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Boys Summer League  
Tues., May 20 at Haskell  
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Aspermont vs Rule 7 p.m.  
Haskell vs Aspermont 8 p.m.

**Calendar****Early deadline**

Deadline for news and advertising for the May 29 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 22 at 5 p.m.

**All night party meeting**

A meeting will be held Thurs., May 15 at 7 p.m. at First National Bank meeting room for the Haskell County All Night Party.

**Retired teachers**

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at KP's Mesquite Grill, 900 S. Ave. E., Wed., May 21 at 11:45 a.m.

**Sports banquet**

The Haskell All-Sports Banquet will be held Sat., May 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Julie Goodenough, coach of the Oklahoma State University Cowgirls, will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$8.50 and available at the school administration office, elementary school, high school, First National Bank, Haskell National Bank and Sport-About.

**Blood drive**

The Meek Blood Center will hold a blood drive Tues., May 20 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

**Jr. 4-H meeting**

The Haskell Jr. 4-H Club will meet Mon., May 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

**Sr. 4-H meeting**

The Haskell Sr. 4-H Club will meet Sun., May 18 at 4 p.m. at the Haskell City Park. A scavenger hunt, supper and year end activities will be held.

**Hamburger lunch**

The youth of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Hwy. 380 East in Haskell, will host a hamburger lunch Sun., May 18 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$5. The meal will be hamburger, homemade fries, dessert and drink. Takeouts will be available. Proceeds will benefit the group's summer camp fund.

**Parade**

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held Fri., June 6 at 5 p.m. Those interested in entering should call Loutina White at 864-3507. Prizes will be awarded.

**Car wash**

The TNT Leukemia Society will hold a car wash Sat., May 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Haskell Dairy Queen. Proceeds will benefit the Team in Training (TNT) Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Cost is a \$10 donation. To make an appointment call Bill Markunas 940-864-4115 or 864-8903. Markunas is striving to reach a goal of \$4,000 to participate in a 100 mile bicycle ride at Lake Tahoe June 1. His present total is \$2,554.

**Spaghetti lunch**

The youth of the First Baptist Church will host a community-wide spaghetti lunch Sun., May 18 in the Family Activity Center. Donations will be accepted to offset camp expenses.

**Car wash**

The youth of the Church of God will hold a car wash Sat., May 17 at noon at Haskell Tire and Appliance. Hot dogs, drinks and snow cones will be charged. Donations will be accepted for the car wash. All proceeds will benefit the youth summer camp fund.

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**Haskell Class of '53 holds 50th reunion**

On April 11-12, the Haskell High School graduating class of 1953 met at the Ambassador Suites in Abilene to celebrate their 50th class reunion.

Beginning on Friday night, the group met in the home of Nathan and Dena Tinkle of Abilene. On Saturday at 1:00 p.m. they met at the

Ambassador Suites for visiting, remembering and dinner at 6:30.

An auction was held of items that classmates donated to help with

reunion expenses. During the meeting, deceased members, Walter (Tobo) Holley, Patsy Moon, Betty Jo Herren, Florine Ammons, Jackie

Skains and Bobby Boutwell were thought of with loving memories.

Special guests were former teacher of the class, Jean Jeter Culpepper and husband, Troy Culpepper.

Ex-students Eva Dunnam, Jeanie Richards, Peggy Middlebrook, Joan Meier, Dolores Foster, all of Haskell, and Nathan Tinkle of Abilene were responsible for the many details of organizing the reunion.

Class members and spouses attending were: Wayne Bradford, The Colony; Rosalie (McCall) Johnson, Arvada, Colorado; Doug Dendy, Rockwall; Daniel and Jessie (Kreger) Hill, Ft. Stockton; Thomas Herb Holland, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; Wanda (Jones) Jackson and sister, Janice Lauderdale, Fort Worth; Johnie Johnson, Slaton; Gene and Ellien (Rueffer) Goff, Weatherford; Sam and Nancy Matthews, Homer, Arkansas;

Patsy (Turnbow) Milliman, Lafayette, Louisiana; Don and Barbara (Merchant) Rhoads, Hollister, Missouri; Clyde and Ann (McFarlin) Thomas, Pasadena; Nathan and Dena Tinkle, Abilene; Jimmy and Faye White, Mt. Pleasant; Diane (Clare) Williams, Houston; Leo and Fran (Mullins) Stiewert, Duncan, Oklahoma; Larry and Joan Stratton, Chandler; Kemble and Jean Williams, Odessa;

From Haskell, Dyrell Davis, Wayne and Eva (Adkins) Dunham, Dolores (Burnett) Foster, Ken and Nelda Lang, Gene and Jo Iva (Johnson) Long, Joan (Darden) Meier, Bill and Peggy (Sonnamaker) Middlebrook, Hyrum and Jeanie (Darden) Richards, Joe and Jennabeth Kimbrough, Bill and Grace Thomas.



**HASKELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '53**—Enjoying their 50th reunion, held April 11-12 at the Ambassador Suites in Abilene, are: first row, l-r, Don Rhoads, Fran (Mullins) Stiewert, Eva (Adkins) Dunnam, Jeanie (Redwine) Richards, Bill Thomas, Ellien (Rueffer) Goff. Middle row, Joe Kimbrough, Larry Stratton, Barbara (Merchant) Rhoads, Peggy (Sonnamaker) Middlebrook,

Ken Lane, Jessie (Kreger) Hill, Dolores (Burnett) Foster, Nathan Tinkle, Wanda (Jones) Jackson. Back row, Johnie Johnson, Kemble Williams, Thomas Holland, Douglas Dendy, Jo Iva (Johnson) Long, Patsy (Turnbow) Milliman, Wayne Bradford, Ann (McFarlin) Thomas, Diane (Clare) Williams, Joan (Darden) Meier, Rosalie (McCall) Johnson, Jimmy White, Sam Matthews.

**Commissioners hold meetings**

At a special meeting of the Haskell County Commissioners' Court, April 22, County Extension Agent, Brandon Anderson reported that Missy Teague had been hired to work part time at the Extension Office until Tammy Parham returns.

Approval was given to the Resolution of County Support and endorsement of the activities of the Texas Forts Trail organization. Citing the fact that tourism is one of the largest industries in Texas, with heritage tourism being a major and

growing component of that industry and the Texas Forts Trails Region as one of the ten Texas Heritage Trails to be visited, the resolution pointed out that studies have shown that heritage tourists spend \$29.00 more per day than no non-heritage tourists.

Haskell County is one of the 29 counties of the Texas Forts Trail Region, which will benefit through the promoting of activities and preservation of historic sites in the Region.

The Court also gave permission

to Allac Insurance representatives to talk with County employees about insurance.

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In a special called meeting of the Court on May 5, Commissioner Johnny Scoggins, Prct. 1, reporting on the progress of the land purchase on F. M. 3337, said that approximately \$12,000.00 has been expended on land purchases and that all have agreed on the prices offered.

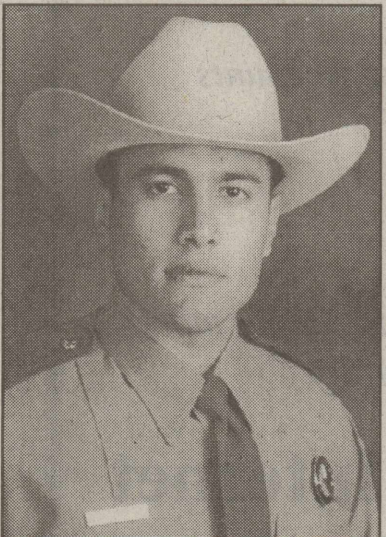
A discussion on action to be taken on building a room inside the original corral building, for use by the Food Distribution Center, was tabled until the City of Haskell can be contacted about the matter.

The Court directed County Judge David Davis to advertise for bids to replace screws and seals on the Extension Office roof, and to replace roofs on Anchor buildings. The Court also directed Judge Davis to contact an outside adjuster to check the roof at the Sheriff's Office.

**Lindsey named to All-State academic team**

Haskell High School graduating senior, Brittany Lindsey, daughter of James and Billie Lindsey of Haskell, has been named to the Texas Girls

Coaches Association Basketball Academic All-State Team for Conference AA.

**Jimenez is new DPS trooper**

**NICK JOHN JIMENEZ JR.**

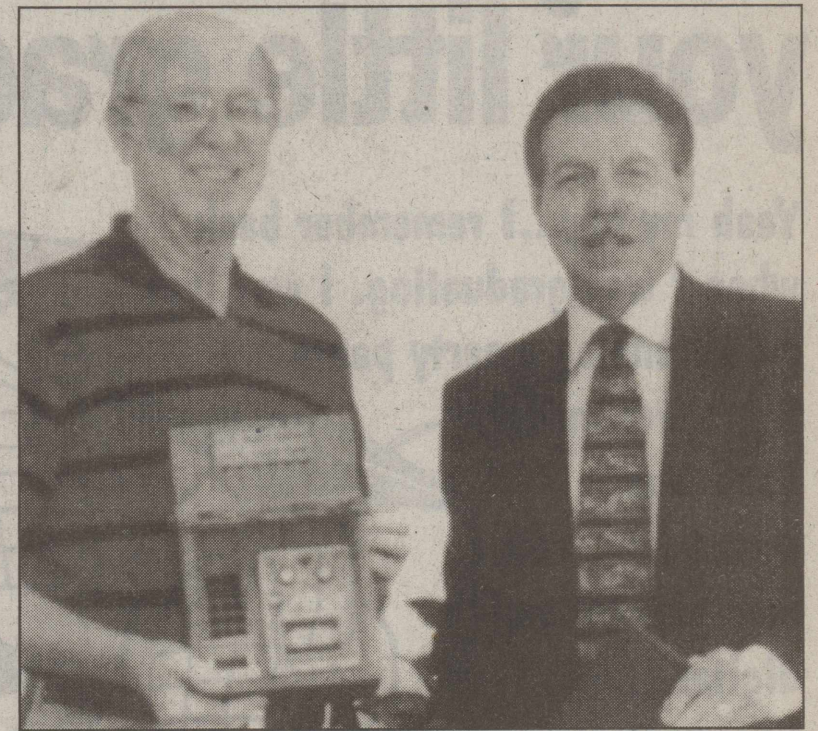
Nick John Jimenez Jr. of Haskell has graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety's 124th Training Academy.

"Our graduates today enter a different and more dangerous world in law enforcement," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "They will act as the first line of defense for the citizens of Texas against criminals of all sorts—from drunk drivers to terrorists. We expect them to uphold and even enhance the proud tradition of the Texas Department of Public Safety."

The 27-week school is the longest continuous training academy offered by any law enforcement agency in

Texas, and one of the longest in the nation. The cadets entered the Academy in September and completed 1,214 hours of instruction—more than twice the training required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. The students received instruction in criminal law, traffic law, arrest procedures, accident investigation, first aid and other law enforcement subjects, as well as classes aimed at developing self-esteem and goal setting skills.

Trooper Jimenez will be assigned to the Highway Patrol in Colorado City.



**POSTAL RETIREE**—Jerry Stocks of Haskell, left, receives awards on his retirement from the U. S. Postal Service during a celebration in his honor recently held in Spur. Presenting the awards is Don Jones, Manager of Postal Operation, Area 4 of Lubbock.

**Stocks retires from U. S. Postal Service**

Jerry Stocks of Haskell was honored with a retirement celebration, Sun., May 4, held at the Spur Community Center, hosted by employees of the Spur Post Office, where he has served as Postmaster since 1999.

Don Jones, manager of Postal Operations, Area 4 of Lubbock, presented Stocks with a service award, a service pin, miniature hand crafted post office bank, and a U. S. Postal Service watch, inscribed with the years of his service.

The Haskell native began his postal career in Haskell in 1967. During 1973-77, he was employed

in Snyder as a carrier, moving back to Haskell in 1977.

In 1992 Stocks was appointed as postmaster of Lueders. During this appointment, he served as Officer in Charge of several other post offices, including Sonora, Loraine and Lawn.

He served in Arlington on a Function 4 team in 1977, and as Mail Processing Tour III Supervisor in Abilene in 1995-96. He was appointed Postmaster of the Spur office in Dec. 1999.

Stocks and his wife, Betty, are the parents of Rusty Stocks and wife, Holly, of Midland, and Cody Stocks of Vernon.

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**STORY SACKS**—Sam Bitner, owner of Haskell Modern Way Food Store, admires the work of Haskell Elementary sixth grade students who illustrated books and wrote a short summary of the story on the store's grocery sacks. The sacks were an unusual way for the students to get a good grade on a book report, and also, to let community members enjoy the finished product. The joint project was directed by sixth grade teacher, Tonya Cypert. Displaying their literary art are, L-r, Luke Terry, Selina Rodriguez, Paige Adams and Jacob Rodriguez.

## Obituaries

### Barbara Dean Medford



BARBARA DEAN MEDFORD

Graveside services for Barbara Dean Medford, 73, of Abilene were held Mon., May 12 at Willow Cemetery with Kevin Hall officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Medford died Sat., May 10 in Abilene.

Born Feb. 28, 1930 in Terry County, she married Duayne Medford Nov. 27, 1949 in Haskell. She retired as the secretary of Stamford ISD after working there for 13 years. She lived in Haskell and Stamford for many years before

moving to Abilene in 1990.

Survivors include her husband, Duayne Medford of Abilene; two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Ann Medford of Iowa Park and Steve and Sherri Medford of Abilene; two grandchildren, Eric and Wes Medford; brothers and sisters, W. L. (Blue) Holt of Mason, Banna Davis of Hobbs, N.M., Brooksie Stamper of Huffman and Bobbie Armstrong of Dickenson.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

### Vivian Hunt

Funeral services for Vivian Hunt, 79, of Rule were held Tues., May 13 at Sweet Home Baptist Church in Rule with James McKinon officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mrs. Hunt died Sat., May 10 in Stamford.

Born Nov. 17, 1923 in Stonewall County, she was the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Bessie Usry Barbee. She married William Joseph Hunt in Haskell County May 17,

1943. He preceded her in death May 17, 1988. She has lived in the Rule community since 1923. She was a homemaker and loving mother.

Survivors include her children, Betty Malone of Stamford, Judy Andrews of Rule, Rutha Davis of Abilene and Bud Hunt of Sagerton; one brother, A. J. Barbee of Odessa; one sister, Mabel Crist of Fort Worth; fourteen grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 683 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., May 12, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 82 sellers and 41 buyers attended.

Packers \$1 higher, stockers and feeders steady. Stocker cows pairs \$5 to \$15 lower.

Cows: fat, .32-.36; cutters, .35-.42; canners, .25-.30.

Bulls: bologna, .44-.52; feeders, .62-.74; utility, .38-.48.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.50; 300-400 lbs., .98-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .88-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .78-.94; 600-700 lbs., .75-.88; 700-800 lbs., .72-.79; 800-up lbs., .65-.74.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.25; 300-400 lbs., .82-1.00; 400-500 lbs., .80-.95; 500-600 lbs., .75-.87; 600-up lbs., .60-.78.

Bred heifers medium frame, 575-650.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-750; aged or small, 450-625.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 775-925; aged or small, 575-725.

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 683 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., May 12, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 79 sellers and 34 buyers were present.

Packers \$1 to \$3 lower, feeders \$1 lower. Stocker cows \$10 to \$20 lower, pairs lower.

Cows: fat, .32-.38; cutters, .34-.40; canners, .20-.30.

Bulls: bologna, .44-.51; feeders, .60-.68; utility, .35-.45.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.60; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.35; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .78-.93; 600-700 lbs., .77-87; 700-800 lbs., .68-.77; 800-up lbs., .63-.75.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.45; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .80-.95; 500-600 lbs., .75-.88; 600-up lbs., .68-.77.

Bred heifers medium frame, 550-650.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-775; aged or small, 450-650.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-950; aged or small, 555-700.

Jerseys, longhorns, holsteins, bad eyes, cripples and goons \$5-\$25/100# less than figures quoted!

## Farm Safety Day Camp set May 31

Power takeoff entanglement, grain suffocation, chemical burns and getting stepped on by farm animals—all in a day on the farm?

The coordinator of a Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp being held May 31, in Munday believes rural parents can do more to ensure that farm accidents don't become a

part of their kids' childhood memories. According to Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS in Knox County, one way to start is by having their 8-14 year-old children attend the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camps scheduled Sat., May 31 at the Munday High School in Munday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The day camp is designed to increase children's awareness of a wide variety of farm hazards, as well as providing them with hands-on, first aid training to help themselves or someone else survive a farm accident should one occur.

Parents can register their children to participate in the camp by calling the Knox County Extension office at 940-459-2651 or the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2546 or 864-2658. Registrations must be received by Fri., May 16. A \$10.00 registration fee for the event covers lunch, snacks, a take-home packet and a farm safety camp T-shirt.

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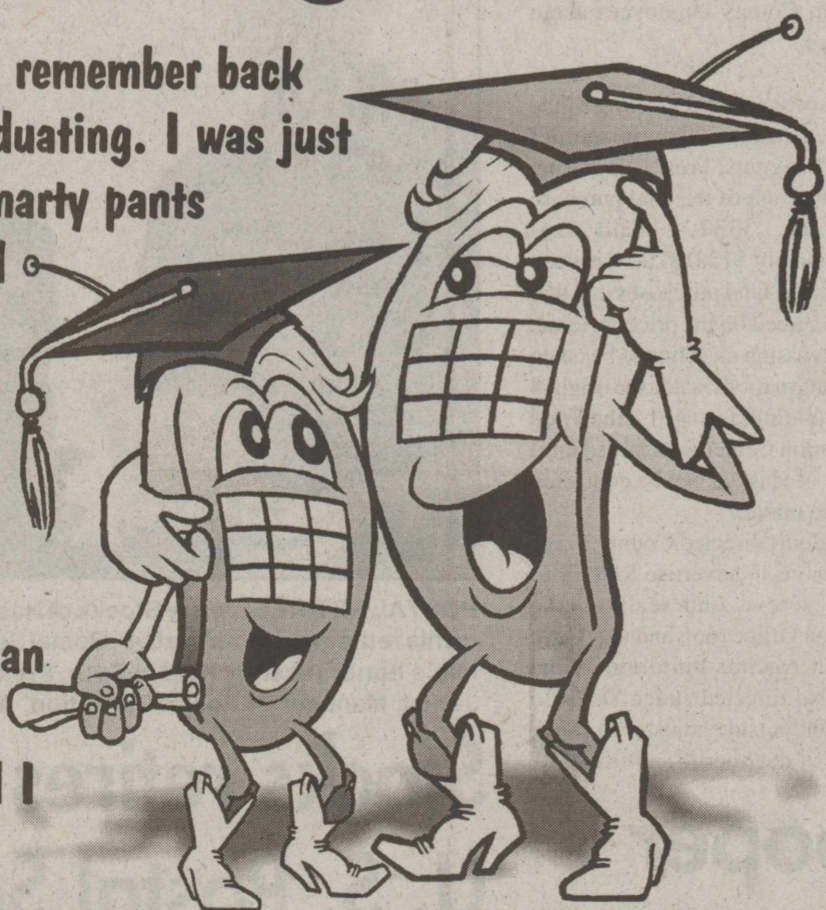
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- Annual maintenance. Have your air conditioning unit checked annually to keep it running efficiently. Check coil and belts for wear, and make sure the refrigerant is fully charged. Keep your outside unit free of debris such as leaves and grass.

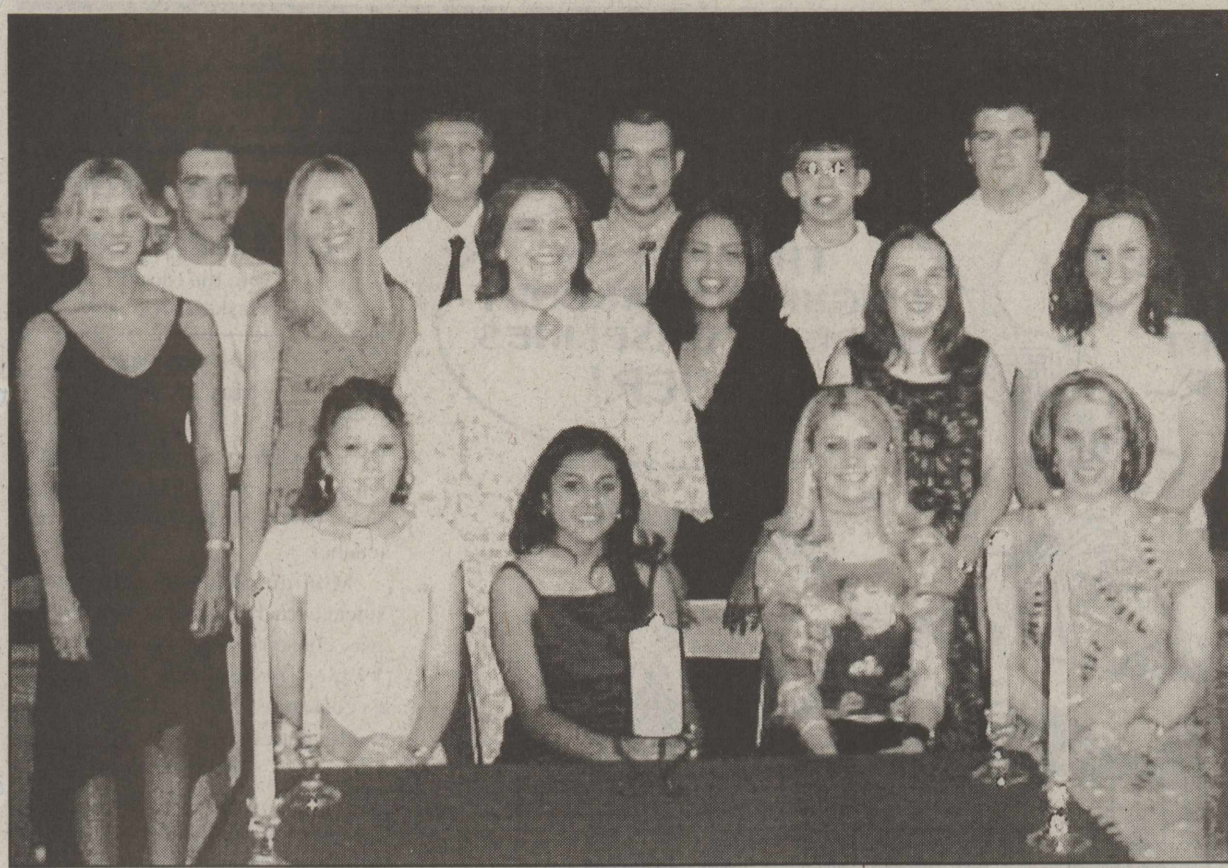
- Don't overlook having insulation and ductwork checked for leaks.
- Close the fireplace damper during summer months. Installation of a glass fireplace screen will also prevent cool air from going up the chimney.

- Shade your windows with awnings, solar screens, shutters, blinds or draperies. Trees and shrubs outside your windows also help to reduce air conditioner workload.

- Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs, which save energy and give off less heat than incandescent bulbs.

- Turning up your thermostat just 5 degrees can lower your bill by about 15 to 25 percent.

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**INDUCTEES HONORED**—The Paint Creek High School's National Honor Society Chapter held induction ceremonies Mon., May 5 in the cafeteria. New inductees were: Bonnie Emert, Courtney Buerger, Kasey Duniven, Brian Scifres, Jody Smith, A. J. Shaw, Lisa Acosta and Amy Huggins. Honor Society members include: back row, l-r, Jason Hickman, Jody Smith, A. J. Shaw, Brian Scifres, Eric Hobbs. Middle row, Lesli Isbell, Courtney Buerger, Hattie Walton, Lisa Acosta, Bonnie Emert, Kasey Duniven. Seated, Kandis Daniel, Diana Gonzales, Cassie Lamb, Maggie Brzozowski. Not pictured is Amy Huggins.

### Around Town

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Hawkins and Britney visited with his mom, Joyce Hawkins on Tuesday.

Shirley Freeman of Aspermont and Earlene Duggan of Odessa have been visiting their brothers, Kenneth and Charles Blair this past week.

The Key City Squares of Abilene had their monthly dance Saturday night. Bernice Hilliard attended.

Fay Gray attended a church retreat and stopped in Marble Falls to have lunch. She was in Lubbock on Friday to visit with her sister-in-law's family.

Darlene Conn and children, Judy Cochran, David and Denise Conn and David Conn were in Burnett on a business trip last weekend.

Visiting Fannie Mae Barton last weekend was her daughter, Kaye Derrick and children of Fort Worth. They went to church in Weinert Sunday with Erma Liles. Liles accompanied the group back home to have lunch.

### Births

Brandi and Kasey Anthony of Lubbock are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Trinity Shaye, born May 2. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Eddie and Teresa Briles of Haskell and Kelley and Patricia Anthony of Idalou.

Great grandparents are Eugene and Shirley Rhoads of Rule and the late Dennis and Wanda Briles.

Paternal great grandparents are O. D. (Funny) and Retha Anthony and Jack and Betty Hamilton, all of Idalou.

Maternal great great grandmother is Leona Schonerted of Sagerton. Paternal great great grandmothers are Corrie Hamilton and Altha Anthony.

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## Children are vulnerable to lead

The Texas Department of Health is urging parents to have children screened for lead.

Children are particularly vulnerable to damage from lead because their bodies and brains are still developing. It can steal a child's future by causing learning disabilities, lower IQ scores or other physical or behavioral problems.

Often the culprit lurks in the dust created when some imported vinyl miniblinds "break down" in the sun. It can show up in tamarind candies or leach into food from some types of pottery. It can hide in the flaking paint on a windowsill, waiting for a small child to explore and taste from dirty hands, a toy or a pacifier.

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) estimates that if all Texas children ages 1 through 5 were tested for lead poisoning, they would find 59,300 of them with a blood-lead level of concern (10-19 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood). "Damage from lead in the blood cannot be reversed, but treatment is available to stop further damage," said Lisa Collins, health educator with the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at TDH.

The screening for lead is a simple blood test that can be done during a routine visit to a health care provider. Parents of all children age 6 or under are encouraged to ask their doctors to screen for lead. In addition, other children should be tested if any child in the family tests positive for lead exposure or if a member of the household works with lead.

Some of the most common symptoms of lead poisoning are irritability, abdominal and muscle pain, anemia, diarrhea or constipation. Severe cases can result in seizures, nerve damage or coma. However, children can be lead

poisoned without showing any symptoms. "The only way to know for sure is to have a blood-lead test," said Collins.

Some miniblinds imported from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Mexico or Indonesia are common sources of lead in the home. Another source is old paint, or in food cooked, stored or served in pottery with lead-based glaze, or in lead crystal.

Some Mexican candies may contain lead leached from wrappers. Lead also may be found in car batteries and radiator, bullets, sinkers used in fishing tackle and even the soil.

Collins offers some simple steps parents can take to protect themselves and their children from lead exposure.

\*Wash children's hands and faces before they eat or sleep.

\*Wash toys, pacifiers and eating utensils if they come in contact with the ground.

\*Wash hands and counter tops in warm soapy water before preparing food.

\*Wash fruits and vegetables before serving them.

\*Foods high in iron and calcium provide some protection from lead. Include lean meat, raisins, milk, greens, eggs and cheese in your family's diet.

\*Clean older homes by wet mopping or vacuuming floors and wiping down windowsills and miniblinds with soap and water

weekly.

Particular care should be exercised when renovating older homes. Make sure children are out of the house until renovation is complete. When sanding painted surfaces or removing old wallpaper, cover or clean any surfaces that may come in contact with food or that a small child may touch.

Those who work with car batteries or radiators, lead smelting or in the removal of old paint should change their clothes before going home, leave work boots or shoes outside the home, and wash their work clothes separately from the rest of the family's laundry.

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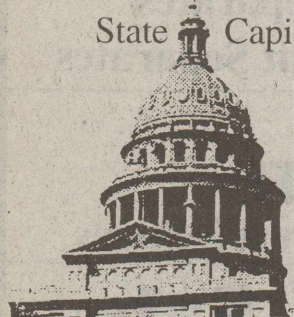
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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

### Senate passes school finance reform plan

AUSTIN—Maybe the members of the Legislature don't like hanging around Austin as much as its Chamber of Commerce might think.

The Senate last week passed a school tax reform plan, a step toward not having to come back to the Capital City for a special session and to do away with the current Robin Hood school finance system.

The bill, in a nut shell, lowers property taxes and raises sales taxes. The Senate passed it 30-0 on May 6 after four hours of debate.

Of course, the House—and then Gov. Rick Perry—has to go along with all this, or it's likely going to be back to school in Austin for a special session later this year or early next year. And even if the governor signs the law, voters have to approve a constitutional amendment that would authorize all the taxing changes set forth in the bill.

"I believe the members of the House, just like all the homeowners and business owners around the state, don't want to wait two years to see their local property taxes reduced 50 percent," Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said.

Specifically, the Senate bill's constitutional amendment would raise the state sales tax by 1 percent and expand its scope to most services except dental and medical. In turn, the maximum school property tax rate would be reduced 50 percent.

Other provisions would raise the motor vehicle sales tax from 6.25 to 8.75 percent and create a property tax cap of 75 cents per \$100 valuation (though local voters could phase in an additional 10 cent rate.)

### Economic thunderstorm watch...

It's still out there on the distant

edge of the radar. A storm is coming to Texas after the presidential election next year: Base Realignment and Closure. Those words will have huge significance to Texas, which has 18 military installations. Some of those bases are considered vulnerable to attack—of the base closure kind.

To shore up the state's economic defenses, Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, has pushed through a bill in his chamber that would give Texans the opportunity to vote for a \$250 million bond issue to improve the value of the state's military bases.

"By increasing military value and decreasing [federal] operating costs, we make Texas bases valuable and more likely to receive more missions," the senator said.

If Shapleigh's bill makes it through the House and is signed by the governor, the constitutional amendment it proposes would go on the ballot for a Sept. 13 election.

The bill would allow local governments to borrow money for projects such as improved rail lines to Fort Hood or a desalination plant to serve Fort Bliss' water needs.

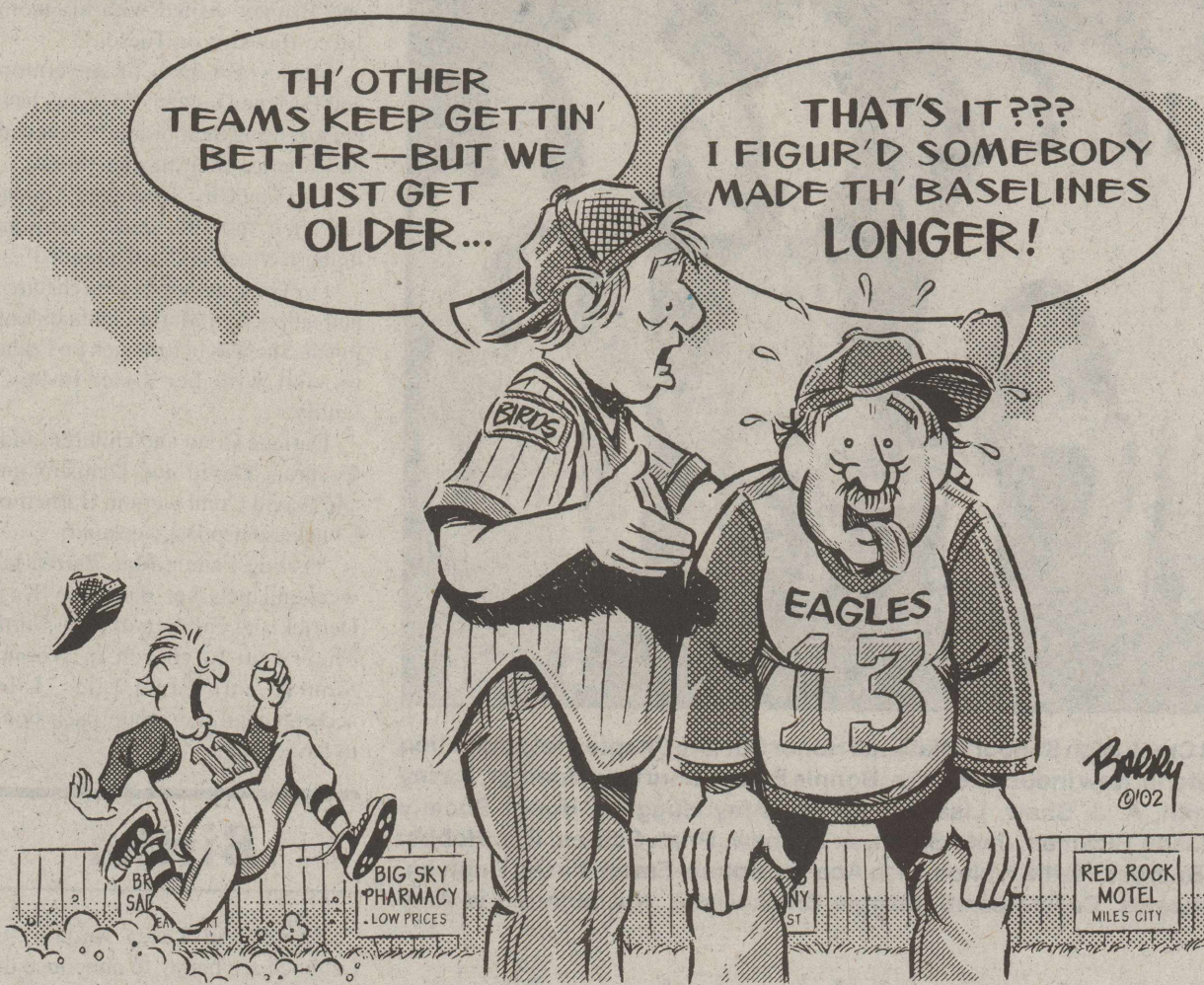
### House gains a Democrat...

Look's like it's still possible for a Democrat to get elected in Texas, at least in South Texas.

Juan M. Escobar of Kingsville won a runoff election for House District 43 last week to replace the late Irma Rangel, a Democrat who died earlier this year of cancer.

Escobar tallied 62 percent of the vote and his Republican opponent, James R. Marz, received 37 percent. Nine candidates vied for the seat in the initial election on April 15.

Escobar is a retired U.S. Border Patrol supervisor who has been on the Kingsville Independent School District board for 13 years.



## From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

### Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in Haskell County. I am single and have two children. No one knows that I once was a 4-H Gold Star Girl.

My favorite TV shows are "Ed" and "Judging Amy."

My favorite type of music is piano and religious music. My favorite songs are "One Day at a Time," and "Heart of Mine."

I like to make crafts or sew on just about anything.

The last book I read was the Bible. I am now reading *Chicken Soup for the Surviving Soul*.

My favorite place in Texas is Fredericksburg. My favorite vacation spot in the world is Ruidosa, New Mexico.

My best quality is having faith in others.

My worst quality is putting off things I need to do.

I hate it when people don't trust each other and don't see their family.

My greatest personal accomplishment is in accepting things I cannot change.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is the closeness and working together. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Watch next week for the identity of this *Haskell Free Press* reader.

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### Update

The Mystery Reader profiled in the May 1 edition was former Haskell resident, Lee Barnett of Dallas, who says the years of living here with husband Tom Paul and their children among good neighbors was the proverbial, "It's a Beautiful Life."

Lee was born in Berlin. In May 1945, when she was twelve years old, the Russian army occupied Berlin, which lay in ruins. Ration stamps were quickly issued, but one month, her family's stamps were stolen and they had to live off the illegal black market for about four weeks. The farmers who had the food wanted

valuables instead of money. So the family would make a deal with someone in the country and Lee was designated to bring "the bacon" home, literally.

"I looked like a child but had a kind of street smart for which Berliner youngsters have a reputation. Coming in by train from the country with 'goodies,' I had to get my bags through a couple of police checkpoints at a transfer station. I always 'brought home the bacon,' amen."

"In a few years after the war's end, I became a Christian. Believing in Christ gave me the fellowship of Bob and Alma Barnett, who became my parents in the Lord." Bob Barnett of Haskell was a chaplain with the U.S. forces in Germany.

Through the Barnetts, Lee met Tom Paul Barnett of Haskell in Munich, Germany. She was working for the military government and he was stationed there for just six months during the Korean War. They became engaged in Virginia, after Lee had joined 'parents' Bob and Alma who were stationed at Ft. Eustis.

Chaplain Barnett married Tom and Lee during a revival meeting at Pinkerton Baptist Church, in the spring of 1953. Pinkerton was located between Haskell and Rule. The banner over the baptistry during the revival meeting proclaimed, 'Christ is the Answer.' "And so he is," Lee said.

Tom Paul Barnett was Haskell police chief for nearly all the time the two were married. He died suddenly of a heart attack, five days after their fortieth anniversary.

Their five children were all born in Haskell Memorial Hospital. Daughter Gail and husband, Bob Shea of Tuscola, have three children, and one granddaughter. Daughter Joan and husband, Recial, of Abilene, have one son who is a student at Hardin-Simmons. Tom Robert and wife, Christina, of Keller,

have two daughters, Paul and his son live in Abilene. Fred and wife, Catherine, of San Angelo have three children. Lee says that with twenty-three of them now, their family gatherings are great fun.

Seven years ago Lee left Haskell because Wycliffe Bible Translators International is located on the International Linguistics Center in Dallas, and she wanted to work there, in support of Bible translation.

"There are so many language groups in the world who have not any part of written Scripture in their mother tongue," she said. "The vision of Wycliffe Bible Translators is to have translation begun in every language that needs it by the year 2025. Needless to say, that's a big project; about three thousand languages are known to have no part of the written word."

Lee's work includes profiling international and Christian schools. She maintains curriculum and cost data, plus a myriad of information.

"It never ceases to amaze me that the Lord has given me another life, very different, very good. As a newly-born Christian, I did think to be a missionary. A Bible School in Switzerland turned me down. Dr. Gertrud Wasserzug did not think the Lord was calling me there. I was 'crushed. Isn't it charming of the Lord, that after Tom Paul, I get to help give the Good News to many? All I can say is, I wouldn't have missed it. Life in Christ is great adventure."

Although she's been in Dallas seven years now, Lee said that her hometown will always be Haskell. "I get my hair cut in Haskell. When I am really ill, I come to Haskell. Two weeks ago, I had supper at Rodriguez' with three beautiful friends in Haskell. It's only three hours drive through the most beautiful country in the world."

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago  
May 20, 1993

Traci Fry, in her first year as Permian High School journalism teacher, was one of 25 teachers in the Ector County ISD named as favorite teacher.

Monique Morgan, elementary science teacher at Paint Creek School, was chosen a state recipient of the 1993 Presidential award for excellence in science and mathematics.

20 Years Ago  
May 19, 1983

Radio station KVRP in Haskell completed the installation of a new 75 mile weather radar. The new equipment will enable residents in the listening range of KVRP to receive up to the minute weather information.

Haskell Mayor Francine Johnson threw the first ball to open the 1983 Haskell girls softball season.

Four Rochester Band Students traveled to Hawaii as a part of the State Lions' Club Band, along with 150 other students from Texas. They were Scott Sloan, Ron Ballard, Rob Ballard and Traci O'Neal.

Jimmy Browning Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Browning Sr. of Haskell, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering at Texas Tech University.

30 Years Ago  
May 17, 1973

Steve Livingood of Paint Creek, a senior and Bible major received the Bible Department award at the annual awards day program at Hardin-Simmons University.

The Big Five Women's Golf Association began play. First flight winners were Ruby Medford of Haskell with 86; second, Stella Steele of Haskell with 95.

James Frank Cadenhead III, a senior of Haskell was one of the twenty-six Hardin-Simmons University students chosen to receive Who's Who certificates at Awards Day 1973.

40 Years Ago  
May 16, 1963

Buford Abeldt, Haskell High School junior, was selected editor of the "War Whoop."

Mrs. W. L. Medford, high school English teacher, was honored at a special assembly program at Paint Creek High School with a ceremony dedicating the school yearbook, "The Pirate," to her.

Two students from Haskell were among the 773 candidates for bachelor's degrees to be awarded at Texas A&M College. They were James Ray Griffith and James Robert Bowers.

50 Years Ago  
May 21, 1953

At Old Glory High School, Joan Druesedow and Nadine Johnson tied for valedictorian with an average of 96.6. Henry Pumphrey was salutatorian with an average of 93.

Mrs. Will Gilmore, teacher in Haskell Junior High School for the past six years, presented her tap and ballet group in a musical entitled "Beauty and the Beast."

Weinert High School senior students named to receive awards were Deima Lewis, valedictorian; Joella Weinert, salutatorian and honor student for senior year.

Anna Mae Adams of Weinert was one of the 72 McMurry College seniors to receive her degree.

100 Years Ago  
May 23, 1903

Messrs. W. T. McDaniel, E. G. Bennett, P. G. Yoe and "Dad" Cochran attended the United Confederate Veteran's reunion in New Orleans.

Walter Cousins, the popular druggist of Munday, accompanied by his wife, attended the commencement exercises of the Haskell High School and visited the family of J. W. Collins.

A. C. Foster returned from Cisco, where he attended a banquet of the Masonic Lodge and helped in conferring the Council degree on several members of the order.

E. F. Springer returned from a six-weeks prospecting trip to the Southwest, extending into Mexico.

## Use prescriptions correctly

Almost everyone is either taking a prescription drug at present, or has taken one. In the U. S., more than \$125 billion a year is spent on prescription medications.

While prescription drugs are very good things to have, especially for those who suffer from chronic conditions like arthritis or high blood pressure, they are only effective if used correctly, and many people do not do that.

In the U. S., only about half of the people who take prescription drugs do so according to the directions given by their doctors. Fourteen percent of drug prescriptions are never filled at all, and about the same number are filled but are never used. In addition, 29 percent of prescriptions are filled but never

finished.

Here are some helpful tips for effective use of prescription drugs.

Patients with new prescriptions should be sure they know what the medication is and why it is being prescribed. They should ask their doctor what their situation is, and how the drug will help.

People should also not "second-guess" their doctors about prescriptions. Prescription directions (time of day, how many tablets, etc.) should be followed closely.

Finally, patients should pay attention to how they feel after the first few doses of medication and contact their physician right away if the drugs are not helping, or are making them feel uncomfortable or strange.

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## Regular exercise is best

The best exercise is the one you do regularly. Experts at The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center's School of Rural Public Health emphasize the

importance of the Surgeon General's recommendation for increasing physical activity to promote a healthier U. S.

The goal is for all adults to engage in physical activity for at least 30 minutes a day most days of the week. This doesn't need to be done all at once but can be done in 10-minute spurts throughout the day. This activity does not need to be vigorous to achieve most health gains; brisk walking, swimming, gardening or dancing are all excellent ways to become more physically fit. Moreover, including many different activities into one's daily life is most helpful. And remember, it can be as easy as walking up two flights of stairs, or parking at the back of the lot and walking in!

There are four basic types of exercise (i.e., strength, endurance, flexibility and balance), and for maximal health benefit, it is important to do them all. While most Americans are now aware of the importance of increasing their physical activity, the toughest challenge is to maintain an active lifestyle throughout life.

There are now effective programs to teach adults how they can become more active. The School of Rural Public Health is home to Active for Life, a new National Program Office (NPO) funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to increase physical activity in the 50-plus age group. For further information about this and other programs, please visit the [www.activeforlife.info](http://www.activeforlife.info) website.

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**AWARDS BREAKFAST**—Haskell Elementary students recognized with awards at the Bluebonnet Breakfast, for reading books and passing the required number of Accelerated Reading tests on them, were: back row, l-r, Ethan Frierson, Tyler Reese, Kimie Hutchinson, Ashton Rutkowski, Brooke Bullinger, Brittany Garison, Aubrey Bassett, Haley Chavez, Scottie Rodriguez. Middle row, Shasta Dockins, Laycee Tullos, Codi Foster, Angelica Gonzalez, Nathan Meredith, Rodney Foreman. On floor, Lynna Billington, Ryan Anderson, Garrett Brueggeman, Jim Young, Casey Calhoun, Brady Leach. Front, Mackenzie Thomas and Carley Calhoun.

# Bluebonnet breakfast honors young readers

Twenty-three students attended the Texas Bluebonnet breakfast held Tues., May 6 in the Haskell Elementary library. The annual event recognizes students in the third through sixth grades who have not only read, but have passed the required number of Accelerated Reading tests on the current year's Texas Bluebonnet Award books.

The students were treated to a breakfast of blueberry muffins, blueberry pancake sausage-on-a-stick, assorted fresh fruits, milk and juice, provided by the Haskell Elementary lunchroom. After breakfast, students participated in a drawing in which six

of the 2003/2004 Bluebonnet books were given away. The top AR Bluebonnet reader for each grade received a paperback Bluebonnet book.

Brittany Garison, a sixth grader and this year's top overall Bluebonnet reader, was presented a hardback copy of *The Golden Mare, the Firebird, and the Golden Ring*, which was the state winner for the 2002/2003 school year. All students received official Texas Bluebonnet Award certificates and Bluebonnet Award pencils. Jimmy Lisle, Haskell Elementary principal, special guest at the breakfast, congratulated the students on their reading achieve-

ment. Students eligible to attend this year's breakfast were: Kimie Hutchinson, Ashton Rutkowski, Haley Chavez, Brittany Garison, Aubrey Bassett, Brooke Bullinger, Tyler Reese, Ethan Frierson, Scottie Rodriguez, Angelica Gonzalez, Nathan Meredith, Codi Foster, Garrett Brueggeman, Carley Calhoun, Laycee Tullos, Ryan Anderson, Mackenzie Thomas, Jim Young, Brady Leach, Rodney Foreman, Shasta Dockins, Casey Calhoun and Lynna Billington. Betsy McManamon is the school librarian.

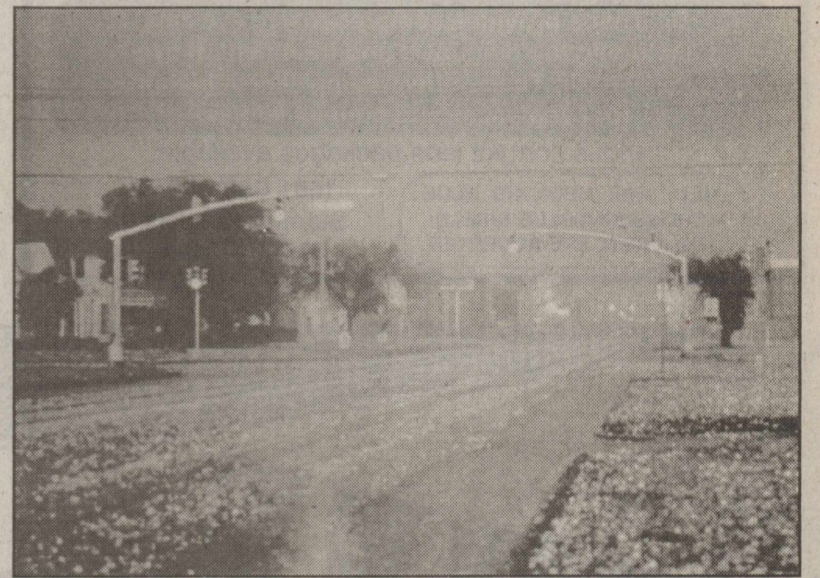
## Weathers Whys: Hail

**Q:** What causes hail to form?  
**A:** Hail is caused when raindrops are lifted up into the atmosphere during a thunderstorm and then supercooled by temperatures below freezing, turning them into ice balls, says Dr. Dick Orville of Texas A&M University. "The faster the updraft on these balls of ice, the bigger they can grow," he adds. "On some hailstones, you can actually see rings inside them which show they were cycled through the thunderstorm more than once. What starts out as a tiny raindrop becomes a pea-size chunk of ice and some eventually get to be the size of baseballs or softballs. When these stones fall to earth, the damage can be devastating, even deadly. Large hailstones have been clocked at more than 90 miles per hour and there have been reports of humans and livestock being killed by large hailstones. Houses, buildings, cars and crops are usually the victims of hail, however. Hail usually forms over an area and leaves within a few minutes," Orville adds. "But there have been instances when hail can stay in the same area for tens of minutes, leaving several inches of ice on the ground."

**Q:** How large do hailstones get?  
**A:** Hail is usually pea-sized, says Orville, but big thunderstorms can produce big hail. "Hail up to six inches in diameter has fallen in parts of the Midwest," he says. "A hailstone the size of a baseball weighs about one-third of a pound, and since it can travel up to 90 miles an hour from its source cloud, it can create a lot of damage."

Entire crops have been known to be wiped out in a few minutes with large hailstones. In 1978, about 200 sheep were killed in Montana when baseball-size hail struck them. The largest hailstone ever recorded in the U.S. occurred in 1970 in Coffeyville, Kan., when a stone weighing 1.6 pounds and measuring 5.5 inches fell,

while in 1973 a hailstone hit Cedoux, Saskatchewan, and measured at 4 inches. But we know that larger stones have fallen around the world. In 1984, a hailstorm hit Denver and lasted almost one hour and the result was knee-deep hailstones on the ground. This is why hail can be such a damaging weather force."



HAIL STORM



**COLORFUL HONORS BREAKFAST**—Haskell Elementary students enjoying the Bluebonnet Breakfast for accelerated readers, Tues., May 6, were: back, l-r, Tyler Reese, Nathan Meredith, Jim Young, Garrett Brueggeman, Shasta Dockins, Laycee Tullos, Carley Calhoun. Front, Aubrey Bassett, Brooke Bullinger, Nathan Frierson, Ryan Anderson, Brady Leach and Casey Calhoun.

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**TxDOT EMPLOYEES HONORED**—Haskell County maintenance section employees James McFadden, left, and Mike Poteet, recently received certificates for their years of service with the Texas Department of Transportation. McFadden, assistant section supervisor was awarded for his 30 years of service. Poteet, a maintenance technician, was awarded for 25 years of service. Abilene district engineer, Bill Hale, center, made the presentations.

## Medford named TxDOT supervisor

Chris Medford, Haskell native, was recently appointed Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Childress County Maintenance Supervisor.

He began his TxDOT career in June, 1994, as a Maintenance Technician I in Haskell. By 2002, he had quickly worked his way up to a Maintenance Technician V. He assumed his new duties as Childress Maintenance Supervisor on April 14, this year.

In his new appointment, he will oversee the roadway maintenance and construction activities for the more than 476 lane miles of TxDOT highways in Childress County.

The son of Danny and Vickie Medford of Haskell, he graduated from Haskell High School in 1986. His wife, Debra, a 1987 graduate of Haskell High School, is employed by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program. She has transferred from the Stamford District Office to the Childress Zone Office.

The Medfords enjoy hunting, fishing, camping and spending time with family and friends.

## Nikki Wallace receives WBU Coaches Award

Nikki Wallace, a freshman member of the Wayland Baptist University Flying Queens, received the Coaches Award at the annual WBU Athletic Awards Banquet held April 29.

Wallace played in all 35 games for the Queens during the 2002-03 season, averaging 2.5 points and 2.5 rebounds a game. Her 80 assists were second on the Queen's team. She had a season best 12 points in a 107-42 win over Huston-Tillotson College and a career high 9 assists against Sooner Athletic Conference rival Oklahoma Christian University.

A 2002 graduate of Haskell High School, Wallace is the daughter of Mark and Tammie Wallace of Haskell.

## TxDOT set meeting May 29

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public transportation meeting Thurs., May 29 to discuss the Fiscal Year 2004 Section 5310 grant program and the recipients of that allocation.

The meeting will be held in the training center at TxDOT's Abilene District office located at 4250 North Clark, Abilene, beginning at 2 p.m.

The projected FY 2004 allocation for the Abilene District is \$104,978.00. The recipients are Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc., City Link Transit of Abilene, West Texas Opportunities and Spartan.

Of that allocation, approximately \$75,000.00 has been earmarked for the Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. for the purchase of a vehicle for improved service to the elderly and disabled in Jones County.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting to express their views, and discuss the project with TxDOT representatives.

Questions regarding the meeting should be directed to Debra Rector, district public transportation coordinator, at 915-676-6811.

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**RANGE AND PASTURE TEAM AT STATE**—The Range & Pasture judging team from Haskell High School placed eighth in the State FFA competition hosted by the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences at Tarleton State University. Team members are, l-r, Ryan Burgess, Ross Bullinger, Sydney Brueggeman, Chase Cockerell and Wendy Proctor. Over forty teams participated in the Range and Pasture category at the State Career Development Event.



**SPRUCING UP THE CITY**—City of Haskell employee, Jack Lusk, weeds around the sidewalk at the Wild Horse Trading Post building early Tuesday morning, during his regular round of tidying up and tending seasonal flowers growing in beds and planted in the wooden tubs on downtown sidewalks.

## FDA proposes labeling and manufacturing standards for all dietary supplements

The Food and Drug Administration recently took action to help consumers get accurately labeled and unadulterated dietary supplements by proposing a new regulation to require current good manufacturing practices (CGMPs) in their manufacturing, packing and holding. The proposed rule would, for the first time, establish standards to ensure that dietary supplements and dietary ingredients are not adulterated with contaminants or impurities, and are labeled to accurately reflect the active ingredients and other ingredients in the product.

This proposed rule includes requirements for designing and constructing physical plants, establishing quality control procedures, and testing manufactured dietary ingredients and dietary supplements. It also includes proposed requirements for maintaining records and for handling consumer complaints related to CGMPs.

"Americans must have confidence that the dietary supplements they purchase are not contaminated and that they contain the dietary ingredients and the amounts claimed on the labels," said HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson. "Millions of Americans use dietary supplements, and we owe it to them to ensure that they are getting the products they're paying for."

In recent years, analyses of dietary supplements by a private sector laboratory suggest that a substantial number of dietary supplement products analyzed may not contain the amounts of dietary ingredients that would be expected to be found based on their product labels. For example:

- Five of 18 soy and/or red clover-containing products were found to contain only 50 percent to 80 percent of the declared amounts of isoflavones.

- Of 25 probiotic products tested, 8 contained less than 1 percent of the claimed number of live bacteria or the number of bacteria that would be expected to be found in such a product.

FDA has also encountered products being marketed that are not accurately labeled or contain contaminants that should not be present or may be harmful. For example:

- One firm recalled its dietary supplements that were contaminated with excessive amounts of lead, which may have posed a health risk to many consumers, especially children and women of childbearing age.

- Another firm recalled a niacin product after it received reports of nausea, vomiting, liver damage and heart attack associated with the use of its product. A dietary ingredient manufacturing firm had mislabeled a bulk ingredient container that subsequently was used by another firm in making a product that contained almost ten times more niacin than the amount that may be safe.

- Another firm recalled its product after it was found that a dietary supplement containing folic acid, which is often taken by women to reduce the risk of having a baby with neural tube defects, contained only 35 percent of the amount of folic acid claimed on the label.

"This proposed regulation is another major step in our efforts to help Americans take more control over their own health. Too often, consumers purchase dietary supplements based on inaccurate or incomplete information on what they are getting. This proposed regulation would require that dietary supplements provide accurate information on the type and amount of ingredients they contain and that dietary supplements are produced using safe methods," said Mark B. McClellan, M.D., Ph.D., Commissioner of Food and Drugs. "Consumers should have access to dietary supplements that are accurately labeled and are free from contaminants."

FDA's action will also permit more informative research on dietary supplements, to improve the science available on their safety and effectiveness. "We commend FDA for proposing good manufacturing

practices that will help ensure that all dietary supplements are of the quality that the public deserves. Since credible research studies cannot be performed using many of the current, highly variable products, these practices will also speed our ability to provide the public with more definitive data about the safety and effectiveness of popular dietary supplements," said Dr. Stephen Straus, Director, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health.

This proposed regulation follows the agency's consumer initiative announced last December intended to improve FDA's policies on providing information about health consequences of food and dietary supplements and to increase enforcement efforts to prevent misleading health claims made by certain dietary supplement manufacturers. By putting in place requirements that will ensure universal good manufacturing practices, the proposed regulation should serve to eliminate the guesswork for consumers about which dietary supplements may or may not be of high quality. In turn, manufacturers of dietary supplements will have to compete based on the quantity of their product, not through potentially misleading labels or inexpensive but less safe manufacturing processes.

Under the CGMP proposal, manufacturers would be required to evaluate the identity, purity, quality, strength, and composition of their dietary ingredients and dietary supplements. If dietary supplements contain contaminants or do not contain the dietary ingredient they are represented to contain, FDA would consider those products to be adulterated. Some product quality problems the CGMPs would help prevent include products that are superpotent or subpotent; that contain the wrong ingredient, a drug contaminant, or other contaminants (e.g., bacteria, pesticide, glass, lead); that contain foreign material; and that are improperly packaged and mislabeled.

This proposal is intended to cover all types of dietary supplements. However, to limit any disruption for dietary supplements produced by small businesses, FDA is proposing a three-year phase-in of a final rule for small businesses. The proposal includes flexible standards that can evolve with improvements in the state of science, such as in validating tests for identity, purity, quality, strength, and composition of dietary ingredients.

FDA is soliciting comments from the public and industry on how this proposed regulation can best achieve the goals of promoting accurate labeling information and preventing adulteration without imposing unnecessary regulatory burdens. Written comments will be received until 90 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register and may be addressed to Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

### Society meets

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society met Mon., May 5 at Haskell City Hall.

Darlene Bellinghausen's freshman class from Haskell High School presented the program. Different groups presented information about the countries that border Iraq. The countries are Syria, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Jordan. The students told the location, size, capital city, the national anthem, what each color in the flag means, the type of government, currency, source of income, life expectancy, climate, religion, the status of women, the language and education of each country.

Present were Darlene Bellinghausen, Pauline Norman, Pam Thigpen, Sammie Loper, Maxine Miller, Teresa Scoggins, Johnny Scoggins, Lowell Peters, Eula Peters and Marilyn Griffith.



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# Labels can reveal smarter choices

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

How much attention do you pay to the Nutrition Facts label on the package of every food you buy at the grocery store? According to the food and nutrition experts at the American Dietetic Association, a few moments of label reading can pay big health dividends for you and your family.

"Learning to read a label or food package correctly can help you cut calories, among many other benefits," says Sue Moores, a registered dietitian and spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association. "That's why reading a label on everything from your

favorite bag of snacks to the canned, frozen or packaged foods you buy, is so important.

"With obesity on the rise, Americans need to know what a serving size of food really is. Food labels help us know many things in addition to servings, too.

"Reading the label is really quite simple to do. First check the servings on the package to see how that compares to what you eat in one sitting.

"You'll then want to check the calories per serving and the fat content. If you need to watch your salt intake, make sure you look at the sodium. Most important though is to look at the nutrient benefits you'll receive by eating a particular food," says Moores.

"Some of the nutrients you should check are the protein, carbohydrate and whether or not the food contains mono or polyunsaturated fat—the better fat for your health."

Labels are required to have specific meanings, such as:

Free: An amount so small that it probably won't have any effect on your body; for example, calorie-

free," "fat-free" or "sodium-free."

Low: A small amount of or low source of calories, fat or cholesterol.

Reduced: A food with at least 25 percent less calories, fat, saturated fat, cholesterol or sodium than a comparable food. Look at what it's being compared to.

High: Twenty percent or more of the Daily Value for a nutrient—for example, "high in vitamin C" or "high-calcium." Other terms are, "excellent source of," or "rich in."

Good source: Ten to 19 percent of the Daily Value for a nutrient—for example, "good source of fiber" or terms such as "contains" or "provides."

More: Ten percent or more of the Daily Value—for example, "more fiber" or "more iron" or terms such as "enriched" or "fortified."

Light: A third fewer calories or 50 percent less fat than the traditional version. "A low-calorie" or "low-fat" food with 50 percent less sodium might also be called "light" or "lite."

Healthy: Low in fat and saturated fat, 60 milligrams or less cholesterol per serving, 480 milligrams or less sodium per serving, and at least 10

percent of the Daily Value per serving of vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium, iron, protein and fiber. Raw frozen and canned fruits and vegetables are exceptions; they can be labeled "healthy" without having 10 percent of the DV or more of these nutrients per serving.

On seafood, meat or poultry look for:

Lean: Less than 10 grams of total fat, 4 grams of saturated fat and 95 milligrams cholesterol per 3-ounce serving.

Extra lean: Less than 5 grams of total fat, 2 grams saturated fat and 95 milligrams cholesterol per 3-ounce serving.

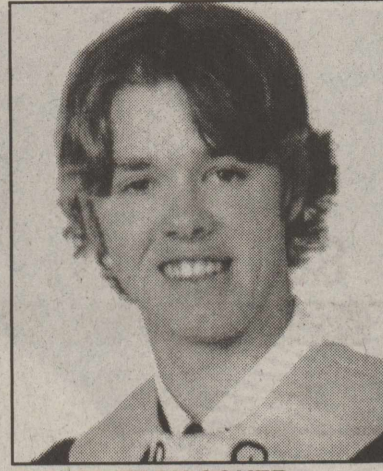
Learn to make wise food choices at the supermarket by reading the labels and when you eat out, too.

With nearly 70,000 members, the Chicago-based American Dietetic Association is the nation's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. ADA serves the public by promoting optimal nutrition and well-being.

For more information on how to reach a registered dietitian in your area, visit [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org).



JOSH WEBB



ZACK COKER

## Students visit Rotary Club

Josh Webb is the son of Ronnie and Rae Webb of Haskell.

He attends Haskell First Baptist Church.

In school he is active in the National Honor Society, Spanish club, basketball, baseball and University Interscholastic League.

Special awards and recognitions he has received include being named to the Academic All-State Basketball Team, 2nd Team All-District Basketball, 1st team All-District Baseball and Vice President of Senior Class.

Among his favorite pastimes are hanging out with friends, playing sports and Playstation.

His plans after finishing high school include attending Texas Tech University, graduating with a degree, getting married and "enjoying life as it should be enjoyed."

Zack Coker is the son of Jerry and Vickie Coker of Haskell.

He attends Haskell First Baptist Church.

In school he is active in golf, tennis, Fellowship of Christian Students and the Student Council.

Special awards and recognitions he has received include being named to One Act Play All-Star cast member, ninth grade; One Act Play Honorable Mention All Star Cast, eleventh grade; A Honor Roll, six years, and Most Spirited.

Among his favorite things to do are playing with his dogs, hunting, going to the lake and spending time with friends.

After finishing high school, he plans to attend Texas Tech University and get a good job.

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## This Week's Devotional Message:



### LET US HEAR IT FOR ALL OUR GOOD YOUNG PEOPLE

Unfortunately, it's the boy who sets fire to the school library or the young person rushed to the hospital with a drug overdose who makes the headlines, overshadowing the vast majority of our good teenagers who just study hard, help around the house, find after-school jobs, excel at sports or win scholastic honors and stay out of trouble. This has caused many parents a great deal of needless

anxiety about the direction which their own children will take, for the evil temptations are indeed waiting out there. However, by providing a harmonious and positive home life with the right mixture of love, understanding and firm guidelines, reinforced by the teachings at our house of worship, we can be assured that our nation will be in good hands when our young generation inherits it.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

#### HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**  
Dr. Jim Helfin, interim 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**  
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Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Gary Bruns, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
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.  
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.  
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.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

#### New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

#### Mission Revival Center

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

#### First Baptist Church

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

#### Church in the Park

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

#### PAINT CREEK

#### Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

#### WEINERT

#### First Baptist Church

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

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

#### Church of Christ

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

#### First Baptist Church

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 Gullledge, 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 & Hobins, Hule

#### 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 Omega  
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

- May 19-May 23**  
**Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Breakfast pizza  
**Tuesday:** Manager's choice  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, toast  
**Thursday:** Breakfast burrito  
**Friday:** Manager's choice  
**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:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, hot rolls, apple crisp  
**Tuesday:** Chalupas/cheese, garden salad, corn, fruit salad  
**Wednesday:** Pizza, corn, Oriental coleslaw, sliced peaches  
**Thursday:** Hamburger, lettuce/tomato slices, pickle slices or spears, fries or tots, canned fruit-manager's choice  
**Friday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce/tomato/pickle, assorted chips, cookie

## ECC Calendar and Menu

- Mon., May 19**  
Lunch—Chicken and dressing, giblet gravy, candied yams, cranberries, savory green beans, yeast rolls, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee  
**Wed., May 21**  
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check  
10:30 a.m. Bingo  
Lunch—Hamburger steak with

- onions and brown gravy, creamy whipped cheese potatoes, English peas, onion/pickle slices, blueberry cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee  
**Fri., May 23**  
Lunch—Sloppy joes, potato salad, pinto beans, relish/onions, mayo/mustard/ketchup, dessert, milk, tea, or coffee  
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

### TAX PLANNING

Written By  
**Richard E. Rodgers, CPA**

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### IT IS TIME TO DO SOME BUSINESS SPRING CLEANING?

If you're like many business owners, you have many records you're not sure you need to keep anymore. Keeping more documents than necessary can be messy and confusing. On the other hand, not keeping enough can lead to trouble should you be audited by the IRS.

Every business owner needs to maintain adequate records to prepare his business tax return and to substantiate income and expenses in the event of an audit. Chances are you already have the heart of an efficient recordkeeping system in place by using computer software to keep your company's books. Using software should reduce your office clutter since many reports don't really need to be printed out. They can be viewed on your computer screen whenever you need them. Remember to keep a backup copy of your books in a safe place, like your home, in case disaster strikes.

Of course, the IRS does require support for your deductible business expenses. Often this will be purchase invoices along with proof of payment. Some types of expenses, such as meals and entertainment, do require extra documentation. If space is particularly scarce, you may want to consider using electronic storage alternatives.

It's also important to save records that document the source of your business receipts—especially for receipts that shouldn't be treated as income, such as loan proceeds. One technique the IRS uses in examinations is to obtain your bank statements and analyze the deposits. Properly documenting the source of each deposit will help ensure you don't end up paying any more tax than necessary.

Please call us if you need some help figuring out what to save and what to throw out during your business spring cleaning.

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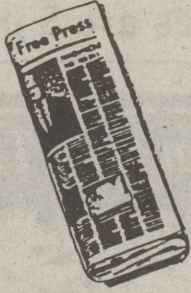
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**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE:** Clothes, furniture, odds and ends. Sat., May 17, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 506 Main in Rochester. 20p

### Estate Sale

**ESTATE SALE:** Fri., May 23. Early sales, Stamford, Texas. Sassy Merriott home. On the Avoca Hwy. 915-773-3783; V.P. girls 20-21c

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**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS** for all positions at Sonic Drive-In, Haskell. Apply in person. 25stc

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Haskell County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on May 27, 2003, at the office of County Judge in the Haskell County Courthouse, Haskell, Texas. This equipment will be sold by Precinct #4, Bobby Smith, Commissioner.

1971 Dodge D600 truck with V8 engine; 1974 International F1800 truck with tandem axle. V8 engine; 1972 Ford F600 truck with dump bed, single axle; 1966 Chevrolet truck; 1971 Ford pickup F100 short bed; 1964 Ford 1/2 ton pickup; 1983 Ford F250, 460 engine; Lutkin 12 ft. dump trailer; Trojan wheel loader.

These items can be seen at the Precinct #4 barn.

Haskell County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

David C. Davis  
County Judge 19-20c

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Haskell County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on May 27, 2003, at the office of the County Judge in the Haskell County Courthouse, Haskell, Texas to replace screws and seals, eye seals, center caps seals and reseat where sky lights were removed, if any, on the ECC Building and the County Extension Office.

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David C. Davis  
County Judge 19-20c

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Haskell County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on May 27, 2003 at the office of the County Judge in the Haskell County Courthouse, Haskell, Texas to replace roofs on the following:

Anchor Store and Dwelling; Anchor Cabin.

Bid specifications available in the County Judge's Office. Phone 864-2851.

Haskell County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Public notice published for Anchor roofs on May 8, 2003 is not valid.

David C. Davis  
County Judge 20-21c

### Public Notices

**NOTICE**  
The City of Haskell is accepting bids on approximately 35 blocks to be seal coated. Bids are to be opened June 9, 2003 at 7:00 a.m. Bid specifications and further information may be obtained by contacting the Haskell City Hall. The City of Haskell reserves the right to accept any or all bids. 20-21c

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Haskell County Commissioners' Court, subject to provisions of Section 116.021 through Section 116.027 Subchapter B, Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, State of Texas, as amended will receive bids from any interested banking institution within Haskell County, to serve as prime depository of the County of Haskell and maintain custody of the funds of Haskell County for a period of two years beginning June 1, 2003 extending to May 31, 2005. Any such bid shall be delivered to the office of County Judge by 10:00 o'clock a.m., May 22, 2003. All bids received will be opened and considered and then presented to the Commissioners' Court on May 27 for a final decision. All bids will be accompanied by a certified check of \$12,389.13 payable to the County Judge as a guarantee of good faith on the part of said institution. Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned forthright and the check of the successful bidder will be returned after they have entered into the depository contract and furnished a satisfactory bond or pledges as required by law and such bond or pledges are approved by the Commissioners' Court. The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Haskell County Commissioners' Court  
By: David C. Davis  
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Haskell County, Texas 20-21c

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Thank you for the beautiful get well cards, telephone calls and the personal visits while B. O. Roberson was in the hospital. Your prayers were especially appreciated. B. O. is showing improvement day by day. We are grateful for your friendship. Sincerely, B. O. and Billyjo Roberson

Thank you for all the calls, cards, concerns, help and prayers after my "little accidents." My family and I appreciate everything that was done for us over the last couple of months. And another thank you for the calls and prayers for Tabitha during her ordeal. She is out of the hospital and on the mend, also. Again many thanks to all! Tammy Parham

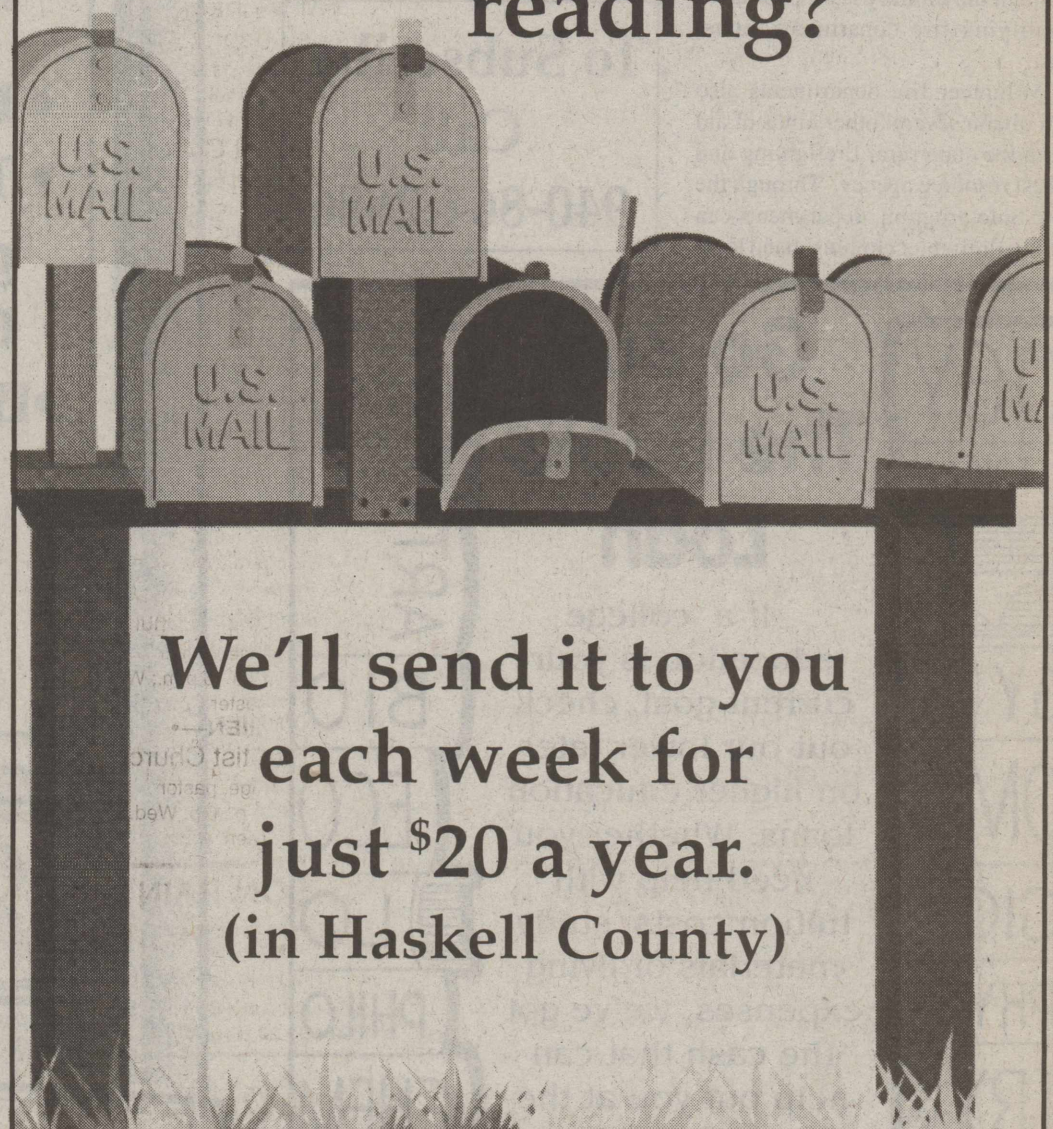
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**TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST**—All Haskell CISD employees were guests at Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts given in their honor at KP's, Tues. and Wed., May 6-7, sponsored by the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation in thanks for all they do for children. Sharing a table and breakfast before going to class on Wednesday, were Haskell Elementary teachers, l-r, Doris Mae Watson, Sherry Adams, Mylta Kimbler, Susan LeFevre and Phyliss Coleman, school secretary.

# Haskell VFD to purchase new fire gear

Haskell Volunteer Fire Department obtained \$5,448 in cost-sharing aid toward the purchase of 10 sets of structure personal protective equipment.

The funding aid came from the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program, a \$15 million annual state cost-sharing program (also known as the HB 2604 program) that is funded by contributions from the Texas insurance industry, and the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program, a federally funded fire protection program. Cost-sharing aid toward the purchase of trucks and slip-on pump units also is available through both programs, which are administered by the Texas Forest Service, the state forest resource and rural firefighting agency.

Fire organizations also may be able to obtain free trucks and other firefighting apparatus such as pumps, tanks and portable generators through the Texas Forest Service via the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) program. Under the FEPP program, equipment acquired through the military is transferred to qualifying fire departments at no cost.

Volunteer fire departments also can obtain several other kinds of aid from the state rural firefighting and forest resource agency. Through the Fire Safe program, departments can obtain firefighter clothing, hand tools

and water handling accessories at discount prices. A self-insurance, vehicle liability insurance pool administered by the Texas Forest Service offers liability coverage for \$200 per vehicle per year, ambulances excluded. Passage of legislation minimizing liability to industrial companies that donate used firefighting equipment through the Helping Hands program for volunteer fire department use has made additional free equipment available. Regional fire coordinators located throughout the state train volunteer firefighters in wildland firefighting techniques and assist fire departments with obtaining equipment and cost-sharing aid.

Detailed information on volunteer fire department aid programs is available from the Texas Forest Service regional coordinators and from the agency's rural fire defense section at P. O. Box 310, Lufkin, TX 75902-0310, phone 936-639-8130. Information on the HB 2604 program is also available from the program coordination office in College Station at 979-458-6505.

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## Calendar

### Sagerton homecoming

Sagerton Homecoming is set May 24-25 at the Sagerton Community Center beginning at 1 p.m. on Sat. Contact Mrs. Charles Clark 940-864-2680 for more information.

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., May 15 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 17 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 1303 N. Ave. 1 in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

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