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## Baseball games

Haskell V vs Hamlin  
Fri., March 10, 4 p.m.  
at Haskell

Haskell JV vs Rotan  
Mon., March 13, 4 p.m.  
at Rotan

## Softball games

Haskell JV-V vs Eula  
Fri., March 10, 4:30 p.m.  
at Haskell

Haskell V vs Aspermont  
Sat., March 11, noon  
at Haskell

Haskell JV-V vs Olney  
Mon., March 13, 4:30 p.m.  
at Haskell

Haskell V vs Stamford  
Tues., March 14, 4:30 p.m.  
at Haskell

## Track

Indians and Maidens  
Lobo Relays at Cisco  
Sat., March 11

## Calendar

### Car show

The 10th annual Haskell Fire Department's Car Show will be held Sat., March 18 around the courthouse square in Haskell. Entries are \$20. Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. Judging will be as 12:30 p.m. followed by a 3:30 p.m. trophy presentation. Hot Wheel races and a kids tractor pull will be held for the kids. For more information contact Randy Shaw at 864-2023. Vendors wanting booth information should call Lisa Shaw at 864-2686 or 864-2023. Vendor spaces will be available for \$15 each.

### City election

Candidates may file for the office of Mayor or councilman until Mon., March 13 at the Haskell City Hall.

### Cookie sale

Girl Scout Troop 76 of Rule will hold a cookie sale Sat., March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon in front of the Rule Banking Center.

### Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. A demonstration will be given by Billy Joe Jay of Sweetwater.

### Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Red Rooster restaurant, 1006 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Wed., March 15 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

### Library meeting

Friends of the Haskell County Library will meet Mon., March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the library.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 18 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

### Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse Fri., March 10 at noon. All members are asked to attend.

### Medical fund

A fund to help with medical expenses has been established at Haskell National Bank for Daniel Guadalucazar of Haskell.

### Concert

A concert of spiritual healing featuring Catholic singer, Ge' La, will be held Wed., March 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell. For information call Ruben Castillo Sr. at 940-673-5005.

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**SHED FIRE**—The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire located in a storage shed/carport structure at the Fritz Buerger residence in the west part of town Tues., Feb. 28 at approximately 4 p.m. The fire was quickly extinguished, leaving damage to the shed, carport and a wooden fence along the back property line.

## Car Show set Mar. 18

The 10th annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. Car Show will be held Sat., March 18 in downtown Haskell around the Haskell County Courthouse square.

With its widespread reputation of being a major show, featuring something of fun and interest for everyone in the family, the popular event is expected to again bring numbers of entries and visitors to the city. As in previous years, entries are coming in from around the country.

Along with the ten classes of vehicles in the show, other activities will include the Kids Tractor Pull and Hot Wheels Races for Kids (with an entry fee of \$1 per car).

Hamburgers and french fries will be served on the southeast corner of the square during the noon hour by members of the fire department.

Vendor spaces will be located around the square in front of business for \$15 each. Vendor information is available by contacting Lisa Shaw at 864-2686 or 864-2023.

Classes for this year's car show are:

Cars Pre-'64; Cars '65 and up; Antique Cars, Trucks thru '50; Street Rods Pre-'49; Race Cars; Older Pickups Pre-'84; Pickups '85 and up; Motorcycles; Restoration in Progress; and Scooters.

First, second and third places in each class will receive a trophy. Entries are \$20 each. Judging will be held at 12:30 p.m., with a trophy presentation at 3:30. Trophy and cash will be given for Best of Show and People's Choice, and a trophy will be given for Farthest Distance Traveled.

Registration forms for the show or vendors may be obtained from any Haskell Volunteer Fireman. For more information, call Randy Shaw at 940-864-2023 or e-mail [haskellfdcarshow@hotmail.com](mailto:haskellfdcarshow@hotmail.com).

## Simpson, Robinson honored by Rule Chamber

The Rule School Cafeteria was decked in red, white and blue Thurs., Mar. 2, as the 2006 Man and Woman of the Year were honored at the 52nd Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Named Man of the Year was Bobby Robinson, English teacher at Rule High School.

A graduate of Knox City High School, he graduated from McMurry College in 1965 and later earned a masters degree from Texas Tech in 1973.

After teaching school at Kermit Jr. High for three years he enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the USS

Blue Ridge. In 1971 he married Cheryl Counts Robinson, and the couple has three children, Cory Robinson of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Eric and wife Crystal, of Abilene and Gena and husband Ben Lazcano of Salado.

A very successful coach of one-act-plays, Robinson has had plays which have placed as district co-champs 23 times, district co-champs 17 times, area co-champs 12 times, regional champs 4 times, State Third Place in 1996 and Class A State Champions in 1995.

Named Woman of the Year was Marsha Simpson, a lifelong resident

of Rule, who works as secretary/bookkeeper of a local business. She and her husband, Larry Simpson, are parents of two children, Heather Simpson of Abilene and Brad Simpson of Rule.

A member of the First Baptist Church, she served with distinction on the cemetery board for several years, and is considered a valuable member of the Chamber of Commerce, known for her smile and agreeable attitude, her willingness to work and the many contributions unselfishly made to the community.

The Junior class, their parents and sponsors, served the banquet meal.

Entertainment under the direction of Rene Dudensing and Julie Petty, was provided by members of the Rule 4-H Club. Participating were Kiel and Kate Rowan, Rebecca Raynes, C. J. Saucedo, Emily Fouts, Cheyenne Favor, Emery, Molly and Jenny Dudensing, Stephen Pace, Zeb and Allison Petty.

Numerous door prizes provided by area merchants were distributed.

Serving on the Chamber as officers for the coming year are David Parr, president; Derrell Sorrells, vice president; Orheana Greeson, secretary/treasurer.

## March 13 is final filing day for local elections

The Haskell City election will be held Sat. May 13 at the City Hall, 301 S. 1st St. Terms open for election are those of mayor and two places for councilmen.

The last day to file for election to city office is Mar. 13. Filing will be done at City Hall.

Early voting by personal appearance during regular office hours at City Hall starts May 1, and ends May 9. Also, early voting hours will be extended from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., on Mon., May 1 and Tues., May 2.

For their vote to be counted, voters must present their voter certificate or drivers license or personal identification, or a form of ID containing one of the following: a photograph, birth certificate, a copy of a utility bill, a bank statement, a

government check, paycheck or government document that shows name and address of the voter.

In the Haskell CISD board election on May 13, three seats are open for election to the school board. These are single district #4, now held by Dr. Thomas Hairgrove; single district #5, now held by Bob Aycock; and single district #7, now held by Steve McGuire. All are for three year terms.

The final filing day is Mar. 13. Early voting can be done by personal appearance at the Haskell CISD Administration Office, May 1 through May 9.

Voting on Sat., May 13 will be held at the Haskell National Bank Community Building and at the Rochester School.

## Indians named to All-District team

The Haskell Indians placed all five starting basketball players on the District 6-A Boys All-District Team.

Team members include Weston Rutkowski, Travis Adams and D.J. McCulloch, all sophomores; and

Augustene Lara and Miquel Chavez, seniors. Honorable mentions honors went to Greg Guzman.

The Indians ended their season Tues., Feb. 28 in a double overtime game with New Deal, 67-61.



**RULE HONOREES**—Rule residents, Marsha Simpson, left, and Bobby Robinson, hold plaques they received after being named Man and Woman of the Year at the Annual Rule Chamber of Commerce Banquet, held Thurs., Mar. 2 at the Rule School Cafeteria.

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# Enrollment assistance offered for Medicare Rx

Those wanting to enroll in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan will have the opportunity to do so Fri., March 10 at the Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. 1st St. in

Haskell. The West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging will have staff members on hand to educate the public on this new Medicare benefit. Those wanting to compare plans

and enroll will receive one-on-one assistance by appointment. Appointments are scheduled to ensure speedy comparisons and enrollment in one of the plans offering optimum advantage to the Medicare beneficiary. Call Jennabeth Kimbrough at 864-3875 for an appointment.

Individuals unable to attend this event can get plan comparisons or enroll by calling the Area Agency on Aging in Abilene at 325-672-8544.

On March 10 during lunch, the Area Agency on Aging will offer a program on Assistive Devices which enable a person with disabilities, or with limited movement or strength capacity to function more effectively at home.

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## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 958 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Mar. 4, according to Bill Cox, reporter. 76 sellers and 41 buyers were present.

Packers \$2-\$4 lower. Feeders \$1-\$2 lower. Stockers steady.

Cows: fat, .46-.52; cutters, .45-.56; canners, .32-.43.

Bulls: bologna, .64-.69; feeders, .82-.97; utility, .58-.66.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.45-1.95; 300-400 lbs., 1.35-1.60; 400-500 lbs., 1.25-1.47; 500-600 lbs., 1.12-1.34; 600-700 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 700-800 lbs., .95-1.08; 800-up lbs., .80-1.01.

Heifers: medium and large frame N. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.45; 400-500 lbs., 1.15-1.35; 500-600 lbs., .94-1.25; 600-up lbs., .75-1.14.

Bred heifers medium frame, 725-950.

Bred cows young to middle aged 850-1050; aged or small, 575-775.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 950-1375; aged or small, 750-925.

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# Obituaries

## Lela Welsh Duncan



**LELA WELSH DUNCAN**  
Graveside services for Lela Welsh Duncan, 99, formerly of Abilene, were held Mon., March 6 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Palmer McCown officiating. Services were under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene.

Mrs. Duncan died Tues., Feb. 28 at Heartland Health Care Center in

Austin. Born May 13, 1906 in Temple, she was a Texas native and the daughter of Mary Ollie (Silvers) and W.E. Welsh. She was reared in Haskell where she graduated from high school. In the early 1920's, she was named Miss Haskell, an honor which very possibly afforded her the opportunity to shake hands with the American hero, Charles Lindbergh, an event often relived in Lela's storytelling. She attended Texas University, where she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, and received a degree from Hardin-Simmons University. Her 41-year teaching career began with teaching junior high school mathematics in Haskell and in Wichita Falls. During World War II, she lived in Texas City, and in 1951, moved to Abilene, where she taught for seventeen years at Jefferson Junior High School before retiring in 1968.

Beginning in 1966, she lived for several years near her daughter on

Central Coast of California, later returning to Texas to live near her grandson in Austin. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Abilene and the Lightbearers Sunday School Class at the church. She was a member of Abilene Woman's Club, as well as the Retired Teachers Association of both Abilene and Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, who died Aug. 28, 1992; her parents, The W.E. Welshs; two sisters, Lola and Ruth; and three brothers, Barton, Hugh and Bert.

Survivors include her daughter, Jennifer Sue Rose Soni and husband, Ken of San Miguel, California; two grandchildren, Christopher James Miller of Austin and Laura Michelle Soni of San Miguel, California; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Noah Project, P.O. Box 875, Abilene, Texas 79604 or Love and Care Ministries, 233 Fannin Street, Abilene, Texas 79603. PD. NOTICE

## Tempie Lee (Bell) Alvis



**TEMPIE LEE ALVIS**  
Funeral services for Tempie Lee (Bell) Alvis, 87, of Rochester were held Tues., March 7 at Rochester

First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dolan Brinson officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery directed by Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.

Mrs. Alvis died Sat., March 4.

Born June 16, 1918, she was the daughter of Allen and Minnie Lee Bell. She was a lifelong resident of Haskell County. She married Earl Alvis July 31, 1935. He preceded her in death in 1995. She was a housewife and a home decorator. She was a member of the Rochester United Methodist Church where she served as Sunday School teacher, choir member, and was a member of the Bess Porter Sunday School class. She was a member of the Rochester women's club.

She was preceded in death by a

daughter, Earlene Austin; two brothers, Howard and Hubert Bell; and one sister, Irene Hester.

Survivors include one son, Dr. James Alvis of Rochester; one grandson, Todd Austin and wife, Abby; sisters-in-law, Mary Johnston and Elaine Glover of Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

The family gives special thanks to Haskell Home Healthcare, Haskell Healthcare Center and Haskell Memorial Hospital for their special care. A special thank you is given to Isabell Garcia and Emma Hernandez special friends of our loved one.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church in Rochester. PD. NOTICE

# Hee Haw tickets to go on sale Friday

The Sagerton Community has begun making preparations for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw, which will be held March 30, 31 and April 1 beginning at 8 p.m. each evening.

Music and singing will begin about an hour before the program.

Thursday night's performance is for groups only. For information for group tickets, call 940-997-2688.

Tickets for March 31 and April 1 will go on sale Fri., March 10, at 3

p.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. Thereafter call 997-2688 for tickets. Tickets are limited to 10 per person.

Plate lunches, sandwiches and pies will be available in the cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

# Cutting horse contest to benefit museum

A cutting horse contest, benefitting the Knox County Museum building fund, will be held Sat., March 11 at Moorhouse's east camp, about 10 miles west of Benjamin on the northside of U.S. Hwy. 82/St. 114 beginning at 8 a.m.

Tom Moorhouse has organized the event for the Friends of Knox

County Historical Commission to raise money for a matching grant to help complete the interior of the Wichita-Brazos Museum in Benjamin.

The contest is open and free to the public. Seating will be available.

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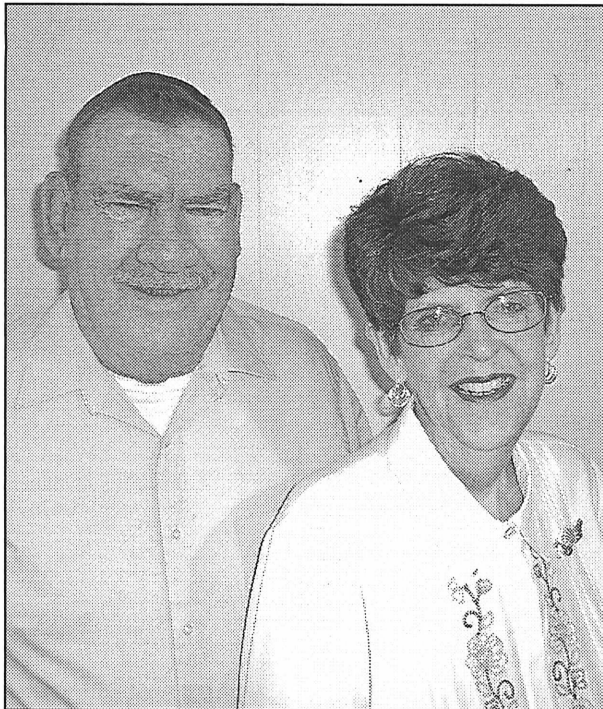
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## Luau to honor Jackson's anniversary

Bennie and Jerrye Jackson of Chillicothe, former Haskell residents, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Hawaiian Luau style Sat., April 1 at the Chillicothe Baptist Church in Chillicothe.

Jerrye Brooks and Bennie Jackson were married March 10, 1956 in Ballinger. The couple has three children, Larry Jackson of Russelville, Missouri, Bennita Clark of Midland and Mark Jackson of

Quanah; ten grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Bennie is retired from The Permian Corporation and was raised in Shamrock. Jerrye, raised in Ballinger, is a housewife. They are members of the Chillicothe Baptist Church where she serves as church secretary.

They have lived in Childress, Haskell and Chillicothe.

## Book Fair to be held March 20-24

Haskell Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair March 20-24 at the Haskell Elementary library. Book fair hours will be Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and until noon on Friday. This year's fair will be a kindergarten through 8th grade fair with an extra case of books for junior high students. The theme is Camp Read a Book-Let the Book Bugs Bite.

Packed with the best selection of children's books anywhere, including the newest award winners, favorite series, bestsellers, classics and a variety of choice for everyone, the

fair is a great opportunity to buy quality books and products at affordable prices. The fair is open to the community and everyone is welcome. A 'Family Event' will be held Thurs., March 23 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. when visitors may shop and students may register for book fair merchandise. Classroom wish lists will be displayed to show how classroom library's may be helped.

The fair promotes learning by turning students into lifelong readers. For more information about the fair or how to be a book fair volunteer, call 864-2654, ext. 309.

## Hospital Auxiliary elects officers

The Haskell Hospital Auxiliary, which operates the thrift shop to buy equipment and services for the local hospital, met recently to elect new officers for the coming year. Elected were Ruby Martin, president; E.C. Collins, vice president; Donna Thomas, secretary; Hazel Hale, treasurer; Debbie Kreger, historian; Donna Thomas, floor manager.

Following the meeting, all of the Auxiliary volunteers enjoyed sandwiches, chips, dips and coconut cake.

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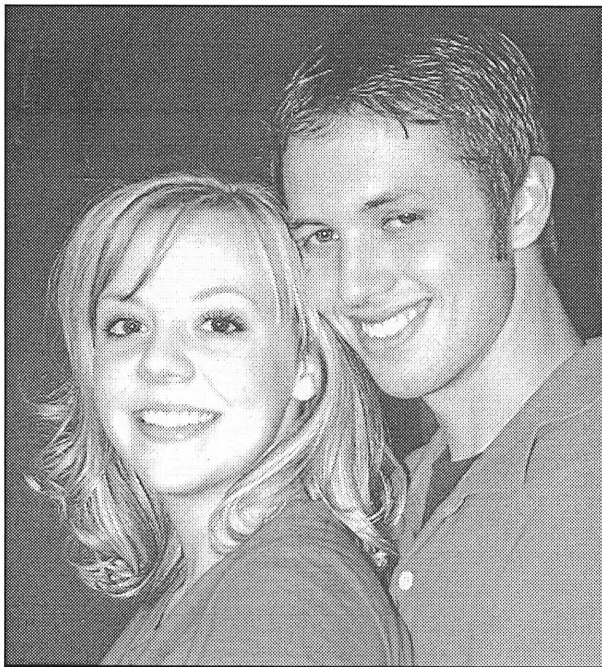
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JANAЕ RACHELE SMITH – KYLE PATE FALKNER

## Smith, Falkner to marry June 17

Tammy Holmes of Longmont, Colorado and Joe Smith of Abilene, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Janae Rachele Smith, to Kyle Pate Falkner, son of Rick and Kelli Falkner of Rule.

A 2001 graduate of Rule High School, the bride-elect is a 2005 cum laude graduate of Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls with a Bachelor of Science degree in dental

hygiene. She is employed by Dr. Don McCollum, DDS, in Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2002 graduate of Rule High School. He attended Midwestern State University, and will graduate in April with a degree in nursing from Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater.

A June 17 wedding in Abilene is planned by the couple.

## Births

Holly and Chris Shields of Peacock announce the birth of their son, Christopher Casey Lee Shields, born Mon., Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. He was 20" long.

Chris was welcomed home by big sister, Gracie.

Grandparents are Rev. Basilio and Kathy Andrada of Rochester, Lanie and Marty Tabor of Peacock and the late Jerry Glenn Shields of Santa Anna.

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Stacy and Shane Polk of

Aspermont announce the birth of their daughter, Tatum Leslie Polk, born Thurs., Feb. 9 at 12:20 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. She was 20 1/2" long.

Tatum was welcomed home by big sisters, Shaincey and Amber and big brother, Taylor.

Grandparents are Rev. Basilio and Kathy Andrada of Rochester, Lou Polk of Aspermont and the late Jerry Glenn Shields of Santa Anna and the late Robert Earl (Papa) Polk of Aspermont.

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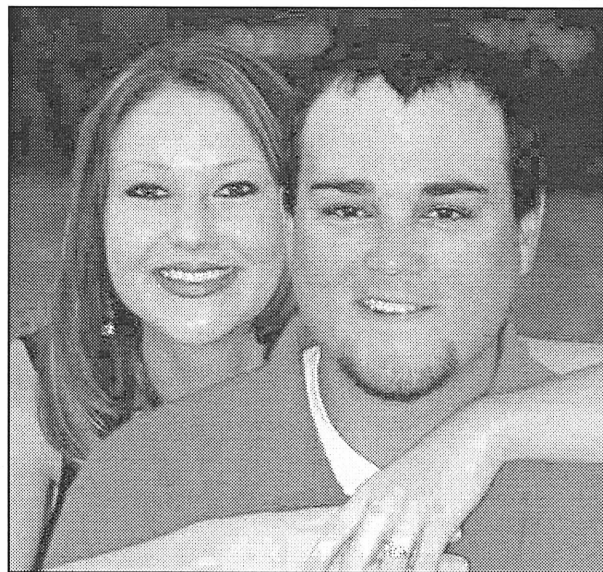
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## Burchan, Allison to wed

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# OPINION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### AG lodges clawback complaint

AUSTIN - Texas and other states on March 3 filed suit against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services over how states are forced to fund the new federal prescription drug benefit.

Attorney General Greg Abbott, on behalf of Texas, Kentucky, Maine, New Jersey, and Missouri, presented the U.S. Supreme Court with a complaint about the requirement that states pay a portion of the costs associated with federal Medicare drug coverage for persons eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.

Abbott questioned the constitutionality of annual "clawback" payments—money states must send each month to the federal government to compensate for savings Congress anticipates states will realize from no longer providing prescription drug coverage for individuals enrolled in Medicaid.

The program is projected to result in net losses to Texas of approximately \$100 million from 2006-2009.

### Texas Lottery drops bonus ball

After soliciting public comments on how to shore up sagging participation in Lotto Texas the Texas Lottery Commission on Feb. 27 jettisoned the "bonus ball."

The commission revised the game, which debuts April 23, so that players will pick six numbers from a field of 54.

"While there may not be an immediate and magic fix to the decline of our Lotto Texas game," said Lottery Commission Chairman C. Thomas Clowe, "I feel it's our responsibility to take action today to remove the one feature we've heard players disapprove of the most, the bonus-ball feature, and change Lotto Texas back to a pick-six game."

Without the bonus ball, the odds of winning the jackpot will be one in 25.8 million and overall odds of winning any prize will be one in 71, the agency said.

### Court hears redistricting case

The U.S. Supreme Court on March 1 heard arguments in the Texas redistricting case relating to the November 2004 election and the dynamics that set the stage for a shift from a 17-15 seat majority for Democrats to a 21-16 seat majority for Republicans.

Attorneys for Mexican-American and African-American plaintiffs said the Texas Legislature violated the federal Voting Rights Act by watering down communities of interest and thus, voting power, in moving district lines.

Furthermore, attorneys for Democratic state legislators said it was unprecedented for district boundaries to be redrawn in the middle of a decade. Federal law requires redistricting after the U.S. Census is taken every 10 years, at the beginning of each decade.

In its defense, the state of Texas argued that it is the Legislature's privilege and legal responsibility to redraw districts when the collective will exists.

The court is expected to render a decision on the case before its term ends in June.

### Award recognizes voter turnout

On March 2—Texas Independence Day—Secretary of State Roger Williams presented Travis and King counties with the first annual Stephen F. Austin Champions of the Republic Award.

The award recognizes the counties for having the highest percentage of voter turnout in the November constitutional amendment election.

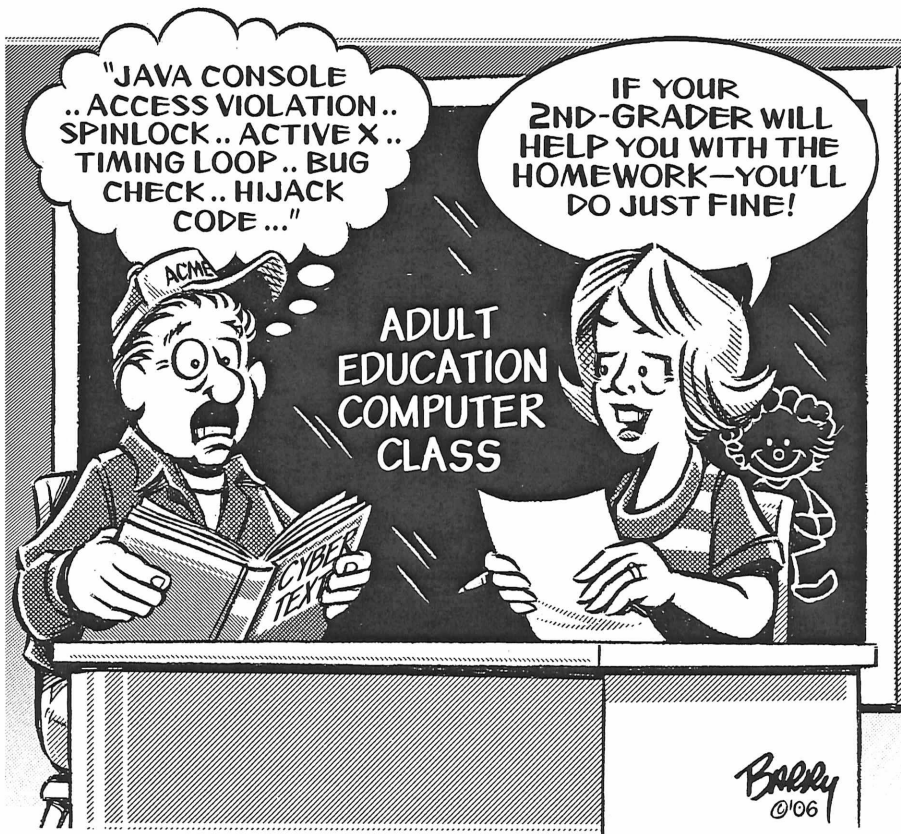
King County's 54 percent was the highest voter turnout for small counties and Travis County won the large county group with 25 percent.

### Magazine cites Texas job growth

Gov. Rick Perry announced Site Selection magazine, a national business expansion and relocation tome, has for the second straight year awarded its Governor's Cup to Texas for the most job creation announcements in the nation for 2005.

To be counted, businesses must have a capital investment of at least \$1 million, create 50 or more jobs or involve 20,000 square feet of new floor space. Texas secured 842 such projects in 2005—a 26 percent increase from the previous year, Perry's office said.

The magazine also cited two Texas metropolitan areas among the strongest in the nation for job growth. The Dallas-Forth Worth metro area ranked second and the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown metro area ranked third.



## From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Our city motto, "Haskell Alive! Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," hopefully reflects our continuing dedication to honoring our past, and growing with the ever-changing demands of the present, while looking to the future with positive expectation and anticipation.

However, none of these things just happen because we'd like them to or because we give lip service to them in our committees for improvement. They are, and have always been, the result of preparation, practical planning and an active following-through by informed leadership supported by a caring citizenry.

Someone has said that preparation and creativity are not strangers to one another. Certainly, neither are dreams and dedication strangers to one another in creatively making our vision for the community into positive reality.

Being civic minded is not just a matter of pointing fingers at what we can see needs to be done, or that we want to be done, by some one else. Everyone can be a critic. It's easy.

Yet, not everyone is willing to be a contributor to the solution by offering an open hand, and a positive attitude in going about it.

One of those persons who can see and value the plus among the minus we may think we have in our community is Nancy Toliver, who recently shared her thoughts on the subject.

### "Haskell Alive"

By Nancy Toliver

Keeping "Haskell Alive" is our challenge. As you look around, visualize "what could be." The ideas are endless.

Start by considering what is here today, to be enjoyed and supported. A pharmacy, a grocery store with deli, several convenience stores, bookkeeping and tax services, several restaurants and drive-in food stops, a general merchandise store, computer stores, furniture stores, clothing stores with shoes and specialty items, health care services, insurance agencies, gift and jewelry shops, automobile dealerships, car wash, service stations, dry cleaners, bookstore and others.

There are many services available which contribute to our convenience and improvement, such as electricians, plumbers, carpenters and even photographers. We are fortunate to have a good medical staff.

In addition to the above, our schools are superior in academics, sports and extra-curricular activities.

Haskell has long been recognized as a community supported by many civic organizations and churches. The folks who live here can easily find a way to enjoy living here. We are blessed.

But, residents can not just sit back and wait for their needs and pleasures to be provided. All folks are required to help and make important contributions to maintain the life style that is to be enjoyed by all.

As new streets and highways are being made, our citizens need to improve the local scenery. This "Alive" look can be achieved by improving our heritage sites and recreation facilities.

Look around and find a way to help make it happen.

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago March 7, 1996

The Haskell Indians headed for the state playoffs in Austin. The Indians won their chance to go to state in regional play at Moody Coliseum in Abilene, defeating New Deal first and then going on to win over Cisco for the Region 1 and 2 A boys basketball championship.

Sam Bitner presented Haskell Fire Chief, E.J. Stewart, with a check for \$1,000 to help meet the cost of the new jaws of life equipment needed by the fire department.

Haskell National Bank has earned its 15th consecutive 5-star "superior" rating.

### 20 Years Ago March 6, 1986

Artist Janet Syling, a Haskell native, has been commissioned by the Coast Guard Art Program to commemorate the last flight of the Space Shuttle Challenger.

Haskell Garden Club members furnished the shrubs at the Civic Center, made possible by a Beautify Haskell Council contribution to the Garden Club.

Haskell Cub Scout den was awarded a blue ribbon after being selected as the best Webelo den competing in the Chisolm Trail Council spring Camporee at Rod Jones Ranch near Fort Phantom. Competing were Brad Lane, Stacy Martin, John Headstream, Shawn Jordan and Jeremy Andress. The

Haskell Scouts were accompanied by Bill Perry, Bill Lane, Cary Headstream and Charles Andress.

David Tidwell of Haskell won the novice division of the Tornado Alley Raquet ball tournament in Wichita Falls.

### 30 Years Ago March 4, 1976

Debbie Young of Haskell was one of the five nominees for the title of Miss Trailhand 1975-76 at Western Texas College.

Mrs. Sandra LeFevre and daughter, Melissa Kay of Fort Worth, spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Lees, and grandmother, Mrs. Bill Lees and Mrs. Albert Andress.

Running for re-election on the School Board are Joe Kimbrough, Kenneth Lane, Bobby Whisenhunt, Doyle High, Frank Markey and Lonnie Hise.

Vic Milliman of Haskell received the championship trophy from All American Trap Shooter, Neal Crausbay for his performance at the Haskell Trap Club. Tommy Harrell of Haskell took the top honors in the novice event.

### 40 Years Ago March 3, 1966

Archie and Virginia Jones, of Houston, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins last weekend.

Haskell National Bank began a five day work week. The drive in

window will open for two hours on Saturdays.

Woodson Radio and Electric moved back in their completely remodeled building.

Haskell Co. Hospital announced change in the daily services. Charges for private accommodations are \$16 per day and non private accommodations, \$14 per day.

### 50 Years Ago March 1, 1956

A prehistoric fossil was found on Bill Lane farm, 7 miles southeast of Haskell. C.D. Allen, analyzed it and described it as an ammonite, a mammal living in pre-historic time.

Station KDWT will open a studio in Haskell. The program will present local news as well as music.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Payne were their daughter, Mary Beth Payne of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. McPherson of Plainview, and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Roberts of Wichita Falls.

### 100 Years Ago March 3, 1906

Abel Jones announced his candidacy for county treasurer.

W.A. Younger and H.B. Miller of Killen were here prospecting.

Mrs. W.L. Paler of Nevada, Missouri, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J.S. Boone, left to return to her home.

Steve Neathery and family have moved back to Haskell from Stamford.

## March garden checklist

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

•Check with your local county agent for the average last killing freeze date for your area. Killing freezes can and do occur after this date, but it will be a good indication.

•Prepare beds for planting warm-season flowers and vegetables.

•For early color in the landscape, try some of the following annuals as transplants: ageratums, cockscombs, coreopsis, cosmos, cleomes, marigolds, nasturtiums, petunias, phlox, portulacas, salvias, sweet alyssums, sunflowers, and zinnias.

•Start hanging baskets of petunias and other annuals for another dimension in landscape color.

•Select and order caladium tubers as well as geranium and coleus plants for late April and early May planting. Do not plant caladiums until soil temperatures reach 70 degrees F.

•As camellia and azalea plants finish blooming, fertilize them with three pounds of azalea-camellia fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed area. Check mulch on azalea and camellia beds and add where needed.

•Beware of close-out sales on bare-root trees and shrubs. The chance of survival is rather low on bare-root plants this late in the season. Your best bet at this time of year is to depend on container-grown or balled-and-burlapped plants for landscape use.

•In North Texas there is still time to plant seeds of your favorite annuals in flats to be transplanted out-of-doors when danger of frost is past.

•Fertilize roses every 4 to 6 weeks from now until September. The traditional heavy pruning practices are appropriate for Hybrid Teas, but most antique and shrub roses require less severe methods. Weak or dead canes should be removed or shortened to healthy tissue any time during the year.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

Feb. 5, this year was designated by the NFL as Super Bowl Sunday to be held at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan.

However, our own Haskell County Ministerial Alliance determined that Sunday to be Souper Bowl Sunday, to be held right here in Haskell County.

We are a blessed and generous citizenry. We're blessed because the different denominations united in one common cause; a fund-raiser for the Haskell County Food Distribution Center. We're shown to be generous because, together, all of these different, yet united congregations raised nearly \$1,000.00.

Jesus Himself said that we show ourselves to be disciples if we have love for one another, and that whatever we do in His name, be it a cup of water or a box of food or money to buy that food, we do it unto Him. That is our mission after all. I think He is pleased!

Grace Thomas,  
HCFDC

## Students in the News

Two area students named on the Distinguished Student List for the fall 2005 semester at Tarleton State University were Tara Lisle of Rule and Melody Kennedy of Haskell.

To be named a Distinguished Student, they must be in good standing with the University, with freshman and sophomores having a minimum grade point ratio (GPR) average of 3.25, with no grade lower than C, and junior and senior students having a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C.

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# FSA allocates funds for disadvantaged farmers and ranchers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) allocates a portion of its farm loan program funds specifically for socially disadvantaged applicants (SDA) including minority and women producers.

"FSA farm loans are available to all qualified applicants, but by setting aside funds specifically for minorities and women, the Agency ensures members of these specific groups can receive a portion of available funds—assuming they meet FSA loan eligibility requirements," said Larry Mc Daniel, Farm Loan Manager for Haskell County FSA.

By FSA definition, an applicant is considered socially disadvantaged if he or she is a member of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice, without regard to individual qualities. FSA has identified socially disadvantaged groups as Women, Blacks, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asians and Pacific Islanders.

FSA offers both direct and guaranteed farm loans. Farm loan funds can be used to purchase farms, livestock and equipment. They may also be used to operate a farm, build or repair service buildings, pay for soil and water conservation practices, and in some cases refinance debt.

For direct loans made by FSA to purchase a farm the terms may extend to 40 years with a current interest rate of 5.125 percent. Direct operating loans may be made for one to seven years with a current interest rate of 4.875 percent, which is subject to change.

"Applicants requesting direct real estate loans should be aware that funding for this program is limited and may require a waiting period before funds are available and applications approved," said McDaniel.

FSA guaranteed loans are made by banks or other commercial lenders and are guaranteed by FSA for up to 90 percent of any loss. The guaranteed loan program includes both operating and real estate loan programs. If a loan applicant is able to obtain financing from a private lender equal to 50 percent or more of the total funds needed to jointly finance the purchase of the farm, the interest rate on the FSA direct loan would be fixed at 5.0 percent.

SDA loan applicants do not receive automatic approval.

Individuals must be U.S citizens with a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations, have sufficient education, training or experience managing or operating a farm, possess the legal capacity to incur debt, and be unable to obtain credit through traditional lending means.

"Qualified loan candidates are provided information and assistance to develop sound management practices, analyze problems and utilize available resources essential for successful farming in the ever-changing agricultural environment," said McDaniel.

For more information regarding FSA loan programs, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2616 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.



**SEVERE WEATHER TRAINING**—Hector Guerrero, Warning Coordinator Meteorologist of the National Weather Service in San Angelo, top left, presented severe weather training to the employees of Haskell Memorial Hospital Mon., March 6. Pictured are I-r, Randy Shaw, Martha Ensor, Gloria Munoz, Carla Long, Charlotte Welch, Gena Hibbitts, Ila Kay Gross and Myra Myers. Standing in the back is Stanley Martin.

## Calendar

### Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

### Story time

Story time will be held at the Haskell Co. Library each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, activities, crafts and story telling by Paula Rennegarbe will be featured for children.

### Burn ban issued

A burn ban has been issued for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated an order from Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

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# Winds increase fire danger

With high winds and warmer temperatures forecasted for this week, state fire officials are advising West Texans to obey all burn bans and to use extreme caution with any spark-producing equipment this week.

"High wind coupled with our current dry conditions could really push a wildfire," said Shane Crimm, Regional Fire Coordinator with the Texas Forest Service. "Some areas of West Texas received some moisture recently, but we need to be aware that the extreme fire danger still exist."

Crimm said that fire crews staged throughout West Texas are on high alert due to the high fire danger. He stated that any fire that starts in the frost-killed vegetation could spread rapidly due to high winds.

"Careless debris burning accounts for the greatest number of wildfires in Texas," said Ron Perry, Fire

Prevention Specialist with the Texas Forest Service. The Texas Forest Service offers the following suggestions to prevent wildfires:

- ABIDE BY ALL BURN BANS
- Use caution with cooking fires or

grilling during conditions of high winds, low relative humidity.

- Properly dispose of cigarette butts in a container or ash tray.
- DO NOT park in high grass or weeds.

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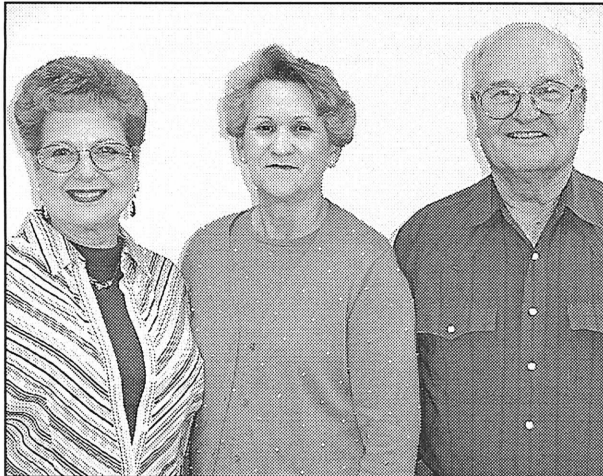
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**CONTRIBUTION TO CITY**—Franciene Johnson, left, director of the Haskell Memorial Civic Center, stands with Linda Wallace and Bobby Tidwell, who presented a gift to the Center from the D.G. and Carrie Bishop Tidwell family reunion group. Wanting to help benefit the city of Haskell in some way, the families of the sons and daughters of the Tidwell's donated \$4,000.00 to the Center.

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## Haskell School Menu

**March 13-17**  
**Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Breakfast pizza  
**Tuesday:** Sausage, biscuit, cheese  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, toast  
**Thursday:** Bean and cheese burrito  
**Friday:** Cereal, cheeze-it crackers  
**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 nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, pineapple  
**Tuesday:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, corn, baby carrots, ranch dressing, pears  
**Wednesday:** Enchiladas, salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, Spanish rice, sliced peaches  
**Thursday:** Chicken fried steak on a bun, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, fresh fruit  
**Friday:** Fish scroodles, tartar sauce, coleslaw, hushpuppies, potato salad, St. Patrick's Day cake

## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., Feb. 13**  
 Lunch—King ranch, buttered squash, green beans, onions, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee  
**Wed., Feb. 15**  
 Bingo 10:30 a.m.  
 Lunch—Salmon patty, parslied potatoes, black eye peas, sliced onions, garlic toast, sweetheart cake with pink icing, milk, tea, or coffee  
**Fri., Feb. 17**  
 Lunch—Bowl of chili, pinto beans, onions, pickles, cornbread, milk, tea, or coffee  
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Paint Creek School Board election is hereby ordered to be held on May 13, 2006 for the purpose of electing two regular term trustees to Paint Creek ISD Board of Trustees: Place 5 currently held by Wallar Overton and place 7 currently held by Vern Howard. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Paint Creek ISD Principal's office, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas 79521, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on May 1, 2006 and ending on May 9, 2006.  
 Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Sarah Rhoads, Paint Creek ISD, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas 79521. Applications for ballots to be voted by mail must be received no later than close of business on May 5, 2006. Voting on Sat., May 13, 2006 will be held at the Paint Creek ISD Library located across from the Paint Creek High School. Voting hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 An application for a place on the School Board ballot can be picked up at the Business Office, Paint Creek ISD, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas 79521 or by calling 940-864-2471 during regular business hours. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is March 13, 2006. Due to spring break, applications can be picked up on March 13, 2006 by calling Vern Howard at 325-773-2881 or Gina Buerger at 325-773-5226. 10c

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**  
 STATE OF TEXAS  
 To MARK LEYVA,  
 Respondent:  
 You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of JESSE NINO, Petitioner, was filed in the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas on January 7, 2005, against MARK LEYVA and ELENA NINO MARTINEZ, Respondents, numbered 11,267 and entitled "In the Interest of ALEX LEONEL LEYVA NINO, a child." The suit requests the termination of the parent-child relationship. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit:  
 Alex Leonel Leyva Nino, January 23, 2002, Dallas Texas.  
 The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.  
 Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Haskell, Texas, on the 3rd day of March, 2006.  
 Penny Anderson  
 Clerk of the District Court  
 of Haskell County, Texas 10c

**FOR LEASE**  
 Haskell County Anchor Facilities and Park Area. Bids need to be in the County Judge's office by 10:00 a.m. on March 22, 2006. Bids will be opened on March 27, 2006. For details and leasing information contact the Haskell County Judge, David C. Davis at 940-864-2851 or fax 940-864-5722 or 1 Ave. D, Haskell, Texas 79521 10-11c

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 In compliance with Article 683.012 Transportation Code, I will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder on the 16th day of March 2006, the following listed abandoned vehicle. Location of sale is Bob Earles barn, located just off FM 3495 on Earles Camp Road, Lake Stamford. Sale to begin at 10:00 a.m. on March 16, 2006. 10c

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## This Week's Devotional Message:



**FAITH CAN PROVIDE COMFORT WHEN SORROW STRIKES**  
 Sooner or later, sorrow must cast its dark shadow over all our lives, in many forms and in varying degrees; either directly or indirectly through someone we know. It may be occasioned by the death of a loved one or a dear friend; or possibly a major event such as a broken relationship, a career disappointment or a child in deep trouble. Whatever, the source, God's love is ever present to provide comfort and a positive way out of the abyss of sadness; and once you have discovered this, you can help someone else to find it. If you acquire the habit of seeking God's guidance at the church of your choice before sorrow strikes, you will automatically do so whenever it does.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL**  
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- Christian Church**  
 Dusty Garison, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**  
 Bruce Ray, pastor  
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
 714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 Ron Renniegarbe, 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**  
 Rev. Daniel Echols, 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**  
 Jim Yates, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**  
 Kelly Pigott, interim 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**  
 Greg Gasaway, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**  
 Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
 Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Gazebo or Pavilion
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
 Dr. Larry Nail, pastor  
 Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
 1600 N. First St., Haskell
- Cross of Christ Fellowship**  
 Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors  
 864-5404  
 Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
 455 CR 410, Haskell
- 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.  
 Weinert
- ROCHESTER**  
**Church of Christ**  
 Steve Willis, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
 West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
 Jim Davis, pastor  
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
 500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
 Clovis Dever  
 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**  
 Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
 Rochester
- SAGERTON**  
**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
 Terry O'Rear, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 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**  
 Terry O'Rear, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
 1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
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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
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
 Bill Trice, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 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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In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, as amended by Senate Bill 1428, 79th Regular Session, 2005, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a referendum on the proposition of whether cotton growers shall continue a boll weevil eradication program in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. This referendum will be the final referendum on continuation for the Rolling Plains Central Zone. However, Texas Agriculture Code, §74.112 (f), provides that if 30 percent or more of eligible cotton growers in a zone present to the commissioner a petition calling for a referendum of the qualified voters on the proposition of discontinuing the program, the commissioner shall conduct a referendum for that purpose.

The Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Baylor, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Young counties; all land in Archer County south of a line following Farm-to-Market Road 422 commencing at the Baylor County line running east to the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 210, continuing east to the intersection of State Highway 25, and continuing east to the Clay County line; all land in Borden County east of a line seven miles west of the Scurry County line running south from the Garza County line to the Howard County line; and all land in Taylor County east of U.S. Highway 83 from a point commencing at the intersection of U.S. Highway 83 and the southern Taylor County line, north to the town of Bradshaw; thence north of Farm-to-Market Road 1086, as the farm-to-market road proceeds west and north to the intersection of the Farm-to-Market Road 1086 and U.S. Highway 277, being all land lying north of the farm-to-market road and west of U.S. Highway 277 from the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1086 and U.S. Highway 277 to the point where U.S. Highway 277 intersects the southern boundary line of Taylor County; all land in Brown County east of a

line following State Highway 279 to Brownwood and continuing along U.S. Highway 377 south to the McCulloch County line.

Also, as part of the referendum, a representative of the above-referenced zone will be elected to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The referendum and board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed by March 31, 2006. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than April 17, 2006, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having cotton production in the year 2005 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton and receives income from the sale of cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm.

Any person eligible to vote in the referendum or board member election that resides in the Rolling Plains Central Zone and meets the seven year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received in Austin by March 17, 2006, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the

Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512-463-4879. 9-11c

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An election will be held on Friday, March 24, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the County Judges Office in the Haskell County Courthouse, located in Haskell. The purpose of this election will be to elect a new member to the Board of Directors of the Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. All interested Haskell County residents are encouraged to participate. 9-10c

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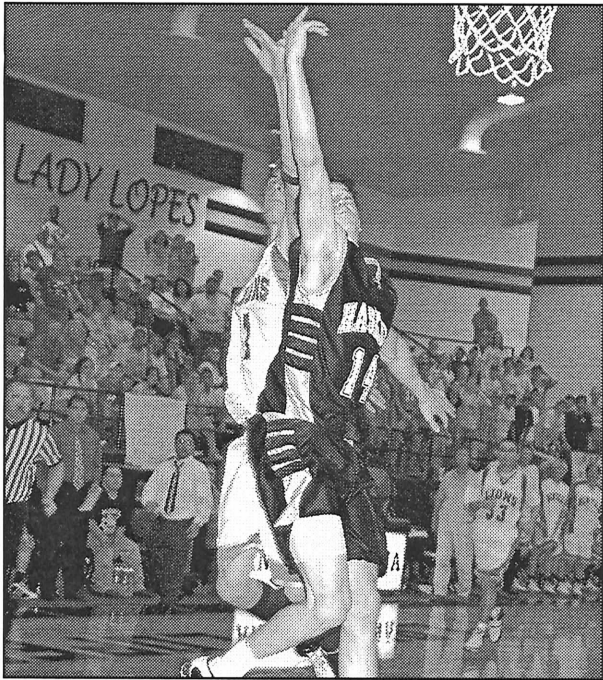
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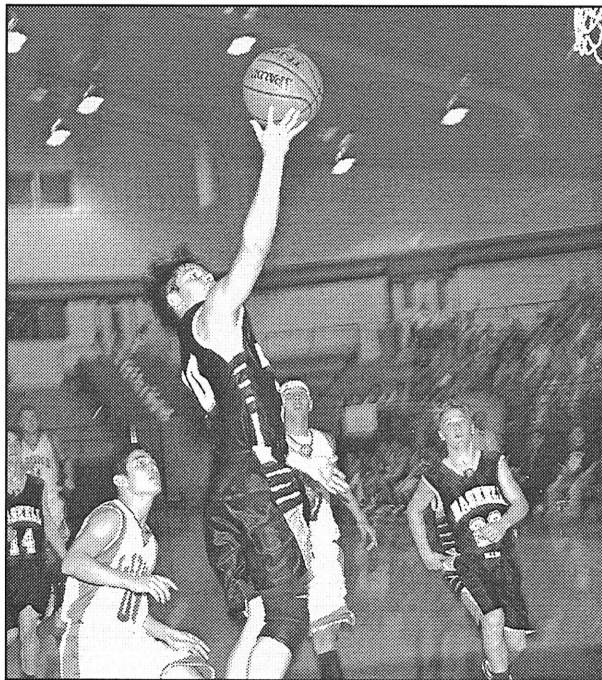
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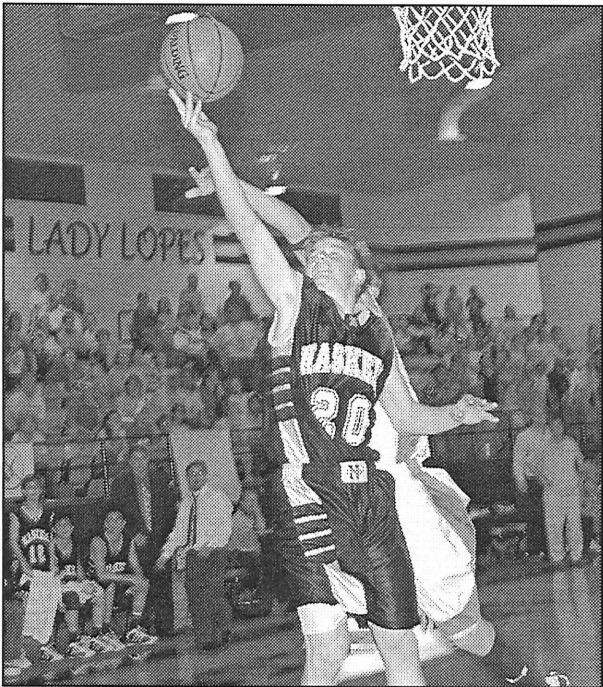




**BACK TO BACK FOR STATE**—Haskell Indian (#14) Weston Rutkowski, and a New Deal Lion vie for control under the basket during the State semi-final game in Post. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**PUTTING UP POINTS**—Greg Guzman (#30) rises to score in the Indians' State semi-final play-off game with New Deal played in Post, Feb. 28. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**CLOSE ENCOUNTER**—Haskell Indian (#20), Travis Adams lays up a bucket in the State semi-final play-off game with New Deal, played in Post, Tues., Feb. 28. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**FLYING FORTY**—Haskell's Miquel Chavez, (#40) leaps to score in the Indians' State semi-final playoff-game in Post with New Deal, Tues., Feb. 28. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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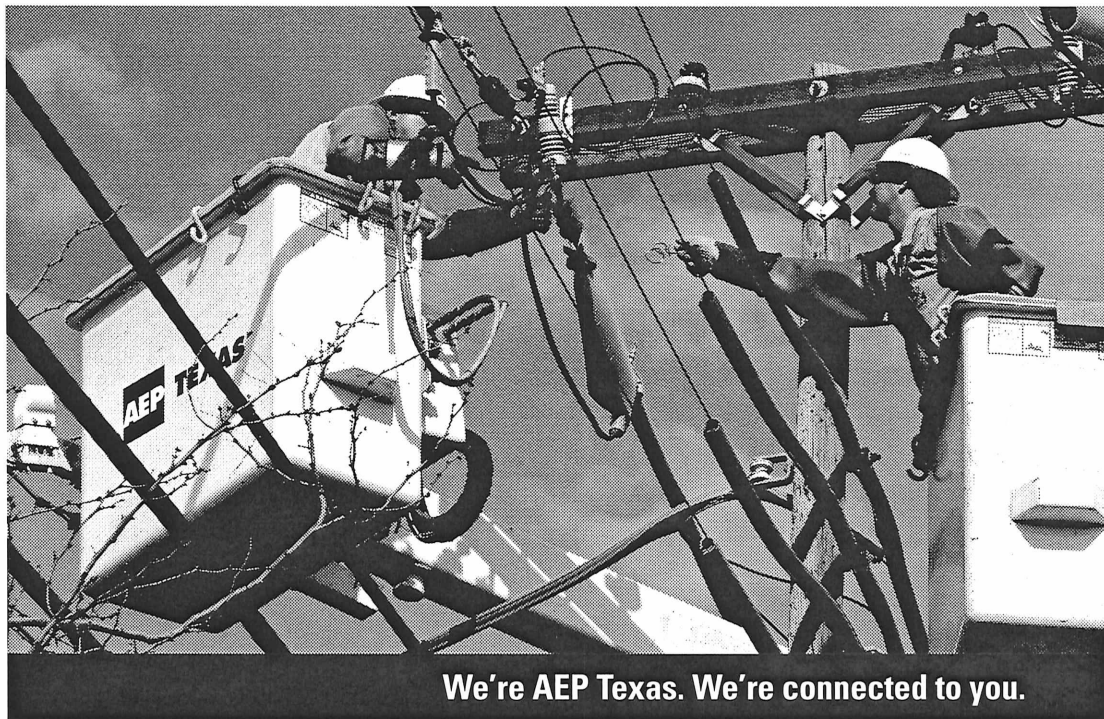
In a special called meeting, Feb. 16, the Haskell County Commissioner's Court met to make a choice of management and/or professional services for management of the Texas Community Development Program.

Following a motion by Commissioner Kenny Thompson to approve Grant Works, Inc., as the

Management and Professional Service for all management of the Texas Community Development Program Disaster Relief project with the Office of Rural Community Affairs, the court voted unanimously to accept the motion.

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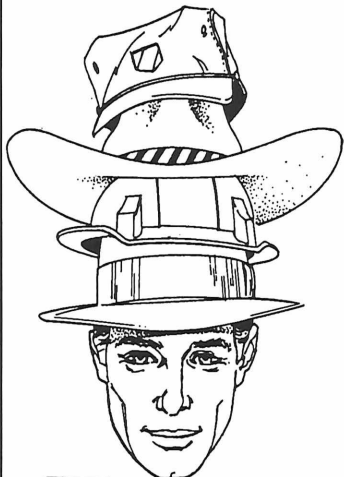
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