

Softball games

Haskell JV-V vs Colorado City
Sat., April 14, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

Baseball games

Haskell JV-V vs Colorado City
Sat., April 14, 1 p.m.
at Haskell

Calendar

Work day

A work day will be held Sat., April 14 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Old Glory school building in Old Glory. Repairs on the roof, school grounds and interior of the building are scheduled. Volunteers are needed. Bring your tools, pitch in and help save the old school. For more information, call 940-989-2965. Lunch will be provided.

Baseball tryouts

Haskell Youth Baseball will conduct tryouts Sat., April 14 at 10 a.m. at the Little League field. All coaches should contact Tyke Meinzer, Craig McCormick, Kevin Leach or Chris Shelton. Coaches will meet before tryouts. Tryouts are for youth ages 6-9 and 10-12.

Chamber banquet

The annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Thurs., April 19 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. For more information call 864-2477.

Garage sale

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., May 5. Application forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd St. or by calling 864-2477.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Red Rooster restaurant, 1006 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Wed., April 18 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a white elephant. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., April 21 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Men's breakfast

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell will host a men's prayer breakfast Sat., April 14 at 7 a.m.

Summer school

Haskell Independent School District will offer a summer school program for limited English speaking students who will enter kindergarten or first grade for the 2007-08 school year. The summer school will be for eight weeks beginning June 4 and ending July 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Neither transportation nor meals will be provided. If less than ten eligible children desire to participate in the summer program, it will not be offered. If you have an eligible limited English student who is interested in this program, call Cindy McCulloch at 940-864-8007 on or before May 4.

Homecoming

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

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Slow down in work zones

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WORK CONTINUES—Work around the square continues this week. Motorists are cautioned to take notice at the four way stop now located at the intersection of Highways 380 and 277. Workers are continuing the construction of the median around the inside of the square where the parking and traffic is closed on the west and north sides of the courthouse. Workers and equipment still demand driver's attention to help ensure everyone's safety.

Stop signs replace traffic signals

"Motorists are cautioned to honor the four-way stop signs now in place at the intersection of Hwy. 277 and 380 on the square in downtown Haskell," said Haskell Police Officer Steven Grand. "The missing traffic signals may lead to an increase of automobile accidents at this location."

The stop signs will be in use for approximately 30 days while construction continues around the square.

Patience and attentiveness will be the key to safety during the construction.

Drivers are encouraged to be cautious at intersections and around the square, watching for workers, equipment and other vehicles during the construction phase.

City wide clean up set April 21-28 in Haskell

During Haskell's City Wide Clean Up Week, the landfill will be open on special days for use by citizens. These days will be Sat., Apr. 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Apr. 23 through Apr. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sat., Apr. 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Two trailers will be available, half days only, during the week, for those who do not have their own trailer. Personal trailers and trucks hauling loose trash must

have a tarp. Bulky items, lumber, tin, etc., must be tied down.

If you are bringing your own trailer, you will need a tare (empty) weight, and a gross (loaded) weight. No charge will be made, but the landfill must keep up with the weight as per specifications by TCEQ.

Things that will not be accepted during clean-up week are chemicals, tires, batteries, anything with Freon, asbestos,

or any roofing materials and paint.

Bulky items will be picked up by the city if they are placed by

the dumpster, only if previous arrangements have been made through City Hall at 864-2333.

This service is provided for

citizens residing in the city limits of Haskell only. You may be asked for proof of residence, such as your water bill.

Haskell Kindergarten to register

Haskell Elementary School will have Kindergarten registration and screening for the 2007-08 school year Fri., April 27. To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2007.

Students who are not currently enrolled at Haskell Elementary will register and be screened between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. or between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. Please bring your child to the elementary office.

Students who are currently enrolled in Prekindergarten, Early Childhood or Head Start will be screened during their class time. Parents of these students do not need to attend registration.

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

Immunization requirements which must be met before the first day of Kindergarten are: three doses polio vaccine including one

received on or after the 4th birthday, four doses DTP/DtaP vaccine including one received on or after the 4th birthday, two doses MMR vaccine (or one dose MMR and one dose measles

vaccine), three doses hepatitis B vaccine and one dose varicella vaccine or documentation of having had chicken pox.

Call Peggy Adams at 864-2654 if you have any questions.

Friends of Faith to meet Saturday

Guest speaker for the Friends of Faith Spiritual Blessing Spring Brunch Sat., Apr. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Haskell National Community Room, will be Kathy Manske of Sagerton. No stranger as a speaker in this area, Manske has spoken to the Cross Country Emmaus Community and many Women's Emmaus Walks.

Manske is a nurse and a dedicated Christian, involved and active with her church, First Baptist Church, Stamford.

Born and raised in Haskell

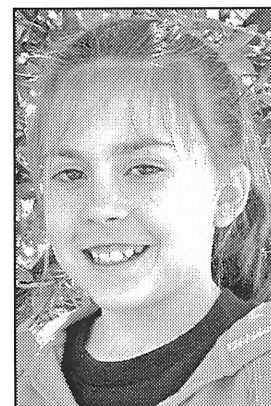
County, Manske attended Haskell ISD, graduating in 1969.

She and her husband, Tommy Manske, have three sons and four grandchildren.

Looking forward to the day with the "Friends of Faith," Manske said she will "let God lead" in her message to the group.

The Friends of Faith group invites all women from all churches in the Big Country who enjoy an informal time of praise, prayer, listening to this insightful guest speaker, and who want to grow in their walk with God.

Adams wins poster contest



ASHLEY ADAMS

Ashley Adams of Haskell will be honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas soil and water conservation program at a Conservation Awards Banquet for Area V on May 1 at 7 p.m. in Stephenville.

Area V consists of 51 counties in North Central Texas.

Adam's Soil & Water Conservation poster entry received first place in her grade, second place in District and third place in Area.

Categories in which awards will be presented include Outstanding Conservation District; Resident Conservation

Rancher; Resident Conservation Farmer; Absentee Conservation Rancher; Business/Professional Individual; Conservation Teacher; Wildlife Conservationist; and Conservation District Employee.

Awards will also be presented to area youth winners of the poster and essay contests.

The purpose of the Conservation Awards Program is to recognize and honor Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and individuals who have dedicated their time, efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.



WINTER'S REAPPEARANCE—These bluebonnets peek out from a snow blanket that covered new vegetation and spring flowers Saturday morning. Snow ball fights and snowmen were seen around town during the dusting of snow. Most of the white stuff was gone last Saturday, but cold temperatures lingered into Monday.

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FAMILY BIBLE SOUGHT

I am looking for the descendants of George Hullem Taylor (b 13 May 1871, d 18 Mar 1960) and Adeline May (Burriss) Taylor (b 10 May 1875, d 10 May 1953).
 They had three children: Georgia May (b 11 Sep 1895), Maggie (b 17 Aug 1899) and Clarence (b 1901). All of the children were born in Haskell County.
 I am the grandson of James William Burriss, brother of Adeline. Also, I am looking for the family bible of Adeline and James's mother, Adeline Ophelia (Harding) Burriss, who died in Haskell County on 12 Apr 1921. Adeline Ophelia Harding was married to Andrew Jackson Burriss. The name on the family bible cover may be Andrew Jackson Burriss.
 If you have any information on this family, please mail it to: Gene A Burriss, 548 Blanco Drive, Mesquite, Texas 75150.

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USDA farm labor survey

How many workers are employed on agricultural operations? What is the average number of hours worked by employees? What wage rates are paid to workers? These are the key questions the Texas Field Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be asking producers statewide as part of the April Agricultural Labor Survey.
 "The Agricultural Labor Survey is one of the most critical surveys conducted by NASS," explained David Abbe, director of the NASS Texas Field Office. "Labor expenses account for a significant portion of farmers' production costs. This survey provides the vital information needed to ensure employment regulations affecting farmers and their bottom lines are administered fairly."

Data from the Agricultural Labor Survey are used to establish minimum wage rates for domestic and foreign agricultural workers, administer farm labor recruitment and placement service programs, and assist legislators in determining labor policies.

"Participation in this survey is greatly encouraged—accurate information collected directly from farmers and ranchers will provide the foundation for reliable agricultural labor estimates," added Abbe.

During the last weeks of April, NASS will contact selected Texas producers by mail, telephone and in person and ask them to provide information on their total number of hired workers, hours worked and wage rates paid. The information will be compiled and published in the USDA quarterly Farm Labor report, scheduled to be released on May 18. Additional Agricultural Labor Surveys will follow in July, October, and January.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses and publishes only state, regional, 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 800-626-3142.

Obituaries

Denise Shannon 'He' Morrison



DENISE MORRISON

Graveside services for Denise Shannon 'He' Morrison, 78, of Rule were held Tues., April 10 at Rule Cemetery with John Greeson officiating. Services were under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral

Home of Rule.
 Mrs. Morrison died Sat., April 7 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.
 Born Nov. 18, 1928 in Red Springs, she was the daughter of Bill W. and Ruth Gazel Brewer Shannon. She married R.A. 'Bob' Morrison Sept. 26, 1944. He preceded her in death April 27, 1992. She was a homemaker and member of the Rule Church of Christ. Better known as 'He' to her family, she was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.
 She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Bobby Morrison on Aug. 16, 1975; and brother, Pat Shannon on Dec. 20, 2006.

Survivors include her daughters, Sharron Hudson and husband, Danny of Benjamin, and Sheila Holmes and husband, Tommy of Abilene; grandchildren, Missy Lewis and husband, Todd of Knox City, Michelle Stanfield and husband, Jeff of Knox City, Brandon Holmes and wife, Dayva of Desdemona, and Nathan Pierce of Haskell; great grandchildren, Eric Lewis, Emily Lewis, Andy Shaver, Zach Shaver, Payne Stanfield, Lacy Pierce, Nathaniel Pierce, Cassie Pierce and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 102454, Atlanta, Georgia 30368-2452 or the West Texas Rehab Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605.
 PD. NOTICE

Virginia Palmer Simpson

Funeral services for Virginia Palmer Simpson, 85, of Plainview, were held Sat., March 31 at First Baptist Church Family Life Chapel with Dr. Travis Hart officiating. Burial was in Parklawn Memorial Gardens under the direction of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

Mrs. Simpson died Tues., March 27 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Dec. 29, 1921 in Sulphur, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Ab H. and Bessie Allen Hutchens. She graduated from Rule High School in 1939 and attended Tarleton State College and the University of Houston. She worked for Atlantic Richfield in Houston for 29 years. She moved to Haskell in 1980 and worked for Haskell National Bank. She married Emmett Palmer Aug. 14, 1984

in Amarillo and moved to Plainview the same year. Mr. Palmer died May 25, 1995. She married Lawrence B. Simpson April 24, 1997 in San Angelo. He passed away Nov. 1, 2004. She was a member of the Women's Division of the Plainview Chamber of Commerce, the Hospital Auxiliary, the International Flying Farmers where she was the first woman president, First Baptist Church and Leota Hardgrove Sunday School class.

Survivors include two stepdaughters, Diane Palmer of Colleyville and Jeannie Hamilton of Abilene; four stepsons, Dana Palmer of Lubbock, Dean Palmer of Coppell, Don Palmer of Royce City and James Simpson of Parker, Arizona; and nine step grandchildren.
 PD. NOTICE

FSA seeks new CRP program

Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) is asking federal, state and local agencies as well as private or non-profit organizations to submit proposals for a new 500,000-acre Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) program to improve habitat for high-priority wildlife species nationwide. Nearly 40,000 acres has been allocated to Texas.

"The State Areas for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative provides an opportunity to develop grassroots conservation projects to address high priority wildlife needs through habitat restoration," said Glenn R. Brzozowski, Executive Director for the Haskell County FSA. "This initiative further extends the positive environmental impacts of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)." With more than 36 million acres enrolled, CRP is the nation's

largest, voluntary private-lands conservation program. CRP practices improve water quality, air quality and wildlife habitat.

SAFE will enable the public, producers, state and federal agencies, non-profit conservation organizations and others to propose areas where new CRP acreage may be established to address the habitat needs of endangered, threatened or high-priority fish and other wildlife species.

In addition, conservation practices currently offered under CRP can be fine-tuned under SAFE to improve, connect or create higher-quality habitat to promote healthier ecosystems in areas identified as essential to effective species management.

Interested entities can submit a SAFE proposal for consideration to the local FSA Office or directly to the Texas FSA State Office attention: Sammy Orange, Conservation Chief, P.O. Box 2900, College Station, Texas 77841. Although no deadline for submitting proposals has been set, Brzozowski encourages

organizations to "act quickly."

The national FSA office in Washington, D.C. has set a Nov. 1 deadline for receipt of all state proposals," said Brzozowski. "Because these proposals must go through a two-tier review process at the state level prior to review in Washington, we would like to begin receiving proposals as soon as possible."

Eligible landowners in approved SAFE areas may enter into new CRP contracts with USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). Approved program participants will receive an annual CRP rental rate equivalent to soil rental rates for the county plus an annual maintenance payment.

Also, the producer is eligible for cost-share assistance of up to 50 percent of eligible practice installation costs. In addition, producers will be eligible for a one-time payment of \$100 per acre signing Incentive Payment. Producers may also receive a practice incentive payment equal to 40 percent of the eligible establishment costs of the practice.

For SAFE proposal details and protocol, contact the Haskell County FSA at 940-864-2617 or visit the national web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on "Conservation Programs."

Storm sirens

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

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One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

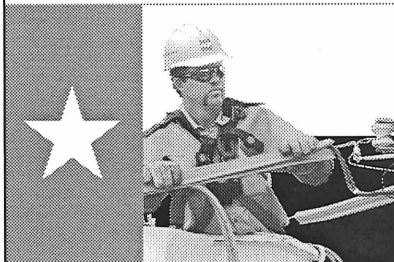
Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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Students visit Rotary Club



KRISTEN MARTINEZ

Kristen Martinez is the daughter of Bill and Yolana Jones of Rule.

Her church affiliation is St. George Catholic Church in

Haskell.

In school she is active in the National Honor Society, journalism, as yearbook editor, feature twirler for band, and president of the Spanish Club.

Special awards she has received include Miss Merry Christmas 2005, Presidential Award of Excellence (3 years), A Honor Roll (3 years), Division I Ranking at State for Twirling Solo, 2006.

She likes playing the piano, twirling, film making and listening to music.

After finishing high school, she plans to attend Texas Tech University to pursue an undergraduate degree in video production. She plans to further her education at New York University in New York.

KC museum may receive grant

After being selected for one very helpful grant, the Knox County Museum building program has been notified that it is being considered for another grant.

An application went to a Texas foundation several weeks ago. The grant chairman, Mary Birkenfeld of Rhineland, was contacted for more information and informed that the Knox County project is still under consideration. However, considering the funds available in the next grant awarding cycle, and the fact that this group likes to help finish projects, the local committee was asked if they could raise more funds toward the completion of the building.

Chairman, Mary Jane Young, presented this information to the Friends of KCHC meeting April 3 saying, "It looks like we need a fund-raiser soon to help them keep considering us."

The group quickly put together plans to operate the concession stand at the Cutting Horse Contest held on the Moorhouse Ranch, April 10.

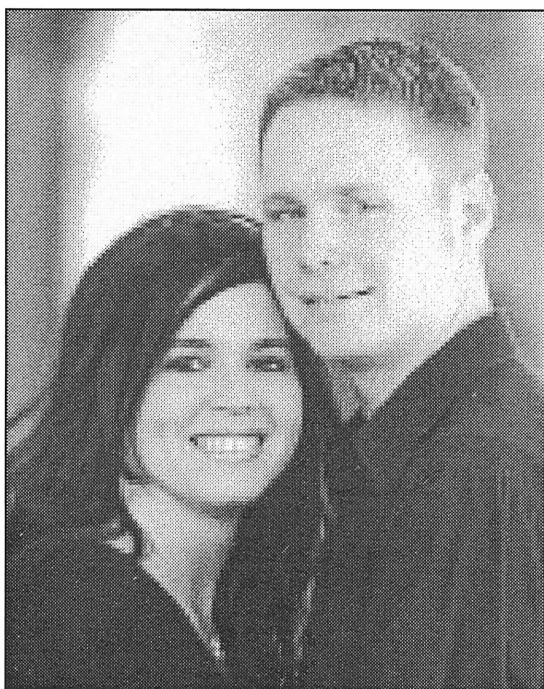
The Knox County Unity

Festival is set for Sat., April 28. The doors of the Benjamin Ex-Students Center will open at 6 p.m. for a supper of grilled hamburgers, beans and desserts, with live entertainment and a silent auction. The auction will close at 8 p.m.

Benny Grill suggested the "Unity Festival" theme because "it will take the county uniting together to pull this off and show that people really support this project".

Another drive is underway for brick and stone sales. Information has been mailed to businesses and ranches who have not taken the opportunity to have their names, their ancestors names or names of established businesses added to the site to forever be known as the people who had a historical part in the settling of this area.

Anyone wishing to donate items for the Unity Festival silent auction or brick and stone information may call 940-459-2229 or 940-459-2205. Some estate items have been offered already for the silent auction, including some "Game Birds" dinnerware by Johnson Brothers.



BERGEN PEISER - JOSH WEBB

Peiser, Webb to marry June 2

Robbie and Charlotte Peiser of Haskell have announced the engagement of their daughter, Bergen Peiser, to Josh Webb, son of Ronnie and Rae Webb, of Haskell.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Haskell High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood from Texas Tech University in 2006 and is

employed by Lubbock ISD.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2003 graduate of Haskell High School. He plans to graduate from Texas Tech University in December of 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in Exercise and Sports Science.

The couple plans to marry June 2 at the Church of Christ in Haskell.

Food safety training set

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County
A two-day Food Protection Management training for food service managers in the Big Country area will be held May 7 and May 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension in Abilene.

The training will allow food service establishments permitted by Department of State Health Services to meet their certification requirements if they pass the exam. Food service establishments permitted by Environmental Health Section of

the City of Abilene are also invited to attend.

The class covers twelve food safety concepts related to personal hygiene, cross contamination, time and temperature, sanitation, pest management, foodborne illness and related areas.

Registration deadline is April 16. Registration information is available by calling the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048 or the Jones County Extension Office at 325-823-2432.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins of Wichita Falls visited his mother, Joyce Hawkins, and sister, Margaret Tatum on Friday. They were on their way to Abilene to watch granddaughter, Lauren Hawkins, perform in an Easter pageant on Friday night. The Nathan Blair family had

an Easter egg hunt Sunday afternoon for about 20 people.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Tatum were in Durant, Oklahoma last Saturday for a family funeral.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Senator proposes increase in state college funding

AUSTIN—Higher education continues as a top issue for Texas. State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he wants more state funding to help more kids from low and middle income families get into college.

In an April 8 Houston Chronicle copyright story, Ellis said he wants to double state funding for the Toward Excellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) grant program to \$1 billion. Ellis said if action isn't taken Texas will be in crisis.

The Chronicle reported that about 70,000 students lost their tuition grants in the past two years, and according to U.S. Department of Education statistics, the Lone Star State is 41st in the nation in producing college graduates.

About 158,000 families are enrolled in the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan, formerly called the Texas Tomorrow Fund. Enrollees locked in the cost of tomorrow's college tuition and required fees at "today's prices." Plan benefits are protected by a constitutional guarantee from the state.

The fund debuted under then-Comptroller John Sharp in the booming economy of 1996.

Waco economist Ray Perryman in early April published a 72-page report, "Thinking About Tomorrow, The Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan: An Economic Assessment of Recent Evidence and Options for the Future."

Perryman proposes that the fund can and should be open to new enrollees. His report contrasts with a recent study by the state comptroller that warns the fund, which has been closed to enrollment since June 2003, is headed toward bankruptcy and should not accept additional enrollment.

Perryman says reopening enrollment makes sense when coupled with improved financial markets and a slowdown in tuition hikes. Those elements working together could return the strength to the fund, he said.

Measure puts road plan on hold

The Trans Texas Corridor also continues as a major issue as the 80th session of the Texas Legislature inches closer to its late May finale.

Opponents of the proposed road system criticize the state's policy of entering into

"comprehensive development agreements" that transfer the state's traditional role to private entities who build and maintain the roads.

When such deals are made, the public is left out of the loop, opponents say.

The Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee on April 4 approved a measure to halt all comprehensive development agreements for 24 months to allow the state to study the issue further.

Child restraint bill passes Senate

Also on April 4, the Senate passed legislation strengthening child passenger safety.

S.B. 60 by Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, requires that children 7 years and younger, unless they are more than 4-feet 10-inches tall, be secured in a child passenger safety seat while riding in a motor vehicle.

Zaffirini said her legislation would save lives, preclude tragedies and injuries and qualify Texas for \$3.2 million in federal funds while saving the state \$17 million in health care expenditures.

House passes CHIP legislation
The Texas House on April 4 passed H.B. 109, relating to the Childrens Health Insurance Program.

The legislation, authored by Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, returns coverage to thousands of families who lost coverage for their children due to cuts enacted by the Legislature in 2003.

Major things the bill would do include:

- Restore continuous 12-month eligibility;
- Eliminate the 90-day enrollment waiting period;
- When calculating family income include child-care expenses;
- Determine eligibility based on net income, not gross; and
- Create outreach programs to inform families about the availability of CHIP and children's Medicaid.

Parties settle Medicaid lawsuit

Parties settled the 1993 Frew v. Hawkins lawsuit, claiming the state of Texas did not provide adequate care for children enrolled in Medicaid.

To benefit from the settlement are some 1.5 million children whose families need help in securing health and dental care.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago April 10, 1997

Hilee Mulligan was crowned the 1997 Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen.

The Haskell boys team won the 9-2AA District Tennis tournament. Matthew McCord and Philip Huff won first in boys doubles. Chris McSmith won the singles division. In the girls division, Kaki Stapleton and Amy Burson placed third. McCord, Huff and McSmith advanced to the regional tournament.

Bernice Hilliard went to Munday to watch her granddaughter, Mary Jane Short of Rochester, act in the one act play.

20 Years Ago April 9, 1987

An early morning fire did considerable damage to the kitchen area of the Haskell Steak House.

Andy Griffith was winner of the Dick Gaines award at the Haskell High School All Sports banquet.

Haskell High School cheerleaders for 1987-88 were Missy Phemister, Joy McKeever, Sherree Dumas, Lorie Alvarez, Theresa Unger and Vicky Chavez.

30 Years Ago April 7, 1977

Ed Bagley, of Merkel received a trophy from Tommy Matthews, following the Jaycees Bass Tournament, for the largest fish and the second largest stringer.

Bagley's fish weighed 5 pounds 8 1/4 ounces.

The Haskell Jr. High School Band received Division I ratings in concert and in sight reading contests. In addition to the Sweepstakes Trophy for band performance, forty-three medals were awarded to individual Haskell students for achievements in solo and ensemble contests.

40 Years Ago April 6, 1967

Haskell Speedway, Inc. will start its second season. The race track is located 3 1/2 miles west of Haskell on the T.C. Redwine farm and will be operated again this year by Redwine and C.W. McKelvin.

Ben McGee was elected president of the Haskell Jaycees. Other officers includes Waymon McBroom, first vice president; David Strickland, second vice president; Albert Roberts, treasurer; Charles Thornhill, secretary; Jim Terrell, club director; Richard Hix and Jerry Sorrells, directors.

Haskell placed first in the District 5AA One Act Play contest for their presentation "Of Poems, Spring and Youth." Directed by Mrs. Kathleen Diggs, the best actress award went to Diane Hester. Ken Blair was named best actor. The play cast includes: Hester, Blair, Peggy Thigpen, Pam Reeves, Pam Druessedow, Phyllis Sampson, Charles Gibson, Donna Finley and Walter Felker. Alternates

were Toni Crouch and John Love.

50 Years Ago April 11, 1957

Mrs. James Frank Cadenhead was named winner in Abilene of the West Texas Region finals of the Mrs. America contest. Mrs. Cadenhead went to Dallas where she is to compete for the title of "Mrs. Texas."

Lloyd Conner, Haskell contractor, is wondering about the identity of a flock of huge, snow white cranes he observed on Lake Stamford. Mr. and Mrs. Conner and Waymon Tidrow counted 48 of the cranes from a distance of about 300 yards.

Mrs. Jackie Isbell and children spent several days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Louie Isbell and children in Bryson.

Mrs. Denton Atchison left for Fort Smith, Arkansas where she is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. A.L. Teague.

100 Years Ago April 13, 1907

W.G. Cypert and H.L. Matheny of Rochester were in town on their way to Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Smith of Pembroke, Kentucky, left to return home after a visit here and their niece, Mrs. H.S. Wilson and family.

W.L. Cox, R.H. Darnell and M.D. McCrary of the Paint Creek community were in town.

S.S. Cummings and son, Arthur, left for their ranch in Jeff Davis County. They took six cars and 185 head of horses. Robert Reynolds and Joe Taylor accompanied them to the ranch.

TxDOT to host TIP meetings

Interested in learning what work the Texas Department of Transportation is planning for your county in the next few years? Try and attend one of these meetings.

Officials from TxDOT's Abilene District will be hosting two public meetings to discuss the 2008-11 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The first meeting will be held April 17 in the VIP Center, 508 Gould, Stamford. The second meeting will be April 24 at the

Health week declared

On Mar. 26, a resolution was signed by Haskell County Judge David Davis proclaiming the week of Apr. 2-8 as National Public Health Week in Haskell County. Theme for the week was Take the First Step.

Over the last 100 years, the United States has achieved significant increases in life expectancy and the reduction of incidences of injury, disability and disease.

Of the forty additional years of life expectancy that have been gained since the turn of the century, the public health approach is credited with the thirty-three years of improvement to our health and expanded life expectancy.

The use of population-based strategies for disease and injury

Dora Roberts Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, in Big Spring. Both meetings will begin with registration at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. The same information will be presented at each meeting.

The TIP is a four-year program that includes a priority list of all transportation projects that will be carried out with the four-year period. Areas affected by the program are Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry,

prevention has contributed to the decline in illness and injury, including heart disease and stroke, tobacco-related diseases, pedestrian fatalities and childhood asthma.

The National Public Health Week activities provide the focused opportunity to the public and public health professionals to learn about health concerns such as community preparedness, and immunizing against infectious diseases, and to learn success stories which are vital to healthy communities.

By addressing the unique needs of the nation's vulnerable populations, Public Health Week seeks to educate Americans about taking the first step to prepare effectively for a public health emergency.

Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor Counties. The TIP includes a financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented and the resources that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the program.

Projects within the Abilene Urban Area will not be discussed.

The meetings will provide an opportunity for interested individuals and groups to offer their views, concerns and comments on the goals, objectives and impacts of the TIP.

Persons wishing to present testimony at either of the meetings will need to complete the response cards that will be available at the registration table. Instead of, or in addition to speaking at the meetings, attendees may choose to provide written statements and/or exhibits. All comments should be submitted to Mr. Russel W. Lenz, P.E., District Engineer, Abilene District, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas, 79601, by May 6 (ten days after the close of the final meeting).

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, contact Blair W. Haynie, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development, at 325-676-6810 or Mary Beth Kilgore, District Public Information Officer, at 325-676-6806.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor:

The Scholastic Book Fair at Haskell Elementary during the week of March 26-30 was a great success and I wish to thank everyone who contributed to this fun event in any way.

First, I would like to thank the ladies in our community who gave their time to volunteer at the book fair and helped so much during the days when classes come in and during Family Night. We would not be able to run the book fair without these community volunteers.

I also thank the personnel of Haskell Elementary for their enthusiasm and support of the book fair, for the items donated to use during the fair, and for help in setting up the book fair. Some of the sixth grade students deserve special thanks for helping us set up and take down the book fair and for their wonderful assistance during Family Night.

Finally, thanks to those of you in our community who brought your children to the book fair or made it possible for them to get a book this year.

We believe the Scholastic Book Fair gets children excited about books and reading. Thank you again for helping our kids to grow into lifelong readers.

Sincerely,

Betsy McManamon

Librarian

Haskell CISD

Dear editor,

Through the years that Miss and Jimmy have lived in Haskell, I have been compelled to write to you good people in Haskell Co. Well, I feel I must write again.

This past Sat., March 31, many of you went to Abilene for the 3rd Autism Speaks Walk. This was the climax of the weeks before when all of you pulled together once again and helped "Taylor's Team" raise almost \$19,000, this in itself is a miracle!

I know that God has worked through all you good people and you have become His hands and feet to help defeat autism. God bless you all for all the hours and efforts as well as your money to accomplish this.

I have never known a town to pull together as well as you do. This is indeed one of the great blessings of living in a small community. Sparky and I are blessed to know so many of you. We are privileged to call you friends.

So folks, pat yourselves on the back and hold your heads high when someone ask you where you live, because Haskell is a wonderful town only because of ALL of you who live there!

Blessings to you all,
Barbara Eckles

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 570 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., April 7, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 46 sellers and 31 buyers were present.

232 steers and bulls. 155 heifers. 183 cows and bulls.

Cows: fat, .45-.48; cutters, .48-.55; canners, .40-.43.

Bulls: bologna, .63-.67; feeders, .80-.93.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.51; 300-400 lbs., 1.21-1.49; 400-500 lbs., 1.21-1.30; 500-600 lbs., 1.21-1.35; 600-700 lbs., 1.05-1.21; 700-800 lbs., 1.04-1.05; 800-up lbs., .9750-1.04.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.40-1.51; 300-400 lbs., 1.16-1.40; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.16; 500-600 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 600-up lbs., .95-1.10.

Bred heifers: medium frame 750-850.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 750-950; aged or small, 650-850.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 950-1150; 3 in 1's, 1250-1410; older, 600-800.

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La Briere house project to bloom this spring



PLANTING WILDFLOWERS—From left, Macy Bingham, Madison Mayfield, Sidney Cassidy and Ashley Adams plant their wildflowers and cross their fingers. They hope to transplant them at the La Briere house at the park in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, Debbie Earles will be caring for the new plants at her greenhouse.

Haskell sixth grader students have been busy preparing flower beds at the La Briere House at the Haskell city park.

Taylor Burson, Morgan Frierson, Sidney Cassidy along with their dads; Carson Hadaway and her grandfather; Hunter Jordan and his grandmother; and Tillie McGuire and her parents, tilled the flower beds, mixed in compost, leveled them and lined them with railroad ties. The project was completed in four hours.

Parents and grandparents provided equipment, expertise,

and time to help students with the project.

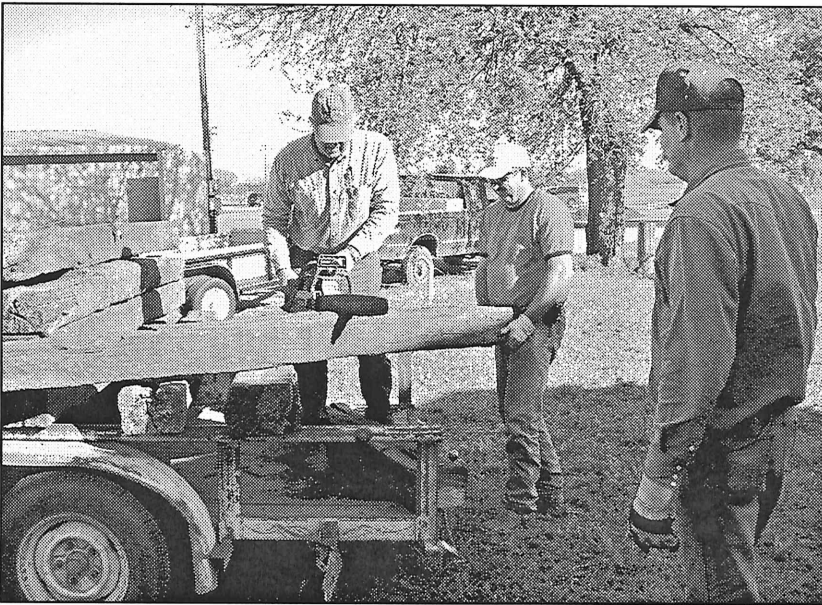
Paula Everett and the Wittenborn family James, Melyn, and Ross also volunteered their time to help. Thanks to Melyn Wittenborn, who taught the students about wildflowers of Texas.

Wildflowers and herbs were planted at ABC Greenhouse where Debbie Earles provided expertise and will water the plants for the students. The plants will be transplanted into the beds at the park when they are ready.

An Educational Foundation Grant provided \$500 to help defray the costs of the project. Back to Nature in Slaton donated five yards of compost that was picked up by Haskell County.

Partners with the sixth graders for this project are the Progressive Study Club, City of Haskell, and Haskell County. This project is also provided by a Haskell CISD Learn and Serve Grant.

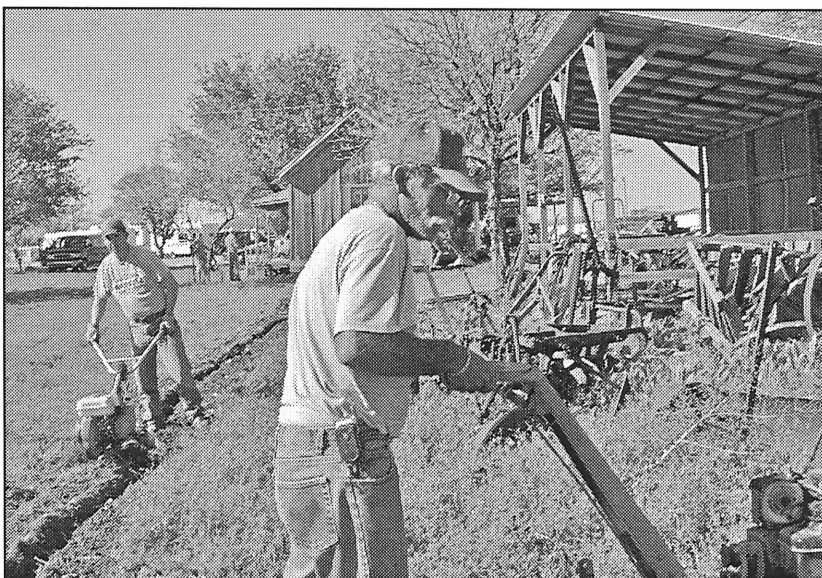
Haskell residents are encouraged to check out the flowers and aroma of lavender and dill later this spring.



CUT UPS—Steve McGuire, left, Jimmy Burson, center, and volunteer James Wittenborn use chainsaws to trim the railroad ties to the perfect length for the sixth graders flower beds. Dads brought tillers, chainsaws, and a front end loader to make the work easier.



MAKING THEIR BEDS—From left, Morgan Frierson, Sidney Cassidy, Hunter Jordan, Taylor Burson, Carson Hadaway and Tillie McGuire (not pictured) spent their Tuesday afternoon down at the park preparing beds for the wildflowers. Some of their dads, moms and grandparents volunteered their time to help.



VOLUNTEER TILLING—Randall Frierson, left, and Felix Cassidy prepare the beds for planting with their tillers.

Kids to help Locks of Love

Haskell Elementary is looking for someone to cut and donate their hair at the Elementary School until the end of school in May to the Locks of Love organization.

The not-for-profit organization, Locks of Love, provides recipients with a custom vacuum-fitted hairpiece, made entirely from donated human hair. The vacuum fit is designed for children who have experienced a complete loss of scalp hair, and it does not require the use of tape or glue.

Most of the applicants suffer from an autoimmune condition called alopecia areata for which there is no known cause or cure. Others have suffered severe burns or injuries or endured radiation treatment to the brain stem, or other dermatological conditions that result in permanent hair loss.

Children comprise over 80 percent of the donors, making this charity one where children have an opportunity to help children.

Donated hair must be at least 10 inches in length. It must be bundled into a pony-tail or braid. Bleached hair cannot be used. Hair that has been dyed or permed can be used.

Monetary gifts to Locks of Love are tax deductible.

For more information about the local event, call Amy Sloan at the school at 864-2654, ext. 315.

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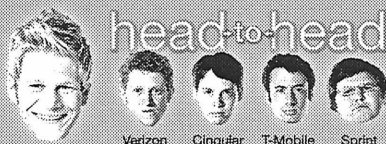


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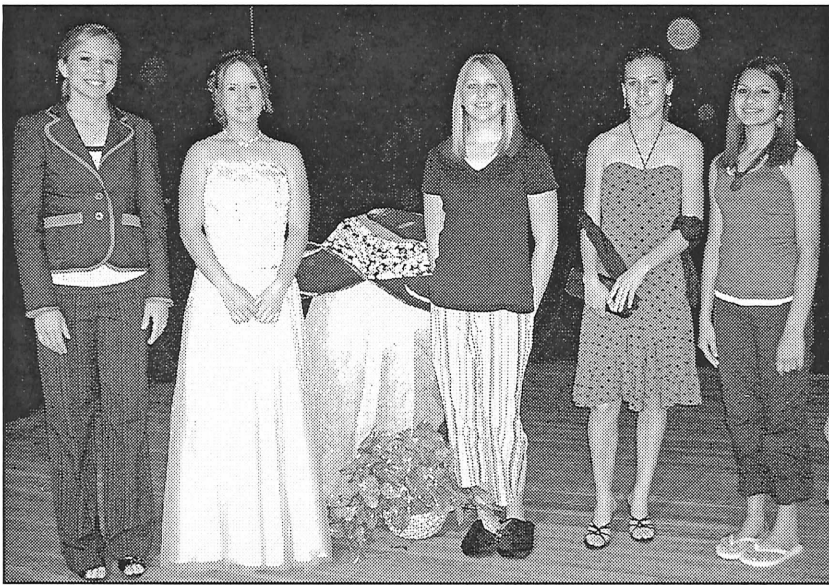


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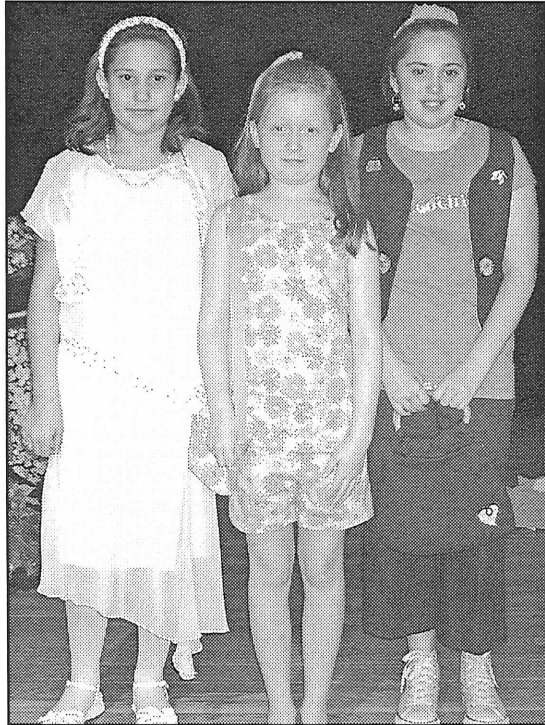


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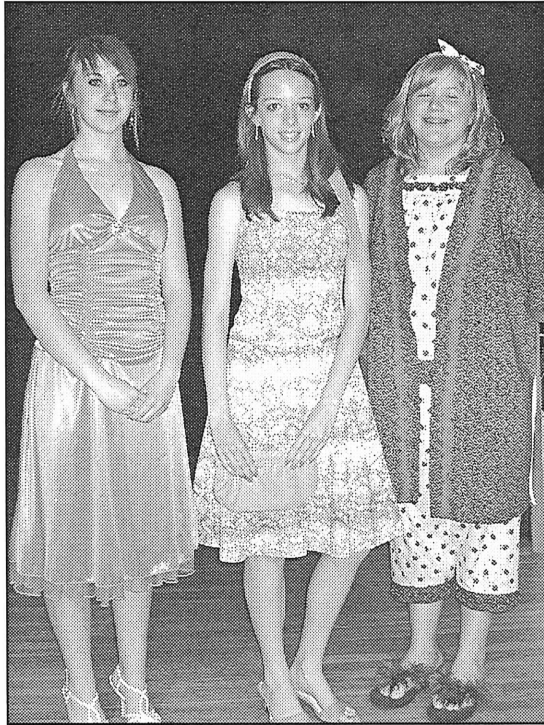




SENIOR DIVISION—Haskell Co. 4-H members participating in the Senior Division of the 4-H Fashion Show held April 1 in Rule were, l-r, Molly Dudensing, Candace Brister, Andrea Anderson, Kate Rowan and Sydney Saucedo.



JUNIOR DIVISION—Haskell Co. 4-H members participating in the Junior Division of the 4-H Fashion Show held April 1 in Rule were, l-r, Samantha Lewis, Sarah Campbell and Emily Fouts.



INTERMEDIATE DIVISION—Haskell Co. 4-H members participating in the Intermediate Division of the 4-H Fashion Show held April 1 in Rule were, l-r, Stephanie Threet, Allison Petty and Jenny Dudensing.

4-H Fashion Show results

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

The 2007 Haskell Co. 4-H Fashion Show was held Sun., April 1 at the Rule ISD Auditorium in Rule hosted by the Rule 4-H Club under the leadership of Renee Dudensing. Molly Dudensing, mistress of ceremonies, welcomed 4-H members, parents and guests to the annual event. Jenny Dudensing led the American Pledge and the 4-H Motto and Pledge. Aaron Urich gave the invocation.

Special guests and judges for the fashion show were introduced by Kate Rowan. Serving as judges were Lorrie Coop of Knox City and Darlene Hopkins of Haskell. Rowan also recognized members of the Haskell County TEEA club for

sponsoring the 2007 fashion show awards.

Laurie McBroom of Haskell served as commentator for the style show "High Fashion."

Each of the eleven participants were introduced and a description of each outfit along with the model's accomplishments and interests were read as they modeled their individual outfits.

Judging results were announced following the modeling of each category.

Recognition of project leaders was presented by County Extension Agent/FCS—Jane Rowan. Assisting her in presenting the tokens of appreciation to the leaders were Allison Petty and Stephanie Threet.

Receiving recognition were Debbie Brister, Sherri Campbell, Renee Dudensing, Mary Duggan, Kris Fouts, April Johnson, Tammy Parham, Julie Petty, Jane Rowan, Sylvia Saucedo and Tina Threet.

Results of the fashion show competition were announced by Jane Rowan. Helping pass out ribbons and awards were Sydney Saucedo and Stewart Urich. All first place winners will advance to the District 4-H Fashion Show to be held April 21. The 2007 district fashion show will be hosted by Wise County 4-H in Slidell.

Also helping with the Haskell

County 4-H Fashion Show were Rule 4-H'ers Celeste Caddell, Jonah Caddell, Chris Lewis and Shelby Starr.

Refreshments were served by the Rochester 4-H Club.

Junior Construction Categories: Casual Wear, Emily Fouts, Sagerton, 1st place; Pop-Over Skirt, Sarah Campbell, Rule, 1st place.

Junior Buying Categories: Dressy Wear, Samantha Lewis, Rule, 1st place.

Intermediate Construction Categories: Dressy Wear, Allison Petty, Rule, 1st place; Speciality Wear, Jenny Dudensing, Sagerton, 1st place.

Intermediate Buying Categories: Dressy Wear, Stephanie Threet, Rule, 1st place.

Senior Construction Categories: Dressy Wear, Molly Dudensing, Sagerton, 1st place.

Senior Buying Categories: Casual Wear, Sydney Saucedo, Rochester, 1st place; Dressy Wear, Kate Rowan, O'Brien, 1st place; Formal Wear, Candace Brister, Haskell, 1st place; Speciality Wear, Andrea Anderson, Haskell, 1st place.

For more information about the 4-H Clothing project and/or the Fashion Show, contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS, in the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or call 940-864-2546.

Pre-K, Head Start EC to register

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for Prekindergarten and Head Start classes for the 2007-08 school year Fri., April 20 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Haskell Elementary library.

Currently to attend Prekindergarten, a child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2007, qualify for free or reduced lunches or be of limited English-speaking ability or identified as being homeless. However, we are hoping to offer Prekindergarten for all four year olds. If you are interested in this program for your child, be sure to register Fri., April 20.

To qualify for Head Start, a child must be 3 or 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2007 and meet income guidelines.

Early Childhood is for children ages 3-5 that may be developmentally delayed in areas such as learning, speech and/or emotional skills. If your child turns 3 during the 2007-08 school year, you can call the elementary office at 864-2654 at that time to schedule an appointment to have your child screened.

Parents should bring their driver license and income verification (for Head Start) and their child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration. It is not necessary for your child to attend registration.

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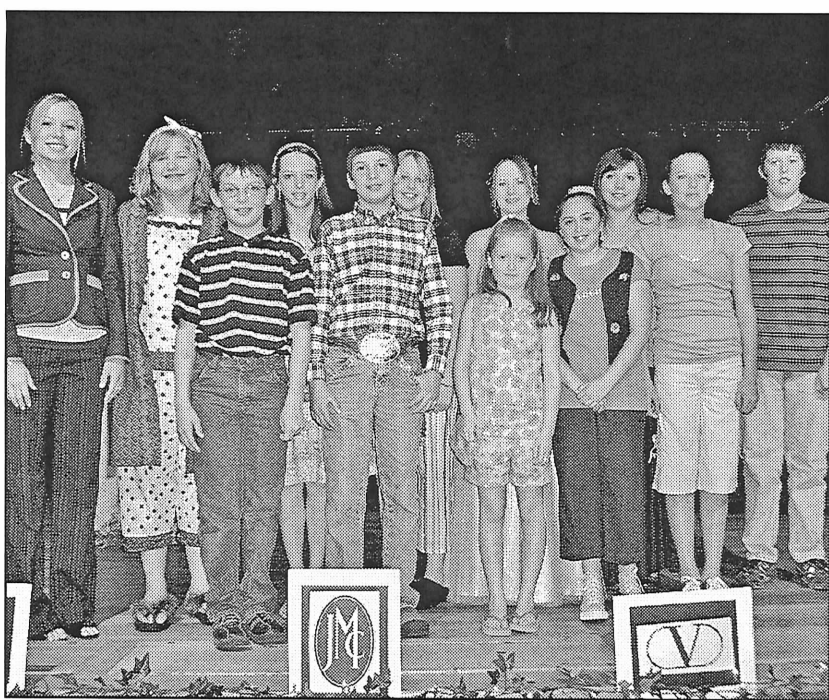
How am I eligible for home care?

If you have Medicare benefits, you may be eligible for home care: if the care is ordered by a physician; if you experience a normal inability to leave your home; or if absences from your home are infrequent, or of short duration, and you have a need for skilled nursing services, physical or speech therapy. Most private insurance companies will cover home health benefits that are ordered by a physician.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW PARTICIPANTS—Thirteen Haskell 4-H members participated in the Photography Project held April 1 in Rule. Members displaying their photography were, l-r, Molly Dudensing, Jenny Dudensing, Aaron Urich, Allison Petty, Stewart Urich, Andrea Anderson, Sarah Campbell, Candace Brister, Emily Fouts, Kelsie Adams, Laycee Tullos, Zeb Petty, and Brooke Bullinger, not pictured.

4-H Photography project participants recognized

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Thirteen Haskell County 4-H'ers turned in a total of 65 pictures to be judged for the Haskell County 4-H Photography Project held in March. Sherri Baty of Knox City served as judge for this year's show. Parents, participants and the public were invited to view the Photography Projects April 1 at the Rule ISD Library and Auditorium in Rule during the 4-H Photography Exhibition and awards ceremony.

Various refreshments were served during the public viewing of the photographs, courtesy of the Rochester 4-H Club. The mistress of ceremonies for the awards program was Molly Dudensing. She introduced Jenny Dudensing to lead the audience in the American Pledge and the 4-H Motto and Pledge. Aaron Urich lead the invocation, followed by Kate Rowan in the welcome and introduction of guests. Molly Dudensing introduced Wes Utley, County Extension Agent-Ag, who announced the participating 4-H'ers from the photography project and their placements.

Stewart Urich announced the door prize winners. The program was closed by Renee Dudensing.

Winners from the Haskell County competition, in the Senior division advance to the state level for State 4-H Round-Up at College Station in June, and first place winners from the Haskell County competition in the Junior/Intermediate division

advance to the District level for judging at Vernon this month.

Winners in each respective category at the County level are as follows:

Junior/Intermediate levels
Color Division

Animals: 1. Kelsie Adams of Haskell; 2. Jenny Dudensing of Sagerton.

Still Life: 1. Jenny Dudensing; 2. Kelsie Adams.

Natural Landscape: 1. Jenny Dudensing; 2. Kelsie Adams.

People: 1. Kelsie Adams; 2. Jenny Dudensing.

Plant/Flora: 1. Kelsie Adams; 2. Jenny Dudensing.

Black & White Division

Animals: 1. Kelsie Adams; 2. Jenny Dudensing.

Still Life: 1. Stewart Urich of Rochester; 2. Kelsie Adams; 3. Laycee Tullos of Haskell.

Architectural Effects: 1. Kelsie Adams; 2. Jenny Dudensing.

People: 1. Jenny Dudensing; 2. Kelsie Adams.

Color /Digital Division

Animals: 1. Laycee Tullos; 2. Stewart Urich; 3. Allison Petty of Rule.

Still Life: 1. Laycee Tullos; 2. Allison Petty; 3. Kelsie Adams

Natural Landscape: 1. Allison Petty; 2. Laycee Tullos; 3. Kelsie Adams.

People: 1. Laycee Tullos; 2. Aaron Urich of Rochester; 3. Kelsie Adams.

Plant/Flora: 1. Allison Petty; 2. Emily Fouts of Sagerton; 3. Laycee Tullos.

All Media Division

Special Effects/Creative

Effects: 1. Emily Fouts; 2. Laycee Tullos; 3. Kelsie Adams.

Senior level winners

Color Division

People: 1. Andrea Anderson of Haskell; 2. Molly Dudensing of Sagerton.

Animal: 1. Molly Dudensing.

Natural Landscape: 1. Andrea Anderson.

Plant/Flora: 1. Andrea Anderson.

Color Digital Division

Animal: 1. Candace Brister of Haskell.

Still Life: 1. Zeb Petty of Rule; 2. Candace Brister.

Natural Landscape: 1. Zeb Petty; 2. Brooke Bullinger of Haskell.

Plant/Flora: 1. Candace Brister; 2. Brooke Bullinger

Black & White Division

Animals: 1. Molly Dudensing.

Architectural Effects: 1. Zeb Petty; 2. Candace Brister; 3. Brooke Bullinger.

People: 1. Brooke Bullinger.

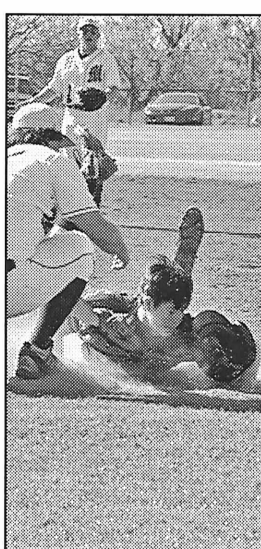
All Media

Story Board: 1. Brooke Bullinger.

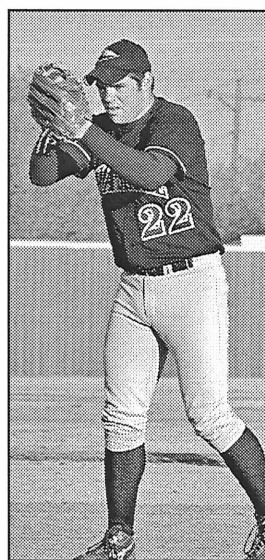
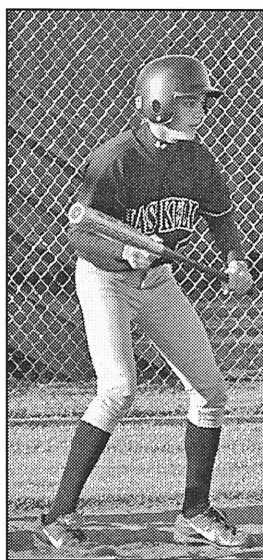
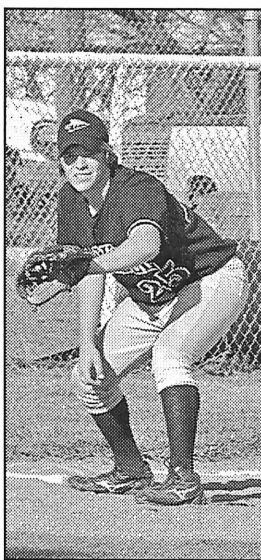
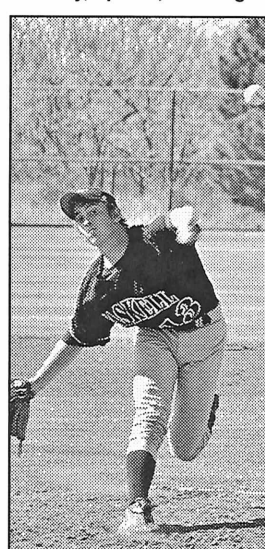
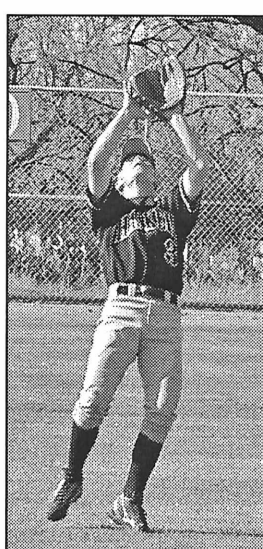
Theme (Celebrating 100 Years of 4-H): 1. Andrea Anderson.

The Junior/Intermediate Division "Best of Show" went to Allison Petty with her Plant/Flora photo. The Senior Division "Best of Show" went to Candace Brister for her Plant/Flora photo. The "Spirit of 4-H" went to Andrea Anderson for her entry in the Theme category.

Sarah Campbell of Rule was a first year participant in the photography project.



INDIAN BASEBALL—The Haskell Indians lost to Merkel Tues., April 3 by a 6-7 score. Greg Guzman, right, manages to safely return to first base. Travis Adams, center, makes a catch for an out. Steven Fillmon, right, pitched and did not walk any batters during the game.



INDIANS MAKE-UP GAME—The Haskell Indians played the Stamford Bulldogs in a make-up game Wed., April 4. The Indians were defeated 8-7. A.J. Benton, left, gets ready to make a play on third base. Tyler Rodriguez, center, readies for a bunt. Gary Frierson, right, prepares to pitch.

All-Big Country basketball teams announced

All-Big Country basketball teams have been announced.

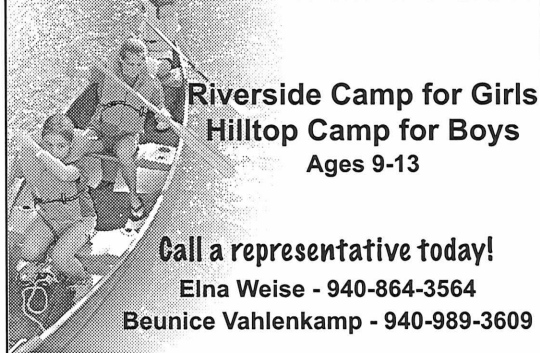
1A Division boys team members includes Rule Bobcats: Ryan Bleiker, coach; Stephen Pace, junior forward; Kyle Simpson, junior forward; and Jay T. Spitzer, junior guard.

Kendra Sheets was named from the Rule Bobcats girls team.

2A Division boys teams members includes Haskell Indians: John English, sophomore guard; D.J. McCulloch, senior post; and Weston Rutkowski, junior guard.

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Wednesday: Pancakes

Thurs.: Cinnamon rolls or donuts

Friday: Toast or cereal

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

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Tuesday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, rolls, chocolate cake

Wednesday: Mac and cheese, buttered squash, carrot sticks, bread, pudding with cookies

Thursday: Tacos, salad, cheese, refried beans, corn, applesauce cake

Friday: Tuna or turkey sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, chips, jello with fruit

EEA Club members attend conference

"Capturing the Heart of Nature" was the theme for the Rolling Plains District 3 Cultural Arts/Spring Conference held in Childress March 27. Hosts for the meeting were EEA Club members from Childress, Motley, Cottle, Foard and Hardeman counties.

The keynote speaker was Lila Hoobler, member of the Childress EEA club, who spoke on "The Healing Power of Nature." After

a business meeting, led by Joan Schaffner, District 3 TEEA Director, members attended various nature-themed workshops.

A highlight of the event was the announcement of the Cultural Arts winners. The Cultural Arts contest allows members to enter various forms of art in 28 categories, to promote individual growth, create expressions, and expand artistic abilities. Competition is among members

representing 24 counties.

Judges consider criteria in three divisions, among which include artistic appeal, workmanship, originality, and beauty and design. Haskell members receiving first place awards were Mary Jennings, for her quilt in the Large Hand-quilted category; and Sue McGee, for her child's dress, jacket, hat, and purse outfit in the Handmade Garments category. Jennings also received second place on her quilt

in the Large Machine-quilted category. First place winners will compete on a state level at the TEEA State Convention in Waco in September.

105 District 3 club members and agents attended, including twelve from Haskell. The county extension agents play an instrumental role in assisting club members with planning, preparation, and implementation of the conference.

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ATTEND CONFERENCE—Haskell EEA club members attending the Rolling Plains District 3 Cultural Arts/Spring Conference in Childress were, l-r, Mary Jennings, Jane Rowan-County Agent, Flossie Bates, Geraldine Baker, Joetta Burnett, Lena Tidwell, Alice Ballard, Alice Yates, Jeri Burke, Pat Jenkins and Sue McGee.

This Week's Devotional Message:



EVEN THE BUSIEST FAMILIES CAN FIND TIME FOR PRAYERS

Despite their best intentions, today's family members spend a lot more time apart than together. Dad is at work all day, and if he has to travel, for even longer periods. Mom may also work, or if the children are old enough to fend for themselves, she may get involved in community service or some other volunteer effort. The children have school, football practice, piano lessons, paper route, and you name it. Family vacation? Yes, if they can be fitted in around summer school, year round school, campouts, etc. However, the one thing that families should try to do together is attend their house of worship, so that they can bridge the chasm of all that time they must spend apart with a lasting bond of understanding and love.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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| <p style="text-align: center;">—HASKELL—</p> <p>East Side Baptist Church
Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell</p> <p>Christian Church
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>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</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church
Ron Renegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell</p> <p>Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>St. George Catholic Church
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell</p> <p>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</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>Trinity Baptist Church
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 :30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell</p> <p>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</p> | <p>Greater Independent Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—WEINERT—</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert</p> <p>Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—ROCHESTER—</p> <p>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</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Fred Garvin, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester</p> <p>Union Chapel Baptist Church
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester</p> <p>Faith Chapel of Rochester
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester</p> | <p>First United Methodist Church
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—SAGERTON—</p> <p>Sagerton Methodist Church
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton</p> <p>Faith Lutheran Church
Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—RULE—</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p>Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule</p> <p>Church of Christ
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p>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</p> <p>Sweet Home Baptist Church
Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule</p> <p>West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—PAINT CREEK—</p> <p>Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—O'BRIEN—</p> <p>O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien</p> |
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WINNING QUILT—Haskell EEA member, Mary Jennings, displays quilt she entered in the Cultural Arts contest held in Childress. Jennings took first place in the Large Hand-quilted category with her entry.



WINNING DRESS—Haskell EEA member, Sue McGee, displays a child's dress, jacket, hat, and purse outfit she entered in the Cultural Arts contest held in Childress. McGee took first place in the Handmade Garments category with her entry.

Haskell School Menu

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| <p>April 16-20
Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Pig in a blanket
Wednesday: Cereal, Goldfish crackers
Thursday: Sausage, biscuit
Friday: Funnel cake</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch</p> <p>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</p> | <p>with cheese and ham.
Monday: Steakfingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, peaches
Tuesday: Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, fresh fruit
Wednesday: Corndogs, baby carrots, ranch dressing, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, pears
Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, fresh fruit
Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, cherry shape-ups</p> |
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ECC Calendar and Menu

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| <p>Mon., April 16
Lunch—Beef and mac, English peas, club spinach, garlic toast, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee</p> <p>Wed., April 18
Lunch—Chicken spaghetti, buttered corn, green beans, sliced</p> | <p>onions, yeast rolls, Coke cake, milk, tea, or coffee</p> <p>Fri., April 20
Lunch—Sloppy Joe on bun, pinto beans, potato salad, onions, pickles, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee</p> |
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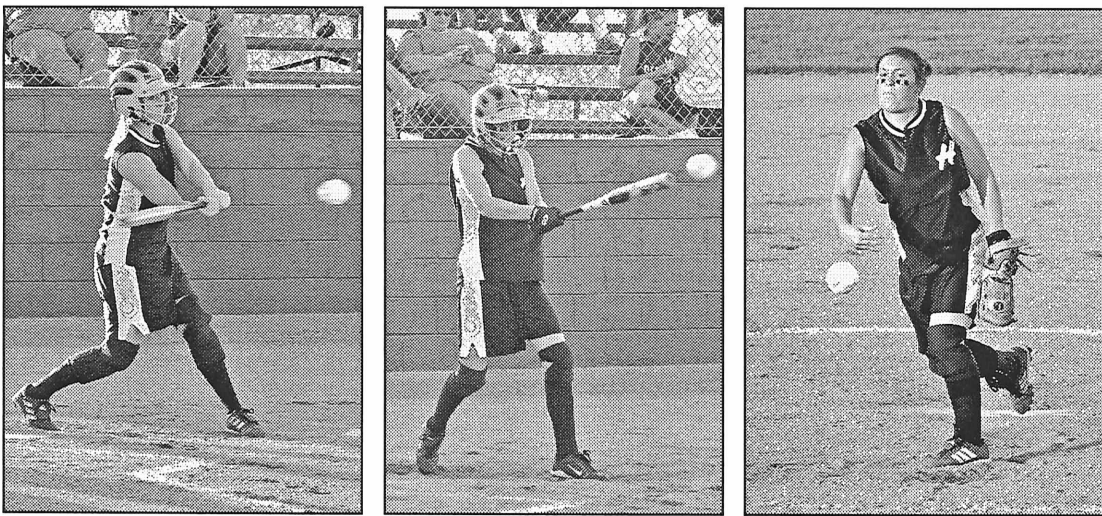
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MAIDEN VICTORY—The Haskell Maidens defeated Stamford in a softball game Mon., April 2 by a score of 12-2. Team members at bat are Alexa Roberts, left, and Ashton Rutkowski, center. Kelly Tidrow, right, is pitching.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met for a Special Meeting, Mon., Mar. 26, with all members present except Commissioner Kenny Thompson.

On a motion by Commissioner Johnny Scoggins, all bills presented to the court that day were paid.

Upon the recommendation of

County Judge David Davis, Commissioner Tiffen Mayfield presented a motion to hire Starr-On Sight Services for drug testing and other services. The motion carried.

Casey Caldwell, Tony Haynes, Randy Shaw and Randall Martin met with the Court to discuss the problems with the ambulance, and also the purchasing of a new

ambulance. Judge Davis asked them to get a price on a new ambulance.

James Dunlap met with the Court to discuss water getting close to his house.

County Sheriff David Halliburton discussed City Police Officer Mathew Cunningham and his drug dog assisting the Sheriff's Department with drug interdiction. The Court was in agreement with the Sheriff to do this, and an agreement between the City and County will be drawn up.

A motion presented by Commissioner Mayfield to

approve applying for a credit card for County use, was approved.

Judge Davis will check on getting an air conditioner for his secretary's office.

A resolution was passed declaring April 2-8 as National Public Health Week. A copy of this resolution is included in the minutes of the meeting.

Also passed by the Court was The Resolution Regarding the Mental Health Crisis in Texas and Its Impact on Texas Jails and Communities. A copy of this resolution is included in the minutes of the meeting.

Law enforcement report

A report of the offenses and arrests made in Haskell County by law enforcement, and reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Department for March, included:

Money laundering, more than \$200,000, felony, 2 cases;

Possession marijuana, more than 2 oz., misdemeanor, 7 cases;

Possession of drug paraphernalia, Class C, 2 cases;

Driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor, 2 cases;

Driving while license invalid, misdemeanor, 3 cases;

Unlawful carrying weapon, misdemeanor, 3 cases;

Prohibited weapon, felony, 1

case;

Traffic, 2 cases;

Evading arrest with vehicle, felony, 1 case;

Assault on public servant, felony, 1 case;

Driving while intoxicated 3rd time or more, felony, 1 case;

Theft by check, misdemeanor, 6 cases;

Surety withdrawal, 2 cases;

Violation of probation, 1 case;

Stealing or receiving stolen check or similar sight, 1 case;

Theft, 1 case;

Felon in possession of firearm, 1 case.

Rochester FBC sets revival

Rochester First Baptist Church will hold revival services Fri., April 13 through Sun. morning, April 15. Evening services will begin at 7 p.m. The Sunday morning service will be at 11 a.m.

Evangelist will be Scott Garvin, pastor of Lakeport Baptist Church in Florida. Bud Adkins, interim pastor at Paint Creek Baptist Church, will lead music.

A special youth emphasis will be held on Friday. Lunch will be served at noon on Sunday.

Garvin is the son of Bro. Fred and Arlene Garvin and lived in Rochester when his father was pastor there in the late 1960's. Adkins grew up in Rochester and graduated from Rochester High School.

The community is invited to attend the services.

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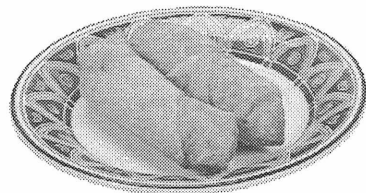


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