

### Baseball games

Hamlin Tournament  
Varsity March 4-6  
Haskell JV vs Hamlin  
Mon., March 8, 4:00  
at Haskell  
Haskell V vs Breckenridge  
Tues., March 9, 5:00  
at Breckenridge

### Softball games

Haskell V vs Abilene  
Fri., March 5, 4:30  
at Abilene  
Haskell JV-V vs Merkel  
Tues., March 9, 4:00  
at Merkel

### Track

H.S. Cub Relays-Olney  
Sat., March 6  
J.H. at Anson  
Fri., March 5 (Boys only)  
J.H. at Haskell  
Thurs., March 11

### Calendar

#### Partners for Children

A budgeting workshop is scheduled for Partners for Children Tues., March 9 at 7 p.m. in the Elementary Library. A Lunch & Learn for PK/EC/K parents Thurs., March 11 is set for noon in the Elementary Library. For more information call 864-2654.

#### Car show

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. has set the date for their annual classic car show for Sat., March 20. Entry fee is \$15 or \$18 the day of the show. For more information call Coy Scoggins at 864-3694 or Randy Shaw 864-2023.

#### Harlem Entertainers

The Rule Senior Class will sponsor the Harlem Entertainers basketball team Fri., March 12 at 7 p.m. in the Rule gym. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door and may be purchased at the Rule School. For more information call Suzie Wilson or Cheryl Hertel at 997-2521.

#### Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., March 4 at 9:30 a.m.

#### Yard signs

Yard signs are available for any varsity athlete that does not have one. Contact Nene Comedy 864-3682 or Debbie Earles 864-2216 about purchasing a sign. The cost is \$3.

#### Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermans Lodge meeting will be held Sun., March 7 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The meal will be salads.

#### Calf roping

A calf roping will be held Sun., March 14 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell County Arena. B ropers will rope 3 for \$45 and A ropers will rope 3 for \$60. For more information call Carl Hopkins 940-849-3257 or Tim Layman (940) 864-8500. A concession stand will be available.

#### iMac open house

Haskell Elementary will hold an iMac open house Thurs., March 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the computer lab. Student Internet demonstration will be held. The public is invited.

#### Jump Rope for Heart

Haskell second, third and fourth grade students will be jumping rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association Thurs., March 11. To sponsor a student or for more information call Tiffany Thomas 864-2654.

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WEST POINT APPOINTEE—Jason Hobgood of Haskell was joined by his parents Bobby and Debbie Hobgood and Colonel James L.

Hayden, left, as he signed the offer of acceptance to attend West Point Military Academy. Photo by Jill Druesedow

## Jason Hobgood signs offer of acceptance to attend West Point

by Mary Kaigler

At his Haskell home last Wednesday night, Jason Robert Hobgood signed an offer of acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Witnessed by his parents, a few friends and representatives of the military, press and TV, the signing marked only the third time in history that a Haskell High School graduate has received such an appointment. The other two were Sam Smith, who graduated from the Academy in 1946 and Fred Barnett who left before graduation.

Jason's parents are Bobby Hobgood, President of First National Bank, Haskell, and Debbie Hobgood, Principal at Paint Creek. His sisters are Holly, a graduate student at University of Montevallo, Alabama and Heather, a student at Midwestern State University. All plan to make the trip with Jason when he leaves for West Point.

After reporting to the school June 28, shortly after graduating from Haskell High School, he will begin the strenuous physical and academic training regimen of a four year scholarship which carries an estimated value of \$275,000.00.

Col. James L. (Buster) Hayden, a fifth generation West Point graduate who was in Haskell for the signing, said Jason is a good example of how youngsters should go about applying to the school.

"He started on it early, got help in getting questionnaires and had good support from his Mom and Dad in keeping him on course," the Admissions Officer said. "Our soldiers need good role models. We are looking for people who have leadership ability. Lettering in four or five sports. Jason is a team guy, and that's what it takes."

With a GPA of 98.14, the 5 feet 9 inch, 205 pound, athletic 1999

graduate of Haskell High ranks 4th in his class of 54 students.

His extra-curricular activities have included four years each with the Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Gifted and Talented Program. He has successfully participated in band, the Science Olympiad, the Academic Challenge, Future Farmers of America, J. V. basketball, Varsity football, three years, Varsity baseball and track, four years and Varsity tennis, two years.

Among honors Jason has received are: being selected to attend the American Legion Boys State and the Junior Leadership Seminar at McMurry University; being named as Most Creative Writer-English III and Outstanding Band Student; Highest GPA's in Algebra, Agriculture Science and Trigonometry/Pre Calculus; Highest Overall GPA; and Junior Class President.

In football he was named 2nd Team All-District Running back three years, 1st Team All-District Defensive Linebacker two years and All-Big Country Defensive Linebacker.

In baseball he was named 1st Team All-District (unanimous) Outfield, and Team Defensive MVP, and led district in home runs and batting average.

Involved in community service, Jason has worked with children in recreational activities at First Baptist Church Bible School; wrapped Christmas presents for the Child Welfare Board, assisted in the Kiwanis Club annual fund-raiser, worship services for the Haskell Nursing Center and in conducting a free garage sale for needy people. During a Mexico Mission Trip he led Bible School in Ciudad Acuna. At the Texas Tech University Ex-Students Annual Meeting he assisted with the golf tournament and decorations.

In a discussion of what he counts as his greatest success Jason says that although he has received many accomplishments and honors, he counts as his greatest success the ability to maintain a high grade point average while being involved in many extra curricular activities. "I remember coming home from late-night sporting events and having tests the following morning in difficult classes such as chemistry and pre-calculus. I was still able to stay up late and focus on my studies so that I would do my best. My academic progress has remained my priority, even though I have enjoyed the additional activities in band, sports and church."

Answering the question of why would a normal 17-year-old want to attend a military school and forego the fun and social activities of a regular college, Jason wrote in his application essay, "Although most seniors look forward to college so

they can get away from their parents and enjoy the freedoms of college life, there are those students who desire to continue their education in a highly-disciplined environment such as West Point."

Saying that students who choose such a structured setting for their education are usually self-motivated and set high goals for themselves and their lives, he added, "I am one of those students who has chosen this path because it has been my goal for the past three years to attend a military institution after high school and pursue a military career."

As a graduating member of the West Point Military Academy Class of 2003, Jason Hobgood will not only be a U. S. Military Officer holding a Bachelor of Science Degree; he will also have the distinction of being the second person from Haskell, Texas, to graduate from the 200-year-old institution.

## Boys named to District 23-A All-District teams

Recently named to District 23-A Boys All-District First Team were: Michael Hertel, Cody Tibbets and Josh Smith of Rule; Michael Adkins, Cody Byrd, and Eric Aguilera of Rochester; Jodie Reel and Blayne Davis of Paint Creek; Jacey Collins and Tyler Carroll of Benjamin.

Honorable Mention went to John Mark Lopez, Gary Strickland, and Julian Sanchez of Rochester; Eric Hearn and Hegan Lamb of Paint Creek; Joe Sotelo and Grant Hisey of Rule; and Aaron Kuehler of Benjamin.

Boys Six-Man All-Star selections were Michael Hertel of Rule and Jodie Reel of Paint Creek.

Girls Six-Man All-Star selection was Deborah Wilson of Rule.

Named Most Valuable Player was Brian Lehrmann of Rule.

## Lanes named Citizens of the Year

Ken and Nelda Lane of Haskell were named Citizens of the Year at the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Banquet held Thurs. night at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center.

The Lanes, owner-operators of KVRP FM and AM radio stations, have long been an active part of the life of the community where they have raised five children who are all college graduates.

Nelda Lane, a graduate of Midwestern State University, has been the organist at the Haskell First United Methodist Church for 37 years. A member of the Noah Project since its inception, she is also a member the Rotary Club, the Prairie Star Quilters of Abilene, and a life member of the Haskell Progressive Study Club.

Now in his third consecutive term as Mayor of Haskell, Ken Lane is a graduate of Midwestern State University. He is president of the Rolling Plains Industrial Foundation, a member of the Haskell Educational Foundation and the Rotary Club, and is engaged in farming.

In making the announcement and presentation of the honor to the Lanes, Monty Montgomery, Director of the Haskell Development Corporation said, "Ken and Nelda Lane represent the quintessential West Texas spirit of unselfishly giving to their community."

With a standing ovation the many citizens assembled at the banquet gave hearty approval to the selection of the couple as Citizens of the Year.



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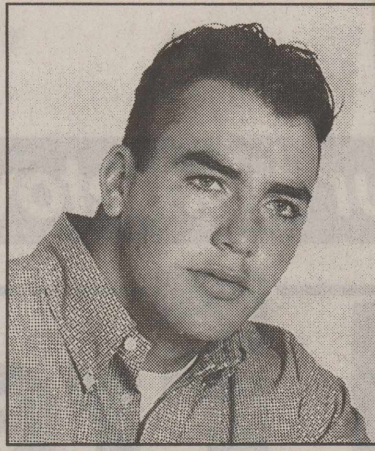
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**ROB HENGSTENBERG**

**Students visit Rotary Club**

Robert Hengstenberg, whose guardians are Bobby and Debbie Hobgood of Haskell, is active in FFA, football, track and tennis.

He was named to the First Team All District as defensive tackle.

Hengstenberg's favorite leisure-time activities include socializing, reading, working out, fishing and camping. He attends the First Baptist Church.

Enlisted in the U. S. Army, he will report June 29 for training in the infantry. His basic training will be in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Following that he hopes to become an Airborne Army Ranger, although he does not plan to make the military his career.

His ultimate goal is to become a part of a Drug Enforcement Agency.

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Joseph Clem is the son of A. D. Clem of Weinert.

His school activities include participation in Agriculture Range Judging and Ag. PALS organization.

Awards for Clem include being named as Most Dependable in Agriculture.

He is a member of the Methodist Church.

His favorite leisure-time activities are riding horses and working in mechanics.

Future plans for Clem include attending either Midwestern University or Angelo State University, earning a bachelor degree in Criminal Justice.

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**Obituaries**

**C. V. Schwartz**

Funeral services for C. V. Schwartz, 88, of Haskell were held Fri., Feb. 26 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Schwartz died Tues., Feb. 23 at a local nursing home.

Born Sept. 14, 1910 in Clyde, he married Katherine Gregory Sept. 14, 1935 in the Center Point Community. She preceded him in death Jan. 22, 1995. He worked for the Texas Department of Transportation for 35 years un-

til his retirement in 1975. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Schwartz of Abilene and Troy Schwartz of Duncanville; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Johnny Josselet, Jack Dunnam, Orville Darden, Raymond Schwartz, Larry Overby and Frank Jenkins.

Honorary pallbearers were Jack and Paul Rousseau and Clarence Meier.

**Rayberne L. Oliver**

Funeral services for Rayberne L. Oliver, 67, of Rule were held Sat., Feb. 27 at the Church of Christ in Rule with John Greeson and David Hall officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Oliver died Wed., Feb. 24 at an Abilene hospital.

Born Jan. 17, 1932 in Woodson, he married Paula Gaynelle Horton Jan. 25, 1953 in Woodson. He worked as an oilfield superintendent for 45 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Rule.

Survivors include his wife, Paula, of Rule; three daugh-

ters and sons-in-law, Sammie and Bobby Anders of Abilene, Sandra and Wayne Heiman of Canyon and Barbara and Mark Sustaire of Allen; one son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Michelle Oliver of Stephenville; nine grandchildren, Andy, Kelly, Sarah, Kelsea, Deavon, Dillon, Remington, Brawson and Chenille.

Pallbearers were Loyd 'Butch' Cogburn, Lavon Beakley, Roy Letz, Rick Kittley, Dwayne Landreth, Payton Tankersley, James Marquis and Malcolm Herttenberger.

**Jimmie Parks Marion**

Funeral services for Jimmie Parks Marion, 88, of Walsh, Colo. were held Tues., Feb. 2 at First Baptist Church in Walsh with Cecil Burhenn and Heath Marion officiating. Burial was in Walsh Cemetery under the direction of Dykes Funeral Home.

Mr. Marion died Sun., Jan. 31 at the Stanton County Hospital in Johnson, Kansas.

Born June 7, 1910 in Tioga, he was the son of Charlie and Dessie Marion. He married Bertha Kregar Nov. 10, 1928. They lived in the Weinert and Haskell area where he was a farmer. He worked for Pantex Defense Plant near Amarillo and for the Texas State Highway Dept. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. Then moved to Walsh, Colo. in 1947 where he worked driving a transport truck for Hardy Propane. He was a member of First

Baptist Church in Walsh, where he served as a deacon. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha, Jan. 25, 1999; his parents, C. W. and Dessie Marion; his brother Ernest Marion; his sister, Essie Long; and grandson, Norman Wright.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Hugh and Ruth Marion of Dumas; one daughter and son-in-law, Verna Lee and Eugene Alfrey of Walsh, Colo.; one brother, Carl of El Cajon, Calif.; two sisters, Susie Kregar and Julia Gibson, both of Haskell; one brother-in-law, J. B. Dunnam of Haskell; one sister-in-law, Elsie Kregar of Blanco; seven grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church or Walsh Healthcare Center, both in Walsh, Colo.

**Bertha Kregar Marion**

Funeral services for Bertha Kregar Marion, 87, of Walsh, Colo. were held Thurs., Jan. 28 at First Baptist Church in Walsh with Cecil Burhenn and Heath Marion officiating. Burial was in Walsh Cemetery under the direction of Dykes Funeral Home.

Mrs. Marion died Mon., Jan. 25 in the Stanton County Hospital in Johnson, Kansas.

Born Feb. 10, 1911, she was the daughter of E. W. and Florence Kregar. She married Jimmie Marion Nov. 10, 1928 in Haskell. They lived in the Weinert and Haskell areas until 1947 when they moved to Walsh, Colo. She worked in the Walsh Post Office for 23 years. She was

active in the First Baptist Church, Home Demonstration Club and Lamport Helping Hand Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, E. W. and Florence Kregar; two brothers, Jess Kregar and E. W. Kregar, Jr.; two sisters, Ruby Marion and Nina Dunnam; two step-brothers, Raymon and Odie Kregar; and grandson, Norman Wright.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmie, of Walsh, Colo.; one daughter and son-in-law, Verna Lee and Eugene Alfrey of Walsh, Colo.; one son and daughter-in-law, Hugh and Ruth Marion of Dumas; seven grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

**Paulette Audrey Morrel**

Graveside services for Paulette Audrey Morrel, 90, of Haskell were held Mon., March 1 at Highland Cemetery in Stamford with Kenneth Blair officiating. Services were directed by Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Morrel died Thurs., Feb. 25 at a Haskell nursing home.

Born Aug. 8, 1908 in Heggernan, N.M., she married

Thomas D. Morrel Jr. in 1926 in Stamford. He preceded her in death in 1974. She was a homemaker and a member of the Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell.

Survivors include one son, Thomas D. Morrell III of Willard, Missouri; two daughters, Blanche Jeanne Conner of Gardena, Calif. and Caretha Ann Hejlik of Modesto, Calif.; nine grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

**Emma Alice Wootan**

Funeral services for Emma Alice Wootan, 77, of Haskell were held Mon., March 1 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Aspermont Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wootan died Fri., Feb. 26 at a local hospital.

Born Feb. 27, 1921 in Gustine, she was the daughter of Fred and Emma Ritchie. She grew up in Stonewall county, finishing high school in Swenson. She married John Franklin Wootan Oct. 18, 1941 in Aspermont. She graduated with a B.A. from Hardin-Simmons, majoring in Elementary Education. She started her teaching career in Peacock during World War II, where she served as principal. She left in 1947 to teach in Crosbyton. She moved to Haskell in 1952 and taught at Paint Creek. She taught at Mattson until it consolidated, then transferred to O'Brien where she retired.

She was a lifelong Baptist and held many church offices. She was a member of the Fideles Sunday School Class and a Sunday School teacher. She was a member of the Texas State Teachers Assn. and the Order of Eastern Star #892 in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, one granddaughter and her husband.

Survivors include one son, Lesley Wootan of Sweetwater; two daughters, Melba Kretschmer of Haskell and Doris Wootan of Kermit; one sister, Lela Ware of Eula; two granddaughters, 3 grandsons and 2 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Billy Wootan, Dale Carnes, Ritchie Carnes, Jason Davis, Julio Acosta and Kenneth Johnson.

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**Cattle Market Report**

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,394 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Feb. 27, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cows and bulls steady. Bred cows and pairs \$25 to \$50 lower. All feeder and stocker cattle steady.

Cows: fat, .32-.37; cutters, .30-.38; canners, .18-.26.  
Bulls: bologna, .43-.47; feeder, .55-.68; utility, .40-.44.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.12; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .84-.95; 500-600 lbs., .73-.85; 600-700 lbs., .70-.78; 700-800 lbs., .68-.74; 800-up lbs., .59-.69.

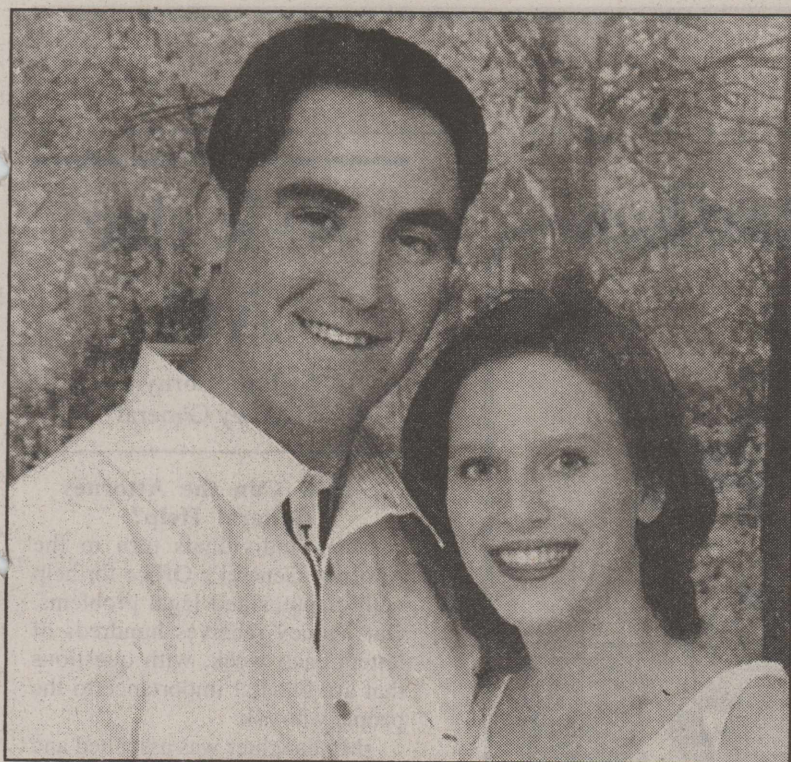
Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .85-.95; 300-400 lbs., .80-.90; 400-500 lbs., .75-.84; 500-600 lbs., .68-.75; 600-up lbs., .52-.67.

Bred Heifers: medium frame 375-525.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 450-580; aged or small, 350-475.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 550-675; aged or small, 425-550.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. on Monday.



MR. AND MRS. IV BURSON

## Rister, Burson wed at courthouse gazebo

Della Ruth Rister of Breckenridge and Clarence Grady Burson IV of Haskell were married Feb. 8 at the gazebo on the lawn of the Haskell County Courthouse.

The bride is the daughter of Linda Sheffield of Breckenridge and Cal Rister of Anson. Her grandparents are A. K. and JoAnna Stoker of Breckenridge.

The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grady Burson III of Haskell. Grandparents are Bernice Rowen of O'Brien and Lee Burson of Haskell.

Justice of the Peace Gina Brown officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a full length, white silk dress with imported lace

overlay. She carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses and heather with cascading white ribbon.

She is a graduate of Breckenridge High School, attended Cisco Junior College in Cisco and is employed as a substitute teacher in Haskell.

The groom graduated from Haskell High School and is employed as a sales consultant for Bailey Toliver Chevrolet Olds in Haskell.

The couple plans a honeymoon to the Bahamas in May.

They live at Lake Stamford.

A reception and bridal shower for the couple is planned in Haskell for April 11.



MRS. ROY RIFENBURGH

## Kemp, Rifenburg united in marriage

Donna Lynette Kemp, daughter of Giles and Jean Kemp of Haskell, and Roy Bruce Rifenburg, son of Bruce and Joan Rifenburg of Merkel, were married Jan. 31, in a ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell, with Rev. Shane Brue officiating. Organist was Nelda Lane.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a white dress with pearl applique and trim. She carried white roses with greenery.

Jaelyn Townzen was the maid of honor and Dee Kemp was bridesmaid. They each wore black tea-length dresses and carried red roses and tiger lilies.

The groom's attendants were best man, Ron Rifenburg, and Roy B. Rifenburg. Joshua Kemp was the usher.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

The bride is a graduate of Haskell High School and attended Midwestern State University. She is employed by the United States Postal Service.

The groom is a graduate of Cooper High School. He is employed by United Supermarkets.

Following a trip to Branson and Table Rock Lake, Missouri, the couple will reside in Merkel.

## Hospital

### Admissions

George Gray, Haskell  
Frances Campbell, Rule  
Grace Bisbee, Haskell  
Susie Strickland, Haskell  
Maurice Willis, Munday  
Cheryl Urbanczyk, Munday  
Festus Hunt, Rule  
Henry Williams, Goree  
Joe Harper, Haskell

### Dismissals

Herbert Fischer, Vivian Smith,  
Donald Backman, Connie Liles,  
Erwin Hamilton, Levi Greer, Sybil  
Miller, Margery Searl, Gladys  
Miller, Thelma Cole, Melodee  
Smith, Bonnie Mason, William  
Love, Elna Weise

## Paint Creek FHA to attend conference

The Paint Creek chapter of Future Homemakers of America will attend the Region II Conference in Abilene March 5-6. The chapter members are among 1,300 delegates attending the two day conference. The youth developed the theme, "FHA/HERO: Spotlight on Excellence," will be carried out through workshop and general sessions where members will discover ways to become actively involved in the issues facing today's youth. Some of the issues that will be addressed at the meeting will be career choices, violence, alcohol and drugs, sexual awareness, leadership and accomplishing goals.

STAR Events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) are competitive events in which members will participate at regional meetings. These events will allow the members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition. Also, the new officer team for 1999-2000 will be elected to lead the region to greater heights.

Paint Creek will have 9 students participating in the FHA Star Events. The participants are Halee Walton (senior), Susan Acosta (senior), Stefanie Isbell (junior), Selina Salinas (junior), Melinda Muehlstein (junior), Heather Hobbs (junior), Delinda Strickland (junior), Brandy Gardner (junior)

and Bridgett Silvas (junior). Voting delegate is Dusty Barnett.

Future Homemakers of America is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Future Homemakers of America is considered the "best kept secret." A secret that we plan to put in the spotlight in the near future. Members learn leadership and life skills related to parenting and child development, management, interior design, food science, institutional maintenance, hospitality and career awareness.

## Student in the News

More than 1,100 West Texas A&M University, Canyon, students received academic honors for the 1998 fall semester. Three hundred and two students were named to the President's List and 893 students earned mention on the Dean's List.

Students on the Dean's List achieved GPAs of at least 3.25 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours and include Amanda P. Cothron of Haskell, a Freshman Reading major.

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Monthly Calendar of Events		MARCH 1999					Haskell Independent School District	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
	JV Baseball Hamlin There 5:30 p.m. Boys Golf Haskell 9:00	V Baseball Stamford Here 4 p.m. Softball V Loraine Here 4 p.m. Girls Golf Haskell 9:00	3 English II & Spanish I Trip to Medieval Times Dallas	Jr. High UIL All UIL entries turned in today Lunch & Learn 1st grade-noon	Jr. High Track Anson Boys only V Softball Abilene There 4:30 p.m.	6 Cub Relays Olney		
7 Houston Livestock Show	8 JV Baseball Hamlin Here 4 p.m.	9 V Baseball Breckenridge There 5 p.m. Partners for Children Budget Workshop 7 p.m. V & JV Softball Anson Here 4 p.m.	10 Houston Livestock Show	11 Health Fair Lunch & Learn PK/EC/K-noon Girls Golf Merkel 8:30 Jr. High Track Haskell Girls & Boys	12 JV Baseball Ira There 6 p.m. V Baseball Anson There 4:30 V Softball Knox City Here 4:30	13 Mogul Relays Munday		
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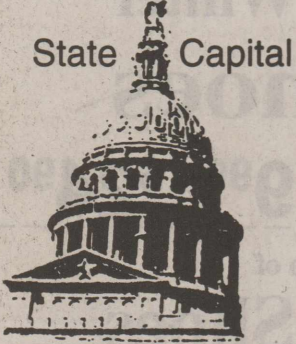
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OPINION



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst last week issued a legislative proposal to increase earnings for Texas public schools and university funds by 30 percent.

He presented his plan — which resembles an idea once proposed by former Land Commissioner Garry Mauro — to the Senate Special Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring.

Under Dewhurst's proposal, the land commissioner would be allowed to convert oil and natural gas from public land into electricity and sell it to Texas schools, state agencies and local governments.

"This is a winning proposition for our schoolchildren and Texas taxpayers," Dewhurst said.

"The money the state makes from its public lands is constitutionally dedicated to education."

In-kind royalty payments raised almost \$140 million for the state's Permanent School Fund and Permanent University Fund in 1998. Dewhurst said his plan could dramatically raise that amount.

"This plan could reduce the operating costs of some of our schools and government agencies and at the same time increase the earnings for our schools by 30 percent," Dewhurst said.

Senate Confirms Appointees

Six statewide appointees of Gov. George W. Bush were confirmed by the full Senate last week:

- Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses;
■ State Board of Education chairman Chase Untermeyer;
■ Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission chairman Robert Huston;
■ Public Safety Commission chairman Colleen McHugh;
■ Department of Housing and Community Affairs executive director Daisy A. Stiner; and
■ 3rd Court of Appeals Judge Earl Yeakel III.

Also, last week, a Senate committee approved Bush's choices for the University of Texas board of regents:

- Houston engineer Raul Romero;
■ Houston financier Charles Miller; and
■ El Paso businessman Woody Hunt.

If approved in this week's full Senate vote, the nominees will serve six-year terms.

TAAS Cheating Probe Widens

A Travis County grand jury is looking into the Austin Independent School District's manipulation of Texas Assessment of Academic Skills data.

Last week, the grand jury expanded its investigation by issuing subpoenas for dropout data, personnel information, payroll records and other information, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

"The situation appears to be more complicated and raised the possibility of a more widespread deception than was originally thought," Travis County Attorney Ken Oden told the American-Statesman.

The investigation, which began in September, is into a third round of subpoenas.

Other Highlights

■ State Rep. Tony Goolsby, R-Dallas, is proposing local-option legislation that would prevent parking-ticket scofflaws from renewing their license tags until they pay their outstanding fines.

■ Social work students from across Texas rallied at the Capitol last week, seeking support for anti-hate crime bills and funding for a program to provide health insurance for some 1.5 million uninsured children from low-income families.

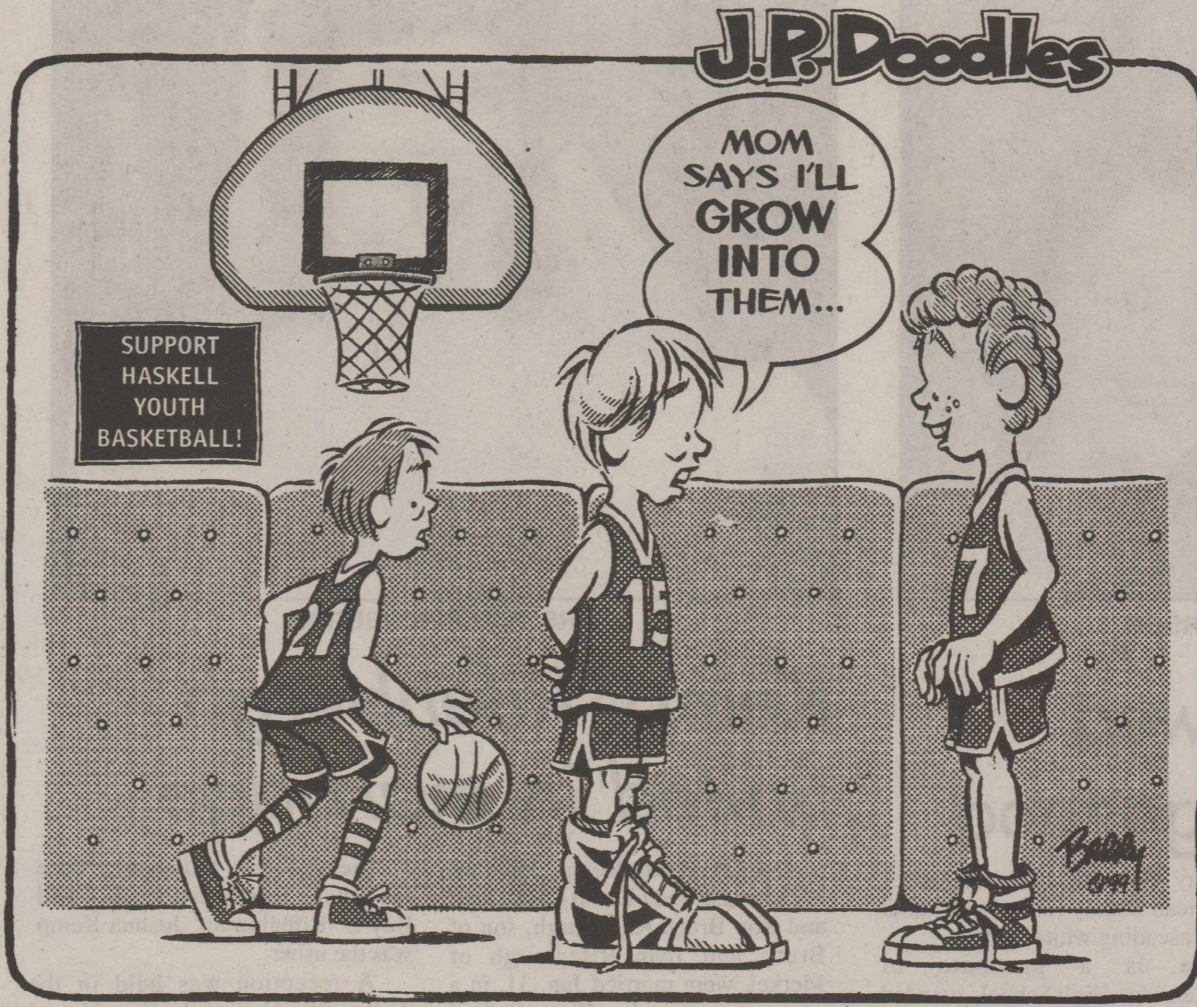
■ Ron Pollack, director of the national advocacy group Families U.S.A., says Texas is 49th in the nation in making sure children have health insurance and one-eighth of uninsured children in America live in Texas.

■ In honor of three Tarrant County firefighters who died while fighting a Feb. 15 church fire, the Texas House observed a moment of silence on Feb. 22.

■ Newsman and television personality Bill Moyers, speaking at Trinity University in San Antonio last week, said Gov. George W. Bush might be the "antidote" America needs on the heels of the controversy-ridden Clinton administration.

■ Colorado Gov. Bill Owen and other Colorado Republicans met with Gov. Bush last week to encourage him to run for president in 2000.

■ The Texas Division of the American Cancer Society has launched a new 24-hour-a-day, toll-free help line: 1-800-ACS-2345. ACS estimates 77,400 Texans will be diagnosed with cancer in 1999.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler



There is something inherent in the nature of a writer that makes them respond to encouraging feedback from readers like a puppy's tail does to the words, "nice doggy."

It probably has something to do with ego, and with becoming so closely involved with one's thoughts and words that when you finally release them to the world it's as if a vulnerable part of you is out there having to fend for itself like a motherless child.

So, it is always a great treat for me to hear from readers. I value and appreciate their input, both pro and con. During the last year and a half I've heard from many, both directly and indirectly, and I've been surprised at just how far-ranging the readership of the Free Press is.

However, it was with real surprise this week that I received a letter from a reader of one of my columns who lives in Zurich, Switzerland.

In February, 1998, I wrote about the art of quilting, and I referred to and quoted from the book, Quilts as Women's Art, a Quilt Poetics written by Radka Donnell in 1990. My daughter, Karen, who met and became friends with Donnell during studies at the Carl Jung Institute in Zurich two years ago, shared with me the autographed copy of the book that Donnell gave her during one of the writer/teacher's visits to the United States.

Hearing from an author I'd freely quoted from sent me hurrying

through my computer to re-read what I'd written about her. Knowing that she challenges assumptions of recent philosophy, psychology and art criticism with a radical critique, I was concerned that I'd given her due credits and accurately interpreted her world view of quiltmaking and the healing power of women's art. Evidently, I needn't have worried; she was most kind and encouraging in the two hand-written pages to "Dear Mom of Karen."

Radka Donnell is an interesting woman. Born in Bulgaria, she lived through the war years in Germany, emigrating to the United States in 1951. A 1954 graduate of Stanford University, she earned her Master of Fine Arts from the University of Colorado at Boulder, while raising two daughters, Moira and Julie. After moving to Kansas in 1965, she began to make contemporary quilts. Adding since then a Certificate of Art Therapy from Metropolitan College in Boston, Donnell has fought for the recognition of quilts as women's art for over twenty years.

She has produced nearly five hundred quilts, piecing them by hand and by machine, and having them machine-quilted. To support her artwork and her writing on quilts, she works as a translator in the United States and in Switzerland, where she lives with her husband, Dolf, and where she has started a developing quilt movement. She endeavors to raise quilt-consciousness and quilt-literacy in both countries through her quilts and her poems in both languages.

During the severe Swiss winters, Donnell often teaches a term at some United States university to be near her daughters and their families. This winter she is teaching a course at Wellesley despite the trauma of having a sudden gall bladder removal operation.

Candidly sharing with me her thoughts, she described the impact of the painful experience on her whole way of seeing things. Perhaps many of us who have been through similar situations can identify with her feelings and reactions in the aftermath of the operation.

"I was in a daze for a while and aware of my human weakness as never before," she wrote. "I had been coasting on a very strong ego—and believe me I don't mean self-worth, but real overblown self identity. Now, I am 'shrank' to a comfortable size, and don't expect so much of myself and others; just what's forthcoming and non-threatening. I can't yet put it into words. I feel very removed from all my previous statements—had been over-expressing myself—and now, as it were, am resting in an opaque and furry place, a regular squirrel's abode of sorts."

Saying that "your article was so kind and heartwarming, I can't tell you how much it meant to me," she added, "Please be thanked most warmly and let me read more of your strong writing. It is so empowering in a clear and sober way."

Don't I wish.

But, I like the sound of those words.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 2, 1989

Five Haskell Maidens were named to the all-district basketball team. They are Joy McKeever and Missy Davis, first team; Sheila Unger and Dala Harris, second team; and Teresa Unger, honorable mention.

Shane Hadaway has been awarded the Harwood Memorial scholarship by the Real Estate Educators Association (REEA) headquartered in Chicago. Hadaway is a graduate of Haskell High School and is a student at Angelo State University.

20 Years Ago March 1, 1979

Doyle High participated as a working cowboy during the 11th annual trail drive sponsored by the Haskell Livestock Auction.

Charles Thornhill was named Haskell's Outstanding Citizen of 1978 by the Chamber of Commerce.

Danny Hartsfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hartsfield of Haskell, has earned the designation of Cum Laude on the Dean's

Honor list at the University of Texas at Austin. Hartsfield has been accepted at the Southern Methodist University Law School.

30 Years Ago February 27, 1969

Mrs. Gene Tonn has retired as secretary of the Haskell County Farm Bureau. She worked for the Haskell County Farm Bureau 19 years and 3 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Turner, Mr. and Mrs. David Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Couch, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wainscott represented the Haskell National Bank at the Texas Banker's Association Convention in Ft. Worth.

40 Years Ago February 26, 1929

Jerry Lee Lewis will appear in person at the Stamford High School Gym. Tickets are only \$1.00.

Fourteen members of the Spanish II class in Haskell High School and their teacher, Mrs. Jim Byrd, accompanied by Supt. R. King and several parents will take a five-day tour of Old Mexico and the

Rio Grande Valley.

50 Years Ago March 3, 1949

Betty Jo Adkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Adkins of Haskell, completed her pre-clinical training in the nursing program at Lubbock Memorial Hospital.

The Civil Service Commission announces examinations for filling vacancies in the Haskell Post Office for a position of substitute clerk at the salary rate of \$1.19 per hour.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gilstrap of Payne Drug recently returned from Dallas where she attended the Helena Rubenstein Beauty Training School.

90 Years Ago February 27, 1909

R. C. Montgomery and H. M. Rike of the Farmers National Bank attended the State Bankers Convention in Fort Worth and from there went to New Orleans for a few days.

Jack Eads, Jr., superintendent of the Haskell Oil Mill, has enrolled as a full-fledged member of the Haskell Band.

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

How Can the Attorney General Help?

Many individuals turn to the Attorney General's Office for help with disputes and legal problems. Our agency receives hundreds of letters each week, with questions that are of vital importance to the people who ask:

•My daughter was assaulted and injured. How can she apply for crime victims' compensation?

•I bought a washing machine and the store won't honor the warranty. Can you help?

•I paid to have my roof repaired and now the contractor has disappeared. What can I do?

We can and do answer many of these questions directly. We can send you an application for crime victims' compensation, for example, or for child support services. In some cases, we may be able to refer you to another agency that serves your particular need.

By law, we cannot take your side in a dispute with a merchant. We do, however, offer an informal dispute resolution process for consumer complaints. By facilitating communications between consumers and businesses, we obtain millions of dollars worth of restitution each year.

Sometimes consumer complaints alert us to the need for enforcement of state consumer protection laws. If we become aware of a serious violation that threatens many citizens, we may file suit on behalf of the public interest.

Whether a lawsuit is in the public interest depends on the severity of the case in terms of economic loss or the number and gravity of law violations. We also consider the extent to which consumers will benefit from public enforcement versus the cost of enforcement to taxpayers.

A lawsuit sometimes recovers money for consumers, but this is not always possible. A company facing enforcement may go out of business, the owners may not be found, or they may have spent the money, leaving nothing with which to repay the people they have cheated.

One of the most important ways we can help is by providing general information that can help keep you from being victimized in the first place. We do this through our brochures, public service announcements and web site—and through newspaper columns like this one.

In this column, each week I will address some of the questions that people have asked me about elder law, crime prevention, consumer protection, and other issues that concern all Texas citizens.

As your Attorney General, I want you to be as well informed as possible about how to avoid consumer scams, how to protect yourself from crime, what to do when you are cheated and what your rights are under the law.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Texas Attorney General. I welcome the challenges and responsibilities of this great office and look forward to serving my fellow Texans over the next four years.

You can write to the Office of the Attorney General at PO Box 12548, Austin, TX 78711-2548. For a copy of the Consumer Complaint form, call (800) 621-0508 or visit our home page at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Table with columns for date (February 13, 1999), gin name, and quantity. Includes entries for Farmers Co-op Gin (1,183), Haskell Co-op Gin (2,291), O'Brien Gin (16,723), Rochester Co-op Gin (1,721), Rule Co-op Gin (1,692), Sagerton Gin (630), Paymaster Gin (2,243), and Weinert Gin (2,781). Total Bales: 29,264.

Advertisement for The Haskell Free Press. Includes contact information, subscription rates, and a list of staff members: John McDougal (Publisher), Lisa Shaw (Business Manager), Mary Kaigler (Staff Writer), Doris McDougal (Production), and Bill Blankenship (Staff Photographer).

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## Josselet-Medford repeat vows



MR. AND MRS. RODNEY MEDFORD

The sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church of Haskell was the setting for the Feb. 6 wedding of Ember Ashley Josselet and Rodney Lynn Medford, both of Haskell.

Parents of the couple are Danny and Vickie Josselet of Haskell and Burl and Dolores Medford of Paint Creek.

Grandparents of the bride are Victor and Norma Lowry of Knox City and Lois Josselet of Haskell. The groom's grandmother is Lula Mae Medford of Haskell.

Rev. Shane Brue performed the ceremony. Programs were handed out by James and Meagan Markey of Haskell. Candlelighters were Ashley Medford and Halee Walton, both of Paint Creek. Music was provided by Nelda Lane, organist and Amy KcKnight, pianist-recorder. Soloists were Rob McKnight, singing "Just You and I," and Teresa New, singing, "You Light Up My Life."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white satin featuring a beaded bodice overlay with a V neckline, and window-pane hand-beaded long sleeves ending in points at the wrists. The A-line skirt had a medium length built-in train with open-window embroidered beaded cut outs. She wore a Victorian beaded hat with a long satin-trimmed veil.

The bride carried a bouquet, made by her mother, of burgundy and white roses complemented with white lace, ribbon, pearls and baby's breath.

For something old the bride carried a linen handkerchief belonging to her great-grandmother, Lela Johnston. Something new was her diamond earrings, a gift from her parents. Something borrowed was her grandmother Lowry's blue to topaz ring, and something blue was her garter.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister-in-law, Michelle Josselet of Abilene. Bridesmaids were Jodi Pope of San Angelo and Betsy Coleman of Paint Creek.

The brides attendants wore burgundy chiffon tea-length dresses that laced up the back, and had a bodice overlay trimmed with satin roses. Each attendant carried long stemmed burgundy roses trimmed with ribbons and white baby's

breath.

Flower girl Bethany Josselet, niece of the bride, wore a burgundy velvet dress trimmed in satin and roses. She carried a white basket of rose petals.

Best man was Roman Morgan of Haskell. Groomsmen were Adam Coleman of Paint Creek and Cody Stocks of Haskell. Ushers were the bride's brother, Cody Josselet of Abilene, the groom's brother, Keith Medford of Paint Creek, Mik Everett, of Lubbock, cousin of the bride, and Casey Coleman of Paint Creek.

The groom and his attendants wore black western short coats and white shirts with black wranglers.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. In a garden setting theme, featuring a white lattice, ivy-covered archway entrance, lighted trees and white wicker furniture, the bride's table, with a white lattice, lighted background, was covered with a white satin floor length cloth. Accenting the table were brass punch bowl, trays, and candle holders.

The white bride's cake was accented with hearts and flowers. Serving at the bride's table were Kelli Cunningham, Kelly Campbell and Julie Gaynor.

Old farm house doors, outlined in rope, formed the back drop for the groom's table, which was done with a farmer-rancher theme. Covered with a green floor-length cloth, the table was decorated with miniature tractors, cotton bales, and sun flowers. Chocolate cake, coffee, chocolate kisses, nuts and mints were served from brass trays and coffee holder.

Serving at the groom's table were Misty McMeans, Tiffany McNeil and Leslie Kuenstler.

Serving at the lighted, flowing 7-Up fountain which was set up on a separate table covered in a white, pleated satin floor length cloth, were Jennifer Andress, Missy Goosen and Sarah SoRelle.

The food table was centered with a fruit cascade. Serving were Jacy

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## Prayer-E-Strings to perform at Rule banquet

Prayer-E-Strings will perform at the Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet Tues., March 9. They are an instrumental music group formed April 1997 in Haskell.

Members include Rob & Amy McKnight and Clark & Debbie Richardson. They feature authentic handmade instruments such as the hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimers, auto harp and recorder. Many of their instruments were made in Texas.

The group specializes in Old Time Gospel Music in acoustic fashion. Appearing with them will be special guest, Ford Cole.

Rule's Man and Woman of the Year will be announced.

The meal will be catered by the Junior Class.

The banquet will be held in the Rule School Cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00.



PRAYER-E-STRINGS—Fast becoming popular for their expert and entertaining playing of historically authentic, handmade musical instruments as well as other instruments, the Haskell group will be featured at the Rule Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Mar. 9. Standing, back left, are Debbie and Clark Richardson. In front are Amy and Rob McKnight.

The rehearsal dinner for the wedding party was held at the Haskell Church of Christ Annex.

A wedding shower was held for the couple on Jan. 17, at the Haskell First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Close girlfriends of the bride hosted a shower for her on Feb. 5, at the First National Bank in Haskell.

A bridesmaid's luncheon at the Bevers House in Haskell was given on Feb. 6, by the bride's mother.

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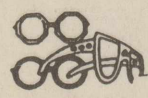
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It may be worth some effort on your part to support the payments most beneficial to your shareholders. Document the actual work time of corporate shareholders and other corporate employees, and note the tasks they perform. Rents paid to shareholders should be based on actual fair market rental for the equipment or real estate. Do research about local rents for similar properties and salaries for comparable duties so that you have a supportable range of values for the amounts the corporation decides to pay.

Don't underestimate the value of planning ahead with your tax advisor and keeping actual corporate minutes to document your decisions. Knowing where you want to end up makes it easier to justify how you got there.

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**THIRD GRADE OVERALL WINNERS**-Samuel Bitner, center, was the first place overall third grade winner in the Soil Conservation Poster Contest. Left is Kyla Jones, second place winner. On the right is Paige Wheatley, third place winner.



**FIFTH GRADE OVERALL WINNERS**-Caleb Hudgens, center, holds his blue ribbon as a first place winner in the Soil Conservation 1999 Poster Contest. On the right is Shannon Harlan, second place winner, and left is Sarah Alvarez, third place winner.



**FIRST GRADE WINNER**-Taking first place in both first grade and first grade overall, Brooke Bullinger won two blue ribbons in the Soil Conservation Poster Contest. In District competition, she won a second place ribbon for her poster.

**Haskell SWCD poster winners named**

February is the time for children in the local schools to participate in the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest. This year's theme could be Wonders of Wildlife or In the Children's Hands.

Local winners are from Haskell: First Grade, Mrs. Watson: 1. Brooke Bullinger

Third Grade Overall: 1. Brooke Bullinger  
Third Grade, Mrs. Waggoner: 1. Kyla Jones, 2. Mali Torres, 3. Paige Wheatley

Third Grade, Mrs. Christian: 1. Hanna Page, 2. Will Brueggeman, 3. Barrett Thomasson

Third Grade, Mrs. Huff: 1. Samuel Bitner, 2. Daniel Payan, 3. Jennifer Farber

Third Grade Overall: 1. Samuel Bitner, 2. Kyla Jones, 3. Paige Wheatley

Fifth Grade, Mrs. Fouts: 1.

Caleb Hudgens, 2. Shannon Harlan, 3. Gregory Andrada

Fifth Grade, Mrs. Futch: 1. Sarah Alvarez, 2. Tasha Zarate, 3. Vicente Solano

Fifth Grade, Mrs. Yates: 1. Mollie McKnight, 2. Robbyn Tribbey, 3. Nick Mendoza

Fifth Grade Overall: 1. Caleb Hudgens, 2. Shannon Harlan, 3. Sarah Alvarez

From Paint Creek: Kindergarten: 1. Kailey Jones, 2. Bailey Fillman, 3. Dillon Emert

First Grade: 1. Johnny Escamilla, 2. Evan Green, 3. Sydney McCasland

Second Grade: 1. Ariel Blair, 2. Colin Locke, 3. Caleb Whitfield

Third Grade: 1. Michael Fikes, 2. Kailey McCord, 3. Jessica Blackburn

Fourth Grade: 1. Carri Lewis, 2. Kristen Barr, 3. James Haggard

Fifth Grade: 1. Lindsay Reel, 2.

Justin Hannsz, 3. Heather Hodges  
Sixth Grade: 1. Scarlett Adkins, 2. A. J. Shaw, 3. Jeremy Bogle

From Rochester: Kindergarten: 1. Chelsea Hearn, 2. Denise Hibbits, 3. Leah Tibbits

Second Grade: 1. Tyler Byrd, 2. Shane Strickland, 3. Lauren Newton

Third Grade: 1. Shawna Favor, 2. Jonathan Rincon, 3. Conrad Saucedo

Fourth Grade: 1. Jessica Cantu, 2. Paden Brown, 3. Shana Nicholson

Fifth Grade: 1. Kayla Martin, 2. Cheyenne Favor, 3. Jeffrey Rodriguez

Sixth Grade: 1. Marcus Williams, 2. Ryan Martin, 3. Cassidy Brown

District Winners: 1. A. J. Shaw, Paint Creek, 2. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell, 3. Lindsay Reel, Paint Creek

**County to impose fines for unreported burning**

At the Feb. 23 meeting of the Haskell County Commissioners Court, County Treasurer, Willie Faye Tidrow reported that part of the property tax money received to date has been used to purchase Certificates of Deposit.

In giving an account of the Experienced Citizen's Center food supplier, Pct. 4 Commissioner, Bud Turnbow, reported that

Florence Peden may have located a cheaper supply source.

A special meeting will be called to correct the County road mileage, which affects the amount of funds received from the state.

Wanda Ham presented the Court with the first Haskell County Brand Book, which has been missing since the 1970's Courthouse renovation. Rescued from a trash container in 1974, Brand Book 2 was recently given to the Genealogical Society. After having the book restored the Society has returned it to the County Clerk's Office where it may be viewed by the public.

Water Board Members appointed were: Larry Short, Pct. 1; Mike McGuire, Pct. 2; Bill Thomas, Pct. 3; Russell Beakley and James Dunlap, Pct. 4; Danny Lambreth, alternate.

Several citizens at the meeting had questions as to how these Water Board members were chosen, and how they would be guided in the process of forming the regulations for the new water district.

Commissioner Billy Wayne Hester, Pct. 1, asked the Court to impose a fine on people burning land without going through the proper notification of the Sheriff's Office and their local fire department. The fine was set at \$500.00.

Commissioner Kenny Thompson, Pct. 3 was elected to be on the Paint Creek Water Corporation.

Before adjourning, the Court passed a Resolution calling for county farm assistance.

**Crop insurance sign-up period extended to Mar. 15**

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
USDA has announced an extension to March 15 of the sign-up date for fall-planted crops. This will provide an expanded safety umbrella for growers of winter wheat, oats, barley, peaches, nursery and citrus crops.

Texas Agricultural Extension economist Ken Stokes says producers have been given a unique opportunity to purchase crop insurance or re-evaluate their

existing insurance plans. The original sign-up period was set to end Jan. 8.

Agricultural Secretary Dan Glickman announced an estimated 30 percent reduction in policy premiums for farmers. The plan allows producers to change their coverage from basic insurance based on actual produced yields to the new, though higher-priced crop revenue coverage insurance or to insure fall-planted crops already at risk.

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## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Greater Independent Baptist Church will be having their Memorial Program Sun., March 28 at 3:00 p.m. for all their deceased members. Occasional speaker will be Rev. Ray Lee Kilgore of Ft. Worth.

Mae Lou Yeldell's children gave her a surprise birthday party Sat. evening. Guests were from Knox City, Stamford and Arlington. Her sisters, her pastor and family and all the Yeldells and Jordans rung in her 74 years with flowers, gifts, bells, balloons and food. Special gifts were from her Redwine children and their mother.

On Sun. evening Casey and Dian Reed with children Denton and Delien and David and Deniece Conn and children Sebrina and Amber went to the girl's sister Teri and Darlene Therwhanger in Weinert where they had their mother and daddy and brother Doug over for a supper to celebrate Doris' birthday. All had a wonderful time.

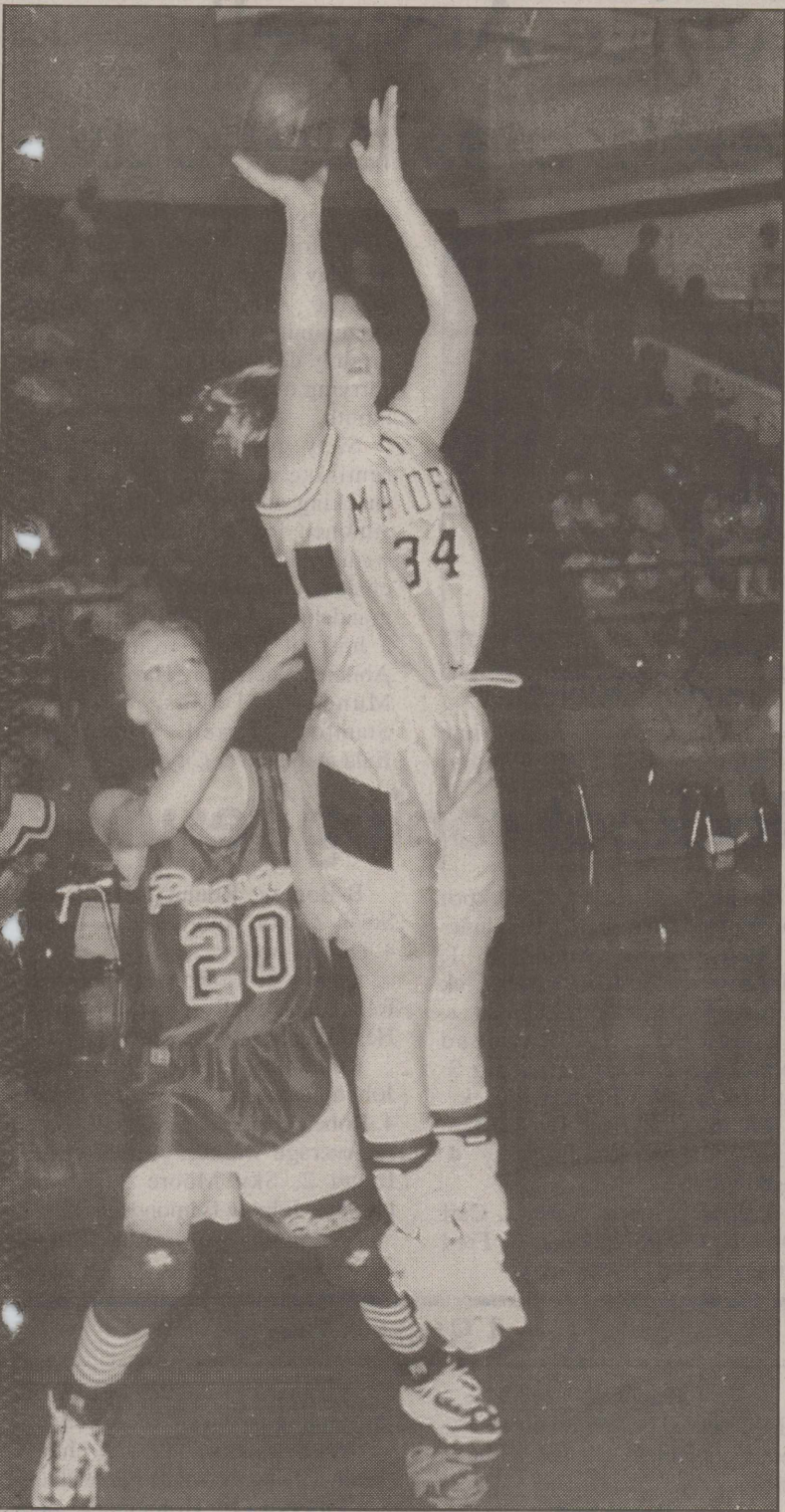
Visiting with Mrs. and Mrs.

Frank White on Sun. and bringing lunch was their children Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Don White of Jacksboro and Mr. and Mrs. James Redding of Seymour and their daughter Gaylon and Tamma McDorm and children Conner and Hanner and Stacy Owens of Wichita Falls and Frankie Don's son Nathan of Lubbock. Howard and Virginia Redding were over for a visit in the afternoon. Mrs. Frankie Don White also visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis. Frankie Don stayed over with his parents so he could take his dad to a doctor appointment in Abilene on Tues.

Visiting with the George Grays this weekend were sons Lynn Gray of Grapeland and Lee and Polly Gray of Midland. They try to come often to help care for dad George.

Charlene Hawkins of Irving spent the weekend with her mom Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bacuss of Mansfield spent the weekend with her mother Hope Josselot.



**SOARING TO SCORE**—Haskell Maiden #34, Bree Burgess made 10 points during the Feb. 16 Class 2A Region II bi-district game with Peaster. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**ANOTHER BASKET**—Haskell Maiden #40, Shayne McKenzie scored 23 points in Haskell's winning bi-district game with Peaster in Cisco, Feb. 16. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

The first bit of information for readers who might save this column for historical facts would be in the form of a correction in the obituary of Willie Raphael last week. The names of his two sons were omitted from the survivors. They are: Nolan Raphael of Vicksburg, Mississippi and Garland Raphael of Arlington. We apologize for this error.

Upcoming events include LMM and Altar Guild meeting at Faith Lutheran Church Thurs. night at 7:00, Prayer Study on Mon. night, March 8 at 7:30 p.m., Faith Circle on Tues. the 9th at 2:30 p.m., regular Lenten worship service on Wed. at 7:00, Elders meeting at 7:30 and Church Council at 8:00.

See Haw ticket sales begin on March 9 at 5:00 p.m. in the home of J. B. and Dorothy Toney. Scripts have been given out, committees are working and rehearsals will be underway soon for the big event of the year for our little town.

Alvin and Ev Ulmer are proud to announce the arrival of another great grandchild, Matthew Kyle Stockard, born Feb. 22 in Katy to their grandchildren, Mark and Paige. He has a big brother Kirby who will be helping take care of him. Congratulations to the Ulmers.

The Tri-State Chemical Company and the Sagerton Gin were hosts for a rib-eye steak supper last Fri. night at the community center. About 45 area farmers enjoyed the meal and received valuable information from the hosts. Special guests included Art Culpepper of Stamford and A. C. Culpepper from Missouri, family members of local gin manager, Bob Culpepper. Chemicals are available at the local gin.

Guests in the home of Delbert and Joyce LeFevre during the weekend included Gary and Rene Laughlin of Midland, Laressa Earthman of Weimer and Larry and Susan LeFevre of Rule, Frances Clark and Jill Brown and her family.

The Sagerton Methodist had their monthly social and supper last Thurs. night with Ev Ulmer and Ophelia LeFevre hosting a chili supper. Members present included Pastor Daniel Ramey and his family, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Wilma Teichelman, Frances Clark, Johnny and Sue Guinn, Alvin and Ev Ulmer and G. W. and Ophelia LeFevre.

The home of Bruce and Michelle Toney was the scene for a birthday

party Sun. afternoon honoring their son, Clay on his 5th birthday anniversary. Guests included Matthew Ramey, Joseph and Daniel Turner, Verlene Stegemoeller, Becky Alexander, J. B. and Dorothy Toney and his family, Terra, Megan, Bruce and Michelle.

Grandparents, J. B. and Dorothy Toney spent some time with their new granddaughter, Lauren Renee, while mother, Renee McAden attended a track meet with her girls from Abilene High.

Sun. dinner guests in the home of Joe and Dorothy Clark were Esther Kinman and Emma Raphael of Stamford.

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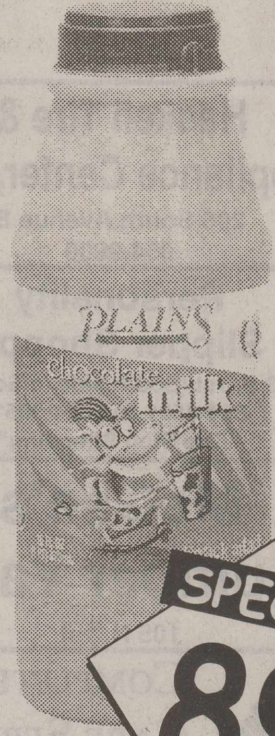
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**WINNING AGAIN**—With a team total of 380, the Haskell Girls Golf Team won first place in the Anson Tourney, Feb. 26, for the second time in two years. From the left are, Hilee Mulligan, Misti Henson, J. J. Comedy, Jodi Thigpen, Amanda Rapp, and Coach David Middleton. Misti Henson was first place medalist with a score of 78.

## Night of One-Act Plays set March 11

It's time once again for the annual Night of One-Act Plays. Students from Haskell, Paint Creek, Rule and Lueders-Avoca schools will be presenting their one-act plays at the Haskell Civic Center on March 11 starting at 5:30 p.m. Rule will present their play first followed by Lueders-Avoca, Haskell and Paint Creek.

### Hee Haw tickets go on sale Tuesday

Sagerton Hee Haw fans will be marking their calendar for the 1999 edition of the Hee Haw March 25-27 at the Sagerton Community Center.

Tickets for the 29th annual song and comedy show go on sale Tues., March 9, beginning at 5 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the home of J. B. and Dorothy Toney in Sagerton or by calling 940-997-2688. Mail orders may be sent to the Toneys at Rt. 2, Box 10A, Sagerton, Texas 79548. Tickets are \$3.

Lunchroom doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The auditorium will open at 7:00 p.m. with music provided until the show starts at 8 p.m.

The first night's performance will be designated as Senior Citizens Night for area groups and organizations.

Menu on Thurs. will include sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. On Fri. and Sat. nights, a plate lunch will be offered, along with pie and other items, including sandwiches.

### Area elections

Rule city elections will be held May 1, at the Rule City Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voting by appearance may be done at Rule City Hall beginning April 14 until April 27.

Candidates may begin filing for application on the ballot, and may also file their declarations for write-in candidacy beginning Feb. 15. The last date for filing for inclusion on the ballot is Mar. 17. Last filing date for write-in candidates is Mar. 22.

City Councilman seats open for election this year are those of Bill Bowles, James Marquis and Derrell Sorrells.

For additional information contact Marsha at Rule City Hall (997-2214).

Weinert City elections will be held May 1.

Terms expiring are those of Pete Trevino and Larry Hannan.

Beginning Feb. 15, applications for the positions may be made until Mar. 17.

Admission is \$3 and a concession stand will be provided.

Rule High School will be presenting the play *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Dale Wasserman. Cast members are Teri Shawver, Rafael Huerta, Tiffany Ramirez, Stephen Kitley, Grant Hisey, Cole Wolsch, Josh Smith, Tiffany McDuff, Jason Custer, Kami Baitz and Kyle Falkner. Crew members are Eric Robinson, Gena Robinson, Janae Smith, Justin Coker, Mandi Hunt and play director is Bobby Robinson.

Lueders-Avoca High School is presenting the play *Amber Waves* by James Still. Dusty Jones, Krystal "T" Hager, Justin Bright, Jennifer Collins, Stacey Jones and Jody Harvey are cast members. Toby Mosier, Randy Jensen, Christin Feemster and Christina Carter are crew members. The play is directed by Michael Steck and

Kay Hager.

*Cyrano De Bergerac* adapted by I. E. Clark is the play being presented by Haskell High School. Cast members are Amanda Crawford, Tiffany Cadenhead, Misti Henson, Bree Burgess, Amber Futch, Mitchell Cox, Kile Brendle, Heath Brendle, Jimmy Huff, Kevin Patton and Zac McGuire. Kim Hammes, Katie Thompson and Bergen Peiser are the technical production team and Dalyn Griffith is the director.

The final play of the evening will be *Persephone* by Ford Ainsworth and it will be presented by Paint Creek High School. Cast members are Brandy Gardner, Jodie Reel, Scott Stephens, Blayne Davis, Hegan Lamb, Heather Hobbs, Delinda Strickland, J. R. Hodges, Selina Salinas, Melinda Muehlstein, Lee Wilson, Susan Acosta and Eric Hearn.

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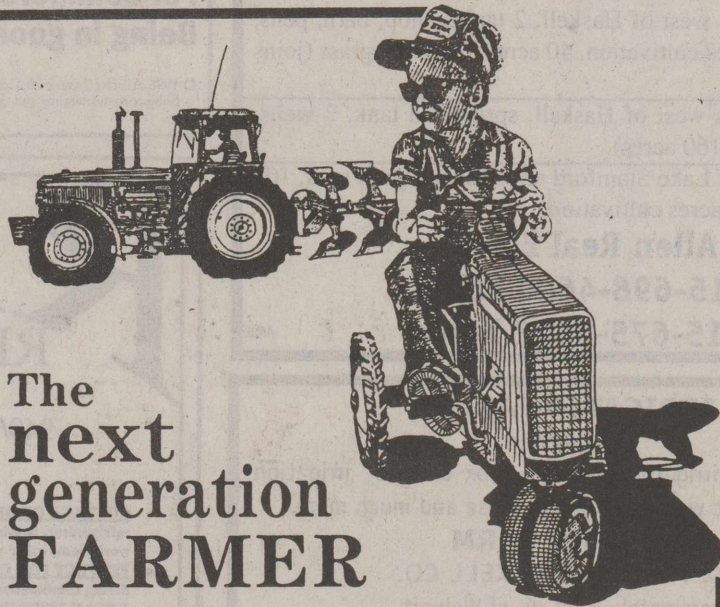
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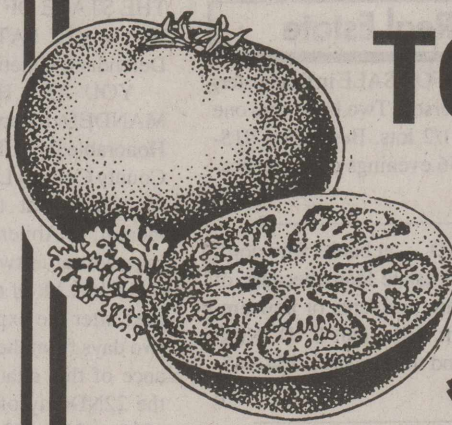
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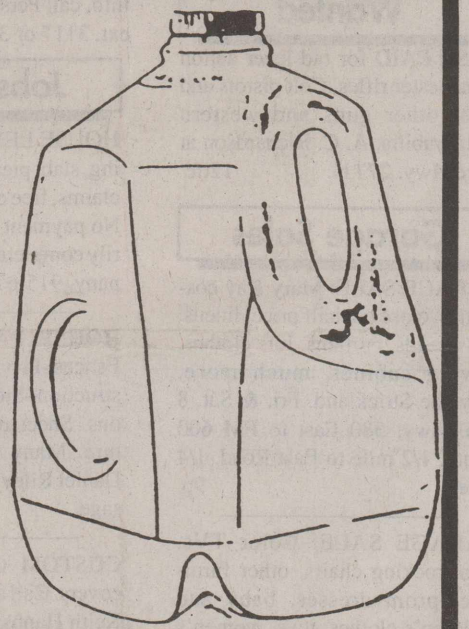
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