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Texas Midwest Day set Feb. 16

"Texas Midwest Day" at the State Capitol in Austin is set for Feb. 16.

Hundreds of citizens from more than 20 counties surrounding Abilene, including Haskell County, will participate to see government in action, meet with Legislators and promote rural Texas.

Texas Midwest Community Network sponsors the biennial trip to Austin during each Legislative Session. Citizens who register to attend receive an official Texas Midwest Ambassador Badge and a schedule of events for the day.

The Texas Midwest Day schedule includes visits to the House and Senate for regional recognition; a photo session on the steps of the Capitol with Senators and Representatives who serve districts in the region; and a Texas Midwest Tailgate reception with elected officials and state agency representatives.

"Community leaders are encouraged to make the trip to Austin for the day and make noise for rural Texas," says TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle.

To register for Texas Midwest Day in Austin and receive final details, call the TMCN Office 325-676-0329 or contact your local city hall or chamber of commerce for the name of the TMCN delegate in your community.

Basketball games

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at Rotan

Calendar

Tsunami fund

Haskell Elementary sixth grade students are collecting donations for the victims of the tsunami in southeast Asia. Envelopes are available at various Haskell businesses and schools to give residents an opportunity to donate. Funds collected will be sent to the International Red Cross. For more information, call Debbie Earles at 940-864-2654 ext. 315.

Benefit dinner

A hamburger dinner benefiting a mission trip to the Middle East will be held Sun., Jan. 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Haskell. Donations will be accepted. Takeouts will be available. Dusty Garison plans a mission trip to the United Arab Emirates in June of 2005.

Benefit fund

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. have established a fund at Haskell National Bank for the family of Chester Lamb to help with his funeral expenses.

Society to meet

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

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NEW FIRE TRUCK—The City of Haskell and Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, accepted delivery of a 2005 International Pumper-Rescue Fire Truck, Thurs., Jan. 20. The new truck will deliver 1250 gallons of water per minute. Purchased at a cost of \$216,000, the equipment was custom built by Central States in Lyon, South Dakota and sold by DACO Fire Equipment of Lubbock. The new unit will replace one 1965 fire truck and one 1970 fire truck. The old equipment would pump 500 gallons per minute.

One of the used fire trucks was donated to the Rochester Fire Dept., and the other truck to the Rochester Fire Dept. Haskell firemen on hand to take delivery of the truck were, l-r, Jerry Stocks, Randy Shaw, Fire Chief Bill Steele, Randall Martin, City Manager Sam Watson and Mathew Cunningham. Making the delivery were DACO representatives, far right, Steve Davis and back, Jeremy Stewart.

Comment period opened by NRCS on Environmental Quality Incentives Program

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is seeking comments from Texas landowners and organizations on its flagship conservation costshare program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Dr. Larry D. Butler, State Conservationist for NRCS in Texas, is launching a comment period to allow public input on EQIP through March 15, 2005.

"NRCS periodically reviews and updates the EQIP priorities, with input from the public, to ensure the program continues to address the most important resource needs as well as any emerging resource issues," says Dr. Butler. The program originated in the 1996 Farm Bill and was re-authorized in 2002. "Updating the national priorities will help us prepare for the 2006 program year and for the next Farm Bill reauthorization in 2007."

Public listening sessions will be held in each State in coordination with the State Technical Committee. NRCS is looking for a wide array of public and stakeholder input from these sessions. Feedback from agricultural organizations, environmental groups, commodity organizations, agencies, individuals and others is encouraged.

A listening session will be held on March 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hilton Austin Airport Hotel, Del Valle Room, in Austin. In addition to State listening sessions, the Federal Register and the NRCS national website, www.nrcs.usda.gov, can be used to submit written comments. The culmination of the State listening sessions will be a national public listening session scheduled for the spring of 2005.

"These listening sessions are not exclusive to EQIP," adds Dr. Butler.

"We also invite comments on our other programs, such as the Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program, Grassland Reserve Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, and Conservation Technical Assistance Program." NRCS will be providing updates on all Farm Bill program activities in Texas as a part of the listening session.

All comments received will be recorded and forwarded for national review and consideration in developing the 2006 EQIP and beyond.

EQIP's national priorities, which NRCS uses to guide which producers will be selected for program funding, are: water quality, air quality, soil erosion and wildlife habitat.

The following questions will be used to guide comments on the EQIP national priority portion of the session:

What emerging natural resource issues are not addressed by the current national EQIP priorities?

City receives audit report

At the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council, Mon., Jan. 24, auditor Jeff Gregg reported a good rating on the City's 2003-04 fiscal year audit, which was approved by the council.

The council voted to adopt a \$100,000 threshold for depreciation of future infrastructure additions.

Approval was given to a resolution ordering the election of three city aldermen in the May 7 General Election.

Administrator Sam Watson reported the delivery of a new fire truck has been made to the city.

Identify the nature of the concern and its extent or significance within Texas.

What modifications, if any, are needed to the four existing National priorities? Do these existing priorities continue to reflect the critical national resource needs and concerns?

A compilation of inputs from the States will be presented at the

National Listening Session tentatively scheduled for this spring. Further details on the National Listening Session will be forthcoming.

Comments can be faxed to 254-742-9819, emailed to norman.bade@tx.usda.gov or sent to Norman P. Bade, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, USDA-NRCS, 101 South Main, Temple, Texas 76501.

Indians named to Big Country teams

Haskell High School athletes named to the Class A 2004 All-Big Country Team were:

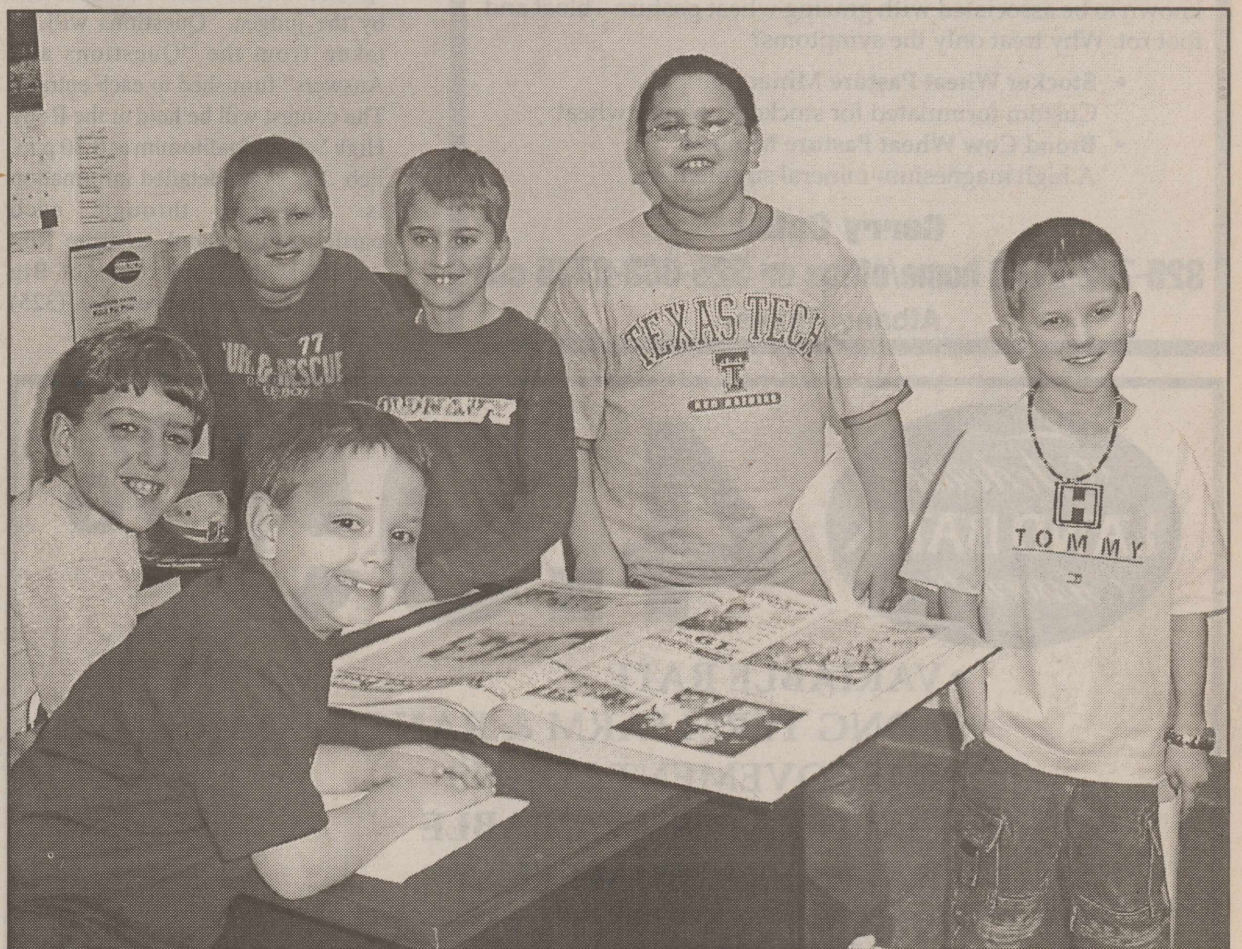
First Team Offense: Running back, Josh Barbee, 6-foot, 175 pound junior with 218 carries for 1,827 yards and 25 touchdowns.

First Team Defense: Cornerback Brad Blanks, 6-foot, 150 pound senior with 57 tackles and eight interceptions.

Honorable Mention Offense: center, Andrew Long, 6-foot, 210 pound sophomore, helped anchor a team that rushed for 4,181 yards on 654 attempts and passed for 364 yards. Offense lineman, Jon Dulaney, 6-foot 2 inch, 205 pound senior, with 17 pancakes, first team all-district.

Honorable Mention Defense: defensive lineman, Ray Cuellar, 5 foot 7 inch, 200 pound senior, with 101 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, two sacks, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery. Defensive lineman, Jon Dulaney, with 75 tackles, four tackles for loss, two interceptions, one sack, one fumble recovery. Defensive lineman, Nate Webb, 6-foot, 180 pound senior, with 75 tackles, 4 tackles for loss, 2 sacks, 2 forced fumbles. Linebacker, Brandon McClatchey, 5-foot, 8 inch, 140 pound senior, with 74 tackles, 4 tackles for loss, one interception, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, one sack. Linebacker, Josh Barbee with 90 tackles, 4 tackles for loss, 2 interceptions, one fumble recovery. Cameron Short, 6 foot, 210 pound junior, with 123 tackles, 4 for loss, 3 sacks, one interception, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries.

Ronald Chapman, 5 foot, 7 inch, 135 pound senior, with 78 tackles, 5 fumble recoveries, 3 interceptions, one tackle for loss, one forced fumble. Named to the All-Big Country Super Team were Josh Barbee, Honorable Mention Offense, and Brad Blanks, Honorable Mention Defense.



CUBS VISIT THE NEWSPAPER—Cub Scouts visiting the Haskell Free Press last Thursday, while working on Bear badge requirements were, front row, l-r, Aaron Waggoner and Zachary Tatum. Back row, Max Weise, Kyle Kimbrough, Andrew Hearn and Micah Thomas. They looked at a Haskell Free Press printed the week they were born and the week they were five years old. They learned how a reporter gets the news, how it is used and a bit of Haskell history from the 1880s. They also found the first newspaper published in Haskell, and a newspaper with the first baby born in 1961.

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Speech contest announced by electric co-op

The 2005 Texas Government-In-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D. C., June 16-24 will be sponsored by Big Country Electric Cooperative, giving youths from across the area the opportunity to join those from across the nation as winners in the Government-In-Action speech contests.

Made up every year of more than a thousand high school students going to Washington, D. C., from towns and small cities all over rural America, the tour is made possible by rural electric cooperatives to provide an opportunity for outstanding young people to better understand the value of rural electrification and to become more familiar with the historical and political environment of the nation's capitol. This is achieved through visits to monuments, government buildings and cooperative organizations. Also, the opportunity to visit elected officials, allows youth to better understand how the government works.

Inspired by a speech by then Senator Lyndon Johnson in 1957, for several years, some groups of young people were sent by Texas electric cooperatives to work during the summer in Senator Johnson's office.

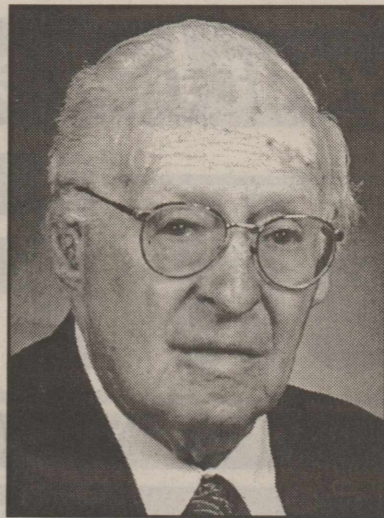
Other states began to sponsor groups of young people on a week-long study tour of the nation's capitol, and the idea grew. In 1964, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association began to coordinate the program. The tour has since grown to more than 1,000 young people and chaperones participating each year.

Local cooperatives select a student who will attend the Youth Tour by means of a speech contest, essay and various other methods. The Statewide cooperative will organize the trip to Washington, D. C., arranging for transportation, chaperones, the tour schedule and group events such as Youth Day activities. On Youth Day, all Youth Tour participants meet together to listen to prominent speakers, and wind up the day with a dinner and dance.

Youths chosen to go will tour the Smithsonian Institute, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Vietnam Memorial, as well as see the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They will also visit their congressman's office. Congressmen will meet with students from districts and answer questions about current governmental issues.

The speech contest is open to any boy or girl who is enrolled as a sophomore, junior or senior at any of the high schools in the Big Country Electric Cooperative service area, except for BCEC employees or directors and their immediate family.

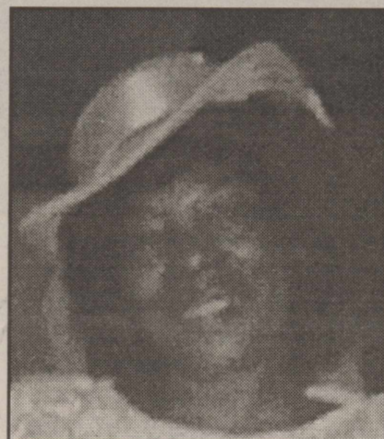
The entry date is Feb. 17 at 5:00 p.m. Contestants will be required to give a 6-8 minute speech on "The Changing World of Electricity." Each speaker will be asked one question by the judges. Questions will be taken from the "Questions and Answers" furnished to each entrant. The contest will be held at the Roby High School Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24. More detailed information is available through each participating school, or from Ron Acosta at the Roby office of Big Country Electric Cooperative, (325) 776-3903.



ARCHIE LEE JONES
 Archie Lee Jones, 83, of Wichita Falls died Mon., Dec. 20. At his request, no services were held. Arrangements were under the direction of Owens & Brumley Funeral Home of Wichita Falls.
 Born March 20, 1921 in Alvarado,



JOE JOHN SHORT
 Funeral services for Joe John Short, 95, of Kilgore were held Mon.,



LUEVENIA COLLINS

Funeral services for Billy Don Foster, 73, of Jasper were held Mon., Dec. 27 at the Church of Christ in Jasper. Burial was at West Oaks Cemetery under the direction of Forest Oakes Funeral Home of Jasper.

Mr. Foster died Wed. evening, Dec. 22 at his home. A native of Haskell, he was a lifelong employee with the Visador Co., working at numerous locations. He transferred from Jasper in 1976 and moved to Marion, Virginia as the General Manager. He returned to Jasper in 1989. He was a deacon at the Church of Christ before moving. He taught Bible classes and did some lay preaching. He was active in Jasper Kiwanis for many years.
 He was preceded in death by his father, Bailey Ray

Funeral services for Chester B. Lamb, 49, longtime resident of Haskell, were held Tues., Jan. 25 at Independent Baptist Church in Haskell with Elder Vernon Sessions officiating. A service was also held Wed., Jan. 26 at the Church of the Living God in Rusk with Rev. Ray C. Williams officiating. Burial was in Henry Cemetery in Gallatin under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.
 Mr. Lamb died Thurs., Jan. 20 at a Haskell hospital. Born Dec. 12, 1955 in Rusk, he was the son of Charlie Mae Tilley and J. R. Lamb Sr. He was employed by

Funeral services for F.C. 'Cee' Pilley, 78, of Kingsland were held Wed., Jan. 5 in the chapel of Edgar Funeral Home in Marble Falls with Bro. Max Copeland officiating. Burial was in Lakeland Hills Memorial Park.
 Mr. Pilley died Mon., Jan. 3 at Seton Hospital in Austin. Born April 23, 1926 in Sagerton, he was the son of Floyd and Etta Pilley. After working for Dow Chemical Company, he became the first paint foreman at NASA. He owned Cee's Paint Contracting for 50 years and Kingsland Paint & Decorating for 17 years. He served as president of the Kingsland Water Board and was a member and historian of American Legion Post No. 437 in Kingsland. He served with the U.S. Navy Special Forces in the Pacific Theater during World War II.
 Survivors include his wife, Tillie of Kingsland; two

Memorial services for Cecil A. Carroll, 80, of Dickens will be held Sat., Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Dickens Baptist Church in Dickens.
 Mr. Carroll died Tues., Jan. 28 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.
 He was born Sept. 19, 1924 in Weatherford.
 He was preceded in death by his parents; two nephews and one great nephew.

Obituaries

Archie Lee Jones

he was the son of the late David and Maude Jones. He lived in Fort Worth as a child, living near the stockyards where his family always rode the street car around town. His father was an employee for Armour Meat Processing (this is where Spaghetti Warehouse is now located). In early years, they moved to Haskell where his parents opened a newstand (magazine/tobacco) store on the square. This is where he attended most of his school years and graduated from Haskell High School in 1939.

With the outbreak of World War II, he enlisted in the military and was trained as a navigator and flew numerous missions over occupied Europe (stationed mostly in Italy) from which he received several medals. His military time gave him a lifelong passion for flying so he purchased his own plane and became

Joe John Short

Jan. 17 at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Dr. William J. Ingersoll and Rev. Roberta Ingersoll officiating.
 Mr. Short died Thurs evening, Jan. 13 in Kilgore.

Born Feb. 2, 1909 in Cincinnati, Ohio, he moved with his family to Haskell when he was a young boy, graduating from Haskell High School in 1929. Moving to Kilgore in 1937, he was a longtime real estate agent and insurance agent. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Kilgore where he was an Elder and attended the Men's Bible Class. He graduated from Kilgore College at age 75 in 1985. He was a member and past president of Kilgore Rotary Club.

Luevenia Collins

Funeral services for Luevenia Collins, 77, a seventy-year resident of Haskell were held Thurs., Jan. 20 at Hopewell Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Lewis officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Collins died Fri., Jan. 14 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born Feb. 25, 1927 in Aspermont, she was the daughter of Louis and Lovie Whitaker. She married Warner Collins March 18, 1956 in Haskell. He preceded her in death Jan. 10,

Billy Don Foster

Foster of Rochester.

Survivors include his parents, B.D. and Nettie Davis of Jasper; wife, Greta Foster of Jasper; sons, Brad Foster and wife, Carolyn and Russell Foster, all of Jasper and Steven Foster of Bakersfield, California; daughter, Wanda and husband, David Bazemore of Abingdon, Virginia; brother, Bob Davis of Houston; sister, Anne Foster of Rule; grandchildren, Brent Foster, Brandon Foster, Brady and wife, Jennifer Foster, Logan Foster and Lane Foster; and a very special Border Collie, Flash the Wonder Dog.

Memorials may be made to the Church of Christ Projector Fund or the Baby Bundles at the church in Jasper.
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Chester B. Lamb

Goodyear and was a member of Independent Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Ree Coleman; his parents; four brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include one son, Troy Mackey of Jacksonville, Texas; one step daughter and two step sons; four brothers, J.B. Lamb of Dallas, Curtis Lamb of Lancaster, A.B. Lamb of Rusk and Elvin Tyler of Denver, Colorado; two sisters, Dorothy McCuin of Dallas and Lela Herbert of Berkeley, California; one grandchild; and a special friend, Kathy Stone of Lubbock.
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F. C. 'Cee' Pilley

sons, Pat Pilley and wife, Fonda of Burnett and Michael Pilley and wife, Terry of Marble Falls; grandchildren, Mike Pilley and wife, Leslie, Kassi Saucedo, Tanya Nolen and husband, Ayron, all of Marble Falls and Jeremiah Pilley of Burnett; six great grandchildren, Bryce, Courtney and Tanner Pilley, Tincia and Trinity Saucedo and Hanna Nolen; sister, Cleo Wilson of Conroe; niece, Linda David and husband, Bill of Conroe; other relatives and close friends.

Pallbearers were member of American Legion Post No. 437 of Kingsland: Clarence Draper, Ralph Nault, Robert Rolan, Leon Howard, Lawrence Helbig and Harris Wilson. Honorary pallbearers were Jack Peveto, J. Lee Mezger and Johnny Bray.
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Cecil A. Carroll

Survivors include his sister and brother-in-law, Ann and William Butler of Haskell; niece and husband, Patsy and James Hickox of Abilene; great nephews and spouses; Terry and Joy Butler of Knox City, Eugene and Nikki Butler of Germany, Tommy Butler of Haskell, Mickey, Don Butler, Jordan Butler Hickox and Cameron Butler Hickox, all of Abilene; three great great nephews and three great great nieces.
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a member of several organizations such as the "Flying Farmers."

After the war, he went to work for Shell Oil as an engineer and lived many years in Houston where he was also a deacon in the Baptist church and helped build the church parsonage. He had a genuine enthusiasm for working with blueprints. Retiring from Shell after 32 years, he once again moved to Haskell and was busy in the community serving on the City Council and working with committees at First Baptist Church.

Archie never had any children of his own, but had a special place in his heart for family friend, Chad Roberts and wife, Vickie and their two little boys, Bryson and Logan. For the past several years, he had lived in Wichita Falls and was a member of Lamar Baptist Church.
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wife, Ebbye, in 1974.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Sylvia and Bob Nelson of Kilgore; two granddaughters, Ginger Bonney and her husband, Bob of Temple and Laura Slaughter and her husband, Scott of Austin; two grandsons, Flint Nelson of Kilgore and Brent Nelson and his wife, Jennifer, of Austin; eight great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Mickey Peters of Austin; a niece, Helen Gambrell of Kerrville; three nephews, Cy Bollinger and Billy Peters, both of Austin and Ted Peters of Alpine.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church P.O. Box 1216, Kilgore, Texas 75663 or the Kilgore Rotary Club.
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1985.
 She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include one brother, Louis Whitaker of Haskell; seven children, Leo Johnson and Warner Collins, both of Dallas, Alvin Johnson of Tyler, Bobbie Ann Jones of Haskell, Ruby Collins of Lufkin, Darlene Collins of Haskell and Linda Walker of Dallas; a stepson, David Collins of Dallas; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.
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Study Club considers community projects

The Haskell TFWC Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Jan 13 for a program on conservation and community improvements.

President Julia Harrell welcomed twenty-four members and guest, Haskell newcomer, Myra Rainey.

Billie McKeever introduced Haskell Mayor Ken Lane, who gave an update on community improvements made and planned for the City of Haskell. These included highway bypass improvements, the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center, the proposed assisted living center, and 14 to 20 new, free-standing street lights to be obtained through the Texas Department of Public Transportation.

Mayor Lane said the dredging of the City Park creek is complete. For park planting he said more than 1000 pounds of bluebonnet seeds will be needed for the creek banks.

Evelyn Cobb introduced Linda Carlton of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, who spoke on Neighborhood Enhancement.

During a business and budget meeting, club projects for the coming year were discussed. Plans were announced for the planting in March of a "Breast Cancer Awareness"

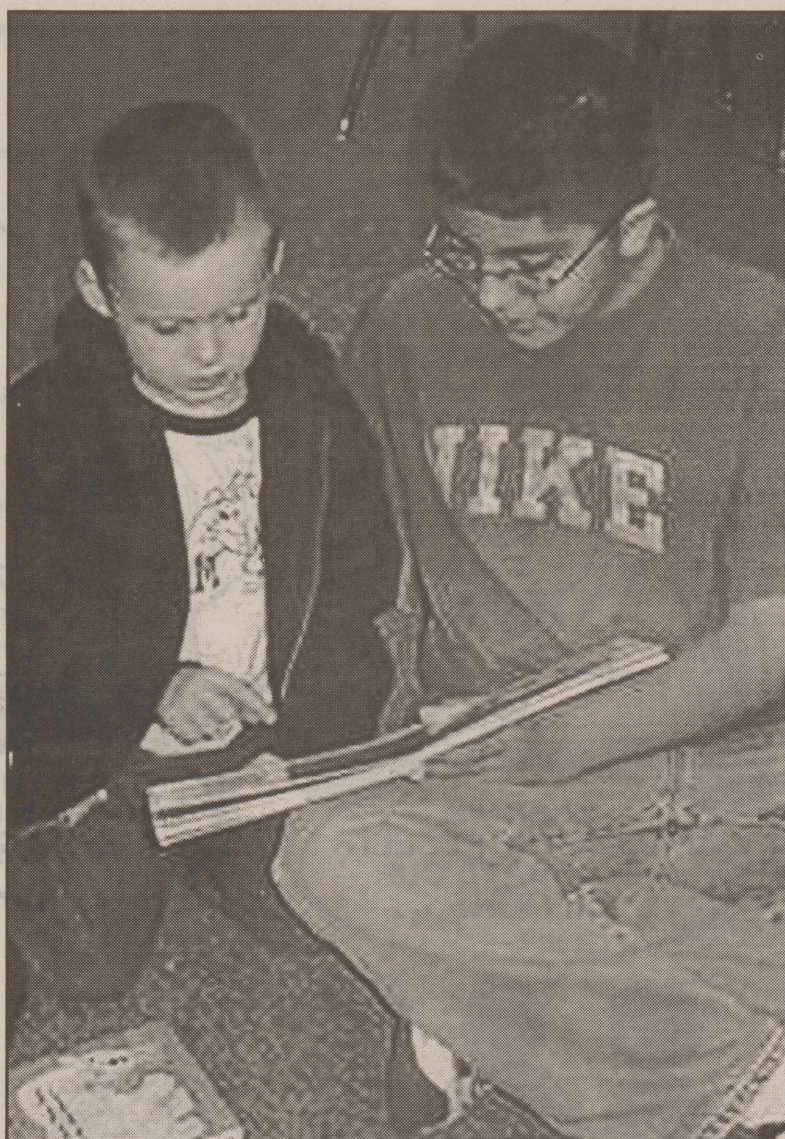
Wildflower Garden on Rice Springs Creek, using "America the Beautiful" seeds the club has obtained. Also planned is a conservation project to collect used cell phones which will be reworked and sent to troops overseas, or sent to crisis centers for 911 use. Old materials stripped from unusable phones will be recycled, helping to keep landfills free of contaminants for a safer environment.

New club officers elected to be installed in May were: president, Julia Harrell; 1st vice president, Joe Ann Thane; 2nd vice president, Kathryn Schonstedt; recording secretary, Jeanie Richards; corresponding secretary, Tinka Nelson; treasurer, Betty Wainscott; historian, Evelyn Cobb, and board member, Oleta Cornelius.

Named Honorary Life Members were Helen Fouts and Frances Lane.

Hostesses were Eva Dunnan, Jeanie Richards, Judy Foster and Billie McKeever.

The next meeting of the club will be on Feb. 10, with a program on International Affairs, held at the High School Auditorium, featuring the Haskell High School UIL Debate Team.



READING BUDDIES—Brison Tullos of Haskell Elementary listens as David Gonzales practices reading fluency and voice interpretations. "Christmas Reading Buddies" was done in coordination with a Learn & Serve Grant. Sixth graders purchased books, and with a spirit of giving in the air, presented them to the Headstart class.

Torres honored in Colorado City

Haskell native, Pete Torres was named the 2004 "Young Citizen of the Year" at the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Jan. 15.

Torres, an investigator for the Colorado City Police Department, was born and raised in Haskell, attended Haskell High School and graduated in 1990. He is the son of Delia Torres of Rule and Pete Torres, Sr. of Albany, and the brother of Linda Avila of Knox City.

In June of 1990 he enlisted in the United States Army, and on Dec. 25 that year he was deployed to Saudi Arabia and Iraq, where he fought in the Desert Storm war.

Pursuing a career in law enforcement in 1994, he attended the Texas Department of Public Safety Academy in Austin, where he became a Texas Highway Patrol

Trooper assigned to Stonewall and King counties.

In 1997 he moved to Colorado City and was employed by the Colorado City Police Department as a patrol officer. In 2002, he was promoted to investigator.

Introducing Torres at the banquet, Sheriff Patrick Toombs described him as someone who is active in working with the community's youth, and who has a love for physical fitness.

"He has also carried the torch in the Law Enforcement Special Olympics," Toomb said.

After accepting the award, which he acknowledged as a great honor, Torres thanked his wife for being patient and understanding of his volunteer activities. "Since I arrived here seven years ago, I've done my best to get involved," he said.

Children, tragedies and TV

With images of war, violence and natural tragedies on television every night, what do you say to your children?

Ongoing conflicts, tragic floods and mudslides around the world have made the nightly television news especially disturbing to watch. How much should children see, and now do you discuss violence with your children? Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center say honesty is the key.

UT Southwest psychologists say children should be able to ask their parents questions about these world events. Parents should be honest in answering, but also reassure children about their safety. Conversations and exposure to unsettling images should be age-appropriate. Children younger than about 9 or 10 shouldn't be watching television coverage and should probably not get into long, in-depth discussions. Older children

should watch coverage with their parents so that parents can answer questions, interpret events and provide reassurance.

It may be particularly tricky to discuss the situation if you know someone serving in the Middle East, or caught up in the natural disasters in southern Asia or California. In that case, you should try to give honest but reassuring answers.

Avoiding children's questions about what they see on the news could cause lasting emotional harm. If children don't get answers, they could develop irrational fears and have nightmares about what they imagine is happening.

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Club's concession stand successful

The Haskell County Extension Education Association Club this week reported that their annual concession stand at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show was a "great success."

Supplies are donated, and the profits make up the major portion of

the budget for the year, with which the EEA Club supports the 4-H clubs of the county by giving scholarships to 4-H members and supporting the fashion and food shows. The club also gives monetary support to service agencies in the county.

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TEEA group holds January meeting

The Haskell County Extension Education Association Club met Thurs., Jan. 6 with sixteen members and County Agent Jane Rowan attending.

Geraldine Baker presented the group recreation, "A Mother's Worst Nightmare."

Agent Rowan gave the program on "Cashing In on TEEA."

Plans were finalized for the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show concession stand, which is the club's major fund-raiser.

Refreshments were served by Geraldine Baker and Alice Ballard.

The next meeting of the club will be held Feb. 10 at the Haskell County Extension Office.

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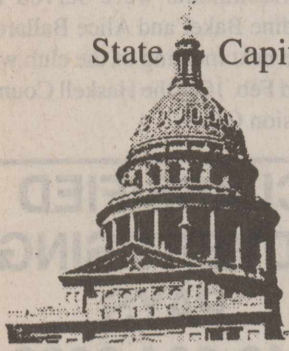
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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

State hits another snag in Farmers' homeowner settlement
AUSTIN—The Third Court of Appeals has rejected the state's \$117.5 million rate settlement with Farmers Insurance, at least temporarily blocking any prospect of refunds for thousands of Texas policyholders.

In ordering the case back to district court, the appeals court said the Attorney General's Office went beyond its authority in representing a class of citizens in the rate dispute rather than a specific individual who alleged being harmed by Farmer's homeowner policy rates. While the Third Court's opinion did not address the settlement itself, it has the effect of nullifying it.

"We are reviewing the decision and evaluating our options," a spokesman for the Attorney General's Office said Friday.

A spokeswoman for Farmer's reacted more subjectively: "We are deeply disappointed." She went on to blast "costly and unproductive private class action lawsuits that provide little benefit to customers."

Jailhouse blues...

A Legislative Budget Board report released last week projected that the population of the state's prison system would grow by 3,661 offenders to 154,720 by the end of 2007 and to 165,324 by 2010.

Released at the same time, but getting less attention, was slightly better news: The percentage of offenders who end up back behind bars dropped from 31.2 percent in fiscal 2000 compared with 28.3 percent in fiscal 2001, apparently the latest years for which data were available.

Bottom line: Texas is going to need more prison units. Second bottom line: Hard as the Texas Department of Criminal Justice may

try to get its inmates on the straight and narrow when they return to what cons call the Free World, nearly a third of them end up coming back to the joint.

Packing heat...

Coloradoans don't always offer Texas hunters and skiers the warmest welcome, but officials of both states have worked a deal where Texans with concealed handgun licenses will be able to pack heat in Buffalo country and vice versa. Texas now has reciprocal carry agreements with 15 states.

Governor's race to get Kinky...

Kerrville mystery novelist and singer Kinky Friedman will formally announce his candidacy for governor at the Alamo on Feb. 3.

Known for his one-liners in both song and print, Friedman told a reporter for the British news service Reuters that he was dead serious in his desire to retire Gov. Rick Perry.

"I have achieved a lot of my dreams," he said, "and I want to see that young Texans achieve some of theirs." Also, he added, "I need the closet space" in the Governor's Mansion.

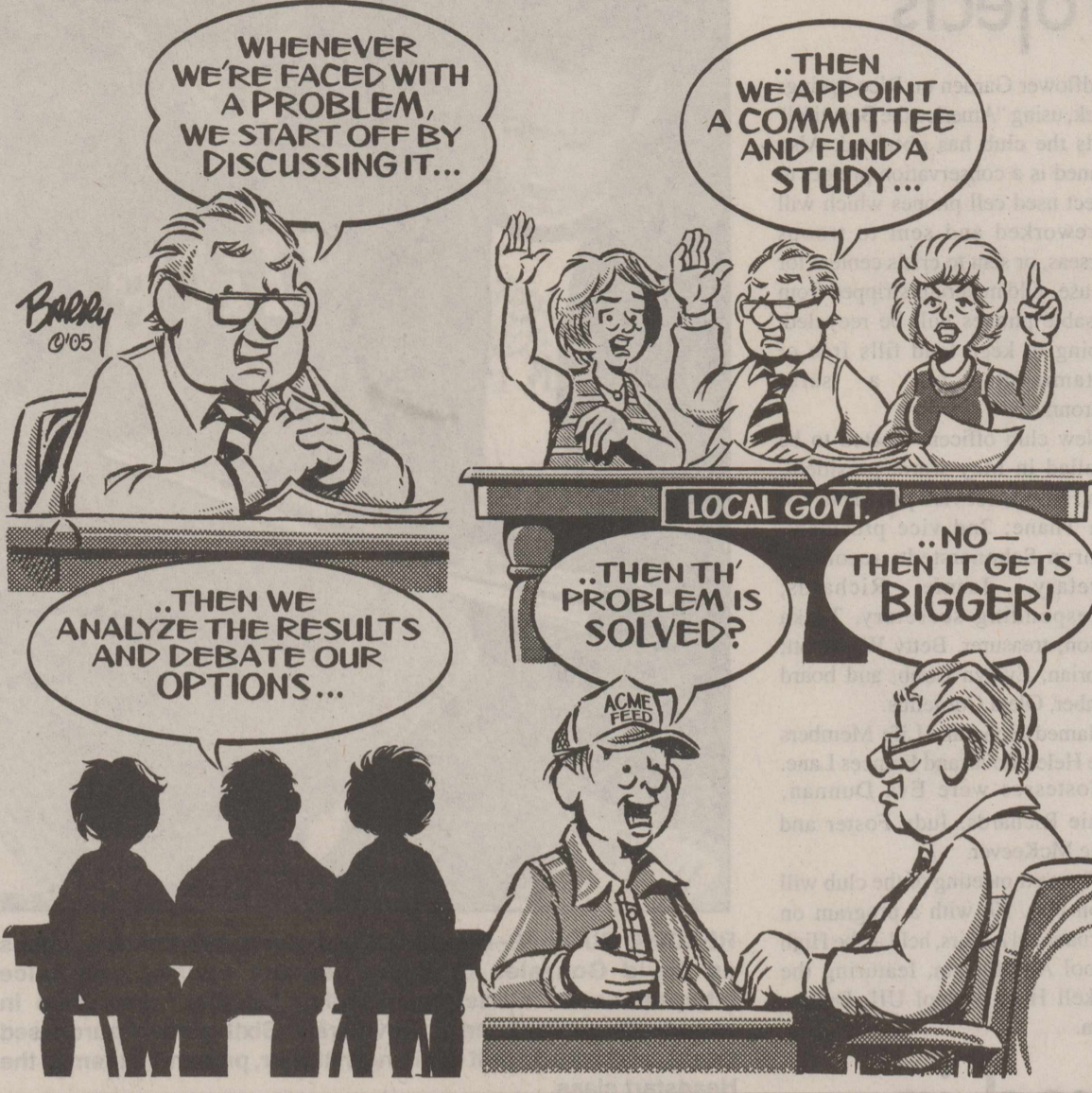
Friedman has said he will run as an independent.

Know any heroes?

The Texas Department of Agriculture is looking for heroes who saved a life in rural Texas last year in incidents related to ranching or farming (but not traffic crashes.)

Nominations must be submitted to Lola Lemmon, TDA safety coordinator, by Feb. 2. Honorees will be recognized March 21 in San Antonio at the Texas Safety Association's annual conference.

For more details, check the agency's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us or contact Lemmon at 512-475-1611.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 26, 1995

Fifteen Haskell High School students were at the University of Texas in Austin competing in the State Science Olympiad. They attended the Inaugural Gala of new governor George W. Bush which included entertainment by the Oak Ridge Boys and Mark Chestnutt.

Brittany Jo Rutkowski of Haskell competed in nine Level 5 USGF meets including the state competition in Odessa. She won "All Around" titles at six of the meets and her floor score helped her team win the State Championship title.

Lee Christian of Haskell was selected for the junior band in the Alto Saxophone section for the Region II South Zone District Band. Four Haskell high school students were named to the high school band: Jacy Cypert, clarinet section; Katy Martin, french horn section; Philip Huff, trombone section; and Kaki Stapleton, mallet percussion section.

Joyce LeFevre of Sagerton met Ira Dell Miller of Abilene in Anson and they visited another former classmate, Jewel Moss.

20 Years Ago January 24, 1985

Gaylin Langhofer, a short time Haskell resident, was guest artist for the Brazos West Art meeting.

The Haskell Indians perfected their first half district record to 5-0 with a win over the Stamford

Bulldogs, 66-46. Shane Hadaway led in scoring with 21 points, followed by Ricky Rojas with 17, Robert Ivey with 10, and Todd Harris, with 8.

Dalyn Gilly exhibited the Grand Champion Steer with Chris Carver as Reserve Champion at the Haskell County Junior Livestock show.

Haskell bandsman, Diana Jarred, was named to the all district band. Jarred is a contralto clarinet player and is one of two players on the instrument who will be performing with the band.

The Haskell Maidens won over the Stamford Lady Bulldogs in the last game of the first half of the district play, 61-34. Leading scorer for the Maidens was Julie Roewe with 21 points, with teammates Lori McGee and Holly McBroom adding 10 points each.

30 Years Ago January 23, 1975

Marine PFC Jesse Macias, son of Mr. and Mrs. Catarino Macias of Sagerton, completed Infantry Training School at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California.

Boyd Andress, son of Mrs. Beno Andress of Haskell, was the newly elected president of the Fort Worth Personnel and Industrial Relations Association.

Dr. John R. Gannaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gannaway of Haskell, joined the staff of the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research Center at El Paso as an

Upland cotton breeder.

The Haskell CowBelles met in the Community Room of Haskell National Bank. Mrs. Bobby Howard was presented with a silver charm, with the Texas CowBelle emblem and engraved on the back "Haskell CowBelle 1974."

Mr. and Mrs. Harvie Griffis of Weinert celebrated their 50th anniversary hosted by their four children in the Weinert Community Center.

40 Years Ago January 28, 1965

Andrea Baird, outstanding senior, was named Haskell High School's 1965 Homemaker of Tomorrow. Baird scored highest in a written homemaking exam taken by senior girls.

With four of her seven living children sharing it, Anna Vaughn spent a quiet 94th birthday at the home of son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Brinlee.

Three Haskell County students who completed requirements for degrees at Hardin-Simmons University were Sydna M. Alvis of Rochester, Maxey L. Mullins and Sherry Burson Upshaw of Haskell.

O'Brien's James Duncan, the highest scoring 6-man back in the Abilene area, signed a pre-enrollment application with Abilene Christian College.

50 Years Ago January 27, 1955

Army Cpl. Lell Roy Nauert of Sagerton was named Soldier of the Month for the 22nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion's Battery D at Ft. Buckner, Okinawa.

A large portrait of J. E. Walling Jr., who heads Walling Butane Appliance Co. of Haskell will hang permanently in the new headquarters building of the Texas Butane Dealers Association in Austin.

Don Dendy, senior four-year letterman center for the Haskell Indians, was awarded the "Most Conscientious Player" trophy at the annual Quarterback Club banquet.

Gary Ivy, Senior member of the Haskell High School Band, was notified of his selection to represent Region II in the 1955 All-State High School Band.

First Lieutenant Raymond Medford of Haskell was awarded his silver wings in recognition of his successful completion of basic multi-engine training at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo.

100 Years Ago January 28, 1905

Hollis Fields is chief at the post office in the absence of Mr. Baker.

Ross Hemphill is sporting a new buggy.

E. L. Adams is having the building he recently purchased on the east side of the square converted into a modern photograph gallery.

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 31-Feb. 4 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast bagel

Tuesday: Blueberry muffin

Wednesday: Cereal, pop tart

Thursday: Pig in a blanket

Friday: Cinnamon roll

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 with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pineapple tidbits

Tuesday: Frito pie, cheese, salsa, corn, pinto beans, garden salad, apple crisp

Wednesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, fried okra, sliced peaches

Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli with cheese, garden salad, breadstick, fruit salad

Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, french fries, fruit

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 31-Feb. 4 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Toast or cereal

Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy

Wednesday: Pancakes

Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwiches or cereal

Friday: Cinnamon rolls

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, cake

Tuesday: Tater tot casserole, broccoli, salad, rolls, jello with fruit

Wednesday: Ham with macaroni and cheese, peas, salad, rolls, apple crisp

Thursday: Burritos, pinto beans, salad, fruit cups

Friday: Beef stew, cornbread or ham sandwiches, peanut butter bars

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., Jan. 31

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
Lunch—Chicken spaghetti, new potatoes, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Feb. 2

Gospel singing
Lunch—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, asparagus, pinto beans, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Feb. 4

Lunch—Sausage and kraut, blackeyed peas, potato salad, garlic toast, pudding cups and cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

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

Students in the News

Four students from the Haskell area were among 724 honor students for the Fall 2004 semester at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Jonie Amanda Martinez made the Dean's Honor Roll, which requires completion of a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.74 and no grade lower than a C.

Ricky Thomas Anderson made the Provost's Honor Roll, which requires completion of a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 and no grade lower than a C.

Kristin Camille Cypert and Amy Lynne Smith made the President's Honor Roll, which requires completion of a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than A (4.0).

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 293 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Jan. 22, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 47 sellers and 22 buyers were present.

Packers \$2 to \$4 higher. Stockers \$2 to \$5 higher. Feeders steady.

Cows: fat, .53-.58; cutters, .48-.59; canners, .30-.45.

Bulls: bologna, .64-.69; feeders, .85-.96; utility, .55-.65.

Steers: medium and large frame

No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.80; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.50; 400-500 lbs., 1.18-1.32; 500-600 lbs., 1.10-1.23; 600-700 lbs., 1.03-1.15; 700-800 lbs., .98-1.12; 800-up lbs., .85-1.05.

Heifers: medium and large frame

No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.70; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.27; 400-500 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 500-600 lbs., .92-1.12; 600-up lbs., .75-1.05.

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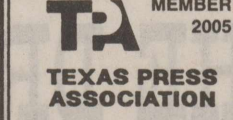
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Weathers Whys

Coldest Temperatures

Q: It was minus 54 degrees in Minnesota this week. What's the coldest temperature ever in the United States?

A: That minus 54-degree reading sounds cold, but it still doesn't come close to some other cold marks, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"The coldest temperature in the 48 contiguous states was a bone-chilling minus 70 degrees on Jan. 20, 1954 in Rogers Pass, Mont." McRoberts says. "But you have to go to Alaska for the coldest-ever U.S.

mark. That occurred on Jan. 23, 1971 at Prospect Creek when the temperature hit minus 80 degrees. And we think that Hawaii is always warm, but remember it has some high volcanic peaks. Hawaii's all-time low temperature is 14 degrees on Jan. 2, 1961 on Haleakala Summit."

Q: What's the coldest temperature ever in Texas?

A: Texas can have its cold days, too. "The winter of 1899 was one for the record books," McRoberts adds. "A cold snap that hit in Feb. 12-13 of 1899 produced the coldest readings ever for much of the state. A low of minus 23 degrees in Tulia was recorded, even though some unofficial reports of minus 30 were recorded nearby. It was reported that ice formed on Galveston Bay that afternoon. Other 1899 records include Amarillo (-16), San Angelo (-4), Dallas-Fort Worth (-8), and Corpus Christi (11). The coldest ever in El Paso occurred in 1962 when it reached minus 8, while Houston's coldest temperature hit 5 degrees in 1940 and San Antonio hit 0 in 1949. Wichita Falls was minus 12 in 1947, Waco minus 5 in 1949 and Lubbock's all-time low was minus 17 in 1933."

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Jan. 24, 2005 Haskell

Haskell County Gin 3,800

Haskell Co-op Gin 7,700

O'Brien

O'Brien Co-op Gin 20,163

Rule

Rule Co-op Gin 9,895

Sagerton Gin 2,000

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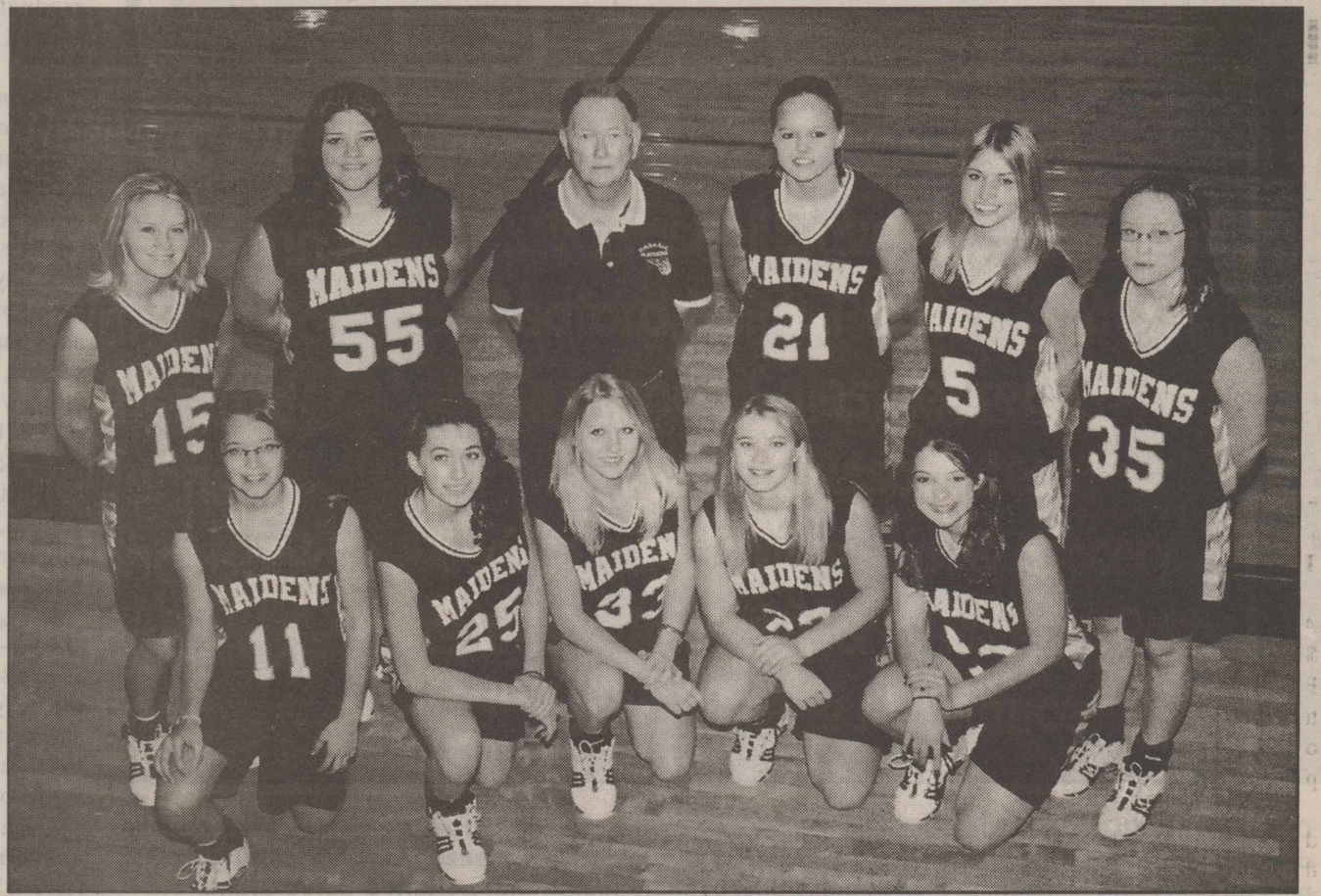
Griff's Gin 5,560

Weinert Gin 8,711

Total Bales 57,829

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HASKELL MAIDENS: Front, l-r: Chambray Bartley, Mollie McKnight, Robbyn Tribbey, Kerri Newton and Lindsay Pannell. Back: Whitney Wallace, Morgan Acosta, Coach David Middleton, Monica Buerger, Calina Kendall and Brianna Wheatley.
Photo by Bobbie Johnson



HASKELL INDIANS: Front, l-r: Ryan Davis, Kevin Kilgore, Ramon Cueller, Jakaan Hodge, Kory Foster and Jared Webb. Back: Coach Toby Villa, Miquel Chavez, D.J. McCulloch, Augustine Lara, Nate Webb, Gary Frierson, L.J. McCulloch and Coach Lolo Martinez. Not pictured: Kendall Mitchell.
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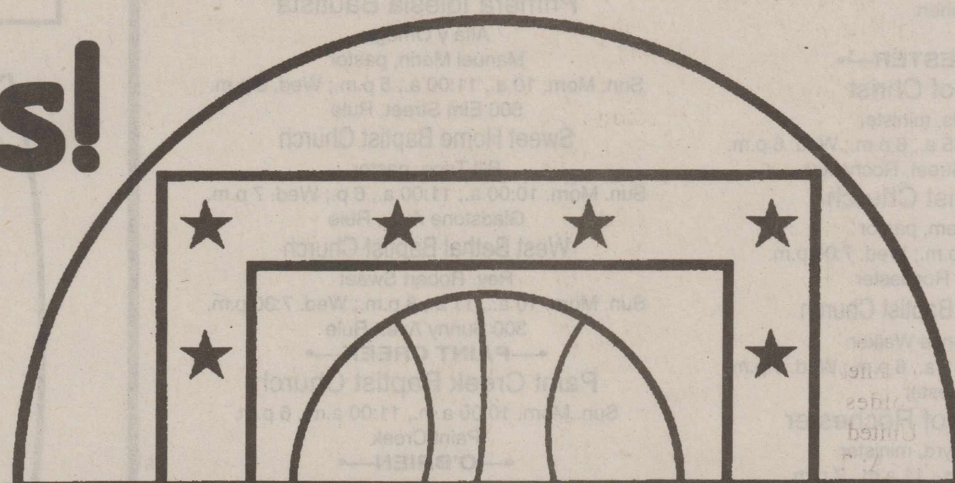
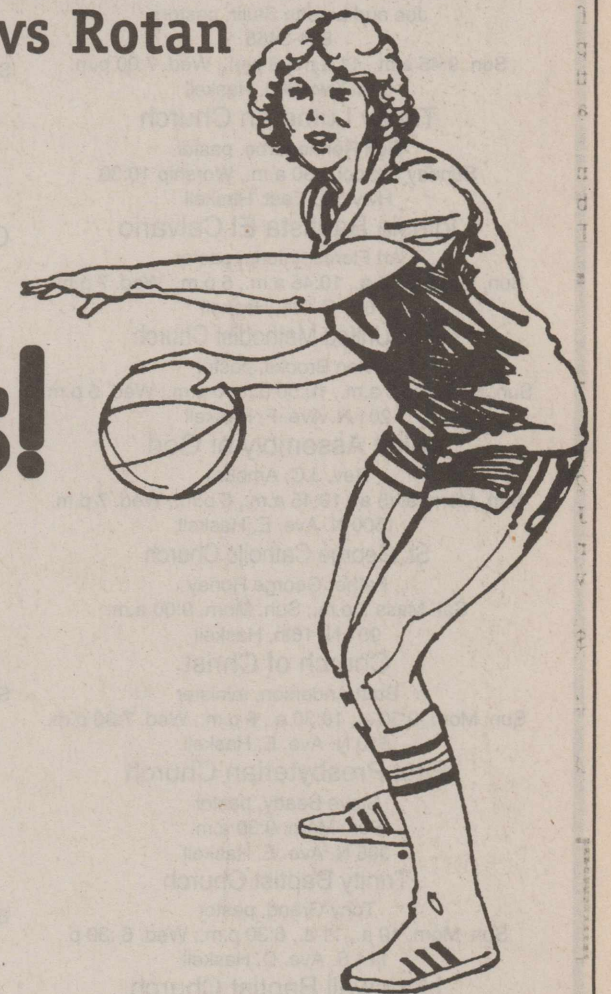
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COLLECTING COATS—Kristen Guzman, left, and Reagan Hadaway, of Haskell Elementary deposit a coat donated to the Noah Project this Christmas. The "Polar Bear Express" came through Haskell to pick up coats and blankets to give to the needy, in coordination with a Learn & Serve Grant.

In the Service

Army Pvt. Otis L. Thomas has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, he studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

A 2004 graduate of Haskell High School, he is the son of Lola Billington of Haskell.

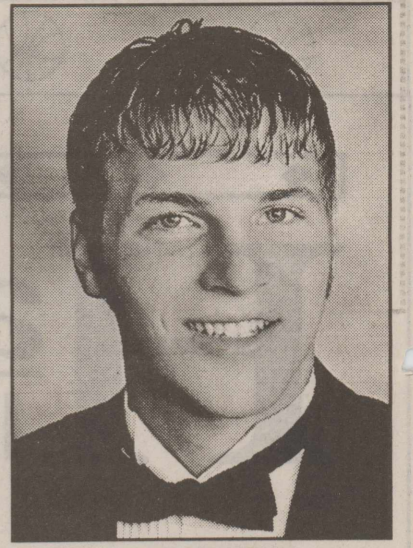
Student in the news

Christopher Washburn, son of Roy and Judy Washburn of Haskell, was among the students named to the Cisco Junior College President's List for the 2004 fall semester, for making a straight "A" record on a 4.0 system.

Washburn is a 2004 graduate of Haskell High School.



ALEXIS REED



AARON NEW

Students visit Rotary Club

Alexis Reed is the daughter of Kelly Laymon of Haskell.

In school she is active in FFA, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Cross Examination Debate.

Special awards and recognition she has received are: FFA Area II president and State officer candidate; State Cross Examination top eight debate teams; All Star Cast, One Act Plays, and Miss HHS.

Her favorite leisure activities are reading, traveling, arts and crafts, and playing with her 3-year-old sister.

After finishing high school she plans to become State FFA president, traveling around Texas speaking to

high schools about today's leadership roles, and then attend college to major in either Public Relations or Pharmacy. She plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University, Texas A&M University or West Texas A&M.

Aaron New is the son of Mike and Teresa New of Haskell.

He attends East Side Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School he is active in Student Council, football, baseball, Fellowship of Christian Students, and is a class officer.

Special awards and recognitions he has received include AB Honor Roll, Football Hero, Best Dressed Award and Honorable Mention All-District football.

Among his favorite leisure-time activities are working with the Volunteer Fire Department, riding with local law enforcement, football and baseball sports, and playing with his nephew.

After finishing high school he plans to attend Cisco Jr. College and then attend Hardin-Simmons University, receiving an Associate degree in Applied Science and a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice. He is planning to be a Trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Student in the News

Katie Wooten Cruz of Haskell received a Bachelor of Arts degree in life sciences with a teacher certification for grades 8-12 from Hardin-Simmons University during December commencement exercises held Sat., Dec. 11.

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This Week's Devotional Message:



From the beginning, we have assigned our leaders the awesome task of guiding our nation through the storms of war, economic crisis and social conflict. Some of them were undoubtedly better at it than others, and all of them were a mixture of virtues and weaknesses. Nonetheless, they had one thing in common. They all prayed for God's guidance whenever they had to make a

major decision that would affect our destiny. That was the secret of their greatness, they had the humility to rely on a higher source of wisdom. Those of us who don't bear that much responsibility would still do well to follow their example and go to our house of worship, to seek the best advice for the well-being of ourselves and our families.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
 Danny Manross, pastor
 Sun. 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
 Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors
 864-3465
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
 Ron Renegarbe, 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 George Roney
 Sat. Mass 7 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.
 114 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
 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

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
 Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 6 p.m.
 1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell

—WEINERT—
First Baptist Church
 J. C. Baker, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
 Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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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.
 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
 Philip Houston, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 Sagerton

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

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

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

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

First United Methodist Church
 Wendall Ferguson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule

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

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

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

—PAINT CREEK—
Paint Creek Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Paint Creek

—O'BRIEN—
O'Brien Baptist Church
 Jim Reid, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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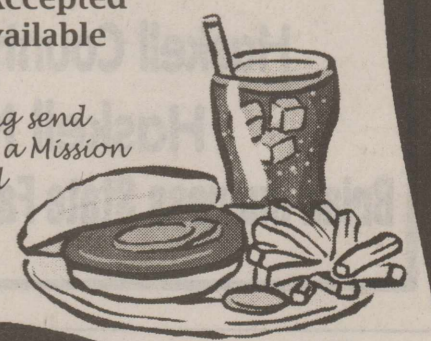
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Bids shall be delivered to 135 N. Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas; or mailed to P.O. Box 36, Munday, Texas 76371, and will be opened and read aloud at the Board of Directors meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on February 8, 2005. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 4-5c

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**CITY OF HASKELL
TEXAS CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM**
Date of Publication: 1-27-05
The City of Haskell will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2005 at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for Texas Capital Fund Program funds. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens the opportunity to provide comments in the identification of local economic development needs, to discuss the amount of TCF funding available, all eligible TCF activities, and the use of past TCF funds. All citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of this application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall during regular office hours. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. 4c

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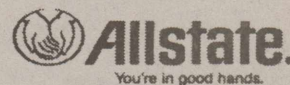
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The family of Don Whitfield would like to express our heartfelt thanks to friends for the visits, food, flowers and cards at the time of our loss. A very special thank you to the Ex-Kiwanis Club members who honored Don by attending the funeral as honorary pallbearers. A special thanks to Dr. McSmith and the staff of Haskell Memorial Hospital for all they did for our family. Thanks to the members of East Side Baptist Church for the wonderful meal they served. Your kindness gave us the strength to go on.
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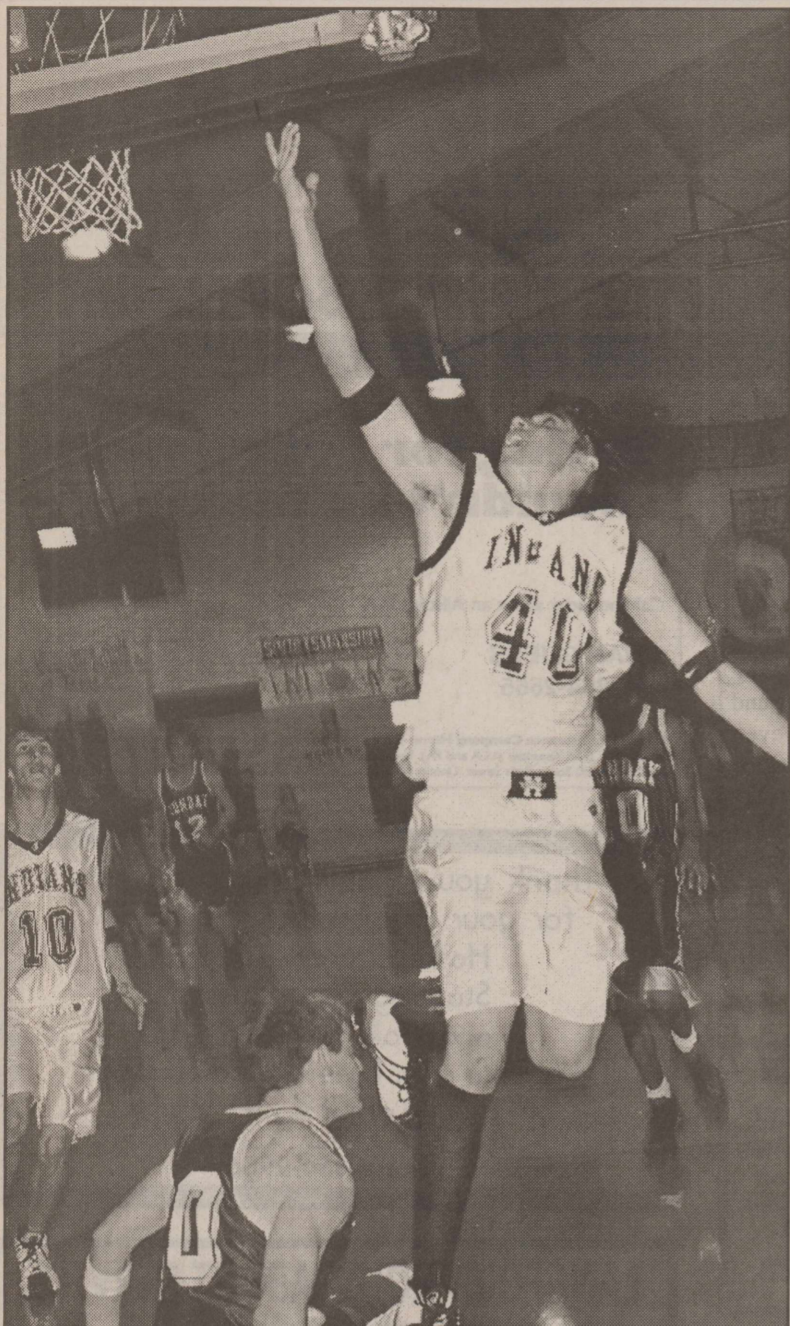
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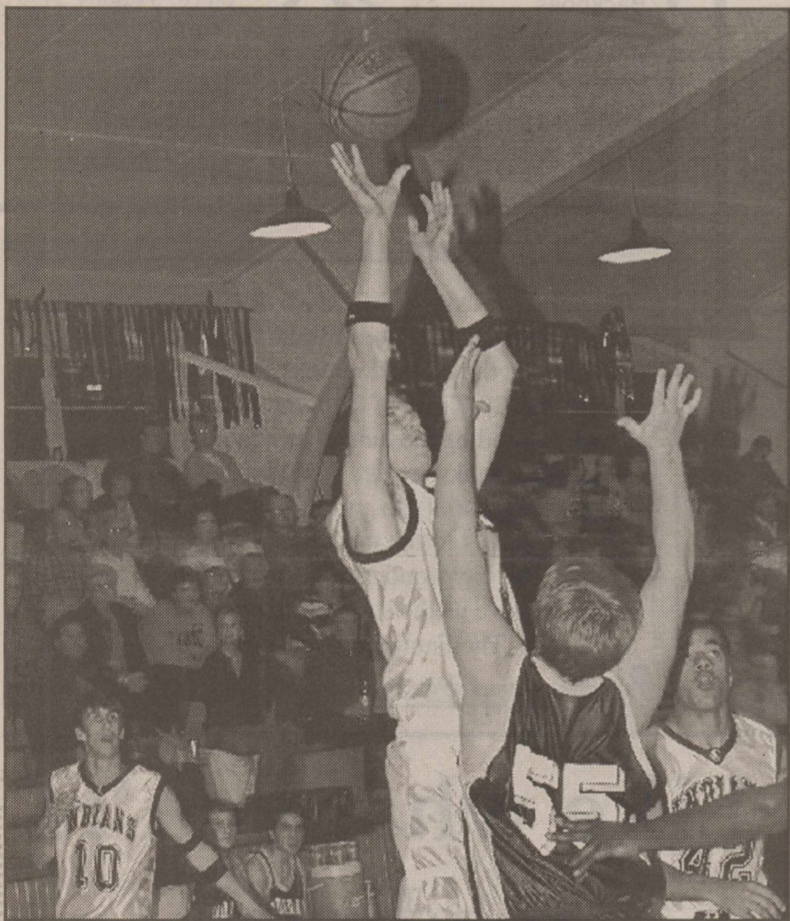
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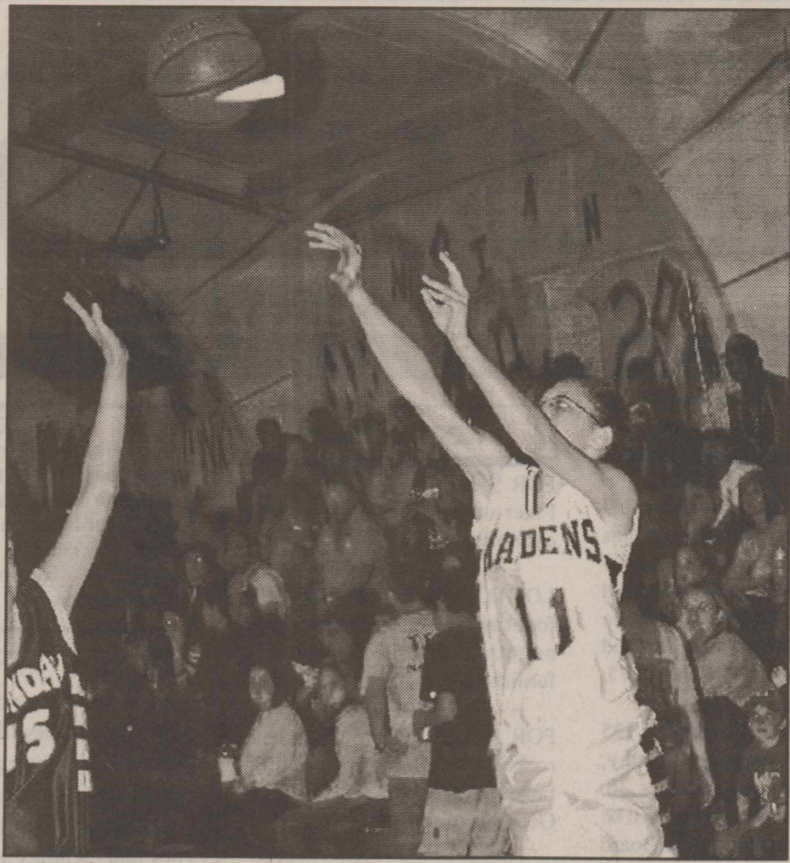
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CHAVEZ IN CHARGE—Haskell's #40, Miguel Chavez, leaps to score in the Indians' win over Munday. Photo By Bill Blankenship



ABOVE THE MOGULS—Haskell Indian #34 Nate Webb, outreaches the competition in the game with Munday. Photo By Bill Blankenship



SCORING MAIDEN—Haskell's Chambray Bartley, #11, sends one up in the Maidens' 58 to 26 win over Munday. Photo By Bill Blankenship

Area basketball scores

<p>Girls</p> <p>Haskell 31, Roscoe 27 Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 11, Buerger 5, Pannell 4, Acosta 4, Wallace 3, Bartley 2, Newton 2. JV score: Haskell 35, Roscoe 14. ***</p> <p>Haskell 58, Munday 26 Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 24, Newton 8, Wallace 7, Buerger 6, Pannell 4, Bartley 3, Kendall 2, Tribbey 2, Acosta 2. JV score: Haskell 49, Munday 8. ***</p> <p>Knox City 73, Rule 28 Scoring for Rule: Smith 13, Scheets 6, L. Johnson 3, Lisle 3, Kittley 3. JV score: Rule 36, Knox City 32. ***</p> <p>Aspermont 77, Paint Creek 6 Scoring for Paint Creek: Woodall 4, Barr 2.</p>	<p>Boys</p> <p>Haskell 65, Roscoe 31 Scoring for Haskell: Webb 22, Chavez 14, Hodge 9, D.J. McCulloch 7, Mitchell 5, Kilgore 4, Frierson 2, Lara 2. JV score: Haskell 36, Roscoe 30. ***</p> <p>Haskell 74, Munday 29 Scoring for Haskell: Webb 17, Hodge 16, Chavez 13, Mitchell 9, D. McCulloch 7, Foster 7, L. McCulloch 2, Frierson 2, Lara 1. JV score: Munday 45, Haskell 24. ***</p> <p>Rule 71, Knox City 44 Scoring for Rule: Pace 19, Carreon 15, Saucedo 12, Brown 12, Kittley 9, Dudensing 4. JV score: Rule 60, Knox City 17. ***</p> <p>Aspermont 98, Paint Creek 27 Scoring for Paint Creek: Cisneros 14, Bryant 5, Brown 4, Myers 4.</p>
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		1 Haskell at Rotan JVG, VG, JVB, VB 4 p.m.	2	3 UIL Debate District	4 Roscoe at Haskell JVG, VG, JVB, VB 4 p.m.	5 UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest Abilene HS		
6	7 7-8 B&G Munday at Rochester 5 p.m.	8 Haskell at Munday JVG, VG, JVB, VB 4 p.m.	9	10 Progressive Study Club HHS Auditorium	11	12		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
20 Senior Supper Church of Christ	21	22 TAKS Retake	23 TAKS Retake	24 TAKS Retake	25 TAKS Retake	26		
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