

Softball games

Haskell at Clyde JV
Tournament
March 1-3 TBA
Haskell JV-V vs Merkel
Tues., March 6, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

Baseball games

Haskell V at Hamlin
Tournament
March 1-3 TBA
Haskell JV vs Merkel
Mon., March 5, 4:30 p.m.
at Merkel
Haskell V vs Merkel
Tues., March 6, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

Golf

Haskell Girls at Anson
Sat., March 3, 9 a.m.
Haskell Boys at Anson
Sat., March 3, 9 a.m.
Haskell Girls at Merkel
Mon., March 5, 8 a.m.
Haskell Boys at Merkel
Wed., March 7, 8 a.m.

Calendar

Garage, bake sale

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

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 ham, green beans with potatoes, salad, rolls, punch bowl cake. Tickets are available from the Haskell Co. Commissioners, County Judge, Experienced Citizens Center, Billie McKeever or at the door.

Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

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Senior Citizen banquet Sunday

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TRUCK STOP ON THE HORIZON-This approximately two city block location just south of the AmeriStay Inn and Suites in east Haskell is filled with the remains of the felled City warehouse, lumberyard and house. The location awaits cleanup and the beginning of

construction of a truck stop by new owners Kent Oil Co. In the beginning planning stages, the new site will likely feature a convenience store for gas and diesel sales, a lot on the south for truck parking, and a food establishment, all employing 12-25 people.



HIGH WIND DAMAGE-This tree, at the W.C. Davis residence at 1208 N. 3rd in Haskell, was blown down during the high wind storm on Sat., Feb. 24. Traffic signs in construction zones and loose yard items were the wind's playthings during the day's sandstorm.

Maidens named to All-District teams; Middleton is Coach of the Year

The Haskell Maidens, with a record of 20-10, placed five players on the 2006-07 All-District District 5-AA Teams. Hope Reid, sophomore, was named Newcomer of the Year. Samantha Rodriguez, senior, and Lacey Peiser, junior, were

named to the first team. Kim Medford and Chambray Bartley, both seniors, were named to the second team. Haskell Maidens' Coach, David Middleton, was named as Coach of the Year in District 5AA.

Indians named to All-District teams

Four players on the Haskell boys basketball team have been named to the All-District teams, and two have been named to Honorable Mention. D.J. McCulloch, junior, and John English, sophomore, were

named to the first team, and Weston Rutkowski and Travis Adams, both juniors, were named to the second team. Derek Agraz, junior, and Gregg Guzman, junior, received Honorable Mention.



GRASS FIRE-Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department were called to a grass fire just east of FM 600 in Haskell Sunday afternoon. Two trucks and crews worked the fire. Dry conditions and high winds are contributing to the department's calls to grass fires resulting in the county issuing a burn ban.

Caregivers seminar to be held today

An educational seminar for those caring for an older family member or friend will be held Thurs., March 1 beginning promptly at 6 p.m., at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building located at 1 N. Ave. N.

The free seminar, presented by Rolling Plains Rural Health Partnership and Forest Laboratories, will help those attending learn the difference between the diseases of depression and Alzheimer's.

Scheduled speakers are Dr. Robert Deluca, D.O. of the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth and Dr. David J. Randall, D.O., Diplomate America Board of Family Practice, Fellow American Academy of Family Practice and Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

Filing period open for city, school elections

The Haskell City election will be held on 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 first day to file for election was Feb. 12, and the last day is March 12. Filing will be done at the City Hall.

Early voting by personal appearance at City Hall during regular hours starts on April 30, and ends May 8. Early voting hours will also be from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Mon., April 30, and Tues., May 1.

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.

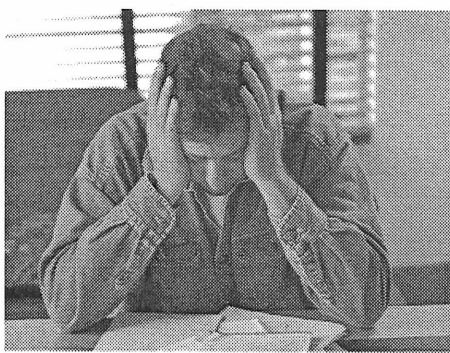
In the Haskell CISD board election, two seats are open. These are single district #1, now held by Felix Rodriguez, and single district #6, now held by Joey Kimbrough. Both are three year terms.

The filing dates for the May 12 election began Feb. 10 and will continue until March 12.

Voting place for the school election has not been announced.

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Calendar

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Schools homecoming will be held Sept. 21-22.

Bounce for Autism

Sixth graders at Haskell Elementary School are participating in a project to raise funds for Autism Research and Autism Speaks in support of Taylor's Team. Students will 'Bounce for Autism' in a basketball competition and will be asking friends and family for donations to support their participating. Deadline is March 8. All proceeds benefit Autism Research and Autism Speaks.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., March 4 at the Pit & Grill. Games will begin at 2 p.m. followed by a meeting at 3 p.m.

Rule banquet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will hold their 53rd annual banquet Mon., March 26 at 6:30 p.m. A meal will be served by the Rule Junior Class and their parents. Entertainment will be by a group of Rule 4-H members. Man and Woman of the Year will be presented. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased from members or at the door.

Book fair

Rule ISD will host a Scholastic Book Fair March 5-9. An open house will be held Tues., March 6 from 5 to 6 p.m. for friends, students and families to visit with teachers and staff members about their student's progress and activities.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Lenice Dennis of Abilene will present a demonstration using pastels. Guests are welcome.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., March 5 in Haskell City Hall at 6 p.m.

Obituaries

Lois Marie Redwine



LOIS REDWINE
Funeral services for Lois Marie Redwine, 90, of Haskell will be held Fri., March 2 at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial will be in Willow Cemetery under the direction of

Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Redwine died Sun., Feb. 25 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

She was born April 12, 1916 in Abilene on what is now 14th Street. The house is still standing. She was the daughter of Pierce Jackson White and Ella Mae Barrington White. She attended schools in Abilene, Brady and graduated from Coleman High School. In 1939, she married Thomas Charley Redwine and they raised three daughters. She was an active member of Haskell's First Baptist Church. She served her Sunday School Class as secretary and president, and was active in WMU. She served as president for the Haskell Elementary PTA, the Business & Professional Women's Club, and Lambda Alpha Sorority in

Odessa. Also while living in Odessa for five years, she was an active volunteer for the Presidential Museum.

Lois loved sending notes and cards to family and friends. She was an inspiration and a positive influence that touched the lives of many people.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a sister and a baby brother.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Jeanie and Hyrum Richards of Haskell, Charlotte and Vern Foreman of Odessa, and Suzy and Coe McElmurry of Monett, Missouri; 12 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thurs., March 1 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Holden-McCauley Funeral Home. PD. NOTICE

Jay M. Lackey



JAY M. LACKEY
Funeral services for Jay M. Lackey, 90, of Irving were held Mon., Feb. 19 at First Baptist

Church in Irving with Rev. John Durham officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Calvary Funeral Home of Irving.

Mr. Lackey died Thurs., Feb. 15 at his Irving home.

Born Oct. 19, 1916 in Haskell, he was the son of John and Beulah Andrews Lackey. He grew up on the farm near Haskell. He graduated from Old Glory High as valedictorian of the 1934 class. He met Edith Fern Tinkle in the fall of 1938 and they married Dec. 26, 1939 in Iowa Park. He had been a resident of Irving since 1953. Jay and his brother, L.R. Lackey were owners of L&J Construction for some 40 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He was honored as a

lifetime deacon in Nov. 2005. He was preceded in death by his son, Jay Edwin Lackey.

Survivors include his loving wife of 68 years, Edith Fern Lackey of Irving; daughter, Lida Stark and husband, Bill of Clinton, Massachusetts; daughter-in-law, Linda Lackey of Irving; five grandchildren, Scott Lackey of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Gil Lackey of Irving, Rene Roberts and husband, Joey of Clinton, Massachusetts, Edith Kennedy and husband, Chris of Clinton, Massachusetts, and Eric Lackey of Irving; one great grandson, Will Roberts of Clinton, Massachusetts; brother, Robert Lackey of Kennedale; sister, Lois Nicholson of Haskell; and caregiver Marquita Jones. PD. NOTICE

James R. Nail



JAMES R. NAIL
A memorial celebration of life service for James Russel Nail, 35, of Lubbock was held Tues., Feb. 27 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock with Rev. Matt Wolfington and Rev. Don Kinder officiating. Inurnment was at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Lubbock.

Born June 10, 1971 in Wichita Falls, he was the son of Ronald and Deborah Nail. He graduated from Wylie High School in Abilene in 1989 and attended Texas Tech University. He was a sales manager for Coca Cola Enterprises in Lubbock. He married Debra Von Gonten May 22, 1993 at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock. He was a very active man in the community, serving on the board of The Boys and girls Club and he was a loan executive for United Way. He was a proud member of St. Luke's United Methodist church. He was a sponsor within the Walk to Emmaus Community, and an Adult Bible Study Leader. He was an ordinary man, but an extraordinary man of God. This is the scripture he read to his children that became an integral part of their nightly prayers, "May the Lord bless you and protect

you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favor and give you His peace." Numbers 6:24-26.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Durrwood and Adell Seber and John R. Nail; his father-in-law, Wayne Von Gonten; and niece, Keegan Von Gonten.

Survivors include his loving wife, Debra of Lubbock; children, Brittany, Jared and Josh, all of Lubbock; his parents, Ronald and Deborah Nail of Haskell; grandmother, Ruth Nail of Haskell; mother-in-law, Dianne Von Gonten of Lubbock; brother-in-law Kyle and wife, Heather Von Gonten and Keltin of Lubbock; and numerous extended members.

Memorials may be sent to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Southwest 3708 - 45th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79413. PD. NOTICE

Students in the News

Haskell County area Fall 2006 graduates of Texas Tech University were Bergen Peiser, Summa Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood, and Katherine

Thompson, Magna Cum Laude, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Advertising.

Named to the Dean's List were Morgan Cox, senior, with a major in Exercise and Sport Sciences; and Sunnie Waldron, junior, with a major in Early Childhood.

Named to the President's List from Haskell were: Leslie Grand, senior, with a major in Communication Studies; Lynzie

Harlan, senior, with a major in Multidisciplinary Studies; and Brittany Lindsey, senior, with a major in Early Childhood.

Named to the President's List from Rule was Jonathan Hisey, junior, majoring in Interdisciplinary Agriculture.

Named to the President's List from Rochester was Ross Short, sophomore, majoring in Interdisciplinary Agriculture.

Storm sirens

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

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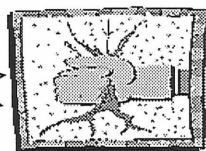
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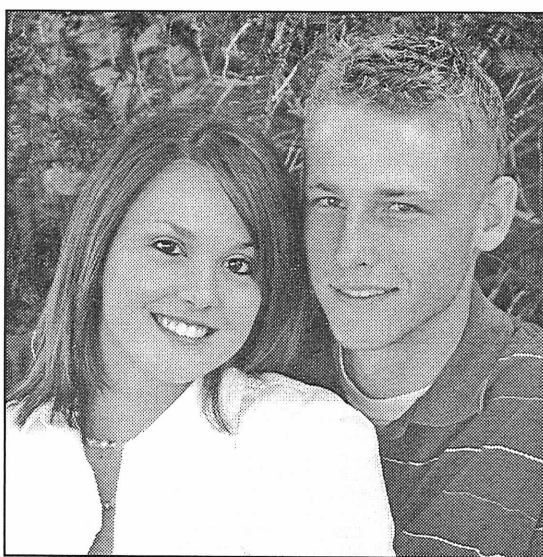
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CHELSEA RAMAEKERS-GEOFFREY PHEMISTER

Ramaekers, Phemister plan June wedding

Larry and Tammy Ramaekers of Canyon have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Chelsea Elizabeth Ramaekers, to Geoffrey Wayne Phemister, son of Carl and Lisa Milburn of Haskell, and Randy and Lorie Phemister of Canyon.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Ed and Leola Ramaekers of Nazareth, and the late Connie Hall. The prospective bridegroom's grandparents are the late W. A. and Thelma Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. Max McMeans of Haskell, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Phemister of Rowlett. His great

grandmother is Doris Roberts of Haskell.

The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Canyon High School. She is employed at Caprock High School, where she is an interpreter. She attends Amarillo College, where she is pursuing a degree in Sign Language.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2005 graduate of Canyon High School. He plays golf for West Texas A&M University and is pursuing a degree in Finance.

A wedding is planned for June 20 at Country Home Weddings in Canyon.

Haskell School Menu

March 5-9 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast pizza

Tuesday: Blueberry muffin,

goldfish

Wednesday: Cereal, toast

Thursday: Sausage, biscuit

Friday: Manager's choice

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: Steakfingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, Oriental blend mixed vegetables, hot roll, sliced peaches

Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, beef and vegetable stew, pears

Wednesday: Jose Ole burrito, salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, fresh fruit

Thursday: Roast turkey, gravy, green beans with potatoes, lettuce, tomatoes, breadstick, peach cobbler

Friday: Choice: Chicken on a bun, tunafish, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, assorted chips, strawberry or raspberry Gogurt

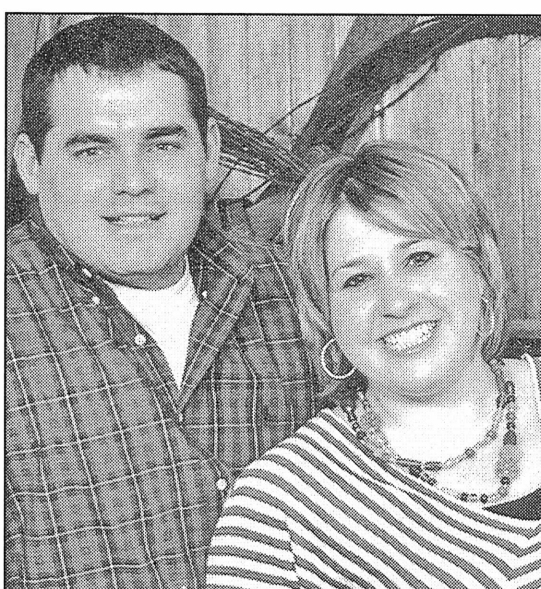
Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Tiny Vaughn of Anson and her daughter, Elaine Benette of Gainesville, Florida visited Joyce Hawkins at the hospital Saturday evening.

The family and friends of Lonnie Pannell of Throckmorton had a party for him at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair Sunday evening. He will leave with the Green Berets March 9 and be stationed in Georgia. About 20 people attended the hamburger and hot dog party.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Hawkins and Brittney of Aspermont visited Joyce Hawkins Sunday afternoon.



CHRIS DOAN - ANNA RIEGER

Rieger, Doan to marry in Jamaica

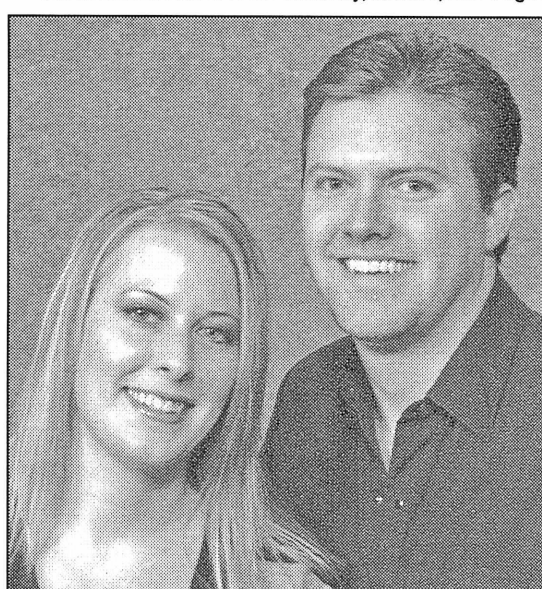
Donnie and Ellen Rieger of Haskell have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anna Rieger, to Chris Doan, son of David and Marisa Doan of Abilene.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Haskell High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Hardin-Simmons University in

2002, and is employed by Anson General Hospital.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of Cooper High School, Abilene. He is employed as Assistant Manager of Produce for United Supermarkets.

The couple is planning to be married April 14 in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.



JANA LEA SAFFEL - MICHAEL WAYNE JOINER

Saffel, Joiner to wed July 28

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Saffel of Rule have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jana Lea Saffel, to Michael Wayne Joiner of Lubbock. Joiner is the son of Mike Joiner, Sr. of Lubbock and Cindy Dixon of Austin.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Rule High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed by

Incode of Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1995 graduate of Coronado High School and attended South Plains College. He is employed by AFLAC and National Farm Life.

The couple plans to marry Sat., July 28 at the Market Alumni Center at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Paint Creek School Menu

March 5-9 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Toast or cereal

Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy

Wednesday: Pancakes

Thursday: French toast

Friday: Toast and cereal

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Turkey, mashed

potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, cake

Tuesday: Frito chili pie, corn on cob, pinto beans, salad, fruit cups

Wednesday: Ham, broccoli with rice, buttered carrots, salad, peach cobbler

Thursday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, jello with fruit

Friday: Tacos, refried beans, corn, salad, rice krispie bars

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., March 5

Lunch-Ham slice, English pea salad, hominy, cranberries, cornbread, Devil's food cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., March 7

Lunch-King ranch chicken, blackeyed peas, glazed carrots,

sliced onions, garlic toast, strawberry cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., March 9

Lunch-Beef stew, pimento or tuna sandwich, sliced onions, pickles, strawberry jello, peanut butter cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Lundy of Riply, Oklahoma announce the birth of their son, Coleston Luke Lundy born Feb. 9 weighing 6 lbs.16 oz. He was 19 1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by brothers, Canyon and Michael.

Grandparents are Coe and Suzy McElmurry of Monett, Missouri, Jewell Williams of Claremore, Oklahoma and Dean Williams of Miami, Oklahoma.

Great grandparents are Lois Redwine of Haskell and the late Charley Redwine.

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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

House 'busts' spending cap with senior citizen property tax break

AUSTIN—The Texas House of Representatives concurred with the state Senate in passing Senate Concurrent Resolution 20, a measure guaranteeing a property tax break for senior citizens by "busting" the state spending cap.

Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said it wouldn't be a problem to devote \$14 billion to tax relief for seniors now, before the House gets any deeper into the budgeting process.

SCR 20 passed on a vote of 95-50, drawing opposition from House members who felt it would be better to wait until:

(1) State Comptroller Susan Combs delivers a revenue estimate, and

(2) The House Appropriations Committee prioritizes and funds all of the demands in the state budget.

Reps. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, and Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, said passing SCR 20 was putting the cart before the horse. Both lawmakers said the House, like a family, has to know how much money is in the bank before deciding how to spend it.

Coal plant plan slows down

Austin State District Judge Stephen Yelenosky in effect said "not-so-fast" to Gov. Rick Perry's executive order to speed up by six months the permit process for the building of 11 coal-fired power plants on sites across Texas.

Yelenosky instructed judges with the State Office of Administrative Hearings to ignore Perry's executive order. That office conducts the public hearings, and the input from those hearings is supposed to go into the decision-making process. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has the final say.

Groups of citizens have been protesting the construction of new coal-fired power plants, arguing that the plants pose health hazards by dumping toxins and particulate matter into the air.

Activists staged anti-coal demonstrations downtown and a small plane putted along in the sky above the Capitol dome, dragging a banner picturing a child's coal-smearer face with the words "Coal Is Dirty."

Lawmakers fight HPV order

Gov. Perry's early February executive order requiring girls

entering the sixth grade to get vaccinated against Human papillomavirus raised a ruckus in the Texas Legislature.

Lawmakers are moving toward passing legislation to override Perry's executive order.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, and others, criticized the chief executive for trying to legislate and for trying to seize parents' authority to make decisions concerning the health of their children.

The governor's connection to pharmaceutical giant Merck, the manufacturer of Gardasil, the vaccine for HPV, has prompted questions on his motive for issuing the executive order.

Defibrillator legislation is filed

Texas schools that don't already have Automated External Defibrillators would be required to get them under legislation sponsored by Rep. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen.

Hinojosa's Senate Bill 7 is part of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's sweeping "Texas Children First" package of legislation.

The devices, which cost about \$2,000, are capable of restarting a stopped heart. The need for them at school athletic functions has been widely publicized.

Co-authors of SB 7 include Sens. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville; Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio; Bob Deuell, R-Greenville; and Florence Shapiro, R-Plano.

About half of the state's 8,000 public school campuses do not have the lifesaving devices, the Texas Education Agency reported.

Bill addresses future water needs

Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco, on Feb. 22, filed legislation to develop, manage and preserve the state's water supply decades into the future.

Senate Bill 3 addresses flow requirements and water rights permitting and includes measures to manage existing and future water supplies.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, lauded Averitt for filing SB 3, saying, "By the year 2060 our population will have more than doubled, yet the amount of available water will remain the same."

"That means unless we take the necessary steps today, we will lack the water we need to support our fast growing population tomorrow."



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

February 27, 1997

Haskell sophomore Daisy Cotron will attend a 13 day all expense paid tour of Washington, D.C. as the winner of Stamford Electric Cooperative, Inc. Youth Tour Speech Contest.

Emily Whorton, granddaughter of Pauline Couch of Haskell and Allene Whorton of Rule, earned her BBA from West Texas A&M University.

The Haskell Indians won the Bi-District playoff against Nocona 67-44. Matthew McCord and Casey Burgess combined efforts leading the Indians in points scoring by 23 and 20. Adding 10 points was Jason Briles, Gavino Ortiz with 6, Carl Riley with 4, Bobby Ortiz and Ryan Nanny with 2 points each.

20 Years Ago

February 26, 1987

Emily Thornhill of Haskell was a nominee for the title of Miss Trailhand 1986-87 at Western Texas College.

Julie Roewe and Patricia Henry of the Haskell Maidens were named to the all-district girls basketball team.

Anita Payne of Haskell represented Haskell County in the Natural Fibers Fashion Showcase held at the Southwest Farm and Ranch Exposition in Fort Worth.

30 Years Ago

February 24, 1977

Area young people named

winner at the 81st annual southwestern Expositions and Fat Stock Show. Winners were Joe Wilfong and Cindy Thomas of Haskell; Mark Lewis, Kraig Kupatt and Russ Lewis of Rule; Kim Hager and Stan Hager of Weinert.

Sue Miller of Haskell has accepted the Chairmanship of the Annual Spring Special Event on behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Named to the honor roll and distinguished students list at Tarleton State University were Brenda K. Boone and Christie Kay McAdams.

Tammy G. Peiser, Paint Creek High School, has been named 1977 General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow.

Andy Gannaway's steer placed second in the top 21 steers in the lightweight division at the Wichita Falls Beef Show.

Koji Ishikawa, a native of Akita-ken, Japan, is an honored guest in the home of the Dr. Frank Cadenhead family. While in Pinedale, Wyoming last summer, Dr. Frank Cadenhead family met the young Japanese man.

Anita Kay Edwards is Weinert High School's 1967 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

The Weinert Future Homemakers of America held a

buffet supper for their parents.

50 Years Ago

February 28, 1957

Mrs. J.W. Lyles and Mrs. R.S. Edwards of Weinert and Mrs. J.W. Medley of Haskell spent the weekend visiting their sisters, Mrs. Frank Ford and Mrs. Noah Bewley and families of Forestburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Cybil Davis and son Jimmy, accompanied by Fred Selby of Lubbock spent the weekend with Mrs. Davis parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Thompson.

A crew of men is at work this week in the court house yard planing shade trees and shrubbery.

The land firm of Johnson and Davis sold a tract of 200 acres to T.H. Foster of Hallettsville who will move here.

Bonnie Spencer and Maud Hunt were over from Rule and visited Mrs. S.W. Scott.

French Bros. have opened up a large stock of drugs in the new Oates building on the west side of the square. They have a well arranged store, equipped with shelving, drawers, prescription and show cases.

Doctor W.A. Kimbrough was taken with appendicitis and left for Fort Worth for treatment. Kimbrough was operated upon and is getting along nicely.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses and publishes only state- and national level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Abbe. All reports are available on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Texas Field Office at 1-800-626-3142.

USDA to survey farmers

How many acres of cotton, corn or sorghum do farmers intend to plant this growing season? Will intended acreage be above or below last year? These are just a couple of the critical questions the Texas Field Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be asking more than 5,900 producers statewide as part of the March Agricultural Survey.

"The March Agricultural Survey, also known as the Crops/Stocks Survey, is one of the most important surveys conducted each year by NASS," explained David Abbe, Director of the NASS Texas Field Office. This survey will provide the first official estimates of U.S. farmers' planting intentions for 2007, giving a glimpse at the upcoming growing season.

"Data from the March Agricultural Survey benefit farmers and ranchers by providing timely and accurate information to help them make critical decisions for their operation. When finalizing cropping and marketing plans, this survey will be one of the most important sources of information for producers," added Abbe.

Beginning the end of February, selected Texas producers will be contacted by mail, telephone or personal interview and asked to provide information on the crop acreage they intend to plant for the 2007 crop year. NASS will also collect data on quantities of grains and oilseeds stored on-farm. The information will be compiled and analyzed then published in a series of USDA reports, including the Prospective Plantings report and quarterly Grain Stocks report, both to be released on March 30.

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Tornado drill to test weather readiness

The National Weather Service Office in San Angelo will conduct the 8th annual Tornado Warning Drill Tues., March 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Governor Rick Perry has declared March 4-10 as 'Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week.' Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning. Do you have a way to receive a warning?

At approximately 9:30 a.m., the National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a practice tornado warning. We will transmit this warning through NOAA All Hazards Radio (formerly NOAA Weather Radio). Some local radio and TV stations, and Emergency Management offices may also relay the warning in your area. The practice tornado warning will be cancelled at 9:45 a.m.

The warning will be issued for the following counties: Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble, and Mason counties.

In 2004, a practice tornado warning drill was conducted on March 3. On the following day, March 4, a severe line of thunderstorms with tornadoes struck west central Texas and even hit a school and produced substantial damage. This test proved extremely valuable and

prepared many schools for this extreme severe weather event.

The National Weather Service continuously broadcasts warnings and forecasts that can be received by NOAA Weather Radios, which are sold in many stores. The average range is 40 miles, depending on topography.

Purchase a radio that has a battery back-up and a Specific Area Message Encoder feature, which automatically alerts you when a watch or warning is issued for your county. NOAA Weather Radio is the best means to receive warnings from the National Weather Service.

When conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop, a severe thunderstorm or tornado WATCH is issued. Weather Service personnel use information from weather radar, spotters, and other sources to issue severe thunderstorm and tornado WARNINGS for areas where severe weather is imminent.

Severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings are passed to local radio and television stations and are broadcast over local NOAA Weather Radio stations serving the warned areas. These warnings are also relayed to local emergency management and public safety officials who can activate local warning systems to alert communities.

If a tornado warning is issued for your area or the sky becomes threatening, move to your pre-

designated place of safety.

*What to Listen For:

*Tornado Watch: Tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. Know what counties or parishes are in the watch area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio/television outlets.

*Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Tells you when and where severe thunderstorms are likely to occur. Watch the sky and stay tuned to know when warnings are issued.

*Tornado Warning: A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar.

*Severe Thunderstorm Warning: Issued when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in the path of the storm.

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 windows.

*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 designated in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows.

*Avoid places 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 with your head against the wall 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.

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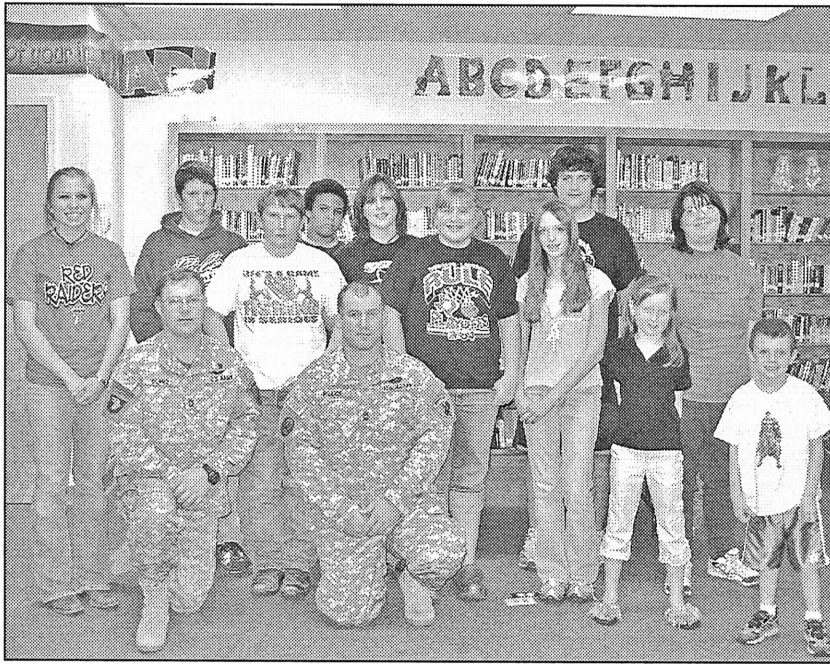
Rule 4-H Club to help soldiers

Rule 4-H members learned about military service in Iraq during their February meeting. Knox City native, Master Sergeant Ronnie Reece, father of member Cody Reece and son of Danny and the late Betty Reece of Knox City, along with Abilene native Sergeant First Class Trey Bland shared their experiences with members and guests.

Both men served in Desert Storm and twice served one year tours in Iraq. They are Army reservists with the 490th Civil Affairs Unit in Abilene. Bland has been in the military for twenty four years and Reece has been in for twenty two years. They are employed by American Eagle Aviation at the Abilene Airport.

Rule 4-H members brought donations to send to soldiers currently serving in Iraq. Items will be boxed and shipped to one of the two troops that have relatives in the Rule 4-H Club.

Sean Higgs, relative of Mina Banks, Nick Johnson, Chris and Samantha Lewis and Isaac Banks, is serving with the 4/227th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, of the 1st Cavalry Division. They are an Apache Longbow Attack Helicopter Battalion, stationed in North Central Iraq, 20 miles North of Baghdad, outside of the city of Al Taji. He is stationed at Fort Hood but is living at "Camp Taji" in Delta or D Company while in Iraq. He has approximately 100 men and women in his company.



VISIT WITH THE MILITARY—Rule 4-H members learning about military service in Iraq, and visiting members of the military are, front row, l-r, Sergeant First Class Trey Bland, standing, Daniel Turner, Master Sergeant Ronnie Reece, Jenny Dudensing, Allison Petty, Sara Campbell and Jeremy Banks. Back row, l-r, Molly Dudensing, Zeb Petty, Isaac Banks, Mina Banks, Cody Reece and Shelby Starr.

Captain Jayson Morgan is the uncle of Cody Reece and brother of Elaina Mathis of Rule. He is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas and was recently deployed to Baghdad for a fifteen month tour of duty. Morgan is commander of a group of eighty soldiers.

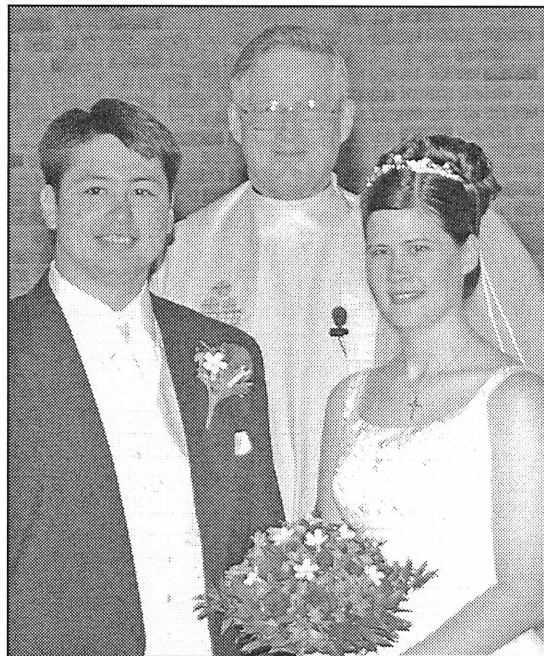
Since some necessary items are in short supply for deployed soldiers, the Rule 4-H Club will continue to accept donations of approved items. Soldiers are in need of the following items:

moisture wipes, baby wipes, lip balm, deodorant, bar soap, antibacterial gel, hard candy, eye wash or drops, toothpaste and brushes, hair brushes, disposable razors, small toys like dolls or cars for children, envelopes and paper, individual packages of Kool-Aid and Gatorade mix and beef jerky

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 or sandwich bags. No pork items or no jerky with pork allowed.

Donations may be dropped in collection boxes at the Rule School, First Baptist Church in Rule and Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton. Contact Renee Dudensing at 996-2738 or Elaina Mathis at 996-2190 or 997-2137 for more information.



MR. AND MRS. PAUL THOMAS BECKLING WITH FATHER FRED NANARSKAS

Phillips, Beckling married Feb. 3

April Denise Phillips, daughter of Timothy and Ruth Phillips of Abilene, and Paul Thomas Beckling, son of John and Tae Beckling of Cisco, were married Feb. 3, in the Holy Family Catholic Church, Abilene, with Father Fred Nanarskas officiating.

Organist was Gerald Phillips, and guitarist was Michael Phillips.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a white gown and carried red roses.

Matron of Honor was Beth Lantrip. She wore a gown of blue velvet and carried white carnations. Bridesmaids were Crystal Chandler and Shyla Flickinger, who also wore blue gowns.

Flower girl was Adrienne Fruit, and Ring Bearer was Ryan

Fruit. Best Man was Kenny Lantrip. Groomsmen were Carlton Thomas and Ray Pettit.

Michael Ogle was the usher. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Parish Hall of the church.

A rehearsal dinner was held at the Lytle Land and Cattle Company.

Following a wedding cruise, the couple will reside in Abilene.

The bride attended Wylie High School, McMurry University, and Abilene Intercollegiate of Nursing. She is employed by Hendrick Medical Center.

The groom attended Hamilton High School, McMurry University and Texas Tech University. He is employed at Genesis Networks Solutions.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell Commissioner's Court met for a regular session, Mon., Feb. 12. Those attending were County Judge David Davis, County Commissioners Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield, Kenny Thompson and Bobby Smith, and County Clerk Rhonda Moeller.

Karen Allison of Grant Works met with the Court to give an update on the HOMES GRANT. All bills presented to the Court on that day were paid.

A motion presented by Commissioner Thompson was approved to do time warrants for a freightliner for Precinct 3 in the amount of \$20,000.

A motion by Commissioner Scoggins to split the Commissioner's monthly travel into two equal payments was approved.

No action was taken on the matter of trimming the trees on the courthouse lawn.

Commissioner Mayfield presented a motion to contract with the cities of Haskell County for use of the election machines at the rate of \$50.00 per machine plus mileage. The motion was approved.

After discussion, Judge Davis presented a motion to deny Mrs. Frazier's request for the County to deed the Anchor property to her. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Thompson entered a motion to accept the Racial Profiling report for Jan. 1, 2006 through Dec. 31, 2006, as presented by County Sheriff David Halliburton. The motion was approved, and a copy of the report is included in the minutes of the meeting.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 888 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Feb. 24, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

Special cow sale, March 3. 386 steers and bulls. 323 heifers. 169 cows and bulls. 64 sellers and 40 buyers.

Cows: fat, .40-.46; cutters, .48-.58; canners, .30-.40.

Bulls: bologna, .60-.70, feeders, .78-.88.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.40-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.40; 400-500 lbs., 1.20-1.30; 500-

600 lbs., 1.07-1.17; 600-700 lbs., .98-1.13; 700-800 lbs., .87-.97; 800-up lbs., .88-.95.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.30; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.20; 400-500 lbs., 1.05-1.15; 500-600 lbs., .98-1.08; 600-up lbs., .88-.98.

Bred heifers: medium frame 700-850.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 800-1000; aged or small, 500-700.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 800-1250; older, 650-750.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA



DON'T OVERLOOK THESE DEDUCTIONS EVEN IF YOU DON'T ITEMIZE

You're probably familiar with the deduction choice you must make when you file your tax return. You either have enough deductions (such as mortgage interest, charitable contributions, and medical expenses) to itemize, or you take the standard deduction, a set amount that doesn't require you to list specific deductible items.

What you may not be as familiar with are those deductions that you are allowed to take "above the line"; that is, deductions that you can take in addition to your itemized deductions or your standard deduction.

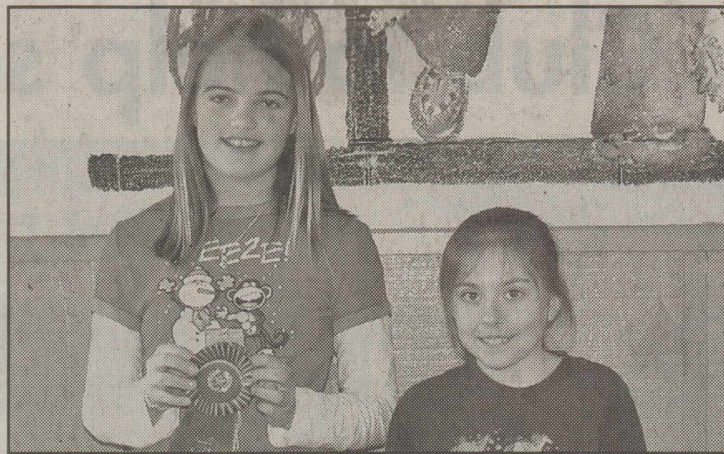
Here's a quick rundown of above-the-line deductions you shouldn't miss on your 2006 tax return.

- A deduction of up to \$250 for classroom supplies purchased by teachers for use in their classrooms.
- A deduction of up to \$2,500 for interest paid on student loans.
- A deduction of up to \$2,000 or \$4,000 for college tuition and fees, depending on your income level.
- A deduction of up to \$4,000 for individual retirement account contributions if you're under age 50. If you're 50 or older, you can deduct up to \$5,000.
- A deduction for the expenses connected with a job-related move.
- A deduction for 50% of the self-employment tax and 100% of health insurance premiums paid if you are self-employed.
- A deduction for alimony paid. (Note that child support is not deductible.)
- A deduction for contributions to health savings accounts (HSAs).

Most of these deductions have qualification requirements or income limitations. Don't overlook above-the-line tax deductions. An added benefit: These deductions decrease your "adjusted gross income," an important number on your tax return. The lower your adjusted gross income, the more likely you are to qualify for credits and deductions subject to income thresholds. For details or assistance in finding all the deductions to which you're entitled, give us a call.

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2007 Haskell, Paint Creek and District Soil & Water Conservation District Posters Winners



DISTRICT WINNERS—Maci Colley, left, was the first place district poster contest winner and Ashley Adams placed second. Both are Haskell sixth grade students.



DISTRICT WINNER—Stormy Darnell, a fourth grade student at Paint Creek, was the third place district poster contest winner.



PAINT CREEK 2ND GRADE—I-r, Sabrina Conn, 1st place; Catherine Lemond, 2nd place; Samantha Martinez, 3rd place.



PAINT CREEK 3RD GRADE—I-r, Tate Rainey, 1st place, not pictured; Taylor Hunt, 2nd place; Sara Edwards, 3rd place.



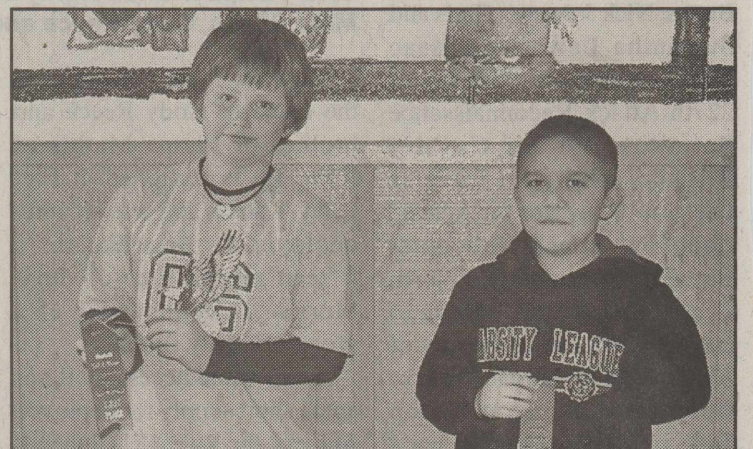
PAINT CREEK 4TH GRADE—I-r, Shalon Heidenheimer, 1st place; Stormy Darnell, 2nd place; Cedar McIlwain, 3rd place, not pictured.



PAINT CREEK 5TH GRADE—I-r, Ben Groves, 1st place, not pictured; Chris Richardson, 2nd place; Caitlin Medford, 3rd place.



MRS. CHRISTIAN'S 3RD GRADE, HASKELL—I-r, Hannah Foster, 1st place; Dylan Hanson, 2nd place; Courtney Howard, 3rd place.



MRS. WAGGONER'S 3RD GRADE, HASKELL—I-r, Pryce Stewart, 1st place; Nate Hernandez, 2nd place.



HASKELL OVERALL 3RD GRADE—I-r, Hannah Foster, 1st place; Pryce Stewart, 2nd place; Dylan Hanson, 3rd place.



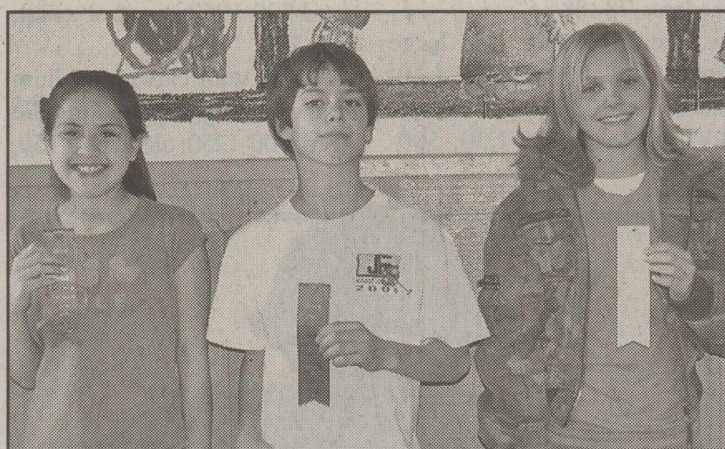
MRS. EVERETT'S 4TH GRADE, HASKELL—I-r, Breezy Gibbs, 1st place; Reagan Hadaway, 2nd place; Riley Meinzer, 3rd place.



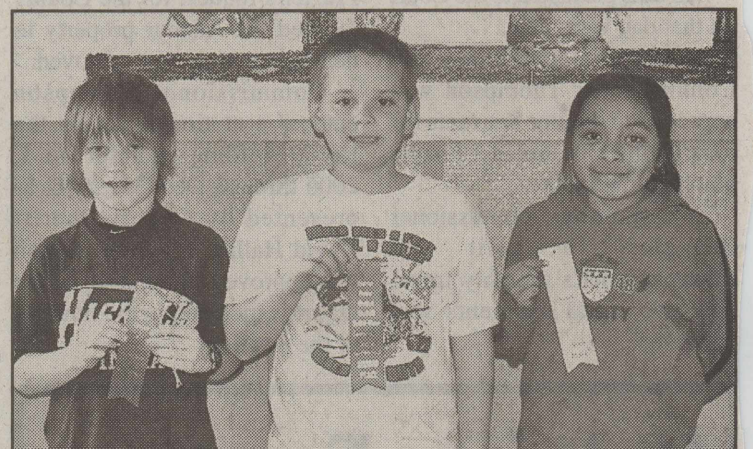
MRS. ROBERTS'S 4TH GRADE, HASKELL—I-r, Alyssa Abila, 1st place, not pictured; Amy Munoz, 2nd place; Adriania Roque, 3rd place.



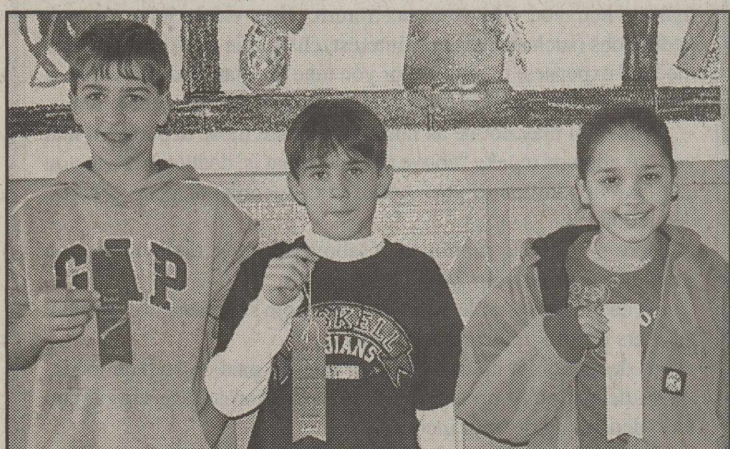
HASKELL OVERALL 4TH GRADE—I-r, Alyssa Abila, 1st place, not pictured; Breezy Gibbs, 2nd place; Amie Munoz, 3rd place.



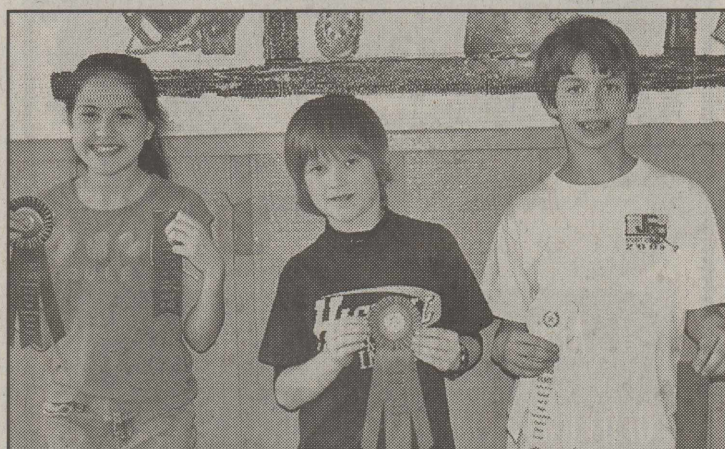
MRS. ADAM'S 5TH GRADE, HASKELL—I-r, Nikki Ortiz, 1st place; Colton English, 2nd place; Cailey Mathis, 3rd place.



MRS. FOUTS' 5TH GRADE, HASKELL—I-r, Micah Thomas, 1st place; Zachary Tatum, 2nd place; Christina Villa, 3rd place.



MRS. JOHNSON'S 5TH GRADE, HASKELL—I-r, Aaron Waggoner, 1st place; Dakota Silvas, 2nd place; Meghan Glover, 3rd place.



HASKELL OVERALL 5TH GRADE—I-r, Nikki Ortiz, 1st place; Micah Thomas, 2nd place; Colton English, 3rd place.



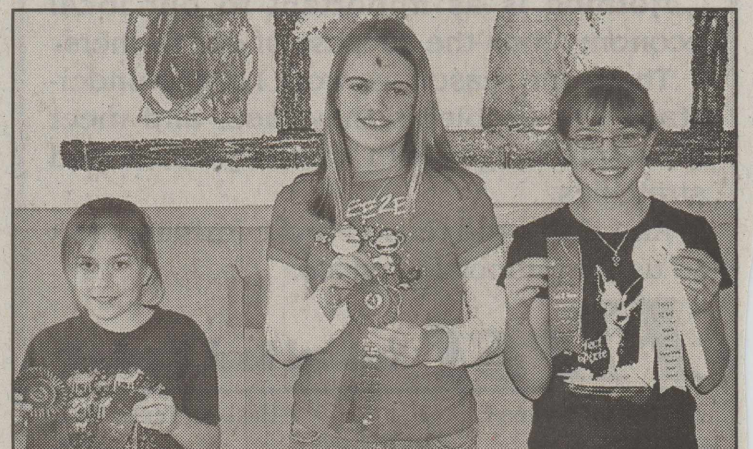
MRS. CYPERT'S 6TH GRADE, HASKELL—I-r, Ashley Adams, 1st place; Morgan Frierson, 2nd place; Madison Mayfield, 3rd place.



MRS. SLOAN'S 6TH GRADE, HASKELL—I-r, Maci Colley, 1st place; Cailey Foster, 2nd place; Shelby Dunnam, 3rd place.



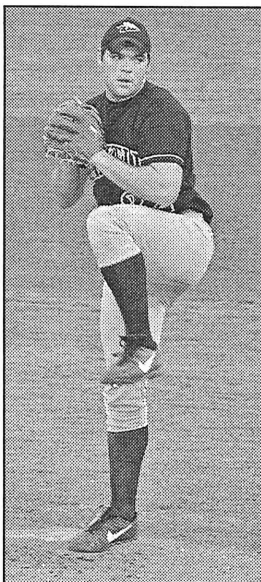
MRS. GIBSON'S 6TH GRADE, HASKELL—I-r, Kaylyn Wheatley, 1st place; Myra Chavez, 2nd place; Tillie McGuire, 3rd place.



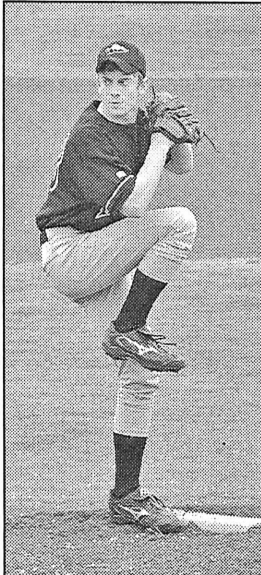
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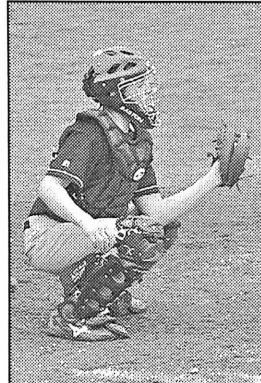
GARY FRIERSON, Pitcher



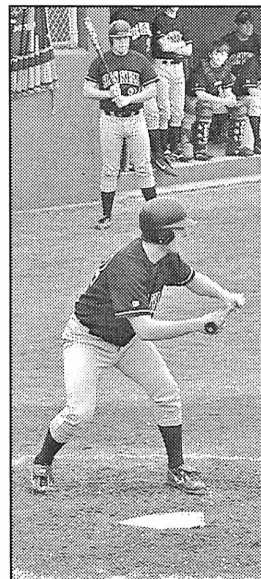
STEVEN FILLMON, Pitcher



CLYDE FRIERSON



JAMES WILLIAMS, Catcher



JOSH KIMMEL

Museum's fund-raiser is successful

The ninth annual barbecue to support the museum and other historical preservation efforts in Knox County was a smashing success for the ninth time in a row. Even unpredictable Texas weather cooperated again with blue skies and sunshine despite earlier fears of snow and ice for Sun., Feb. 4.

Best of all, over \$4,500 net profit came in, serving around 450 people with take-outs, from Knox and surrounding counties. As usual, many former residents also make it back for what has almost become a county wide reunion.

Mary Jane Young, Chairman of the Knox County Historical Commission, was asked how many people helped with the fund raiser. "All the KCHC members worked," she said. "That's about 20. Then you have the men who barbecued Saturday and worked again Sunday, and the women who cooked turkeys. About a dozen people helped serve,

washed dishes etc., who were not on the KCHC board, nine 4-H Club members helped people by carrying their plates or drinks, and another 8 or 10 people helped sell and take tickets and set up things. That's about 50 or more, especially when you count the county jail prisoners who always help take up the tables and chairs afterwards."

"Then, you figure the 44 door prizes and the 50 silent auction donations, and that amounts to around 100 persons or businesses involved before anyone takes a bite of food. That's about 150 helpers so far. You can't forget the ladies who baked the pies and cakes for desserts. We had about 85 desserts donated. These came from every community in the county. Truscott and Benjamin ladies supplied the 24 dozen deviled eggs. Rhineland women and helpers made the always delicious potato salad and coleslaw.

"All these people put the

project over the top. We can't thank them enough. They came, they ate, they talked, and they laughed. We enjoyed visiting with them and they seemed to enjoy visiting with everyone."

"Everyone is invited back next year for our 10th annual barbecue on the first Sunday in Feb.," Young concluded.

Knox County residents, former residents, and people with Knox County connections, thousands of them, have made the museum building project a success. Everything that has been done so far has been paid for. It may have seemed like slow progress, but it has been steady and will continue to be successful when the Wichita-Brazos Museum and Cultural Center is in operation, due to all who have helped and whose interest will surely continue.

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Students in the News

Two area students have been recognized as distinguished and honor students at Tarleton State University.

Named to the Distinguished Student list for Fall, 2006 was Tara Lisle of Rule. This includes freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum GPA, Grade Point Average, of

3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C.

Named to the A Honor Roll list was Melody Kennedy of Haskell. To be included on this list, students must have a GPR of 4.0 on the 4.0 system, and are taking a minimum of 12 hours.

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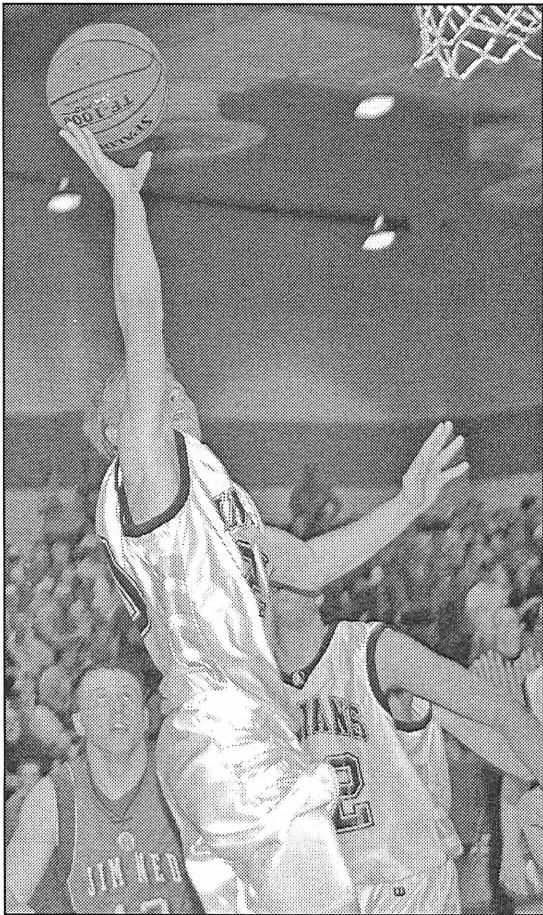
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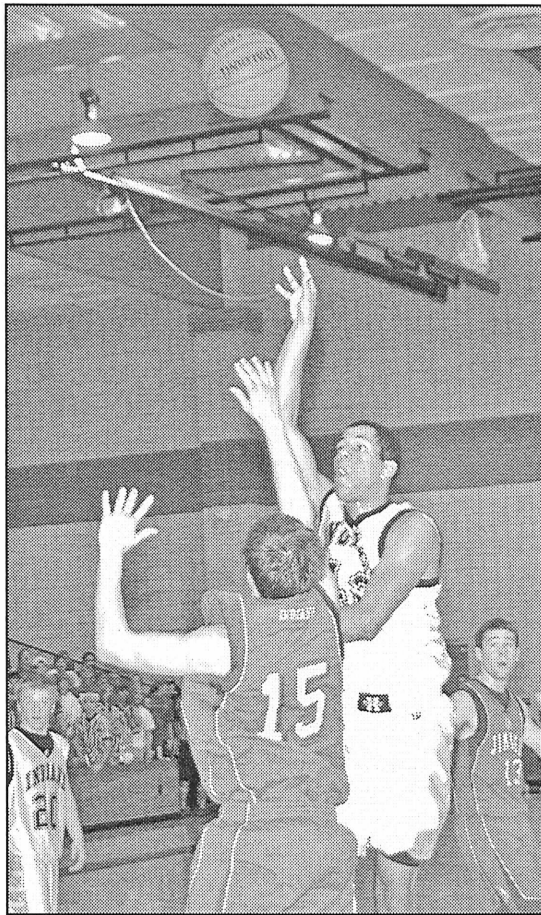


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INDIAN SCORE—Travis Adams #20 puts one in the basket. Adams scored six points against Jim Ned. Haskell lost 43 to 57 in the season ending game. Photo by Bill Blankenship



LOOKING FOR A BASKET—D.J. McCulloch launches the ball for one of his sixteen points scored during the game against Jim Ned Wed., Feb. 21 Photo by Bill Blankenship



SARAH GARCIA



DIANA MAURICIO

Students visit Rotary Club

Sarah Garcia is the daughter of Adam and Paula Garcia of Haskell.

She attends Calvary Baptist Church.

In school she is active in varsity basketball, band, OAP-Charity and UIL.

She likes to hang out with family and friends, sing and watch the latest movies.

Named Band Sweetheart, she is on the A Honor Roll.

After finishing school, she plans to attend Angelo State University and major in an undecided field of study.

Diana Mauricio of Haskell is the daughter of Elena Mauricio.

She is affiliated with St. George Catholic Church.

In school she is active in FFA, Color Guard and Band, Student Council, National Honor Society and UIL.

She likes dancing, hanging out with friends, running and talking on the phone.

She has been named to the A Honor Roll and as Most Dependable. She received a Perfect Attendance award, and has gone to state competition on various FFA teams.

Future plans for her after finishing high school include attending Angelo State University.

This Week's Devotional Message:



FAITH WILL GIVE YOU PATIENCE FOR TODAY'S WORLD

In this age of instant foods and virtually everything else, we often clamor for the immediate fulfillment of all our wishes as a matter of course. Patience has nearly become a lost art because we seem to have so little need of it in this push-button era. However, faith in God will not only help you

regain your patience, but will let you know if the rapid results you have come to expect are really worthwhile attaining. There may be no such thing as instant success, but there is an instant faith which will direct you towards it in the proper manner. It's as near as your church.

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 Rennegarbe, 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.
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.
Weinert

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 Omegs
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

Indians end season with loss to Jim Ned

The Haskell Indians ended their playoff season after a loss to the Jim Ned Indians Wed., Feb. 21.

Jim Ned took control of the game by outscoring Haskell 18-5 in the second quarter, going on for a 57 to 43 win.

Jim Ned faced Reagan County

Sat., Feb. 24 for the next playoff berth.

Haskell ended their season with a 19-13 record.

Scoring for Haskell: D.J. McCulloch 16, Weston Rutkowski 12, Travis Adams 6, Derek Agraz 5 and John English 4.

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Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE: School-community garage, bake, Krispy Kreme doughnut sale on Sat., March 3. 8 to 2. 512 N. 1st, Haskell. All proceeds will benefit Autism Speaks and Taylor's Team. 9c

GARAGE SALE: 900 N. Ave. G. Sat. 8 til ? Baby clothes, furniture, home decor. 9p

SIDEWALK SALE: Sat., March 3. 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 13 Ave. E, on west side of square. Some antiques and collectibles, household goods, women plus size clothes and more. 9c

GARAGE SALE: Sat. 8 til ? 305 N. Ave. D. Little girls' Justin boots (new) 9 1/2; 3T-4T clothes, junior clothing 0-4, movies, toys, misc. 9p

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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.

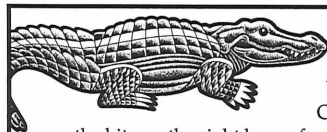
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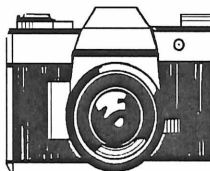
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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification 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.

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Feb. sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has said the state collected \$1.76 billion in sales tax revenue in January, up 12.9 percent compared to January 2006.

Combs sent \$609.4 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 6.4 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2006.

"Local sales tax collections are up, but not by double digits," Combs said. "This confirms what retailers reported earlier regarding their holiday sales. Sales were up, but not as strong as some businesses expected."

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations primarily represent sales made in December, but also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

The Comptroller sent \$414.5 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 6.1 percent compared to February 2006 payments. Texas counties received February sales tax payments of \$35.6 million, up 6.9 percent.

The 115 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$18.7 million in sales tax, up 12.9 percent compared to February 2006.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Fri., March 9.

Haskell County had a 9.68 percent decrease for February 2007 of \$40,090.33 in comparison to \$44,387.23 for February 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$67,858.01 reflect a 3.06 percent decrease over 2006 payments to date of \$70,006.09.

The City of Haskell had a 9.98 percent decrease for February 2006 of \$36,111.13 in comparison to \$40,114.79 for February 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$62,188.22 reflect a 3.27 percent decrease over 2006 payments to date of \$64,295.35.

The City of O'Brien had a 57.66 percent increase for February 2007 of \$219.28 in comparison to \$139.08 for February 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$332.84 reflect a 97.89 percent increase over 2006 payments to date of \$168.19.

The City of Rochester had a 9.62 percent decrease for February 2007 of \$861.38 in comparison to \$953.16 for February 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$1,184.22 reflect a 10.61 percent decrease over 2006 payments to date of \$1,324.89.

The City of Rule had a 2.99 percent decrease for February 2007 of \$2,475.69 in comparison to \$2,552.07 for February 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$3,602.73 reflect a 3.72 percent increase over 2006 payments to date of \$3,473.35.

The City of Weinert had a 32.68 percent decrease for February 2007 of \$422.85 in comparison to \$628.13 for February 2006. 2007 payments to date of \$550.00 reflect a 26.10 percent decrease over 2006 payments to date of \$744.31.

Vendors needed

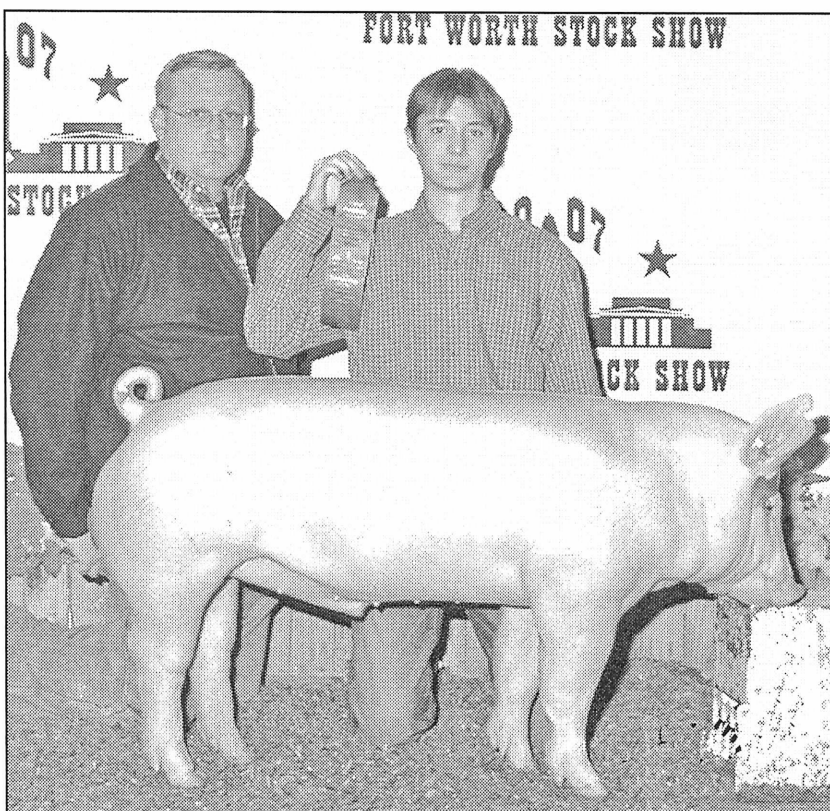
Vendors are being sought for the 11th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show set Sat., March 17 in downtown Haskell. Cost of vendor spaces is \$15. Call Randy or Lisa Shaw at 864-2023 evenings or Randy at 325-721-0674 or Lisa at 325-721-0441 anytime.

Car show

The 11th annual Haskell Fire Department's Car Show will be held Sat., March 17 around the courthouse square in Haskell. Entries are \$20. Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. Judging will be at 12:30 p.m. followed by a 3:30 trophy presentation. Hot Wheel races and a kids tractor pull will be held for the kids. For more information call Randy Shaw at 325-721-0674 or 864-2023.



RESERVE CHAMPION BARROW—Macy Bingham, center, Haskell FFA member, exhibited the Reserve Champion White/Other Purebred Barrow in the Junior Barrow Show at the 2007 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show Feb. 1. She is accompanied in the photo by Kyle and Marka Stephens, owners of Stephens Farms of Amarillo.



FIRST PLACE PIG—Colton Young, Haskell 4-H member, exhibited a first place Light Weight Crossbred Barrow in the Junior Barrow Show at the 2007 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show Feb. 2. Brandon Anderson accompanies Young in the photo.

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