

### Softball games

JV-V Maidens vs Hawley  
Fri., March 28, 3:30 p.m.  
at Hawley  
V Maidens vs Cisco  
Tues., April 1, 4:30 p.m.  
at Haskell

### Baseball games

V Indians vs Hawley  
Fri., March 28, 4 p.m.  
at Hawley  
JV Indians vs Stamford  
Mon., March 31, 4:30 p.m.  
at Stamford  
V Indians vs Cisco  
Tues., April 1, 4 p.m.  
at Haskell

### Golf

Indians and Maidens at  
Maxwell Golf Course,  
Abilene, Wed., April 2  
8:30 a.m.

### Track

Jr. High Indians, Maidens  
Stamford, Thurs., March 27  
JV-V Indians, V Maidens  
Hamlin, Sat., March 29

### Calendar

#### 3-on-3 tourney

The Paint Creek Seniors Class of 2003 will host a 3 on 3 basketball tournament Sat., April 5 to benefit their senior trip. Two divisions: men and women ages 15 and up will play at least three games. Teams will consist of four members. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Entries per division is limited to 12 teams. Entries must be received by March 25. A concession stand will be available. To enter call Coach Joe Thomasson 940-864-6158 or 864-2471.

#### Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., April 3 at 9:30 a.m.

#### Boy Scout lunch

Troop 136 Boy Scouts will host a chicken and spaghetti lunch Sun., March 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Tickets are \$5. Proceeds will benefit scouts who will visit Sea Base Camp in Florida in July.

#### Sr. 4-H Club

The Haskell Senior 4-H Club will meet Sun., March 30 at 2:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Those attending will visit Care Flight in Stamford.

#### Josselet reunion

The Josselet reunion will be held Sat., April 19 at the Haskell Civic Center beginning at 9 a.m. Many activities are planned including auctions and an Easter egg hunt. For more information or details on events call Debbie Brister 940-864-2192.

#### All-night party meeting

Parents of Haskell Co. All-Night Party will meet Thurs., March 27 at 7 p.m. at the First National Bank meeting room.

#### Sr. Citizens banquet

Haskell CISD and Haskell Co. Commissioners Court will sponsor the Senior Citizens Senior Banquet Sun., April 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Civic Center. Tickets are free to those over 60, and \$5 for all others. Tickets are available at the Experienced Citizens Center, Haskell CISD Administration office, The Drug Store, any Commissioner and the County Judge.

#### Antique tractor show

An antique tractor show is set Sat., April 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Richardson's in Haskell. Events will include a slow tractor race, tractor parade and events around the square.

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## Go Indians! Go Maidens!

# The Haskell Free Press

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"The People's Choice"

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## Students compete in patriotism essay contests

Paint Creek students in Darlene Hopkins' seventh and eighth grade English classes and Steve Livengood's keyboarding classes recently participated in a youth essay writing contest.

The nationwide competition,

entitled "Patriots Pen," gives students in grades seven and eight the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. The contest is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and its Ladies Auxiliary.

The 2002-2003 theme for the writing essay is "My Pledge to America." The 300 to 400 word essay must be a contestant's original work. Winners at the local level are: Tara Myers, first place; Michelle Jones, second place; and Kristen

Barr, third place. The first place winner receives a \$100.00 U. S. Savings Bond and advances to district competition.

Students in Launa Medford's eleventh grade class participated in an audio essay contest entitled, "Voices of Democracy." This VFW sponsored contest consisted of a 3 to

6 minute audio taped essay. Winners at the local level are: Courtney Buerger, first place local and 3rd place district; A. J. Shaw, second place; Kasey Dunniven, third place and Bonnie Emert, fourth place. The first place winner receives a \$100.00 U. S. Savings Bond.



ESSAY WINNERS—Paint Creek eleventh grade students winning in the "Voices of Democracy" audio essay sponsored by the VFW are: back row, l-r A. J. Shaw, 2nd place; Courtney Buerger, 1st place and their English teacher, Launa Medford. Front, Bonnie Emert, 4th place and Kasey Duniven, 3rd place.



ESSAY WINNERS—Paint Creek students winning in the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary youth writing essay contest were: front, l-r, Junior High English teacher, Darlene Hopkins; Kristen Barr, 3rd place; Charles Lewis, VFW sponsor, Tara Myers, 1st place; Joyce Lewis and Kathy Stone, VFW Ladies Auxiliary sponsors; Steve Livengood, Junior High Keyboarding teacher. Not pictured is Michelle Jones.

## Pedal Pull results

The results of the Haskell Pedal Pull event held during the Classic Car Show have been announced. State qualifiers are indicated with an \* following their name. State qualifiers are the top two boys and top two girls in each age group. State vouchers will be mailed to them in July.

Winners are as follows:

Four-year-old: 1st Chase Gibson\*; 2nd Hayden Leach\*; 3rd Emma Sanders\*; 4th Griffin Buchanan; 5th Madison Minsell\*; 6th Cequin McIlwain. Five-year-old: 1st Jacie Klose

Six-year-old: 1st Blade Seigfried\*; 2nd Max Weise\*; 3rd Cedar McIlwain; 4th Taylor Buchanan; 5th Danielle Williams\*; 6th Kade Colley; 7th Eathan Griffith\*. Seven-year-old: 1st

Sydney Franklin\*; 2nd Elizabeth Bowers\*; 3rd Dakota Silvas\*; 4th Stormy Darnell. Eight-year-old: 1st, Jasmine Klose\*; 2nd Cole Hutchinson\*; 3rd Levi Grand\*; 4th James Bowers; 5th River McTasney; 6th Hunter Jordan; 7th Maci Colley\*.

Nine-year-old: 1st Brady Leach\*; 2nd Braydon Spradlin\*; 3rd Nathaniel Martinez; 4th Bryson Young. Ten-year-old: 1st Alec Goodney\*; 2nd Sara Weise\*; 3rd Simon Rodriguez; 4th Kelsie Adams\*. Eleven-year-old: 1st Scotty Rodriguez\*; 2nd Kaycee Wilcox\*; 3rd Katie Grand\*; 4th McKenzie Barrington; 5th Scott Villa\*; 6th Laura Bowers. Twelve-year-old: 1st Kimie Hutchinson\*; 2nd Jacob Rodriguez\*; 3rd Luke Terry\*.

## Rule school election set

The election for trustees for the School Board of the Rule ISD will be held Sat., May 3.

Two full three-year term positions and two one-year term positions are open. Those running for the full terms are Patrick Pace and incumbents Larry LeFevre and Rod Petty. Running for the one-year terms are Norva Smith and

incumbents Lana Culpepper and Rob Kittley.

Early voting by appearance may be done at the Rule ISD Superintendent's office beginning April 16 through April 29, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each business day. Polls will be open May 3 in front of the Rule ISD Administration Office, from 7:00 a.m., to 7:00 p.m.

## Kimbrough named to Hall of Fame

John Kimbrough of Haskell was among several area athletes who were inducted into the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame in Abilene last week.

Kimbrough played high school football at Haskell and Abilene and on the Texas A&M team that won

the 1939 national championship. The two-time All American fullback also played professional football from 1945 through 1948 for the Los Angeles Dons and the New York Yankees. In 2001 he was inducted into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame.

## Haskell County kids make mark at Houston show

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

While many kids were at Six Flags or on a family vacation during their spring break, some Haskell County kids were making their mark at the Houston Livestock Show. These kids and their families spent spring break getting up early, washing, feeding and caring for their projects which they have worked hard with in order to reach Houston.

Haskell County carried seven steers, ten barrows and two lambs to Houston, Brenham and Rosenberg. One barrow survived Brenham and made the trip to Houston, Jacklyn Drinnon's twelfth place crossbred.

Half of the lambs made it to Houston from Rosenberg. Meagan Kimbrough placed twenty-first with her finewool.

Six of the seven steers placed with four of them placing high enough to make the sale. Jeremy Hager placed

eleventh with his lightweight Maine-Anjou and Katrina Buerger placed thirteenth in the heavy-lightweight class of A.O.B.'s. The other four steers that made the sale did more than just that. They placed very high in each of their respective classes.

Chambray Bartley placed third in the heavyweight Polled Herefords, Colin Dunnam placed second in the heavyweight Simmental. Clyde Frierson placed third with his lightweight Chianina and Rusty Howard completed his show career with a second place finish in the middleweight Simbrah.

Other Haskell County 4-H'ers participating were Maggie Brzozowski, Randall Pace, Kerri Newton, Lauren Newton, Brooke Hall, Caleb Hudgens, Jim Young and Colton Young with barrows, Candace Brister with her lamb and Gary Frierson with his steer.



AT HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW—Haskell County students making their mark in the Houston Livestock Show were: l-r, Colin Dunnam, placing 2nd in the heavyweight Simmental, Chambray Bartley, placing 3rd in the heavyweight Polled Herefords, Rusty Howard, completing his show career with a 2nd place finish in the middleweight Simbrah, and Clyde Frierson, placing 3rd with his lightweight Chianina.

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## Cattle Market report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 416 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., March 24, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cows and bulls steady. Pairs and bred cows \$25 to \$50 higher. Feeder cattle \$1 to \$2 higher. Cows: fat, .32-.37; cutters, .34-.4150; canners, .25-.36.

Bulls: bologna, .45-.54; feeders, .55-.65; utility, .35-.45.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.60; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .82-1.07; 500-600 lbs., .75-.9250; 600-700 lbs., .72-.84; 700-800 lbs., .68-.76; 800-up lbs., .65-.74.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.25; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .75-.88; 500-600 lbs., .71-.78.

Bred heifers medium frame, 550-600.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 625-875.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 725-925; aged or small, 650-700.

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The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 579 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., March 17, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packers \$3 to \$5 less, stockers steady, feeders \$2 to \$3 lower.

Cows: fat, .30-.35; cutters, .34-.40; canners, .20-.30.

Bulls: bologna, .45-.56; feeders, .62-.75; utility, .38-.47.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.50; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .85-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .78-.95; 600-700 lbs., .75-.84; 700-800 lbs., .70-.78; 800-up lbs., .68-.75.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.15; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.00; 400-500 lbs., .80-.94; 500-600 lbs., .72-.84; 600-up lbs., .65-.75.

Bred heifers medium frame, 600-675.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-750.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-900; aged or small, 575-675.

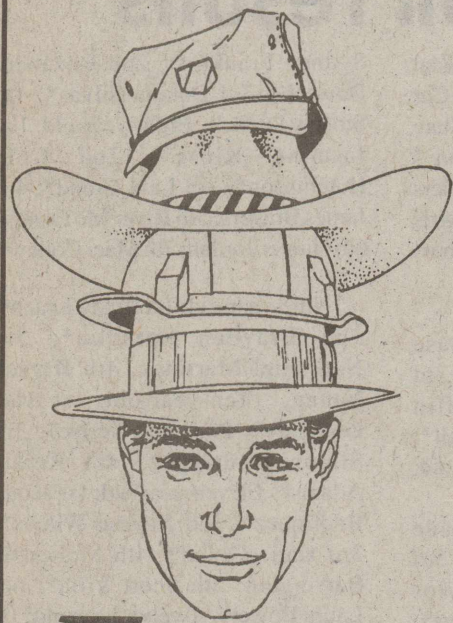
Jerseys, longhorns, holsteins, bad eyes, cripples, goons \$5 to \$25 less than figures quoted!

### Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., April 7 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

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## Obituaries

### Bonnie Royce Adkins, Jr.



ROYCE ADKINS

Funeral services for Bonnie Royce Adkins, Jr., 75, of Haskell were held Fri., March 21 at First Baptist Church in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley

Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Adkins died Wed., March 19 at Hendrick Health System in Abilene.

Born April 18, 1927 in Haskell, he was the only child of Bon and Opal Adkins. After finishing Haskell High School in 1944, he attended Texas A&M University before joining the Coast Guard and serving in World War II. After completing his law degree at the University of Texas in 1949, he returned to Haskell where he served as County Attorney for two years and District Attorney for twenty-four years. He served as President of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association from 1961-62. An active member of the community, Royce was a member of the Lions Club, American Legion, Masonic Lodge and Oddfellows. He served as the bank attorney for

Haskell National Bank for thirty-six years and as bank director from 1971 to present. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Hendrick Health System from 1991-2000. The First Baptist Church was an important part of Royce's life and he served there as Sunday School teacher for the Business Mens Bible Class for thirty-six years.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife of fifty-four years, Jimmie Lou Adkins; his two daughters, Bonnie and her husband, John Fouts of Haskell and Jill and her husband, Dr. Jim Hansard of Tulsa, Okla.; five grandchildren, Lyle Fouts and his wife, Kelly, Dan Fouts and Tom Fouts, both of Lubbock, and Hailey Hansard and Ryan Hansard, both of Tulsa, Okla.

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### Tommie Fay Coffman



TOMMIE FAY COFFMAN

Tommie Fay Coffman, 83, of Cedar Park died Fri., March 7 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. Burial was in Rule Cemetery in Rule Sat., March 8.

Born Tommie Fay Westmoreland April 13, 1919 in Haskell County near Rule, she was the daughter of Thomas Edward and Dona Chandler Westmoreland. She married Wm. Truman Barnes of Rule on July 7, 1937. He preceded her in death in 1958 in Phoenix, Ariz. She married Clarence Wm. "Bill" Coffman Jan. 14, 1967. He preceded her in death in 1966 in Cameron Park, California. She joined Frito-Lay in 1958, as an accountant, spending many years in

Hawaii and retiring in California. She lived the last six years with her son in Cedar Park. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her son, Don Clark "Tortuga" Barnes of Cedar Park; one grandson, Kevin Clark Barnes of Mesa, Arizona; four granddaughters, Vickie Lee Ann Newton of McKinney, Rhonda Gail Herrera, Robin Kay Barnes and Leslie Dawn Barnes of Mesa, Ariz.; one great granddaughter, Stephanie Lee Ann Moreno; two great grandsons, Daniel Michael Moreno and Wesley Clark Barnes, all of Mesa, Arizona.

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### Margie Ruth Elkins Medford

Funeral services for Margie Ruth Elkins Medford, 80, of Haskell were held Sat., March 22 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Dan Cox and Wes Horn officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Medford died Thurs., March 20 at an Abilene hospital.

Born Sept. 11, 1922 in Comanche County, Okla., she was the daughter of Seaburn and Lula Elkins. She married Roy Edwin Medford March 28, 1942 in Munday. He preceded her in death March 31, 1998. She was a homemaker and lifelong resident of Haskell. She was a

member of the Church of Christ in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Medford; and brother, Milton Elkins.

Survivors include three daughters, Linda Medford Jones of Levelland, Judy Medford Detamore of Stamford and Patricia Medford Decker of Stanton; one sister, Verna Boyd of Lubbock; grandchildren, Kyle Jones of Midland, Rex Detamore of Stamford, Misty Mathis of Stamford, Jim Decker of Taylor and Tamara Swinney of Haskell; great-grandchildren, Tristin Swinney, Will Swinney, Caden Mathis and Reagan Detamore.

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### Wayne Harris

Graveside services for Wayne Harris, 77, of Granbury were held Sat., March 22 at Willow Cemetery with Steve Beatty officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Harris died Thurs., March 20 in Granbury.

Born April 17, 1925 in Haskell, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. "Bud" Harris. He and his wife, LeVonne Overstreet were married in Pampa. They are the owners of Brown and Root Construction in Granbury. Harris proudly served his country during World War II in the U. S. Navy. He was a Mason in Odessa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Michael Harris; grandson, Michael Manske; and two brothers, Dale and Roy Harris.

Survivors include his wife, LeVonne of Granbury; one daughter, Kathy Manske and husband, Tommy of Sagerton; grandsons, Philip Manske and wife, Jennalea of Rochester, Brian Lee and wife, Joni of Sagerton; three great grandchildren, Tyler Manske and Hunter Manske of Rochester and Leann Manske of Sagerton; three nephews and three nieces.

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## Four Haskell County groups to participate in Texas Trash-Off

More than 1,300 groups are expected to participate on April 5 in the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, one of the nation's largest single-day cleanups.

Among those already signed up to participate are four Haskell County Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) groups. They are The Dan Griffith Family, Haskell County Sheriff's Department, Paint Creek Yacht and Polo Club and the Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club.

Last year alone, one million pounds of trash was picked up by more than 70,000 AAH and Keep

Texas Beautiful (KTB) volunteers all across Texas, making it one of the most successful years in Trash-Off history.

"The Annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off brings people across the state together to clean up our roadsides and take pride in Texas," says Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene District AAH coordinator. "The large number of volunteers who turn out for this event each year shows that citizens are genuinely concerned with beautifying the state and Haskell County," she added.

"Since we started counting in 1994, volunteers have picked up more than 14 million tons of trash on Texas highways," reports Doris Howdeshell, Director of the Travel Division for the Texas Department of Transportation, the organization that runs the state litter prevention campaign.

Haskell County AAH groups who wish to participate in the April 5 Trash-Off and who have yet to sign up may do so by calling the Abilene District coordinator at 915/676-6806 or Erlinda Mayfield at 940/864-8521.

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RET. MAJOR AND MRS. THEO L. MOORE

## Moore's celebrate anniversary

Haskell native, Retired Major Theo L. Moore and Marjorie Preston Moore of West Chicago, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Little Home Church by the Wayside in Wayne, Illinois.

The Moores were married Feb. 9, 1943 at Central Methodist Church in Dalhart.

The son of O. L. and Gracie Moore, Theo is a member of the Haskell High School class of 1939, and brother of Pansy Harris of Haskell.

Major Moore retired from the U. S. Army artillery in Boone, Iowa, in 1960. He retired from the Federal Aviation Administration in 1989 after 28 years of service.

The Moores have been members of the Little Home Church of Wayne

since 1965. Marjorie is a past president of the Wayne Women's Club.

Major Moore was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame in 1990. He encouraged the formation of the Chicago Flight Instruction Association, which promotes aviation safety. He is a service officer in the Veterans of Foreign War Post 6791, the American Legion Post 300 in West Chicago and is area commander of the Illinois World War II National Glider Pilot Association.

The Moore's children are: Cindy Moore of West Glacier, Montana; George (Kathy) Moore of Missoula, Montana; Garland Moore of Aurora, Illinois; and David (Linda) Moore of Huntley, Illinois. The couple has six grandchildren.

## Julia Harrell named Outstanding Volunteer

Julia Harrell of Haskell was named Outstanding Club Woman Volunteer at the Mesquite District 43rd annual Spring Convention held recently at the Ambassador Suites in Abilene. Selection was made from among nine clubs within the Mesquite District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, including clubs from Albany, Baird, Clyde, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Moran and Stamford.

A member of the Haskell Progressive Study Club, Harrell was recognized for her work in the club, serving as vice-president the last two years, and being instrumental in organizing a 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony held by the club on September 11, on the courthouse square. The project was recognized by the local club as their Program of the Year. She participated in the Mesquite District Workshops and coordinated the Progressive Study Club's trip to Austin where they visited TFWC Headquarters, the Bob Bullock Museum and had tea at the Governor's Mansion with Texas First Lady, Anita Perry.

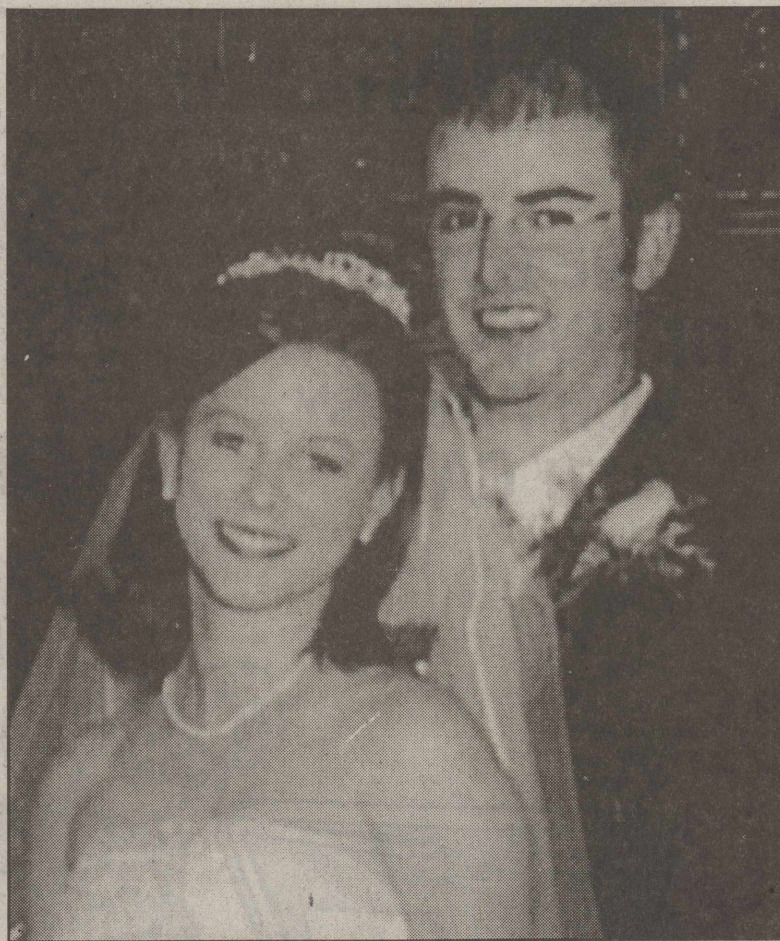
Active in her community and church, Harrell spends hours creating beautiful decorations for her

church sanctuary for different seasons and special occasions, adding to the worship services. As a business woman, she is involved in Chamber of Commerce activities and other community events. She is generous in donating her time, talent and resources to community projects such as the county library, county livestock show and other worthy causes.

She and her husband, Mike Harrell, have one daughter, Robin, who lives in Plano.



JULIA HARRELL



MR. AND MRS. JOHN LYLE FOUTS

## McCulloch, Fouts wed in Ericksdahl

Kelly Marie McCulloch and John Lyle Fouts were married Sat., Nov. 30, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ericksdahl. The bride is the daughter of Bryan and Cindy McCulloch of Haskell. The bridegroom is the son of John and Bonnie Fouts of Haskell.

Matron of honor was Nicky King, sister of the bride, of Decatur. Bridesmaid was Toni Diller, cousin of the bride, of Lubbock. Flower girls were Brenley Waters of Decatur and Brittan Webb of Amarillo. Ring bearer was Bergen Waters of Decatur.

Best men were Tom and Dan Fouts, brothers of the groom, both of Lubbock. Ushers were Heath McCulloch of Haskell, Ryan Vestal of Lubbock, Ryan Mauldin of Lubbock and Matt Blanks of San Antonio.

Kevin Hall of Haskell officiated.

The bride graduated from Haskell in 1996, from Texas Tech University in 2000 and 2002 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in Communication Studies. She is employed by Texas Tech University and Lubbock Christian University as an instructor.

The groom graduated from Haskell in 1997 and Texas Tech University in 2001 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is pursuing a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering and plans to finish in Aug. 2003. He is employed by Texas Tech University.

The couple honeymooned on the Grand Princess Cruise to the Western Caribbean in December. They reside in Lubbock.

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## Book fair set Apr. 7-11

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Haskell Elementary School April 7-11 to bring the best books and 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and until noon on Fri., April 11.

The book fair features traditional children's favorites as well as new works by popular authors. Parents

and teachers will find plenty to interest them, too. This is a great opportunity to buy carefully selected, quality books and products at affordable prices. The book fair is open to the community and everyone is welcome. When you visit the book fair, look for the Classroom Wish List display to see how you can help build your child's classroom library.

The book fair helps promote learning and encourages young readers.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Hyrum and Jean Richards recently visited with Jim and Sharon Phillips in Garfield, N.M. From there, they went to Albuquerque and visited son and family. Brady and Melanie Henshaw, Savannah Jean and Philip Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins of Stamford visited his mom, Joyce, Sunday afternoon.

Fannie Mac Barton and Erma

Liles went to Fort Worth on Thursday. On Friday they accompanied Kip and Kaye Derrick to Tulsa, Okla. There they met Kirk, Tiffany, Cody and Alex Derrick of Fort Worth and Brian, Kristy and Rachel Waltman of Kansas City, Missouri. Kip's birthday was celebrated before the group returned to Fort Worth on Sunday. Fannie May and Erma returned home on Tuesday.

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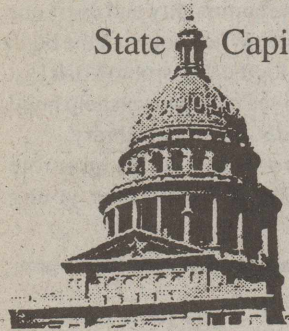
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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

### More state agencies could end up on chopping block

AUSTIN—With bomb-sniffing dogs and their handlers circling the building and metal detectors inside the main entrances, the business of state government continues inside the Capitol as the 78th Legislature deals with issues of money and law.

To cope with the ongoing budget issue, lawmakers are continuing to look at strategies to reshape the state bureaucracy.

Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas, has said that every state agency needs to be looked at by the Legislature so that members can find and remove overlapping efforts. Several agencies currently expending tax dollars may find themselves eliminated or folded into other agencies by the end of the session on June 2.

Swinford's House Bill 2, drafted vaguely so that committee action can sort out a plan, is expected to eventually enable many of the suggestions for improved state government efficiency discussed earlier in the session.

Among those are merging the Texas Railroad Commission into the Public Utility Commission and eliminating the Texas Department of Economic Development. The state's Aircraft Pooling Board also may find itself in a nosedive from which it does not recover.

One of the better quotes from last week came from Swinford: "If you look at all the bills filed every session, you'll find half of them are assigning some little goofy deal for some state agency to carry out. By doing that, these agencies keep picking up duties that have nothing whatsoever to do with their core functions."

### One Texas brag we'd never want...

Every Texan knows Texas is a big state, but the non-profit organization Population Research Institute has concluded that the entire world population could be accommodated inside Texas—with plenty of elbow room for everyone.

Texas has about 262,000 square miles, and with the world's population at more than 6 billion

people, the institute calculated that each resident of the world could still have 1,217 square feet in Texas. A family of five would get 6,085 square feet.

With demographers estimating that Texas will have nearly 34 million residents (we have 21 million today) by 2030, the institute's figures don't make that projection seem quite as crowded.

### TAKS test scores are in...

Whoever reached the conclusion that all the world's population could be squeezed into the Lone Star State had to use math to get there. Making that sort of calculation may not be much beyond the abilities of the average third grader.

The Texas Education Agency has announced preliminary results showing that 89 percent of the third-graders who took their first required knowledge assessment tests earlier this month passed. Called the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, the test has to be passed before a child can move on to fourth grade.

TEA had predicted that 85 percent of the children would pass the English version of the test and that 73 percent would ace the Spanish version. As it was, 82 percent of the children passed the test in Spanish.

One percentage that doesn't seem quite as impressive: To pass the test, students must get 56 percent of the answers right. (Back when dinosaurs roamed the earth and most school administrators were taking tests, a 56 on a test translated into a big, fat, red F.)

An effort was made last year to set the passing level at 67 percent, but it didn't get anywhere. The bar is expected to be raised for future tests.

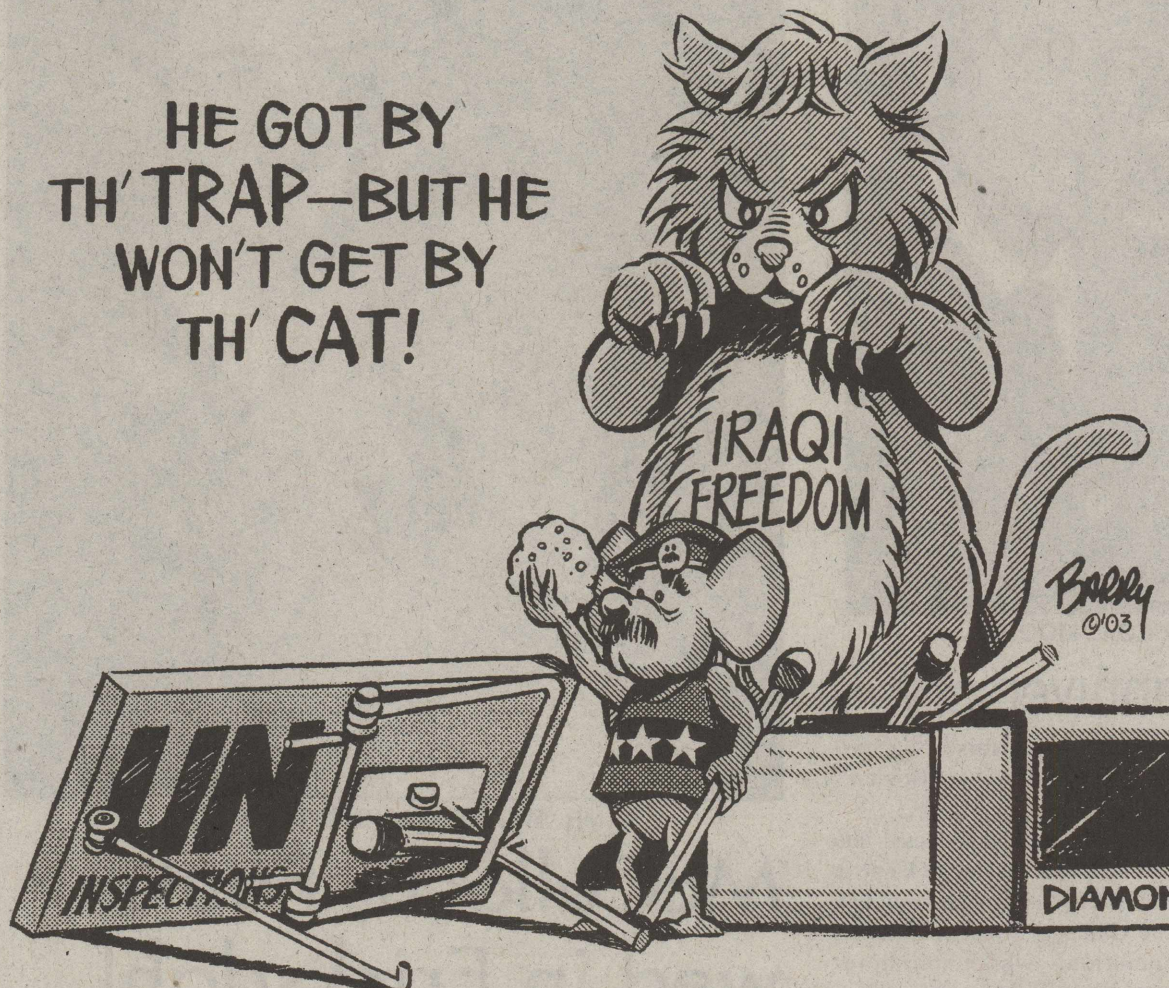
### Longtime lawmaker dies...

Rep. Irma Rangel, 71, died of brain cancer in Austin on March 18. The Kingsville lawmaker was the first Mexican-American woman elected to the Texas House of Representatives.

The South Texas Democrat had been a member of the House since 1977.

Gov. Rick Perry will set a special election date for Rangel's now-vacant District 43, which extends from Kingsville to the Rio Grande.

HE GOT BY TH' TRAP—BUT HE WON'T GET BY TH' CAT!



## From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

### Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in Bloomington, Illinois.

I am married 45 years and have five children.

I attended school at Bellflower, Illinois Township High School, and college at Illinois Wesleyan University, Texas Christian University and Hardin-Simmons University.

No one knows that I once de-tassled corn for Funk Bros. Seed Company.

My favorite TV program is "CBS Sunday Morning."

My favorite type of music is Easy Listening. So many songs are my favorites!

I like to go to museums, movies, visit, read and travel.

The last book I read was *Problem Child or Quirky Kid*, by Rita Sommers and John Flanagan. I am now reading *The Roots of Texas Music*, edited by Joe Specht.

My favorite place in Texas is Fort Worth. My favorite vacation spot in the world is Colorado.

My best quality is encouraging people. My worst quality is procrastinating.

I hate it when people pull out in front of me while driving!

My greatest personal accomplishment is coming to Texas and staying and marrying my husband.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is the support people give one another and, of course, the

Haskell connections around the state. For years it was Lane-Felker.

Watch next week for the identity of this Mystery Reader.

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### Update

March 13's Mystery Reader was Lonnie Meredith of Haskell, who grew up on a ranch around Marble Falls, and is now Haskell's pharmacist.

Lonnie and his wife, Kim, met after they were both out of college; he graduated from Texas A&M University and she graduated from the University of Texas. Kim was dating Lonnie's best friend, who also happened to be his room mate at the time. Romance blossomed and they married.

The couple moved to Haskell from Dallas in Sept. 1991, for Lonnie to go to work as a pharmacist for Doyle High at The Drug Store. He is now the owner of the business.

The Meredith's young son, Nathan, enjoys participating in 4-H Club events. The family attends the Haskell Church of Christ.

Having grown up on his family's ranch, Lonnie still enjoys helping his father-in-law on his ranch located in the Stamford-Eriksdahl area, where Kim grew up. One of the family's favorite outings together is to ride around the farm with the wagon and team.

Participating in rodeo calf roping events as a youngster, Lonnie still likes to attend rodeos, particularly in Calgary, Canada.

About continuing to make his home in Haskell, Lonnie said, "I know more people here and feel more comfortable here than I do in my home town."

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### Thoughts for the Week

"The man who is born with a talent which he is meant to use finds his greatest happiness in using it," said Johann von Goethe.

In his essay, *Labor*, the English literary writer, Thomas Carlyle, said "Know thy work and do it."

"Labor is life," he said, "and blessed is he that has found his work. Get your happiness out of your work or you will never know real happiness."

Thomas Huxley, who attributed much significance to Carlyle's words in shaping his life, wrote, "Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not. It is the first lesson that ought to be learned."

Samuel Johnson once said, "Life affords no higher pleasure than that of surmounting difficulties, passing from one step of success to another, forming new wishes, and seeing them gratified. He that labors in any great or laudable undertaking has his fatigues first supported by hope, and afterwards rewarded by joy. To strive with difficulties, and to conquer them, is the highest human felicity."

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago March 25, 1993

A reception at the Paymaster Gin in Weinert honored H. H. Grimes, a gin employee since 1949, he retired. In his 44-year career, Grimes was head ginner and module truck driver.

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce paid tribute to Wanda Dulaney when it announced the long-time Chamber manager had been chosen Haskell's "Outstanding Citizen."

### 20 Years Ago March 24, 1983

Bill Lane Sr. has announced his retirement from Lane Apparel and the sale of his stock to his son, Bill, Jr. The Lanes purchased the store from Gene Hunter in 1971.

Gene Hester, born and raised in Haskell, has recently gained statewide and national recognition. The Haskell native will be one of six Texas stained glass artists featured in the March issue of Texas Monthly. On a national level, he has placed as a semifinalist in the Fragile Art 82 competition, in the architectural/traditional category.

At Rule Chamber banquet Sam and Joyce Turner were named the Outstanding Couple of 1982. Also

presented with special student achievement awards were Rule High School seniors Darin Beakley and Mikeanna Wilcox.

### 30 Years Ago March 22, 1973

Robert Jones, a Plainview seed company supervisor, joined the Hale County Sheriff's Department as Deputy Sheriff. A native of Rule, Jones graduated from Rule High School in 1968 then attended Tarleton State College in Stephenville.

Dr. Horace R. Crawford, P. E. manager of the Fuels Section of Corporate Development and Research, Lone Star Gas Co., has been nominated to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award of the Dallas Section, American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

One highlight of the annual cattle drive, sponsored each year by James Powell and Pete Burkhalter of Haskell Livestock Auction was the barbecue.

### 40 Years Ago March 28, 1963

June and Jane Bell, talented twins from Haskell, and members of the McMurry College Chanters, were with this group when it whistle-

stopped through thirteen cities and towns of West Texas.

Airman Basic Curtis E. Watson, son of Lester W. Watson, of Haskell, has been selected to attend the United States Air Force technical training course for air policemen at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

At the annual spelling bee, under the sponsorship of the Haskell Junior Chamber of Commerce, June Hill was named Champion from Rule Junior High. Runner up was Anita Edwards of Weinert.

### 50 Years Ago March 26, 1953

Haskell will be host to an estimated 300 or 400 firemen and their wives and guests during the 29th semi-annual convention of the Mid-West Texas District Firemen's Association.

One hundred and nine Boy Scouts of the Northern District of the Chisholm Trail camped together at the Swenson Jog near Stamford.

### 100 Years Ago March 28, 1903

E. L. Hatfield, the well driller, was in from Marcy. He says he is keeping busy, and has four or five wells contracted.

## Haskell CISD Comments

by Billie McKeever  
Assistant Superintendent

Haskell CISD and the Haskell County Commissioners Court will sponsor the Senior Citizens Senior Banquet on Sun., April 6 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets are free to anyone over 60 and \$5.00 for everyone else.

This event has become a tradition and offers the community a wonderful opportunity to honor our senior citizens and enjoy a delicious meal in a gorgeous setting. Junior students, sponsors and parents spend hours constructing lavish surroundings for the banquet. The kids enjoy their banquet on Saturday night and then everyone else can enjoy the same on Sunday.

While all senior citizens are invited to be our guests, everyone else is encouraged to purchase a ticket and come enjoy the meal and the wonderful decorations. We need to sell enough tickets to help defray the costs of providing the meal free to senior citizens.

Tickets are available at the Experienced Citizens Center, the school administration office, from any commissioner, the county judge and The Drug Store.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Texas and this year's statewide theme is "Don't Walk Away From Abuse and Neglect." The Haskell County Child Welfare Board is hoping to create awareness of child abuse and neglect and help inform people in our community on how to prevent it. We believe that preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of every caring community member.

During the month of April, Haskell County schools will participate in a different activity each week to promote awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Week one is "Blue Ribbon Week," and there will be cash prizes for students whose names are drawn and who are wearing their Child Abuse Prevention ribbons. During week two, poster contests will be conducted by the elementary grades, with the theme "Don't Walk Away—Ten Ways to Prevent Child Abuse." Bookmarks will be provided for every K-12 student during the week three. Students will receive pencils and activity sheets during the fourth and final week of Child Abuse Prevention Month. With these activities, we hope to make our students a part of preventing child abuse.

Parents need to know that they are not alone in making our community strong and safe. The Web site [www.itsupto.org](http://www.itsupto.org) contains a wealth of information on how to prevent child abuse, where to go to get help with parenting skills and what to do if you suspect a child is in danger. Additionally, volunteers from the Haskell County Child Welfare Board are in the community sharing information from Child Abuse Prevention Kits. Contact your local Child Protective Services offices for more information. We cannot afford to walk away from child abuse and neglect.

Sincerely,  
Haskell County Child Welfare Board

## Student in the News

Hardin-Simmons University student Justin Custer of Rule, recently participated in the computer programming contest and conference held by Tarleton State University in Stephenville. The students were accompanied by sponsor Christopher Thibault, associate professor of computer science.

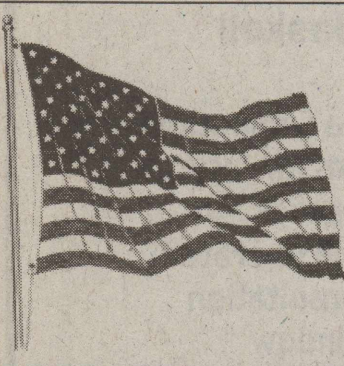
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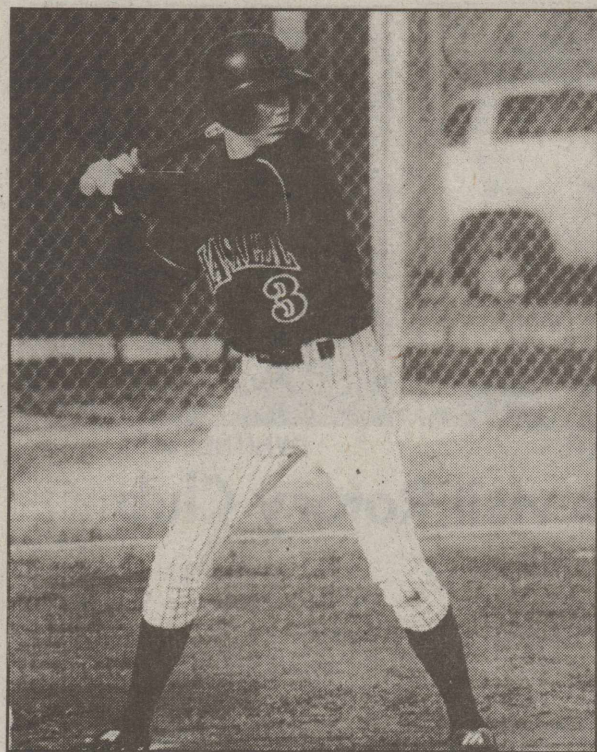
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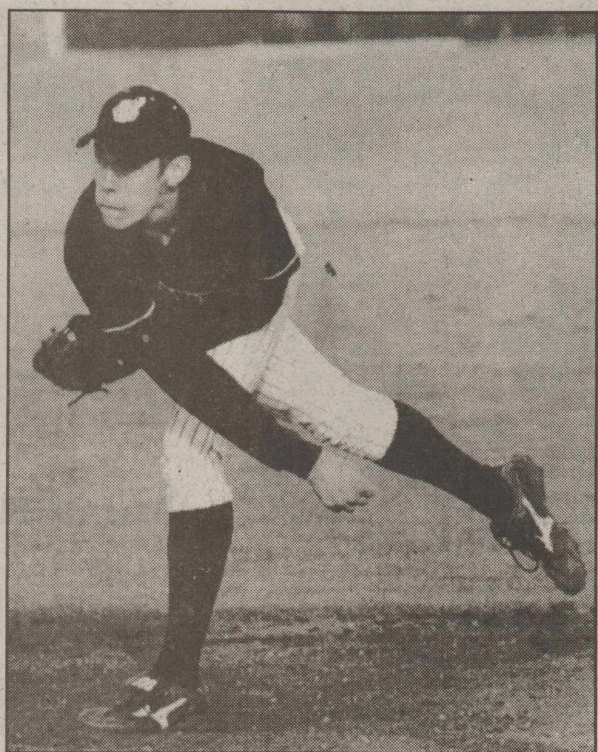
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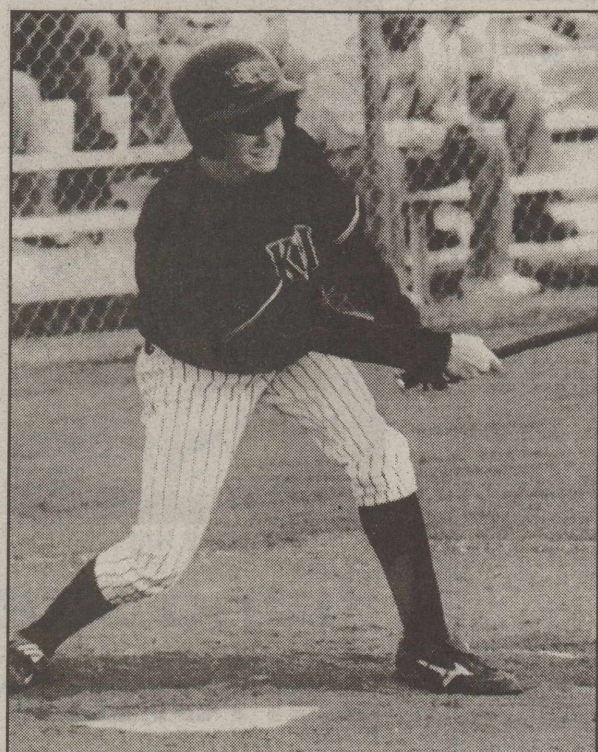
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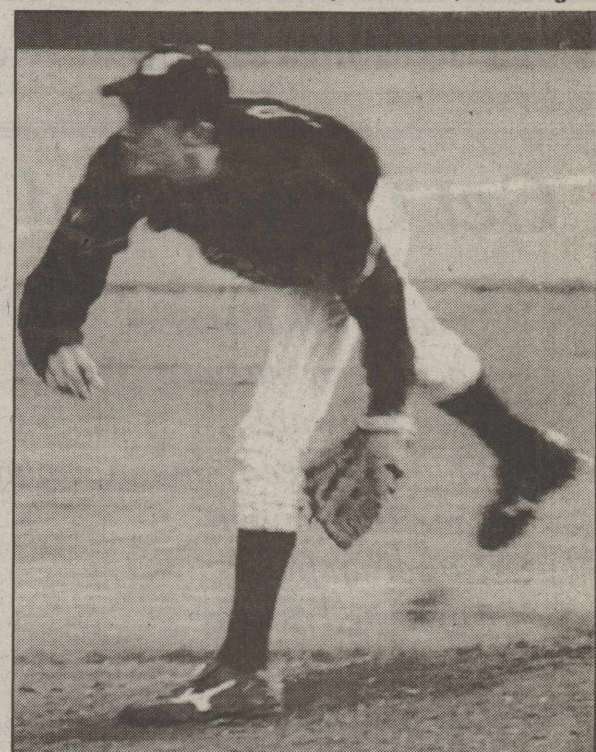
ATBAT—Haskell Indian Josh Webb takes a batting stance during the winning game with Stamford.



PITCHER—Haskell's Eddie Loyd delivers a pitch during the Indians' recent game with Stamford.



BATTING ON TARGET—Haskell's Austin Coker connects with a pitch the Indian's game with Eula.



INDIAN HURLER—Indian pitcher Kendall Mitchell sends one in during Haskell's game with Eula.

### Area track results

<b>Rolling Plains Relays</b> At Jayton	200: 1. Brown, Rochester, 27.92	<b>Stamford Relays</b> Boys
3200: 1. Brown, Rule, 11:08.55	Triple jump: 1. Loyd, Haskell, 43-5 1-4	Boys
800: 1. Kittley, Rule, 2:03.25		Girls
400: 1. Kittley, Rule, 51.56		Team Totals: 5. Haskell, 52.6
1800: 3. Brown, Rule, 5:21.51		400 relay: 3. Haskell, 52.43
1800 relay: 2. Rule, 3:34.50		800 relay: 1. Haskell, 1:50.93
<b>Girls</b>		1600 relay: 1. Haskell, 4:16.56
100: 1. Brown, Rochester, 13.35		

## Goudeau, Lisle named to Big Country teams

**Boys**  
Leon Goudeau, 5-10 senior point guard of Haskell High School was named to the basketball All Big Country Class 2A second team.

Goudeau averaged 11.4 points, 2.8 rebounds, 3.7 assists and 2.7 steals for the Haskell team, which finished with a 29-3 record. He was also named to the first team All-District 8-2A.

**Girls**  
Tara Lisle, 5-9 senior forward of Rule High School was named to the basketball All Big Country Class A second team. Lisle averaged, 17.5 points, 10.5 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 5.1 steals. She was Most Valuable Player of District 8-A, Division II and a member of the 6-man Coaches Association All-Region first team.

## Boy Scouts to sell pizza kits

Boy Scouts Troop 136 will hold a Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser to raise money for a trip to Sea Base Camp in Florida this summer.

Little Caesars Pizza Kits contain all the ingredients to bake delicious pizza, bread and cookies at home in minutes. Items range in price from \$12.75 to \$18.00 and Scouts will earn \$5.00 for each Pizza Kit sold.

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Delivery is scheduled for April 22. To order please contact Kay Smith at 864-3344 or 864-2240.

## Indians lead in district play

The Haskell Indian baseball team is 3-1 in district, with 2 games left in the first round of district play.

The team beat Cisco 2-1 in the first district game, lost to Anson, beat Stamford 15-1 and Eula 12-2. The Tribe played Eastland Tues., Mar. 25, and will finish the first round of district in a game against Hawley in Hawley, Fri., Mar. 28. Score of the Eastland game was not available at press time Monday.

Pitchers for the Indians are senior Eddie Loyd, senior Josh Webb and sophomores Kendall Mitchell and Ronald Chapman. Leading hitters are Josh Webb, Heath McCulloch

and James Jeans. Coach Kent Colley urges everyone to come out and cheer the team into the playoffs.

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Monthly Calendar of Events				Haskell Independent School District		
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Tennis Rose Park, Abilene Cisco at Haskell Softball V 4:30 Cisco at Haskell Baseball JV 4:00 ACU Code	B-G Golf Maxwell Golf Course GT In Service for Teachers 3:30 Auditorium	VG-B, JVB Track at Anson	Aspermont at Haskell Baseball V 4:30	Area OAP 5 Jr.-Sr. Banquet Middle School Track Meet, Cisco, District
6	7 B-G Golf, Shady Oaks Golf Course Eula at Haskell Baseball JV 4:30	8 UIL Concert & Sightreading at Anson Assembly 8th Grade from Midwestern District Track Meet, Haskell Haskell at Anson - Softball JV 3:30V 4:30 Haskell at Anson Baseball V 4:30	9 UIL Concert Cont. Area II L&R, Tarleton State	10 District Track, Haskell	11 Regional OAP & UIL, ACU	12 Regional OAP & UIL, ACU Area II CDE Texas Tech WHPD Queen Contest, Auditorium Stamford at Haskell Softball V 2:00
13 WHPD Queen Contest, Auditorium	14 Haskell at Ranger Baseball JV 4:30	15 Wildlife CDE Stamford at Haskell Softball V 4:30 Haskell at Eula Baseball V 4:30	16 Cheerleader Tryouts	17 Haskell at Eastland Baseball JV 5:00, V 7:00 Haskell at Eula Softball JV, 3:30V 4:30	18 Holiday	19
20	21 Haskell at Hawley Baseball JV 4:30 Boys & Girls Golf Regional Region I Shady Oaks Country Club, Baird	22 Softball Certification Hawley at Haskell Softball V 4:30	23 Regional Track ACU	24 Twirler, Flag and Drum Major try-outs	25 HS Band Festival Trip Disciple Now State FFA CDE-Tarleton	26 State FFA CDE, Texas Tech
27 HS Band Trip Disciple Now	28 State Qualifiers LR/Poultry Hamilton	29 SDAA 8th Math TAKS 8-11 Math TAAS Exit Writing Retest Baseball Certification	30 TAAS Exit Math Retest SDAA 8th Reading TAKS 8th Reading TAKS 10th Math			

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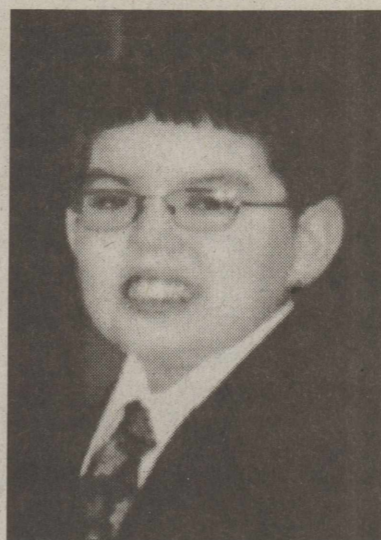
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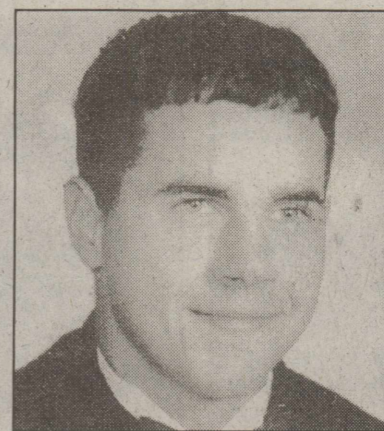
## Piano students perform recital

Pupils of Lynn Baldwin's Studio of Music in Snyder honored their mothers and grandmothers with a George Washington Concert and Tea, Sun., Feb. 23 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

From a stage setting reflecting the decor of Washington's Mount Vernon home, the pupils' repertoire was American compositions that they

will perform at the Pastoral Festival Mar. 29, at Lubbock Christian University.

Among those performing were Brooke Hall, daughter of Tra and Angela Hall of Haskell, and Jacob Kemp, son of Giles Bryan and Dee Kemp, and grandson of Jean and Giles Kemp of Haskell.



T. J. YATES



WHITNEY HISE

## Students visit Rotary Club

T. J. Yates is the son of Joe and Caron Yates of Weinert.

He attends the Weinert First Baptist Church.

In school he is active in tennis, National Honor Society and on Ag teams. Special recognitions and awards he has received are the National Honor Society, the National Math Award and numerous Agriculture awards.

His favorite things to do are playing basketball, drawing and football.

After finishing high school he plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Whitney Hise is the daughter of Vonnice and Jerrie Sue Hise of Haskell.

She attends East Side Baptist Church.

In school she is active in basketball, softball, FFA, Fellowship of Christian Students, and track.

Awards she has received include 2nd team All-District outfield (2002), and Miss Congeniality, Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen (2002, 2001, 2000).

She likes hunting, fishing and participating in 4-H activities.

After finishing high school she plans to attend Vernon College.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



During our childhood, we were often so carried away with April Fool jokes that we continued them the next day. Then, someone would admonish us with the little two-liner, "April Fool is past; you're the biggest fool at last!" However, after we grew up, we learned that fools are not hard to find, and that we don't have to wait for a special occasion but can see them all the year

round. They are the ones who consider attending their House of Worship a waste of time, because things are going well for them at the moment. So don't be a fool, but start now—if you haven't already—to seek God's help and guidance. Then, when something does go wrong, you'll be better prepared to solve it or cope with it. It's the wise thing to do.

### 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.  
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

**New Vision Family Worship Center**  
James Rincker, pastor • 864-5438  
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**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell

**First United Methodist Church**  
Allen Brooks, 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**  
Steve Beatty, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
Tony Grand, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

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

#### Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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#### New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
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#### First Baptist Church

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

#### Church in the Park

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

#### PAINT CREEK

#### Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

#### WEINERT

#### First Baptist Church

Chris Powell, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
Weinert

#### Weinert Foursquare Church

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

#### ROCHESTER

#### Church of Christ

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

#### First Baptist Church

Jackie Brem, 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

#### O'BRIEN

#### O'Brien Baptist Church

Kyle Gulledege, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

#### 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

Melissa Bemis, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
Sagerton

#### Faith Lutheran Church

Deborah Nissen, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Sagerton

#### RULE

#### First Baptist Church

Josh Stowe, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule

#### Primitive Baptist Church

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

#### Church of Christ

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

#### First United Methodist Church

Tommy Wilson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule

#### Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegs  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule

#### Sweet Home Baptist Church

Bill Trice, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule

#### West Bethal Baptist Church

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

### Haskell School Menu

#### March 31-April 4

**Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** Breakfast pizza

**Tuesday:** Breakfast pocket

**Wednesday:** Cereal, graham crackers

**Thursday:** Sausage/biscuit

**Friday:** Cinnamon toast

**Lunch**  
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with cheese

and ham.  
**Monday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce/tomato slices, pickle spears, assorted chips, apple

**Tuesday:** Chalupas/cheese, garden salad/salsa, corn/Spanish rice, Royal brownie

**Wednesday:** Lasagna, fried squash, garden salad, bread stick, peach slices

**Thursday:** Steak fingers/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, cherry gelatin

**Friday:** Choice: tuna sandwich or pimento cheese sandwich, pickle spear, curly fries, orange wedges

### ECC Calendar and Menu

#### Mon., March 31

Lunch—Chicken spaghetti, English peas, Copper Penny carrots, fresh garden salad, garlic bread, dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

**Wed., April 2**

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check

Lunch—Mexican beef a roni, creamy mashed potatoes, corn O'Brien, blackeyed peas, garden

salad, garlic toast, blueberry cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

**Fri., April 4**

Gospel singing

Lunch—Chicken tetrazzini, au gratin potatoes, fresh green peas, sliced tomatoes/onions, cheese biscuits, applesauce cake/suger glaze

icing, milk, tea, or coffee  
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

The Development Corporation of Haskell is sponsoring an important survey to assist in determining the number of children under the age of 13 whose parents desire or need day care services in Haskell.

If you are the parents of a child or children please complete this survey and deliver or mail it to the Development Corporation of Haskell at Box 1001, Haskell, Texas 79521 or drop it off at the office at City Hall at 301 S. 1st.

Your help and assistance with this important gathering effort is appreciated.

## Important Haskell Survey for Parents of Children Under 13 Years of Age

- Do you currently use child day care services? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
If yes, how many days per week? \_\_\_  
If yes, what are the ages of your children? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, do you pay for these services by the week or by the month? Week \_\_\_ Month \_\_\_  
How much do you pay for these services? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- What child day care services do you desire that are currently not available to you?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Why? Not offered \_\_\_ Too expensive \_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_
- If you are currently employed but do not use formal child day care services, who looks after your children?  
Spouse \_\_\_ Grandparents \_\_\_ Older Siblings \_\_\_  
Other relatives \_\_\_ Neighbor \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_  
Is this arrangement satisfactory? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- If you are currently unemployed, is the lack of acceptable child day care service preventing you from seeking employment?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- If you are currently unemployed, is the lack of affordable child day care service preventing you from seeking employment?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- What would you expect to pay (and be willing to pay) for child day care services going beyond "baby-sitting" to include a learning environment appropriate for the child's age?  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Wk \_\_\_ Mo \_\_\_ or don't know \_\_\_\_\_
- What is your family's annual income? (For statistical purposes only; please omit this question if it prevents you from completing the survey.)  
Less than \$15,000 \_\_\_ \$15,000 to \$19,999 \_\_\_ \$20,000 to \$24,999 \_\_\_  
\$25,000 to \$29,999 \_\_\_ \$30,000 to \$34,999 \_\_\_ \$35,000 to \$49,999 \_\_\_  
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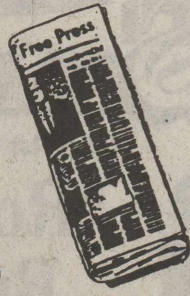
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**ORDER OF ELECTION**  
An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 3, 2003 for the purpose of: Electing three regular term trustees to Paint Creek ISD Board of Trustees.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Paint Creek ISD Assistant Principal's Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.

Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Max Calk, Asst. Principal, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, TX 79521.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2003.

Issued this the 20th day of March, 2003.

Sarah McCord  
Presiding Officer  
**ORDEN DE ELECCION**

Por la presente se ordena que se llavara a cabo una eleccion el May 3, 2003 con el proposito de: Eleccion tres turnos regulares al 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 entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 3:00 de la tarde empezando el April 16, 2003 y terminando el April 29, 2003.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Max Calk, Asst. Principal, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, TX 79521.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el April 25, 2003. Emitada este dia 20 de March, 2003.

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I would like to thank all of you who have sent me cards, letters and offered prayers on my behalf during my recent treatments. Your expressions of concern and sympathy helped me get through a difficult period in my life.  
Dwain Weise

The Lois Josselet Family appreciates every kindness shown to our family.  
Thank you for all the cards, flowers, food, prayers and support. We thank each person who was a part of the beautiful memorial service. The meal served by the ladies at the Methodist Church was wonderful. Haskell is a caring community.  
Floyd and Alta McGuire and family  
• Danny and Vickie Josselet and family  
Kyle and Kent Josselet,  
Debbie Pankhurst and Tena Myers

I would like to thank our family, friends and many neighbors who were present during my hospital stay and recovery. Your prayers, cards, visits and calls were really appreciated. Your greetings, hugs and handshakes were so uplifting. We returned home Thursday and the food has been very good.  
Please continue to keep Martha and me in your prayers. May God richly bless each and everyone of you.  
We love you,  
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# February sales tax receipts show decline

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has delivered \$446.4 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 4.6 percent decrease compared to February 2002. So far this year, local sales tax rebates

are down 3.2 percent compared to the first two months of 2002.

February's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in December and reported to the Comptroller in January by businesses that file monthly sales tax reports, along with sales taxes collected in

October, November and December by businesses that report quarterly and sales taxes collected throughout 2002 by annual sales tax filers. The state's share of sales tax reported in January was \$1.2 billion, down 3.1 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent February sales tax rebates of \$302.3 million to Texas cities, down 3.5 percent compared to February 2002. Texas counties received February sales tax rebates of \$24.8 million, down 2.6 percent compared to one year ago.

Another \$12.5 million went to seventy-five special purpose taxing districts around the state. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems received \$106.7 million in sales tax rebates.

Haskell County had a 18.89 percent decrease for February, 2003 of \$35,282.36 in comparison to \$43,502.97 for February 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$60,442.24 reflect a 3.60 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$62,700.09.

The City of Haskell had a 18.99 percent decrease for February, 2003 of \$32,024.63 in comparison to \$39,532.06 for February, 2002. 2002 payments to date of \$55,989.16 reflect a 3.21 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$57,851.45.

The City of O'Brien had a 146.56 percent increase for February, 2003 of \$516.50 in comparison to \$209.48 for February, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$564.19 reflect a 147.59 percent increase over 2002 payments to date of \$227.87.

The City of Rochester had a 22.16 percent decrease for February, 2003 of \$815.29 in comparison to \$1,047.49 for February, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$1,168.32 reflect a 12.11 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$1,329.42.

The City of Rule had a 27.71 percent decrease for February, 2003 of \$1,579.02 in comparison to \$2,184.48 for February, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$2,351.18 reflect

a 13.59 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$2,721.14.

The City of Weinert had a 34.47 percent decrease for February, 2003 of \$346.92 in comparison to \$529.46 for February, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$369.39 reflect a 35.21 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$570.21.

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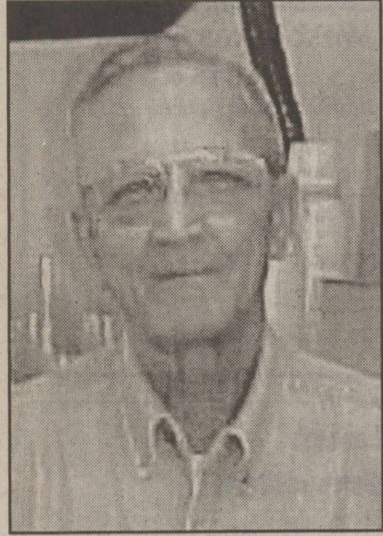
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# Leon Herring named Operator of the Year



LEON HERRING

Leon and Carolyn Herring of Haskell, local operators of Sonic recently returned from the annual

Moore/McCans Sonic Convention and Celebration held at the Harvey Hotel in Irving. While there, Leon Herring received the "Operator of the Year" award for the group of Texas stores represented. He also received the runner-up awards on Cost of Sales and on Increase for 2002. The Herring's son, Chris, who has managed the Burk Burnett store for several years, received the Mr. Consistency award as those for profit and labor.

Leon and Carolyn Herring, who have been involved in Sonic since 1975, and have made Haskell their home after moving here nine years ago, said they are looking forward to continuing serving their friends and customers in Haskell and the surrounding area.

# Entries sought for queen's contest

Haskell's 8th annual Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo and activities will be held June 6-7.

One of the events getting the popular celebration off to a good start each year is the queen's contest open for all Haskell County girls in grades 9 through 12.

Interviews with entrants for the Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen Pageant will be held Sat., April 12. The pageant will be held Sun., April

13. Entry forms are available at the following locations: Haskell High School, Paint Creek ISD, Rochester ISD; Rule ISD, Haskell County Extension Office and First National Bank.

Deadline for filing entries is April 3 at 5:00 p.m. to the First National Bank of Haskell or to the Haskell County Extension Office.

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