

Basketball games

HASKELL Maidens
Possible playoff game against Stamford for 3rd place may be played Thurs., Feb. 8, 6:30, McMurry Gym, Abilene 7th-8th B Dist. Tourney Thurs., Feb. 8; Sat., Feb. 10 at Merkel JV-VB vs Hawley Fri., Feb. 9, 6 p.m. at Haskell JV-VB vs Stanton Tues., Feb. 13, 6 p.m. at Stanton

Softball games

Haskell vs Olney/Seymour Scrimmage Fri., Feb. 9, 4:30 p.m. at Seymour Haskell vs Eula Tues., Feb. 13, 4:30 p.m. at Haskell

Calendar

Vendors needed

Vendors are being sought for the 11th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show set Sat., March 17 in downtown Haskell. Cost of vendor spaces is \$15. Call Randy or Lisa Shaw at 864-2023 evenings or Randy at 325-721-0674 or Lisa at 325-721-0441 anytime.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 17 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.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Becky Tubbs of Anson will demonstrate a water medium. Guests are welcome.

Open house

An open house will be held at Haskell County Realty, 103 N. Ave. E, Thurs., Feb. 8 from 8 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center will hold a blood drive Tues., Feb. 13 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank. Call 325-670-2798 for more information.

Black history

The Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. 3rd, in Haskell will present their Black History program Sun., Feb. 18 beginning at 3 p.m. with the theme of God's Amazing Grace. Speaker will be Elder Brown of Holy Temple Church of God in Christ of Hamlin.

Driving class

A safe driving class, sponsored by AARP, and hosted by the Experienced Citizen Center, 1404 S. First St., Haskell will be held in two sessions from 1 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 27 and March 1. The eight-hour course is designed to educate participants about how to best reduce traffic violations, crashes and chances for injuries; and provide safe driving strategies to compensate for age related changes that affect one's driving ability. For registration information, contact Tom Hart at 325-762-3582.

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Dinner theatre Sat., Feb. 10, Civic Center

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PRETTY LANDSCAPES—Large accumulations of snow fell Thursday night, Feb. 1 continuing throughout the day on Fri., Feb. 2, leaving beautiful landscapes all over town. The snowfall led to area schools starting a little later in the day and caused some travel

concerns. But overall, the wintery treat brought much needed moisture to the area. Although most folks say they are ready for a little spring time weather, the outcome of the groundhog's prediction won't be known until mid-March.

Texas Midwest Day allows citizens to see their government in action

"Texas Midwest Day" at the State Capitol in Austin is Feb. 14. Citizens from more than 20 counties surrounding Abilene and San Angelo will participate to see government in action, meet with legislators and promote rural Texas.

Texas Midwest Community Network sponsors the biennial trip to Austin during each legislative session. Registered participants receive an official Texas Midwest Ambassador Badge and advanced scheduled of events for the day.

According to Genora Young of Eden, Chairman of the TMCN

Legislative Committee, "Taking a day to visit elected officials in Austin is definitely worthwhile for your community. Establishing a relationship with your Representative or Senator helps whenever you have a project or special need arise."

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

"Community leaders are

encouraged to make the trip to Austin for the day and make noise for rural Texas," says TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle. "With so much attention being given to tax reform and natural resources, it is especially important for state lawmakers to see that rural Texans stand together and have specific needs, issues and concerns."

To register for Texas Midwest Day in Austin and receive final details, call the TMCN Office 325-676-0329 or see the

texasmidwest.org website.

TMCN Member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, Santa Anna, San Angelo, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

Valentine dinner, theatre set Saturday

Treat your Valentine to dinner, silent auction, and entertainment by "According To Philipians" and help victims of family violence in Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties.

The dinner will be held Sat., Feb. 10, at the Haskell Civic Center. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the meal will be served beginning at 6:30. Enjoy brisket and all of the trimmings topped off with homemade desserts.

The silent auction includes hotel stays, a hunt, decorations, jewelry, art, handmade items and many other great things.

Tickets are \$12.50 each and \$6 for children 10 and under and may be purchased at the door or by calling 940-864-2551.

The Noah Project, Inc. provides services to victims of family violence in ten counties, five of which are served by the Noah Project-North. These services include shelter, food, transportation, legal and medical advocacy, and community referrals. Services are free and available twenty-four hours, seven days a week to victims of family violence. The hotline number is 1-800-444-3551 and is answered 24/7.

Gary Frierson selected for FCA game

Haskell Indian, defensive lineman Gary Frierson, has been named to the North All-Star team roster playing in the Eighth Annual FCA Myrtle Greathouse football game to be played at Shotwell Stadium, June 2.

Frierson is one of almost 90 players selected from more than 50 high schools to take part in the contest. All proceeds will benefit the Big Country Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Mike Guess is new VP at First Nat'l Bank

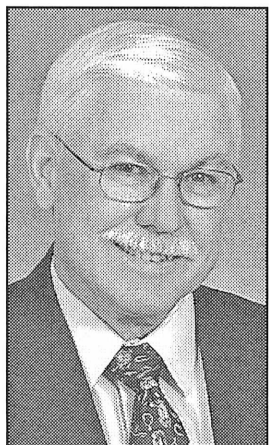
Mike Guess of Haskell has been elected vice president of both First National Bank-Haskell and First National Bank-Rochester, according to a joint announcement by Lyndell Reeves, president and CEO of

First National Bank in Munday and Wallace Emerson, president of First National Bank in Haskell and Rochester.

Guess, a lifelong resident of Haskell, is a Haskell High School graduate and holds a BBA from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Guess has been in the farming and ranching business since 1975. He has managed a local cotton warehouse; owned and managed a local cotton acquisition and marketing company; and most recently, served as president of First Ag Credit, FCS in the Stamford office. He also served on the Haskell School Board.

Guess and his wife, Beth Middleton Guess, have two adult sons, Chan and wife, Bridget and their daughter Jacee, all of Haskell, and Mart of Chicago, Illinois. They are members of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Haskell.



MIKE GUESS



BARREL REMOVAL—City workers removed the decorative barrels from around the square on Fri., Feb. 2, allowing construction crews to begin the process of removing the sidewalks and curbs. John Wheat manoeuvres the backhoe bucket to allow Alfred Ozuna, left, and Jerry Stanford to slide the barrels full of dirt and plant material onto the bucket.

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Crop, livestock insurance course slated in Vernon

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

A comprehensive course on federal crop and livestock insurance products will be presented 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 26 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center southwest of Vernon, Texas. The program, "Incorporating Crop/Livestock Insurance into the Marketing Plan," is an Advanced Topic Series presentation of the Master Marketer Educational System of the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Attendees will get an overview of current and new commodity insurance programs and products, as well as other products that may become

available, said Stan Bevers, Professor and Extension Economist at the Vernon A&M Center.

The featured presenter will be Dr. Art Barnaby, Professor of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University, one of the country's leading agricultural insurance experts. Barnaby helped to develop the federal Crop Revenue Coverage insurance program and has served as a consultant, advisor, and reviewer for most agricultural insurance products developed over the past 20 years.

Among the federal insurance programs to be discussed are: Hail; Multiple Peril Crop Insurance; Revenue Insurance

Plans; Group Risk Income Protection; Crop Revenue Coverage; Income Protection; and the new Forage Insurance Pilot Program.

"This is a unique opportunity for area farmers and ranchers to learn the pros and cons of the various insurance products," Bevers said. "The program should give them the information they need to make more informed decisions on how to incorporate these risk management products into their management and marketing plans. Furthermore, if anyone has had any questions regarding how these products have been developed and/or performed, Dr. Barnaby is the guy to ask."

Pre-registration by Feb. 16 is required. For registration information, call Stan Bevers at 940 552-9941, ext. 231.

Obituaries

Ofelia 'Faye' Herrera Trevino



FAYE TREVINO

Funeral services for Ofelia 'Faye' Herrera Trevino, 50, of Weinert were held Fri., Jan. 26 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell with Father George Roney officiating. Rosary was held Thurs., Jan. 25 at St. George Catholic Church. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Trevino died Tues., Jan. 23 after losing her battle with cancer.

She will be remembered as a good mother and a good wife. She will be missed and is at peace now with our Lord.

Born Dec. 25, 1956 in Lubbock, she was the daughter of Victor Herrera and Luz Perales Herrera.

Survivors include her husband, Pete of Weinert; children, Larry and Corina Trevino, all of Weinert, Rolando Trevino and family and Roy Trevino and family, all of Modesto, California; 14 grandchildren; one great grandchild; her mother, Luz Herrera; sisters, Janie Herrera of Lubbock and Elvira Garcia of San Antonio; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

PD. NOTICE

Meribel Fernandez



MERIBEL FERNANDEZ

Funeral services for Meribel Fernandez, 43, of Haskell were

held Fri., Feb. 2 at Rocksprings Church of Christ in Rocksprings. Burial was in Rocksprings Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Home of Rocksprings. A memorial service was held Wed., Jan. 31 at Holden-McCauley Funeral Home in Haskell.

Ms. Fernandez died Tues., Jan. 30 in Abilene.

Born Dec. 26, 1963 in Junction, she was the daughter of Lorenzo D. and Juanita Garza Fernandez. She graduated from Munday High School and was a homemaker. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by

her parents; brother, Roman Fernandez; and nephew, Johnny Castillo.

Survivors include her son, Marcus Fernandez and wife, Crystal of Haskell; brothers, Lorenzo Fernandez, Jr. of Vernon, Felix Fernandez of Munday, Tony Fernandez of Kerrville, Joe Fernandez of Rochester, Solano Fernandez of Goree, and Aldo Fernandez of Haskell; sisters, Gregoria Tamez of Donna, Mary Guzman, Florinda Arebalos and Melissa Fernandez, all of Lewisville, Brenda Masias and Vickie De La Cruz, both of Haskell; and granddaughters, Destini and Amaya Fernandez. PD. NOTICE

Margaret Jane Bunkley Clifton



MARGARET CLIFTON

Funeral services for Margaret Jane Bunkley Clifton, 85, of Westminster, Colorado were held Fri., Feb. 2 at the chapel of Winscott Road Funeral Home in Fort Worth with Rev. Tom Connolly officiating. Graveside services were held Sat., Feb. 3 at

the Seymour Masonic Cemetery with Dr. Sammy Elliott, pastor of First Baptist Church in Seymour officiating. Services were under the direction of Seymour Memorial Funeral Home of Seymour.

Mrs. Clifton died Mon., Jan. 29 in Westminster, Colorado.

Born Aug. 6, 1921 in Seymour, she was the daughter of Foster and Mabel Lively Bunkley. She graduated from Seymour High School in 1938, and earned a BBA degree from Baylor University in 1942. She took a job as the business teacher at Haskell High School, and while there met and married Ben Allen Clifton of Haskell on Christmas Day, 1950. She loved cooking, playing bridge, shopping, and was an avid traveler, visiting all

50 states, Canada, Mexico, the British Isles, Europe, New Zealand, the Panama Canal, the Caribbean, and the Canary Islands.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Ben Allen Clifton of Fort Worth; two sons, David Clifton and wife, Sherry of Westminster, Colorado and James Bennett Walker of Fort Worth; sister, Mary Lou St. Clair and husband Clinton of Houston; and granddaughter, Jamie Clifton of Westminster, Colorado.

Memorials may be made to the Odyssey Foundation Hospice, 2460 W. 26th Ave., Suite 250 C, Denver, Colorado 80211; or to the Cancer Quilt Project, 2495 Agate Road, Boulder, Colorado 80304.

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Haskell Co. Gin Report

Feb. 5, 2007	
Haskell	
Haskell County Gin	1,661
Haskell Co-op Gin	1,009
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	17,780
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	2,652
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	1,294
Weinert Gin	2,186
Total bales	26,582

Notice

David B. Neal, DDS announces the relocation of his dental practice to Iowa Park, Texas. The new practice is located at 1400 Johnson Road, Iowa Park, Texas 76367. The new office number is 940-592-9880. Please call this number to schedule appointments at the new location. Office hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday.

When calling the office in Iowa Park to schedule an appointment, please tell the front desk person if you are a patient of record at the office in Munday.

Dr. Neal is no longer seeing patients at the office in Munday. Someone will be in the Munday office from 8:00 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. to answer questions and arrange for transfer of patient records. This service will be available through the end of February 2007.

It has been a privilege to practice at the old office since 1991. I look forward to continuing to care for my friends and neighbors in a newer, larger and more modern dental facility.

Sincerely,
David B. Neal, DDS

Mare, foal workshop offered

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

Mare owners seeking information on broodmare management and raising foals will have an opportunity to attend a two-day program focusing on just that during the 11th annual TAMU Mare/Foal Workshop on Tues. and Wed., Feb. 20-21, at Texas A&M University.

The workshop will be held at the Louis Pearce Pavilion. This location will allow for a hands-on approach to some of the workshop topics. Mare owners will be able to gain experience using the body condition scoring system with mares on hand for scoring and discussion. Weight estimation and broodmare and foal nutrition will be covered.

Forage selection and hay quality will be included.

Basic reproductive function, detection of estrus and signs of foaling will be discussed or demonstrated. Health care and restraint of mares, as well as some foal handling and neonatal care, will be covered.

Resource material related to horse theft awareness and prevention will be presented. A freeze branding and microchipping demonstration is planned to better familiarize owners with ways to permanently identify horses.

This two-day-long workshop is designed for mare owners. It is not intended to be a breeders school and will focus much more

on mare management than on breeding procedures. The information should be useful for the mare owner, regardless of the number of mares they own or manage.

Instruction will be provided by equine faculty from both the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Equine Science section of the Animal Science Department.

You must pre-register to attend the workshop. Registration includes printed materials, refreshment breaks and noon meal. For start times and pre-registration information, contact Dr. Martha Vogelsang or Dr. Pete Gibbs at 979-845-1562.

E-mails are m-vogelsang@tamu.edu or p-gibbs@tamu.edu.

Horse management workshop set

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

Horse owners seeking information on basic horse management will have an opportunity to attend a two-day-long program focusing on just that during the 6th Basic Horse Management 101 Workshop on Wed. and Thurs., Feb. 21-22 at Texas A&M University.

This workshop will be held at the Louis Pearce Pavilion on the campus of Texas A&M University. This location will allow for hands-on approach to some of the workshop topics.

Horse owners will be able to gain experience using the body condition scoring system, with horses on hand for scoring and discussion. Weight estimation, general horse nutrition and feeding management will be covered. Basic horse safety, hay and pasture selection and quality will be included.

This workshop will include information on general health, immunizations and deworming. Permanent identification, first aid, dentistry and hoof care will also be covered. Additional topics will be facility design and

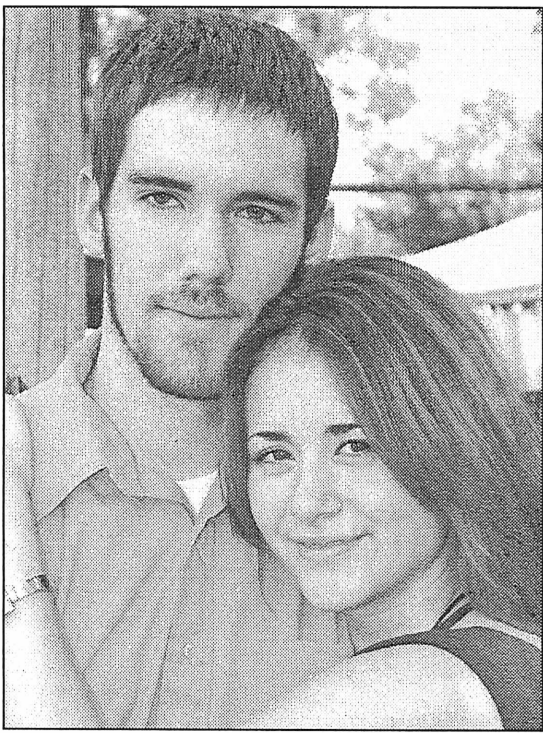
equipment, basic management tools and heart rate monitor utilization.

Resource material related to horse theft awareness and prevention will be offered. A freeze branding and microchipping demonstration is planned to better familiarize owners with ways to permanently identify horses.

Instruction will be provided by equine faculty from both the Equine Science Section of the Animal Science Department and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

You must pre-register to attend the workshop. Registration includes printed materials, light breakfast and noon meals. For start times and pre-registration information, contact Dr. Brett D. Scott at 979-845-1562 or bdsco@at.tamu.edu.

*Go Maidens!
Go Indians!*



JEREMY SORRELLS - KENDRA SCHEETS

Scheets, Sorrells plan June wedding

Marvin and Linda Scheets of Rule are announcing the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kendra Scheets to Jeremy Sorrells, son of Paul and Tammy Sorrells of Haskell.

The bride-elect plans to graduate from Rule High School in May and plans to attend the University of Texas in Arlington

in the fall where she will major in Architecture.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2006 graduate of Haskell High School and is working on a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas in Arlington.

A June 16 wedding is planned at Willow Creek Chapel in Abilene.

Food training course to be held in Abilene

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

A two-day Food Protection Management training for food service managers in the Big Country area will be held Feb. 26 and March 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension in Abilene.

The training will allow food service establishments permitted by Texas Department of Health to meet their certification requirements if they pass the state exam.

Food service establishments permitted by Environmental Health Section of the City of Abilene are also invited to attend.

The class covers twelve food safety concepts related to personal hygiene, cross contamination, time and temperature, sanitation, pest management, foodborne illness and related areas.

The course is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension in Taylor, Nolan, and Jones counties; Environmental Section of the City of Abilene and Texas Department of Health.

Registration information is available by calling the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048 or the Jones County Extension Office at 325-823-2432.

Choose the right Valentine's chocolate

If you can't resist eating chocolate or giving it as a gift on Valentine's Day, you should know that choosing the right type of chocolate can benefit your heart, says Lona Sandon, a registered dietician at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Pure chocolate, made from cocoa beans, is rich in flavanol, an antioxidant that may help protect arteries from damage, maintain healthy blood flow and fend off heart disease.

Dark chocolate and cocoa powder contain the highest levels of flavanol.

But these health benefits are reduced considerably when pure chocolate is processed and other

ingredients—such as sugar, milk and butter—are added. Candy bars and boxed chocolates may be tasty but their added fat and calories make them not-so-healthy treats, Ms. Sandon says.

So it's best to skip the chocolate candy and replace it with a cup of hot cocoa.

"Research suggests that drinking a cup of dark hot chocolate can be equated with drinking a glass of wine in protecting the heart," says Ms. Sandon, who urges people to eat and drink in moderation.

"Chocolate by itself may provide some health benefits. It's what's added to it that's not so good for us."

Letz to be honored on 90th birthday

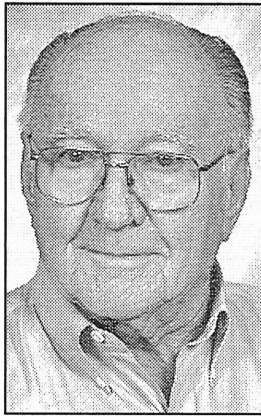
Marvin Letz, lifetime resident of Haskell and Stonewall counties, will be honored on his 90th birthday with a celebration reception from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Sun., Feb. 18, at the Haskell Church of Christ. Hosting the reception will be his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. No gifts are requested, cards are appreciated.

Letz was born in Stonewall County, Feb. 7, 1917, to Herman and Lizzie Letz of Old Glory. He graduated from Old Glory High School, and has had a long career in farming in the Old Glory community.

In the late 1930s, he attended barber training school in Fort Worth, and owned and operated Letz Barber Shop in Haskell for a few years. In the early 1950s, he began an additional career as a home builder, and developed another business as a heating and air conditioning specialist. He owned Letz Builders Supply in Haskell until his retirement in 2002.

He married Ruby Lee Hisey of Haskell, Jan. 22, 1939. Prior to her death in 1999, the couple celebrated 60 years of marriage. Their children include Marlene Denton and husband Kent of Garland, Sandra Parker and husband Mike of Norman, Oklahoma, Fred Letz and wife Linda of Colleyville, and two stillborn sons, Marvin Lynn and Dale. Letz has seven grandchildren, six spouses of grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

He has been a member of the Haskell Church of Christ for more than 50 years, and he has been active in many civic activities in both Old Glory and Haskell.



MARVIN LETZ

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

House limits flow of legislation in first 60 days of session

AUSTIN—When the Legislature convenes, one of the governor's duties, so says the Texas Constitution, is to recommend to lawmakers "such measures as he may deem expedient."

That means the all-important state budget and the governor's top issues - usually referred to as emergency issues - go to the front of the line.

Other bills can be acted upon quickly too, if a well-oiled procedure is followed: the House simply votes to suspend a constitutional rule that reserves the first 60 days of the legislative session for the passage of bills that top the governor's priority list.

However, as January drew to a close, the House departed from its normal behavior when a motion to suspend the rule, which required a supermajority (four-fifths) vote to pass, failed.

Thirty-four of the House's 150 members voted "no" despite cries that doing so would create a logjam of bills late in the session and likely prevent many local bills from ever making it out of committee.

So, for the first time since the 1981 legislative session, House bills won't get past the committee level in the first 60 days of the session.

The vote not to suspend has been interpreted as retaliation against House Speaker Tom Craddick, who doled out committee assignments perceived as punitive by some members who supported Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, in his short-lived speaker candidacy.

Despite the vote, there is a movement among Craddick lieutenants and other House members to vote again on rule suspension.

Child safety program launched

John Walsh, host of the Fox television program "America's Most Wanted," joined Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst in a Capitol news conference to announce Dewhurst's "Texas First!" child safety initiative.

The initiative teams the state and private sector in helping kindergarten through second grade students learn how to be safe around strangers and to educate the children about the dangers of predators online, in

schools and in neighborhoods.

The Safe Side Company, co-founded by Walsh, is donating more than 1,000 Stranger Safety Resource Kits to Texas school districts.

Kits include lesson plans and activities for classroom use, and a media library that includes 25 copies of the "Stranger Safety" DVD for take-home use.

Texas is the first state to participate in the program, Dewhurst's office said.

Order issued for vaccination rules

Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 2 issued an executive order directing the Health and Human Services Commission to adopt rules requiring girls age 11 and 12 to be vaccinated against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) before they enter sixth grade.

The rules are to include an opt-out provision for parents who don't want their daughters to be vaccinated.

Perry wants the program to be up and running by September 2008.

Certain strains of HPV are known to cause cervical cancer.

TEA publishing expenditures

Gov. Perry is now publishing his office's expenditures online and on Feb. 1 proposed requiring all state agencies to publish their expenditures online as part of his budget reform package.

The Texas Education Agency went ahead and published its check register online. It can be viewed at <http://tea.state.tx.us> by clicking on the "About TEA" button. The check register will be updated at least quarterly, the agency said.

State lottery may be up for sale

Gov. Perry indicated he is thinking about selling the Texas Lottery to a private firm. Other states are contemplating doing the same in exchange for a chunk of the profits. Perry was to give more details in his Feb. 6 State of the State speech.

Opinion page mainstay dies

Widely read and published syndicated columnist and best-selling author Molly Ivins, 62, died Jan. 31 at her home in Austin after an eight-year recurring battle with breast cancer.

Ivins focused strongly on the Texas Legislature in particular and state politics in general for nearly four decades. In recent years she devoted extra attention to the political career of President George W. Bush.



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Game teaches children to be prepared in emergency

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has launched a new Sparky the Fire Dog® game to help children learn about emergency preparedness. The game, "Look and Learn," is now available free online. It stresses the importance of being prepared for an emergency by teaching children about items that should be included in an emergency supplies kit.

Each year natural disasters disrupt the lives of hundreds of thousands of children and their families. NFPA developed Risk Watch®: Natural Disasters to help children and their families deal with disasters before, during and after the event. Sparky's® new game is the latest addition to support this effort and is available by visiting NFPA's Risk Watch® Web site at <http://www.riskwatch.org> and entering the "Kids Only" section of the site.

"Everyone runs the risk of experiencing a natural disaster and that includes children," said Amy LeBeau, NFPA's communications manager of public education. "Sparky's new game is a great way for parents and teachers to educate children about emergency preparedness with a fun interactive lesson."

Players of Sparky's "Look and Learn" visit six different fun and interactive scenes as they are tasked with assisting Sparky by locating hidden items to complete his emergency supplies kit. During their search for the hidden items, players travel through a Hideaway Island, Campground, Safari, Haunted House, Underwater Adventure and Prehistoric Park to locate things like flashlights, batteries, extra clothing, a whistle, canned food and other items that are often necessities in an emergency. After finding all of the emergency supplies in each section of the game, children will be able to download and print out an emergency supplies checklist that they can use to make their own emergency supplies kit.

Sparky's "Look and Learn" game provides a fun and safe learning experience for kids and there is no advertising on the kids section of the site. The game is most appropriate for children in kindergarten through second grade, but may be of interest to all ages.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 6, 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fischer and Ann Druessedow visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dean Druessedow in Abilene.

Wilbert and Dwanna Klose spent the weekend with Fran and Leo Stiewert in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Piland of Abilene visited Frieda Piland and Mrs. Mapes.

Haskell CISD School Board members Danny Josselet, Joey Kimbrough, Mike Jordan, Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Bob Aycock, Melisa Robison and Tiffen Mayfield were recognized for the role they play in the education of children.

20 Years Ago February 5, 1987

The National Weather Service recognized Sam P. Herren for 45 years of service as a volunteer weather observer for Haskell.

Robin Parker, Pam McGhee and Michael Rodriguez are to play in the all state band concert in Abilene.

The Haskell Scout Pack 136 held its Pinewood Derby races. Overall winner was Brian Brzozowski.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harris and Darla over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris and Jimmy of Texas City, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Harris and J.D. of Hamlin and Connie Rodgers of Fort Worth.

Larry and Susanne Sharp of Tuscola and Linda and Ricky Wade of Abilene visited in the home of Alice and Toby Yates.

30 Years Ago

February 3, 1977

Representing Haskell County Farm Bureau at the convention in Hawaii were Coyt and Lottie Hix, V.P. and Alma Terrell, Myrtle and Marvin Pheister, Helen Boykin, Hazel Smith and Harlan and Jimmie Weinert.

The Rochester Steers, District 5-B Champions, had four players named to the All-State Team. They were Jim Ballard, Robbie Hollingsworth, Jerry Don Hudgens and Rod Townsend.

Mrs. W.H. Amonett spent a week in Dallas visiting her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Burns and Billy.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hester and son Riley of Austin spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hester.

Mary Edna Sherry of Abilene visited her sister, Cloys Dick.

40 Years Ago

February 2, 1967

Jerry Westmoreland was elected president of the Rule Rotary Club.

Judy Bailey visited with Beth Simpson and other friends in Rule.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Chambers and Shawn of Canyon spend the weekend with Mrs. F.L. Chambers.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. R.B. Hodges was her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Brake.

Mrs. Jim Jenkins visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Smith at Burkburnett.

The Reserve Champion Barrow at the Abilene Fat Stock Show was shown by Judy Therwhanger of the 4-H Club.

50 Years Ago February 7, 1957

John Gannaway won top awards at the 4-H Club Boys Livestock Show. Gannaway showed the grand champion and also took first place in the two divisions of light and heavy steers. His grand champion Hereford, weighing 1,050 pounds, was bred by the League Ranch of Benjamin.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rose and son, David of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Arnett of Rule and Opal Rose of Haskell.

Mrs. R.E. Corley of Evansville, Indiana visited in the home of her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A.Y. Corley. Corley was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Loftin of Electra and sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Wilson of Electra.

100 Years Ago February 9, 1907

T.E. Bowman, T.D. Roberts and D.E. Moody have contracts to build residences in Haskell.

W.P. Whitford, of the Cliff community, was in town and marketed some hogs and cotton.

Mary Williams, who has been visiting relatives at McCaulley, has returned home.

W.S. Fouts was in town in the interest of the telephone line he is trying to get established in his community.

J.L. McDaniel of the northwest part of the county, sold his hogs and beef cattle in the local market.

Dr. J.J. Harlan is building a residence on his place five miles northwest of town.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Get the Details On "Trial" or "Special" Offers

After signing up for a "trial" or "special" offer, consumers often contact the Office of the Attorney General to complain about unauthorized withdrawals from their bank accounts. Shocked, they ask why their financial institutions allow debits without the account owner's express permission. More often than not, however, the consumer has agreed to the fund withdrawal under the terms of the offer.

Companies often use special or trial offers as a way to promote their products and services. Their mail, telephone, or e-mail offers often convince a consumer to agree to a small purchase. To make the purchase, the consumer is required to supply a bank account number. The seller uses the account information to perform what is called a demand draft on the account.

Demand drafts are legitimate forms of payment. They are processed like a check with just a name, account number and amount. Demand drafts do not require a signature. Many people

use them as a convenient way to automatically pay monthly bills such as mortgages or car payments.

When you are dealing with a reputable business or company that you trust, demand drafts are a time-saving and efficient method of payment. Problems arise, however, when consumers purchase more than they intended. Many consumers report that their small, "one-time" purchase resulted in monthly drafts to their accounts, sometimes for amounts significantly greater than the original or trial offer.

Many trial offers will turn into a long-term contract unless the consumer cancels the contract within a certain period of time, usually within four to six weeks. In some cases, consumers report that it is difficult, if not impossible, to reach the seller to cancel the trial offer within the allotted time.

If you are considering a trial or special offer, proceed slowly if you are unfamiliar with the business or company. Do not provide financial information to

or make purchases from unsolicited contacts. Even if it sounds legitimate, seek independent information about the company on your own, and then contact the company yourself if you are still interested. You should be very suspicious of an offer that is only available if you take it on the spot.

Read the agreement carefully before you sign it. Be sure you are clear on how to cancel the purchase if you decide you do not like the product after trying it.

Anytime you authorize a draft on your bank account, make sure that you understand whether you are authorizing a one-time charge or a recurring charge. If you are authorizing a recurring charge, confirm the amount of future payments. Initial purchases may be for just a few dollars, but be sure you know the amount you will be charged after the "trial" or "special introductory price" has expired.

Remember that you are protected by the law. Federal law mandates that sellers must disclose conditions associated with their offers and obtain your

verifiable authorization before drafting your account. The seller must either get your written authorization, record your verbal authorization, or send you a written confirmation before they debit your bank account.

If your conversation is recorded, the seller must send you the date of the draft, the amount, the payer's name, the number of drafts, a telephone number where the company or business can be reached, and the date that you gave your oral authorization.

If a seller does not comply with these rules, ask for a refund. If you are refused a refund, contact your financial institution and advise them of the unauthorized draft. You may have to change your account number.

If you have a problem with a trial offer, try to resolve it with the seller first. If you are not satisfied with the response, contact your local better business bureau or file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General.

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Haskell Indians



HASKELL INDIANS: L-r: Coach Lolo Martinez, Travis Adams, Gregg Guzman, Raul Villarreal, Weston Rutkowski, Vicente Castillo, D.J. McCulloch, Samuel Bitner, Derek Agraz, A.J. Alvarez, James Haggard, John English and Coach Toby Villa. Front, Luke Terry, Jared Webb. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Fri., Feb. 9 • 6 p.m.

JV & Varsity Boys vs Hawley at Haskell

Tues., Feb. 13 • 6 p.m.

JV & Varsity Boys vs Stanton at Stanton

Haskell Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS: Front, l-r, Lauren Newton, Ashton Rutkowski, Haley Chavez, Hope Reid, Jasmine Thomas; back, Lacey Peiser, Chambray Bartley, Kimberly Medford, Sarah Garcia, Samantha Rodriguez, Molly Agraz, Hanna Wallace. Photo by Bill Blankenship

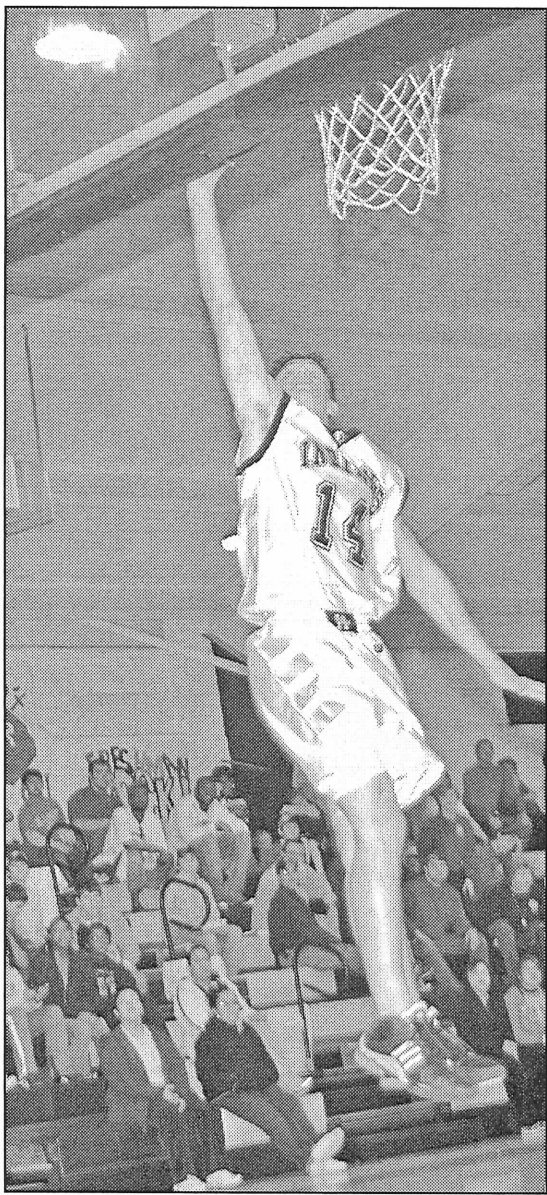
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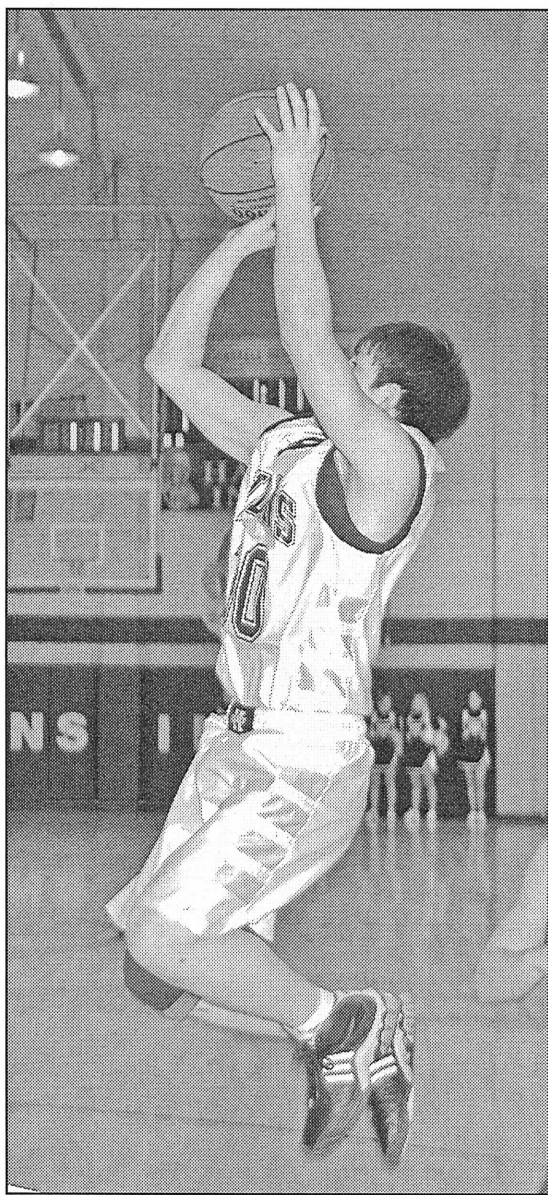
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SOARING INDIAN—Haskell's #14, Weston Rutkowski, makes 9 points in the Indians' 51 to 33 winning game with Stamford, Tues., Jan. 30.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



JUMPING TO SCORE—Haskell's Gregg Guzman, leaps to the basket to score 2 in the Indians' winning 51 to 33 game with Stamford, Jan. 30.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Students in the News



ROBBYN TRIBBEY

Robbyn Dyanmond Tribbey, a 2006 graduate of Haskell High School, was named to the Hardin-Simmons University President's list for the 2006 Fall Semester. She is enrolled in the Kelly

College of Business.

The President's list is awarded in recognition of students who attain a grade point average of 4.0. Tribbey who also received the Kelly-Tucker academic award, will graduate from Hardin-Simmons University in May of 2009.

Tribbey is the daughter of Robert and Lynette Tribbey of Haskell, and the granddaughter of Luther Meier of Old Glory.

Kolt S. Kittley of Rule, a junior sports/exercise sciences major, was named to the President's List at West Texas A&M University in Canyon for the fall 2006 semester.

Students on the President's List must have a grade point average of 4.0 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Pneumonia vaccine

Shaking and chills. Severe chest pain. Sweats. Labored breathing and quickened pulse. Those who've had pneumonia before know these and other painful symptoms firsthand.

Pneumonia is a lung inflammation caused by an infection with bacteria, viruses and other organisms. Combined with the flu, it is the seventh leading cause of U.S. deaths, reports the National Center for Health Statistics, with pneumonia consistently accounting for the overwhelming majority.

People especially at risk for pneumonia include the elderly, the very young and those with underlying health problems like

diabetes and heart disease.

The community-acquired pneumonia in adults is most often caused by the bacteria *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. Pneumococcal pneumonia accounts for 20,000 U.S. deaths each year and is the leading cause of vaccine-preventable death, said Mary Chavez, Pharm.D., chair and professor of pharmacy practice with the Texas A&M Health Science Center Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy.

Pneumococcal pneumonia can occur anytime during the year, but two types of vaccines can reduce the risk by 60-70 percent. The vaccines are especially recommended for those 65 and older and those 2 or older with chronic illnesses, including pulmonary or cardiovascular disease; weakened immune system; cochlear implants; and metabolic disorders, cerebral spinal leaks, renal dysfunction and hemoglobinopathies like sickle-cell disease.

The pneumococcal conjugate vaccine is also routinely administered to infants at 2, 4 and 6 months, followed by a booster dose at 12-15 months, to prevent seven types of penicillin-resistant strains causing invasive pneumococcal disease. Initiated in 2000, this vaccination policy has made a substantial impact in reducing pneumococcal sepsis and meningitis in children and adults, said Manjusha Gaglani, M.B.B.S., associate professor of pediatrics at the HSC-College of Medicine and a physician at Scott & White Hospital in Temple.

"The vaccines are the best way to prevent the disease," Dr. Chavez said. "One study estimated that if all currently unvaccinated elderly people in the United States were vaccinated with the pneumococcal vaccine, 78,000 years in healthy life would be gained, and \$194 million in health care would be saved."

Because pneumonia often occurs as a complication of influenza, people should get an annual flu vaccine, Dr. Gaglani said. This is especially true for those at high risk for influenza-related complications (i.e., those who are elderly, diabetic, pregnant, chronic care facilities residents or have chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, lung disease and kidney failure).

"Children ranging in age from six months to 59 months should get the flu vaccine, as well as household contacts and caregivers of anyone under 59 months old or of anyone with a high-risk condition," Dr. Gaglani said. "This is because the flu is often associated with pneumonia or followed by bacterial pneumonia, including that caused by MRSA (methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*) for which we have no vaccine."

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WEEK FEBRUARY 4-10



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Christopher Hall
Kyler Hoover
Devery Reed
Tanner Thomas
Evan Wheatley

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Lane Burson
Sam Fouts
Chase Gibson
Hayden Hudson
Jonathan Primen
Alec Roewe
Payton Thomas

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Patrick Pace, Leader
Tyke Meinzer, Leader
Jonah Caddell
Reed Lee
Cedar McIlwain
Riley Meinzer
Ryan Pace

Webelos II:

Kay Smith, Leader
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Cotton English
Jarred Escobedo
Gus Estrada
Seth Rock
Zachary Tatum
Micah Thomas
Aaron Waggoner
Max Weise

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Denton Reed
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Tyler Reese
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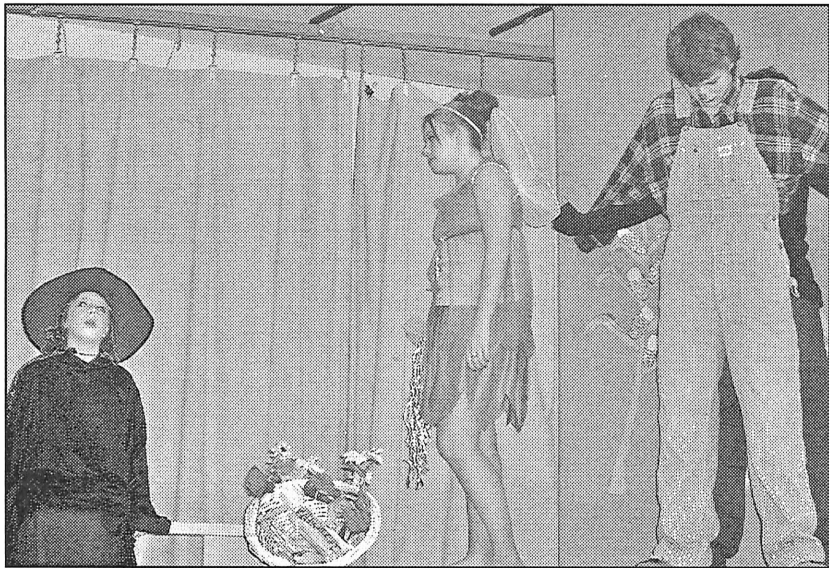
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Venturing Crew

A new Scouting organization in Haskell for boys and girls, ages 14 and out of the eighth grade through age 21. The high adventure program can include such adventures as skiing, backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing and shooting sports. To join, call anyone listed on the Venturing Crew staff.



PRESENTING "THE HAPPY SCARECROW"—Competing in the Junior High One Act Play contest in Aspermont, Nov. 29, are Paint Creek students, I-r, Haley Myers, as The Witch; Shana Armstrong, The Fairy; and Daren Wilson, the Scarecrow.

Paint Creek play wins third

Paint Creek Junior High School students recently competed in the District 10 Junior High One Act Play contest in Aspermont. The group placed third at the competition.

The students presenting the play, and the roles they portrayed were: Daren Armstrong, The Scarecrow; Shana Armstrong, The Fairy; Haley Myers, The

Witch; Josh White, The Man in the Audience; Briana Wigley, The Little Girl; Dillon Emert, The Old Man; Nathan Edwards, The Skunk; Addie Exum, The Jester; Curtis Bishop, The Scarehuman; Jordan Adkins, The King; Katrina Buerger, The Princess; Dylan Cooper, Payne Utley, Jacob Long and Kelsey Smith, Crew and Children Playing.

Two students were selected for the All American Cast, Haley Myers, The Witch, and Shana Armstrong, The Fairy.

Three students selected for Honorable Mention Cast were: Addie Exum, The Jester; Katrina Buerger, The Princess, and Daren Wilson, The Scarecrow.

Kailey McCord helped direct the play.

Haskell School Menu

**Feb. 12-16
Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast bagel
Tuesday: Pig in a blanket
Wednesday: Cereal, graham crackers
Thursday: Cheese omelet
Friday: Biscuit, sausage

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: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend mixed vegetables, hot roll, peaches

Tuesday: Corndogs, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, baby carrot with ranch dressing, pineapple tidbits

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, broccoli with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, Valentine's Day cake

Thursday: Frito pie, cheese, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, banana pudding

Friday: Barbeque on a bun, pickles, onions, curly fries, fresh fruit

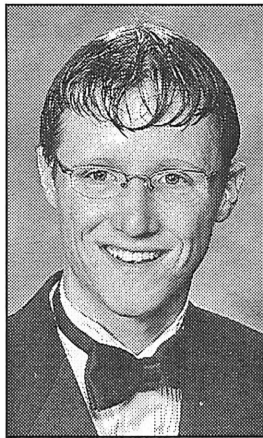
Students visit Rotary Club

Jared Webb is the son of Ronnie and Rae Webb of Haskell. He attends East Side Baptist Church.

In school he is active in the National Honor Society, the newspaper, as basketball manager and in UIL. He was a member of the state One Act Play.

He enjoys working at Modern Way.

After finishing high school, he plans to attend Angelo State University.



JARED WEBB

Paint Creek School Menu

**Feb. 12-16
Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Toast or cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Toast or cereal

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans,

rolls, chocolate cake

Tuesday: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, corn, salad, chips, peach cups

Wednesday: Turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, cake

Thursday: Beef and macaroni, fried okra, salad, bread, pudding

Friday: Ham or turkey sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, chips, fruit cups

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Feb. 12

Lunch—Ham and beans, garden salad, buttered corn, onion slice, cornbread, Devil's food cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Feb. 14

Lunch—Beef and mac, English peas, club spinach, garlic toast, cherry jello, sugar cookies, milk,

tea, or coffee

Fri., Feb. 16

Lunch—Meatballs, gravy, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, green salad, ooey gooey cake, milk, tea, or coffee

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

This Week's Devotional Message:



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

In just about a week from now
There'll be a special day
For which we all have made a vow
To send what will portray
How much we love someone we know,
In words that will combine
With lacy hearts and cupid's bow
In red and white design.

But love extends beyond a card
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It's meant to show our deep regard
For helping those in need.
Our Bible lessons underscore
Their messages divine;
That love is infinitely more
Than just a Valentine.

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Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
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201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
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1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
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Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

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1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Greg Gasaway, pastor
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Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
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Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
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First United Methodist Church

- Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
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- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- First Baptist Church**
Josh Stowe, pastor
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John Greeson, minister
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- 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. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

- Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

- Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

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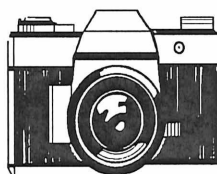
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PUBLIC NOTICE
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Rhonda Moeller
County Clerk 6-9c

NO. 4328
IN THE ESTATE OF
L.B. JONES, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY
COURT OF HASKELL
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of L.B. Jones, Deceased, were issued on December 7, 2006, in Cause No. 4328, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: Belva Jean Fleming.

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

c/o: Belva Jean Fleming,
481 Greenland Road, Bronte,
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Dated the 31st day of
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Tom A. Taylor
Attorney for Estate
State Bar No.: 19723700
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Telephone: 915-944-2756
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship of the Person and Estate of Wilbert Marshall Ticer were issued on January 31, 2007 in Cause No. 33G, pending in the County Court of

Haskell County, Texas, to: Covenant Outreach, LLC, Guardian of the Person and Estate of Wilbert Marshall Ticer.

The mailing address of the Guardian is in Taylor County, Texas, as follows: Covenant Outreach, LLC, c/o S. Clinton Nix, P.O. Box 59, Abilene, Texas 79604.

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Contract 6157-24-001 for REST AREA TOTAL MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND REPAIR in NOLAN County, etc. will be opened on March 8, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$4,920,000.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
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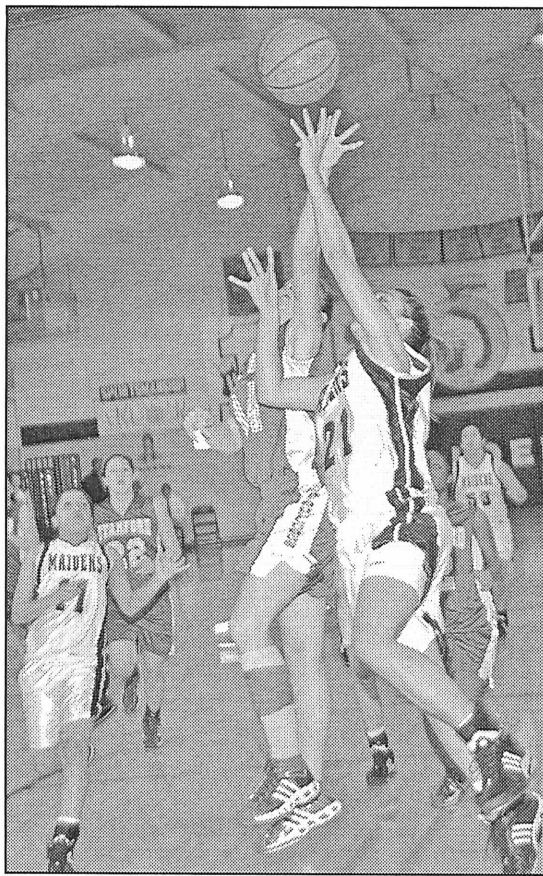
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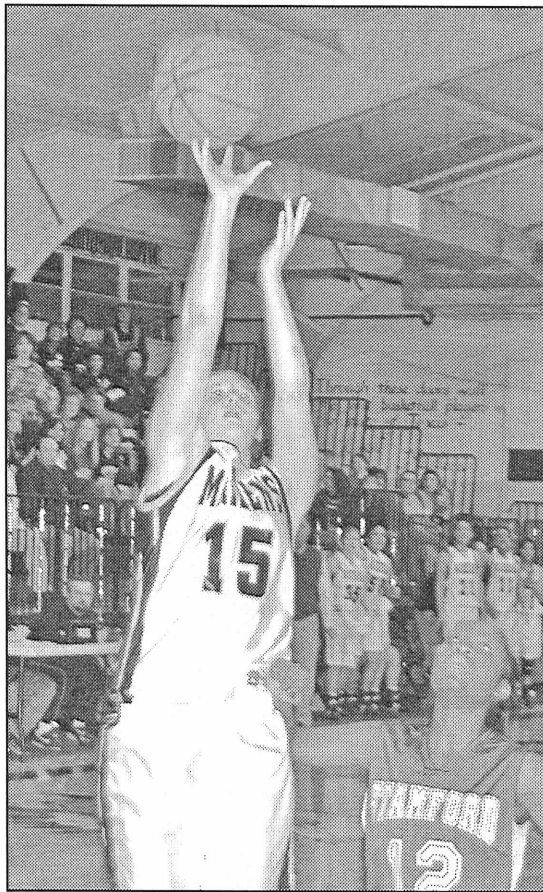
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TOP SCORING MAIDEN—Haskell's Samantha Rodriguez, #21, adds count with her total of 16 in the 49 to 32 win over Stamford Jan. 30.

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TIPPING IN THE BALL—Haskell Maiden, #15, Kim Medford, lays up score, making a total of 9 she added in the game with Stamford, Jan. 30.

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Area basketball scores

Girls
Haskell 49, Stamford 32
Scoring for Haskell: Samantha Rodriguez 16, Kimberly Medford 9, Molly Agraz 9, Lacey Peiser 4, Haley Chavez 3, Sarah Garcia, 2, Lauren Newton 2, Hope Reid 2, Hanna Wallace 2, Ashton Rutkowski 1.
JV score: Haskell 39, Stamford 9

Coahoma 46, Haskell 31
Scoring for Haskell: Kimberly Medford 9, Hanna Wallace 9, Lacey Peiser 6, Samantha Rodriguez 5, Molly Agraz 2.

Roby 48, Rule 33
Scoring for Rule: Ky. Scheets 8, Ke. Scheets 8, Brannan 6, Dudensing 5, Messenger 3, Lisle 2, Trussell 1.

Boys
Haskell 51, Stamford 33
Scoring for Haskell: D.J. McCulloch 21, Derek Agraz 9, Weston Rutkowski 9, Travis Adams 9, Gregg Guzman 2, John English 1.
JV score: Haskell 41, Stamford 28

Coahoma 43, Haskell 41
Scoring for Haskell: D.J. McCulloch 17, John English 9, Derek Agraz 4, Weston Rutkowski 4, Travis Adams 4, A.J. Alvarez 2, Gregg Guzman 1.

Rule 63, Roby 56
Scoring for Rule: Pace 12, Simpson 11, Spitzer 10, Wolfe 6, Saucedo 8, Rincon 7, Hall 5.

First Ag Credit declares dividend

The board of directors of First Ag Credit, Farm Credit Services recently declared approximately \$8.2 million in cash patronage payments for the year ending Dec. 31, 2006. The patronage will reduce most members' cost of borrowing by approximately 70 basis points, or almost three-quarters of a percent. This marks the ninth consecutive year that over 6,500 First Ag Credit stockholders will receive a cash payment, and they can expect their checks in early 2007.

With this year's declaration, First Ag Credit has returned more than \$57 million in cash patronage and stock retirements

to its stockholders since 2001. Keith Vandivere, chairman of the board from Lubbock, said, "The refund is a result of the financial strength of the association as well as our dedication to our members and their success."

Terry Dane, chief executive officer, said, "We are pleased that once again we are able to return a substantial cash patronage dividend to our stockholders. This is just an example of the value we try to provide our stockholders."

First Ag Credit, FCS, with over \$1.5 billion in total assets, serves 113 counties in Texas with 37 offices conveniently located throughout its territory.

Student in the News

Jonathan D. Hisey of Rule was named to the Texas Tech University President's Honor List, and to the Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Dean's List for scholastic achievement for the Fall 2006 Semester.

The President's Honor List was awarded in recognition of students who attained a grade point ratio of 4.0 during the semester. The Dean's List was

awarded to those who attained a grade point average of 3.5 or more.

Hisey is the son of Danny and Melinda Hisey, and grandson of John and Lou Hisey and Faye Webb, all of Rule.

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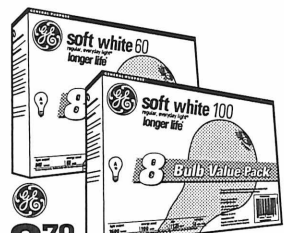
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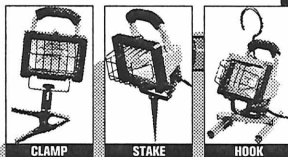
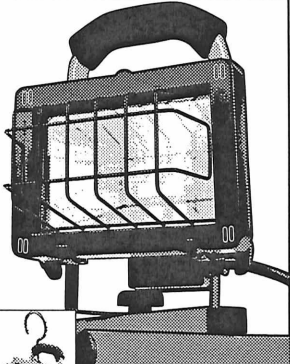
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