second annual Haskell school-community Autism Speaks garage and bake sale will be held Sat., March 3 from 8 to 2. Donated items and baked goods may be brought to 512 N. 1st Fri., March 2 from 2 to 6 p.m. for sorting and pricing. For pickup, call 864-8161 or 864-3010.

Tournament

A Little Dribbler's tournament is set Sat., March 3 at Haskell High School for children in grades K-6th. Teams are needed. No entry fee. Proceeds benefit Taylor's Team and Autism Speaks. To register, call Melissa Burson at 864-8161 or 256-2509.

Doughnut sale

Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be sold Sat., March 3. To pre-order, call Amanda Hadaway at 864-2865 or 864-8535 ext. 245. Pickup date is Sat., March 3 at the high school gym or at Good Times. Proceeds benefit Taylor's Team and Autism Speaks.

Sr. Citizen banquet to be held March 4

The Haskell County senior citizen banquet will be held Sun., March 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Haskell Civic Center. The event follows the Haskell CISD Junior-Senior banquet and provides an opportunity for the community to enjoy the beautiful decorations. Haskell County residents age 60 and older will be special guests and will dine for free. Tickets are \$5 for all others. The menu will be baked ham, green beans with potatoes, garden salad, hot rolls, punch bowl cake and iced tea. Tickets are available from the Haskell County Commissioners, County Judge, Experienced Citizens Center, Billie McKeever or at the door.

Open house set Thursday

Haskell Elementary School will hold an open house Thurs., Feb. 22 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the west playground of the school. The Evac lifeteam helicopter will be present. Hamburgers and drinks will be served. Parents, students and the community is invited.

Storm sirens

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

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Simply changing the hardware in your home can alter a room's look completely.

Whether you're tackling a simple project—like replacing plastic switch plate covers with new brass plates—or doing a total home makeover, you can find hardware in a variety of styles to

add a special spark to your home.

When inspecting existing hardware, look for finishes that are corroded, rusted, tarnished, chipped, cracked, or dented. Your local home improvement store will have a large selection of hardware and should be able to provide professional advice.

complex neurobiological disorder that typically lasts throughout a person's lifetime. It is part of a group of disorders known as Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Autism impairs a person's ability to communicate and relate to others. It is also associated with rigid routines and repetitive behaviors, such as obsessively arranging objects of following very specific routines. Symptoms can range from very mild to quite severe.

Did you know: 1 in 150 children is diagnosed with autism; 1 in 104 boys is on the autism spectrum; 67 children are diagnosed per day; a new case is diagnosed almost every 20 minutes.

More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes, and cancer combined.

To learn more about autism go to www.AutismSpeaks.org.

To learn more about the walk for a cure, go to www.autismwalk.org.

To register online: Click on West Texas Walk in Abilene; click on join a team; select Taylor's Team; and register your information.

Now you are ready to start making a difference in so many lives!

Taylor's Team to walk for autism research and awareness Sat., March 31 in Abilene

It is time again to put on your walking shoes and open your hearts and pocketbooks to help raise money and awareness for autism research. The 3rd annual West Texas Walk for Autism Research will be Sat., March 31. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the walk at 10 a.m. Events will be held at Region 14 Education Service Center in Abilene.

Time is ticking and there are several ways that you can help Taylor's Team with this great cause. Join Taylor's Team and help raise money for the team, get a team t-shirt, and attend the walk; give a flat donation; or sponsor the team. You could do one or all of the above. Any money amount will be appreciated.

Just to help remind you why you should get involved, here is

a message from Taylor. "Hi, I'm Taylor! I am 12 years old and in the 6th grade this year. I love to play basketball, softball, swim, watch movies, and hang out with my friends. I would really appreciate your help so that someday I can say, 'Remember when I had autism. Man, I am glad that is over.' Until then, I will keep working on the things that are hard for me and keep raising money to help the doctors to figure it out."

The participants have had so much fun and success the last two years, and Taylor's Team has been the top raising team, beating out towns much bigger than Haskell.

Contact Melissa Burson for more information at 864-8161 or 256-2509. Help us work toward a cure for autism.

What is autism? It is a

Congratulations Haskell Indians



HASKELL INDIANS: L-r: Coach Lolo Martinez, Travis Adams, Gregg McCulloch, Samuel Bitner, Derek Agraz, A.J. Alvarez, James Haggard, Guzman, Raul Villarreal, Weston Rutkowski, Vicente Castillo, D.J. John English and Coach Toby Villa. Front, Luke Terry, Jared Webb.
Photo by Bill Blankenship

District Winners Third Place

Winner of
Indians vs Jim Ned game played
Wed., Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
in Merkel for Bi-District title
to play Reagan County TBA

Go Indians!

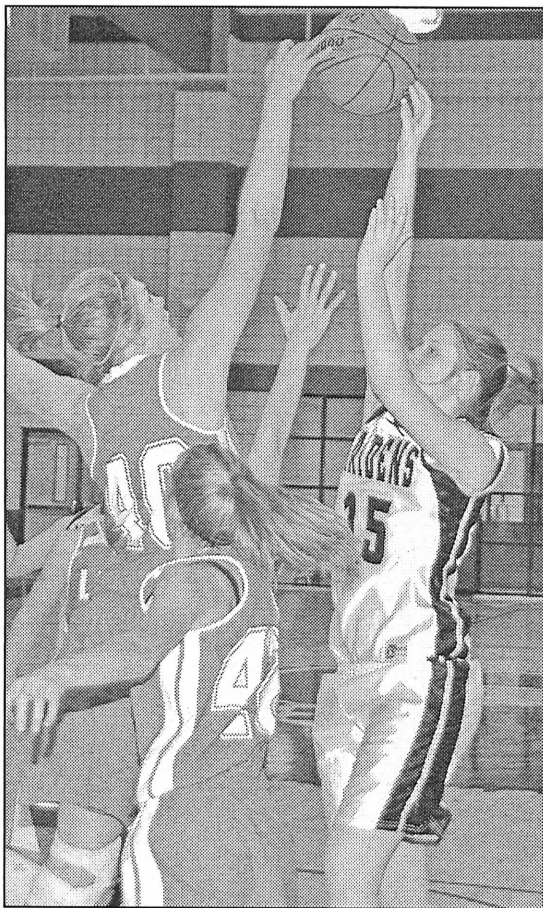


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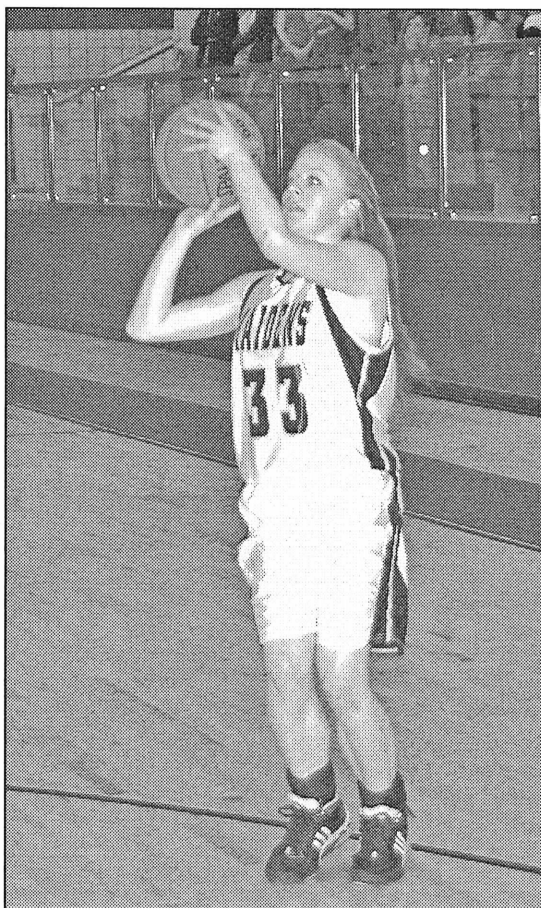
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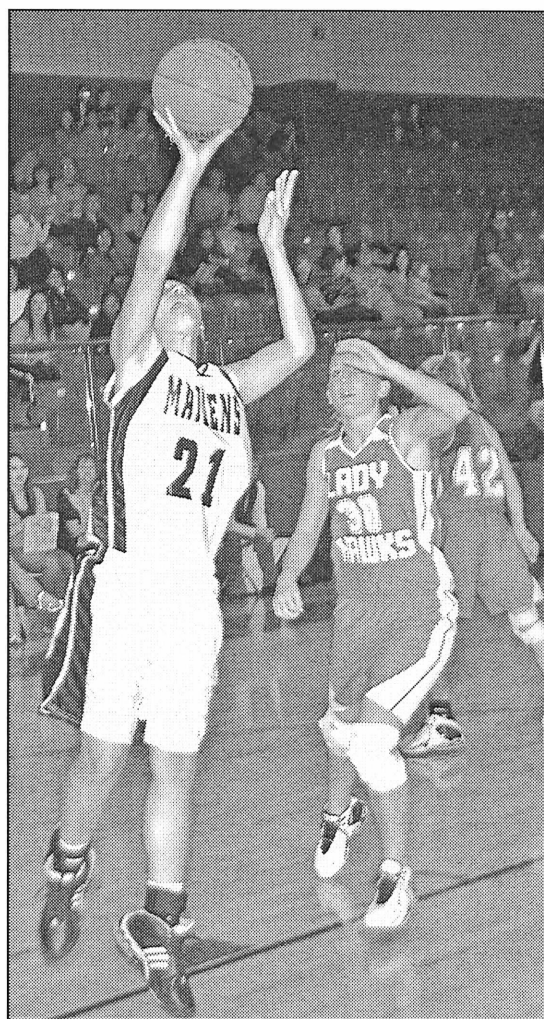
REACHING FOR SUCCESS—Haskell Maiden #15, Kimberly Medford, goes up to control the ball in the game played with Wall in Coleman Feb. 12.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



HOPE FOR HASKELL—Haskell Maiden #33, Hope Reid, poises to score for the team in the game lost to Wall, Feb. 12, ending the team's season.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



UP AGAINST A WALL—Haskell Maiden #21, Samantha Rodriguez, goes up in an attempt to score against the team from Wall in the Feb. 12 game.

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This Week's Devotional Message:



FAITH CALLS ETIQUETTE AN IMPORTANT PART OF MARRIAGE

Etiquette is a rather old-fashioned word about which many books and newspaper columns have been written by the experts on it. In keeping with the times, they describe the rules for nearly every social situation. However, very little has been said about the manners of a married couple toward each other. Sadly, it is this lack of basic domestic courtesy that so often leads to divorce,

because the marriage partners fail to show enough respect for each other's opinions and make no effort to reach a compromise. Perhaps a talk with the clergyman at the house of worship can provide the answer which is so seldom found in the etiquette books. A marriage is usually performed at the altar of God, and this may well be the best place to save it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Renegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 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**
Jim Yates, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

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

First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church

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

Church of Christ

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

First Baptist Church

Fred Garvin, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

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

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. 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. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—PAINT CREEK—

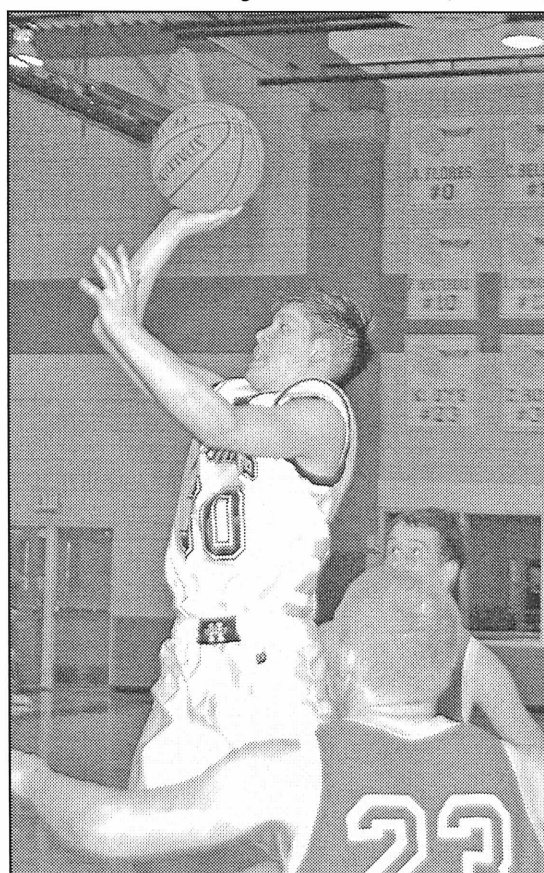
Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

—O'BRIEN—

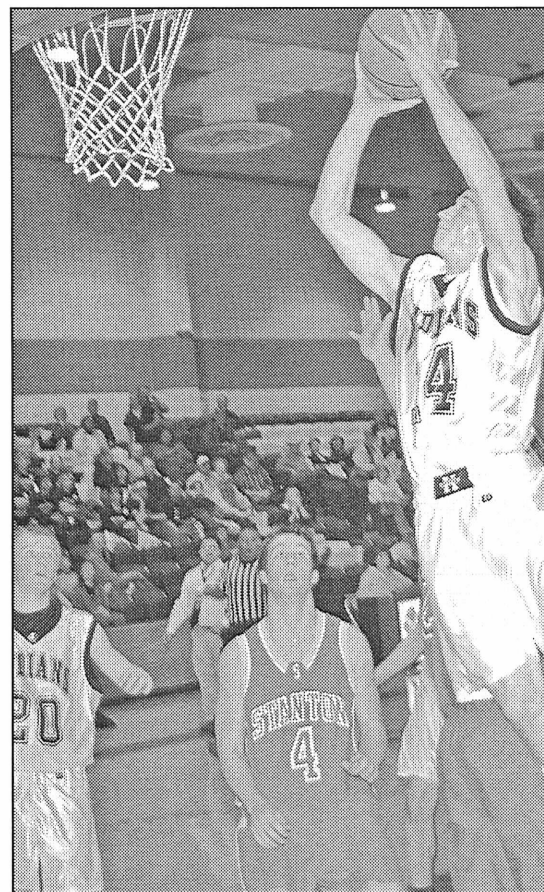
O'Brien Baptist Church

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



RISING TO SCORE—Haskell Indian #30, Gregg Guzman, goes up with the ball in the team's 51 to 48 winning game with Stanton, Fri., Feb. 16.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



GOING ABOVE THE CROWD—Haskell Indian #14, Weston Rutkowski, takes to the air to score in the team's 51 to 48 win over Stanton, Feb. 16.

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Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE: Sat. 8 til 7 8th house on left on Paint Creek highway. Drill press, work/storage bench, pedal go car, bicycle, Barbies, dolls, antiques, golf clubs, 2 shop vacs, Oreck rug shampooer, straight razor, spurs. 8p

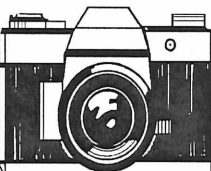
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DRIVER/PRODUCTION Assistant needed: Must have a CDL license with Hazmat and tanker endorsement. Must be willing to handle physical labor. Prefer someone that is mechanically inclined. Call Jeff Fox at Agrilance in Knox City, Texas at 940-657-3585.

COMMUNITY CARE CENTER in Stamford has an opening for an LVN to work 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. \$16 per hour. Sign on bonus. Call Melissa, 325-773-3671. 8c

NOW TAKING applications for part-time music minister at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. 940-864-2738. 8-11c

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to Article 258.002(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, The Commissioners' Court of

Haskell County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the County claims a public interest have been maintained for many years, beginning some time prior to 1981, have previously been listed in a notice included in the 2006-07 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest is available for inspection by the public at the office of the County Judge in the County Courthouse, during business hours, commencing December 1, 2006.

The Commissioners' Court will conduct a public hearing on 3-8-2007, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Haskell County Courthouse. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may appear before the

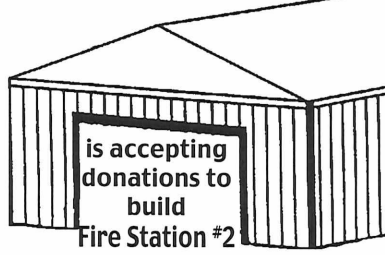
Commissioners' Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County Roads Map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the county makes no claim affecting title, acreage or ownership of the land, but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing county road in its present

location and dimension.
Rhonda Moeller
County Clerk 6-9c

NOTICE

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court will be accepting sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on February 27, 2007 for the sale of 4 oak doors, 1 hollow core door, 1 door that is half glass, 1 door with glass panels, various desks and Dearborn space heaters. Bids will be opened during Commissioners' Court. For more information contact the County Judge's office at 864-2851. 7-8c

Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept.



to house donated Texas Forest Service firefighting equipment and provide a larger training facility. If you would like information on making a donation or how you can help contact Fire Chief Bill Steele 940-864-2208; Randy Shaw 940-864-2023; or ask any Haskell fireman for details.

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Contract 6132-78-001 for BRIDGE SPALL REPAIR in SHACKELFORD County, etc. will be opened on March 20, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$270,575.00.
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
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Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6157-31-001 for "ON DEMAND" RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on March 13, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$299,000.00.
Contract 6158-49-001 for SHOULDER TEXTURING in SCURRY County, etc. will be opened on March 13, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$272,188.60.
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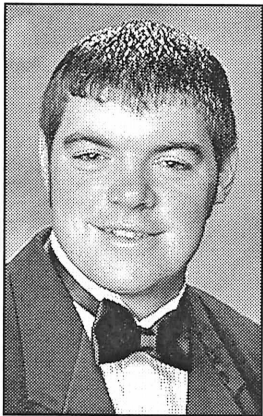
219 ADDISON DR. 3-2-2, beautiful brick home on two lots. Amenities include tile floors, carpet, large utility, fireplace, fenced yard, one-car detached garage with storage, front circle drive. Home has been updated.

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Come by Rike Real Estate for a complete list.

Students visit Rotary Club



GARY FRIERSON

Gary Frierson is the son of Nathan and Lisa Frierson of Haskell.

He attends the Methodist Church.

In school he is active in football, baseball, golf and athletics. He was named the Defensive MVP for baseball in his junior year, received Honorable Mention in football in his sophomore year, First Team Defensive and Offensive in junior year, and District MVP football in his senior year.

He likes hunting, fishing, hanging out with friends and playing video games.

After finishing high school, he plans to attend McMurry University and become a sports doctor.

Gerardo Torres, son of Ana and Maximo Torres of Haskell, attends the First Baptist Church Haskell.

In school he is active in football, and basketball. He was named Most Valuable Player in basketball. These sports are among his favorite things to do.

After finishing Haskell High School, he plans to attend either McMurry University or Mid-Western University.

Billy Lusk is the son of Mike and Connie Lusk of Haskell.

He attends Saint Ann Catholic Church, Stamford.

In school he is active in football, baseball and FFA.

He was named All-District 2nd

Reece to speak at Rule 4-H meeting

Ronnie Reece will be the speaker for the Rule 4-H Club meeting Feb. 22 at the Rule ISD library. Reece, father of 4-H member Cody Reece, is an Army Veteran who served our country in Iraq.

Rule 4-H invites the public to come and hear what Reece has to say about his experience as an active duty soldier. The program will begin at approximately 6 p.m.

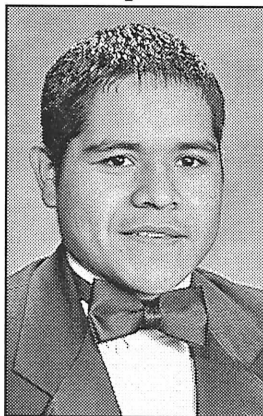
Some necessary items are in short supply for deployed soldiers. The Rule 4-H Club will accept donations of approved items and send them to a group of soldiers in Iraq. Donations may be brought to the meeting on Feb. 22 or contact Renee Dudensing at 996-2738 or Elaina Mathis at 996-2190 or 997-2137.

Club to collect items for soldiers

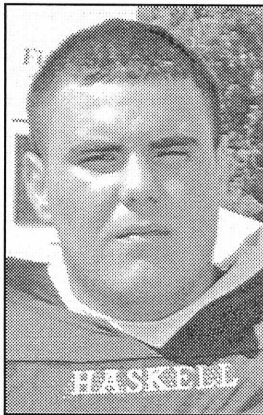
Soldiers are in need of these items: moisture wipes, baby wipes, lip balm, deodorant, bar soap, antibacterial gel, hard candy, eye wash, hair scrunches (black or brown only), feminine items, tooth paste and brushes, toiletry items, small toys like dolls or cars for children, envelopes and paper, individual packages of Kool-Aid and Gatorade.

Homemade goods such as any type of cookies or candy, except chocolate, may be sent to the troops. The candy must be individually wrapped. Cookies may be sent together in a large package, but each cookie must be in a small individual package.

Club members will conduct a business meeting at 5:30 p.m. before the program.



GERARDO TORRES



BILLY LUSK

Team lineman in 2005, and 1st Team All-District lineman in 2006. He received the All-Big Country Honorable Mention award in 2006. He is Senior Class president and captain of the football team.

He enjoys showing pigs, mud-dogging, playing with his dog, T-Rex, and hunting.

After finishing high school he plans to enter law enforcement, and will attend McMurry University.

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 23-March 2 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Cinnamon roll
Tuesday: Breakfast taco
Wednesday: Cereal, Cheez-its
Thursday: Chocolate muffin, animal crackers
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 nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pineapple tidbits
Tuesday: Chicken spaghetti, fried okra, lettuce, tomatoes, bread stick, sliced peaches
Wednesday: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, baby carrots, ranch dressing, pears
Thursday: Chalupas, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, corn, apple crisp
Friday: Choice: Cheeseburger or tuna sandwich, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fresh fruit

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 26-March 2 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Toast or cereal
Thursday: Donuts
Friday: Toast or cereal
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, chocolate

cake
Tuesday: Ham with mac and cheese, green beans, salad, rolls, pudding with cookies
Wednesday: Tacos, refried beans, corn, salad, jello with fruit
Thursday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, applesauce cake
Friday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, chips, fruit

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 655 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Feb. 17, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.
603 hd.-22 cfs, 151 st. and bulls, 221 hfs., 209 cow and bulls tested, 55 sellers, 29 buyers.
Cows: fat, .42-.48; cutters, .45-.55; canners, .30-.40.
Bulls: bologna, .58-.68, feeders, .75-.85.
Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.35-1.45; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.35; 400-500 lbs., 1.15-1.25; 500-600 lbs., 1.05-1.15; 600-700 lbs., .95-

1.10; 700-800 lbs., .85-.95; 800-up lbs., .85-.90.
Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.15-1.25; 300-400 lbs., 1.07-1.18; 400-500 lbs., 1.00-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .95-1.05; 600-up lbs., .85-.95.
Bred heifers: medium frame, 650-825.
Bred cows young to middle aged 850-1,000; aged or small, 550-700.
Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-1,100; aged or small, 650 or split apart.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Feb. 26
Lunch—Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, salsa, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., Feb. 28
Lunch—Chili with wieners, onions, pickles, pinto beans, cornbread, misc. dessert, milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., March 2
Lunch—Meatloaf, creamy potatoes, buttered corn, green beans, yeast rolls, Coke cake, milk, tea, or coffee

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