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## Basketball games

**HASKELL**  
JV-G, VG-B vs Eastland  
Sat., Feb. 14, 6 p.m.  
at Haskell

JVG-B, VG-B vs Hawley  
Tues., Feb. 17, 6 p.m.  
at Hawley

## Softball games

Haskell JV-V vs Seymour  
Tues., Feb. 17, 4 p.m.  
at Haskell

## Calendar

### Dinner theatre

The Noah Project-North will hold their annual dinner theatre Sat., Feb. 14 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. A brisket dinner will be served. A comedy play "Golden Girls of Haskell County" will be featured. A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the dinner. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door or from any Advisory Committee member.

### Alzheimer's meeting

A support group for family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims will meet Wed., Feb. 18 at 3 p.m. in the dining room of Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell. Guest speaker will be Jay Hobbs, director of the Abilene Alzheimer's Association. Call Stephen King at 940-864-2652 for more information.

### Rule Chamber banquet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual banquet March 9 at 7 p.m. at Rule ISD.

### Storytime

Fun with Friends storytime will be held each Tuesday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the Haskell County Library beginning Feb. 3 and ending April 20. Children under 5 years old, accompanied by an adult, are encouraged to bring their favorite toy, blanket or pillow. Storytime is provided by friends of the Haskell County Library and the Lebri Foundation.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

### Sr. 4-H meeting

The Haskell Sr. 4-H Club will meet Sun., Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension Office for a short business meeting. The club will visit Haskell Healthcare Center and hold a Valentine's party for their residents.

### Jr. 4-H meeting

The Haskell Jr. 4-H Club will meet Mon., Feb. 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. The photography and clothing projects, summer camps and upcoming events and contests will be discussed.

### Rule report cards

Parents whose children attend school at Rule ISD are encouraged to come to the school Feb. 18 to pick up their child's fourth six weeks report cards. Teachers will be in their classrooms from 3:45 to 5 p.m. to discuss student's progress and the TAKS tests. For more information, call 997-2246.

### Sr. Citizen Dance

The Old Glory Senior Citizen's dance will be held Thurs., Feb. 12 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Old Glory Community Center in Old Glory. Call 940-989-2925 or 866-997-9505 for information.

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**GOLDEN GIRLS**—Heading up the evening's entertainment at the Noah Project-North's Dinner Theatre at the Haskell Civic Center, Sat., Feb. 14, will be the "Golden Girls of Haskell County,"

presenting their own, original version of The Golden Girls TV show. From the left, standing, are Yvonne Swofford, Darlene Burson and Martha Jarred. Seated is Mary Kennedy.

## 'Golden Girls' to appear at dinner

The Noah Project-North will hold their annual Dinner Theatre on Valentine's Day, Sat., Feb. 14, at the Haskell Civic Center.

Starting at 6:00 p.m., the evening's entertainment will feature the "Golden Girls of Haskell County," in an entertaining, original "take off" of the popular TV show of a few years back. The local "Golden Girls" will be Yvonne Swofford, Darlene Burson, Martha Jarred and Mary Kennedy.

Also featured will be a silent auction, with proceeds going to fund the work of the Noah Project-North.

The event is the major fund-raiser

of the Noah Project-North, requiring many volunteers working to make it a success, said Donna Sue Anders.

"Community support is very important," she said of the work of the local organization. Anyone having a donation they would like to make for the silent auction is asked to call 940-864-2551, to have it picked up. Monetary donations may be made by calling or mailing it to the Noah Project-North, at P.O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521.

The Noah Project-North is an outreach of the Noah Project, Inc. in Abilene. It provides services to victims of family violence, including

men, women and children. Noah-North provides services in five counties; Jones, Haskell, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton. The services include shelter, transportation, food, clothing, legal and medical assistance. It works closely with law enforcement personnel, and its goal is to keep families safe. While funded by a

contract for part of the employee salaries, all of the money for client services are raised by community donations, Stamford United Way, and fund-raisers, such as the local Dinner Theatre.

Everyone in the community is asked to help support the Noah Project - North with their attendance at the event or by making a donation.

## Rochester rejects merger

Out of about 300 registered voters in Rochester, 147 of them went to the polls Sat., Feb. 7, to say no to the proposed consolidation of Rochester CLISD with Haskell CISD, which had been approved by the Rochester School Board. Of those voting, 128 supported the consolidation.

A merger had been pursued by school officials because of shrinking enrollment, down from 140 to 110 in the last five years, that threatens the continuing of funding for programs and opportunities offered for students at the Rochester school. While generating \$1.1 million in revenue each year, the Rochester district spends \$1.2 million, losing about \$100,000 a year.

To cover the shortfall, the district is dipping into its reserves, which are at \$350,000.

While the proposed changes to the school system were rejected by the Rochester citizens, Rochester Superintendent Steve Self said, "There will be changes. We told the community that Rochester would not be the same, no matter what happened." He added that curriculum changes for the school have not yet been made.

The proposal was soundly passed in Haskell, with 627 votes for and 100 votes against consolidation of the schools.

Following the existing trend of decreasing enrollment in rural school districts across the state, Haskell CISD enrollment, which stands at about 570 students, is down 150 students in the last seven years. The merger, bringing more students into one school, would have benefitted in making possible additional funding for programs and opportunities for all.

Haskell Superintendent Eddie Bland said, "We're disappointed because we think it would have been good for the kids."

## Early voting announced

Haskell County Clerk, Rhonda Moeller has announced that early voting for the March 9 Primary Elections will begin Mon., Feb. 23 and continue through Fri., Mar. 5.

During that time, registered voters may cast an early ballot at the Haskell County Courthouse or they can request a ballot be mailed to them. Wed., Mar. 1 is last day a ballot can be mailed to a voter, Moeller said.

## Round Robin revival set

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance will hold its annual Community Round-Robin Revival Feb. 15 through 19.

The theme for the revival is "Christ In Us."

The revival will begin at 6:00 p.m., Sun., Feb. 15, at Haskell First Baptist Church, with speaker J. C. Amburn, pastor of Haskell First Assembly of God.

All of the weekday services will begin at 7:00 each evening.

Mon., Feb. 16, Kevin Hall, pastor of Haskell First Baptist Church will speak at Rule First Baptist Church.

Tues., Feb. 17, Deborah Nissen, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church,

Sagerton, will speak at Haskell First Christian Church.

Wed., Feb. 18, Dusty Garison, pastor of Haskell First Christian Church, will speak at the First Assembly of God in Haskell.

Thurs., Feb. 19, Steve Beatty, pastor of Haskell First Presbyterian Church, will speak at Haskell First United Methodist Church.

An offering will be collected at each service, to be used to support the Ministerial Alliance efforts to meet the varied needs of people within Haskell County.

Everyone in the community is invited to come and to enjoy taking part in the worship services.



**SKYWARN CERTIFIED**—The Haskell Fire Department sponsored a skywarn class for area skywarn teams, Mon., Feb. 9, led by Hector Guerrero, right, Severe Weather Coordinator with the National Weather Service, assisted by KTXS Meteorologist, Andrew LaFavers, left, Haskell Fire Chief, Bill Steele, center, accepted a United States Department of Commerce Certificate of Recognition, presented to the Haskell Fire Department for providing real time spotter support during life threatening severe weather events, and for their dedication to saving lives in Haskell County.

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**RPCG annual meeting set Feb. 17**

The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Annual Meeting will be held Tues., Feb. 17, in conjunction with the Texas Farm-Ranch-Wildlife Expo, on the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene. The meeting will be held in the Big Country Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Featured guest speakers include Congressman Charles Stenholm, Woody Anderson, Chairman of the National Cotton Council and Dr. Carl Anderson, Extension Economist with Texas A&M University. Stenholm, ranking minority member of the House Agriculture Committee, will provide an update on selected federal agricultural issues. Woody Anderson will address key trade topics and Dr. Carl Anderson will provide a cotton market outlook.

A barbeque lunch sponsored by industry representatives will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. Following lunch, participants are invited to attend the Cotton Production Conference that is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Producers will have the opportunity to earn three CEU hours toward their Applicators License. Billy Henderson of the Texas Department of Agriculture will update producers on Texas herbicide law. Extension entomologist, Dr. Chris Sansone, will provide information on insect management. Dr. Billy Warwick, Extension agronomist, will address cotton production topics.

There is no charge for the meeting or production conference. All cotton producers and other interested associates are invited to attend this educational meeting. For more information, contact the RPCG office at (325) 669-6447.

**Cattle Market report**

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 509 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Feb. 9, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 57 sellers and 28 buyers were present.

Packers steady, stockers \$2 to \$8 lower and feeders \$2 to \$3 lower.

Cows: fat, .45-.51; cutters, .42-.52; canners, .38-.42.

Bulls: bologna, .55-.64; feeders, .72-.86; utility, .48-.56.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.15-1.65; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.23; 400-500 lbs., 1.00-1.18; 500-600 lbs., .88-1.08; 600-700 lbs., .78-.89; 700-800 lbs., .77-.85; 800-up lbs., .68-.81.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.40; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .87-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .78-.98; 600-up lbs., .65-.92.

Bred heifers medium frame, 525-650.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 675-780; aged or small, 475-650.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 775-925; aged or small, 625-775.



**SINGING STUDENTS**—Haskell Elementary third graders singing at the Experienced Citizens Center were: Ashley Adams, Madison Mayfield, Drake Everett, Jasmine Wilson, Kyle Moore, Maegan Gonzales, Charitie Winterstein and Taylor Polk.



**STUDENTS ENTERTAIN**—Haskell Elementary third grade students recently singing at the Experienced Citizens Center were: I-r, Taylor Polk, Taylor Burson, Cailey Foster, Preston Morrow, Sidney Cassidy, Aaron Wade, Phillip Coleman and Jared Macias.

**Obituaries**

**Maurice Boles**

Funeral services for Maurice Boles, 79, of Rule were held Sat., Feb. 7 at Sweet Home Baptist Church in Rule with Bill Trice and Billy Sellers officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Boles died Thurs., Feb. 5 at a local hospital.

Born Dec. 8, 1924 in Franklin County, she was the daughter of Felix Monroe and Mary Elizabeth Davis Sparks. She married H. L. 'Cooter' Boles July 3, 1942 in Scroggins. In 1951, they moved from East Texas to Jud. In 1953 they moved to Old Glory where they farmed and lived until 1977. In 1977, they moved to Rule. She was a farmer with her husband. She was the 'World's Greatest Mom' and her family came first in her life. She loved her family very much and was always willing to help a friend or family member in need. She worked as a cook at Aspermont Nursing Home, Rule ISD and at the Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell. She loved Sweet

Home Baptist Church where she attended and worshiped faithfully. She will be remembered for her wonderful hot rolls, donuts and homemade fried pies.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Roy Lynn; two brothers, Troy Sparks and Buford 'Boots' Sparks.

Survivors include her husband, H. L. 'Cooter' Boles of Rule; five children, Mary Boles Houston and husband, Sam of Youngsville, Louisiana, Donald Wayne Boles and wife, Anita of Lewisville, Francell Boles Hamlett of Green Cove Springs, Florida, Rickey Dean Boles and wife, Gail of Abilene, and Cynthia Boles Harrison and husband, Steve of Lubbock; sister, Bennie Ruth Peckham of Scroggins; 16 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

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

**Dorothy Lee Halliburton**

Funeral services for Dorothy Lee Halliburton, 82, of Rochester were held Sun., Feb. 8 at the Church of Christ in Rule with John Greeson and Brett Anderson officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Chapel in Rule.

Born Aug. 5, 1921 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of Jim Rose and Willie Henshaw Rose. She was a lifetime resident of Haskell County and a member of the Rule Church of Christ. She was a member of the Home

Demonstration Club. She married J. C. Halliburton in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. C. Halliburton Oct. 15, 1992; her parents; one son; and two sisters.

Survivors include one son, David Halliburton of Rule; two brothers, Gene Rose of Rochester and Charles Rose of California; five grandchildren and several great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

**Krislyn Jade Wallace-McClatchey**

Graveside services for Krislyn Jade Wallace-McClatchey were held Sun., Feb. 8 at Willow Cemetery with Rev. Kevin Hall officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 6, 2004, she was the precious infant daughter of Whitney Wallace and Brandon McClatchey. She now rests gently in God's loving arms. When someone comes

into our lives and they are too quietly and quickly gone, they leave footprints on our hearts and their memory stays with us forever.

Survivors include grandparents, Mark and Tammie Wallace, Melissa and Aaron Weaver and lots of family and friends. PD. NOTICE

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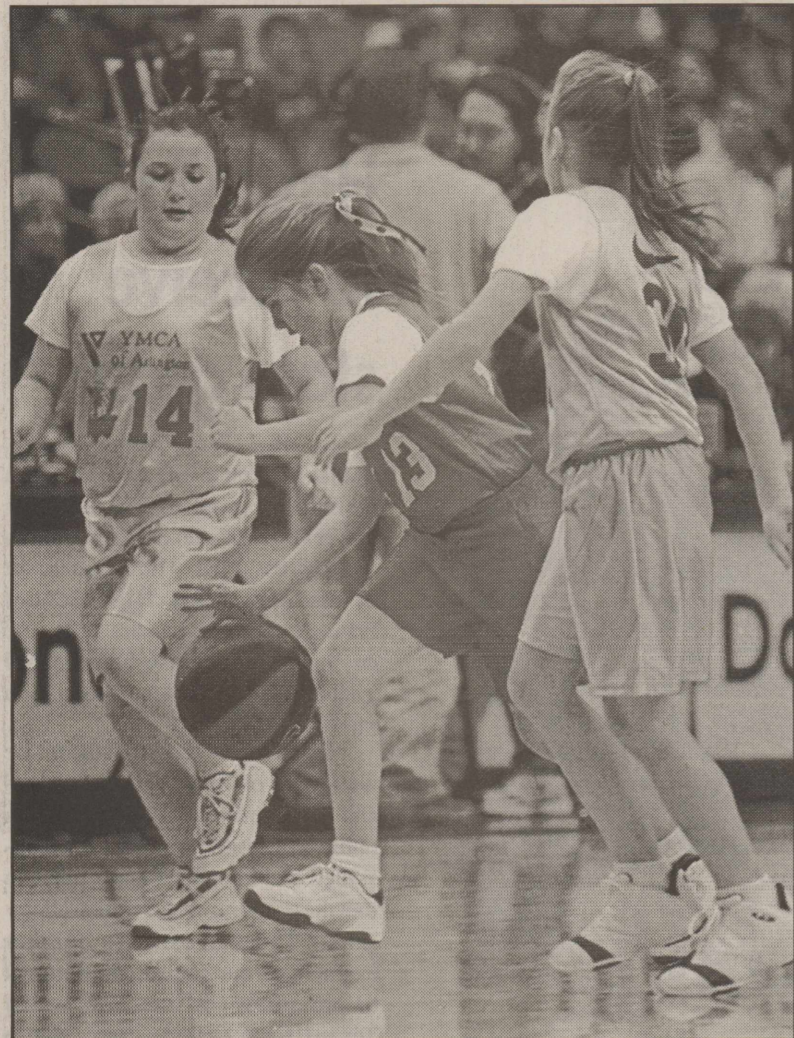


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**Around Town** By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting with Joyce Hawkins Friday evening were her son and wife, James and Shirley Hawkins of Wichita Falls. They were on their way to Abilene to visit their sons. Gean Blair and daughter-in-law, Ann Blair took Ashley Flannary to Newcastle to meet a friend. From there Ashley was to return home. She had been visiting in Haskell for the last four weeks. Ashley is Gean's granddaughter.



**AT THE MAVERICKS' GAME**—Kendall Crisp, 13, of the Allen Sparks, dribbles by two Arlington YMCA players at the American Airlines Center, where Kendall and her teammates were selected to play during halftime of the Jan. 30 Dallas Mavericks game. The daughter of Jim and Sonya Crisp is the granddaughter of Gaston and Willie Faye Tidrow of Haskell, who attended the game. Sonya Crisp, a graduate of Haskell High School, is the Sparks' coach.

# Book relates story of Rule family



**NONA NORWOOD**  
In her recent book, *Due West By Covered Wagon*, former Rule resident, Ives June Casey Powell, Ph. D. relates the historical events in the life of Bailey and Grace Denny Miller and the four Miller children as they moved from Chico in Wise County to Haskell and Stonewall Counties.

Dedicated to Nona Belle Miller Casey Norwood of Rule, City Secretary of Rule from 1953-1981, the narrative, accompanied by photographs, documents the immigration of the family in 1923.

Extensive research documents the narrative and photographs that chronicle the lives of the Miller family from 1900 through 1970.

From 1900 to 1945, the Miller family lived in rural homes without the modern conveniences of electricity, advanced farming techniques and equipment, transportation, health care advancements, communication systems, and many numerous conveniences taken for granted in the twenty-first century.

The historical and genealogical information for the book was collected through indisputable

records available in the Haskell and Wise County Clerk's Offices, oral history, Federal Census records, church records, old family Bible records, cemetery and tombstone records.

Additional information was compiled from *The Haskell Free Press*, *The Wise County Messenger*, and the Wise County Historical Society.

Residing in Denton, the author, Ives June Casey Powell, is a graduate of Rule High School and received a Ph. D. from the University of North Texas.

## Homegrown herbs add zest to recipes

by Jane Rowan  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
Growing herbs at home can be a fun and inexpensive way to make food tasty. They are simple to grow if you follow some easy rules.

Herbs should be grown where there is plenty of drainage. They need a minimum of five to six hours of sunlight each day, and should be grown in garden soil that is neither too rich nor too poor.

When cooking with herbs, be sure and gently wash them in cool water and make sure they are dry before chopping or blending.

Don't use too much of a certain herb in a dish, and remember that some are good for long, slow cooking, and some are not.

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## Valentine's is not time to ruin diet

Are you determined that your Valentine's Day plans aren't going to be ruined by extra pounds?

It's easy to put on extra weight after overindulging during the holiday season, but if you want to make sure you can get into your "thin" outfit on Valentine's Day, there's a right way to do it. The wrong way is to starve yourself, according to nutrition experts at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Your holiday weight gain is probably mostly fat. Lona Sandon, a UT Southwestern dietician, says the body needs food to function, so when you starve yourself, you'll lose muscle mass as well as fat. That will lower your metabolism, making it even more difficult to lose weight.

Valentine's Day is a ways off, but you'll be on track for nice spring clothes by making some changes in your eating habits now. Start by stocking your pantry and refrigerator with foods that are good for you—fresh fruits and vegetables, low-fat milk and yogurt, lean meats and almonds and walnuts for snacking. You do need to eat, but eat the right foods. If you have leftover holiday goodies like food gift baskets, take them to the office to share so you won't be tempted.

Keep a food journal and record your food choices so they're more tangible. Set one or two initial goals that will be easy to keep, such as switching to low-fat milk. Then build on your success with those goals by adding new goals.

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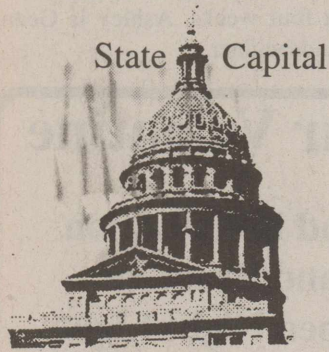
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# OPINION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

### Agriculture chief calls for water debt payment

AUSTIN—Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs was in Mexico earlier this week to discuss something fundamental to Texas agriculture and everything else; water.

The prime topic on the agenda was Mexico's water debt to Texas under the 1944 U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty. With a lingering drought, Mexico had gotten way behind in its release of water into the Rio Grande in recent years.

But last month, the nation released 389,306 acre-feet of water, an act Combs said was greatly appreciated by South Texas farmers. However, the nation still owes Texas more than 1 million acre-feet of water.

The good news, Combs said before leaving for Mexico, is that Mexico got a lot of rain last summer. In fact, it has 4.5 million acre-feet of water in reserve in impoundments on the Rio Concho (which flows into the Rio Grande).

"The next logical action is to start reducing the water debt owed to Texas," Combs said. "The time to pay up is now."

### Public schools mark 150 years...

Texas declared itself independent from Mexico in 1836, but it did not get around to formally sanctioning the development of independent thinking until 1854.

Now, 150 years later, the Texas Education Agency is coordinating the observance of the sesquicentennial of the enactment of the Common School Law of 1854. That measure, signed into law by Gov. Elisha M. Pease, provided state money for public schools for the first time.

The law also placed \$2 million in

a fund now known as the Permanent School Fund. Today, according to TEA, the fund is worth \$18 billion and is the second-largest educational endowment in the nation.

To learn more about the history of public education in Texas, visit the agency's Capitol Complex headquarters to see a special exhibit called

"Remembering the Past, Building the Future: Celebrating the First 150 Years of Texas Public Schools." The exhibit, free to the public, is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

### Don't feed the bears...

Not that Texas has that many bears in its state parks, but beginning in March, it will be against the rules to feed the wildlife.

Published for public comment last December, the then-proposed rule received only six comments—though four of those were in opposition to the change. The wildlife feeding ban will cover all 120 state parks.

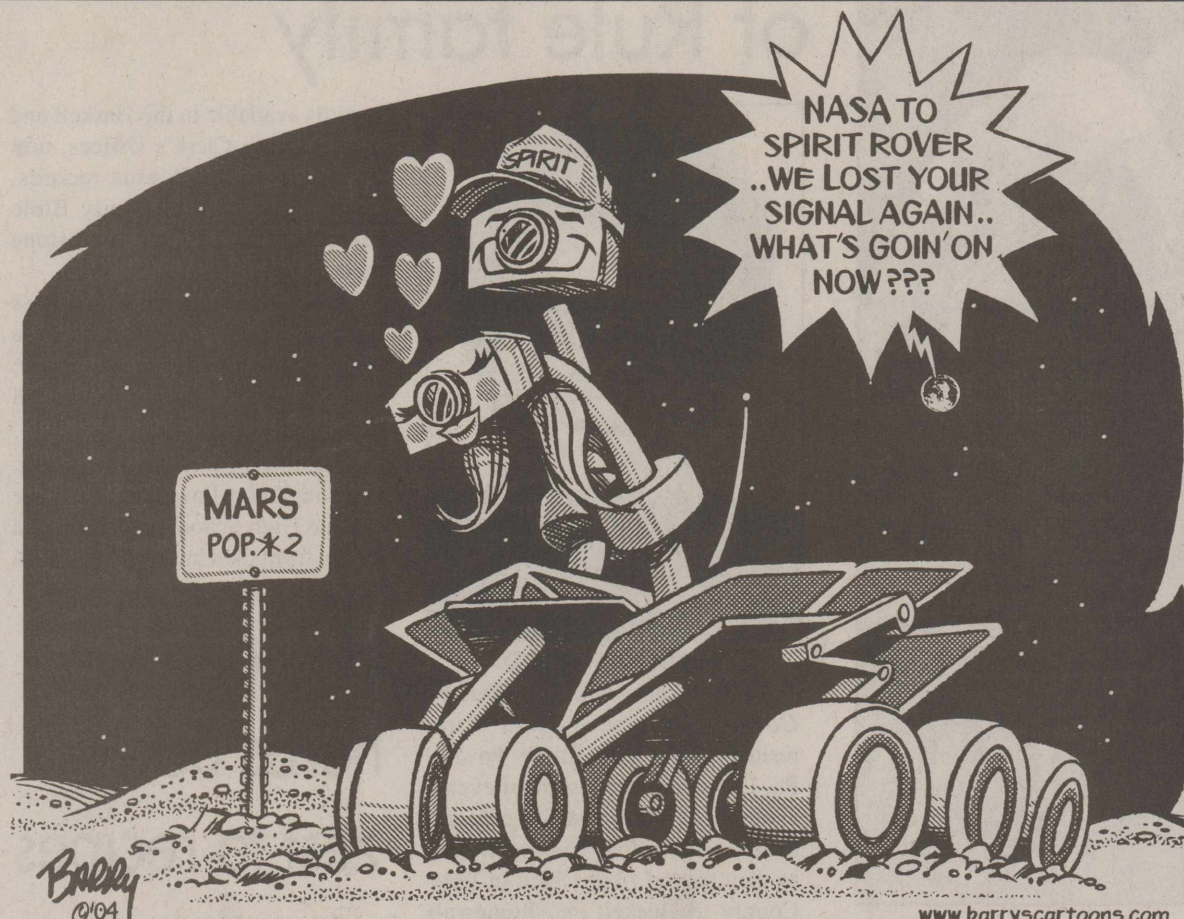
The reason behind the measure is safety, the Parks and Wildlife Department says. "When wild animals begin associating humans with food," said TPW Director Walt Dabney, "they don't become less wild; they lose their inherent fear of humans."

That, he continued, increases the chance of an unfortunate bite or worse. Getting caught feeding a wild animal also could take a bit out of a person's wallet to the tune of up to a \$500 fine.

### Veteran's Cemetery under way...

Work has begun on the first Texas State Veterans Cemetery. The site is off Texas 195 at Chaparral Road, about 6 miles south of the intersection of that highway and U.S. 190 in Killeen.

The new cemetery is scheduled to be ready for burials in mid-2005.



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## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago February 10, 1994

A panel of judges chose Mary Kaigler's entry *Haskell Alive! Yesterday—Today—Tomorrow* as best among 53 submitted in the Chamber of Commerce's contest to choose a new slogan.

Cynthia Halliburton, a senior at Haskell High School, graduated from Barbizon International Modeling School.

Local winners in the Double Mountain District Cub Scout Pinewood Derby in Aspermont included A. J. Shaw, Leon Goudeau, Kendall Mitchell, and Scott Kennedy.

### 20 Years Ago February 9, 1984

Two local women were named to Outstanding Young Women of America. They included Jill Bleiker Harris and Catherine Josselet Bartley of Haskell.

United States Department of Agriculture Certificate of Merit was awarded to the Haskell Field Office of the Soil Conservation Service.

Jeff Davis, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davis and Sam Joe Fought of Haskell, received the trophy for the Grand Champion Broilers at the Jones County Stock Show.

Monty A. Moeller, Robert E. Browning, Carl S. Hopkins, Douglas L. Richardson of Haskell and Mikeana Wilcox of Rule were listed on the Distinguished Students List at Tarleton State University.

### 30 Years Ago February 14, 1974

The Dorothea C. Griffin Showmanship award of the Abilene Livestock Show went to Cindy Thomas of Haskell.

Mrs. Leonard Kieke and Fred Kupatt of Sagerton were selected Conservation Homemaker of the Year and Outstanding Conservation Farmer for the California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District.

John Paul Perrin of Haskell was chosen as Outstanding Conservation Farmer for the Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District.

Rod Townsend of Rochester showed the Champion Angus at the Wichita Falls Livestock Show. Reserve Champion Hereford was shown by Cindy Thomas of Haskell.

### 40 Years Ago February 13, 1964

Haskell Eagle Scout Barry O'Neal was one of the group of area Boy Scouts chosen to present credentials of scouting to Governor John Connally.

James Wall and Riley Couch of Paint Creek received their Eagle Scout badges along with Randy O'Neal of Haskell who is one of the youngest ever to receive the cherished award.

Winford L. Seelig of Haskell, a member of the United States Air Force team was selected Airman of

the Month in the 81st Supply Squadron. He was promoted to the rank of Airman Second Class.

All eight children of Mrs. Lee Matthews and their families converged at her home to help her celebrate her 85th birthday.

### 50 Years Ago February 11, 1954

Wayne Josselet, senior in the Weinert High School, showed the grand champion calf in the annual Haskell County 4-H Club Boys Show at Weinert and won the award as top showman. The reserve champion was awarded 12-year-old John Gannaway of Haskell for his top junior entry.

Alma Terrell, a second grade teacher and native of Haskell County, was named as teacher of the week. All of her teaching has been done in Haskell County. She taught two years in Douglas, one year at Paint Creek and five in Weinert Grade School before coming to Haskell Elementary School in 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Oates of Abilene were the parents of twin sons, Dan Jr. and Lee Latham. One weighed five pounds, eight ounces, the other five pounds, ten ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hill Oates of Haskell. Great-grandparents are Mary Oates and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smith of Haskell.

### 100 Years Ago February 13, 1904

Commissioner W. F. Watts of the Leavitt community spent several days in Haskell attending the session of Commissioners Court.

F. G. Alexander went to St. Louis and Chicago to purchase a spring stock of goods.

G. E. Ballew is having the Holder store house purchased by him fixed up for occupancy by Emma J. Hunt & Co., milliners and dressmakers.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to make a few comments regarding Haskell CISD's attempted consolidation with Rochester CLISD. As you know, the election was last Saturday. It passed overwhelmingly in Haskell, but unfortunately it did not pass in Rochester.

First, I want to say that I am proud of our superintendent's efforts on the proposed consolidation. Eddie Bland represented our district with integrity and dignity. He insisted on taking the high road, and kept us on the high road. This "Class Act" made us all look good.

I am proud of Billie McKeever for the hard work and heart she put into this deal. I am proud of our principals, teachers, and staff members for their efforts and positive attitude. They knew there would be sacrifices and hardships on them if the consolidation passed. They still forged ahead because they knew it was good for children.

I am proud of "The Board." The board got out and did their job with

class and honor. We remained focused on "what's best for kids." This is an amazing group of people I am privileged to serve with, and I consider myself a better person for serving with them.

Last and most importantly, I am proud to be a part of this community. The people of Haskell turned out and let their voices be heard and let everyone know that Haskell cares.

Looking back at this, we didn't lose anything. When you're fighting and trying to do the right thing for children you are always a winner.

Thanks,  
Mike Jordan  
Haskell CISD Board President

### Swedish smorgasbord

The bi-annual Swedish smorgasbord will be held Sat., Feb. 28 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ericksdahl. Serving times are 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. For ticket information call Connie Shurley 325-773-3757 or 773-5521 or Tena Tankersley 325-773-2721.

## Haskell CISD to receive state grant

Gov. Rick Perry announced Feb. 6, that Haskell CISD will receive a preliminary grant of \$80,000 from the Texas High School Completion and Success grant. The award is part of the new Texas High School Project, a public-private initiative designed to increase high school graduation and college graduation rates statewide.

"Our students represent the future workforce of Texas, and businesses and entrepreneurs will depend upon public education to produce highly-skilled and talented Texans that can fuel the economy of the future," Perry said. "These grants are another example of our state's commitment to providing assistance to young Texans for a college career and a competitive marketplace."

Perry said the grants are part of the \$130 million in state and private funds that are part of the Texas High School Project. This 22.1 million in state dollars comes from the Texas High School Completion and Success grant funds, which is administered through the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

"It is imperative that Texas increases its graduation rates and decrease its dropout rate," said Shirley Neeley, commissioner of education. "These grants are the first step in a coordinated public-private partnership that will work toward that goal."

The grants, which range in amount from \$15,000 to \$600,000, will be used to finance new programs or enhance successful activities such as: Early intervention programs; Credit recovery, which helps students earn course credit; Flexible scheduling and work/study programs; After-school, evening or summer learning opportunities.

Funding is targeted to projects that demonstrate the greatest potential to increase graduation rates among economically disadvantaged students. Additional grants and programs will be funded through this initiative.

The Texas High School Project partners the State of Texas, the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Communities Foundation of Texas in the cooperative program. The initiative includes 65 million in state funds along with about 65 million in private funds.

## New law to help stop identity theft

by Jane Rowan

### Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Identity theft has become increasingly common in the United States. The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act is hoping to put a stop to the crime.

This law gives consumers the right to view a free copy of their credit report each year to monitor for unauthorized activity.

Also, the law requires merchants to leave all but the last five digits of a credit card number on a store receipt. Previously, if a credit card was stolen, victims had to call all of their credit card companies and three major credit ratings companies.

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## Haskell Co. Gin Report

Feb. 9, 2004  
Haskell

Haskell Co-op Gin	9,664
Haskell County Gin	4,066
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	19,557
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	10,346
Sagerton Gin	2,500
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	5,888
Weinert Gin	7,350
Total Bales	59,371

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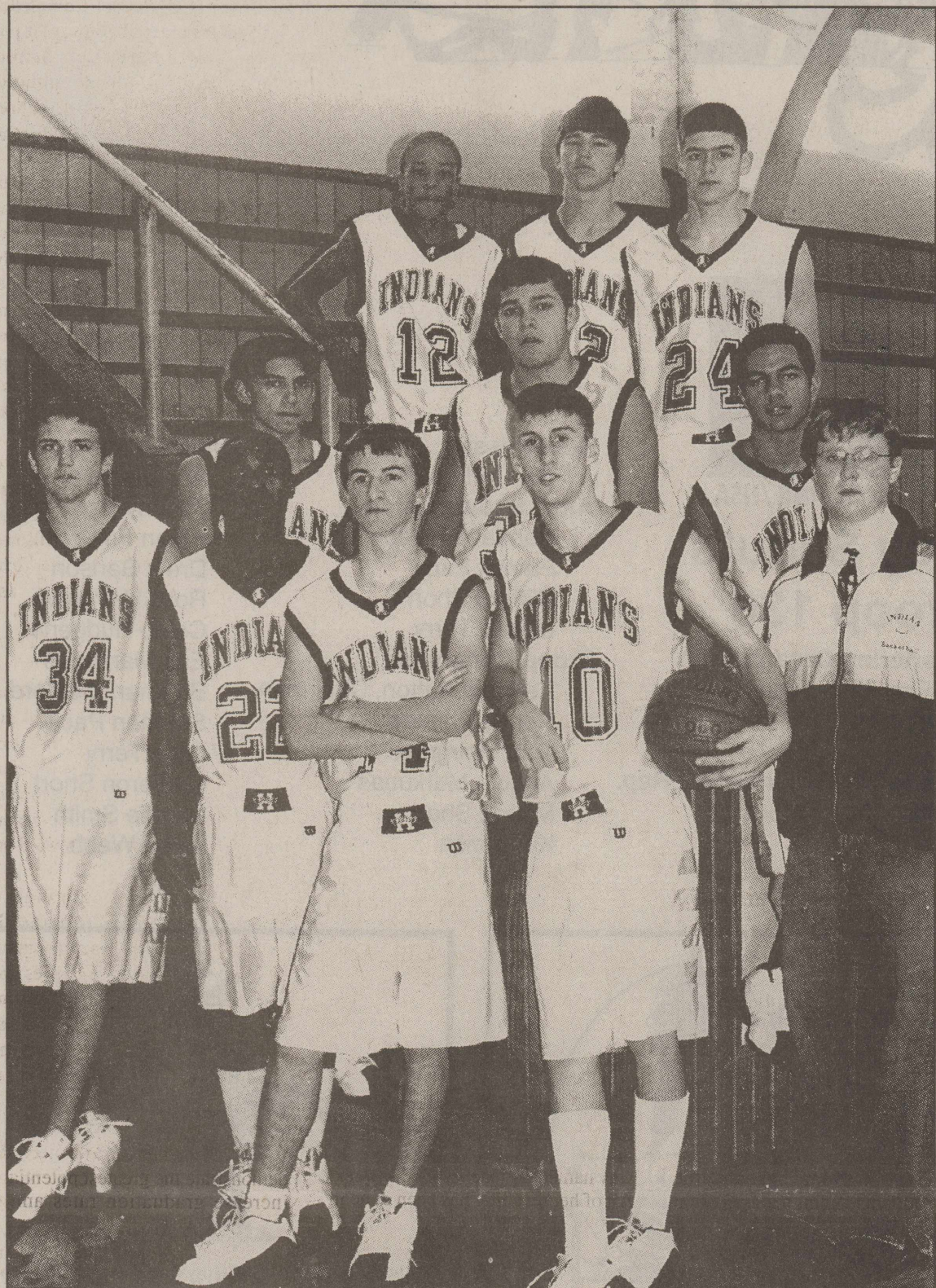


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Front, l-r: Nate Webb, Philip Collins, Kory Foster, Kendall Mitchell, Jared Webb. Middle: Miguel Chavez, Osiel Garcia, L. J. McCullouch. Back: Jakaan Hodge, Brandon McClatchey and Ross Hairgrove. Photo by KIS



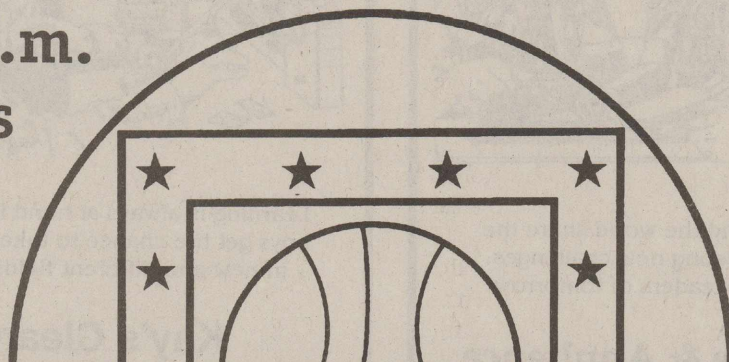
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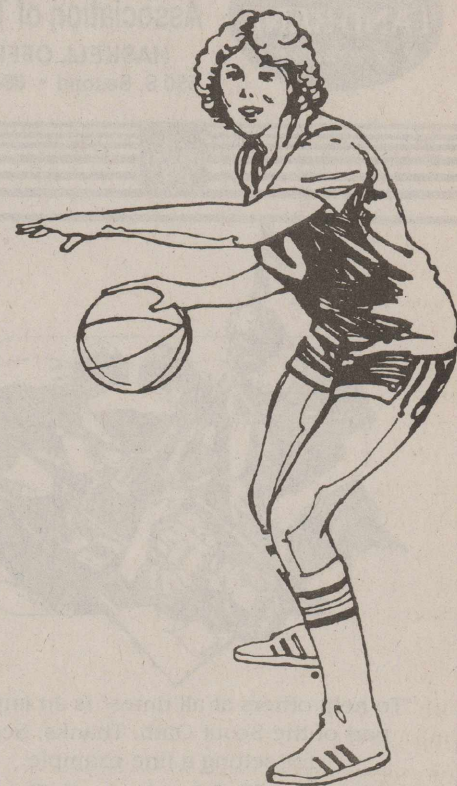


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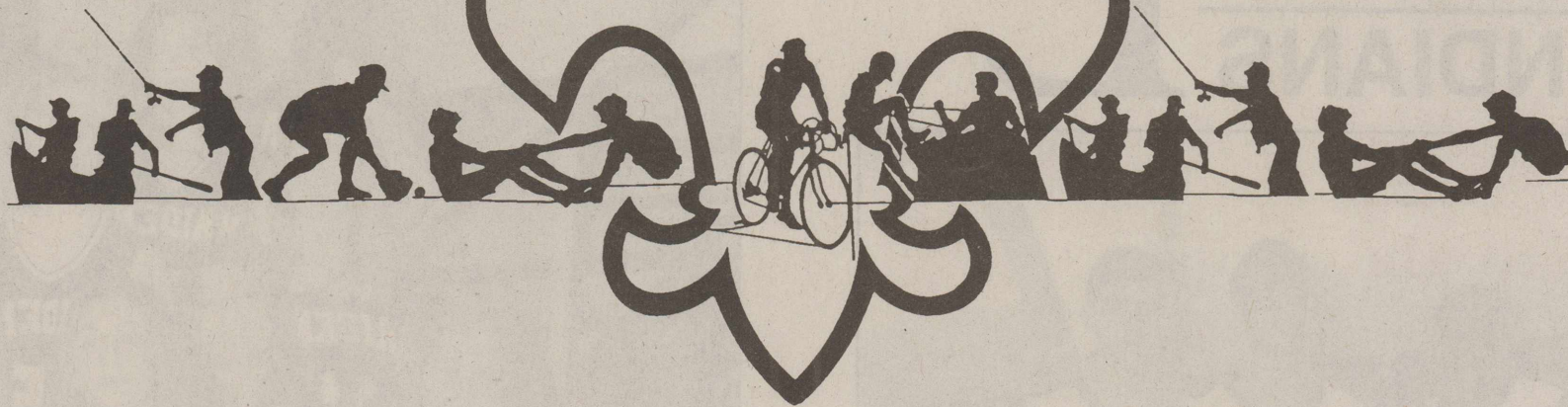
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# WEEK FEBRUARY 8-14



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Bonita Tatum  
Monica Shelton

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Kiwanis Club

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Chris Shelton

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River McTasney  
Preston Morrow  
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Brett Shelton  
Victor Vasquez IV  
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Kyle Kimbrough  
Aaron Waggoner  
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Mynea Short  
Kay Smith

**Youth Members**  
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Johnny Escamilla  
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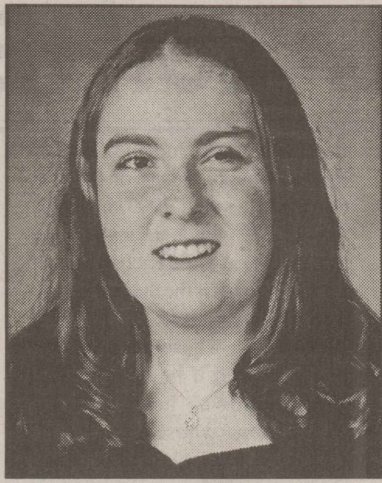


## Students visit Rotary Club

Bonnie Emert is the daughter of Randy and Susan Emert of Haskell. Her school activities include editor of the yearbook, FCCLA vice-president, basketball and Fellowship of Christian Students.

Special awards and recognitions she has received are National Honor Society, Top Junior Award, Class Salutatorian and Citizenship Award.

Her favorite leisure-time activities include reading, playing with cats and collecting things. After finishing high school, she plans to attend college, probably Vernon College, and major in accounting or business.



BONNIE EMERT

## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., Feb. 16**  
11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check  
Lunch—Beef a roni, Spanish cabbage, pinto beans, sliced onion/pickles, flakey biscuits, cherry cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

**Wed., Feb. 18**  
10:30 a.m. Bingo  
Lunch—Swiss steak/gravy, Texas potatoes, green beans, okra and tomatoes, yeast rolls, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee

**Fri., Feb. 20**  
Lunch—Ham and butter beans, yellow squash, turnip greens, sliced onions/tomato, cornbread, pudding cups and cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## Haskell School Menu

**Feb. 16-20**  
**Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Breakfast bagels  
**Tuesday:** Pigs in a blanket  
**Wednesday:** Honey Nut Cheerios  
**Thursday:** Sausage/biscuit  
**Friday:** Powdered donut

**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 ham and cheese.  
**Monday:** Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, sliced peaches  
**Tuesday:** Frito pie/cheese, garden salad, pinto beans, pineapple tidbits  
**Wednesday:** Chicken spaghetti, fried okra, garden salad, breadstick, fruit cocktail  
**Thursday:** Pepperoni pizza, corn, Ramen noodle slaw, baby carrots/ranch dressing, Sunshine bars  
**Friday:** Chicken on a bun, lettuce/tomato/pickle, French fries, apple wedges

## Paint Creek School Menu

**February 17-20**  
**Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Tuesday:** Biscuits and gravy  
**Wednesday:** Toast, cereal  
**Thursday:** Pancakes  
**Friday:** Breakfast burritos

**Lunch**  
Milk is served daily.  
**Tuesday:** Barbeque on bun, baked beans, fries, salad, jello  
**Wednesday:** Mexican cornbread, refried beans, salad, fruit cups  
**Thursday:** Steak fingers, tater tots, corn, rolls, cookies  
**Friday:** Hamburger stew, salad, cornbread, chocolate cake

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Traffic -4	Bench Warrant -1
Public Intoxication -2	Terroristic Threat -1
Violation of Parole -1	Driving While Intoxicated, 3 or more times -1
Absent Without Leave -1	Indecency With a Child -2
Driving While Intoxicated -5	Forgery -1
Unlawful Carrying of Weapon -1	Burglary of Habitat -1
Possession of Marijuana -2	Assault -1
Theft by Check -5	Public Lewdness -1
Abandon/Endanger Child -1	Surety Withdrawal -1

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TO: Ed Richardson, whose residence is unknown, and if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of Ed Richardson, whose names and addresses are unknown.  
Emma Richardson, whose residence is unknown, and if she be deceased, the unknown heirs of Emma Richardson, whose names and addresses are unknown.  
You are each hereby notified that a hearing will be held at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say Monday, the 8th day of March, 2004, and at District Courtroom in the District Courthouse in Haskell, Texas, to assess the damages of the owner of the property being condemned.  
The State of Texas filed a Petition for Condemnation with the

Judge of the 50th Judicial Court of Haskell County, Texas, on the 18th day of December, 2003, in Cause No. 11,173 which is styled The State of Texas v. Ed Richardson, et al. The Plaintiff is the State of Texas. The Defendants are: Ed Richardson, whose residence is unknown, and if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of Ed Richardson, whose names and addresses are unknown; Emma Richardson, whose residence is unknown, and if she be deceased, the unknown heirs of Emma Richardson, whose names and addresses are unknown; City of Haskell; Haskell County, Texas; Haskell Consolidated Independent School District; North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority; Haskell County Memorial Hospital District; Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District; Farm-Market Lateral; and Precinct Road.  
The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Kelly Wintroath, Assistant Attorney General, P. O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711-2548.

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## This Week's Devotional Message:



### TRUE LOVE IS MUCH MORE THAN CARDS ON VALENTINE'S DAY

In just a few days from now  
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How much we love someone we know,  
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  - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
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Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell
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Rev. Tom Collins, pastor  
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301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**  
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**  
J. C. Baker, 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
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Katherine Byrd, minister  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
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Dolan Brinson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
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- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Melissa Bemis, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
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- Faith Lutheran Church**  
Deborah Nissen, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- 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**  
Wendall Ferguson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule
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Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule
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Bill Trice, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule
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Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
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Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek
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Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
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This suit is an eminent domain proceeding in which the State of Texas is condemning a tract of land located in Haskell County, Texas, being a 0.1446 acre tract or parcel of land, being out of and a part of that certain map or plat of the Subdivision of the Isidro Ramos No. 109, Patent No. 165, Volume 18, Abstract No. 351, Haskell County, Texas as recorded in Volume 20, Pages 22 through 23, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas, said subdivision also being known as the Brown and Roberts Addition to the Town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, and being the remainder of Lots 7 and 8, Block 33, as described in Warranty Deed dated November 17, 1928, from C.M. Connert to Ed and Emma Richardson, as recorded in Volume 115, Page 10, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas, such property being fully described in Exhibit "A" of Plaintiff's Petition for Condemnation filed under the above-referenced cause number.

The interests of these Defendants are that they either own or claim an interest in said property, subject to unpaid accrued taxes.

You are further notified that you may appear at the hearing before that Special Commissioners and present evidence you desire on the issue of damages to be assessed against the State. If you do not appear at the hearing, the Special Commissioners may proceed to assess the damages of the owner of the property being condemned.

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Issued this 20th day of January, 2004.  
Joe A. Cortez  
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
PROJECT: 8008-1-41  
PARCEL: 72  
STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HASKELL  
TO: James Cox, whose residence is unknown, and if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of

The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Kelly Wintroath, Assistant Attorney General, P. O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711-2548.

This suit is an eminent domain proceeding in which the State of Texas is condemning a tract of land located in Haskell County, Texas, being a 0.2251 acre tract or parcel of land, being out of and a part of that certain map or plat of the Subdivision of the Isidro Ramos No. 109, Patent No. 165, Volume 18, Abstract No. 351, Haskell County, Texas as recorded in Volume 20 Pages 22 through 23, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas, said subdivision also being known as the Brown and Roberts Addition to the Town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, and being all of Lot 3, Block 33 as described in Warranty Deed dated March 8, 1937 from Matt Justice, Willie Justice and Fredia Siphon to James Cox recorded in Volume 132 Page 606 Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas, such property being fully described in Exhibit "A" of Plaintiff's Petition for Condemnation filed under the above-referenced cause number.

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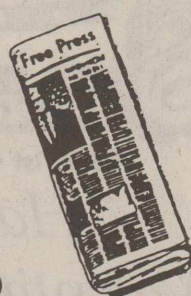
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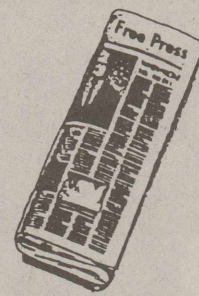


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### Public Notices

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PROJECT:** 8008-1-41  
**PARCEL:** 142  
**STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HASKELL**  
TO: Ben F. Thorpe, whose residence is unknown, and if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of Ben F. Thorpe, whose names and addresses are unknown.  
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You are each hereby notified that a hearing will be held at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say Monday, the 8th day of March, 2004, and at District Courtroom in the District Courthouse in Haskell, Texas, to assess the damages of the owner of the property being condemned.

The State of Texas filed a Petition for Condemnation with the Judge of the 50th Judicial Court of Haskell County, Texas, on the 18th day of December, 2003, in Cause No. 11,175 which is styled The State of Texas v. Ben F. Thorpe, et al. The Plaintiff is the State of Texas. The Defendants are: Ben F. Thorpe, whose residence is unknown, and if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of Ben F. Thorpe, whose names and addresses are unknown; and Edgar Taylor, whose residence is unknown, and if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of Edgar Taylor, whose names and addresses are unknown.

The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Kelly Wintroath, Assistant Attorney General, P. O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711-2548.

This suit is an eminent domain proceeding in which the State of Texas is condemning a tract of land located in Haskell County, Texas, being a 0.0335 acre tract or parcel of land, being out of and a part of that certain map or plat of that certain Frisco Addition to the Town of Haskell, recorded in Volume 34 Page 219, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas being also out of and a part of Outlot 100 of the Isidro Ramos League and Labor, Abstract No. 351, Haskell County, Texas as recorded in Volume 20 Page 23, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas, and being part of Lot 10, Block 43 of said Frisco Subdivision as described in Sheriff's Deed dated December 8, 1962, from G. T. Garrett, Sheriff to Ben F. Thorpe and Edgar Taylor, recorded in Volume 299 Page 313, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas, such property being fully described in Exhibit "A" of Plaintiff's Petition for Condemnation filed under the above-referenced cause number.

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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HASKELL BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE**  
**DATED: JANUARY 27, 2004**  
and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court, 39th Judicial-District, of Haskell County, Texas, by the District Clerk on said date, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 27th day of January, 2004, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in March, 2004, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Courthouse door, ground floor vestibule entrance, of said County in the City of Haskell, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Haskell and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Tax Suit No. 11,022; City of Stamford vs. RST-PAL Pallets, LLC, et al.; Tract #1 & 2: 3.886 acres, more or less, AH 1066, 12 BBB & C, Tract 1066-28, being the same portion located in Haskell County of property more particularly described in Volume 492, Page 366, Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas, to which reference is made for a more complete description, I. D. #R13080; and Personal Property consisting of Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Supplies used in the operation of RST-PAL Pallets, City of Stamford, Haskell County, Texas, I. D. #N9204851;

Tax Suit No. 11,078; Stamford I.S.D. vs. Bernice Robbins, et al.; 15 acres, more or less, Abstract 568, Section No. 7 BBB & C RR Company Lands, being the same property more particularly described in Volume 355, Page 123, and Volume 355, Page 125, Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas, to which reference is made for a more complete description, I. D. #R23869;

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties, and costs; subject, however to the right of redemption by the defendants or any per having an interest therein, to redeem said property, or their interest therein, in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered

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I have appointed the following as agent to conduct the sale, to-wit: Jerry Shiever, Attorney at Law, 506 W. 12th St., Suite B, Austin, Texas 78701. (512) 477-3741

At the time the sale begins, all bidders at the sale must be registered with me, a deputy sheriff, or the above named agent conducting the sale.

Dated at Haskell, Texas, this 26th day of January, 2004.  
David Halliburton, Sheriff  
Haskell County, Texas 6-8p

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Clifford H. Nicholson, Deceased, were issued on March 6, 2003, in Cause No. 4173, pending in the County Court of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, to: Lois Fay Nicholson.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Lois Fay Nicholson, 101 N. Ave. F, Haskell, Texas 79521.  
Dated the 9th day of February, 2004.

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**HASKELL COUNTY**  
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The hearing will be held in the Haskell High school auditorium, 600 N. Avenue D, Haskell. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with the hearing beginning at 6 p.m. The facility is handicapped accessible. For more information on the public hearing contact Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene district public information officer, at 325-676-6806. 7c

**POL CALENDAR**  
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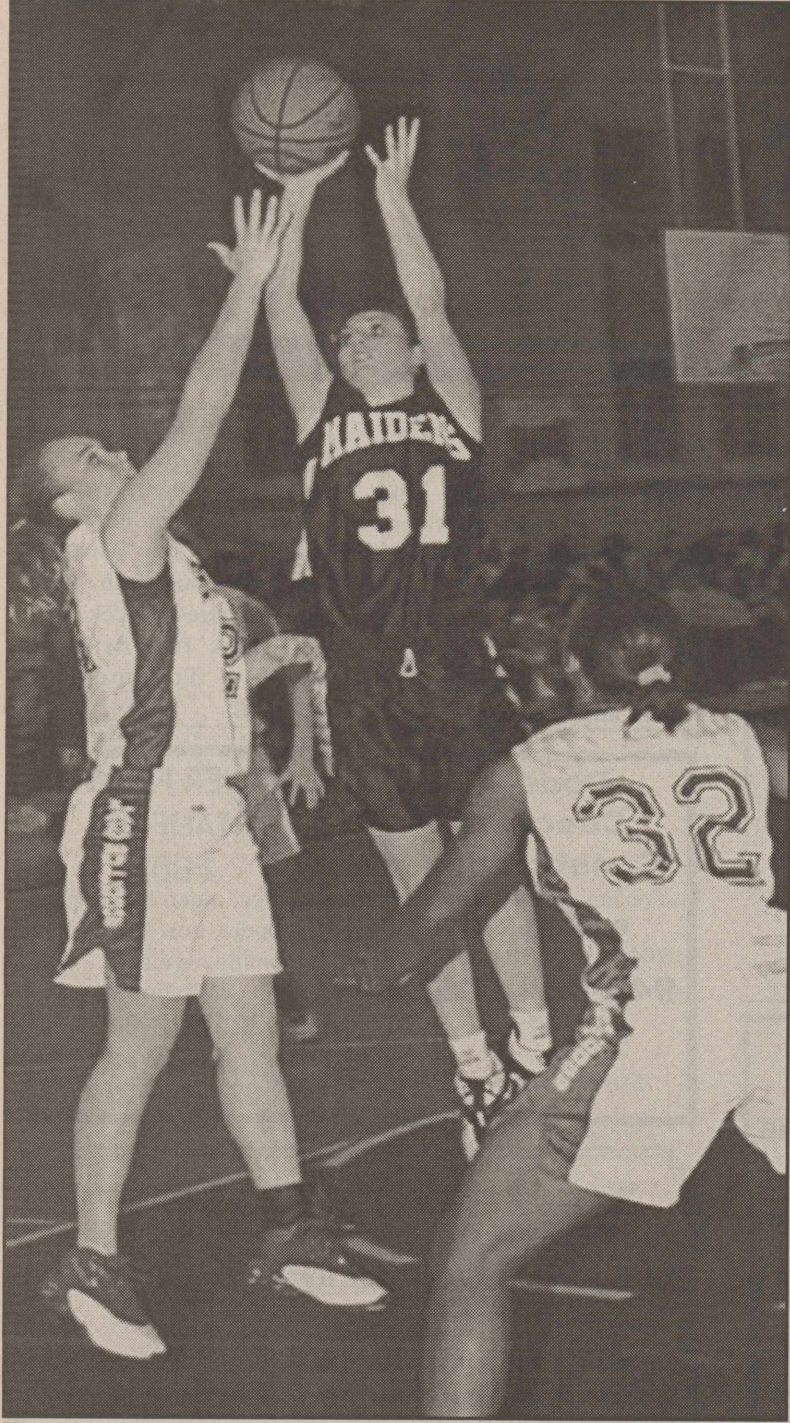
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**FLYING MAIDEN**—Brittany Bird, #31, goes aloft for Haskell in the Maidens' game with Stamford, Feb. 6. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**INDIANS AND TIGERS**—Haskell's Kendall Mitchell, #10, battles at the basket in the teams' win over Anson. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Area Basketball scores

### Girls

Anson 54, Haskell 47

Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 10, Rutkowski 10, McKnight 8, Bird 6, Kendall 5, Harlan 4, Gonzalez 2, Newton 2.

JV score: Haskell def. Anson.

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Stamford 52, Haskell 47

Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 16, Kendall 9, Buerger 6, Rutkowski 3, Bird 3, Harlan 1, Thomasson 1.

JV score: Haskell 41, Stamford 26.

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Aspermont 65, Rule 40

Scoring for Rule: M. Lehrmann 13, Smith 8, Marquis 7, Brown 4, Lisle 3, Hertel 3, J. Lehrmann 2.

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Rule 55, Guthrie 29

Scoring for Rule: Brown 17, M. Lehrmann 11, Marquis 11, J. Lehrmann 6, Hertel 6, Lisle 2, Smith 2.

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### Boys

Haskell 69, Stamford 43

Scoring for Haskell: Webb 25, Mitchell 12, Hairgrove 10, Collins 7, Garcia 4, Chavez 4, Hodge 3, Foster 2, McCulloch 2.

JV score: Stamford 53, Haskell 38.

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Aspermont 70, Rule 39

Scoring for Rule: Ky. Kittley 16, Brown 9, Turner 7, Ko. Kittley 3, Carrion 2, Dudensing 2.

JV score: Aspermont 49, Rule 16.

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Rule 78, Guthrie 60

Scoring for Rule: Ky. Kittley 21, Brown 18, Carion 16, Ko. Kittley 8, Turner 5, Dudensing 4, Flores 2, Menchaca 2, Clark 2.

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Aspermont 80, Paint Creek 39

Scoring for Paint Creek: Medford 11, R. Cisneros 8, Loyd 8, Acosta 4, A. Cisneros 4, Bryant 2.

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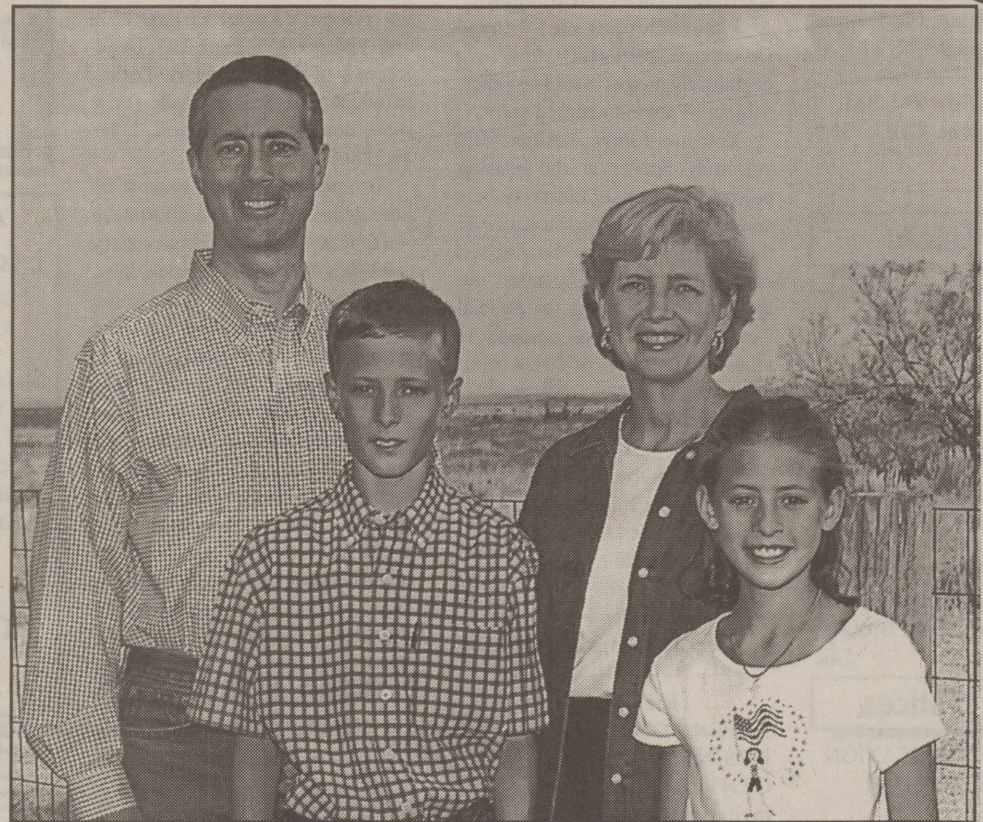
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