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- Rule JV-B, VG-B vs. Knox City
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at Knox City

Calendar

- Band concert**
The Haskell High School band will present a winter concert Sun., Jan. 14 at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.
- Noah Project**
The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., Jan. 12 at noon.
- Study Club to meet**
The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a program on "Leadership and Volunteers." Janoma Stephens of Knox City will be the guest speaker.
- Friends of Library**
The Friends of the Haskell County Library board will meet Mon., Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell Church of Christ annex.
- Immunizations**
The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold a children's immunization clinic Thurs., Jan. 18 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.
- College hotline**
The College Information Hotline will be available Jan. 13-14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to provide information about post-secondary educational opportunities to students and their families. The toll-free number is 877-782-7322.
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Rick Perry named leader of Texas

By Mary Kaigler
 Not every small rural town or county in the big state of Texas has the proud honor of having one of their native sons elected State Representative, Agriculture Commissioner, Lt. Governor or Governor of the state. But, in Governor Rick Perry, Haskell County has the boasting rights to all of these distinctive honors.



TEXAS' NEW FIRST FAMILY—Recently inaugurated Governor, Haskell County native Rick Perry, wife Anita and children Griffin and Sydney will be moving into the Governor's Mansion in Austin.

County has the boasting rights to all of these distinctive honors. Texas' new, young Governor Perry, whose political career has seen him move quite steadily in the state ranks, is a fifth generation Texan. The son of Ray and Amelia Perry of Paint Creek grew up on the family's farm. Graduating from Paint Creek High School, the Eagle Scout left Haskell County to attend Texas A&M University where he served in the Corps of Cadets. Graduating with a degree in Animal Science, he joined the United States Air Force. Serving as a C-130 pilot for four and a half years, he earned the rank of Captain before returning home to join in the operation of the family farm and ranch. In Haskell he married childhood sweetheart Anita Thigpen, daughter of Dr. Joseph and Beunis (Sister) Thigpen. Rick and Anita's son Griffin and daughter Sydney were born here. In 1984 Perry was elected to the Texas House of Representatives, where he served on the powerful House Appropriations and Calendar committees. In that office he was named one of the most effective legislators. In 1990 he ran and was elected to be the first agri-businessman in 40 years to serve as Commissioner of Agriculture, an office to which he was overwhelmingly elected, receiving 63% of the vote. Recognized as being an effective leader of that agency, in 1996 he was named by *Time Magazine* as one of the nation's rising Republicans. In his successful bid for the office of Lt. Governor, Perry was supported by many business and industry associations, Texas leaders and individuals, including President George Bush, and legendary Texas sports figures Darrell Royal, Tom Landry and Nolan Ryan. He ran a conservative, energetic campaign based on the message of safer streets, the best schools in America and economic opportunity for every Texan. As the months progressed he unveiled a series of positive, innovative and effective policy initiatives to improve public schools, public safety and job creation in the state. Already having been involved as acting governor during Governor George W. Bush's lengthy campaign for President of the United States, Governor Perry is busily implementing his own agenda for the next two years. In his inaugural address, Governor Perry credited and thanked his parents and parents-in-law for their guidance and encouragement to him through the years. Governor Perry is still active in Boy Scouts and is a lifetime member of American Legion Post #75. The Perry family, who will now be residing in the Governor's Mansion, are members of the Tarrytown United Methodist Church in Austin. Their children attend Austin public schools. Recently, on a trip through this area to speak to a number of colleges about his plan for making higher education more accessible, he made a visit to Paint Creek School, leaving a message to the students from their Governor, a member of the class of '68. For Haskell County, Governor Rick Perry's rise to leadership can indeed be proudly viewed as an honor for all of us and as a meritorious accomplishment by one of our own.

Advocate speaks for rural Texas development

by Mary Kaigler
 Do people from around the state's urban areas and cities know that anybody lives out here in rural West Texas, or that we know what we are doing? Nicki Harle, Executive Director of the Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) organization says they don't and that we need to let them know we are out here and that there are some "really sharp, intelligent, friendly, nice folks here." Speaking at a joint meeting of the Haskell Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs last Thursday at Burkett's Family Restaurant, she said, "We have got to get the word out that we want a quality of life like the rest of the state does." The TMCN is a regional organization focused on economic and tourism development, regional awareness and promotion and political action. The enthusiastic spokesperson said the idea for the organization started in 1993 to give rural counties an opportunity to begin working together for the combined good of each. Harle said when the organization was founded, one of the concerns of the area business leaders was that those in the rural areas needed a stronger voice in Austin. "More people from the rural area were needed to be seen and heard during legislative sessions. We needed more people from the Western rural area serving on things like boards, agency boards. We needed to let the legislators know what our concerns are in this area of the state." Now, twenty-three counties and forty-two towns, including Haskell, are members of the organization. Each year since 1995, people from these member counties and towns go to Austin to be present on West Texas Day. Harle, who was here to boost local interest in attending the special day, said, "There are eleven legislators and senators representing the Midwest and our being there in force gives a lot bigger effect." At the 1999 session, one hundred twenty people from the area, including some from Haskell, showed up in Austin on West Texas Day, making quite an impression on all of the state legislators when introduced as a group to both houses. This year the West Texas Day in Austin will feature a tailgate party from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wed., Feb. 21, for all state legislators, hosted by several TMCN member towns, including Haskell. Harle is promoting attendance by as many groups from the area as possible to go down to Austin for the day. Several towns are already planning pooling for bus loads, she said. "We are shooting for three hundred bodies from our region to be there this year," she added. Several areas of concern will be presented to the state leaders by the TMCN this year. "The current redistricting is one of our concerns, and though we are at risk, as far as losing some of our representation, we've got to make sure that the legislators know that the people of this area are willing to work together. We've got to go to Austin and let them know we are out here," Harle said. Activities for the rural West Texas group will begin at 10:30 a.m., when all will join together in the legislative house gallery. Group pictures will be made on the steps of the Capitol with area representatives, senators and possibly Gov. Rick Perry (if scheduling permits). During the afternoon, a tour of the Governor's Mansion, various museums and places of interest will be available. The TMCN Tailgate Party for the entire legislature at the Marriott Hotel Ballroom will be over at 6:30 p.m. to give folks time to make it a one-day trip. Harle said those wishing to go to West Texas Day in Austin must register ahead of time. A registration form and information about a chartered bus can be obtained at the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Office. Enthusiastically promoting the event, Harle said, "It's going to make a difference for us and will leave a strong impression with everyone that rural West Texas is alive and kicking."

Four named to All-State academic teams

Haskell High School's Dan Fouts, Tom Fouts and Jimmy Huff have been named to the Class 2A First Team academic all-state football team by the Texas High School Coaches association. Jeff Blanks was named to the Second Team academic all-state team. To make the team, a student must be a senior and have a grade-point average of 92 on a scale of 100.



WEST TEXAS ADVOCATE—Nicki Harle of the Texas Midwest Community Network outlined plans for West Texas Day in Austin, at a joint meeting of Haskell Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, Thurs., Jan. 4.

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Obituaries

Johnny Castillo, Jr.

Funeral services for Johnny Castillo, Jr., 32, of Haskell were held Mon., Jan. 8 at First Assembly of God Church in Haskell with Rev. J. C. Amburn and Vicente Tamez officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Castillo died Sat., Jan. 6 at an Abilene hospital. Born Jan. 29, 1968 in Haskell, he was a 1988 graduate of Haskell High School.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia, of Haskell; two sons, Buddy Castillo of Haskell and Nico Castillo of Kerrville; two daughters, Johnise Castillo and Desserae Castillo, both of Haskell; his father, John Castillo, Sr., of Haskell; his mother, Mary Castillo and Raymon Guzman of Haskell; one brother and sister-in-law, Chuckie Castillo

and Delia Martinez of Haskell; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Silvia and Brian Brown of Haskell; Gloria and Noah Gonzales of Medford, Okla.; Velma and Joe Martinez of Haskell; maternal grandmother, Juanita Fernandez of Haskell; paternal grandfather, Willie Castillo of Haskell; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers were John Castillo, Chuckie Castillo, Joe Martinez, Felix Fernandez, Jamie Juevara and Frankie Masias.

Honorary pallbearers were Buddy Castillo, Nico Castillo, Marcus Fernandez, Arturo Arebalos Jr., and Roger Dever. PD. NOTICE

Johnny W. Earp

Funeral services for Johnny W. Earp, 72, of Weinert were held Tues., Jan. 9 at First Baptist Church in Weinert with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Rev. Worth Mayes and Rev. Donnie Harbers officiating. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Earp died Sun., Jan. 7. Born May 27, 1928 in Haskell County near Weinert, he was a lifelong resident of the community. He served in the Korean War as a Corporal in the Army. He was a former board member of Weinert ISD, a board member of the Weinert Gin, and a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Weinert. He enjoyed farming, driving the tractor and hoeing the weeds from the cotton patch.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Jr. and

Ruth Earp and a sister, Elizabeth Heiskell of Pampa. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Smith Earp of Weinert; two daughters, Karen Ratliff of Haskell and Kelly Hutchinson of Abilene; one son, John Wesley Earp IV of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Jeremy Harlan, Lynzie Harlan, Hagen Hutchinson and Wes Hutchinson; one brother W. H. "Hood" Earp of Pampa; and one sister, Darlene Dunnam of Nocona.

Pallbearers were Toby Yates, Jerry Walker, Jerry Hester, Joe Yates, Kregg Sanders and Melvin Vojtkufka.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church in Weinert, P. O. Box 98, Weinert, Texas 76388 or Weinert Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 188, Weinert, Texas 76388 or donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Ruric Nevel Wilson

Funeral services for Ruric Nevel Wilson, 76, of Rule were held Sat., Jan. 6 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley and Mike Herring officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wilson died Wed., Jan. 3 at his home in Rule. Born Jan. 28, 1924 in Haskell County, he served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He married Allene Brown-Jan. 18, 1947 in Stamford. He farmed for 51 years and was a member of First Baptist Church in Rule.

He was preceded in death by five sisters. Survivors include his wife, Allene of Rule; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Kenny Tanner of Rule and Pam and Greg Heezen of Odessa; one son and daugh-

ter-in-law, Jack and Suzie Wilson of Rule; two brothers, Lee Roy Wilson of Rule and Billy Wilson of Petersburg; two sisters, Elizabeth Byrd of Rochester and Cleo Gann of Rule; four grandchildren, Jason Tanner and Deborah Wilson, both of Rule, Kenna West of Lubbock, and Denise Manske of Stamford; and one great grandchild, Braden Tanner.

Pallbearers were nephews, Steve Saffel, Vance Saffel, Kenneth Saffel, Clifford Byrd, Hank Byrd, Roy Don Wilson and Richard Blair.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Harvesters Sunday School Class.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church in Rule. PD. NOTICE

Allen Davis

Funeral services for Allen Davis, 91, of Rule were held Mon., Jan. 8 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley and Rev. J. R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Davis died Sat., Jan. 6 at a local nursing home. Born Nov. 17, 1909 in Haskell, he married Minna Baite Sept. 19, 1934 in Aspermont. She preceded him in death May 17, 1994. He was a farmer and rancher. He had been a member of Rule Masonic Lodge #954 for 64 years and

was a Past Master of the lodge, and past 91st District Deputy. He was a member of Rule First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Roy Smith of Rule; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Laverne Cude of Arlington; five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Josh Smith, Christopher Bartley, Speedy Smith, Jack Jones, Robert Dennis and Jerry Beasley. PD. NOTICE

James Stocks named Six-Man Football's Most Valuable Player



JAMES STOCKS

Grandfalls-Royalty High School student, James Stocks, the son of J. D. and Karen Stocks of Grandfalls, grandson of Doyle

McKennon of Rule and great-grandson of Evelyn McKennon of Hamlin, has been awarded the Associated Press Six-Man Football's Most Valuable Player

Winners were announced during halftime of the Class 5A, Division II Texas Bowl, Dec. 23.

Honors received by Stocks this season include the District 7 MVP, named to the All-Region II All-State Team, The Odessa American All-Permian Basin Team, the San Angelo Standard Times All-West Texas Team, Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine and Fox Sports Net 2000 Player's of the Year.

Stocks ran for over 1000 yards for three straight years for the Grandfalls-Royalty Cowboys. In the '99 season he rushed for 2054 yards and 2504 in the 2000 season.

He was instrumental in the team's playoff success in the '98, '99, '2000 seasons, and helped lead Grandfalls to this year's state quarterfinals for the second consecutive season. The Cowboys' 2000 season ended with a hard-fought loss to Whitharral in the quarterfinals.

James Stocks is quick to give credit to teammates for the success of the team. Six members of the team were picked to the All-District 7 team.

Grandfalls Assistant Coach Rusty Stocks is the son of Jerry and Betty Stocks of Haskell.

James Stocks is a valedictorian candidate at Grandfalls, and participates in the concurrent credit courses offered through Odessa College. He has participated in the Class A State Debate Contest the last two years.

Pipeline group to conduct contractor awareness program February 6 in Abilene

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tues., Feb. 6, at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 North 6th, in Abilene. The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities. A free dinner will be catered by Joe Allen's Pit Barbecue for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor

counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities. The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

Each year many lives are injured

or lost, plus millions of dollars in repairs and lost products are incurred due to "third party" incidents - someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber-optic cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party. This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations.

For more information call (800) 982-8752 or visit our web site at www.pipelinegroup.com.

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John Rousseau, Haskell
Sylvia Roberts, Haskell
Leo Hengstenberg, Haskell

Dismissals
Williard Skipworth, Delma Adams, Alonzo Galan, Grace Skipworth

Consumer's lack of knowledge costly

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Lack of consumer knowledge costs each person an average of \$1,000 each year. But a new Extension publication may help you save money on many purchases. Chairman of the Consumer Literacy Consortium Stephen Brobeck says consumers were the least knowledgeable about how they could save money on several key purchases.

Nearly three out of five of the respondents in the survey incorrectly believed that new car buyers have three days to change their mind about the purchase. Extension family economist Nancy Granovsky says there is no legal right of rescission on car purchases. Almost half incorrectly

believed it is always wise to buy rental car insurance. In fact, this typically expensive coverage is often redundant.

Granovsky says nearly one-third still believed that all savings and investment products sold by banks are federally insured.

The Consumer Literacy Coalition is a working group of representatives from federal and state government agencies, consumer groups, business organizations and educational institutions that seeks to educate consumers.

To receive their publication, "66 Ways to Save Money," contact Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent-FCS at the Haskell County Extension Office, 101 South Ave. D, Haskell or call (940) 864-2546.

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN MARK LOPEZ

Silvas, Lopez married Jan. 6

Bridgett Renae Silvas and John Mark Lopez, both of Haskell, were married Jan. 6 in a ceremony at the New Covenant Foursquare Church.

The bride is the daughter of Johnny and Rachael Silvas of Haskell. The bridegroom's parents are Manuel and Jane Gonzales of Rochester.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown with train and veil of white. She carried white roses.

Maid of honor was Stevie Denae Silvas. She wore a black full length halter-style dress trimmed

with sequins.

Faith Silvas was the flower girl, and Bryant Castillo was the ring bearer.

Manuel Gonzales, Jr. served as best man. Douglas Silvas was the usher.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Haskell National Bank Building.

The bride is employed with SAC West in Abilene. She will be attending cosmetology school.

The groom attended South Plains College and is a member of the U. S. Marines.



MR. AND MRS. DOYLE HIGH

Bowen, High wed December 30

Doyle High of Haskell and Bettie Bowen of Abilene were married Sat., Dec. 30 at Saint Peter's by the Lake Episcopal Church near Graford.

Bronwyn Bowen of Abilene and sister of the bride served as the bride's attendant. Holli High Hiddessen of Isleham, England, daughter of the groom, and Kirk

High of Ft. Worth, son of the groom, served as attendants for the groom.

Until recently, Doyle has owned The Drug Store in Haskell and Bettie has worked for Hendrick Hospice Care in Abilene. The couple plan to reside in Haskell and Abilene.

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Garden Club meets

December 14 members of the Haskell Garden Club met in the beautiful decorated home of member, Hazel Hale. Being a collector of Santas—they were everywhere.

The meeting was called to order by first vice president, Melyn Wittenborn. Mary Kammenga gave the invocation. Secretary Betty LeFevre called the roll and read the minutes. Eight answered roll call. They were Hazel Hale, Ruby Holt, Mary Kammenga, Betty LeFevre, Florence Peden, Erna Peiser, Melyn Wittenborn and Jo Ann

Grant plus two visitors, Grace Hannsz and Mayre Tumbow.

A report was given by Florence Peden on the planting of 2000 daffodil bulbs in the city park and the two trees that are to be planted on Arbor Day.

Wittenborn concluded the meeting with a prayer.

Lunch was served on decorated tables, carrying out the holiday them with favors of cups with cakes to bake. Each member brought a salad and/or dessert to share.

Kretschmers hold Christmas reunion

On Dec. 23, the family of Herman C. and Mary Kretschmer held a reunion in the Haskell National Bank Community Building.

Attended by approximately 50 relations (and near relations), it was a gala affair beginning before the noon meal and lasting until late

afternoon. Cousins and grandchildren decorated the inside of the building. Games of Chinese Checkers and dominoes were enjoyed.

Texas was well represented as well as other states and even a great grandson sailor from Norfolk, Virginia attended. A family history was compiled and distributed.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Faye Gray is home after being gone several weeks to Weatherford with her sisters Pauline and Billie. Lee and Polly came on Friday. Saturday they all went to visit Judy and family in Abilene.

Ernestine Herren spent two weeks in Calif. visiting daughter and son-in-law, Louisa and Bill Archibald and grandchildren Kelly, Joe and Will and great grandson Peyton. She says the weather was nice, but sure was glad to get back to Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon McFadden of Lubbock visited his parents Wednesday and Thursday.

Visiting from out of town with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman were Terry and Ruth and daughters Haylee and Caryline of Norman, Okla. and Keith of Georgetown.

Little Garet Tatum celebrated his third birthday with a party at the gym of First Baptist Church Friday night. Those who helped him celebrate were his dad and mom Christopher and Melissa and brothers Zachery and Taylor, grandparents Ronnie and Linda Chapman and Margaret Tatum, great grandparents Jack and Joy Chapman, aunts and uncles Creora Tatum, Clarence and Bo Tatum, Cloa Parsons and Ronald Chapman, cousins Cody Parsons, Rylie Tatum, Brian, Tamera and

Dakota Hearn.

Bernice Hilliard had her children home for Christmas. They are Kenneth of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hilliard of Odessa. They all went to daughter's Mr. and Mrs. Larry Short at Rochester for lunch. Bernice went home with Kenneth and spent a week.

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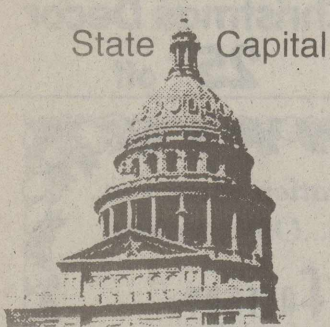
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OPINION



State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—Anyone who buys the old joke about a camel being the end product of committee work does not know much about the Texas Legislature.

While favorably reporting the paper equivalent of a camel out of a legislative committee is not unheard of, the committees are where things get done or not, depending on what you're hoping for.

"Fifty-four percent of the bills filed in this session will die in committee in the house of origin," said Texas Legislative Service managing partner Andrew K. Fish. "What happens in committees is tremendously important every session."

By logical extension, the folks who chair those committees are even more important.

Though several thousand bills will be filed this session (at a rate Fish says is about 110 bills a day), only 30 percent of them will pass.

The life or death decisions on those bills happen in committees with the whack of a gavel or the stroke of a pen.

Though education, prisons and privacy will be big issues, the biggest two issues will be passing a state budget and redistricting.

Because of that, two Senate committee appointments made by newly selected acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff last week are of major import.

The Mount Pleasant Republican, who had been chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee before his election as president of the Senate, replaced himself with a liberal Democrat, Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston.

With the economy trying to hitchhike toward the south, the state revenue pie, of which everyone always wants a big piece, will not be as ample as everyone had once hoped.

That means the way Ellis runs the committee will be of

critical interest to anyone with a financial stake in Texas government, from state employees hoping for a pay raise to the largest state agencies. The amount of money dedicated to everything from prisons to highways to welfare essentially hinges on this committee.

In state government, money always is the bottom line. But every decade, U.S. Census data necessitates another form of pie cutting: Redistricting.

If anything is any more important to lawmakers than funding and taxation, it is the size and geographic extent of their districts. Not to mention Congressional districts and the need for two new House seats.

Ratliff named Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio as chairman of the Senate Redistricting Committee.

A Republican who has played a key role in Texas open meetings and public information law issues over the last several years, Wentworth will be at the center of the redistricting issue.

The Senate has 12 standing committees. Ratliff surprised many with his appointments, which put half the committees under a Democrat, half under a Republican.

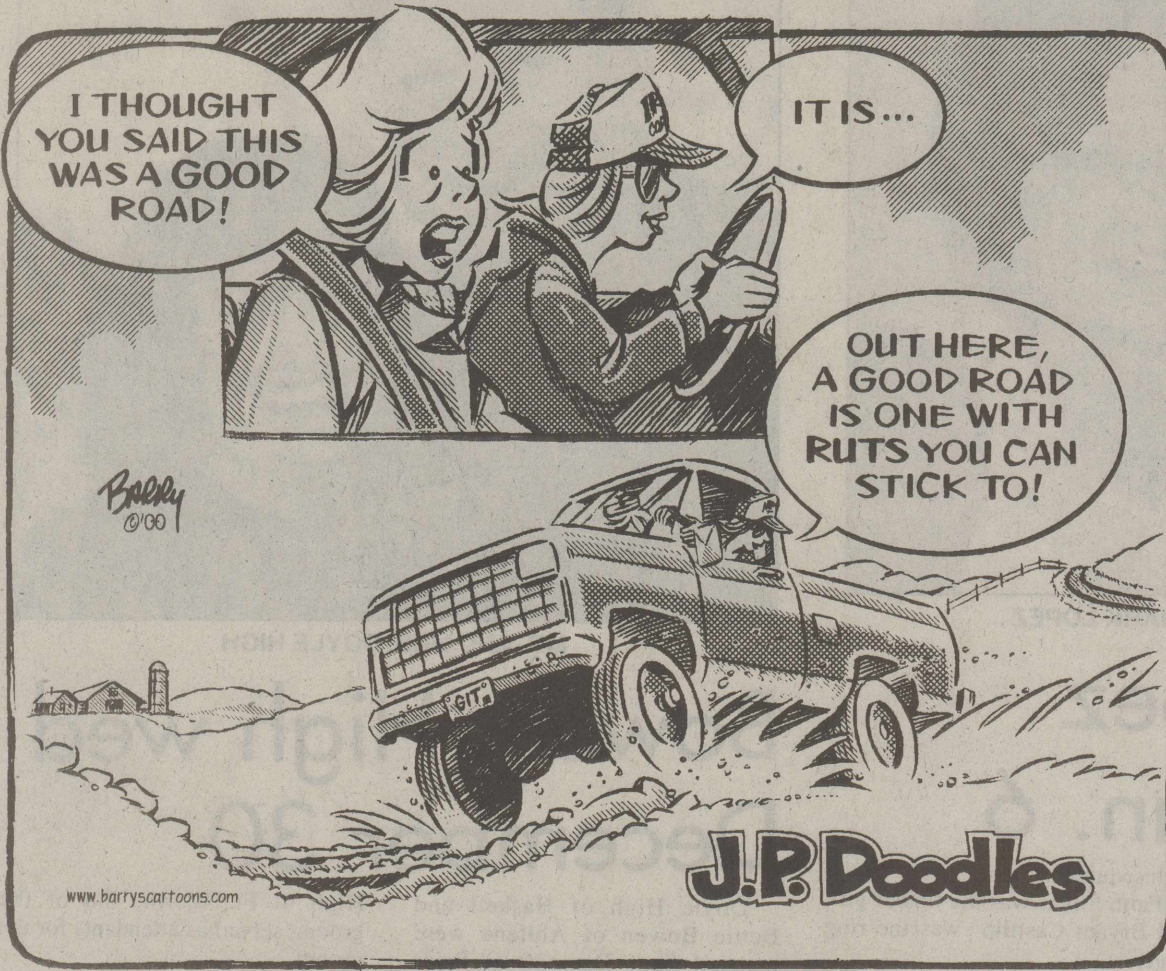
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With all the political news going on this has not gotten much attention, but car insurance rates in Texas are headed up.

State Farm Insurance announced last week it would increase its rates an average of 1.7 percent effective Jan. 28.

Other companies planning on raising their rates, and the percent of increase, include: Allstate Property and Casualty, 4.2; Geico General, 4.8; and Mid-Century, 9.5.

USAA, United Services Automobile Association and Allstate Indemnity, however, plan rate reductions. The decrease, though, will be less than 1 percent.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Sadly, many of us are seeing our friends and family members slipping into the frightful grasp of something we don't understand and feel helpless to help them with: Alzheimer's Disease.

What are the causes and how can we build up our ability to help lessen the effects, or even delay, the onset of Alzheimer's disease? It's a question and a problem affecting a large segment of the population today and into the future.

Although much research is aimed at curing Alzheimer's disease through drugs and other treatments after a person has already developed the disease, there's another way of looking at it; a way that is more relevant to today's generations because it involves taking action today.

Dr. David Bennett of the Rush Alzheimer's Center at Rush University in Chicago says, "We know some people have different tolerance abilities to tolerate disease." He believes that by promoting maximum mental fitness through lifelong learning, we can build up our ability to withstand the damage of Alzheimer's disease.

How does one build up his "cognitive reserves?"

According to Dr. Bennett and a growing number of researchers, it's a lifelong process you start in childhood with strong reading

skills. Out of over 200 older adults studied, those who attained the most advanced reading skills at a tender age were significantly less likely to have Alzheimer's disease.

Reading progressively more challenging books is important and, according to studies, so is learning a musical instrument, creating art, playing chess and generally any activity that requires active engagement. The neural connections children gain from these activities can last a lifetime, and appear to buffer them from cognitive decline later on.

However, a growing number of researchers who are exploring a new theory called "neuroplasticity," say that the new brain science proves that we are not at the lifelong mercy of our early learning environment, but that the brain continues to grow connections throughout life, even into advanced old age. Dr. Bennett's team has found that adults who continue to learn, to embrace new activities, learn new skills--in essence, to exercise their brains, continue to build up connections that in turn lower their risk of Alzheimer's disease.

Another ground-breaking study led by Dr. Robert Friedland, at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, has combined mental, physical and even social activities in adults, and

compared activity levels with the rate of Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Friedland's study found that the healthy older adults had been more mentally and physically active between the ages of 40 and 60 than those who later developed Alzheimer's disease. Intellectual activities were especially important.

In other words, it's never too late to start building intellectual muscle; stimulating hobbies have a pay-off regardless of the age they are started.

Baby Boomers who want to lower their chances of developing the disease later on are advised by Dr. Amir Soas of the Cleveland study, to "Read, read, read. Do crossword puzzles. Pull out the chessboard or Scrabble. Learn a foreign language or a new hobby."

Perhaps the toughest advice for our sedentary society, however, is to turn off the TV. "When you watch television, your brain goes into neutral," says Dr. Soas.

The upshot of these studies is that it's time for parents who admonish their children to turn off the "lobotomy box" and read a book, to begin to practice what they preach.

Instead of keeping our brain idling in neutral, if we want to lower our chances of having Alzheimer's disease at any age, today seems like a good time for us to engage those mental gears and rev the engine.

Breakfast improves behavior

Making sure kids eat breakfast could mean fewer behavior problems in school.

"Hungry children have more difficulty concentrating and are more likely to be described as depressed, anxious, fidgety, or irritable by parents and teachers," said Dr. Debby Demory-Luce, a registered dietitian with the USDA/ARA Children's Nutrition

Research Center.

They also have more trouble thinking clearly, suffer more fatigue, and are more likely to end up in the nurse's office complaining of tummy aches and dizziness.

A nutritious breakfast doesn't have to be boring or time-consuming. A slice of cold pizza and a glass of 100 percent fruit

juice or a slice of toast with peanut butter and a glass of low-fat milk provide much of the protein, vitamins, minerals, and energy that school children need.

Time-challenged parents are also encouraged to check whether their children's schools offer a breakfast program.

"Breakfast needs to be as much a priority for parents and children as homework," she said.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texas Tidbits

According to a 1997 fact sheet published by National Agriculture Week, Texas produces enough:

- peanuts each year to make almost 9 billion peanut butter sandwiches.
- wheat to make more than 8 billion loaves of bread.
- corn for more than 4 billion pounds of corn flakes.
- cotton to make almost 1.3 billion pairs of denim jeans.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and National Agriculture Week.

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 10, 1991

Penny Peden, daughter of Florence Peden, is listed on the Dean's List for the fall semester at Texas Tech University.

Haskell County native Rick Perry became Texas Agriculture Commissioner during public ceremonies in the Senate chamber of the State Capitol.

Brenda Park of Haskell and Jason Scott Tanner of Rule are listed on the Angelo State University's honor roll for the fall semester.

20 Years Ago January 8, 1981

Ruby Holt hosted the first meeting of the year of the Christian Missionary Society in her home.

County officials were formally sworn into office by County Judge John Wayne McDermott. Sworn in were Charles Chapman, County Attorney; D. L. (Jack) Speer, Constable Precinct 1; Bobbye Collins, Tax Assessor-Collector; Sam Basden, Constable Precinct 5; and Rhonda Moeller, County Clerk.

Brian Burgess, Haskell's State Farm representative, was named 1980's "Agent of the Year" at State Farm's annual New Year's banquet.

30 Years Ago January 14, 1971

Herbert Rinn was sworn in as Postmaster in ceremonies at the Rule Post Office. Rinn has been postal clerk at Rule since 1958 when he transferred from Old Glory.

Haskell High School's Charley Franklin, district 5-AAAA's outstanding half-back, has been selected on the honorable mention list of the "Top 100 High School All-Americans."

Gail Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paul Barnett, was chosen for first chair, alto clarinet on the all-region band.

Showing first place steers at the Odessa Sand Hills Hereford Show were Tammy Herricks of Haskell 4-H with a 963-pound Hereford and Sue Hager, also of Haskell 4-H, with an 884-pound Hereford.

40 Years Ago January 12, 1961

Haskell's first baby of 1961 is Jennifer Kay, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duward Campbell of the Matson community.

Mrs. Kathleen Diggs, speech teacher in Haskell High School, spoke to the Rotary Club in which she gave a "Recipe for Happiness" during 1961.

The Florence Pinkston WMU Circle of First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Paul Cothron.

Dale Graham, former owner and publisher of The Rochester Reporter, has purchased the Gulf Coast Printing Company in Victoria.

50 Years Ago January 11, 1951

Billy Davis, triple-threat backfield star on the 1950 HHS Indians football squad was named to the second string All-State Class A football team.

Marine Pvt. George Mullins recently visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Mullins. Pvt. Mullins is stationed at the Marine Corps Base, El Toro, Calif.

Mrs. Joe Tyson was elected president of the Progressive Study Club for 1951-52.

The Dennis Chapel Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Elwood Hackney. Miss Wirges, Haskell County Home Demonstration Agent, gave a demonstration on buttercake.

90 Years Ago January 14, 1911

At a meeting of stockholders of the Haskell National Bank the following directors were elected: Mrs. M. S. Pierson, G. R. Couch, M. Pierson, T. E. Ballard, F. M. Morton, S. W. Scott and John A. Couch.

R. L. Jackson has taken a job with John B. Lamkin in his blacksmith shop.

Robert Reynolds of Weinert spent several days this week helping in the Robertson Bros. Store here.

Dudley Boone was in the city this week from their ranch, visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Boone.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
The Haskell Goodfellows would like to express sincere thanks to those who helped with our 2000 project. The donations of money, food, toys, time and clothes are appreciated. A total of 46 packages were distributed to needy families.

This year's Goodfellows project was a community effort, which was spearheaded by the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Fire Department. Also assisting in this endeavor was the Haskell Free Press.

Sincerely,
Donnie Rieger
Haskell Lions Club
and
Linda Haynes
Haskell Co. Child Welfare Board

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Haskell-Knox Underground Water Conservation District opens office

The Haskell-Knox Underground Water Conservation District has opened an office at 135 North Munday Avenue in the offices of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority in Munday. The district was formed after an enabling election in January, 1999 in Haskell and Knox counties. Baylor County was annexed into the district after an annexation election in August, 2000. The enabling legislation provided for the Board of Directors to be elected from Haskell and Knox counties. Legislation is being drafted for

introduction into the 77th Legislature to provide for a name change to Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District. The legislation will also allow for a change in the length of terms for the directors and number of directors. This will allow equal representation of the member counties on the Board of Directors.

Mike McGuire is serving as interim office manager. Kim Brockett will serve as secretary for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority and the Haskell-Knox Underground Water

Conservation District.

The Board of Directors is Sammy B. White - chairman, Louis Lee Baty - secretary, Greg Clonts, James Dunlap, Bill Thomas, Dolan Moore, Joe Tidwell, Larry Short, Russell Beakley and Ed Murphy.

The District is formulating rules and regulations for the operation of the District. Copies of the proposed rules and regulations may be obtained from the Haskell-Knox UWCD office at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday or the County Extension Offices in Baylor, Haskell or Knox counties.



MR. AND MRS. JIM MCFADDEN

McFaddens to celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Jim and Argie McFadden of Haskell, who were married in January 1941, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sun., Jan. 21, at a reception in the couple's children.

Family and friends are invited to join them on that date from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Building. They request no gifts, please.

Two informational workshops to be held in January

Four Winds RC&D, Haskell County RC&D Committee and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be sponsoring two informational workshops in January.

The first workshop will provide information to participants on loans, grants and funding programs available to rural communities on water projects. The meeting will be Jan. 16 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall in Haskell.

Representatives from federal and state agencies will provide information on funding sources for developing and improving water systems for rural communities.

Scheduled speakers are Max Verzele, Larry Jones and Larry

Clements from USDA/Rural Development and Mark Hall from Texas Water Development Board in Austin.

A second workshop on "Grant Writing" is scheduled for Jan. 29 from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Dr. Bonnie McGee, Assistant Director of Urban Programs, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, College Station, will be the guest speaker.

For more information contact Four Winds RC&D at (940) 658-3680 or the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Haskell at (940) 864-2546.

Rehab Telethon seeks contributions

Haskell County residents have an opportunity between now and midnight Jan. 13 to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center by making a gift to Rehab 2001, the center's 31st annual telethon.

The Haskell National Bank employees and Haskell Lions Club are spearheading the local solicitation effort and have arranged for a phone bank to be in operation on telethon night at Haskell National Bank. Phone in your pledge to 864-2631.

The five-hour television special will be aired from 7 p.m. to midnight on ten Texas stations, including KRBC-TV.

Lee Ann Womack, recent winner of two Country Music Association awards, will be the

telethon's featured entertainer. Peter Marshall and Charlie Chase will emcee the show, which will also include entertainment by Florence LaRue of the 5th Dimension, rising new talent Jay Michaels and long-time Rehab telethon regulars Bill and Susah Hayes and Anacani.

"The telethon is a critical fundraiser for Rehab because we count on it to launch the New Year in a good position to meet the needs of more than 17,000 patients who'll look to us for help in the next 12 months," said WTRC president Woody Gilliland. "That's why we're so grateful to local volunteers staffing telethon phone banks...why every advance gift and every pledge called in during the show are so deeply appreciated."

Marriage Licenses

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

Guy Allen Trojak and DeeAnn Huggins, both of Haskell

Gregory Floyd Crawford and Denise Marie Patterson, both of Haskell

Jodie Griff Reel of Haskell and Summer Lyn Coulter of Girard

Raul Chavez and Jennifer Rodriguez, both of Haskell

Student in the News

Jim Robert Gannaway, grandson of Anita Herren and Lucile Gannaway, both of Haskell, graduated from Southwest Texas University with a B. A. in anthropology Dec. 23. The ceremony was attended by his parents, John and Jan Gannaway and sister Julie from Bryan and Luiza Reinzatch of New York City.

Gannaway plans to attend Oregon University in Eugene, Oregon to work on a master's degree in anthropology.

Thelma Dunlap celebrates 80th birthday

Dec. 24 Thelma Dunlap celebrated her 80th birthday with a party in her Haskell home. Approximately fifty well-wishers braved cold icy weather to attend.

She was born in Alma, Ark. in 1920 to Charlie and Oma Dean and was the third of twelve children.

Smith listed

Josh Smith, six foot, 170 pound senior at Rule High School has been named to the All-Big Country Six-Man Football Team.

Smith played both quarterback and spread back for 1,138 yards and 15 touchdowns with only five interceptions while completing 69 of 139. He gained 770 yards rushing on 76 carries (10.1 average) and scored a dozen touchdowns.

As a defensive end, Smith totaled 38 solo stops and 35 assists, and recovered four fumbles.

Be kind to your knees

Be kind to your knees - they carry a lot of weight.

When you walk, you put a force equal to about five times your body weight on your knees. That's one of the reasons knees tend to wear out as you age. Pennsylvania researchers recently reported that high-intensity, load-bearing exercise, such as squat lifts, can damage the knee cartilage, even in young, healthy people. They studied rats that performed motions similar to those humans use when they exercise. The rats that exercised were twice as likely to have damaged cartilage as the rats that remained inactive. Doctors plan more studies to determine exactly which kinds of forces cause damage to knees and how this

damage can be prevented.

You make your knees work harder even if you don't exercise, if you're overweight. German researchers found that overweight patients were six to eight times as likely to develop osteoarthritis in both knees compared to people of normal weight. The excess weight really gives knees a pounding during everyday activities, such as walking.

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say you shouldn't give up exercise for your knees' sake - especially because that could then put you at risk for arthritis if you gain weight. Just choose sensible exercises that don't put excess strain on your knees.

Colon cancer is curable if caught early

Alerting a physician about symptoms of colon cancer might save your life.

"Colon cancer is curable if it's caught early," said Dr. Kathy Liscum, an assistant professor of surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Colon cancer arises from polyps, or growths, inside the colon. The most common symptom is a small amount of blood in the stool. It's important

to alert your physician so he or she can perform a rectal examination. If a growth is discovered, you will be sent to a specialist who will perform either a proctoscopy or a colonoscopy.

Liscum recommends that people over age 50 or those who have a family history of colon cancer or ulcerative colitis, an ulcer in the lining of the large intestines, should be checked regularly.

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Final jackpot winners announced by Chamber

Ten winner names were drawn for the fourth Haskell Giant Jackpot Drawings, Sat. Dec. 23. Gean Blair was present to win a

\$100 jackpot on a ticket from Haskell Butane.

Sammy Nauert of Stamford was not present, winning one half of a \$100 jackpot on a ticket from Sport-About. Jerry Don Klose was present to win the other half on a ticket from Haskell Butane.

Gale Tidrow was present to win a \$100 jackpot on a ticket from Modern Way.

Peggy Lane was present to win a \$100 jackpot on a ticket from Modern Way.

Flint Nanny was not present, winning one half of a \$100 jackpot on a ticket from Heads or Tails. Carl Statham was present to win the other half of the jackpot on a ticket from Modern Way.

Jack Medford was not present, winning one half of a \$200 jackpot on a ticket from Haskell Butane. Martha Spitzer was present to win the other half on a ticket from Modern Way.

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Unsafe playgrounds can cause injuries

More than 200,000 children are brought to U. S. emergency rooms every year with injuries resulting from playground accidents. That's because many of our nation's playgrounds are unsafe, according to the National Program for Playground Safety. A study of American playgrounds found that one of the biggest problems was age-appropriate equipment. Most playgrounds don't separate equipment by age range or label which equipment is meant for

which age. Equipment meant for older children can be dangerous for young children. Another problem is equipment maintenance. A lot of the metal equipment in parks is rusty in places and wooden equipment often has splinters.

The surface under the playground equipment is important, too. Canadian researchers found that playgrounds with sand under equipment had fewer injuries occur than playgrounds built on grass. Most public playgrounds use sand or dirt, while most home playground equipment is set up over grass.

Doctors at U-T Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say the best thing parents can do to keep their children safe on the playground is supervise them. Keep kids on age-appropriate equipment and inspect equipment for safety before kids play. If you have a home jungle gym or swingset, consider putting a soft, sandy surface underneath it.

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

Q. One of my New Year's resolutions is to get into shape. I'm thinking about joining a health club, but I've heard troubling stories about health clubs and their contracts. What should I watch out for when shopping around for a health club?

A: Health clubs have become increasingly popular with people wanting to work out and get in shape. While many people are happy with the service they receive from health clubs, some are not.

Careful investigation before joining a health club is key. Visit a few health clubs you are interested in during the time of day that you plan on working out and compare. Is the health club crowded? Is there a long wait for the machines that you would like to use? Do you like the atmosphere? Are the machines, locker rooms, showers, and pool clean and well-maintained? Is the staff readily available for assistance? What qualifications or special training do the instructors have?

When speaking to a health club representative, find out if the health club offers free trial memberships. If it does, give it a try and see if it meets your expectations.

Also, ask how many members the health club has and if there is a limit on the number of people who can join. The health club may not have been crowded during your initial visit. However, if the health club is new, or if you visited before everyone started working on their New Year's resolutions, the number of members may change.

In addition, find out what days and hours you can use the health club. Some health clubs are open seven days a week, while others are

open to men on certain days and women on other days. If you're interested in putting in some extra work-out time during the holidays, get their holiday schedule. Some health clubs have shorter hours or are closed on holidays.

It may be wise to take a few days to read the contract thoroughly. Make sure everything the representative promised is written in the contract. What is the health club's cancellation policy? Will you be able to get a refund for the unused portion if you do need to cancel? Will you be able to use other branches of the health club or transfer your membership if you move?

When calculating payments, take finance charges and annual percentage rates into consideration. Check the contract for any additional sign-up or maintenance fees. Also, calculate the cost per week and per day to give you a better idea of how much you are paying to use the health club.

You may wish to contact the Consumer Protection Division (CPD) of the Office of the Attorney General for complaints on file against a particular health club you are interested in joining. While CPD cannot attest to the legitimacy of a business, it can advise you whether any complaints have been filed against a business in the last two years.

It may be to your advantage to pay a little more money and join the health club for only a few months. You can see if it meets your needs and lifestyle, and if it doesn't, you won't be obligated to years of payments.

If you do have a dispute with a health club, you can take advantage of the dispute resolution service offered by CPD. You can request a complaint form by calling (800) 621-0508 or download the form from the Office of the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Alcohol may not help relieve stress

When you come home after a tough day at work, having a drink to help you unwind may not be a good idea.

We tend to think of alcohol as a way to help relieve stress, but in large amounts, it may affect the way the body reacts to stress. California researchers found that exposure to large amounts of alcohol decreases the body's ability to respond to certain kinds of stress.

This could be a clue as to why alcoholics often have chronic health problems. When a person is ill or injured, the immune system needs to react. But if this response has been blunted by alcohol, then

the illness is not combatted. Alcohol also can keep people from responding to stressors that challenge the brain by keeping nerve cells in the brain from learning and remembering.

This doesn't mean that if you have an occasional drink in the evening that you're causing harm to your body. In fact, some studies have shown that this can help prevent heart disease. But doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas warn that if you use alcohol the wrong way or become too dependent on it, you will harm yourself. Find other ways of dealing with stress so that alcohol doesn't become a crutch.

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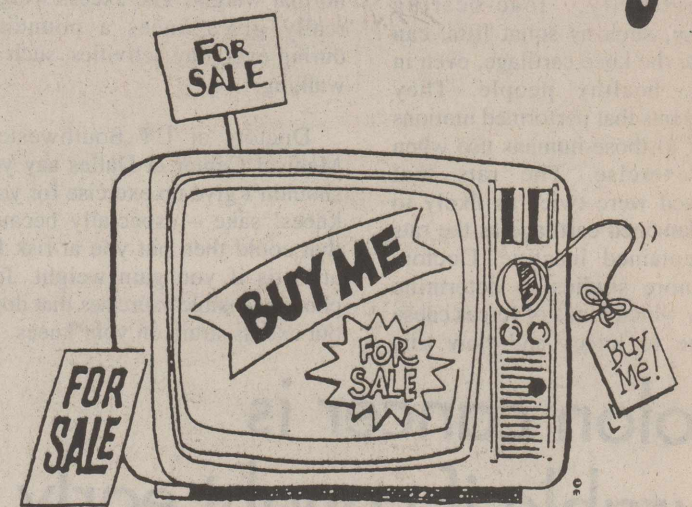
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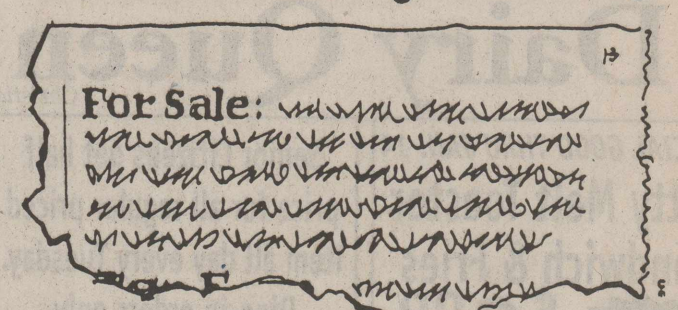
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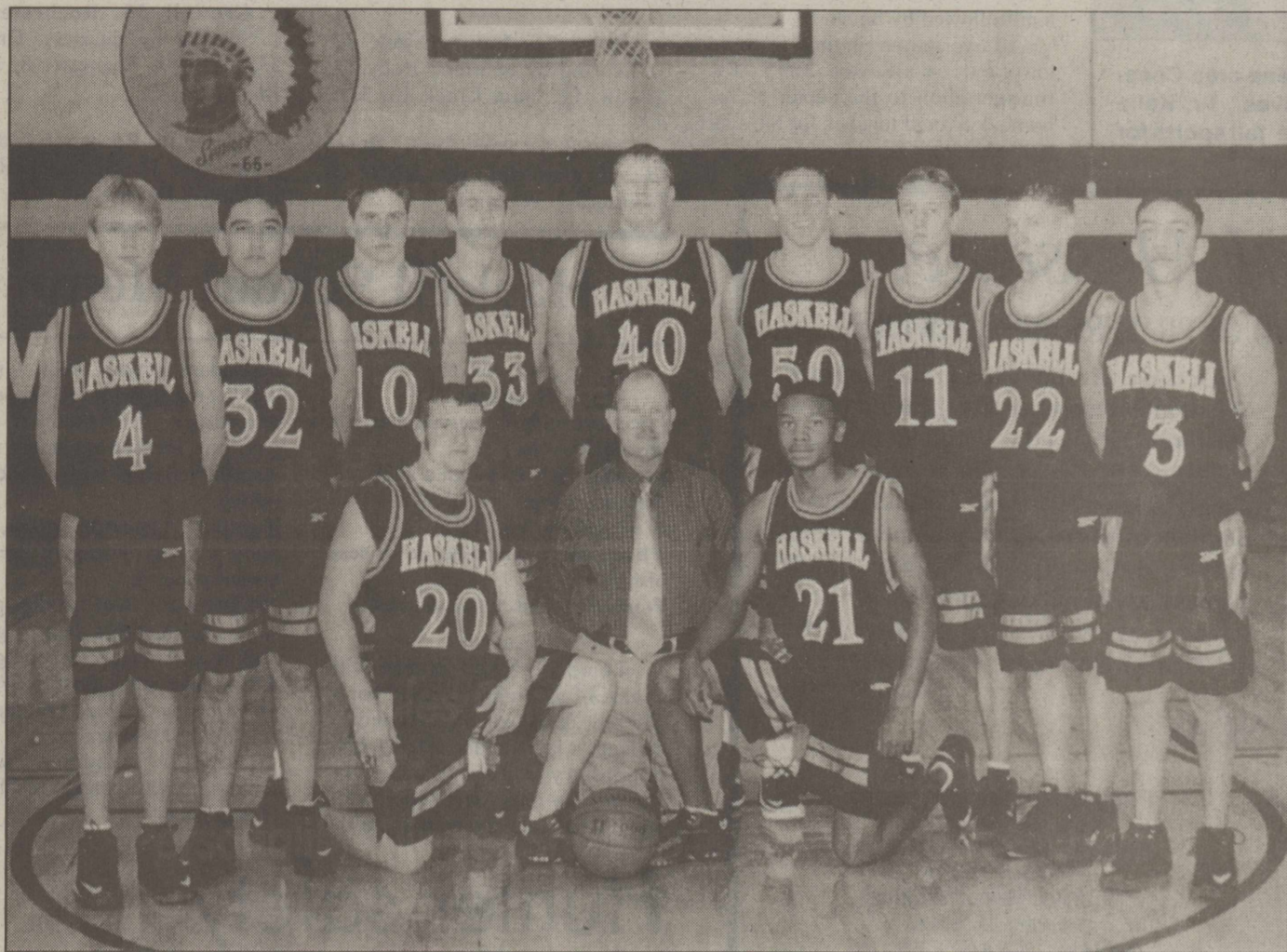
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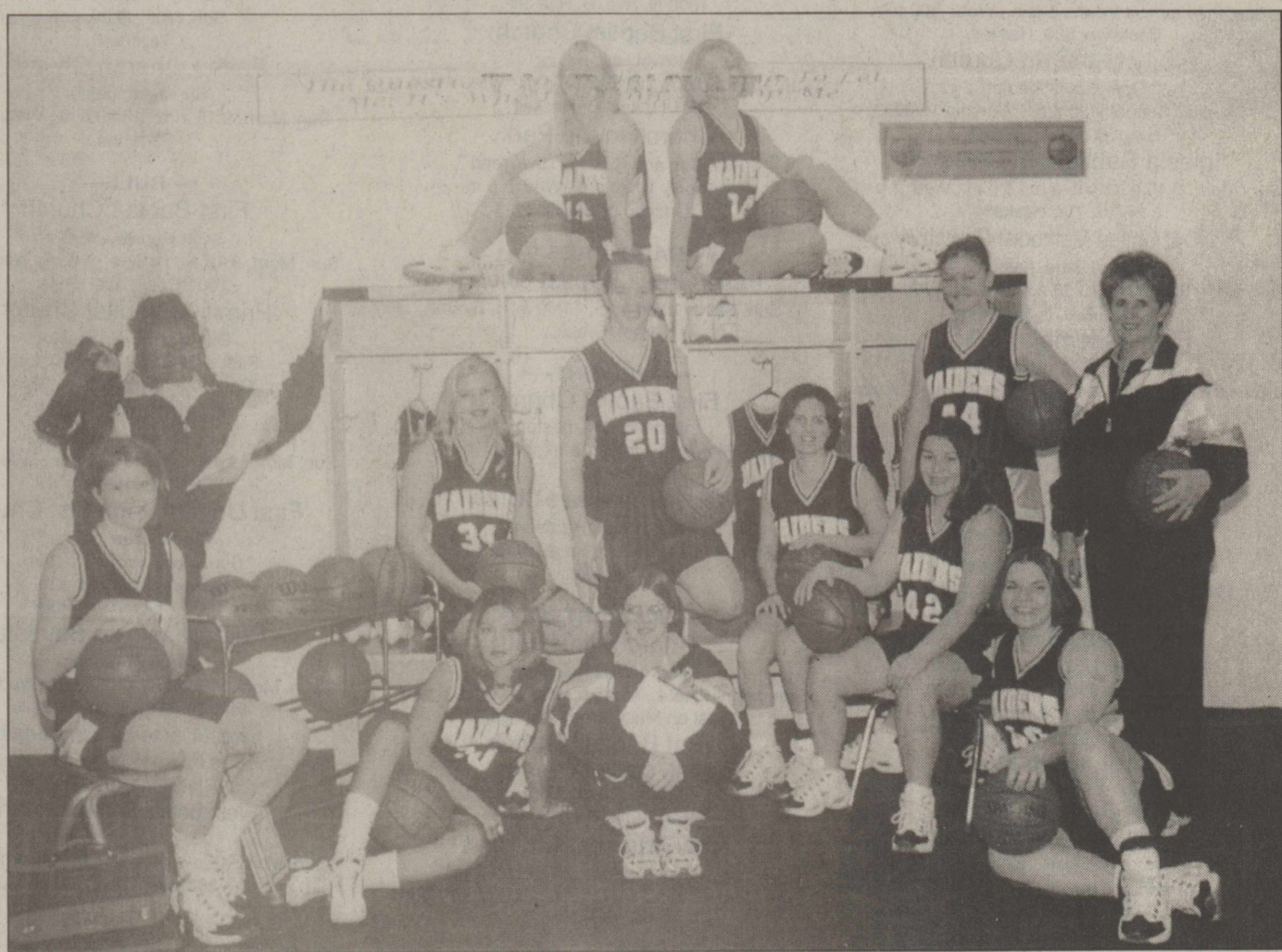
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ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., Jan. 15
9:30 a.m. Miracle Ear
Lunch-Spaghetti, meat sauce, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, fruited Jello with topping, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Wed., Jan. 17
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch-Meat loaf, mixed vegetables, greens, potatoes, brownies, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Fri., Jan. 19
11:00 a.m. Texas State Hearing
Lunch-Roast beef, gravy, potatoes, peas, salad, fruit cobbler, 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 Basketball scores

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Throckmorton 44, Haskell 40 (OT)
Scoring by quarters: Throckmorton 6, 13, 6, 10, 9. Haskell 15, 4, 5, 11, 5.
Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 12, Phemister 10, Bird 8, Thompson 6, T. Lindsey 4.
JV Score - Haskell 36, Throckmorton 10.

Haskell 44, Stamford 27
Scoring by quarters: Haskell 7, 12, 12, 16. Stamford 6, 7, 6, 8.
Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 18, Phemister 6, T. Lindsey 6, Price 4, Thompson 4, Buerger 4, Harlan 2.
JV Score - Haskell 39, Stamford 34.

Roby 71, Paint Creek 37
Scoring by quarters: Roby 15, 26, 18, 12. Paint Creek 13, 5, 6, 13.
Scoring for Paint Creek: Hearn 20, Brzozowski 10, Isbell 4, Gonzales 2, Walton 1.

Boys
Haskell 55, Throckmorton 38
Scoring by quarters: Haskell 15, 11, 7, 22. Throckmorton 8, 11, 8, 11.
Scoring for Haskell: Garcia 14, Huff 10, Webb 9, Loyd 6, Goudeau 4, Lindsey 3, Z. McGuire 3, C. McGuire 2, Hunt 2, Threut 2.
JV Score - Haskell 59, Throckmorton 17.

Roby 79, Paint Creek 38
Scoring by quarters: Roby 18, 34, 14, 13. Paint Creek 12, 6, 8, 12.
Scoring for Paint Creek: C. Hise 13, Hobbs 6, Hope 6, Biba 6, Medford 5, Sageser 2.

Crowell 55, Rochester 49
Scoring by quarters: Crowell 23, 8, 15, 9. Rochester 8, 15, 7, 19.
Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 13, Sanchez 13, Taylor 11, Hasteley 6, Hearn 4, Baker 2.

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 15-19
Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast on a stick
Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket
Wednesday: Pop Tarts
Thursday: Sausage & cheese biscuit
Friday: Peanut butter sandwich

Lunch
A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar is offered daily at the Secondary campus. Ala-carte line offered daily Secondary only. Snack bar Wednesday only—Secondary. Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Salisbury steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, pineapple tidbits
Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, baby carrots w/ranch dressing, banana pudding
Wednesday: Beef nachos, garden salad, salsa, pinto beans, gelatin with fruit & whipped topping
Thursday: Steak fingers w/gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot biscuit, royal brownies
Friday: Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle spears, French fries, orange halves

This Week's Devotional Message:



WE LEARN THAT THE RIGHT KIND OF PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

Throughout the Bible and in the teachings at our House of Worship we are continually told to put our trust in the Lord, but that is just what we fail to do when we say our prayers as though we were giving God a shopping list. Some of our requests are indeed genuine needs, but all too many of them tend to be frivolous and unnecessary, and occasionally even harmful. Therefore, we should not feel any disappointment when these trivial wishes are not granted. We should remember that the Lord knows what we really need without our having to tell Him, and our prayers to Him should simply acknowledge that fact and reaffirm our trust in His superior judgment, which enables Him to grant the right things. He knows far better than we do what is best for us and so whenever we pray, let us tell Him so. That's what prayer is all about.

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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

Church of God
Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
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
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.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.
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Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
Troy Culpepper, 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.
Rochester

SAGERTON

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

Faith Lutheran Church
Stan Leaf, 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.
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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. 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Arturo Jr. Flores
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.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

Hunter safety course to be taught at Quanah

Copper Breaks State Park in Quanah will offer the state-approved hunter safety course two times this year. The courses will be held Sat., Jan. 20 and Sun., Jan. 21. The course will be repeated Sat., Aug. 4 and Sun., Aug. 5.

Enrollment is limited, with participation by reservation only. Participants must be 12 years old to receive certification. Younger hunters may attend the course if accompanied by an adult, but they cannot be certified.

Ranger Woerndell will teach the course. He has been a certified hunter safety instructor for seven years and has served as a park ranger for twenty-three years. Woerndell will be assisted by park ranger Bob Hopkins, who is also a certified hunter safety instructor.

A non refundable payment of \$10 per person is required for reservation in the course. Park admission, normally \$2 per person, will be waived for class participants. Hunting licenses are also available at the park during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

For more information on Copper Breaks State Park programs or facilities, or to sign up for the hunter safety course, call (940) 839-4331 during business hours. Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.

The 12-hour course is required by law for all hunters born after Sept. 2, 1971. Proof of course completion must accompany hunting licenses. Course hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday with a half hour lunch. The class continues from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday. It is suggested that participants bring a lunch for Saturday.

Andrew Hearn is proud to announce the birth of his sister, ShayLee Dawn Merchant. ShayLee weighed 5 lbs., 15 oz. and was 18 3/4 inches long. She was born Dec. 14 in Amarillo. Her parents are Alan and Misty Merchant of Amarillo.

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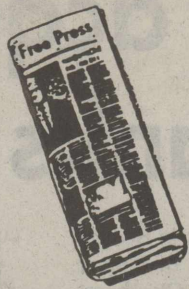
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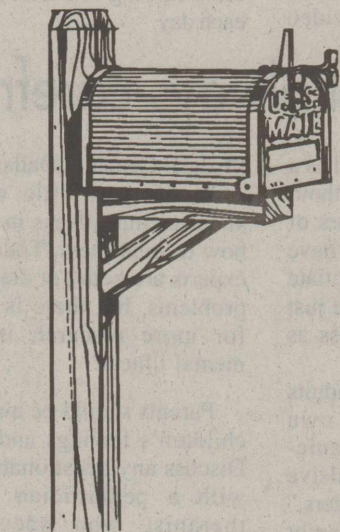
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for that child or children.

TDPRS is currently in need of more foster and adoptive families in our 30 county region to care for these children. TDPRS is in need of families that will care for older children, sibling groups and medically fragile children.

Orientation classes will be held in Haskell Jan. 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church located at 201 N. Avenue F.

If you would like more information about Child Protective Services, foster care, or adoption, contact Debbie Wellborn in Knox City at 940/658-3524 or toll free at 888/942-9943.



COURTNEY WILLIAMS

Williams to attend Inauguration

Courtney Williams, of Merkel, will attend the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D. C. Jan. 22.

This opportunity comes as the result of an anonymous nomination to the Presidential Classroom Program. Once nominated, Williams had to submit an application as well as letters of recommendation. The criteria for acceptance included grade point average, leadership skills and involvement in community or church. Her application to the program was chosen out of thousands from across the world. Three hundred high school juniors and seniors were selected to take part in this year's ceremonies.

Besides the swearing in of the 43rd President of the United States of America, Williams will also attend the Inaugural Ball and the Inaugural Parade. She will room at Georgetown University and will tour Mount Vernon, the National Holocaust Museum, the White House, Capitol Hill and Arlington National Cemetery. While in D. C., she will also meet with Congressman Charles Stenholm, Senator Phil Gramm and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and will debate in caucuses.

Williams is a senior at Merkel High School and the daughter of Benny and Luann Williams. She is the granddaughter of Betty Dodson of Haskell.

She plans to attend McMurry University in the fall with a pre-law major and a music minor.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 769 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Jan. 6, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Demand good on all classes. Jersey, Longhorns, Holsteins, cripples, and goons \$5-\$25/100# less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .35-.42; cutters, .36-.46; canners, .25-.32.

Bulls: bologna, .47-.54; feeder, .72-.78; utility .44-.48.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.35; 400-500 lbs., .98-1.18; 500-600 lbs., .92-

1.10; 600-700 lbs., .85-.94; 700-800 lbs., .82-.89; 800-up lbs., .78-.85.

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New video game may help kids with nutrition

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent A fun, fast-paced video game called "Squire's Quest!" might entice kids to eat more fruits and vegetables. Researchers at the Children's Nutrition Research Center in Houston are trying out the action-packed computer game at Houston elementary schools.

American children eat about two servings of fruits and vegetables a day. Yet, five servings are recommended for physical and mental growth.

Each child playing the video

game starts as a squire and trains to become a knight. Knights help to protect an imaginary kingdom, called "Five-A-Lot," from invaders bent on destroying its fruits and vegetables. As squires earn points, they learn about fruits, 100-percent fruit juices and veggies.

The video game is part of a classroom session in which kids make tasty recipes using fruits and vegetables. Then they set personal goals for making those recipes at home and for eating at least one more serving of a fruit or vegetable each day.

Childhood not always carefree

We often think of childhood as a time of carefree existence, without the responsibilities and worries of adulthood. But children may have difficulty as they learn to negotiate their way in the world and are just as vulnerable to mental illness as adults are.

"Children aren't just little adults and they may have their own versions of depression, manic-depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder or other anxiety disorders," says Dr. Graham Emslie, professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern

Medical Center at Dallas.

In the past little was known about mental illness in children or how to treat them. Today, he says, experts are better at diagnosing the problems, but there is a big need for more research in pediatric mental illness.

Parents should be aware of their children's feelings and behaviors. Discuss any questionable behavior with a pediatrician or visit a therapist who specializes in children and adolescents.

Munday bank acquires Home State Banks

Bob McWhorter, President of the First National Bank in Munday, recently announced that the bank has bought Home State Bank in Rochester. Both the Rochester and Stamford locations are now a part of First National Bank in Munday.

With the acquisition, the First National Bank in Munday has assets of \$50 million. The combined assets of the parent company, First Baird Bancshares, Inc. and affiliates are \$310 million. The affiliates include First National Bank of Baird with branches in Clyde and Abilene, First National Bank of Weatherford, Western

American National Bank in Bedford and First Security Bank of Beaver, Okla. Joe E. Sharp, Chairman, stated that he is pleased to expand the bank's territory to include Rochester and Stamford. Several of the affiliate banks are in rural areas and the agricultural expertise is extensive among the management team.

First National Bank in Munday has been a part of the financial community in Knox County since 1904. The tradition of a well capitalized community bank, with local people that the community knows and respects to handle

customer needs will continue. The transaction was approved by all regulatory agencies based on the financial strength and management team of First National Bank in Munday and First Baird Bancshares, Inc.

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Haskell Co. Gin Report

January 8, 2001	
Haskell	
Haskell Co-op Gin	394
Haskell County Gin	745
O'Brien	
O'Brien Gin	16,000
Rochester	
Rochester Co-op Gin	894
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	950
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	480
Weinert Gin	1,546
Total Bales	21,009

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Haskell Independent School District

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 BB Albany There 4 p.m. JVG-JVB, VG&B Reg. Band Clinic and Concert	13
14 HS Band Winter Concert 2:30 p.m. First Baptist Church	15 BB JH vs. Anson Girls Here Boys There 4:30 p.m.	16 BB Olney Here 4 p.m. JVG-JVB, VG&B	17	18 Haskell 7-8 BB Tournament City View Tournament	19 BB Hamlin Here 4 p.m. JVG-JVB, VG&B	20 Haskell 7-8 BB Tournament City View Tournament
21	22 BB JH vs. Albany Girls There Boys Here 4 p.m.	23 BB Stamford There 4 p.m. JVG-JVB, VG&B	24	25 7th Grade Career Breakfast Early Out	26 Holiday	27 BB Anson There 4 p.m. JVG-JVB, VG&B
28 Holiday	29 BB vs. Munday 9 Girls Here 6:30 9 Boys Here 5 p.m.	30 BB Albany Here 4 p.m. JVG-JVB, VG&B				

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