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Night of One Act Plays Tues., March 7

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Baseball games

Hamlin Varsity Tournament
March 2-4 at Hamlin
Haskell JV vs Rotan
Mon., March 6, 4 p.m.
at Rotan
Haskell V vs Rotan
Tues., March 7, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

Softball games

Haskell V vs Bangs
Fri., March 3, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
Haskell JV vs Bangs
Fri., March 3, 6:30 p.m.
at Haskell
Haskell V vs Aspermont
Tues., March 7, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
Haskell JV vs Stamford
Tues., March 7, 6:30 p.m.
at Haskell

Golf

Hawley Tournament
Tangle Oaks Golf Club 8:30 a.m.
Girls - Thurs., March 2
Haskell Tournament
Haskell Country Club 9 a.m.
Boys - Mon., March 6
Merkel Tournament
Merkel Golf Club 9 a.m.
Girls - Wed., March 8

Track

Roscoe Track Meet
Sat., March 4

Calendar

One Act Plays

The Haskell Memorial Civic Center will sponsor the annual 'Night of One Act Plays' Tues. March 7 at 5:30 p.m. School presenting plays include Rule, Rochester, Paint Creek and Haskell. Doors open at 5 p.m. Admission is \$3. A concession stand will be available.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet March 6 in the First National Bank Community Room at 7 p.m. Mrs. Bellinghausen's English students will present the program. Kristi Christian did research on her Great-Aunt, Iola Everett. Tom Fouts has done research on his Grandfather George Fouts.

Rule Chamber banquet set March 6

The 46th annual Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Mon., March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Rule School cafeteria. Prayer-E-Strings will provide the entertainment. The Junior Class will cater the brisket and all the trimmings meal. Tickets are \$8 and are available at the door or from Chamber members.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., March 5 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The meal will be pot luck. Bring bingo prizes.

Art Club to meet

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Guest artist is Robbie Reed, renowned artist of Breckenridge. Bring a guest.

Spaghetti supper

The Rule High School seniors are planning a trip to Cancun, Mexico and will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper Mon., March 20 in the school cafeteria from 5:30 to 7 p.m. during Open House. The meal will be spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, tea and dessert. Tickets are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door for grades 6 through adult and \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door for children up to the 5th grade. For more information call 997-2521 days or 997-2631 nights.

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FLYING BOBCAT—Rule Bobcat #12, Grant Hisey, soars above a Chillicothe Eagle during the Class A area playoff game in Haskell. Losing to Chillicothe 71 to 63, the District 23 champion Bobcat team finished the season at 16-5.
Photo by Kis

Rule Bobcats are Bi-District champs

In a Class A boys bi-district basketball playoff game in Albany, Rule defeated the Throckmorton team, 82 to 61.

Rule's Brian Lehrman scored 23 points, Jody Harvey 19, Josh Smith 16, Grant Hisey 14, Tony Navarette 2, Jeremy Hertel 2 and Joe Sotela 8.

The win took the District 23 champion Rule Bobcats into an area playoff game with Chillicothe.

Played in Haskell, the game ended Chillicothe 71, Rule 63. Scoring for the Rule team was led by Jody Harvey's 30 points. Also scoring were Josh Smith with 8,

Brian Lehrmann with 16 and Joe Sotelo with 7.

Rule finished the season at 16-5.

Rochester loses

In a Class A bi-district game with Woodson, the Rochester boys basketball team lost 55 to 44.

In the game played in Albany, Eric Aguilera scored nine points in the first quarter, sending Rochester to a 15-6 lead which they maintained through halftime, only to lose in the second half.

Rochester ended their season at 10-10.

High speed chase ends in drug arrest

Following a high speed chase through Haskell, Sat., Feb. 12, an Odessa woman, Constance Remke Burke, was arrested by Stamford officers. Among items found inside the impounded car were over 118 grams of methamphetamine and \$1,850.00 in cash, plus a list of names of area persons.

On that day the Haskell County Sheriff's Department was alerted by the Stamford Police Department that one of the Stamford officers was in pursuit of a vehicle north bound on Highway 277, traveling at a high rate of speed, and failing to stop.

DPS Trooper Johnny Josselet advised that he was south of Haskell and would assist. However, the suspect passed Trooper Josselet and continued into Haskell where City Officer Roman Morgan tried to stop the vehicle with a rolling road block, which the vehicle evaded, turning east on Hwy 380 in Haskell and continuing on toward Throckmorton County.

Speeds of over 100 were reached, and Trooper Josselet contacted Throckmorton's Sheriff's Department and Trooper Little, advising them of the situation. Throckmorton Sheriff Gregg Dunlap met the vehicle about 9 miles west of the city limit of Throckmorton, and also tried to get

the car to stop. The vehicle drove around him and continued east.

When the vehicle started to slow down about 6 miles west of Throckmorton, acting like it might stop, the Stamford unit got around in front of the car, the Sheriff standing beside his vehicle. The suspect then tried to drive between the two officer vehicles. Striking the fender of the Sheriff's car and spinning out, it finally stopped in the ditch. When the woman exited her vehicle she was placed into custody by the Stamford officer.

A detailed number of items were taken from the suspect's vehicle and were turned over to Stamford Police Officer John Clayton at the time.

Haskell County Deputy Sheriff David Halliburton, the investigator who detailed the Offense Report, stayed with the vehicle until Officer Clayton took custody of the vehicle to take back to Stamford for inventory.

Early voting

Early voting in the Haskell County elections which began Feb. 28, will extend through Mar. 10, at the County Clerk's Office in the County Courthouse.

Positions for County Commissioners of Precincts 1 and 3, District Attorney and Sheriff are being contested.

Citizens who are incapacitated and unable to vote in person may call the County Clerk's office at 864-2451 for an absentee voting form. The ballots will be mailed out as soon as they arrive from the printers. March 7 will be the last day to receive applications for voting forms by mail.

Hee Haw

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday night performances of the Sagerton Hee Haw will go on sale Tues., March 7 at the Sagerton Community Center, beginning at 5 p.m.

The 30th Sagerton Hee Haw will be March 23-25 at the community center.

Tickets are \$4. No telephone orders will be taken on March 7, but will be accepted on March 8. The phone number is 940-997-2688.

Tickets for the Thursday show, designated senior citizen night, went on sale earlier. No tickets remain for that evening.

The cafeteria opens at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, pies and drinks available on Thursday and a plate lunch served on Friday and Saturday.

Music and singing starts at 7 p.m. in the auditorium and the show begins at 8 p.m.

Fields Museum plans Sunday Open House

After being closed for about four years, the Fields Museum, located at 401 N Ave. E in Haskell, will mark its re-opening with an open house this Sunday, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Upon her death in 1975, Mrs. Florence Baldwin Fields made provisions for a museum to be built in Haskell to include some of her personal items and to provide room for community meeting areas, a music room and Haskell County historical items donated by county citizens.

Although her home on North Ave. E, now a Texas Historical Landmark, was not originally intended to become a museum for her possessions, some of her furniture and curios have been displayed as a museum in her home for many years. An annex, or "little house," was built as an apartment for a curator, but had never been used.

In 1925 Mrs. Fields became the first West Texas woman elected to the presidency of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and her mementos from that period are artfully displayed along with letters from famous personages such as Sam Rayburn, Allen Shivers and Governor M. A. Ferguson.

The Texas Federation of Women's Club's Mesquite District

is holding its Spring Convention at the First Baptist Church in Haskell, Sat., Mar. 4, hosted by the Progressive Study Club. During the meeting women from thirteen area clubs will tour the newly renovated and redesigned museum. Curator Anne Foster will be welcoming them as the museum opens for the first time in years.

During the last eighteen months, Trustees Joan Strickland and Margo Hollingsworth and Curator Anne Foster have worked to uphold the original intent of Mrs. Field's wishes. The reopened, revamped museum includes many objects that belonged to Mrs. Fields and her husband, James Upton Fields, an early Haskell merchant who died in 1951. The main structure houses many of Mrs. Field's treasures of "fine living", including the Field's Persian carpets, Tiffany light fixtures, fine china and glassware, antique furniture and books and family letters dating from the 1820s through the Civil War era.

The annex has become a new museum displaying items unique to Haskell County. Newspaper clippings, a visual history of Haskell County, early farming equipment and pioneer tools, World War I memorabilia and early Haskell High School yearbooks are some of the displays to be seen in

the "little house."

In addition to the collection bequeathed by Mrs. Fields, local citizens have been busily coordinating with Curator Foster to provide items which will be of interest to the Haskell County populace today. The Brazos West Art Association, under the guidance of President Martha Spitzer of Haskell, will be exhibiting the work of its members on a rotating basis on the walls of the main house. This will give the Association a place for the public to view the paintings, some of which will be available for purchase from the local artists.

Rule artisan Dusty Dalton has loaned hand-crafted items which include a 1/4 scale Civil War cannon, a 51 million-year-old fish fossil, authenticated by the Smithsonian Institute, a Regency Period bench, a working spinning wheel and a violin made of imported European woods.

Nemir's Antiques have loaned various antique objects. Parlor chairs, refurbished and reupholstered by Zora Mathis of Rule can be viewed in the parlor of the main house, and her granddaughter, Lisa Messinger of Pflugerville has loaned a Florentine tablecloth for the perfectly-set dining table. Other personal items on loan to the

museum include an English barley twist bed owned by Margo Hollingsworth of Rule.

The Field's Museum began as a dream of Florence Fields to share her quality of life and her visions for the future with her neighbors. What started as a museum of one person's items has been broadened to include all of Haskell County life in the earlier days.

Beginning Sunday, Mar. 5, the Haskell Museum will be open to the public each Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., or by appointment. Appointments may be made through the Haskell County Library at 864-2747 or by contacting Anne Foster at 997-3509. While there is no admission fee, donations will be gratefully accepted.

Car show

The Haskell Fire Dept. will hold a swap meet on Sat., March 18 and a car show on Sun., March 19 at the Civic Center grounds. Events for kids will be held both days. A cruise will be held Sat. night. For information or to register call Randy at 864-2023 or Coy at 864-3694.

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FARM HONORED—Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs honors Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kittley, Jr. of Tanner/Kittley Farm in Haskell County. The farm has been operated by the family for 100 years or more and was inducted into the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program at a recent ceremony in Austin.

Rule Chamber banquet set March 6

The PrayerE Strings will perform at the Rule Chamber of Commerce Banquet Mon., March 6, at 7:00 p.m. Originally the Richardsons and McKnights were getting together to play music for their own enjoyment. Their stage was a living room. Little did they know that their enjoyment of acoustic gospel music would take them beyond Haskell into a part

time music ministry.

Formed in April of 1997 PrayerE Strings features a variety of acoustic instruments such as hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, auto harp, guitar, harmonica and wooden recorder. Their playing style of traditional gospel music is probably best described as a blend of country and bluegrass. The group likes to

involve their audience during a performance to recreate that original "living room" feeling. Members of PrayerE Strings are Clark Richardson, Debbie Richardson, Rob McKnight and Amy McKnight.

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

A brisket meal will be catered by the Junior Class. Tickets are \$8.00. Tickets may be purchased from a Chamber member or at the door.



PET THERAPY—Dr. Patricia Hernandez, Neurobiologist at Abilene Christian University, and her dog Dusty, visited teacher Paula Everett's fourth grade science classes to explain and demonstrate how pet therapy is used to rehabilitate victims of stroke or other neurological injuries. The visit was the culmination of study of the nervous system by the fourth graders.

Obituaries

Howard Edward Brass

Funeral services for Howard Edward Brass, 72, of Rule were held Fri., Feb. 25 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley and Rev. Mike Harrington officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Brass died Feb. 22. Born Aug. 15, 1927 in El Paso, he graduated from Rule High School in 1944 and attended Texas A&M University until he joined the Marine Corps. He returned to Rule to farm. He married Bobbie Jean Johnston March 31, 1951. He obtained his teaching certification from ACU and taught high school Math at Paint Creek ISD for 24 years.

He was a deacon at First Baptist Church in Rule and active in the Church Building Mission and Gideon Ministry. He was secretary of the Rule Co-op Gin Assn., a

member of the Rule Cemetery Assn., a Mason and a Shriner.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Marcia Joy Talkmitt and husband, Randy, of Wilson; one son, Joseph E. Brass of Arlington; and grandchildren Tara and Blake Talkmitt.

Memorials may be made to Rule Baptist Church, Box 146, Rule, TX 79547; Church Builders, First Baptist Church, 1701 27th St., Snyder, TX 79549; Gideon Ministry, c/o Don Lunday, 1725 Ave. J, Anson, TX 79501; Texas Computer Education Assn., Box 684008, Austin, TX 78768-4008; or Arlington Cancer Center, Attn: Cathy Ferguson, 906 W. Randol Mill, Arlington, TX 76012. Donations to Arlington Cancer Center benefit Cancer Care Services and checks should be made out to Cancer Care Services. PD. NOTICE

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1. Do not lie, for anyone, and do not shade the facts to mislead people.
2. Return your phone calls. If you can't face up to the people, you have not done your work.
3. Have a strong set of religious beliefs, and live by them. People will know if you are pretending.
4. Make few promises, but keep the ones you make.

You hire a government lawyer by voting in an election. That means politics enters into the selection process. Politics is an artificial system which does not always select persons based on qualifications, but sometimes on electability. If you are hiring someone, you can let them go if it doesn't work out. If you elect someone, you are stuck with them for at least the rest of their term. In this election you have three choices.

If you elect a District Attorney who is only in it for the money, you will not be satisfied with the results. I want my life to count for something significant, and I have learned that sometimes you must do difficult things. I have faced many challenges in my life, and I am not afraid to face them again. I can make difficult, impartial, charging decisions without showing favoritism. I can take the responsibility for my own mistakes.

I have ten or twelve campaign signs, and some horses ate my sign in Elbert. My wife and I made enough to put one or two signs in each town. When a husband and wife work together as a team, it makes a strong family and a happy home. When a District Attorney works with the voters as a team, it makes a strong office and happy voters. Elect me, Andrew Ottaway, as District Attorney and you will not be disappointed.

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Snoring may be sign of more serious health problems

Snoring may be more than an annoyance. It could be the sign of more serious problems.

It's easy to make jokes about snoring and the irritation it causes for people who have to live with snorers. But recent research shows

that snoring could indicate a higher risk for heart disease and stroke. Boston researchers found that women who snore have twice the risk of heart disease and stroke compared to women who don't snore. That doesn't mean snoring

causes heart disease. But it could mean that factors that are related to snoring could be related to heart disease. Alcohol use, smoking and obesity all can make someone more likely to snore, but the snoring/heart disease link was still strong, even when doctors considered those factors. Doctors are planning more research into the links between snoring and heart disease.

The spouses of these snorers also could face a risk for heart disease if they get hostile about their disrupted sleep. Doctors in Rhode Island determined that there's a link between hostility and heart disease risk. People who are rated as highly hostile are more likely to have risk factors for heart diseases such as obesity, fat around the abdomen and insulin resistance.

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say you should be aware of any risk factors, although you shouldn't be afraid. If you feel you have a risk for heart disease, talk to your doctor about it.

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MRS. MICHAEL ROBERT HIDDESSEN

High, Hiddessen wed February 12 in Austin

Holli Anne High and Captain Michael Robert Hiddessen were married Feb. 12 at Highland Park Baptist Church in Austin.

The bride is the daughter of Doyle High of Haskell. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hiddessen of Phoenix, Ariz.

Stefanie Page of Austin was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Laura High of Ft. Worth, sister-in-law of the bride and Amy Hiddessen of Philadelphia, Penn., sister of the groom.

Jeremy Lloyd of Lynn Haven, Fla. was the best man. Groomsmen were Kirk High of Ft.

Worth, brother of the bride and Conrad Davis of Round Rock.

The bride graduated from Haskell High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University and a master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

The groom graduated from Washington High School in Phoenix and the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo. He is a pilot with the United States Air Force.

The couple will reside in England where Captain Hiddessen is assigned to RAF Mildenhall.



FIVE GENERATIONS—Proud great-great grandmother, Eunice Amonett holds twin girls, Haylee and Harlee Holubar, with great grandmother Nannie Burns sitting near. Standing are grandfather Kenneth Burns and the twins' mother, Angela Holubar.

Eunice Amonett celebrates birthday

Birthday and fifth generation surprise birthday party was held at the Rice Springs Care Home atrium Sat., Feb. 26 honoring Eunice Amonett on her 93rd birthday.

Gifts, cards, hugs and kisses were important to her, but the highlight of that day was her very first visit from her twin great great granddaughters, Harlee and Haylee (10 months olds) and their parents, Ken and Angela Holubar from Mabank.

Others attending were son, Bill Pannell; niece and nephew, Joan and Clarence Meier, all of Haskell; daughters and husbands, Dot and Ira Strickland of Rochester, Nan and Howard Burns of Wolf City; grandsons and wives, Ken and Sandra Burns, Billy and Carolyn Burns; great grandsons, Wesley and Dustin Burns; and great granddaughter, Wendi Garee, all of Terrell.

Taking pictures, visiting, birthday cake and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting with Joyce on Fri. was her brother and wife Dolon and Karon Vaughn of Panhandle. They were on their way to Abilene to attend the basketball playoff which Panhandle girls were playing in. Unfortunately, they lost on Fri. night.

On Sun. afternoon Hope Josselet had her son and wife Mr. and Mrs. David Josselet of Abilene to visit her.

Jason Torres of Lubbock spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joel Torres.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hilliard of

Odessa visited his mother Bernice Hilliard and her mother Sena Mae Murray of Rule.

Visiting with George and Faye Gray on Mon. was his niece and husband Christene and Earl Palvado of Morton.

Cayce and Dian Reed and children David, Deniece Conn and girls met at Kerry and Darlene Therwanger's to help the girls' mom Doris Carrol celebrate her birthday on Sun. evening with dinner and presents. Also Doris' husband and son were there. They are Dale and Denton.

Students in the News

Charissa L. Huff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Huff; Sarah R. Cothron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cothron; and Dacia G. Phemister, daughter of Lisa Milburn, all of Haskell, are among the 982 Harding University students included on the school's Dean's List for grades achieved during the fall semester at the university.

The Dean's List is published each semester by Dr. Neale Pryor, vice president of academic affairs,

honoring those who have achieved high scholarship. To be eligible, a student must be carrying 12 or more hours and have an average scholarship level of 3.50 minimum.

Huff, a senior majoring in elementary education; Cothron, a senior majoring in Spanish; and Phemister, a senior majoring in elementary education, all attended Haskell High School before entering Harding.

Proctor to compete

This year Future Homemakers of America, a vocational youth organization, will be holding their annual region leadership conference in Lewisville March 3-4. "Race Into Your Future with FHA" is the theme for the two-day conference. Members will be encouraged and challenged to accelerate toward improving family, careers and community by participating in FHA program projects. Ten members from the Haskell FHA will be attending.

Wendy Proctor will be competing in an illustrated talk in STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition) events on Friday at the Region 2 conference. The goal

of her presentation is to teach young children about making wise food choices. In her demonstration, she uses a large rainbow as an illustration with each color representing one of the five main food groups.

Proctor has given her presentation to the three kindergarten classes at Haskell Elementary School and to the children at Sunshine Patch Daycare. She has also spoken to her FHA chapter and her personal and family development home economics class.

She is the daughter of Earl and Wanda Proctor of Haskell.

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HNB receives award

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"Haskell National Bank has an

envious track record. After earning thirty consecutive 5-star superior ratings prior to the millennium it now extends its record of excellence into the year 2000. It's a great way to start off the new year and the 21st century," said Paul A. Bauer, president of the research firm.

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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn last week filed a lawsuit to shut down a "Ponzi" scheme in which 80 investors lost about \$9 million.

Bradley J. Farley, owner of San Antonio-based Abba Funding, committed felonies in not registering as a securities dealer with the Texas State Securities Board and selling unregistered securities promising a high rate of return, the lawsuit alleged.

"When you prey upon innocent consumers, you are going to pay the price," Cornyn said.

A typical investor paid Farley \$100,000 and believed they were buying a federally insured \$100,000 certificate of deposit. Many investors signed a contract naming Farley as the trustee of their investment, Cornyn said.

Ponzi schemes rely on a steady stream of new money to pay previous investors. Usually, early investors tell their friends about payments they receive and believe these payments are investment returns. Payments often come straight from new investors. When the stream of money dries up, later investors do not get paid and the scheme collapses.

On Feb. 15, a Bexar County District Court issued a temporary restraining order and ordered all banks known to have accounts with Farley to freeze those accounts and turn over records of Farley's transactions.

The attorney general's lawsuit seeks restitution for consumers and civil penalties of \$10,000 to \$100,000 per violation if the court finds that Farley's operation targeted consumers over 65 years old.

Survivors Await Compensation
Holocaust survivors who reside in Texas have not received offers of compensation to date.

"With a formal process now in place, hopefully our survivors will hear some good news soon," Texas Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said.

An international team of experts has begun verifying insurance claims by survivors of the Holocaust.

At a hearing in Houston in August 1998, more than a dozen survivors testified that the Nazis had stripped them of possessions, including life insurance policies.

Since the hearing, the Texas Department of Insurance has assisted 136 individuals with their inquiries and claims.

Roadside Mowing Allowed
The Texas Department of Transportation has notified the Texas Department of Agriculture that farmers and ranchers who obtain written approval from TxDOT district offices can mow and bale vegetation on highway rights-of-way in Texas.

"With the miles of highway rights-of-way in Texas, this will be a help to livestock producers whose hay supplies are dwindling due to drought and supplemental feeding starting earlier than usual," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said.

Other Highlights
■ The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles and the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected death row inmate Betty Lou Beets' plea to halt her execution, scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 24. Beets, 62, would be only the second woman executed in Texas since the Civil War. A call from Gov. George W. Bush was Beets' last hope for a reprieve.

■ Austin-based E-Court Inc. has contracted with several Texas municipal courts to install computer software that will allow citizens to pay traffic fines online. Laredo city officials expect the software to cut down on staffing needs and allow them to collect health fees and delinquent property taxes.

■ The Texas Racing Commission voted last week to allow a group of Retama Park officials to build Austin Jockey Club Ltd., a \$14 million race track near Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. An older pari-mutuel track, Manor Downs is only a few miles from the site.

■ More than 20,800 applications have come in for slightly more than 7,000 spots for the new freshman class at the University of Texas, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week. That's an all-time high. Last year, UT-Austin received about 18,200 freshman applications.

■ The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation of Seattle, Wash., awarded a \$184,000 grant to the Austin Public Library. The funds will buy 70 or more computers to be used for public Internet access and 17 printers.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

When one considers that out of 1800 citizens eligible to vote in the last Haskell School Board election, only 80 actually voted, it becomes apparent that we like to complain about and criticize our school systems more than we like to make a positive effort to be involved in their welfare.

Is such apathy about the privilege of voting an indication that once we pay our school taxes we feel we have no further responsibility for constructive input into this important aspect of our community children's lives? Or is it just a matter of thinking that "others will take care of it?"

The sad fact is, no one can do our voting for us any more than some one can practice our religion for us. Although we may enjoy the result of others doing both of these things, we each have our own individual responsibility.

The following timely article by Anne Foster of Rule takes a good look at why we need to rethink our indifference at the ballot box. It says it very well.

One Man-One Vote by Anne Foster

In this year of multiple elections it is worthwhile that we take a moment to reflect on the great privilege we have been given: the privilege, right and responsibility to cast our vote.

How many times have we heard someone say "Nah, I'm not gonna

treason and hanging.

Adam's answer was, "You may tell Governor Gage that I trust I have long since made my peace with the King of Kings. No personal consideration shall induce me to abandon the righteous cause of my country. And, tell Governor Gage it is the advice of Samuel Adams to him, to no longer insult the feelings of an exasperated people."

When the governor received Adam's reply he ordered Adams to be shot on sight. Adams and Hancock quickly called a meeting and it was decided that through the Correspondence Committee, men would be gathered from the thirteen colonies for a meeting in Philadelphia.

Meanwhile, Thomas Jefferson wrote a Summary of Rights which later became part of the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson was informed that he, too, was subject to prosecution for high treason.

We all know what ultimately happened: fifty-six brave men signed a document which they knew would either bring freedom to all the colonists, or leave every one of them hanging from the gallows.

The power which gave this nation its freedom is the selfsame power that each one of us has. That freedom has been paid for many times over at the cost of many lives. It should not be taken for granted.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 1, 1990

The Haskell High School band received 10 first-place medals and an all-state honor at the University Interscholastic League solo and ensemble contest at Abilene Christian University. Receiving the all-state honor was Missy Phemister, senior, with a piccolo solo.

The first person in Haskell County to vote for Rick Perry for agricultural commissioner when absentee voting opened last week was the candidate's grandfather. In order to cast his ballot, the elder Perry had to vote Republican—something he had never done before.

District winners in the Haskell County Soil and Water Conservation District poster contest were Karen Conner of Paint Creek, first; Leigh Ann Reel of Paint Creek, second; and Marci Elmore of Haskell, third.

Members of the newly formed Literacy Council of Haskell County are Ronnie Bailey, Amanda Gauer, Sue McGee, Kim Nemir, Kathy Page, Grace Thomas, Vida White and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woods.

20 Years Ago February 28, 1980

Nineteen members of the

Haskell High School Band travelled to Abilene to participate in the U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble Contest. The contest was held at ACU. Making division I ratings on their solos and winning medals for their achievement were: Cindy Everett, clarinet solo and Shannon Lane, piano solo.

M System is advertising four pounds of tomatoes for \$1.00. Jeffery Wayne Frierson and James Daniel Raughton are listed on the Dean's honor roll at Angelo State University.

Kelly Croft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Croft of Haskell, was initiated into the Gamma Iota Chapter of Sigma Kappa at Texas Tech University.

30 Years Ago February 26, 1970

Haskell Jaycees observed Ladies' Night with a barbecue supper at the Corral Building. Jaycee of the Month awards for the past four months were presented to Frank Jenkins, Dale Lawrence, Roger Sharp and Travis Gary.

Mark Hager, 9-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hager of Haskell, took reserve champion honors in the steer show with his steer at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show held here recently. The home of Mrs. Will

Stegemoeller was the scene of the meeting of the Sagerton Stitch and Chatter Club. Eight members were present.

40 Years Ago March 3, 1960

Carpenters and painters have about finished remodeling of the building on the west side of the square formerly occupied by Perkins-Timberlake, as new quarters of Frazier's Radio and Record Shop.

Jim Bledsoe has leased the former Bob Mobley Bell Service Station at 1000 North Avenue E.

Thomas B. Roberson, local oil products distributor, was elected president and Bill Ratliff vice president of the Rotary Club in the annual election of officers.

In recognition of National FFA Week, the Rotary Club had as special guests six FFA boys who gave a brief outline of the purpose of the Future Farmers program. Taking part in the program were Joel Nanny, J. W. Wallace, Truman Murphy, Gary Hodgins, Rodney Miller and Danny Josselet.

50 Years Ago March 2, 1950

Albert M. Mathis, of Sagerton, was one of several students who made 30 or more grade points during the fall semester at Tarleton State College in Stephenville.

Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

There is a secret to growing the biggest, brightest, bloomingest flowers next spring. It's what you do now that counts.

Fall is the time to plant bulbs. They need a steady diet of organic material from decaying veggie and animal remains.

Spread a 3 inch layer of peat moss, compost or manure on top and mix it into the soil before you plant.

A warm bubble bath keeps bulbs squeaky clean and pest-free. Before you plant them in the bed, mix 2 tsp. of shampoo, 1 tsp. of antiseptic mouthwash and 1/4 tsp. of instant tea in 2 gallons of warm water. Bathe your bulbs in this preventive medicine.

For extra protection mix a little cayenne pepper with crushed moth balls and spread it over your bulb beds. Dogs, moles and bugs will take one whiff and vamoose, leaving your bulbs safe and sound.

Now to power your perennials so they will perk up in the spring, drench the soil around the planting hole with a mixture of vitamin B-1, ammonia and instant tea. This will stimulate root growth.

I hope you have beautiful flowers from these instructions.

It is not too late to plant rose bushes. Dig the holes 18 to 20 inches deep. Seed annuals and vegetables in flats this month. The sooner trees and shrubs are planted the stronger they will be when they leaf out to withstand summer heat. Plant root vegetables, rhubarb, asparagus and horse radish. Feed azaleas and add peat moss as a mulch.

To help you have more time for pleasure, I want to give you a few hints.

To clean your oven: boil a pot of water and one cup of vinegar and place it in your oven overnight. In the morning wipe out clean, no scrubbing required.

To clean and deodorize dirty drains (bathrooms and kitchen) put 2 tbsps. of baking soda down the drain followed by 1/2 cup of white vinegar. Let it set for 3 minutes. You can hear it boiling. Next pour boiling water down the drain, about 2 quarts. It really works and cleans your drains.

Quote: To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge, to find the will of God is the greatest discovery and to do the will of God is the greatest achievement.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., March 2 at 9:30 a.m.

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ROLAND HOLDER - CECILY JO CAROLAND

Caroland, Holder to wed in June

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Caroland of Merkel wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cecily Jo, to Michael Roland Holder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Holder of Kermit.

Caroland is a 1994 graduate of Merkel High and is employed by the C.I.C. Corp. of College Station.

Holder is a 1994 graduate of Kermit High and a 1998 graduate of Texas A&M University. He is employed by R. L. Woods & Associates in Arlington.

Caroland is the granddaughter of Merlin and Nell Hobbs of Lake Stamford.

A June wedding is planned at the Logsdon Chapel at Hardin-Simmons University.

Chickenpox vaccine important for kids

Parents who skip the chickenpox vaccine because they consider the disease harmless could be jeopardizing the health of their children.

What was once considered a ritual of childhood is a much more dangerous disease today, said Dr. Armando Correa, assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

"Without question, there's been an increase in the mortality and serious complications in chickenpox. The secondary bacterial infections are getting stronger and more resistant to antibiotics," he said.

The Centers for Disease Control has reported that in the pre-vaccine era, approximately 4 million cases, with up to 9,000 hospitalizations and 100 deaths per year, were attributed to the disease in the United States.

"In most cases, chickenpox is a mild disease. But the secondary infections that result in some children can be life-threatening," Correa said.

Though the vaccine for chickenpox has been available since 1995, national statistics show that less than half of the children under age 3 have been vaccinated. Health officials recommend that all healthy children over 12 months old receive the vaccine.

Complications from chickenpox include pneumonia, neurological problems and secondary bacterial infections, including what is commonly referred to as "flesh-eating bacteria," Correa said.

Chickenpox, a highly contagious disease, is a problem throughout the year, but peaks in early spring.

"We are already seeing cases that have required hospitalization," he said.

Chickenpox is characterized by a skin rash and can include coughing, fussiness, loss of appetite and headache.

A person who has chickenpox is contagious for up to two days before the rash appears and for up to five days after. The vaccine can help prevent, or at minimum reduce the symptoms, when given within three days of exposure to the disease.

Proper diet can offset bone loss

Forty percent of women and 13 percent of men will suffer a bone fracture due to osteoporosis. Yet some risk factors are controllable. Smoking, alcohol and physical inactivity increase the risk of osteoporosis, while proper nutrition—especially getting enough calcium—decreases that risk.

Diets high in salt or protein can be detrimental to bones. High salt content causes the loss of calcium from the body and excess protein accelerates bone loss, says Dr. Khashayar Sakhaee, professor of internal medicine and chief of mineral metabolism at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"We know that calcium intake has the greatest impact on the development of peak bone mass," Sakhaee says. "And it is well recognized that calcium supplements can help prevent bone loss in elderly patients."

How much calcium do you need?

- Adolescents - 1200 mg of calcium daily
 - Women age 25-40 - 1000 mg
 - Men age 25-65 - 1000 mg
 - Women 50+ - 1500 mg
 - Men 65+ - 1500 mg
- One glass of milk has 300 mg of calcium and one cup of yogurt averages 250 mg.

Medications can help control RLS

Certain Parkinson's disease medications are proving effective in controlling Restless Leg Syndrome or RLS.

"This neurological disorder causes unpleasant aching and crawling sensations that makes a person want to move their legs," said Dr. William Ondo with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Patients often times have trouble sleeping and many experience involuntary leg movements while asleep at night."

The disorder, which has no known cause, appears to be associated with dopamine, the brain chemical necessary for normal movement. Drugs known as dopamine agonists, which are used on Parkinson's patients, have been known to stop the symptoms almost immediately in most patients.



DONATING BOOKS—The Haskell Chapter of Future Homemakers of America donated books to the children's section at the Haskell County Library last week in celebration of national FHA week. Four FHA members presenting the books to Joan Strickland, county librarian, were, l-r, Eden Thomas, Jaclyn Drinnon, Susie Skinner and Samantha Pedroza.

Tips to recognize inhalant abuse

Whether it is called huffing or sniffing—inhalating vapors or fumes through the mouth to obtain a quick high—inhalant abuse is a dangerous trend that is growing in popularity.

"Although inhalants rank fourth behind alcohol, marijuana and cigarettes in usage, they are the most dangerous in regard to risk of death in the short term," said Dr. Todd Vedder, an inhalant abuse expert at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Parents and teachers can look for clues that a child might be abusing inhalants:

- Unusual breath odor or clothing that smells like chemicals
- Slurred or disoriented speech
- Spots or sores around the mouth
- Chronic runny nose and red eyes
- Paint or stains on body or clothing
- Drunken, dazed or glassy-eyed look

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We invite you to join us. Men, women and youth are extended a warm invitation to this study.

We will begin meeting again on March 20 at 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m. at FBC. We will have the study, "A Vision of His Glory," with video/facilitator/Bible teacher, Anne Graham Lotz. Let Anne G. Lotz introduce you to the beautiful chronicle of God's majesty, mystery and mercy in the Book of Revelation.

The workbook is \$10. Go by the church office and pay for your book and they will order it. This will be a 7 week study.

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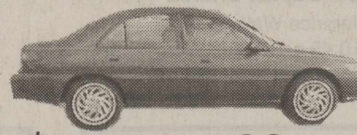
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COMPUTER CONFERENCE—Haskell teachers visited with Richard Powell, Special Assistant to Lt. Governor Rick Perry, at the 20th annual Texas Computer Education Association conference in Austin. Powell advises Lt. Governor Perry on education and technology issues dealing with pre-kindergarten through higher education. Pictured, l-r, are Pam Thigpen, Jr. High School computer/art teacher; Debbie Miller, Elementary computer instructor; Richard Powell; Debi Burson, District Instructional Technology Coordinator; Paula Everett, Elementary science teacher; and not pictured, Sherry Adams, Accelerated Reading Supervisor.

ECC Menu and Calendar

Monday, March 6
Lunch-Chili/beans, onions, potato salad, cornbread, Jello, cookies, milk, tea or coffee
1:00 p.m. China painting

Wednesday, March 8
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch-Turkey Divan, potatoes, stewed tomatoes, peaches, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Friday, March 10
Lunch-Lasagna, carrots, green beans, tossed salad, pineapple upside down cake, bread, milk, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.
All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.



AREA PLAYOFF—Rule Bobcats, #11 Josh Smith, #40 Jeremy Hertel and #12 Grant Hisey, work to score in the area game played in Haskell with the Chillicothe Eagles. Photo by Kis

This Week's Devotional Message:



If you have been attending your House of Worship, you know what a comfort and inspiration it can be. However, it may have more to offer than just the worship service and, perhaps, a Bible class. There could also be some very pleasant get-togethers, such as pot luck suppers, ice cream socials, etc.; to welcome newcomers, say goodbye to someone, celebrate holidays, or for no reason at all. You can

help by joining in the fun, where you will make new friends, renew old acquaintances, and get to know your clergyman and the other members of the congregation better. These occasions will help increase your sense of belonging to your House of Worship, and thereby add to the blessings you have already received by attending it every week.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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East Side Baptist Church
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

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Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church
Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Bobby Ray Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Kevin and Sharon Fletcher, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

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

First Baptist Church

Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

WEINERT

First Baptist Church

Joel Rister, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Methodist Church

Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church

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

Church of Christ

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

First Baptist Church

Ed Buerkle, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

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

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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SAGERTON

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Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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Faith Lutheran Church
Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

RULE

First Baptist Church
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

New Life Baptist Mission
Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

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

Haskell School Menu

Mar. 6-10
Breakfast
Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Cereal offered daily.
Monday: Buttered toast/jelly
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Pancakes/syrup
Thursday: Biscuits/gravy, sausage
Friday: No School

Lunch
A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the High School. Ala-carte line offered daily Secondary only. Snack bar Wednesday only—Secondary. Milk

and assorted drinks are served daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, curly fries, buttered toast apple crisp
Tuesday: Beef & vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, peanut butter/crackers, diced pears
Wednesday: Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, fried okra, hot rolls, sliced peaches
Thursday: Hamburger, French fries, hamburger trimmings, Congo bars
Friday: No School

Paint Creek School Menu

March 6-10
Breakfast
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Toast & jelly
Wednesday: Biscuits & gravy
Thursday: Waffles
Friday: Donuts

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Beef enchiladas, pinto

beans, salad, chips, hot sauce, peaches
Tuesday: Turkey roast, gravy, salad, bread, creamed potatoes, pears
Wednesday: Bar-B-Q bun, salad, fries, corn, fruit cocktail
Thursday: Frito pie, salad, pork-beans, applesauce cake
Friday: Hamburgers with trimmings, French fries, ice cream

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



ARE THERE ADVANTAGES TO GETTING AN EXTENSION?

April 17 is the due date for filing your 1999 tax return. That date is fast approaching, so now is a good time to consider whether you should extend the time to file your tax return.

If you won't have all your tax information assembled in time to meet the filing deadline, getting an extension will give you an extra four months—or until August 15, 2000—to file your return.

Over the years, the IRS has made requesting an extension easier. The extension is automatic; you simply have to send Form 4868 to the IRS by the filing deadline (or April 17 this year). In prior years, taxpayers were required to sign their extension request and enclose a check for the estimated tax balance due. Both of these requirements have been dropped.

Be aware, however, that an extension to file does not extend your time to pay. The IRS will still assess interest on any unpaid tax balance. In addition, unless you pay at least 90 percent of your estimated tax liability by April 17, you may be hit with a late-payment penalty.

Even if you can file your return and pay your full tax bill by April 17, you still might want to obtain an extension. For example, if you need cash and you would have to borrow at a rate that's greater than what the IRS will charge, you might want to postpone your payment until the extended due date. By extending your return, you also extend the deadline for contributing to deductible retirement plans.

Remember, if you're going to extend your return, you must send the extension form before the filing deadline. If you need details or help, give us a call.

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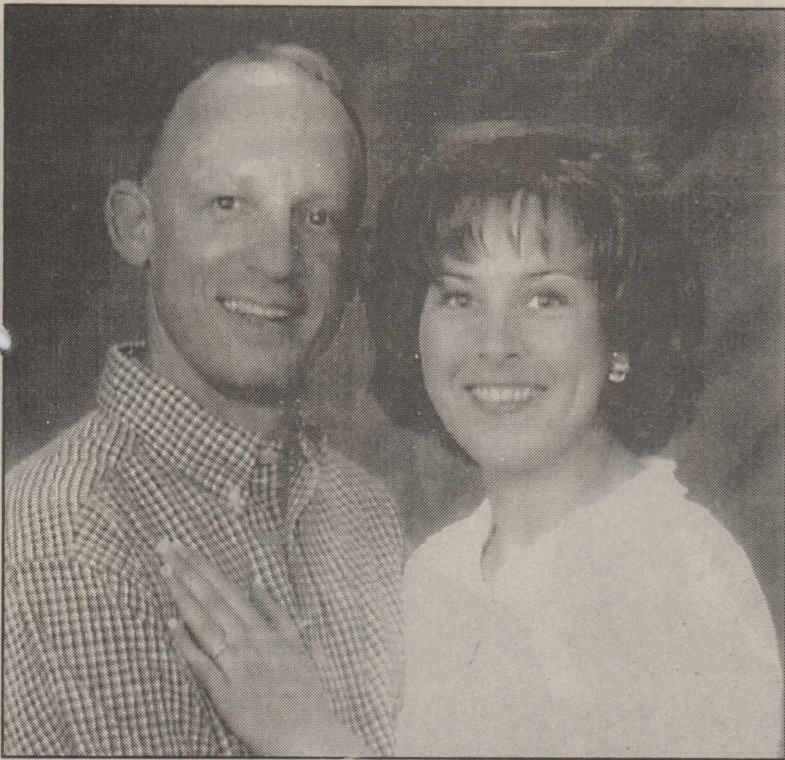
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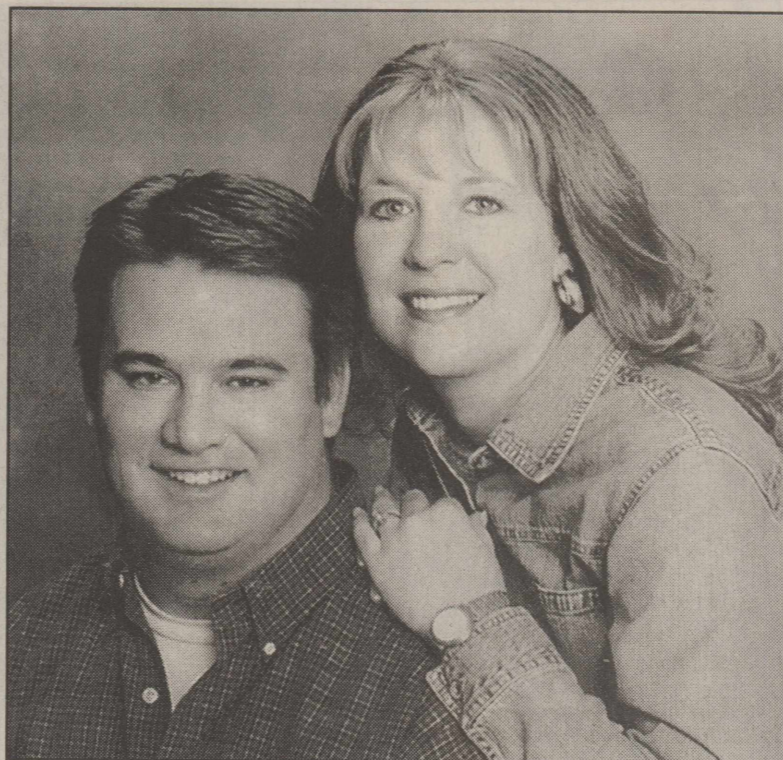
Grindstaff, Skiles to wed June 3

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Grindstaff, Sr. of Knox City are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Kay, to Donny Skiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Skiles, also of Knox City. The couple plans a June 3 wedding at the First Baptist Church in

O'Brien.

The bride is an LVN employed at Rice Springs Care Home. The bridegroom is a lab x-ray technician employed at Cadenhead Rural Health Clinic.

The couple will make their home in Haskell.



JUSTIN LISLE - JACLYN TANKERSLEY

Tankersley, Lisle plan May 20 wedding

A May 20 wedding is planned at First Baptist Church in Stamford for Jaclyn Jeannette Tankersley and Justin Aaron Lisle.

The bride-elect, daughter of Tommy and Rebecca Rodden and Sam and Tena Tankersley, graduated from San Angelo Central

High School. She is the granddaughter of Hazel Eastland of San Angelo and the late Rae Eastland and the late Jack and Vernelle Tankersley.

The prospective bridegroom, son of Jimmy and Rhonda Lisle of Haskell, graduated from Haskell High School. He is the grandson of Joann Carroll of Haskell and Jo Ruth Lisle of Rule and the late James Lisle. Great grandmothers are Mrs. Earmal Bevel of Haskell and Mrs. Lois Carroll of Rule.

Both are students at Texas Tech University.

Rule School announces honor rolls

Students from Rule Elementary School named to the A honor roll include: 1st grade: Wesley Anderson, Jenny Dudensing, Aaron Long, Donna Thomas and Shalisse Vanderbilt.

2nd grade: Rebecca Hensley, Joseph Turner and Kayce Wilcox. 3rd grade: Lee Jones and Kelsie Miller.

4th grade: Kiel Rowan, Stephanie Stowell, Adam Vasquez and Dena Winkcomplex.

5th grade: Mason Bishop, Cassidy Cooper, Taylor Falkner, Austin Flores, Cory Flores, Kade Kittley, Kortney Kupatt and Matthew Turner.

A-B honor roll students are: 1st grade: Rodney Johnson, Allison Petty and Brittany Roberts.

2nd grade: Sonya Camacho and Kate Rowan.

3rd grade: Molly Dudensing and Andrew Hertel.

4th grade: Jessie Magallon, Stephen Pace and Kyle Simpson.

5th grade: Brady Baitz, Rose Cooper, Paul Griffin, Will Kittley, Sam Long, Julian Menchaca, A. J. Rogers, Kendra Scheets, Heath Trussell and Adam Walker.

Rule Junior High and High School A honor roll students are: 6th grade: Maria Amaya and Emery Dudensing.

7th grade: Kolt Kittley and Samuel Turner.

8th grade: Abby Dudensing, Matthew Hensley, Kristin Hertel, Kyle Kittley, M'Lynn Lehrmann and Breanna Marquis.

9th grade: Chrissy Ramirez. 11th grade: Gloria Aguinaga and Jeffrey Murray.

12th grade: Jody Harvey and Grant Hisey.

A-B honor roll students are: 6th grade: Cristina Arrieta, Tully Brown, Charles Jones, Joanna Lehrmann, Joshua Messenger, MacKenzie Miller, Jennifer Murray, Miranda Robertson, Keli Smith and Candice Sorley.

8th grade: Kinsey Brown, Jonathan Hisey, Calvin Sorley and Ricky Truelsen.

9th grade: Trey Kittley, Tara Lisle and Priscila Puebla.

10th grade: Kami Baitz, Ashley

Barnett, Kyle Falkner and Bobby Flores.

11th grade: Oralia Amaya, Oscar Amaya, Matthew Arendall, Justin Coker, Taylor Elkin, Candace Kendall, Tiffany McDuff, Janae Smith, Josh Smith, Stephanie Stephens and Cole Wolsch.

12th grade: Maria Aguinaga, Mike Casey, Amy Elkin, Jeremy Hertel, Brian Lehrmann, Kara Pierce, Tiffany Rameriz, Gena Robinson, Yolanda Rodriguez, Michelle Stegemoeller and Latisha Trussell.

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In the Service

John Shane Steele recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training as a Hull Maintenance Technician.

Steele receives nine weeks of general naval training followed by training in the chosen program.

Hull Maintenance Technicians are responsible for maintaining ships' hulls, fittings, piping systems and machinery. They install and maintain shipboard and shore-base plumbing and piping systems.

During training, Steele receives full pay and benefits and earns credit toward a college degree through the Navy Campus.

The son of Bob and Sherry

Burkett, he is a graduate of Haskell High School.

Petty Officer Brenda Hamilton of the Navy Recruiting Station in Abilene said that, after technical training, Steele will be assigned to any of the Navy's ships, squadrons or duty stations around the world.

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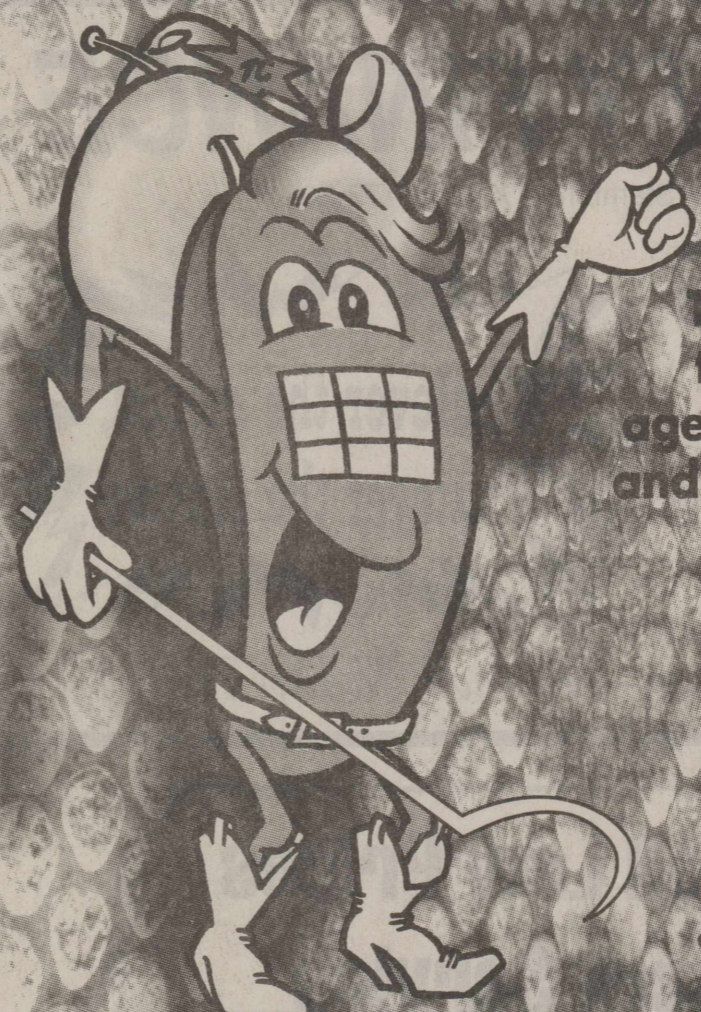
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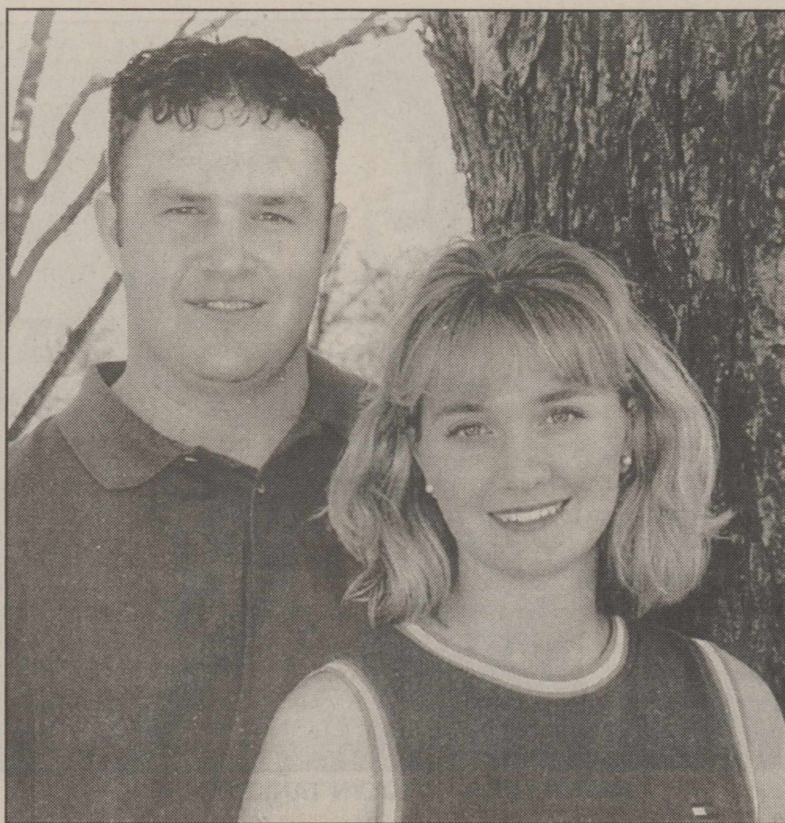
Josh Densman, formerly of Haskell, has been selected for membership in the Golden Key National Honor Society at Baylor University, Waco. Densman is a 1997 graduate of Hollis High School, Hollis, Okla. and is the son of Rev. and Mrs. James

Densman. James Densman is the former pastor of First Baptist Church, Haskell.

Golden Key National Honor Society recognizes the top 15 percent of students enrolled in major universities around the world. Golden Key is widely recognized by major corporations and graduate programs as a special academic distinction.

An induction ceremony was held Feb. 28 in the Miller Chapel on the Baylor campus. Randy M. Wood, Ph. D. Director, Center for Christian Education and Golden Key Advisor at Baylor University, made the announcement.

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JOSH HOWARD - LEIGH FLANNERY

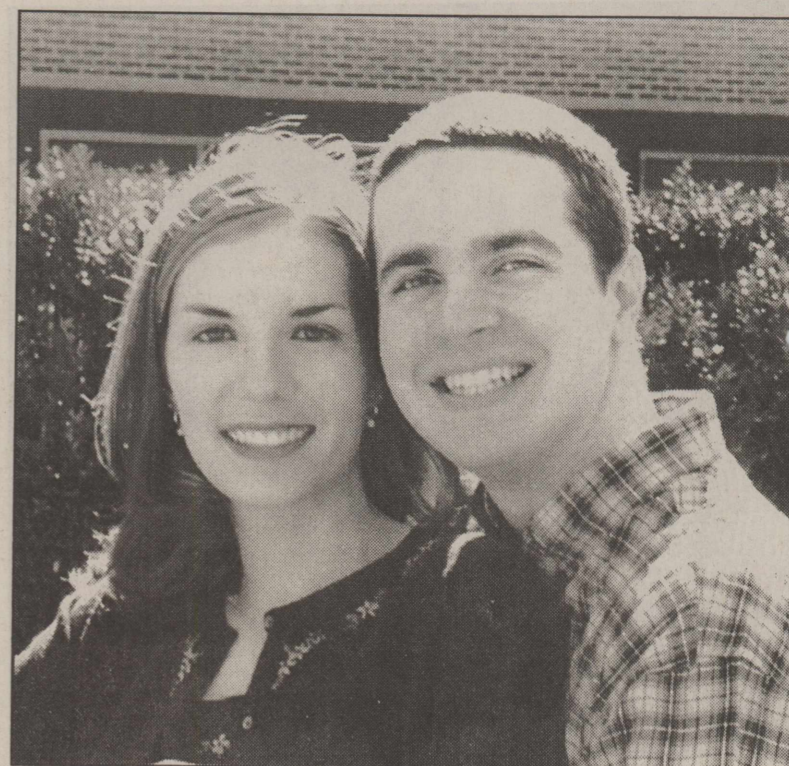
Flannery, Howard to wed in Wichita Falls

Leigh Flannery of Wichita Falls and Josh Howard of Paint Creek have announced their engagement to be married April 22 at The Kell House in Wichita Falls.

Parents of the prospective bride are Kevin and Lisa Flannery of Wichita Falls. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Mary Flannery of Kennewick, Washington and Elton and Kay Stanbery of Lakeside. Flannery, a graduate of Henrietta High School, is a student at Midwestern State University majoring in Dental Hygiene.

The prospective groom's parents are Glenn and Sue Howard of Paint Creek. Howard is the grandson of the late Lon and Oma Lea Howard

and the late George and Oma Ammons of Brownfield. A graduate of Paint Creek High School, Josh will be a May 2000 graduate of Midwestern State University with a major in Manufacturing Engineering and a minor in Math Statistics. He is employed in the Engineering Department at Stanley Works at Wichita Falls.



DACIA PHEMISTER - BRENT CARTER

Phemister, Carter plan May 27 wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Milburn of Haskell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dacia Gwen Phemister, to Brent David Carter. Carter is the son of Mrs. Kathy Carter and late Dr. Ron Carter of Tahlequah, Okla.

Phemister is a 1997 graduate of Haskell High School and attends Harding University in Searcy, Ark. She plans to graduate in December

with a bachelors degree in elementary education.

Carter is a 1996 graduate of Tahlequah High School. He attends Harding University and will graduate in May with a bachelors degree in biology. He plans to pursue his Doctorate in Optometry.

The wedding is planned at the Haskell Church of Christ on May 27.

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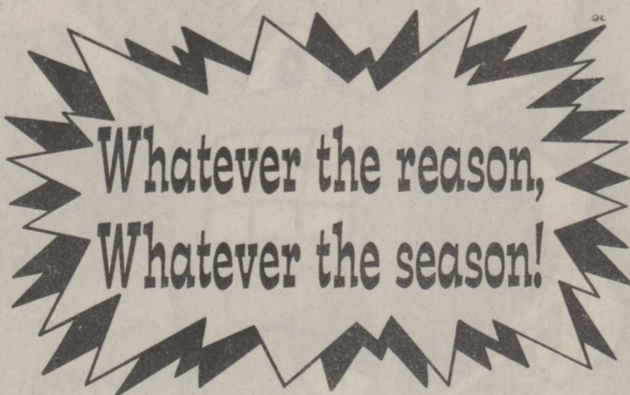
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Goodness, gracious, here it is another month already!! With the writing of the article this week we rejoice as recipients of one inch of much needed moisture! This amount received came in two showers on two different days, but at least it was more than our usual two tenths and we are most grateful. Needless to say, everyone is still hoping for more rain so that gardens and fields can be made ready for a bountiful harvest for this year.

The Rule High boys basketball season was terminated Fri. night as they were defeated by the powerful team from Chillicothe. Many fans were in Haskell to support their team and were proud of the hard working boys who charged back from 20 points behind in the fourth quarter to pull within 6 in the final minutes of the game, but then had to watch Chillicothe can a series of free throws for the victory. Sagerton's own, Brian Lehrmann scored 16 of our 63 points during the game and Jeremy Hertel helped the team to go as far as they did during the season. We also like to claim Josh Smith as one of ours, since he is the grandson of Minnie Monse of Sagerton. Sagerton fans are proud of the entire team for the fine way they represented Rule High School throughout the sports season. Boys and girls played well and kept up their grades to remind their fans that they are well-adjusted scholars as well as sportsmen!

Michelle Stegemoeller, a senior, daughter of Clayton and Paula, was selected to be on the All-District 23-A basketball team for this year. She has also been active in the swine program of the FFA and has participated in the stock shows in the area.

The computer science team from Rule was in Lubbock Feb. 19 for the programming competition, placing first. The team of Jeremy Hertel and Josh Smith earned a trip to the state Texas computer Education Association programming contest in Houston, April 29. They competed against small schools (Class A through Class AAA) from Regions 14, 16 and 17 to secure the honor. Jeremy is the son of Mike and Cheryl Hertel.

Clifford, Theresa, Brannon and Bailey Stegemoeller of Houston

have moved into our area. The young family will be living in Hamlin and Clifford will be employed as Financial Manager for Big Country Electric Cooperative in Roby. Their parents and grandparents, Leon and Mae Stegemoeller, are happy to have their family a little closer home now.

The Stegemoellers report that another son of theirs, Calvin, who lives in Hewitt has returned from a business trip to Ecuador.

Don and Patsy Bivins of Valley View spent the weekend visiting with their parents, Joe and Dorothy Clark. They were here for the basketball game on Fri. night. Other guests in the home of the Clarks for supper on Sat. night included Emmalee Bivins and Rick Phemister of Haskell, Florence Peden of Old Glory and Lavinia Lohrmann of Stephenville.

Kay, Chelsea and Brian Tonnan of Wylie and Glenda Bryan of San Antonio were guests in the home of Frances Clark during the weekend. Glenda also visited with her aunt, Mozelle Manske.

Midweek Lenten worship services will be held at Faith Lutheran Church beginning March 8 at 7:00 each week. Pastor Leaf will be conducting the services and all members as well as visitors are encouraged to attend.

Residents are reminded of the monthly community meeting and supper to be held at the center next Mon. night, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. A fish fry will be hosted by Clancy and Helen Lehrmann, J. B. and Dorothy Toney and Jacky and Peggy Tabor. Everyone is asked to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to top off the meal. See you there for a good ole fashioned meal and night of fellowship.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,023 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Feb. 26, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cows steady to 2 higher; stocker cows-pairs 10-15 higher; stocker calves and feeder cattle steady.

Longhorns, Holsteins and cripples \$5-\$30/100# less than figures quoted.

Cows: fat, .32-.39; cutters, .34-.43; canners, .25-.31.

Bulls: bologna, .44-.49; feeder, .64-.76; utility .42-.45.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.15-1.30; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.14; 400-500

lbs., .95-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .87-.97; 600-700 lbs., .80-.92; 700-800 lbs., .78-.85; 800-up lbs., .68-.84.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .92-1.10; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.00; 400-500 lbs., .78-.95; 500-600 lbs., .84-.92; 600-up lbs., .55-.82.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 500-625.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 575-715; aged or small, 450-600.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 630-780; aged or small, 600-675.

Mule Creek Angus bull listed in spring report

Mule Creek Angus, Haskell, owns one bull listed in the 2000 Spring Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association which is headquartered in St. Joseph, Missouri. Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available

on 4,720 sires.

"The American Angus Association has the most complete and comprehensive beef cattle database in the world," says John Crouch, American Angus Association director of performance programs. "Of the sires listed in the main report, 62 percent have expected progeny differences (EPDs) for carcass traits, which should assist cattlemen in choosing genetics that will produce a more consistent, higher quality beef product." EPDs are generated from performance data submitted by breeders through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program.

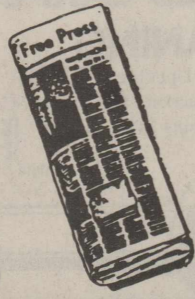
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The planning and zoning commission of the City of Haskell, Texas, will hold a public hearing pursuant to this request on March 24, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers. 9c

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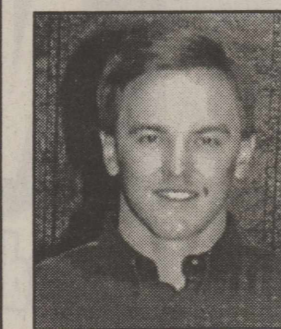
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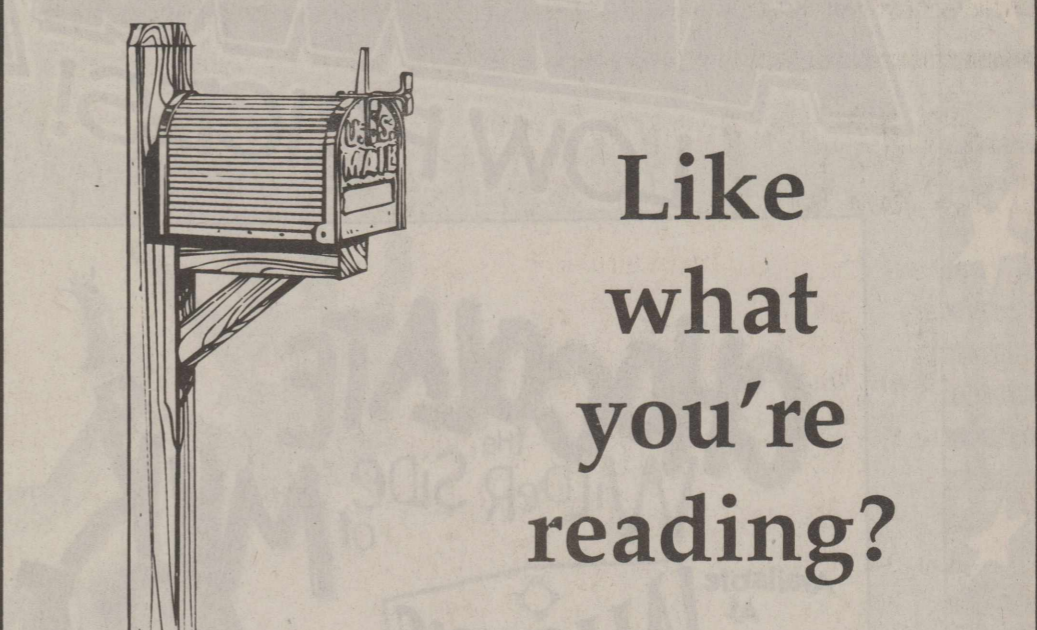
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HONORED READERS—Haskell Elementary students were recognized at the February school board meeting for outstanding achievement in Accelerated Reading. Each had earned the most points in their classes during the first semester of school. While at the meeting these students read *This and That Bread*, and then let the board members take an Accelerated Reading test over the book. Pictured back row, l-r, Jennifer Farber, Hannah Page, Bryan Richardson, and Eric Marcunas. Front, Aubrey Bassett, Ashley Meier, James Williams, Brennan Medford and Brooke Bullinger.

Haskell and Paint Creek Schools to participate in new mathematics and science initiative

Haskell Consolidated Independent School District (HCISD) and Paint Creek Independent School District (PCISD) have been selected to be part of a new mathematics and science initiative. Parents and interested community members are invited to attend an open forum about the program at 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Mon., March 6 at the Paint Creek School at 4485 FM 600 or at 3:30 p.m., Mon., March 6 at the Haskell Auditorium at 605 North Ave. E.

Both schools are participating in the Texas Rural Systemic Initiative (TRSI), a statewide project led by West Texas A&M University focused on improvement of mathematics and science education in eligible Texas counties. The program is designed to help improve the way students are taught, learn and are assessed in the classroom.

HCISD and PCISD teachers and staff members will also attend the forums to learn more about the program.

At the forums, TRSI staff members will present a brief summary of the program, engage participants in inquiry learning and will answer questions about the program.

"This program offers valuable opportunities for extra training to our math and science teachers," Billie McKeever, HCISD superintendent, said.

Some of the benefits of the program include inquiry-based learning for all students; building administrators supporting teachers in implementing high quality mathematics and science; technology training for teachers and students; and increased parental support.

"We are excited about the chance to receive extra science and math

training for our math and science teachers," said Debbie Hobgood, PCISD principal.

"We are excited about visiting these area schools and meeting with the staff and community," said Judy Kelley, TRSI project director, said. "Our program will benefit both district's students. We look forward to collaborating to improve mathematics and science for all students."

State Senator Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo), chairman of the Texas Senate Education Committee, notes Texas is suffering from a shortage of high school and college graduates with solid skills in mathematics and sciences.

"Job opportunities in the technology industries are increasing significantly and this program will help prepare rural students to successfully compete in the global marketplace," Bivins said.

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Commissioner's review condition of lake property

During the Feb. 22 meeting of the Haskell County Commissioner's Court, Ed Murphy was named to serve on the Salary Grievance Committee for County Personnel.

A one-year contract was made with Castagna and Gregg as County Auditors. Their fee of \$7,000.00 remains the same as it has been the last two years.

Census volunteers and schedules were discussed. Signs will be put out in public places to better inform the public about the census.

In accord with the 39th judicial district, the court passed a resolution for the purchase of Juvenile Services.

The Anchor contract at the Lake was further discussed, including salary and a utility allowance.

Adjourning until after lunch, court members went to the lake to view the property and determine its condition.



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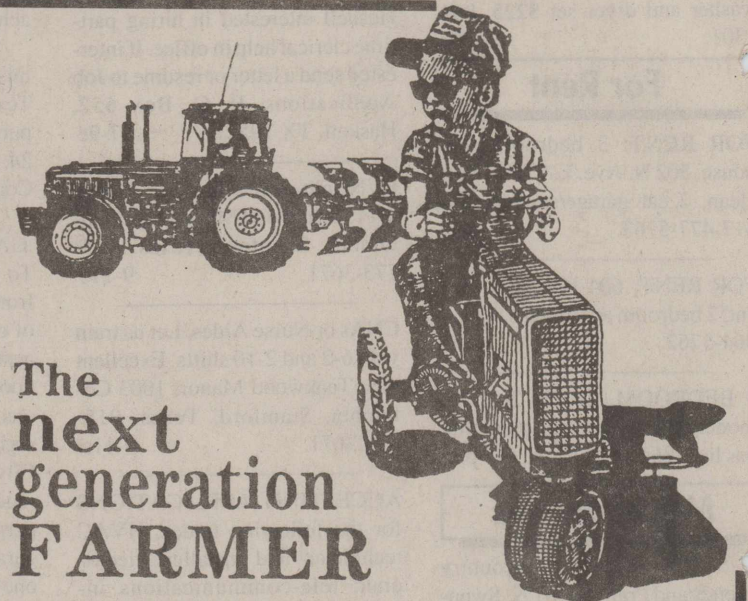
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