



Baseball games

Haskell JV vs Rotan
Mon., March 20, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
Haskell JV-V vs Wylie
Tues., March 21, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

Softball games

Haskell V vs Knox City
Fri., March 17, 5 p.m.
at Knox City
Haskell V vs Hawley
Mon., March 20, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
Haskell JV vs Hawley
Mon., March 20, 6:30 p.m.
at Haskell

Golf

Clyde Tournament
Shady Oaks Country Club
8 a.m.

Boys & Girls - Mon., Mar. 20

Calendar

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 or Mike Casey, Jeremy Hertel, Grant Hisey, Mandi Hunt, Stephen Kittley, Tiffany Ramirez, Yolanda Rodriguez or Michelle Stegemoeller.

Rule ISD Open House

Rule School will hold an open house Mon., March 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. All parents are urged to attend.

Calf roping

A calf roping will be held Sun., March 26 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell County Arena. B ropers will rope 3 for \$45 and open ropers will rope 3 for \$60. For more information call Carl Hopkins 940-849-3257 or Fred Hernandez 940-864-2493.

Garage sale

Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., April 8. Booths are available on the square for food and out-of-town vendors. A map will be distributed to shoppers on the day of the sale. A \$5 fee will be charged to be listed on the map. Registration forms are available at the Chamber office or by calling Janet Earle at 864-2631. Entry deadline is April 6.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Wed., March 22 at Paint Creek Baptist Church in Paint Creek from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thurs., March 23 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 2 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.

Paint Creek Seniors to hold dinner

The Paint Creek Seniors will hold a brisket dinner Sun., March 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Paint Creek School cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children. Contact any Paint Creek Senior student for tickets or call Mrs. Shackelford at 864-2782. Tickets are available at the door.

Retired teachers

The Haskell County Retired Teachers will meet at 11:45 a.m. Wed., March 22 at Burkett's Restaurant. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

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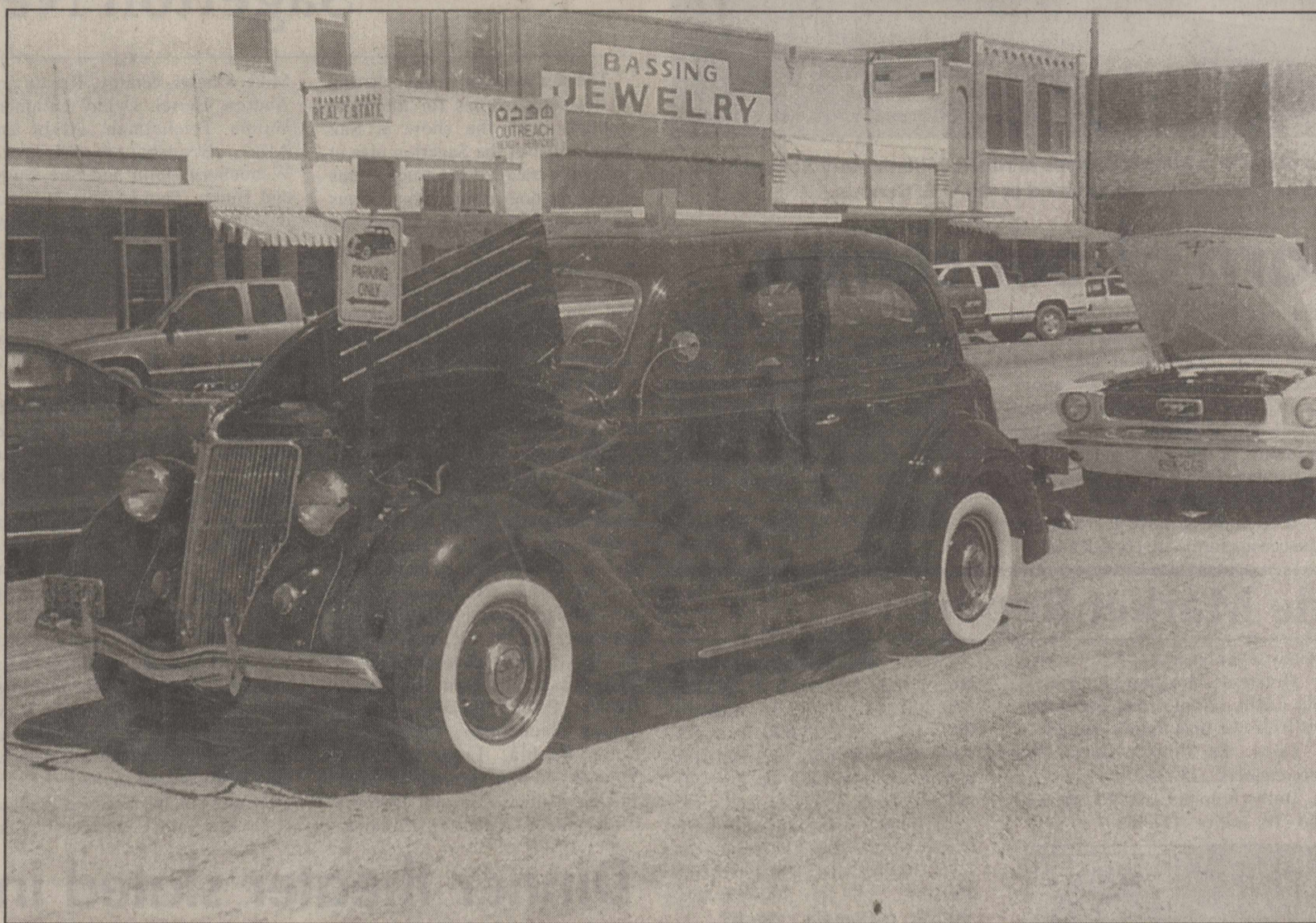
Fire Dept.'s Swap Meet, Cruise Sat.; Car Show Sun.

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CAR SHOW GEARING UP-The 1936 Ford belonging to Ricky Rister of Abilene was here for last year's 3rd Annual Haskell Vol-

unteer Fire Department Car Show. Entries in 12 classes are expected to be on hand for the 4th Annual Show, Mar 18-19.

Swap meet, cruise, car show this weekend

The 4th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show and Swap Meet gets under way this weekend, with activities for every age group.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, booths for every type of merchandise for sale or swap will be set up at the Haskell County Fairgrounds.

During the day Sunday, the Hot Wheels Races for Kids and the Kids

Tractor Pull on Saturday both promise to be full of excitement and fun.

Activities for adults will include such games as "piston toss."

A miniature, kid-size custom old-fashioned pedal drive fire truck with "Haskell Fire Dept." lettered on the side will be given away in a raffle. Made with an 18 gauge steel body, with lead free powder coat

paint, Duralast rubber tires and a 5-position pedal drive-train, the truck is for ages 2 to 6. Tickets for chances are \$5.00 each, or five for \$20.00.

Saturday evening about 5:00 o'clock, a preview of the Car Show entries can be viewed as they "cruise" through parts of Haskell's residential area. Starting at the traffic light on Hwy. 277 the caravan will go north to 16th St.

and back down on Ave. F, alternating up and back on Ave. G, H, and L, before leaving for a tour of the area towns of Knox City, Munday, Rochester, Rule and Stamford.

The Car Show on Sunday will feature entries in twelve different classes, with over \$4,000.00 in cash and prizes to be awarded.

Sponsored by Bailey Toliver Genuine Chevrolet and Bill Wilson Motor Company of Haskell, the competition is drawing entries from all over the country. There will be no charge for spectators to attend the show.

Haskell CISD Educational Foundation Banquet set

With the theme of "Educating Tomorrow's Citizens," the Fourth Annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet will be held by the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation, Sat., Mar. 25.

The program for the evening, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center, will feature guest speaker, Retired Colonel William J. Ehrie, CED, President of Abilene Industrial Foundation.

Born in New York City, New York, Bill Ehrie received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Industrial Management from Manhattan College, Riverdale, New York in 1966. In 1975 he received his Master of Science degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.

He is a graduate of Air Force Squadron Officers School, Air Command & Staff College, and the Air War College.

Ehrie's military career began with his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in June, 1966. He earned his pilot wings at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Georgia. Subsequent assignments followed throughout the United States, Europe, and the Pacific. He flew B-52s, FB111s, and B-1s.

Ehrie served as a Flying and Maintenance Squadron Commander as well as Wing Commander in charge of Dyess AFB in Abilene. In

August 1991, after 25 years of service, he retired at the rank of Full Colonel.

For a year after retirement, Ehrie worked in the Office of Development at McMurry University in Abilene.

On Sept. 1, 1992, he assumed the position he currently holds as president of the Abilene Industrial Foundation.

During the program, recognition will be given to the teachers who have been recipients of Foundation mini grants.

Accelerated Reader students will also be recognized for their achievements.

The menu for the dinner will include salad, ham, baked potatoes, dinner roll, cheesecake, tea and coffee.

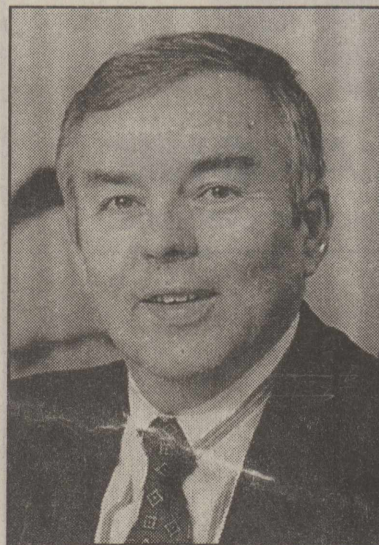
Since it was organized and established in Oct., 1996, the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation has awarded fourteen \$500.00 mini grants to local teachers for the development of innovative programs to enhance their classroom curriculum. Funds for the grants are made possible by memorial donations, the sale of memorial bricks for the memorial patio at the High School Gym, and the annual banquets.

The Haskell CISD Educational Foundation Board of Directors are: Doyle High, president; Andrew Ganaway, vice-president; Shane Hadaway, secretary-treasurer;

Wallace Cox; Mattie Felker English; H. L. Guess; Ken Lane; and Nancy Toliver. Ex-officio members are Mary Kaigler, Frances Lane and Donnie Rieger. Billie McKeever is the executive secretary.

Goals of the non-profit Foundation include funding creative educational projects to encourage teachers to put their creative ideas into action, to offer the community and alumni the opportunity to interact with the school and to demonstrate their support, appreciation and interest in Haskell Schools.

Tickets for the Fourth Annual Banquet are \$25.00 each, and may be purchased from members of the Foundation Board.



WILLIAM J. EHRIE

Texas Chiefs receive Gold Club award

The Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club has been honored as a Gold Club by the Academy of Model Aeronautics. This is the 6th year that the local club has met the requirements for the award. The Academy is the national rule making and governing body for all model airplane competitions and is a part of a world wide organization that handles world championship competitions.

The Texas Chiefs hold an open fly in each year as well as contests. This year's Open House is set for June 10. They also provide magazines for the Haskell and Stamford School libraries. The club has participated in all the Sunday in the Park and they are a part of the Texas Highway litter control picking up trash on a 2 mile stretch of State 380 east of Haskell. Club members have presented programs to civic clubs, scouts and 4-H groups.

Although the club flying field is at Haskell, there are members from several area towns and from Abilene, Plainview and Aledo. Several members have maintained membership after moving to other states.

Kenny Watson is the president of the club. Meetings are held at the flying field during the summer months and at the fire station the winter months. The club emphasizes fun and safety.

Murder-suicide claims couple

By Mary Kaigler

In an apparent murder-suicide, a Haskell couple was found Monday in their residence on North 6th Street, by Haskell Police Chief Tom Bassett.

Rosa Mendoza 37, and Adam Frausto, 37, had been shot to death with a 20 gauge shotgun.

The police were notified Monday by fellow employees of the Haskell Healthcare Center, who were concerned when Mendoza failed to report for her scheduled work on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Police Chief Bassett went to the house, where he knocked on the door, receiving no answer. Finding the doors and windows secure, Bassett looked into the windows. Seeing Mendoza lying on the floor and blood on the wall, he called for backup. Forcefully entering the house, the police found Mendoza and Frausto lying in separate bedrooms, both dead of gunshot wounds.

Both bodies have been sent to Dallas for autopsy. The bodies were expected to be returned to Haskell Wednesday. However, Chief Bassett said it will be several weeks before the autopsy results will be returned. The case will be presented to the Grand Jury in April.

The couple had moved into the house Feb. 1.

Mendoza was born in the Philippines, and still has family living there. Other family members live in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Frausto's family members were found in Texas and notified of the death.

No note was found at the scene. Mendoza's family members and co-workers said that Frausto had been depressed lately.

Police Chief Bassett said that it isn't uncommon for the police to receive calls from concerned family or co-workers when they can't contact an individual for a period of time. "We always respond, and most of the time we find it's a breakdown in communication; maybe over a weekend when they went out of town, etc." Bassett said. "I was glad to be able to see in the window in this case. But, we didn't know who else might be in there still alive."

He said the Sheriff's office and the Highway Patrol both assisted in the case.

Book Fair set

Scholastic Book Fair comes to Haskell Elementary School Mon., March 27 to bring the newest books and exciting learning products from more than 150 publishers to readers of all ages. The book fair will be in the Haskell Elementary Library from 8:00 to 4:30 Monday through Thursday and until noon on Fri., March 31. The proceeds from this annual event will help raise funds for special projects and materials for the elementary library.

The book fair features traditional children's favorites and the latest works by popular authors and illustrators. Parents and teachers will find plenty to interest them too. The fair is open to the community and everyone is welcome.

The book fair encourages young readers and helps promote learning. Come join the fun at the Scholastic Book Fair. For more information, call 864-6146.



KIDS COUNT IN CENSUS—Members of the Browning's classes at Haskell Elementary School have been learning about the importance of everyone being counted in the U.S. Census.

Students learn about census

During the month of March, students in the Haskell Elementary School are learning about Census 2000 and the importance of filling out the information forms. They have learned that Kids Count! when it comes to census taking.

Students in the Browning's classes have learned the importance of every member of the household being counted because the statistical

data is used for ten years to determine where funding is needed the most. The count and local needs help determine the allocations of tax money that may go back to local communities for assisted housing, highway construction, assistance for children and elderly and other programs.

The children have learned that the census forms are confidential.

Families are encouraged to bring their census forms to Haskell Elementary Cafeteria on the night of Mar. 30, anytime from 4 to 8 o'clock. The completed form can be turned in for a dinner for the family. Workers will be available to assist heads of households in completing their form.

Kids Count! So does everyone else.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 924 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., March 11, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cows 2-4 higher; stocker cattle 2-6 higher; feeder cattle

steady to 2 higher. Holsteins, longhorns, jerseys, out cattle, cripples and goons \$5-30/100# less than figures quoted.

Cows: fat, .36-.44; cutters, .38-.46; canners, .25-.34.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.55; feeder, .68-.78; utility .42-.46.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.48; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.35; 400-500 lbs., .92-1.30; 500-600 lbs., .85-1.05; 600-700 lbs., .82-.96; 700-800 lbs., .80-.86; 800-up lbs., .70-.81.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.25; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .85-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .80-.92; 600-up lbs., .55-.85.

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Obituaries

Bernardo 'Ben' Ruiz

Funeral services for Bernardo 'Ben' Ruiz, 58, of Haskell were held Wed., March 8 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Jose Diaz officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ruiz died Mon., March 6 at an Abilene hospital. Born March 5, 1942 in Lockhart, he was in the tire repair business for 26 years. He had owned and operated Ben's Place in Haskell since 1993. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Carmen Lopez Ruiz, of

Abilene; his mother, Julia Ruiz of Haskell; four sons, Ricky Ruiz and James Ruiz, both of Abilene and Micheal Ruiz and Noel Ruiz, both of California; three daughters, Diana Ruiz of California, Virginia Garcia of Garland and Nancy Ruiz of Haskell; two brothers, Joe Ruiz of Haskell and Frank Ruiz of Oklahoma; nine sisters, Refina Garcia of Kyle, Gloria Capetillo, Lucy Anguiano and Rose Guadaluca, all of Haskell, Eugenia Trevino and Trini Flores, both of Corpus Christi, Irene Segura and Mary Diaz, both of Weatherford and Janie Rameriz of Abilene; and five grandchildren.

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

The past weekend marked the end of the stock shows for the local students with the show at San Angelo. All of the Sagerton pigs at this show boarded the trucks, thus ending the hog-raising competitions for another year. We congratulate the families for their hard work and wish them well next year.

An apology is in order for M'Lynn Lehrmann who showed her pig at the Houston Stock Show recently for a win and sale. It was reported to belong to her big brother, Brian. Oops and sorry, M'Lynn!

The regular monthly community meeting and supper was held last Monday night at the center with hosts Jacky and Peggy Tabor, J. B. and Dorothy Toney and Clancy and Helen Lehrmann preparing a delicious fish fry. Citizens who attended the supper included Corene Lowack, J. J. Gellner, Mary Neinst, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Tully, Cade, Jill, Ken and Kinsey Brown, Pastor Tommy Wilson, Anton Teichelman, Jessica and Lelia Puebla, Frances Clark, Yolanda and Mark Rodriguez, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Joe and Dorothy Clark, Odene Dudensing, Ed Fouts,

Mike, Cheryl, Jeremy, Kristin and Andrew Hertel, Danny Lammert, Wilma Teichelman, Alvin and Alice Bredthauer, Margaret Wendeborn, John and Sue Guinn and Buddy Tredemeyer. The next meeting will be held on the first Monday night in April, which is April 3, at 6:30 p.m.

The Handbell Choir of Faith Lutheran Church played the opening hymn for the Sunday morning worship service with Ashley Nehring as soloist.

Congratulations are in order for Brian Lehrmann who was named co-most Valuable Player of District 23-A basketball. He shared the honor with Jody Harvey and these boys played an outstanding season with their fellow Rule Bobcats. Brian is the son of Steven and Karen and his proud grandparents are Clancy and Helen Lehrmann.

Another Sagerton native was honored last week in Abilene at the monthly Rotary Club meeting. Rene McAden, the former Rene Toney, received the Chuck Moser Coaching Award. Rene has enjoyed enormous success as the girls track and cross country coach at Abilene High. Her Lady Eagles reached the

Class 5A state meet in cross country last fall for the second time in the last three years. Her AHS track teams have become a dominant force in District 405A and numerous Lady Eagles have qualified for the Class 5A state track meet during her tenure. Her parents are J. B. and Dorothy Toney.

Brian Lehrmann placed second in the 400 at the Wildcat Relays at Crowell last Saturday with a time of 52.57. The Rule team came in with a third place with a point total of 91.

The Sagerton Hobby Club met at the community center last Thursday with a perfect attendance. Margie Hertel hosted the meeting. The ladies cut out bibs for area nursing homes for their project for the day and discussed the use of used Christmas cards. Jo Brown, activity director, read quotes and poems to members present including Joyce LeFevre, Mar Neinst, Jo Brown, Frances Clark, Ev Ulmer, Leona Letz, Peggy Tabor, Yvonne Swofford, Wilma Teichelman, Margaret Wendeborn, Margie Hertel, Christine Stremmel and Dorothy Toney.

Dinner theater slated in Hamlin

Tickets are on sale for the Historical Rath Trail Association's "Dinner Theater" slated Sat., March 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamlin High School Cafeteria, Hamlin. Tickets are \$8 for adults; children 12 and under will be admitted for \$3. The menu will consist of pit-cooked brisket, beans, potato salad, cherry cobbler and all the trimmings. The proceeds from the evening's event will assist the non-profit organization in hosting the 8th annual "Back to Rath's Trail"

festival June 2-4.

Dinner will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m., with a live cake auction to follow at 7:30. "Prayer E Strings," an acoustic old-time gospel instrumental group from Haskell will perform from 8:00 - 8:30 p.m., with Memories from Within - a family's story of the Civil War" to be presented by Cheryl Lewis from 8:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained at the Rath Trail Headquarters, 245 S.

Central, Hamlin, or calling (915) 576-3501 days; (915) 576-3284 evenings. Seating is limited, so get your tickets early.

Students visit Rotary Club

Kristi Escobedo, daughter of Nati Escobedo, plans to attend Austin Community College in Austin and later transfer to the University of Texas at Austin.

A member of St. George Catholic Church, she enjoys spending time with her daughter, working, spending time with her friends and playing softball.

School activities for Escobedo include band, cheerleader, calculator, track and basketball. Honors include best smile and the highest average in home economics classes in 98-99.

Christina Markunas is the daughter of Bill Markunas and Maria and Ricky Anderson.

She is a member of St. George Catholic Church.

Her school activities include playing the French horn and trumpet in the band, Drum Major, journalism, War Whoop feature editor and War Whoop page editor and reporter.

Markunas works full time, attends college classes and plays softball. She likes to go to the lake and enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She likes to travel.

Special awards include most outgoing, band awards and an A/B honor student.

She plans to attend South Plains College, then transfer to Texas Tech. She is interested in nursing.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued in February by Rhonda Moeller, Haskell Co. Clerk include:

Billy Joe Anders and Mary Ann Finke, both of Abilene

David Shane Lewellen and Sarah Michelle Dulaney, both of Haskell

Humberto Martinez Diaz and Debra Ann Munoz, both of Rule

Joseph William Swinney and Tamara Lynn Decker, both of Haskell

Michael Robert Weissmiller and Wanda Darnell Dunlap, both of Big Spring

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MESQUITE DISTRICT OFFICERS—Bettye Green of Tahoka, president of South Central Region of General Federation of Women's Clubs, installs new Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Mesquite District officers for 2000-2002, at the District Spring Convention in Haskell, Mar. 4. From the left are TFWC trustee, Winifred White, Knox City; TFWC scholarship chairman, Pollye Wheeler of Albany; president-elect, Nancy Toliver of Haskell; president, Mary Kaigler, Haskell; Bettye Greene; parliamentarian, Audrey Brooks of Moran; first vice-president, Brenda Butler of Moran, and second vice-president, Flo Coldren of Throckmorton.

TFWC Mesquite District convention held in Haskell

Sat., Mar. 4, the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Mesquite District held its fortieth Annual Spring Convention in Haskell at the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center.

Hosted by the Haskell Progressive Study Club, sixty-five club leaders attended from Albany, Baird, Clyde, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Moran, Stamford and Throckmorton.

Beginning with a courtesy coffee at 8:30 a.m., the meeting was presided by Mesquite District President, Lorea Kays of Moran.

Welcoming the group to Haskell, Monty Montgomery, Director of Haskell Economic Development Corporation, spoke of the positive impact his great-grandmother made on later generations of women in his family. Executive Committee reports

were given by parliamentarian, Audrey Brooks of Moran, TFWC scholarship chair, Pollye Wheeler, of Albany, TFWC trustee, Winifred White of Knox City, secretary, Alminice Harrison of Stamford, Treasurer, Louise Massey of Stamford, second vice-president, Brenda Butler of Moran, first vice-president, Nancy Toliver and president-elect, Mary Kaigler, both of Haskell, and president, Lorea Kays of Moran.

A \$600.00 continuing education scholarship was presented by the District to Jessica M. Harrison of Clyde, a school of nursing student.

Following lunch, which was catered and served by the Haskell club members, Anne Foster, Curator of the Fields Museum of Haskell gave a history of Mrs. J. U. Fields, who was elected president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in 1925.

During the afternoon, department reports of programs and projects received were given by the 49 chairmen of the various categories in the Program Departments including the Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Affairs, Public Affairs, TFWC Texas Heritage, Special Projects and Committees and Standing Committees. Over 100 awards for winning reports were distributed to the clubs by Nancy Toliver.

During an officer installation presented by the president of General Federation of Women's Clubs South Central Region, Bettye White, of Tahoka, who is also the editor of *The Texas Clubwoman* magazine, Mary Kaigler was installed as president of Mesquite District for 2000-2002. Nancy Toliver was named president-elect, Brenda Butler of Moran was named first vice-president, Flo Coldren of Throckmorton was named second vice-president, Alminice Harrison of Stamford was named secretary, and Louise Massey of Stamford was named treasurer. Parliamentarian is Audrey Brooks of Moran.

Following a brief talk by incoming president Mary Kaigler, the group was invited to the Fields Museum for a tea in her honor, given by the Progressive Study Club.

Rice to discuss Alzheimer's, dementia

by Jane Rowan
Knox Co. CEA/FCS

Caring for and learning to better deal with disoriented persons, especially those with Alzheimer's or dementia, can sometimes present challenges that are new to family members or professionals. A special training to ease this challenge is planned for Wednesday, March 22 in Knox City.

Dr. Carol Rice will conduct the training for area residents at 3:30 p.m. at the Brazos Valley Care Home in Knox City. Dr. Rice is a registered nurse with expertise in community health, gerontology and mental health. She holds a joint appointment as a health specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and associate professor of public health and safety with the Texas A&M University's Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health.

The approximate one hour workshop will provide you with information concerning the recognition of signs of Alzheimer's disease, ways to deal with loved ones or patients who are experiencing disorientation and coping with your own inabilities and feelings regarding this care.

If you are interested in attending the workshop, contact the Knox County Extension office at 940/454-2651 by Monday, March 20.

Student in the News

Sarah R. Cothron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cothron, Haskell, was among the 69 new members inducted into Harding University's chapter of Alpha Chi on Feb. 27. Alpha Chi is a nationally affiliated society encouraging and recognizing superior scholarship.

Harding's chapter, the Arkansas Eta chapter, is open to the upper 10 percent of the senior class with a minimum 3.75 grade point on 104 semester hours and to the upper 10 percent of the junior class with a minimum 3.85 grade point on 80 semester hours.

Cothron, a senior majoring in Spanish, attended Haskell High School before entering Harding.

Historical Society hears from students

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society held a meeting March 6 at the First National Bank Community Room. Students from Darlene Bellinghausen's class presented the program. Kristi Christian spoke about the life and times of her great-aunt, Iola Everett. This included her school experiences. Tom Fouts talked about his grandfather's life experiences, especially about his involvement in World War II.

Judge David Davis was present

before the main program to talk about the library. A business meeting followed the program.

Attending were Johnny Scoggins, David Davis, Wanda Ham, Son and Eula Peters, Jack and Margaret Kittley, Dolin and Carolyn Hughes, Jerri Buerger, Maxine Miller, Martha Jarred, Erma Liles, George Fouts, Helen Fouts, Betsy McManamon, Melodee Christian, Kristi Christian, Darlene Bellinghausen and Tom Fouts.

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Dr. Rice to speak on diabetes management

Carol A. Rice, Ph. D., R.N., will be in Haskell, Monday evening, March 20. Dr. Rice is an Associate Professor and Extension Health Specialist having joint appointment with the Texas A&M Health Science Center. One of her speciality areas is chronic disease prevention and management. She will be speaking on the health aspects of diabetes and what people with diabetes can do to prevent and/or manage the many health related complications that are associated with the disease.

The program will be held in the Haskell National Bank Community Room, 600 S. 1st Street in Haskell (directly behind the Haskell National Bank) and is free of

charge. A public presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by a question and answer session. Dr. Rice will be available after the conclusion of the public presentation to meet personally with individuals who are interested in visiting with her concerning their specific problems in managing their diabetes.

Persons interested in more information about Dr. Rice and/or this meeting are encouraged to contact Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences in the Haskell County Extension office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or call 940-864-2546.

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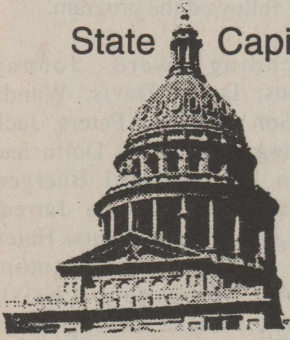
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn filed suit March 9 against Stephenville Independent School District for violating the Texas Public Information Act.

Cornyn is seeking a court order to compel the school district to release certain public information "without any editing."

Cornyn's office earlier had ruled that the information was public. The lawsuit alleges that the school district intentionally violated the ruling.

The case began when a citizen requested a copy of some of the school district's legal bills. The school district wanted to withhold the information under exceptions to the Texas Public Information Act, including the attorney-client privilege.

Under the Act, the school district had the right to appeal the ruling within 30 days but it chose not to do so.

The lawsuit alleges that instead of appealing the ruling, the school district chose to black out some of the names and other key terms in the bills before releasing the documents.

"The newspapers of Texas strongly support the attorney general's effort to hold governmental bodies accountable to the people of Texas," said Donnis Baggett, chairman of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association/Texas Press Association Legislative Advisory Committee.

"Too many of our governmental bodies have taken the position that they are the owners of the information they possess.

"It's refreshing to see the attorney general take the position that the citizen, not the government, is the rightful owner of this information," Baggett said.

Supreme Court Hearing Set
The U.S. Supreme Court will hear the school-prayer case, *Doe v. Santa Fe Independent School District* on March 29.

"I believe allowing the state of Texas to present arguments will strengthen and add to those presented by the Santa Fe ISD," said Attorney General Cornyn, who will represent the school district.

"Asking the government to supervise religious speech is clearly unconstitutional, and I will protect Texas' position in this case," he added.

The school district's policy

allows the student body to choose by secret ballot whether to have a student message during pregame ceremonies at home varsity football games. That message may or may not include a prayer in the discretion of the student.

In February 1999, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans held that the school district's policy violated the establishment clause of the First Amendment.

Although the Fifth Circuit held that the schools could allow students to deliver prayers at graduation as long as they are nonsectarian and nonproselytizing, the court ruled that student-initiated prayers are never permissible at school-sponsored football games.

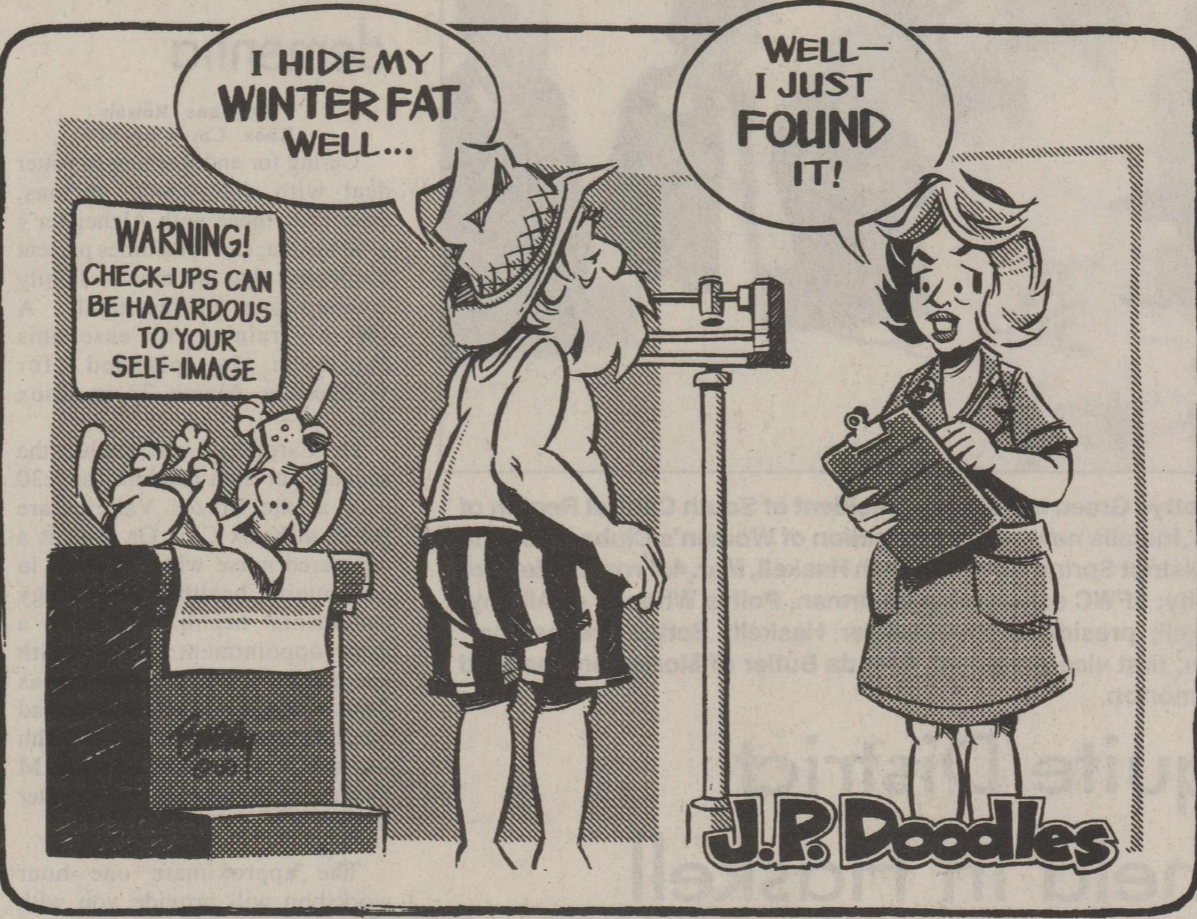
Cornyn filed a "friend of the court" brief with the U.S. Supreme Court supporting the rights of students to gather in prayer, and now the U.S. Supreme Court will hear the case.

Other Highlights

■ **Byron M. Tunnell**, 64th Speaker of the Texas House, died March 7 at his Lake Palestine home after a long battle with cancer. He was 74. A Democrat, Tunnell was elected in 1957 to represent Smith and Gregg counties in the Texas House of Representatives. In 1963 he was elected speaker during his fourth consecutive term. He was reelected in 1964, but before the Legislature convened, then-Gov. John Connally appointed him to a vacancy on the Texas Railroad Commission.

■ **Gov. George W. Bush** is studying a request to remove an image of the Confederate battle flag from the Texas Supreme Court building. The NAACP has called for its removal, saying the plaque bearing the flag is offensive to minorities and does not belong in the state's highest courts.

■ The Texas Department of Health will award almost \$500,000 in tobacco settlement money to schools and community groups throughout the state, to pay for projects to prevent or reduce tobacco use or protect the public from secondhand smoke. The agency expects to award 100 grants through a competitive selection process. The maximum amount of each grant will be \$4,999.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 15, 1990

Doyle High, Shawn Lane, Matt Lane and High's friend Bill Sandlin of Oklahoma City, completed a three-day 310 mile trip from Austin to Haskell by bicycle.

Weinert Extension Homemakers met in the home of Alice Yates. The program for the day was "Life in a Pressure Cooker." This was all about stress and the effect of it and the ways to cope with it.

Brad Bevel of Haskell County 4-H won first with his lightweight polled Hereford steer at the Houston Livestock Show.

20 Years Ago March 13, 1980

Delta Kappa Gamma held their regular meeting in the Fields Museum in Haskell. Mrs. Peggy Vaughter, who is in charge of the museum, told about the late Mrs. J. U. Fields' desire to do something for the people of Haskell. Mrs. Fields left provisions in her will to have her home converted into a museum.

W. O. Smith of Munday was the lucky recipient of the 1/4 beef given away by Brian Burgess during the open house festivities of his newly remodeled State Farm Insurance office.

Several students from Weinert High School have been selected for this year's District All-Star basketball team. Weinert girls who made the All-Star basketball team include Deena Walker and Debbie Hutchinson on the first team and Dorinda Griffith, Cristi Guess and Michelle Raynes for the second team. Making the boys' team in basketball was Brian Adams who will be on the second team.

30 Years Ago March 12, 1970

Paula Mayfield, a guard on the Haskell High School girls' basketball team, was named to the District 7AA All-District team for 1969-70.

H. L. Guess, Superintendent of Weinert School; Linda Simpson and Mrs. Ben Kittley of Rule; Dorothy Woodard and Alex Swann, principal of the Haskell Elementary, were the delegates to the House of Delegates of the District XIV Teachers Association at Snyder last week.

Ted Elliott, husband of Barbara Elliott, Haskell County Home Demonstration Agent, has accepted a position as manager of the Haskell Co-op Gin Co.

A spring-like cloud, accompanied by thunder and lightning, rolled into Haskell and brought soil-soaking rains that dumped more than two inches of moisture.

40 Years Ago March 17, 1960

Harlan Weinert and Ted Jetton of Weinert won the championship title in the Haskell Jaycees first Domino Tournament held in the Elementary School auditorium. Runners-up were Garth Garrett and Clinton Kimbrough.

Robert Starr, student in Baylor University at Waco, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dugan Starr.

The Maybelle Taylor Circle of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. S. G. Perrin. Mrs. R. C. Couch, Sr. directed the program.

The Weinert Study Club met at the Methodist Church for a book

review and tea. Minister Kenneth Wilson reviewed Dr. Zhivago, by Pasternak, for members of Munday Study Club and Weinert Study Club.

50 Years Ago March 16, 1950

Stanley Furrh and Olen Dotson purchased the Texas Cafe from Mrs. Carrie McNulty.

Weinert Matron's Club met in the home of Mrs. P. F. Weinert. Mrs. Fred Monke directed the program on Texas poetry and Texas homes.

Felton Everett has purchased the Magnolia Service Station at 301 North First Street from Virgil Thomas.

New officers of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce are J. E. Walling, president; Cecil Gregory, vice president; A. M. Turner, vice president; and George W. Fouts, treasurer.

90 Years Ago March 12, 1910

There will be no preaching at any of the churches Sunday, but instead joint services will be held at the courthouse. Arthur Jones will have charge of the morning service and at night "Cyclone" Davis will bring the message. Both services will be in the interest of prohibition.

An entertainment program has been arranged at the North Ward Auditorium. Wm. B. Patty, a noted scientist and lecturer, will give a demonstration of Radium Liquid Air and Wireless Telegraphy. The program is sponsored by the Mothers Club.

J. M. Perry of Rochester has announced his candidacy for the office of County Treasurer.

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

Q: I have heard that people are being hired to work for the Census. The news report mentioned the Office of the Attorney General. Why is the Census so important to the state and why are they hiring?

A: The Office of the Attorney General is closely involved in Texas' Census 2000 efforts because it is estimated that nearly 500,000 Texans were not counted during the 1990 Census. This undercount cost the state tens of millions of dollars in federal funding per year. The Census helps communities and the State of Texas obtain funding and information for planning schools, hospitals, roads and more. Furthermore, being counted ensures you equal representation in government.

To obtain a complete count, the Census Office is looking for several thousands of part-time workers to help obtain a complete count of Texas residents.

With the Texas unemployment rate so low, the Census office is having a hard time finding enough people to work. As a result, they are offering good pay for the jobs - anywhere from \$8.00 to \$15.00 an hour plus mileage for those working in rural areas.

Most work can be done in the evenings and on weekends - perfect for people who already have jobs but want to earn some extra money.

How do I apply?
The U.S. Census bureau is opening field offices in cities throughout the state. These offices will handle the hiring of part-time employees. To find the one nearest you, call (888) 325-7733. Information on these local offices is also available on the Census Web site at www.Census.gov.

All applicants are required to take an employment test to gauge necessary skills. Sample questions are available on the Census Web site. To find out when employment tests are being given in your area, contact the Census Bureau or your local Census office.

In addition, applicants are required to provide employment verification records - social security card, passport, driver's license, resident alien card, etc. - when they take the employment

test. All veterans applying for jobs are required to provide additional documentation. Contact the Census Bureau or visit their Web site for further details on necessary documentation.

What will I be doing?
Some employees will be walking through neighborhoods and rural areas to verify and update address listings. Others will be dropping off Census forms at homes and talking to the residents about the importance of completing the form. Finally, some people will be conducting interviews with people who have not returned their forms or who live in certain specified areas.

The Census Bureau is especially interested in hiring bi-lingual employees to help conduct interviews and provide assistance to non-English speaking residents. If you are bi-lingual, your services are especially important to help ensure that all Texas receives a complete count.

Working together
The Office of the Attorney General is committed to working with Governor George W. Bush and Secretary of State Elton Bomer to ensure that Texas receives a complete count in 2000. But to do this, we need the help of all Texans. It takes people to count people. If you are looking for a part-time job, consider working for the Census.

Library Notes

By Joan Strickland

The Library is already preparing for our summer reading program. The theme of the program this year is, *Invent the Future, Read!* Start watching for posters and more information about our summer program.

With technology sweeping the world, it is important for us to remember that despite all its information it will never replace relaxing, putting your feet up and losing yourself in a good book.

Now more than ever it is most important for parents to instill a love of reading in their children. This begins at a very early age. Some articles I have read even suggests reading aloud the nursery rhymes, etc., before your child is born. Children will nod off to sleep quickly when you read them stories with a rhythm. It has the same effect as rocking them back and forth.

Marilyn Griffith has been working very hard getting all of our books put into MARC record and transferred into our new catalog system. We have begun issuing library cards to our patrons. These cards are made to go on a key ring and every person in a family will receive their own card. The first card and one replacement will be free, thereafter the cards are \$5.00 each. You WILL NEED your library card to check out books. Only the hard back books and a very few paperbacks are bar coded. The majority of the paperbacks will still be checked out with the stamp. We are very excited about our new catalog system and hope our patrons will like it once everyone gets use to the new system.

Things are happening at the library. Plans are moving ahead rapidly for a new library building. We have a building fund at the Haskell National Bank and anyone who wishes to donate to this worthy cause may do so at account No. 18-348-2 Friends of the Haskell County Library. We also have a big penny can that the children can put their pennies in when they come to the library. Of course, we will accept more than pennies. Rachel Hernandez is in charge of our Penny Brigade (864-3276). If you need information on where and how to collect pennies for the Library Building Fund, call Rachel.

Memorial donations to the Haskell Library: Raja Hassen, Audree McCallum, Jerrene Couch, Blanche Hearn, Sue Couch, J. E. Couch and James Smart.

Memorial donations to the Library Building Fund: Roberta High, Bennie Bassing, Doc Letz, Herbert Fischer, Ruby Letz, Raja Hassen, Audree McCallum, Jerrene Couch, Mr. Nuckles, Margaret Jones.

Grace Bisbee, Sam Herren, Ola Mae Lisle, Gene Butler, Bill Kirby, Sue Couch, Ruby Baker, Howard Brass, Jimmy Crawford, Veta Furrh, Barbara Trussel, Frank Jircik, Adeline Glass Burson, Lee McClure, Pearl Strickland, Burl Darnell and Alice Wooten.

Donations in honor of: Beulah Toliver's 100th birthday, Marie and Walter Kretschmer's 50th anniversary and Oleta Cornelius (program for Progressive Study Club).

Donations to the Friends of the Haskell County Library Building Fund: Progressive Study Club \$1,000, Rotary Club \$1,000, Ernestine Herren in memory of Sam Herren \$1000, in memory of Ralph Troyer \$500, anonymous donation \$500, anonymous donation \$60 (Weinert), Weinert FCE Club \$75, anonymous donation \$50 (Rule).

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Sorry I didn't get a news column in last week but my granddaughter and her husband Christy and Alonzo Jimenez and little daughter from San Saba came for me. We drove to the DFW airport where we boarded a plane early Sunday and flew to Las Vegas; we returned on Wednesday night. They dropped me off at my

daughter's, Floradean and Phillip Cockerell in Early on their way home. I spent the remainder of the week there. The Cockerells brought me to Abilene on Saturday where granddaughter Creora Tatum met us and brought me home. I saw lots of lights and sights in Las Vegas and had a very good time.

Those who went to Old Glory on Saturday, March 5 to help Charles Dugan celebrate his 66th birthday were brothers-in-law Kenneth Blair, Charles Blair and wife Jean and nieces Vicki Hawkins and husband Gary and Peggy Darden and friend Marie Marr.

Visiting recently with Ernestine Herren was her daughter and husband Louisa and Bill Archibald of Minneapolis, Minn.

Joseph and Carolina Toliver and daughter Chelsea of Ballinger were recent visitors of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Toliver.

Recently visiting with Dorothy Brown was her son Rodney of Austin.

On Wed. of last week a niece of Bernice Hilliard's and her husband came by for a visit. They had been to Arizona and were going home to New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Kip Derrick of Ft. Worth visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Paris Barton in Haskell Healthcare Center. They took them to their house for the day and Erma Liles took all to the Branding Iron for supper.

John Sam and Mary Rike spent several days in Tenn. last week visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rike and girls.

Visiting with Charles and Jean Blair on Sun. was daughter Michelle Pannell and children Lauren and Brittney of Throckmorton. They attended church services at Trinity Baptist. Also Cody Blair and friend of Wichita Falls.

Sarah Sanders and children Emma and Renaee of Sanger

visited with mother Tammy and grandmother Sylvia Gibbs over the weekend and attended church at Trinity Baptist on Sun. morning.

Dr. Frank and Billie Cadenhead have returned home after a week stay in Guatemala visiting with granddaughter Christy Cadenhead where she is doing mission work.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Tatum this weekend was her mother and husband Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kennedy of Hedley.

Dr. Barry O'Neal of Irving spent last weekend with his mother Gladys O'Neal.

On Sat. of last week Judy Hicks of Abilene spent the afternoon with her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Gray.

The Greater Independent BC family and pastor want to thank everyone that came and shared in the installation service of their pastor Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Ray Wade Sun. evening, March 12. Especially to the Wood Street Baptist Church, Vernon, Rev. F. E. Chenaue; Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Rev. W. O. Everett; Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Michael D. Logan, Wichita Falls; New Hope Nondenomination Church, Wichita Falls, Rev. Reginald Blow; Weeping Mary, Anson, Rev. Smith; West Beulah, Munday, Rev. J. Robinson; Hopewell, Rev. Lewis, Haskell; Revival Center, Haskell; Elder Hodge, Stamford. Thank you to Rev. Dusty Garison of First Christian Church, Haskell, for his wonderful welcome in behalf of the Ministerial Alliance of Haskell.

Greater Independent Baptist Church will be having their memorial service Sunday the 26 at 3:00 p.m. in honor of all their deceased members. Speaker for the memorial service will be Rev. James Webb, New Fellowship Baptist Church, Abilene. Rev. Bobby Ray Wade will be the morning speaker.



FIVE GENERATIONS—Great-great-grandfather, Adolph Letz of Stamford, holds five-months-old Cecilia Grace Baitz of Waco. Standing, l-r, the baby's father, Kacy Baitz of Waco; grandmother, Tami Letz Baitz of Sagerton; and great-grandfather Roy Letz of Rule.

Literacy is Homespun Club's topic

The Homespun Club held its March meeting in the kitchen of the Extension Office. The mission of the Texas Association for Family and Community Education is to work with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to strengthen and enrich families through educational programs, leadership development and community service.

President Lena Tidwell conducted a business meeting. On the agenda was discussion of the Tri-County meeting hosted by the

Haskell County clubs on March 21 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m. Keynote speaker will be Suzanne Starr, representing Abilene's Vera West Women's Center, highlighting cancer prevention.

The program for the day was presented by Joetta Burnett, entitled "Let's Read," strategies for volunteers to help illiteracy. Members gained knowledge of the National Literacy Program.

identified new ways to enhance involvement, gained better understanding of volunteer work associated with the literacy program and were made aware of literacy resources that are available.

The hostess for the day was Coleta Whitfield. Attending were Flossie Bates, Lennie Ruth Blankenship, Jeri Burke, Joetta Burnett, Frances Fischer, Ruth Ann Klose, Sharon Lefevre, Shirley Reed, Mildred Robertson, Lena Tidwell and Coleta Whitfield.

Area track results

The Haskell Indian track team placed sixth with 45 points at the Buckaroo Relays held in Breckenridge.

The Maidens took fifth place with 48 points.

Boys

100: 1. Billington, Haskell, 10.87.

1,600: 2. Garcia, Haskell, 4:50.91.

1,600 relay: 3. Haskell, 3:32.47.

Girls

800 relay: 1. Haskell, 1:50.07.

200: 1. Hodge, Haskell, 25.80.

The Rule boys placed third with 91 points at the Wildcat Relays held in Crowell.

Rochester's girls tied with Valley for twelfth place with 18 points; Rule placed fourteenth with 11 points.

Boys

Long jump: 3. Harvey, Rule,

20-7 1/2.

Discus: 1. Casey, Rule, 154-9

1/2.

3200: 1. Hisey, Rule, 10:22.82;

3. Puelba, Rule, 11:00.85.

Shot put: 1. Casey, Rule, 47-7

3/4.

300: 1. Harvey, Rule, 41.20.

1600: 1. Hisey, Rule, 4:43.08.

400: 2. Lehrmann, Rule, 52.57.

1600 relay: 3. Rule, 3:36.75.

Girls

3200: 1. Garcia, Rochester, 13:52.56.

Heart disease leading killer of women

Heart disease, not breast cancer, is the leading killer of women in the U. S.

"Most women do not experience heart disease until after menopause because the hormone estrogen protects them up until that point," said Dr. Rebecca Reeves at The

DeBaKey Heart Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Following menopause, estrogen levels change. This is why many doctors encourage women to go on hormone replacement therapy."

Some of the risk factors for heart disease in women include obesity, high blood pressure, high

cholesterol, smoking, a lack of exercise and a poor diet. Eating a balanced diet where less than 30 percent of the calories come from fat is very important.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, March 20

9:30 a.m. Miracle Ear
Lunch-Ham, oven creamed potatoes w/peas, carrots, beet salad, cookies, bread, milk, tea or coffee
1:00 p.m. China painting

Wednesday, March 22

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch-Roast beef, gravy, potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, fruit, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Thursday, March 23

Sagerton Hee Haw Senior Night

Friday, March 24

Lunch-Meat loaf, potatoes, mixed vegetables, greens, brownies, 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.

Paint Creek School Menu

March 20-24

Breakfast

Milk and juice are served daily.

Monday: Cereal

Tuesday: Cinnamon toast

Wednesday: Waffles

Thursday: Toast & jelly

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Mexican chicken, fried okra, salad, pears

Tuesday: Hamburger patties, brown gravy, creamed potatoes, salad, vanilla pudding

Wednesday: Tuna or bologna sandwiches, chips, macaroni salad, cookies

Thursday: Goulash, salad, garlic bread, cheese stix, peaches

Friday: Hamburgers with trimmings, French fries, ice cream

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REMODELING SALE: Side by side freezer-ice box, water and ice dispenser. 997-2675. 11p

FOR SALE: 10" chrome drop bumper for Ford F250. \$125. 940-864-3700. 11p

Cars For Sale

FOR SALE: 1985 Chevrolet pickup. 940-997-2431. 11p

FOR SALE: 1994 Buick Roadmaster. 350, V-8 motor, 86,000 miles, loaded. New tires. \$7900. 864-2986. 11c

Public Notices

NOTICE

The City of Haskell is accepting sealed bids for general liability, auto coverage, property, public official and police liability insurance. Specifications may be picked up at Haskell City Hall, 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bids will be accepted in the City Manager's office until 1:30 p.m. March 24, 2000. The Haskell City Council will accept or reject bids at the regular City Council meeting to be held at 7:00 a.m. March 27, 2000. The City of Haskell reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 10-11c

ORDER OF ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 6, 2000 for the purpose of:
Electing two regular term trustees to Paint Creek ISD Board of Trustees.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Paint Creek ISD Assistant Principal's office, Rt. 2 Box 190, Haskell, Texas 79521 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 19, 2000 and ending on May 2, 2000.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Max Calk, Paint Creek ISD, Rt. 2 Box 190, Haskell, Texas 79521

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 28, 2000.

March 22, 2000 is the last day to file for application for a place on the ballot.

Issued this 6th day of March 2000.

ORDEN DE ELECCION

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el May 6, 2000 con el proposito de:

Electing two regular terms to Paint Creek ISD Board of Trustees.

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a

viernes en Paint Creek ISD Assistant Principal's office, Rt. 2 Box 190, Haskell, Texas 79521 entre las 8 a.m. de la mañana y las 4 p.m. de la tarde empezando el April 19, 2000 y terminando el May 2, 2000.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

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Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el April 28, 2000.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HASKELL

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 6th day of March

2000 by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 9619. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. James Dean. Legal Description: 1. North Half of Lot 6, 7, Block 14, South Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas. 2. Lot 6, Block 53, Original Town of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 9743. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Daniel Ramirez. Legal Description: 3. Lots 7, 8, Block 1, East Side Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 9829. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Clifford B. Jones Trustee for himself and W. B. Lee. Legal Description: 4. Lot 3, Block 23, of the Town of Sagerton, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 9948. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Willie Love, Deceased. Legal Description: 5. North 46' of Lot 2, Block 35 of the Brown & Roberts Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,150. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Willis J. Strickland. Legal Description: 6. 10.00 acres of land out of the Mid North part of the West 3/4 of Survey 26, Block 1 of the H&TC RR Company, Haskell County, Texas. 7. North 5' of Lot 9, Lots 10 thru 14, Block 39 Original Town of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,439. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Eugene Long. Legal Description: 8. Lot 8, E2' of Lot 7, Block 16, Highland Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. Cause No. 10,568. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Sammy Haste. Legal Description: 9. Lots 4-7, and E15' of Lot 8, Block 17, Original Town of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,741. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Joseph V. Alves & John R. Wilson Ind/dba A & W Enterprise. Legal Description: 10. Lot 1, Block 2 McConnell Addition #84, City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. Cause No. 10,783. Styled:

Haskell County Appraisal District v. Della Hollingsworth. Legal Description: 11. Lots 8-10, Block 25, South Side Addition to the Town of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,830. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Aline Bristow. Legal Description: 12. Lot 1, North 5' of Lot 2, Block 17, South Side Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas. 13. Lot 6, 7, Block 24, South Side Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 11:00 o'clock on the 4th day of April, 2000, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 6th day of March, 2000, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 10 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

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And warmer breezes start to blow,
Behold the annual rebirth,
When grass will soon begin to grow
And tiny buds of leaves will sprout
On limbs of trees in forest glades
Then flowers soon will blossom out,
Exquisite in their pastel shades.

The air is filled with songs of birds,
And humming insects will abound,
A scene of beauty, where no words
Do justice to each sight and sound
Incorporated in the plan,
Or could describe each living thing
That signifies God's love for man,
When nature comes alive in spring.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

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.

Christian Church

Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Church of God

Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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.

First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

St. George Catholic Church

Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.

Church of Christ

Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Baptist Church

Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.

Hopewell Baptist Church

John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Bobby Ray Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.

New Covenant Foursquare

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

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Church in the Park

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

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

WEINERT

First Baptist Church

Joel Rister, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

Weinert Foursquare Church

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

ROCHESTER

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church

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

Union Chapel Baptist Church

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

Faith Chapel of Rochester

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

First United Methodist Church

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

SAGERTON

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Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

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Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

RULE

First Baptist Church

Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.

New Life Baptist Mission

Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

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PLANNING CAN SAVE MONEY FOR DIVORCING PARENTS

Negotiating child support and custody is hard enough for divorcing parents without considering taxes. Unfortunately, dependency issues have tax effects, and planning can save money for both parties in a divorce. Consider the following:

- **Filing status.** If you're still married at year-end, you'll probably save by filing jointly. If joint filing isn't practical, try head of household status. To qualify, you must pay more than half the cost of housing one of your children for over six months, and you can't have lived with your spouse during the last six months of the year.
- **Dependents.** Custodial parents usually claim their dependent children. A noncustodial parent who pays more than half the child's support can take the exemption, but only if the custodial spouse agrees in writing not to claim it for the year.
- **Credits.** The parent of a dependent child may be eligible for a \$500 tax credit. An additional credit for child care expenses may be available to a custodial parent. Since both credits phase out at different income levels, planning can maximize the benefits.
- **Alimony and child support.** Periodic payments by one former spouse to another may qualify as alimony or child support. Alimony generally is deductible by the payer and must be reported as income by the recipient. Child support is not deductible by the payer; nor is it taxable as income to the recipient.
- **Earned income credit (EIC).** The EIC can get you a refund even when you don't owe tax. It primarily helps lower income working people with children, but it cannot be claimed if you're married and file separately.

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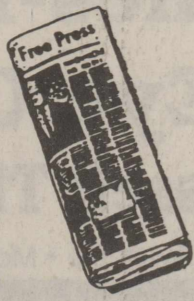
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Maps showing the location of the project, the environmental document prepared for the project, and other information relative to the project are on file and available for inspection and copying, at the office of the Area Engineer at 249 North Central, in Hamlin, Texas.
Information regarding the tentative schedules for construction may be obtained from the highway department at the address listed above.
Any interested citizen may request that a Public Hearing be held covering the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed reconstruction and design of the proposed project by delivering a written request to the Area Engineer, Box 637, Hamlin, Texas 79520, on or before March 27, 2000.
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NAP assistance program available for grain farmers

Dry winter weather in the Panhandle, South Plains and North Central areas of the state is causing major losses of grazing from small grain crops of wheat, oats, barley, rye and triticale. Grazing is severely damaged or lost on an estimated 2.5 to 3 million acres.

Losses of small grain forage production may be eligible for compensation from the Noninsured Crop Disaster Program (NAP) offered by USDA's Farm Service Agency. Implementation of NAP and determinations of producer eligibility depend heavily on information reported by producers.

"Producers must understand that destroying small grain acreage, or making other use of it prior to inspection by FSA, could jeopardize their eligibility for a NAP payment for the grazing loss," said Wayland Shurley, State Executive Director of the Texas FSA. "We want producers to

benefit from the NAP program, but we need their help."

Producers who believe they qualify for NAP benefits for loss of small grain forage production in the fall and winter months must notify FSA no later than 15 days after the FCIC pull off date. FSA must have an opportunity to inspect acreage to verify damage to the small grain forage.

Federal crop insurance policies on wheat and oats provide protection against loss of grain production in these areas of the state. Crop insurance industry officials discussed the possibility of releasing small grain acreage that is no longer in dormancy, even though the established pull off dates were still a week or so away. In some areas, the outlook for grain production is bleak. As a result, much of the acreage could be released in the next few weeks.

Release of acreage by crop insurance companies means producers can make other use of the land.

Farmers need to remember, however, that release of their insured small grain crop by the crop insurance industry does not mean their forage acreage can be destroyed without affecting the potential eligibility for NAP benefits.

In areas where high winds cause potential erosion problems, producers who request and receive permission from the crop insurance companies to perform emergency tillage must also notify FSA prior to destroying crop acreage to avoid jeopardizing their eligibility for NAP assistance.

Producers needing more information about NAP should contact the Haskell County FSA office.



CASEY ADKINS

Adkins ranked top speaker in state

Casey Adkins, a freshman speech communication and theater major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, was ranked top speaker in the state at the Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association's Texas State Championship held in Lubbock Feb. 4-5.

A member of the WTAMU speech team, Adkins is the daughter of Kelly Don Adkins and the granddaughter of Wayne and Verlean Adkins of Haskell.

The WTAMU team accumulated 143 points to beat other teams such as the University of Texas at Austin with 113 points and Rice University with 83 points. Twenty teams competed in the event.

The WTAMU top ranked team will compete at the National Championship to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska March 31-April 5.

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Start slow and keep going with exercise program

If New Year's resolutions didn't do it, early swimsuit ads in magazines probably will encourage you to get in shape.

You may have shrugged off exercise during the winter, but with spring on the horizon, it's time to start thinking about getting in shape for summer. Starting now is a good idea because it won't happen overnight. Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say you shouldn't expect immediate results from any exercise program. Just think how long it took you to get out of shape. It could take six to eight weeks of exercise to start getting back in shape. Take a look at your calendar and you'll see that doesn't give you much time before summer's here!

Start slow with your exercise program, especially if you haven't exercised in a while. You won't run a marathon your first week. Instead, try walking for half an hour every other day. Increase the intensity of your walking as you become more fit. Or just gradually add more and more activity to your daily life. The important thing is to stick with it. Remember that you have to keep at it for at least

six weeks to see real fitness results. Finding an activity you enjoy and exercising with a friend often helps people stick with exercise programs.

UT Southwestern doctors say

you should have a physical exam before starting any exercise program if you're over 40, have high blood pressure, high cholesterol or other health problems.

Births

Sgt. Tommie Dale and Jennifer Isbell are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Hagen Lee, on March 2 weighing 8 lbs., 7 oz. and measuring 21 inches. Hagen was born at Hollywood Medical Center near Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where his parents, formerly of Haskell, are stationed with the USMC. Welcoming his arrival was also his big sister, Kasie Taylor.

Paternal grandparents are Karen and W. L. Wolf of Haskell. Great grandparents are Herb and Yvonne Dornberger of Alvarado and Tommie and Mary Isbell of Haskell.

Maternal grandparents are Danny and Cindy Ashley of Haskell. Great grandparents are Frank and Vivian

Ashley of Judd and Claude and Rosa Reynolds of Haskell.

Carson and Reagan Hadaway are excited to announce the arrival of their new sister Hollyn Dec. Hollyn was born March 12 weighing 8 lbs., 4 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Shane and Amanda Hadaway of Haskell.

Maternal grandparents are Milton and Linda Martin of Stamford.

Paternal grandparents are David and Louetta Davis of Haskell and Jerry and Debbie Hadaway of Midland. Paternal great grandparents are Loudell Barbee, Joe and Joyce Davis of Haskell and Opal Hadaway of Plano.

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