

## Softball games

Haskell V vs Winters  
Fri., April 28, 6 p.m.  
at Cooper  
Haskell V vs Jim Ned  
Tues., May 2, 5 p.m.  
at Hawley

## Track

Regional Meet  
Fri., April 28  
South Plains in Levelland

## Calendar

### City cleanup

Haskell's city wide cleanup continues through April 29. Landfill hours will be on Sat., April 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekdays through April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two trailers will be available during the week, half day only for those not having a trailer. All items must be secured when hauling. No chemicals, tires, batteries, things with Freon, asbestos, roofing materials or paint will be accepted. Bulky items will be picked up if placed by the dumpster by making arrangements by calling City Hall at 864-2333. This is for citizens who live in the city limits of Haskell only. Proof of residence, such as a water bill, will be required.

### Rule registration

Rule ISD will hold registration for Kindergarten and Pre-K Wed., May 3 from 2 to 3 p.m. beside the elementary workroom. Those attending should bring your child's official birth certificate from the courthouse, child's social security card, child's immunization record and parent's drivers license.

### Benefit luncheon

A baked potato benefit luncheon will be held for Robert and Heather Wood Sun., April 30 beginning at noon at the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center. Cost is \$5 per plate. Carry-outs will be available. Donations will be accepted.

### Blue & Gold banquet

Cub Scout Pack 136 will hold their Blue & Gold banquet Sat., April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Cub Scouts will receive advancements and awards during the annual banquet.

### Queen's contest

The Wild Horse Prairie Days queen contest will be held Sun., May 21. Four categories of entries will be accepted, Little Miss (Kindergarten through second grades), Young Miss (third through fifth grades), Junior Miss (sixth through eighth grades), and Queen (ninth through twelfth grades). Entry forms are available at all Haskell County schools, the Chamber of Commerce office and the Personality-Slipper Shoppe. Entry deadline is May 12.

### Garage sale

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., May 6. Application forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd St. or by calling 864-2477.

### Bloodmobile

Haskell Rotary Club will sponsor a Meek Blood Center blood drive Tues., May 2 at the Courthouse square from noon until 6 p.m. For donor eligibility or more information call 325-670-2798.

### Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., May 1 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

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# City wide clean-up week ends Sat., April 29

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## Maidens are district softball champs



**DISTRICT CHAMPS**—Haskell Maidens claimed the district softball title by defeating New Deal 18-1, Fri., April 21. Team members are front row, l-r, Shannon Bird, Amber Bingham, Julie Hankins, Jerrica Escobedo, Kellye Tidrow and Natalie Lopez. Back row,

Coach John Foster, Chambray Bartley, Paige Wheatley, Ashton Rutkowski, Kayla Tidrow, Stephanie Grand, Alexa Roberts and Coach Betsy Coleman. The Maidens will play warm-up games May 5-6 against Follett in Altus, Oklahoma. Photo by Bill Blankenship

The Haskell Maiden softball team completed their quest last Friday not only to win district 4-1A, but to go through district play undefeated. The Maidens finished district by defeating the New Deal Lady Lions 18-1 in four innings.

Kellye Tidrow was the winning pitcher. Leading the Maidens offense were Jerrica Escobedo, Alexa Roberts, Julie Hankins and Natalie Lopez, all with two hits each. The Maidens combined eleven hits with eleven walks to score 18 runs in the first three innings.

The game was dedicated to the two Maiden seniors, Shannon Bird and Julie Hankins, who were honored with a card signed by the team and a white rose.

The Maidens next two games will be warm-up games for the playoffs. The first round of playoffs will be a bi-district series against Follett played in Altus, Oklahoma May 5-6. The game on Fri., May 5 will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday's game will begin at 1 p.m. followed by a third game, if needed.

Updated information may be found at [http://haskell.region14.net/web/hhs/maiden\\_softball.htm](http://haskell.region14.net/web/hhs/maiden_softball.htm).

## Late afternoon assault leaves store clerk injured

Mickey Melton, 66, store clerk at Time Out Liquor store south of Haskell, was working Thurs., April 20 when at approximately 6 p.m. suspects entered the store looking to purchase alcohol. The suspects assaulted Melton by hitting, kicking and cutting him. Melton suffered injuries to his neck, face and head. Other patrons arriving at the store caused the assailants to quickly leave the store.

Suspects were observed getting into a black small car with dark tinted windows which traveled north toward Haskell. A 911 phone call placed to Haskell with the description of the vehicle and suspects was given to the Sheriff's office dispatcher who relayed information to Haskell Police Officer Mathew Cunningham.

Cunningham met the vehicle coming into Haskell and turned to stop it when the vehicle went east on the square and stopped in front of

Sue's Flower shop.

Officer Cunningham began to get the suspects out of the car when a white male exited the vehicle and ran east on the southside of the flower shop. Cunningham remained with the two suspects left behind and placed them in custody.

Other officers, who had been called for backup and were in route to Cunningham's location, arrived and began searching the area east, south and north of the square for the suspect who ran.

The suspect was identified by a witness at the liquor store at the time of the assault. A picture was acquired from old bookend records and a physical description was given of the suspect.

After several hours of searching and checking all leads on the suspect, the search was scaled back and officers waited for him to make a move.

On Friday morning, calls came in that the suspect had been spotted walking south between the fire department and the Dairy Queen. Chief Tom Bassett caught the suspect at the corner of S. Ave. C and S. 2nd, placed him in custody and transported the suspect to Haskell County Jail.

Melton was taken to Haskell Memorial Hospital and later transferred to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene where he underwent surgery for his injuries. He was listed in serious, but stable condition at that time. Later Friday, his condition was upgraded and he was expected to be released from the hospital on Saturday.

Suspects taken into custody were Alfredo Flores, 29 year old male; Marcie Flores, 29 year old female; and Michael Wood, 27 years old male. All three were charged with aggravated assault with a deadly

weapon.

"I would like to thank all of the citizens of Haskell County who helped look for the suspect, called the Sheriff's Office and gave us information about the suspect that we were looking for. It shows that we all can work together and think of each other," said Sheriff David Halliburton in a statement released Fri., April 22.

Those helping with the incident

## Early voting to begin May 1

Early voting for the upcoming City of Haskell election will begin May 1 at Haskell City Hall and continue through May 9.

Voting hours for May 1 and 2 are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Hours for early voting May 3-9 are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Election day is Sat., May 13 when polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall.

On the ballot for mayor are incumbent Ken Lane and Dan Hoover. Those on the ballot for city council member are Lonnie Meredith, Bobby Neil Smith, Jason Hall, Scott Langford, Sam Rodriguez and incumbent Jerry Stocks. Two councilmen will be elected.

In the City of Rule election, early voting may be done at Rule City Hall May 1-9. The polls will open Sat., May 13 at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. More information may be obtained by calling Carla at City Hall 996-2214.

Running in the mayor's race for the

## Indians playoff berth depends on last game

The Haskell Indian baseball team is nearing the end of the district season. The Indians are sitting in third place with a 5-2 record awaiting their final game with Vernon North Side to be played after press time Tues., April 25. With a second win over North Side, the Indians will put themselves in position for a possible playoff spot. With a loss, however, their season will come to an end.

The Indians came up short against Knox City Mon., April 17, despite a late run by the Indians in the fifth and sixth

were Haskell Police Department, Haskell County Constable, Haskell County Sheriff's Office, Rule Police Department, Rochester Police Department, Munday Police Department, Stamford Police Department, Department of Public Safety, Parks and Wildlife, Correctional Officers from Rolling Plains Jail, Haskell District Attorney's office and the Haskell County Judge.

City of Rule are James Marquis and Bailey Ann Foster. Those running for Rule City Council are David Springs, Kathy Rolls, Robert Saffel and incumbent Patrick Pace. Two councilmen will be elected.

No city election will be held in Rochester or Weinert.

The Haskell CISD will hold an election for single member districts #4 and #5. On the ballot for district #4 (Rochester) are Larry Short and incumbent Susan Turner; district #5 are Paula Garcia, Terri Klose and Tyke Meinzer.

Early voting for Haskell CISD will be conducted at the administration office in Haskell May 1-9 from 8 to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. daily. Election day is Sat., May 13 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with polls at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell and at the Rochester Jr. High.

No elections will be held for the Rule ISD and Paint Creek ISD.

innings. With Knox City ahead 3-2, the top of the fifth inning proved to be the deciding factor as the Indians gave up five runs from which they could not completely recover.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Indians made a move scoring three runs to close the gap. The sixth inning brought one more run to the Indians but the final score was Knox City and Haskell 6.

The district standing is North Side 5-1, Knox City 5-1, Haskell 5-2, Paducah 1-6 and Quanah 1-7.

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## Commissioner's Court report

The Commissioners' Court of Haskell County met Thurs., April 20 in a special called meeting with all members present with the exception of Commissioner Johnny Scoggins.

Commissioners approved a motion by Commissioner Kenny Thompson for the contract concerning The Anchor between Haskell County and Lake Stamford-Marina Management group with discussed changes made to the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bobby Smith and was approved in a 3-0 vote.

## Calendar

### Storm sirens

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

### Story time

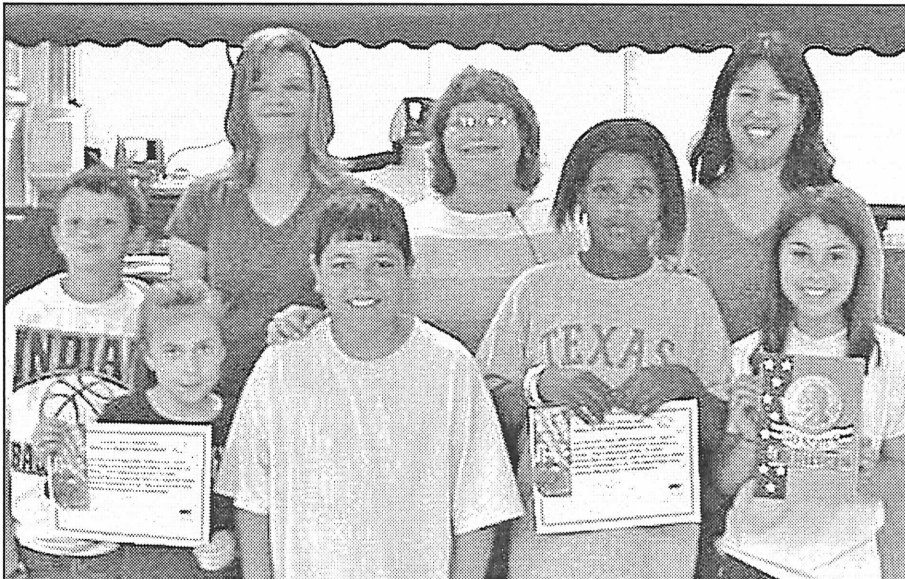
Story time will be held at the Haskell Co. Library each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m.

### Burn ban issued

A burn ban continues to be in effect 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 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.

### Rochester anniversary

Rochester exes are asked to email both physical and email addresses to Sandra Fry at sfryrochester@yahoo.com. Pictures for a presentation for the Rochester 100th anniversary and homecoming weekend to be held Oct. 13-14 are also needed.



**COIN COLLECTORS**—Haskell Elementary fifth grade students visited with Haskell National Bank tellers, back row, l-r, Miranda Grand, Paula Sammons and Molly Estrada about coin albums given to the students by Haskell CISD and Haskell National Bank. After studying about how the thirteen colonies banded together to fight England for their independence, the project of collecting the state quarters for the original 13 states was a final activity. Each student received a complete set of the thirteen state quarters and a coin album that will eventually hold all fifty state quarters. Fifth graders are, l-r, Phillip Coleman, Ashley Adams, Carlos Gonzales, Caitlan Johnson and Macy Bingham.

## Obituaries

### Bobby Ray Roberts



**BOBBY ROBERTS**

Funeral services for Bobby Ray Roberts, 66, of Haskell were held Sun., April 23 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Danny Manross officiating. Burial was in

Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Roberts died Fri., April 21 at his residence in Haskell.

Born Feb. 12, 1940 in Haskell, he was the son of G.W. Roberts and Doris Marie Banks Roberts. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1958. He married Barbara Nell Worrell June 11, 1959 in Haskell. He enjoyed fishing and baseball where he helped to coach his son's little league teams. He enjoyed helping his daughter in Girl Scouts, woodworking and farming. He was employed by Koch Oil Co. for 22 years and was a member of East Side Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father and one sister, Alta Mae

Roberts.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara, of the home; one daughter, Tammy Jean McMillan of San Angelo; one son, Jimmy Ray Roberts and his wife, JoNell Roberts of Haskell; one grandchild, Alexa Ray Roberts of Haskell; his mother, Doris Marie Roberts of Haskell; one sister, Doris Jean McMeans of Haskell; and one brother, Albert Lee Roberts of Haskell.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, Texas 79605; American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 102454, Atlanta, Georgia 30368-2454; or to the East Side Baptist Church building fund, 600 N. 1st East, Haskell, Texas 79521.

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### James Wesley 'Captain James' Kittley

Funeral services for James Wesley 'Captain James' Kittley, 68, of Wills Point were held Tues., April 25 at Eubank Chapel in Canton with Rev. Brian Booth officiating. Burial was in Cana Cemetery under the direction of Eubank Funeral Home of Canton.

Mr. Kittley died suddenly Sat., April 22 in Kaufman.

Born Nov. 16, 1937 in Rule, he was the son of Benjamin Charles and Lela Mae Young Kittley. He owned and operated Kittley Klock Company in Canton. He was an accomplished mariner and enjoyed his Diamond K Ranch where he raised registered longhorn cattle. He loved caring for animals and would often buy malnourished horses to care for. He had a big heart that

went out to anyone and everyone. He was a member of Cana Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Kittley of Canton; four sons, Jerry Joe and wife, Sandra Kittley of Weatherford, Yoshi and wife, Sandra Kittley of Wasilla, Alaska, Kallum Kelly and wife, Dianna Kittley of LaPorte, and James Benjamin Kittley of Tyler; three daughters, Kimberly Kay Kittley of Denver, Colorado, Karla Jane Kittley of Seabrook and Cecelia Kittley of San Marcos; two sisters, Patsy and husband Dale Adams and Martha and husband Paul Sloan, all of Canton; one half brother, Sammy Adams of San Leon; and thirteen grandchildren.

PD. NOTICE

## Alzheimer's Association to offer 2006 spring seminar

The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter will hold its 2006 spring seminar May 9 from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. Sixth in Abilene.

The seminar, presented by Mary

Lucero, B.S.H., N.H.A., is designed to provide the professional and family caregiver a review of Alzheimer's disease and behaviors and an introduction into interventions and environments for proper caregiving.

Continuing Education Units are

available for social workers, assisted living administrators, activity professionals, long term care administrators and nurses.

For registration information, contact the Alzheimer's Association at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

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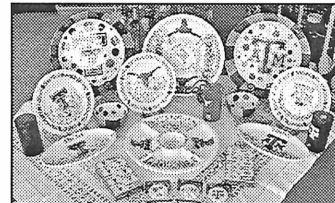
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## Palacios, Jayme marry in Arizona

Angela A. 'Shelly' Palacios, formerly of Haskell, and Jose Manuel Jayme of Mexico were united in marriage Feb. 25 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Phoenix, Arizona.

The bride is the daughter of Conrado and Eva Palacios. A 1997 graduate of Haskell High School, she graduated with a BA in Communications and a minor in Spanish in May of 2001 from Sul Ross State University. She will

graduate in May from Arizona State University with a Master's in Secondary Education and plans to pursue a PhD from ASU. She is employed by Phoenix Union High School District as a high school Spanish teacher.

The bridegroom is the son of Martha and Javier Jayme.

The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas, Nevada and reside in Phoenix.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Bruce Richards of Calgary, Alberta, Canada spent last week in Haskell with his brother and sister-in-law, Hyrum and Jean Richards. He left Calgary on April 16 (it had snowed the day before), flew straight to Dallas, got a shock when he got off of the plane. While in Haskell, he saw bluebonnets, a stinging scorpion,

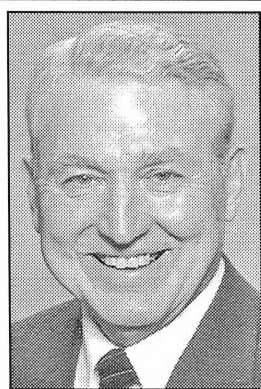
ate fried catfish and fried quail, all for the first time. One Saturday, Hyrum, Jean and Bruce went to Dallas. They spent the night with Hyrum and Jean's son, John and family.

On Sunday, Bruce caught a plane to Calgary and Hyrum and Jean came home.

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Monday 7 p.m. "Overcoming Satan Today"

Tuesday 7 p.m. "Can I Be 'Just a Christian?'"

Wednesday 10 a.m. Ladies Bible Class

Wednesday 7 p.m. "Is My Name Written There?"



CULTURAL ARTS WINNER—Sue McGee shows off the child's dress, hat and purse she entered in the handmade garments division of the cultural arts contest held during the Rolling Plains District 3 Cultural Arts/Spring Conference held March 28 by area EEA Clubs. McGee received a first place award for her entry and is eligible to compete at the TEEA State Convention in Lubbock in September.

## McGee, Nanny and Yates win first at EEA meeting

"Bloom Where You're Planted" was the theme for the Rolling Plains District 3 Cultural Arts/Spring Conference held at the Haskell Civic Center March 28. Hosts for the meeting were EEA Club members from Haskell, Kent and Knox Counties. The Haskell County Club served a lunch of grilled pork tenderloin with fruit sauce, tossed spring salad, cheesy mashed potatoes, green beans almondine, fresh baked bread and key lime cheesecake bars. Hospitality and decorations were provided by Knox and Kent counties.

Motivational speaker was Pam Foster, 4-H Regional Program Director. A business meeting was led by Joan Schaffner, District 3 TEEA Director, followed by comments from Colleen Chadwick, FCS Regional Program Director.

A highlight of the event was the announcement of the Cultural Arts winners. The Cultural Arts contest allows members to enter various forms of art in 28 categories, to promote individual growth, create expressions, and expand artistic

abilities.

Competition is among members representing 24 counties. Judges consider criteria in three divisions, among which include artistic appeal, workmanship, originality and beauty and design.

Haskell members receiving first place awards were Alice Yates, for her quilt in the Hand Quilted-Patchwork category; Sue McGee, for her child's dress, hat and purse in the Handmade Garments category; and Muriel Nanny, for her Amazing Grace Cross-stitched art in the Hand Stitchery division. Mary Jennings received second place in the Machine-embroidered Quilts category. First place winners are eligible to compete on a state level at the TEEA state convention in Lubbock in September.

130 District 3 club members and agents attended, including fifteen Haskell members and Haskell County Agent Jane Rowan. The county agents play an instrumental role in assisting club members with planning, preparation and implementation of the conference.

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# OPINION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### House committee cranks out property tax reform legislation

AUSTIN—The 79th Texas Legislature convened for its third special session on April 17.

The House began its work by splitting the tax reform plan crafted for Gov. Rick Perry by former state comptroller John Sharp and the 24-member Texas Tax Reform Commission into four separate pieces of legislation.

On an 8-1 vote, the House Ways & Means committee approved the first of those four bills, House Bill 1, by Reps. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, and co-sponsors Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, and Dan Branch, R-Dallas.

Rep. Mike Villareal, D-San Antonio, vice chairman of Ways & Means, cast the only vote against the bill. Villareal represents rich and poor school districts. He said the legislation widens the gap between rich and poor school districts in funding per student.

#### What the bill does, mainly

HB 1 buys down school district property taxes 17 cents to \$1.33 in the current year. An amended version of the bill contains a self-enrichment provision, letting local school districts conduct elections to add an extra 3 cents to the tax rate.

This buy down is supposed to give school districts "meaningful discretion" in setting tax rates. Chisum said his bill would satisfy the Texas Supreme Court order issued last fall that required the Legislature to meet in special session.

#### What to do with 'surplus'

However, with news from the state comptroller's office that the state budget surplus is \$8.2 billion rather than the \$4.3 billion reported earlier, the governor and others suggested using some of that money to buy down school property taxes much more: as low as 90 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property.

Advocacy groups for teachers and

the poor argued that the state budget surplus is a phantom because of the longterm lag in teacher pay, inadequately funded health programs and a host of other needs. Others complained that HB 1 exacerbates the lack of equity in school funding, so the cost-per-student gap between rich districts and poor districts widens.

#### Full House to consider HB1

The amended version of HB 1 now moves to the full House for consideration.

Meanwhile, Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, offered SB 1, her version of school finance reform. It includes a \$2,000 raise for teachers.

But as concerns about teacher pay and the condition of public education in Texas pour in, the governor's office is holding fast its story, that until Gov. Perry changes his mind, the special session is only about one thing: lowering the tax rate.

#### Cigarette tax phase-in OK'd

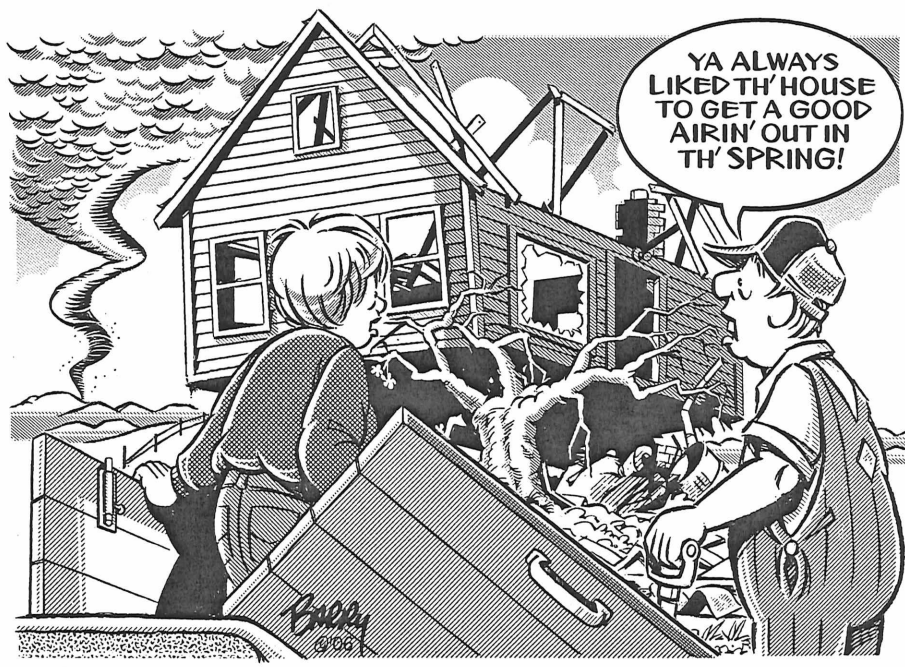
House Ways & Means also approved a cigarette tax to help offset the cut in the property taxes.

Under the Perry-Sharp plan, the tax was a full dollar above the present tax of 41 cents per pack.

The committee instead adopted legislation by Rep. Peggy Hamric, R-Houston, phasing in a cigarette tax to increase by 55 cents after Sept. 1 and by another 25 cents in each of the two following years.

#### Committee OKs business tax

House Ways & Means also passed a business activity tax that would capture revenue from corporations—primarily legal and medical practices—that have legally avoided paying the franchise tax in the past. A taxable entity would get to choose the least costly of two methods: one, based on a firm's total revenue with deductions for either the cost of employees' salaries and benefits; or another, based on production and manufacturing costs. The tax rate would be 1 percent for most businesses and 0.5 percent for retailers and wholesalers.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago April 25, 1996

Nine members of the Haskell Fire Department and Auxiliary attended the 115th Semi-annual meeting of the Mid-West Texas Firemen and Fire Marshal's Association convention held in Merkel.

Sarah Cothron won in feature writing in the Class 2A Regional UIL Academic contest held at ACU in Abilene.

The City of Haskell and the Development Corp. of Haskell welcomed one of the seven district offices of the Texas Boil Weevil Eradication Program to town.

Cliff McGuire, a sixth grader at Haskell Elementary submitted the Grand Champion poster, entitled, "Symphony of Life."

Haskell Memorial Hospital implemented the new charting system that was bought with the Bud Comedy Memorial fund.

### 20 Years Ago April 24, 1986

Kendall Larned received the Dick Gaines award at the annual all sports banquet.

Haskell students captured 11 of the 15 trophies awarded at the Mid-West Texas District Fire Prevention poster contest in Tye. First Place winners were Jennifer Comedy, Wendy Watson, Vance Breeden, and Tony Coleman. Second place winners were Chad Gibson, Todd Sparks and Wendy Cowperthwait. Third place winners were Mik Everett, Chris Tanner, Brad Bevel, Chad McGhee.

### 30 Years Ago April 22, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beverage of Andrews were visiting friends and tending to business during the Easter

holidays. She is the former Darlene Trivitt of Haskell.

A bicentennial celebration by the descendants of the U.J. Josselet family was enjoyed by 160 members at the Haskell Country Club.

Visiting in Haskell over the Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lee McClure were their daughter Vicki Aycock and grandson Dueane Josselet.

### 40 Years Ago April 28, 1966

Haskell High School cheerleaders for 1966-67 are Kathy Burson, Marijane McAdoo, Judy Jeter and Carolyn Rhoads.

One Haskell High School student, Diann Cadenhead, won first place in Prose reading at the Class AA Regional Interscholastic Meet, enabling her to attend the state meet in Austin.

Marjorie Earls was recently initiated into Delta Psi Kappa, women's national honorary physical education fraternity at West Texas State University.

Galen Peiser placed second in science, in the Class B competition Scholastic League Region I literary meet in Lubbock. Peiser will be a contestant in the science at the state meet.

### 50 Years Ago April 26, 1956

Haskell High School Indians captured the Class B title in the Region II track and field meet held at Brady.

James Frierson, Haskell student at Texas A & M College, will graduate from the school's Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Department and make an inspection trip to the Houston area.

## AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

### Phony Real Estate Agents Steal Buyers' Cash

Recently my office has sued one company and learned of others placing bogus for-sale signs in front of vacant homes in an effort to swindle prospective buyers, many of whom are non-English speakers. The scam works by consumers contacting the phone number on the sign and then meeting with the scammer who

often poses as a real estate agent. The scammer then tries to convince the consumer to write a check for a deposit on the home which will supposedly be applied to the price of the sale at closing. Please be careful.

In reality you would simply be handing over money to a scammer for a home that is not actually for sale. Sometimes the scammer may even

go as far as to ask you to provide your banking information as well as copies of your tax statements. This could cause you the double problem of losing your money and having your identity stolen.

Our office suggests you take several steps to avoid this scam:

- When working with a person who claims to be a real estate agent, make sure that he or she is licensed by the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC). Call TREC at 800-250-8732 or 512-459-6544 to confirm that the agent is licensed, even if you see a business card.

- Before paying anything to purchase property, check with the county appraisal district to see who really owns the property.

- Always have a title search performed before signing closing documents.

- Don't do deals on a handshake. In the past scammers have swindled consumers out of tens of thousands of dollars by presenting them with handwritten contracts for homes to which they did not hold title.

- Be very wary of sales offering very low down payments, especially if the property is vacant.

## Feed studies test meat qualities

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

In recent years, residual feed intake (RFI), difference between actual and predicted feed intake) has been studied as a measure of efficiency of feed utilization. The traditional efficiency measure, feed conversion, has been shown to be positively related to rate of gain and feed intake, that is, the animals with better feed conversion tended to eat more and gain faster.

But RFI may not be related to intake and gain. If so, selection of breeding animals for low RFI would produce progeny with lower feed intake but similar weight gain.

What about the meat? Idaho and

Ohio researchers collaborated to study relationship in Angus steers between RFI and meat quality and palatability. (As in some previous studies, RFI was independent of ADG, but was related to intake and feed conversion.)

Animals of different RFI did not differ significantly in any carcass traits. Steaks from high RFI (less efficient) steers tended to be lighter in color, produce lower off-flavor scores, and have less cooking loss. However, there was no significant difference in mechanical tenderness or in taste panel evaluation of the primary palatability factors, tenderness, flavor and juiciness. (J. Animal Sci. 84:938)

## Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

I am appalled that the officials in Haskell County did not care enough about its citizens that live around the prison area to notify them of the escape of a murderer and robber.

I did not vote for the prison to begin with and then they built it in my backyard! I do not feel safe living as close as I do but do not want to move either. I also know that all the houses that have been for sale around the prison have not sold and probably never will for the true market value.

I know that 911 was called twice by the same person before they responded. A friend called me and warned me, because the prisoners were in her yard! I then received a call from my aunt that the police were at my mother-in-laws and wanted someone to come out and check on them.

There needs to be some kind of warning signal or something for the citizens that live in the area. Our vehicles have been broken into and stolen in the past few months and nothing has ever been done about it.

Now we are opening gates at the prison and letting them walk out because they say, 'we are ready to go!' I do not know how the prisoners (if they are wearing prison uniforms) can just walk out. I understand that the Wyoming prisoners do not have to wear uniforms, just jeans and a t-shirt. Hello! Is there something wrong here?

Concerned Citizen of Haskell,  
Lisa Frierson

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Dear editor,

The 'Adopt the Elderly,' program that I am trying to get started needs more volunteers.

We have several lovely people in the care homes who desperately need someone in their lives that care about them.

If you have 30 minutes a week to spend with one of these elderly, they will think that you gave them a new 'breath of life.' They are always so glad to see anyone, and are so thankful that someone just stopped long enough to give them a hug and let them know that they are loved and cared about.

I know that there are also people that live at home alone and are lonely that could use our help. If you know of any of these people who have no children in their lives or have children that don't have time for them, then we need you to step into their lives and bring a little sunshine to them.

If you would like to volunteer for this program, you will only be required to do whatever you would like to make these elderlys lives more bearable.

A friendly smile, a short visit, a birthday remembered, a hug, just the simple things in life will make such a difference. You can make a difference in their lives by letting them know that someone cares about them.

Please call today and volunteer. It won't take much time out of your life, but you will be getting much in return.

Call Jennabeth Kimbrough at 864-3875, 864-3703 or 864-4841.

Jennabeth Kimbrough

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 489 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., April 22, according to Bill Cox, reporter. 39 sellers and 29 buyers were present.

Cows: fat, .43-.51; cutters, .42-.49; canners, .28-.38.

Bulls: bologna, .55-.61; feeders, .78-.88; utility, .52-.58.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.40-1.90; 300-400 lbs., 1.30-1.55; 400-500 lbs., 1.25-1.39; 500-600 lbs., 1.15-1.30; 600-700 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 700-800 lbs., .92-1.10; 800-up lbs., .78-.99.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.35; 400-500 lbs., 1.12-1.30; 500-600 lbs., .95-1.23; 600-up lbs., .72-1.08.

Bred heifers medium frame, 700-900.

Bred cows young to middle aged 850-980; aged or small, 550-750.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 950-1275; aged or small, 675-800.

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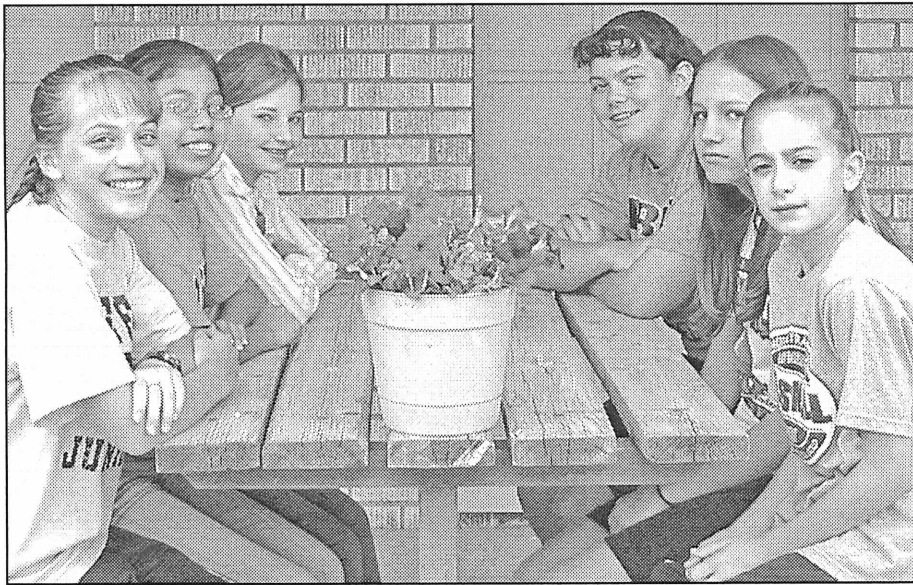
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**SPRING PLANTING**—Edie Strickland and Joe Salinas of Rochester Junior High School maintenance department have been working on a spring planting program to beautify the school grounds. Hanging baskets, planters and ground cover have been incorporated into various areas around the campus. Enjoying visiting at a table decorated with a planter are, I-r, Codi Foster, Arabella Garcia, Meagan Kimbrough, Ashlee Short, Harley James and Cheslee Hearn.

## Collins family holds reunion; buys tombstones for ancestors

The Collins family association held their annual meeting April 15 at Weinert school house with Robby Collins serving as master of ceremonies.

Jerry Collins read the history of the family from 1800. The group enjoyed a meal which was followed by a successful auction conducted by

Bobby Tidwell and Wayne Collins

The family voted to purchase a tombstone for baby C. Imes. The group has purchased tombstones for Jesse and Sarah Collins, children of Jesse and Sarah, William Jesse and Rosa M. Collins, the brother of Jesse Collins and Robert T. (Pete) Collins, Jr. These family members died during

the hard times of the depression. All family members buried in the Weinert Cemetery now have tombstones marking their gravesites.

The family will meet next year the second Saturday in April.

Those attending included:

Barbara Sells, Tommy and Celest Johnson, all of Iowa Park; Debbie Brantley of Irving; James and Lois Miller of Coppel; James and Kara Kelly of Wichita Falls; Craig Johnson of Iowa Park; Eddie Hargaves and Linda Merritt, both of Breckenridge; Diane Kirkland and Joanne Josselot, both of Abilene; Frieda Fly, Bill and Willie Pitman, all of Rochester; Juanita Grimes and Coleene Nanee, both of Munday; Cory Collins, Dewayne Collins and Wayne Collins, all of Brownfield; Robby and Brenda Collins of Dallas; Jerry Collins of Weslaco; and Billy Jack and Juanell Ray, Steve Money, Glen and Gerald Darden, Bobby and Lena Tidwell, and E.C. Collins, all of Haskell.

## Disaster loans available for small businesses in Haskell Co.

Small, non-farm businesses in 204 Texas counties, including Haskell and surrounding counties, may now apply for low interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These disaster loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenue to farmers and ranchers caused by the severe drought conditions, above normal temperatures and wildfires, that occurred beginning April 1, announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

Small businesses may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$1.5 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred. "Eligibility for these working capital loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4%, a maximum term of 30 years, and are restricted to small businesses without the financial

ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designated an agricultural disaster. Secretary Mike Johanns declared this disaster at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are ineligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Information and application forms may be obtained by calling toll-free 800-659-2955 or by visiting the SBA website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster). Mail completed applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76155.

The deadline to apply for these loans is Nov. 7, 2006.

## Haskell CISD to register kindergarten students April 28

Haskell Elementary School will have Kindergarten registration and screening Fri., April 28. Students who are currently enrolled in prekindergarten are still required to come to registration.

To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2006.

Students whose last names begin with letters A through F will register at 9 a.m. Those with last names beginning with letters G through L will register at 10 a.m. Those with last names beginning with letters M through R will register at 1 p.m. and those with last names beginning with letters S through Z will register at 2 p.m. Please bring your child to the elementary office.

Each child needs to bring his/her birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration. Parents need to bring their driver license. Immunization requirements which must be met before the first day of Kindergarten are: three doses polio vaccine including one received on or after the 4th birthday, four doses DTP/DtaP vaccine including one received on or after the 4th birthday, two doses MMR vaccine (or one dose MMR and one dose measles vaccine), three

doses hepatitis B vaccine and one dose varicella vaccine or documentation of having had chicken pox.

All grades including Head Start, Early Childhood, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten will have class on Fri., April 28.

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## Paint Creek to register Pre-K, Kindergarten

Paint Creek School will hold registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten classes for the 2006-07 school year Tues., May 2. Please come by the school office between 12:00 noon and 3:30 p.m. to complete needed paperwork.

To attend Kindergarten a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2006. To attend Pre-K a child must be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2006.

Parents should bring their driver's license, and their child's immunization record, birth certificate, and social security card to registration.

If you cannot attend registration, but have a Pre-K or Kindergarten student, call the school at 864-2471 and make arrangements other arrangements.

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# Haskell County 4-H Clubs hold Fashion Show

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

The 2006 Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show was held Sun., April 2 at the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center in Haskell. The Haskell Sr. 4-H Club hosted the annual event under the leadership of Tammy Parham, Valiene Bullinger and Debbie Brister.

Caleb Hudgens, master of ceremonies, welcomed the 4-H members, parents and guests to the event. Andrea Anderson led everyone in the pledge of allegiance and the 4-H motto and pledge. Brooke Bullinger gave the invocation. Special guests and judges for the fashion show were introduced by senior 4-H member Candace Brister. Judges were Cherry and Kelli Pittcock, Mylissa Gholson and Morgan Westbrook, all of Aspermont and Michelle Esquivel of Knox City. Brister also recognized members of the Haskell County TEEA club for sponsoring the 2006 fashion show awards.

Hudgens served as commentator for the style show "Stylin' Thru The Century."

Each of the sixteen participants were introduced and a description of each outfit along with the model's accomplishments and interests were read as they modeled their individual outfits.

Judging results were announced following the modeling of each category.

Recognition of project leaders was presented by County Extension Agent/FCS, Jane Rowan. Receiving recognition were Debbie Brister, Charlene Brothers, Valiene Bullinger, Mary Duggan, Renee Dudensing, Melissa Glover, Kris Fouts, Leslie Kupatt, Julie Petty, Betty Raynes, Sylvia Saucedo, Tina Tullios, Tammy Parham, Sharazan Riggins and Tina Theart.

Results of the fashion show competition was announced by Rowan. All first place winners will advance to the District 4-H Fashion Show April 22. The 2006 district fashion show will be hosted by Haskell County 4-H in Rochester.

Fabric and Fashion Design, Intermediate Apparel Design: 1. Kymbre Kupatt.



4-H FASHION SHOW—Winners in the Intermediate Buying Dressy category at the 4-H Fashion Show held April 2 were, left, Brooke Bullinger, first place and Stephanie Threet, second place.



4-H FASHION SHOW—First place winners in the Senior categories at the 4-H Fashion Show held April 2 were, l-r, Kimberly Williams in Construction-Casual; Candace Brister in Buying-Formal; Cheyene Favor in Construction-Formal; and Molly Dudensing in Construction-Dressy.

Junior Construction Categories  
Specialty Wear: 1. Emily Fouts, Sagerton.

Pop-Over Skirt: 1. Meghan Glover, Rochester; 2. Rebecca Raynes, Rule.

Intermediate Construction Categories

Casual Wear: 1. Kate Rowan, O'Brien.

Dressy Wear: 1. Jenny Dudensing, Sagerton.

Specialty Wear: 1. Allison Petty, Rule.

Intermediate Buying Categories  
Casual Wear: 1. Andrea Anderson, Haskell; 2. Sydney Saucedo, Rochester; 3. Laycee Tullios, Haskell.

Dressy Wear: 1. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell; 2. Stephanie Threet, Rule.

Senior Construction Categories  
Casual Wear: 1. Kimberly Williams, Rule.

Dressy Wear: 1. Molly Dudensing, Sagerton.

Formal Wear: 1. Cheyene Favor, Rule.

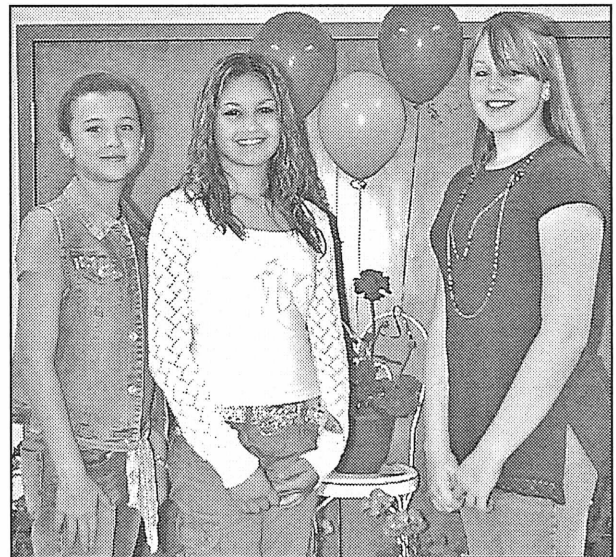
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Formal Wear: 1. Candace Brister, Haskell.

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4-H FASHION SHOW—Receiving first place in the Intermediate Construction category at the 4-H Fashion Show held April 2 were, l-r, Allison Petty in Specialty, Jenny Dudensing in Dressy and Kate Rowan in Casual.

4-H clothing project and/or the fashion show, contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS, in the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or call 940- 864-2546.



4-H FASHION SHOW—Winners in the Intermediate Buying Casual category at the 4-H Fashion Show held April 2 were, l-r, Laycee Tullios, third place; Sydney Saucedo, second place; and Andrea Anderson, first place.



4-H FASHION SHOW—Winners in the Junior Construction category at the 4-H Fashion Show held April 2 were, l-r, Emily Fouts, first place in Specialty; Rebecca Raynes, second place in Pop-Over Skirt; and Meghan Glover, first place in Pop-Over Skirt.

## Teen girls need milk reinforcement

As young girls enter their teens, more are turning from milk to sodas.

A recently completed nine-year study of more than 2,300 teen-age girls by Wesleyan University and others found that milk consumption decreased more than 25 percent. However, soda intake increased almost threefold during the course of the study.

Decreased milk consumption results in less calcium intake. That's a problem, doctors say, because adolescence is a critical period for accumulating peak bone mass.

"Eating foods rich in calcium can help make bones and teeth strong at any time of our life, but in adolescence, we can contribute the most to our skeleton," said Loise

Gilmer, R.D., pediatric clinical dietitian in the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine.

"Our skeleton contains 99 percent of all our calcium stores, and 45 percent of that skeleton is formed during the pre-teen and teen years. This period of dramatic change requires more calcium to produce the healthiest of bones and teeth. Unfortunately, if we don't get adequate calcium during this active growth time, then we can't make up for it later in life."

Researchers believe calcium uptake in the skeleton decreases significantly in the mid-20s, and calcium is slowly released from the bones throughout adulthood. Inadequate calcium can lead to higher risk for osteoporosis, a painful bone disease, and various dental problems.

To promote regular milk and calcium consumption in both boys and girls, Gilmer suggests getting rid

of the competition. That means eliminating or drastically reducing the number of drink choices in your household, especially sweetened drinks, as they add nothing but empty calories.

"Adolescents and young adults need four servings of a high-calcium food source every day," Gilmer said. "Any diet that allows the frequent consumption of high calorie and/or nutrient-poor drinks is not a healthy one. You have to walk two miles to work off the calories of one 12-ounce soda."

Lactose intolerant individuals should use milk products they can tolerate and low-lactose products. Buy calcium-fortified cereals, bread and juice, and consult your doctor or a dietitian for help.

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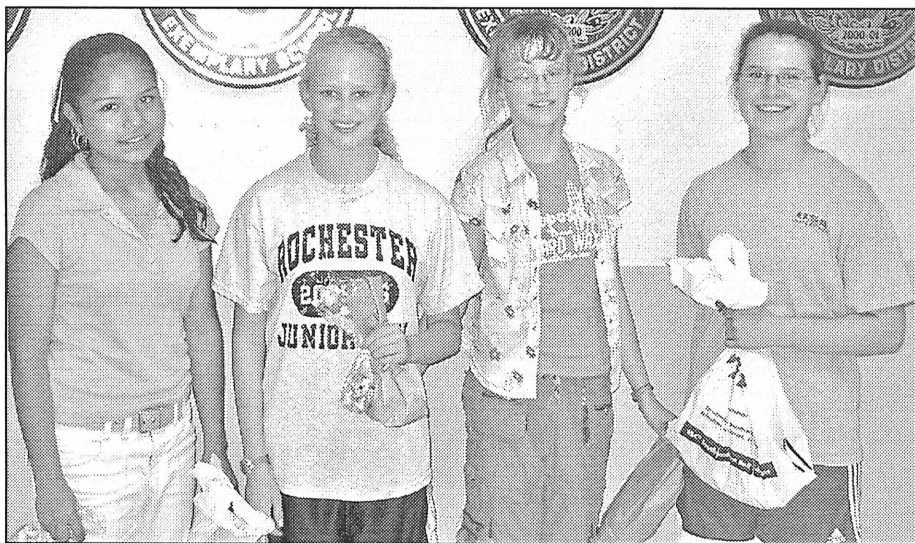
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**EASTER PRIZE HUNT**—Rochester Junior High School students enjoyed an Easter egg and prize hunt. Among those participating were, l-r, Maria Torres, Pamela Walker, Beth Foley and Brooke Bullinger.

## Special laws apply for working teens and their employers

Summer greets Texas teens each year with a diverse range of opportunities to earn extra money through part-time and full-time employment. Equally important, though, is for youth, their parents and prospective employers to be aware of state and federal laws impacting child-labor issues.

In addition to those already seeking employment, statistics from recent years show an average of 100,000 additional job seekers entering the labor market in Texas searching for work between the months of April and June. Teenagers eager to earn their first paychecks or acquire valuable vocational experience represent a significant number of job seekers who contribute to the state's labor force during that time.

"Opportunities for youth to enter the workforce peak every summer, as seasonal hiring builds," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "We encourage our state's youth to pursue the many benefits of summer employment. We want all parties involved, however, to be knowledgeable about important guidelines to ensure that their experience will be a safe one."

Any person under the age of 18 is considered a child when employed in the workplace. Potentially detrimental occupational settings or working conditions that could interfere with a child's safety, health or well-being are reduced through both state and federal child-labor laws.

Different laws apply to different age groups. For example, workers who are age 16 or 17 can engage in any task for any number of hours as long as it is not deemed hazardous by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Children 14 or 15 may perform a job beyond school hours in some nonmanufacturing, nonmining, nonhazardous jobs, but only under certain conditions.

Laws restrict teens who are age 14 and 15 from working more than

three hours on any given school day or more than 18 hours within a school week. They also may not work more than eight hours on a nonschool day or more than the standard 40 hours during a week when school is out. A standard workday for children who are 14 or 15 must be between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., except between June 1 and Labor Day, when they can work no later than 9 p.m.

Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman echoes the importance of adhering to child-labor regulations.

"Our state's young workers are able to benefit from a positive experience because of exemplary efforts by employers to promote healthy working conditions," Lehman said. "Employers become exceptional role models by ensuring a trouble-free experience while helping them build character in safe and productive work environments."

Job-related functions prohibited by law and considered inappropriate or unsafe for teens include:

- Driving a motor vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle (absolutely prohibited for youth under 17; subject to certain conditions for youth age 17)
- Roofing operations
- Excavating operations
- Power-driven wood-working machines
- Power-driven bakery machines
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- Power-driven hoisting equipment
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- Power-driven circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears
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- Manufacturing brick, tile and related products
- Wrecking, demolition and ship-breaking operations
- Logging and sawmilling
- Exposure to radioactive

substances and ionizing radiation

- Manufacturing or storing explosives

A few exemptions for apprentices and student learner programs under specified standards for some hazardous occupations do exist. For more information, visit <http://youthrules.dol.gov/jobs.htm>.

"Summer employment is often the first exposure to the workforce for many of these young people, and can be a preview to professions that teens may pursue as they enter adulthood," said Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Summer work is an ideal way for them to build vocational skills, earn money and develop a sense of pride because of what they contribute to the labor force."

Teens seeking job-search assistance can visit their local workforce center. Visit <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdas/wdamap.html> for information about local workforce centers.

## Rains bring some relief; wildfire danger still exists

Some areas of West Texas received welcome rains this past week. The winds and dry air that are predicted for this week may hasten the return of grass fire danger sooner than many people expect.

This gradual increase in drying conditions in West Texas can lead to and increase in wildfire activity. Wildfires occur primarily because people apparently do not recognize the drying conditions and they failed to take necessary precautions when burning household trash, brush piles and other yard debris, according to Ron Perry, Fire Prevention Specialist with the Texas Forest Service in West Texas.

"Many counties are considering or have dropped their burn bans because of the previous rainfall, and it appears that some folks may interpret this to mean that it is safe to burn outdoors without much regard for the possibility of escaped fires," said Perry. "It doesn't take long for dead grass to dry out, and after a week of drying, with Southwest winds picking up, there is the potential for debris burning fires to escape."

"Haskell County remains under a burn ban and will indefinitely," said Haskell County Judge David Davis. "Haskell County has too much tall, dry material around the area that still presents hazardous wildfire conditions."

Perry noted that escaped control burning, and dry conditions could lead to additional wildfires if people don't exercise caution with outdoor fire use around dead grass and weeds.

Just because the ground is wet doesn't mean that wildfires aren't possible, Perry noted. Boggy ground could even be a detriment to fire departments, as grass fires could spread rapidly across ground too soft to support heavy water-laden fire trucks. The result could possibly be larger fires because fire departments have to keep equipment on roads and do longer hose-lays to reach fires, rather than being able to drive closer

to the fire. "Anything that lengthens fire response time gives wildfires more time to spread, with the result that more resources—including homes—could be threatened," stated Perry. "Everyone needs to help themselves and their neighbors by not getting careless with outdoor fire use, particularly debris burning."

To help prevent accidental fires from occurring:

Do not burn when there is a red flag warning for your area.

Create a wide fire break down to bare dirt around burn barrels and any material to be burned.

Burn household trash only in a burn barrel or other fireproof receptacle topped by a metal grid or grill.

Keep water and tools handy in case your fire should start to spread uncontrolled.

Stay with any outdoor fire until it is completely out; when it is cold enough to touch, it is cool enough to leave.

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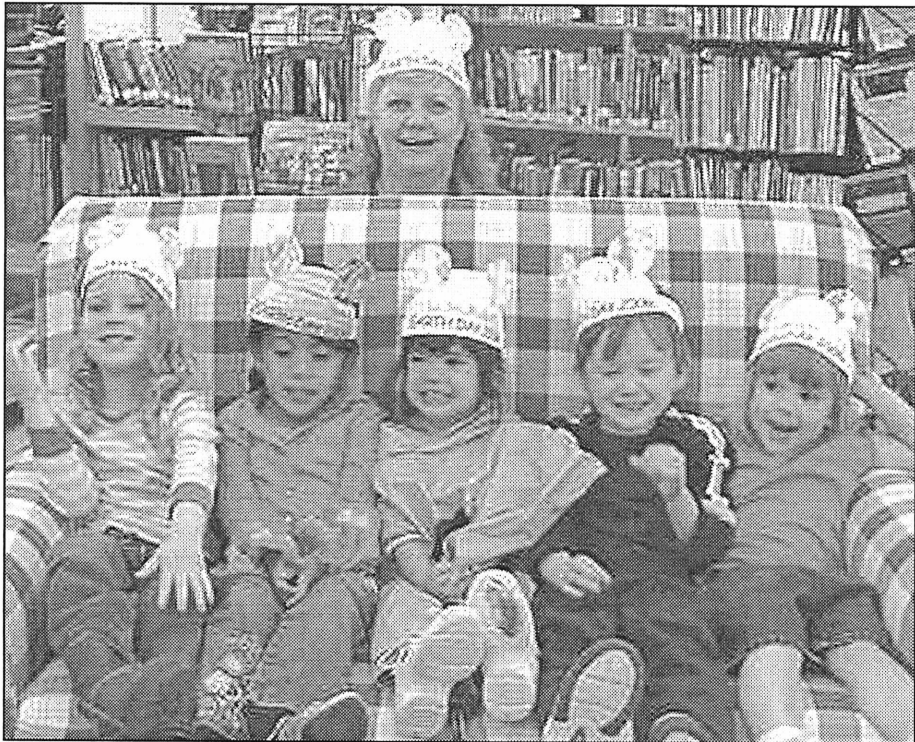
For your listening enjoyment, Gary Don Kruse will be performing this Saturday night. Through his guitar and harmonica, you can take pleasure in hearing songs that relate to the everyday lives of common folk.

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**EARTH DAY**—Celebrating Earth Day during storytime at Haskell Co. Library Thurs., April 21 were, l-r, Elizabeth Stowe, Heavenly Perez, Destini Fernandez, Jon Townsend, Chambray Pheister. Paula Rennegarbe, back, leads the children in storytime activities.

## Haskell School Menu

**May 1-5 Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Muffin  
**Tuesday:** Bacon, egg taco  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, toast  
**Thursday:** Biscuit, sausage  
**Friday:** No school

**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 flautas, corn, garden salad, chips, queso, pears  
**Tuesday:** Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, chocolate pudding  
**Wednesday:** Enchiladas, salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, Spanish rice, fresh fruit  
**Thursday:** Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, homemade cookie  
**Friday:** No school

## Honor rolls listed by Paint Creek School

Paint Creek School has listed their 'A' and 'A-B' honor rolls for the fifth six weeks of school.  
 'A' honor roll students include Catherine Lemond and Samantha Martinez, 1st grade; Jerrid Hunt, 2nd grade; Katie Jones, 5th grade; Haley Myers, 6th grade; Shana Armstrong and Curtis Bishop, 7th grade; Caleb Whitfield, 9th grade; Kailey McCord and Miranda Powell, 10th grade; Paula Isbell, 11th grade; and Michael Bailiff, Cyle Brown and Rebecca Hope, 12th grade.  
 Listed on the 'A-B' honor roll are Ronald Mitchell, first grade; Sara

Edwards, 2nd grade; Justin Bailey, Kadie McCord, Caitlin Medford and Shawn Myers, 4th grade; Cheyenne Buerger and Kylie Crossley, 5th grade; Katherine Bosnjak, Katrina Buerger, Caleb McCord and Daren Wilson, 6th grade;  
 Denton Reed and Briana Wigley, 7th grade; Brennan Medford and Jessica Pendergraft, 8th grade; James Groves and Lacey Stephens, 9th grade; Jessica Blackburn, Rusty Rogers and Hali Wolsch, 10th grade; Malinda Brueggeman and Cassidy Cooper, 11th grade; and Jessica Messenger, 12th grade.

## Paint Creek School Menu

**May 1-5 Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk served daily.  
**Monday:** Toast or cereal  
**Tuesday:** Biscuits and gravy  
**Wednesday:** Pancakes  
**Thursday:** Toast or cereal  
**Friday:** No school

**Lunch**  
**Monday:** Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, applesauce  
**Tuesday:** Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, refried beans, corn, fruit  
**Wednesday:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, apple crisp  
**Thursday:** Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, fries, rice krispy bars  
**Friday:** No school

## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., May 1**  
 Lunch—Meatloaf, cheese potatoes, buttered corn, pinto beans, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

**Fri., May 5**  
 Lunch—Beef stew, tuna and pimento sandwiches, onions, pickles, coleslaw, cherry jello, cookie, milk, tea, or coffee

**Wed., May 3**  
 Lunch—Chicken spaghetti, green beans, glazed carrots, sliced onion, garlic toast, apricot cobbler, milk.

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

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### THE CHURCH CAN BE A BRIDGE AS WELL AS A BUILDING

Is there a generation gap at your house? Have the lines of communication and understanding between parent and child fallen into a deep chasm of selfishness, intolerance and mutual mistrust? Take your family to church and let them all listen to the word of God, who sent His only Son to preach the

gospel of faith and love to young and old alike, so that both may better understand the meaning and purpose of life. When family needs replace individual desires, your faith will provide answers that will benefit all. Let your church span the gap of discord with a bridge of love.

### 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 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 Rennegarbe, 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 Foney  
 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 Pavillion

**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 Stullir, 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.  
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**—ROCHESTER—**  
**Church of Christ**  
 Steve Wills, 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.  
 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**  
 Alfa y Omegas  
 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.  
 O'Brien

## Limiting wheat grazing

by Wes Utley  
**CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.**  
 Maybe not very long, if protein supplementation is the goal. Researchers at the Noble Foundation in Oklahoma used mature steers to monitor forage intake when grazing wheat for 15, 30, or 45 minutes. Steers consumed about half as much in 15 minutes as in 45 minutes (1.7 lb. dry matter versus 3.2 lb.). Crude protein content of the wheat was 27 percent (DM basis). So, 15 minutes grazing resulted in 0.45 lb. crude protein consumption. In 45 minutes, CP consumption was 0.85 lb. Relative to CP levels of common supplements, 15 minute grazing equaled (as-fed basis) 1.33 lb. cottonseed meal pellets or 2.5 lb. 20% breeder cube. In 45 minutes, the equivalent consumption was 2.5 lb. and 4.75 lb. Just a little grazing can provide a lot of protein, certainly important if the amount of available wheat pasture is low.  
 (Noble Foundation Ag News & Views, Jan., 2001)



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You may need to count your pulse for several reasons: (1) you may have an irregular heartbeat; (2) you may be taking a special drug to control irregular heartbeats; and you need to be sure it is working; (3) you may have a pacemaker; or (4) you may need to check your heart rate as part of an exercise program.

**How to take your pulse**

To count accurately, you need a clock or a watch with a second hand. You can use the pulse on your wrist or your neck, whichever is easier for you.

To find the pulse on your wrist, press the fingertips of index and middle fingers on the inside of your wrist (the thumb side). Do not use your thumb. If you have trouble finding this pulse, move your fingertips around until you locate it.

To find the pulse in your neck, press your fingertips in the area just under the jawbone, alongside your Adam's apple.

If you have trouble finding either pulse, try varying the amounts of pressure. You can miss the pulse by pressing too lightly, but pressing too hard can obscure the pulse. Once you've found your pulse, it will be easy the next time.

If you have an irregular heart beat, you must count for exactly 60 seconds. For example, if you counted 77 pulse beats in 1 minute, this is your heart rate. Otherwise, you can count for 30 seconds and multiply by 2. For example, 41 pulses x 2 = 82.

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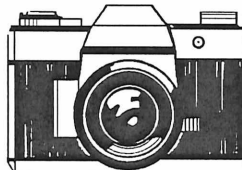
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It is Haskell County's judgment that the installation of public services outweighs consideration of Executive Order 11988 and 11990. A more detailed description of the project and the FEMA flood maps are available for citizen review at the Haskell County, County Courthouse, 1 Avenue D, Haskell, Texas 79521. Comments will be received until May 8, 2006. The Honorable David C. Davis County Judge, Haskell County Certifying Official 17c

NOTICE  
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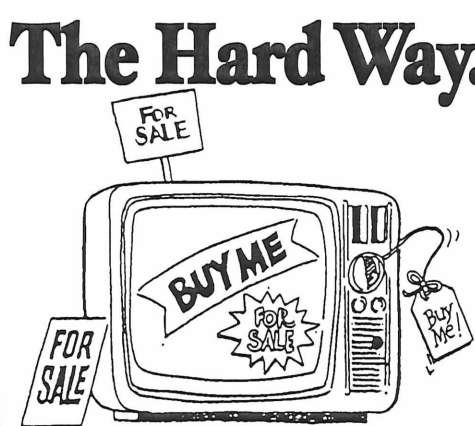
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## Gospel meeting set at Haskell Church of Christ

A gospel meeting will be held at the Haskell Church of Christ, 510 N. Ave. E in Haskell, April 30 through May 3 with guest speaker Ted Kell.

A former mission worker in Wisconsin, Kell has been a Bible professor at Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, a pulpit minister for the Austin Avenue Church of Christ in Brownwood and has done evangelistic work in 35 states and seven foreign countries.

His theme for this gospel meeting is 'Finding Hope in Christ Jesus Today' with each day's topic as follows:

Sun., April 30, 9:30 a.m., Uphill to Success in Marriage, 10:30 a.m. Transformed by Jesus' Cross, and 6 p.m., The Joyful Message of Jesus; Mon., May 1, 7 p.m., Overcoming Satan Today; Tues., May 2, 7 p.m.



TED KELL

Can I Be 'Just a Christian?'; Wed., May 3, 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Class and 7 p.m., Is My Name Written There?

## Study Club nears goal for house restoration funds

Members of the Progressive Study Club have been soliciting funds for the restoration of the LaBriere house in Haskell. The house is the first house built in Haskell and is located in Rice Springs Park on the banks of Rice Springs Creek.

The goal of \$10,000 to match funds from the Dodge Jones Foundation in Abilene is only \$75 away from being met.

Donations may be made by contacting Dorothy Hartsfield, chairman, Franciene Johnson or Julia Harrell. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special and qualify as an IRS 501C tax deduction.

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## City wide clean-up ends Saturday

A City Wide Clean Up Week for Haskell continues through Sat., April 29.

During this week, the landfill will be open for dumping from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 8:30 am to 4:00 p.m. through Friday.

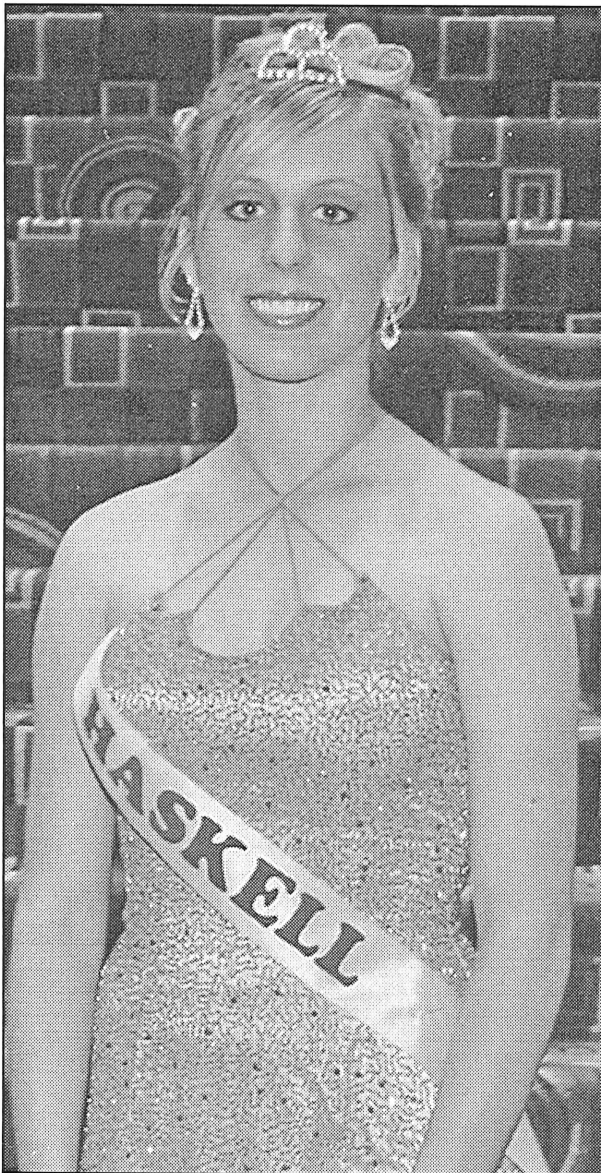
Two trailers will be available during the week, half day only, for those who do not have their own trailer. Personal trailers and trucks hauling loose trash must have a tarp. Bulky items, lumber, tin, etc., must be tied down.

Things that will not be accepted during clean-up week are chemicals, tires, batteries, anything with Freon, asbestos, any roofing materials and paint.

Bulky items will be picked up if they are put by the dumpster, but only

if arrangements have been made through City Hall, 864-2333.

This service is provided for citizens in the city limits of Haskell only. Proof of residence, such as a water bill, may be requested.



STATE FINALIST—Shannon Bird competed at the Texas Homecoming Queen pageant April 8-9 at the Hyatt Regency at the Dallas Fort Worth Airport. She was one of 52 young women selected to compete in the pageant among 900 applicants from across the state.

## Bird competes in Texas homecoming queen contest

Shannon Bird, representing her school and community as homecoming queen, competed in the Texas Homecoming Queen invitational competition held April 8-9 at the Hyatt Regency at the Dallas Fort Worth Airport. She is a senior at Haskell High School.

The state finals are a part of the America's Homecoming Queen competition that promotes education and community service for high school homecoming queens giving young women with outstanding leadership ability the opportunity to achieve their goals of being leaders of tomorrow.

To be eligible, the Texas high school homecoming queens must complete an essay and be selected as a state finalist. A group of 52 competitors were selected from over 900 applicants across the state. At the

competition competitors undergo a personal interview process and prom gown competition.

Bird is the daughter of Ricky and Sharon Bird of Haskell; and granddaughter of Wallace and Margaret Bird and Melvin and Wanda Turnbow, all of Haskell. Nellie Bird of Haskell is her great grandmother.

Class offices she has held include being class reporter for 9 and 10th grades, class secretary for 11th grade and serving as president of her senior class. She has participated in the basketball and softball programs.

She has been a member of the band, student council, Quill & Scroll and is an A-B honor student.

She was voted Miss Spirit this year and has served her school as cheerleader and mascot.

## Congratulations to the Haskell Maidens on their District Championship!



HASKELL MAIDENS—front row, l-r, Shannon Bird, Amber Bingham, Julie Hankins, Jerrica Escobedo, Kellye Tidrow and Natalie Lopez. Back row, Coach John Foster, Chamberly Bartley, Paige Wheatley, Ashton Rutkowski, Kayla Tidrow, Stephanie Grand, Alexa Roberts and Coach Betsy Coleman.

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