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### Baseball games

Haskell V vs Albany  
Fri., April 20, 5 p.m.  
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Haskell JV vs Olney  
Mon., April 23, 5 p.m.  
at Olney

Haskell V vs Olney  
Tues., April 24, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell

### Calendar

#### Benefit lunch

A chicken spaghetti lunch will be held Sun., April 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Proceeds will benefit Deshea Phemister who is planning a mission trip to Holland. Tickets are \$5 and are available at Heads or Tails Western Wear, Flatlands, Richardson's and at the door.

#### Ladies auxiliary

The Haskell Country Club is organizing a ladies' auxiliary. A meeting for those interested will be held Thurs., April 19 at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. Upcoming events, input and ideas will be discussed. Door prizes will be given away.

#### Senior dinner

The Paint Creek Seniors will hold a chicken fried steak dinner Sunday, April 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6.

#### Workshop

The Noah Project-North will host a workshop on "Protective Order" for area law enforcement personnel and other interested persons Thurs., April 26 at noon at the Munday Fire Dept. Kelly Night, Noah Project, Inc. attorney, will be the speaker. Lunch will be available. The workshop is free. RSVP to Sheriff Dean Homstad 454-2211 or Donna Sue Anders 864-2551.

#### Cinco de mayo

St. George Catholic Church will hold a Cinco de Mayo volleyball tournament. First, second and third place t-shirts and trophies will be awarded. Deadline to enter is May 3. Contact Joe Martinez 864-5245 or 864-5125 or Jose Contreras 864-2770 for details.

#### Youth baseball

Haskell Youth Baseball is registering youths of Haskell County ages 4 to 12 years of age as of July 31, 2001. Try outs will be held Sat. April 21 at 2 p.m. at the Youth Baseball field. Boys ages 6 to 12 years old and not on a team last year must try out. Registration forms must be turned in by Thurs., April 19. For information call Nathan Frierson 864-2894 or Sammy Bitner 864-2186.

#### Parental awareness

Community members are invited to attend a parental awareness program "The Games Children Play" Thurs., April 26 at 6 p.m. in the Haskell High School Auditorium. This program is for adults only and was developed to make parents aware of the negative influences on our children outside of the home. Garry Parker, Safety Education Trooper, will present the multi media program. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served. The presentation is sponsored by Haskell CISD, Haskell Police Dept., Haskell Co. Sheriff's Office, County Attorney and District Attorney in an effort to keep our children safe.

#### Golf scramble

The Haskell Country Club will hold Thursday Night Golf Scrambles beginning Thurs., April 19. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be served. For more information call 864-3018 or 864-3400.

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REGIONAL QUALIFIERS—Haskell's first and second winners in the Dist. 8-2A meet will advance to Regional competition. Girls, l-r, are: Leslie Grand, 1st in 400 relay; Tiffany Lindsey, 1st in 800m; Stephanie Hodge, 1st in 100m and 200m; Nikki Wallace,

1st in relay; Brittany Lindsey, 1st in relay; Lynzie Harlan, 1st in relay. Boys, l-r, Eddie Loyd, 2nd in high jump; Melvin Garcia, 1st in 800, 2nd in 3,200; Tyrone Billington, 1st in 100m, 2nd in 200; Jesse Martinez, 1st in 400m. At right is Track Coach Darrell Hunt.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Tracksters going to regional

The District 8-2A track meet was held Friday, April 13 at Haskell.

#### Girls

Haskell High School won third with 117 points.  
Long jump - 3. Hodge, Haskell, 15-11 1/4.  
400 relay - 1. Haskell 50.02  
800 - 1. Lindsey, Haskell, 2:24.87  
800 relay - 2. Haskell, 1:48.06  
200 - 1. Hodge, Haskell, 25.51  
100 - 1. Hodge, Haskell, 11.65  
1,600 relay - 2. Haskell 4:11.01

#### Boys

Haskell High School won third place with 102 points.  
High jump - 2. Loyd, Haskell, 6-0  
3,200 - 2. Garcia, Haskell, 10:36.77  
400 - 3. Haskell 43.88  
800 - 1. Garcia, Haskell, 2:04.58  
100 - 1. Billington, Haskell, 10.33; 3. Diaz, Haskell, 11.03  
400 - 1. Martinez, Haskell, 49.90  
300 hurdles - 3. Tidrow, Haskell, 43.56  
200 - 2. Billington, Haskell, 22.64  
1,600 relay - 3. Haskell 3:28.39

## Parental Awareness Program to be presented

Thursday, April 26, all community members are invited to a parental awareness program at 6 p.m. in the Haskell High School auditorium. "The Games Children Play," a multi media presentation, was designed following the school shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. This program encourages parents to be involved in their children's lives. Following the program free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served to those attending.

The program will be presented by Garry Parker, Senior Trooper, Texas Department of Public Safety. He works as the uniformed public information officer in the Austin area. Trooper Parker designed the program to make parents aware of the negative influences on our children outside of the home.

Parents, teachers and community members may be shocked at what they will see. Subjects covered include movies,

television, music, cultic involvement and role-playing. This program is for the **Adult Audience Only** and no students will be admitted. Games and other activities will be available in the little gym for children. They will be supervised by school personnel.

This program is being sponsored by Haskell CISD, the Haskell Police Department, the Haskell County Sheriff's Office, the Haskell County Attorney and Haskell District Attorney in an effort to keep our children safe.

## Diabetes support group to organize

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
A support group for persons with diabetes and family members of persons with diabetes will hold an organizational meeting Tuesday, May 1. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Haskell County Extension Office.

The group is planning to meet quarterly. Meeting day and time will be decided by the group at this

first meeting.

If you are interested in being placed on a mailing list to receive more detailed information about these support group meetings and/or if you would like more information, contact Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent-FCS, in the County Extension Office located at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell. The phone number is (940) 864-2546.

## District 8-2A golf tournament results

The first round of the District 8-2A golf tournament was held Thursday, April 5 at River Creek Golf Course in Burkburnett.

The second round was held Monday, April 9 at Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene.

#### Girls

Team standings - 1. Olney 396-387 - 783; 2. Albany 447-408 - 855; 3. Haskell 459-438 - 897.

Haskell - L. Harlan 117-111 - 228; T. Mathis 123-114 - 237; B. Smith 113-110 - 223; A. Perry 106-103 - 209; M. Kennedy 143-136 - 279.

#### Boys

Team standings - 1. Olney 305-

299 - 604; 2. Anson 325-313 - 638; 3. Albany 353-349 - 702; 4. Hamlin 370-337 - 707; 5. Anson II 352-363 - 715; 6. Haskell 365-367 - 732; 7. Stamford 373-385 - 758; 8. Haskell II 428-437 - 865.

Haskell - K. Hunt 92-90 - 182; R. Hairgrove 89-90 - 179; L. Goudeau 92-95 - 187; Z. McGuire 98-93 - 191; O. Garcia 92-94 - 186.

Haskell II - C. Coker 99-109 - 208; S. Kennedy 105-103 - 208; L. Cole 109-114 - 223; D. Fouts 116-111 - 228; D. Tribbey 115-118 - 233.

Also participating was R. Burgess, Haskell, 130-151 - 281.

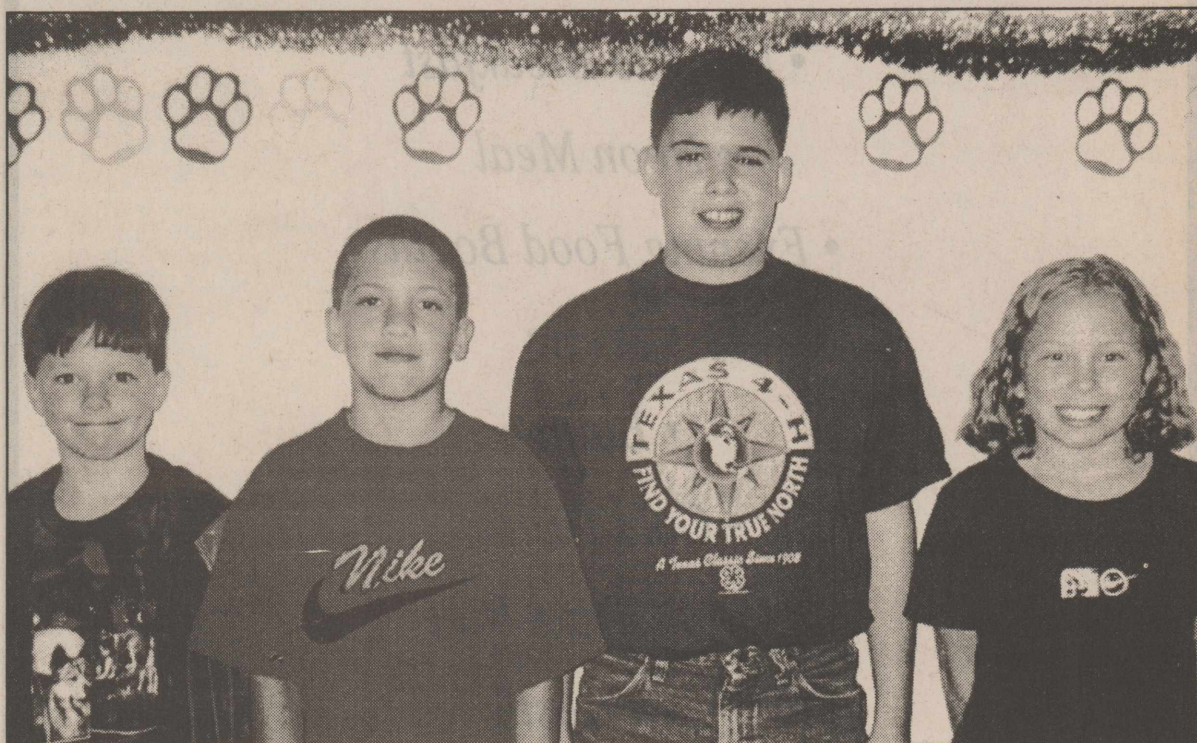
## Book Fair set April 30-May 4

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Haskell Elementary School Monday, April 30 through Friday, May 4 to bring exciting books and learning products from more than 150 publishers to readers of all ages. The book fair will be in the Haskell Elementary Library from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until noon Friday, May 4. The proceeds from this event will help raise funds for special projects and materials for the elementary library.

The book fair features traditional

children's favorites and new works by popular authors and illustrators. Parents and teachers will find plenty to interest them, too. The fair is open to the community and everyone is welcome. When you visit the fair, look for the Classroom Wish List display to see how you can help build your child's classroom library.

The book fair helps promote learning and encourages young readers. Don't miss out on the Scholastic Book Fair. For more information, call 864-6146.



MOTIVATED STUDENTS—Rule Elementary students qualifying for the Motivation for Academic Performance (MAP) Program were recognized for their efforts in scoring high on last year's TAAS tests. The 4th and 5th graders are eligible to participate in the MAP program which focuses on motivation, reinforces positive academic performance and shares information on educational opportunities. From the left are: Christopher Hamilton (4th), Adam Vasquez (5th), Kiel Rowan (5th), and Molly Dudensing (4th).

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- Noon Meal
- Evening Food Booths
  - Music
  - Bingo
  - Cold Drinks
  - Kid's Train Ride
  - Air Castle
- Trophies presented to top three places
- Other kid's games

**Coming Events**

**Noah Project**

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., April 20 at noon.

**Storm sirens**

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

**Paint Creek reunion**

Lyla Mary (Mickler) Isbell is upgrading addresses of alumni for the upcoming Paint Creek Reunion. Addresses may be submitted to Mrs. Isbell at 705 N. Ave. E Apt. 3, Haskell, Texas 79521 or to TaTa@westex.net.

**Class of '61 reunion**

The Haskell class of 1961 will meet for a 40th reunion Sat., April 21 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Friends and parents are invited for coffee from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Classmates should refer to letter for other activities.

**Immunizations**

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., April 19 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.

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**Obituaries**

**Gary C. Sharp**

Funeral services for Gary C. Sharp, 48, of Snyder were held Mon., April 16 in the Faith Baptist Church in Snyder with Rev. Larry White, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Sharp died Thurs., April 12 in Lubbock as a result of a motorcycle accident.

Born Jan. 10, 1953 in Haskell, he married Margie Hopper Oct. 27, 1979 in Colorado City. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1971. He had been an employee of TXU Gas for the last 10 years. He was an avid motorcyclist and was associated with the Christian

**Henrietta Vanderworth Rueffer**

Funeral services for Henrietta Vanderworth Rueffer, 90, of Haskell were held Wed., April 18 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell with Pastor Gary Bruns officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rueffer died Sun., April 15. Born May 28, 1910 in Old Glory in Stonewall County, she was the daughter of Oscar and Dora Rinn Vanderworth. She married Gustave A. Rueffer Jan. 28, 1941. He preceded her in death June 17, 1996. She was a homemaker and member of Trinity Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School and was a member of the WELCA. She was a 60 year member of the Texas Extension Homemakers Association, Mattson Home Demonstration Club and later the FCE Club of Weinert.

Motorcycle Association. He was a devoted member of Faith Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lola Mae Sharp.

Survivors include his wife, Margie, of Snyder; one son, Thaddeus Sharp of Snyder; two daughters, Daniell Sharp of Snyder and Shelley Shields and husband, Cody, of Lubbock; his father, Melvin Sharp of Rule; one brother, Randy Sharp and wife, Terri, of Abilene; one sister, Karen Sharp McClure of Lubbock; one granddaughter, Lillyan Digby of Snyder; and two nephews and two nieces.

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She enjoyed gardening and crocheting and dancing with her husband.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Gladys Grice Branscum.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathryn of Haskell; three grandchildren, Russell Schonerted and wife, Linda, of Buffalo Gap, Randall Schonerted and wife, Lisa, of Stamford, Kimberly Pierce and husband, Marty, of Las Vegas, Nevada; eleven great grandchildren; three brothers, Eugene Vanderworth of Houston, Lee Roy Vanderworth of Stamford and O. D. Vanderworth of Littleton, Colo.; one sister, Leona Teichelman of Sagerton and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell.

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**Substitutes are TEEA topic**

The Haskell TEEA met in the county extension kitchen for their monthly meeting. Discussion of future events and business of the day preceded the program for April.

Safety and substitutes at home with non-toxic products was the topic for the month, led by Shirley Reed and Ruth Klose. Many alternatives are available for cleaning, disinfecting and odor removal. Some good ones are: vinegar - to remove mineral deposits, grease, soap scum, or mildew buildup.

Baking soda as deodorizer, to extinguish grease fires, soften hard water, use as underarm deodorant and as a toothpaste.

Borax with lemon juice to clean toilet bowl.

Glass-cleaner: use one part vinegar and one part water solution, cornstarch-vinegar-and-water solution, or lemon juice-and-water. Wipe with newspaper unless you are sensitive to the inks in newspaper.

Grease cutter: 1 cup of lemon juice + 1 cup of water.

Scouring powder: 1 cup of

baking soda + enough water to form a paste.

Laundry stain remover: 1 tsp. of white vinegar or baking soda per machine load.

Toilet bowl cleaner: a cup of vinegar (leave overnight and flush the next day).

Floor and furniture polish: 2 parts vegetable oil + 1 part lemon juice (for leather furniture: 1 cup vinegar + 1 cup linseed oil).

Metal cleaners (brass and copper): lemon juice + salt to form

a paste or a lemon wedge dipped in baking soda or hot white vinegar + salt or hot ketchup applied with a rag.

Rug and carpet cleaner: baking soda.

Flies: well-watered bowl of basil.

Moth repellent: Cedar chips in cotton sachets.

Roach repellent: Chopped bay leaves and cucumber skins.

Members are reminded to be working on their projects for cultural Arts Day.

**Area 9-A and 10-A Track Meet results**

The Area 9-A and 10-A track meet was held at Hamlin Thursday, April 12.

**Girls**

Team totals - 8. Rule 37; 13. Rochester 8; 18. Paint Creek 0

Triple jump - 1. Tara Lisle, Rule, 31-11

Long jump - 2. Tara Lisle, Rule, 15-2

**Boys**

Team totals - 11. Rochester 9; 15. Rule 5; 17. Paint Creek 1

Shot put - 2. Wes Herode, Rochester, 41-6

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## Miller, Thompson wed in Las Vegas

Helen Ember Miller and Arthur R. "Bobby" Thompson, III, both of Abilene, were married Mar. 10 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Reverend Gary L. Shroyer of the Little Chapel of the Flowers performed the ceremony in the Victorian Chapel.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller of Haskell. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Thompson, II of Abilene.

Penny Anderson of Haskell was matron of honor. The father of the groom served as best man.

A rehearsal dinner was held Mar. 9 at the Hollywood Brown Derby at the MGM Grande Hotel. Attending

were Brandon and Penny Anderson of Haskell, Steve and Karen Warner of Abilene, Sharon Hutchison of Canyon, the groom's paternal grandmother of Groom, and his father.

The bride is a graduate of Haskell High School, and Tarleton State University with a BSW. She is attending the University of Texas Austin as a graduate student in the School of Social Work. She is employed by Hospice of the Big Country.

The groom is a graduate of Abilene High School and McMurry University with a BBA. He is employed by Senior Living Properties/Haskell Healthcare.

## Esme Glenn presents watercolor program

The Brazos West Art Club held a meeting in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Esme Glenn, well-known Abilene artist, was the guest for the evening. She chose watercolor for her medium. Glenn's subject matter was painting tulips from snapshots. She gave many tips for recovering a painting. A lot of information was given for beginning and more advanced watercolorists.

Glenn brought a number of frames watercolor florals for members to view.

Club members shared their recent pen and ink drawings as well as their artistically decorated note cards.

Alice Partridge and Martha Spitzer served refreshments from a table decorated in a tulip theme.

Those present included Esme Glenn, Ruth Ann Klose, Denia Cunningham, Martha Spitzer, Bobbie Harrison, Alice Partridge, Jenny Lyckman, Fern Livengood, Anita Herren and Peggy Middlebrook. Guests were Faye Simpson of Rule and Frances Olson of Stamford.

## Elementary teachers speak to Study Club

Haskell Elementary teachers Peggy Hairgrove and Martha Jarred were guest speakers, Thurs., Apr. 12, at the Haskell Progressive Study Club's Education and Youth Literacy Program.

The speakers were introduced by former Haskell teacher, Mary Martin, who once had them as students in her classes.

Both of the teachers are trained in the Reading Recovery program which was started in 1984 in New Zealand through educational and psychological studies by Marie Clay into why some kids can and some kids can't read. Through its training, teachers are provided strategies and techniques for helping first year students with their reading and writing handicaps.

Hairgrove, who is in her fourth year with the program said the program is research based, with continuing classes in research and strategies. Adapted in the Haskell school in 1996, the method is also used in 48 states, the District of Columbia and in several other countries.

Testing for those who most need the help begins with all first time 1st graders, she said. The twelve weeks program provides a safety net

for them as they begin their schooling and learn how to think for themselves.

Martha Jarred, in her fifth year with the program, said that by taking into the program those youngsters on the lower spectrum of the test scores helps teachers identify and take on the student's problems early. Building on their individual strengths provides scaffolding as the child makes progress and learns that writing and print convey a message.

To open the club program, president Judy Patterson welcomed the group. Nelda Lane led the pledge to the American flag, and Frances Lane led the pledge to the Texas flag.

Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Mesquite District president, Mary Kaigler, gave a brief report on the District Convention held in Moran, Mar. 31. She announced the TFWC State Convention will be held in San Angelo, May 2-5.

In appreciation of the guest speakers, an honorarium will be given in their name to the Haskell County Library.

Hostesses for the meeting were Nelda Lane, Joan Medford, Anita Herren and Oleta Cornelius.

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## Births

Danny and Teresa Ogden would like to announce the arrival of their daughter Breanna Lea. She was born April 4 at 12:51 a.m. and was 7 lbs., 3oz. and 19 inches long. Breanna is welcomed home by big

sister Anna Marie Isbell. Paternal grandparents are W. L. and Geneva Ogden of N. Little Rock, Ark. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Anita Crain of Haskell.

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# OPINION



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**AUSTIN** — Texas Tech University Chancellor John Montford has more than Bobby Knight to worry about.

The recent hiring of the controversial basketball coach got Texas Tech increased national name recognition and may get it more.

While Montford clearly thinks giving Knight a job will be good for Texas Tech, and West Texas, the former state senator told a group of Panhandle newspaper publishers last week that he is concerned about the future of West Texas.

Actually, the troubling issues West Texans face are about the same anywhere in rural Texas.

Montford did not tick off all the problems, but these are the big ones:

- Population has decreased in many West Texas counties.
- Health care options for many are shrinking as small town hospitals shut their doors.
- Access to the information super highway is not so easy in rural areas.

Montford pledged that Texas Tech will be doing everything it can to improve quality of life in Texas.

One thing Montford can't do is vote for House Bill 7, a measure that would create a new state agency charged with focusing on rural issues.

Pampa Rep. Warren Chisum's bill would amend the Government Code to provide for an Office of Rural Community Affairs.

The bill requires the office to develop a rural policy for Texas and work with other agencies and officials to generally improve the quality of life in rural Texas.

Specifically, the measure charges the agency with developing programs to improve leadership in rural communities, administer federal community

development block grant programs, run programs to support community health care and research and monitor developments relating to rural Texas.

"This bill is the building block," said Charles Stone, administrative assistant to co-sponsor Rep. Judy Hawley of Portland. "It's the foundation bill for rural oversight and development."

HB 7 is out of committee and on its way to the Senate, Stone said.

"It's on the fast track to passage," he said.

If the law goes into effect on Sept. 1, the new agency will have its work cut out for it.

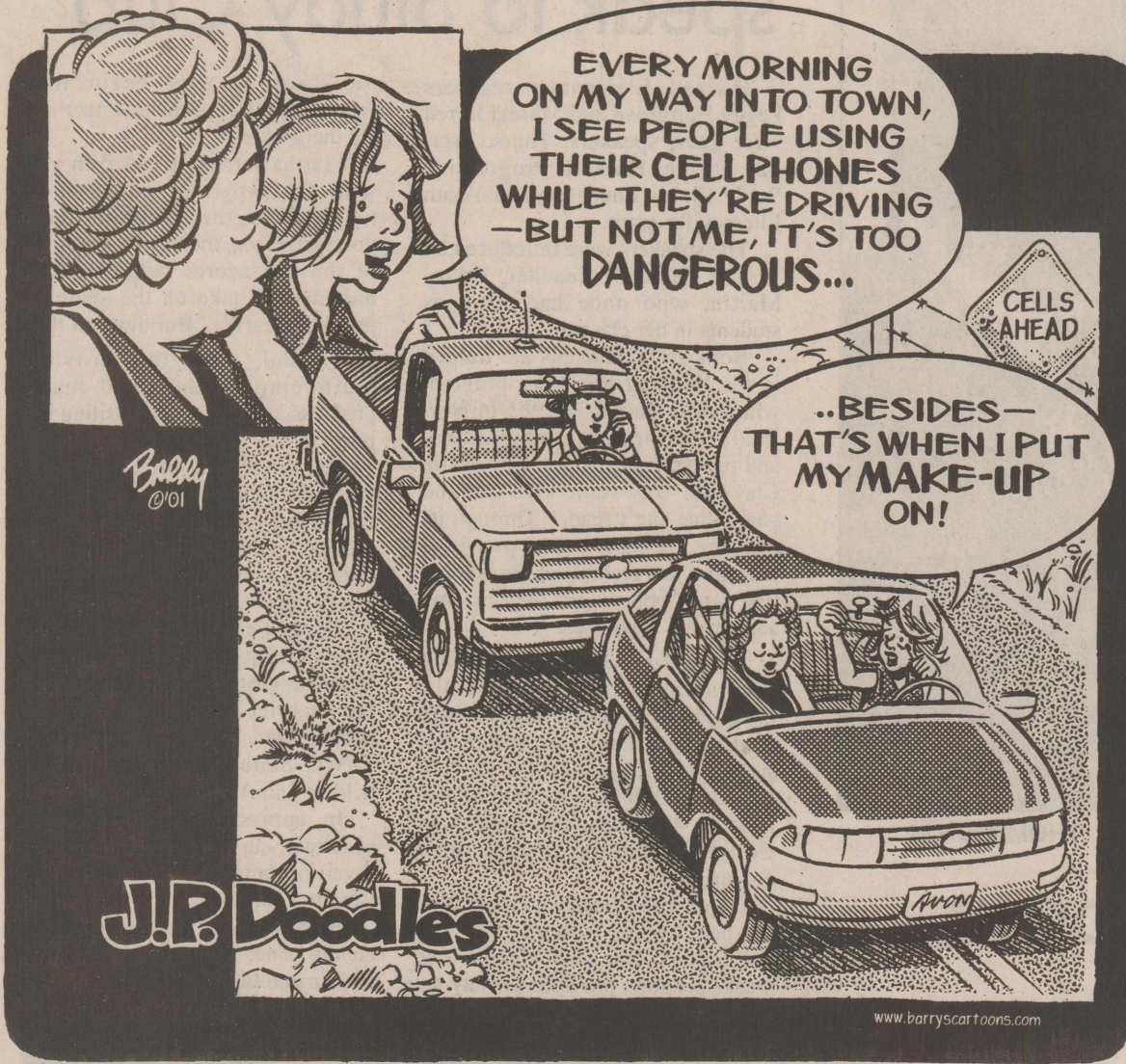
As one bill analyst put it: "Social and economic forces in rural Texas have led to post offices and hospitals being closed or consolidated; home-owned cafes, department stores, and banks being replaced by national chains; smaller and smaller graduating classes; downtowns being bypassed by highway loops; and empty store fronts on main street."

**Hey, nobody's perfect**  
The biggest financial transaction most people ever get involved in is the purchase or sale of a house.

When it comes to signing on the dotted line, an honest licensed real estate broker is almost as important as a competent doctor when you're wheeled into surgery.

The watchdog agency for real estate brokers is the Texas Real Estate Commission. It does not get a lot of media attention, but it stays busy.

Though Texas has thousands of real estate agents who play by the rules, the commission disciplined 44 brokers from November through February. Infractions ranged from not making good on hot checks to failing to complete mandatory training. Penalties varied from probation to license revocation.



## Foot-and-Mouth Disease prevention measures listed

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman said the USDA will continue to be vigilant in its efforts to prevent foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) from entering the United States, including intensified scrutiny and inspections at ports of entry and a temporary import prohibition of swine, ruminants and products that could potentially carry the virus from the European Union and other countries that have confirmed cases of this animal disease.

In a get-acquainted meeting, European Union Commissioner David Byrne and Secretary Veneman discussed many issues of interest including trade, biotechnology and the current FMD situation. The meeting was very productive and both look forward to working together on various issues in the future.

"We had a very productive and cordial meeting," said Secretary Veneman. "We discussed a wide range of issues important to our countries and we look forward to working together and continuing to strengthen relationships."

Among other important issues, they discussed the current FMD situation in Europe and the current U. S. temporary prohibition of certain products from the European Union. The Secretary gave no indication of a regionalization or lifting of the temporary restrictions at this time.

"This is a very difficult situation and we certainly recognize the extensive efforts that the EU and the member states are taking to control the current outbreak," said Veneman. "We will continue reviewing our policies but remain concerned about the spread of FMD within the EU and the risk of introduction into the United States. Given the current situation, we are

not prepared to lift any restrictions at this time."

The United States continues to safeguard American agriculture from FMD and all other foreign animal diseases. Since the outbreak of the disease in parts of Europe and other countries, USDA has strengthened its protections, which include:

1. Establishing an emergency operations center to coordinate communications, answer technical questions and provide consumer/traveler information about FMD and other related issues. Toll-free numbers include: Technical questions - 1-800-601-9327; Consumer/Traveler Hotline: 1-866-SAFEGUARD.
2. Heightened alert and increased inspections at ports of entry, borders and airports to ensure passengers, luggage and cargo are checked as appropriate. This includes redirecting 150 inspectors to critical ports of entry and plans are underway to double the number of dog teams at airports to check incoming flights and passengers. USDA currently has nearly 2,000 inspection personnel assigned to these facilities and ports of entry.
3. Heightened alert and increased coordination of programs in states across the country, USDA has more than 450 veterinary officials throughout the country that partner with state and local agriculture officials to ensure appropriate protections are in place to prevent the entry and potentially detect FMD in the United States. USDA has been coordinating and meeting regularly with appropriate federal, state, industry and university officials since the recent FMD cases were discovered. These groups include regional USDA officials, Customs, Defense, state agriculture and veterinary officials,

university experts and airline/travel industry representatives.

4. Prohibiting travelers from Europe and other FMD countries from carrying into the United States any agricultural products, particularly animal products, that could spread FMD. Violations could result in penalties of up to \$1,000. Passengers are required to identify any visits to farms or rural areas to Customs and USDA officials. All travelers/baggage are subject to inspection by USDA/Customs officials and dog teams and disinfection of footwear/clothing may be required for some travelers.
5. Dispatching teams of experts, including 40 Federal, State and university veterinarians, to the United Kingdom to assist in surveillance and eradication of FMD.
6. Heightened awareness and monitoring the FMD situation worldwide to ensure proper protections are in place in other countries that have confirmed cases of the animal disease.
7. Implementing a renewed public education campaign for travelers that includes additional signage/information in airports, public service announcements, information hotlines and an extensive website with public information about this important issue and steps that can be taken to prevent FMD and other exotic diseases and pests from entering the United States.

USDA continues to review its current APHIS programs and staffing to ensure appropriate resources are available to prevent the entry of FMD into the United States, both short and long-term. USDA continues to review emergency operations plans to ensure appropriate response mechanisms are in place (federal/state) to act quickly if FMD were ever to enter the United States. This includes continuing ongoing research, including possible vaccination methods, increased surveillance and regulatory controls.

While FMD does not pose a health risk to humans, it is highly contagious to livestock and could cost billions in containment and eradication if detected in the United States.

FMD is a highly contagious and economically devastating disease of ruminants and swine. The United States has been free of FMD since 1929. FMD is one of the animal diseases that livestock owners dread most because it spreads widely and rapidly and because it has grave economic consequences.

Current information on foot-and-mouth disease and traveler questions and answers are available on the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov>.

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago

**April 18, 1991**  
Michael Shawn Wallace of Haskell and Shannon Wayne Forehand of Rochester will receive a BS in pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Casey Coleman won first place in the high jump in the junior varsity division of the district 7-2A track meet with a jump of 5'8".

Tina Marie Lacey, student at West Texas State University, has been selected as an "Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1991." She is the daughter of Betty Sue Lacey and the late Herman Lacey.

### 20 Years Ago

**April 16, 1981**  
Art Williams, a second year student at Texas Tech University School of Law, has received the American Jurisprudence Award for excellence in the study of evidence. Williams is a 1975 graduate of Haskell High School.

Matt Perry and Thula Perry attended the third birthday party of Kayla Perry in Garland. Kayla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Perry.

Weinert 4-H leaders, Mrs. Tom Yates, Mrs. Tiffen Mayfield and Mrs. Jerry Hester took seven 4-H'ers to Abilene and attended the Annual Fashion Extravaganza. The 4-H'ers are Kelly Earp, Laurie Hester, Tina Briscoe, Priscilla Turner, Karen McGuire, Stacia Adams and Diana Carroll.

### 30 Years Ago

**April 22, 1971**  
Gail Barnett and Karen Pippin, winners of the Progressive Study Club's Americanism contest, presented their prize winning essays at the noonday meeting of the Lions Club.

Jan Allison won first place in the junior division of the vegetable and fruit group of the Haskell County 4-H Food Show held at Rule. Kris Kupatt won second and Jami Barbee won third.

Randy Stone of Haskell won second in the pole vault at the District 7-AA track meet held at Abilene Christian College.

### 40 Years Ago

**April 20, 1961**  
Charlotte Redwine, a junior in Haskell High School, has been presented a trophy naming her "The Most Outstanding Homemaking Student of 1961."

The American Legion Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. Hardin Cofield. Mrs. Martin Rueffer gave the program on Child Welfare.

A Haskell business woman, Mrs. Opal Dotson, has been named recipient of the Business and Professional Women's Club "Woman of the Year" award.

Work was started last week by Contractor Ervin Frierson and a crew of workmen under T. J. Bruggeman on removing a wall in the Pierson Building, which will double the floor space for the Ben Franklin Store.

### 50 Years Ago

**April 19, 1951**  
The Paint Creek seniors will sponsor a box supper in the auditorium with Olen Dotson of Haskell as auctioneer. The seniors are Clyde Thomas, Cecil Toliver, James Raughton, Jerry Terrell, Jerry Thane, Jack Alston, Billy Hughes, David Kohout, Othella Moody, Mary Bounds, Dorothy Overton and Clovis Coleman.

Burford Cox, Haskell automobile dealer and stock farmer, has been named to the membership in the American Hereford Association.

Haskell County's four precinct commissioners attended the annual meeting of the West Texas County Judge and Commissioners' Association. Commissioners attending were Pete Segro of Prec. 1, Drew Emerson of Prec. 2, M. B. Cobb of Prec. 3 and David Strickland of Prec. 4.

### 90 Years Ago

**April 22, 1911**  
H. H. Franklin, the tent show man, is in town and has announced that he would open the spring and summer season with his big tent show in this city.

County Health Officer Dr. H. N. Robertson reports that all scarlet fever cases are doing well and that a strict quarantine is being enforced.

Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Fields left Wed. for San Antonio to attend the Battle of Flowers.

**Go Indians!  
Go Maidens!**

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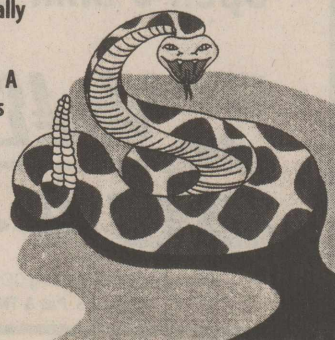
## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Caution... Camouflaged Critters on the Slither

Texas is home to four categories of poisonous snakes, including coral snakes, copperheads, cottonmouths (water moccasins) and rattlesnakes. In Texas, you are four times more likely to be killed by lightning than a poisonous snakebite, but taking precautions is key to snakebite prevention.

#### Snakebite precautions:

- Walk heavily; snakes may sense ground vibrations and slither away before you approach them.
- Wear boots and long pants outdoors, especially when walking in tall grass.
- Do not handle snakes, even if they are dead. A reflex strike from a dead snake can be just as dangerous as a bite by a live one.
- Do not thrust hands or feet into dark areas or areas where snakes may be resting — under rocks, woodpiles, logs or brush.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)), the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and [www.gorp.com](http://www.gorp.com).



# Haskell bands compete at UIL contests

The Haskell High School Band and 8th Grade Band received clinician help to prepare for the UIL Concert and Sightreading contests. The bands received their consultation from Don Thoede of Clifton. Thoede is a retired band director that conducts clinics, adjudicates and consults full-time across the state of Texas. His last ten years of teaching were at Clifton High School where his bands received nine consecutive UIL Sweepstakes Awards. His bands at Clifton made it to the UIL State Marching Contests finals four times placing as high as second. His concert bands reached the TMEA Honor Band finals and the state finals of the ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series which he is now the state chair. The highest point of his career may have been receiving the 1996 Denius - UIL Sponsor Excellence Award. It is the highest honor given in the state for UIL

sponsors. After the band received their consultation, Haskell Band Director, Michael Copeland, received private instruction and critique of his conducting and teaching. "It is often hard to have an individual be blunt about how you do your job. We wanted Thoede's help with our band program and that includes putting my ego aside to receive personal criticism as well. I have known Mr. Thoede for nearly 15 years. It was worth the time having him work with our students as well as their director," said Copeland.

Thoede listened Monday, April 2 to the band and gave a few instructions to Copeland. He had to judge contests in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday. He returned Thursday and Friday to complete the week.

The High School Band performed Wednesday, April 11 at Anson High School for UIL. They

received a 2-1-2 split in the Concert contest and a 1-2-2 split in the Sightreading contest. It was a day of improvement for the program. It was a Division 2 rating overall, but it was the first 1's given in three years to the high school band by any individual judge. "It is often easy to get mad or discouraged when your group is one judge away from a Division 1 rating. But our students have come so far since last spring, it is incredible," said Copeland. "If they continue to work this hard into the fall, we should bring up our marching ratings as well." The High School Band will compete in the 31st Sandy Lake Amusement Park Fun Fest April 19 in Dallas.

The 8th Grade Band made their UIL debut at Cooper High School in Abilene April 12. They received a straight 2 split for a Division 2 rating in Concert and a 2-3-3 split in Sightreading. They were entered at a subvarsity level because it has been over a decade, if ever, that a

junior high band from Haskell had been entered in this UIL contest. "They did a great job. It was a good learning experience. We only have five seniors in the High School Band, so these 37 will make a significant contribution to the size and performance of next year's High School Band," said Copeland. Dates are being set in May for the Spring concerts.

## McFadden named to SWAT team

Brandon McFadden, a Lubbock Police Officer for the past two years, was recently selected to the department's SWAT Negotiator team.

Applicants for the positions had to be recommended by peers and supervisors within the department. After their recommendation, applicants had to pass a physical test and an oral interview board before being selected. McFadden was one of three officers named to the team.

He is the son of Arvil and Mary Ann McFadden of Haskell and is a 1995 graduate of Haskell High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University. He and his wife, Stephanie, reside in Lubbock.

Coming to Haskell Church of Christ April 21, 2001

Raising Kids Who Turn Out Right!



Our Resource Speaker will be Dan Rogers. Dan currently serves as the Family Minister, Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Athens, Texas for the last 6 years. He has extensive background in children and youth education serving as a Parent Child Director for the YMCA and Youth Minister for 15 years. He and his wife, Becky, have 3 children of their own, Allie, Ben and Blake.

### Four Exciting Sessions

1. Parenting with a Plan
2. Parenting with Assurance
3. Parenting with Courage
4. Parenting by Example

- Pre-registration will start Sunday, April 8, 2001 - Simply call and let us know you are coming.
- The Seminar will begin at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 21.
- A free hamburger supper will follow at 6:30.
- Babysitters will be available during the seminar, and teens are encouraged to participate (especially during the 5:00-6:00 class time).

For More Information Contact the Church Office 864-3101

## Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioner's Court met in regular session Mon., Apr. 9 at the Haskell County Courthouse.

In attendance were County Judge David C. Davis, Commissioners Tiffen Mayfield, Pct. 1, Johnny Stoggs, Pct. 2, Kenny Thompson, Pct. 3, C. A. Turnbow, Pct. 4, and County Clerk, Rhonda Moeller.

Monthly and quarterly reports from the County Treasurer were accepted by the Court.

Brandon Anderson, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag, presented certificates from Texas A&M University to District Clerk

Penny Anderson and County Clerk Rhonda Moeller, for their attendance at the 29th Annual County and District Clerk's Continuing Education Seminar.

No action was taken by the Court on the matter of helping pay for research dealing with the lake project on the Brazos in Stonewall County.

Commissioner Scoggins reported hiring Jim Benton to work part time in Pct. 1, starting Apr. 3. He replaces Paul Strickland who was terminated on Mar. 29.

No action was taken by the Court on setting a policy for Internet use at the County Library.

## First American Bank to award scholarships

First American Bank, SSB will award a total of \$1,000 in scholarships to deserving graduating seniors from each of the four Haskell County Schools.

Applications are available in the office of the High School Counselors in Haskell, Rule, Rochester and Paint Creek. They are also available at First American Bank, SSB, located at 1101 E. Court Plaza, Anson or 518 S. Second, Haskell. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 27.

Entries will be evaluated by three local community leaders on academic scores, activities, financial need and a short essay.

Scholarship winners will be announced at High School graduation ceremonies.

## John T. Fuston to head Texas FSA

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has named John T. Fuston as Texas State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency State Office.

Fuston has worked for FSA for 29 years. Prior to his appointment as SED, he was a Supervisory Agricultural District Director since 1987. He is co-owner of a farming and ranching operation and has a Bachelor's degree in agriculture from West Texas State University.

Over the years, Fuston has received a number of honors, including being named Agricultural Man of the Year of Deaf Smith County. He is active in his county as a Chamber of Commerce and school board member.

FSA ensures the well-being of American public through efficient and equitable administration of farm commodity programs, farm ownership, operating and emergency loans, conservation and environmental programs, emergency and disaster assistance, domestic and international food assistance and international export credit programs.

## Transportation meeting to be held April 25

A meeting to discuss public transportation services for the Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent and Stonewall county areas including elderly persons and persons with disabilities transportation needs is set Wed., April 25.

The meeting, sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation, will be held at the Double Mountain Coach office at 620 S. Washington in Aspermont, beginning at 4 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to gather information concerning any transportation issues or needs that exist in the above mentioned counties.

All persons interested in public transportation in these counties are invited to attend. For additional information, contact Debra Rector, public transportation coordinator for the Abilene district, at 915/676-6811.



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## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 529 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Apr. 14, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

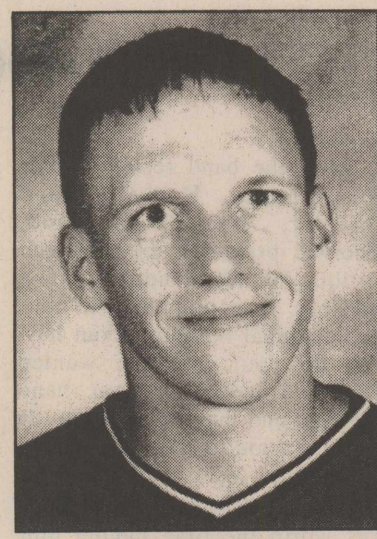
Jerseys, Longhorns, Holsteins, cripples, knots, bad eyes and goons \$5-\$30/100# less than figures

quoted!  
 Cows: fat, .39-.45; cutters, .40-.47; canners, .25-.35.  
 Bulls: bologna, .50-.60; feeder, .75-.83; utility .48-.55.  
 Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.70; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.35; 400-500 lbs., 1.00-1.25; 500-600 lbs., .92-1.14; 600-700 lbs., .88-1.00; 700-800 lbs., .84-.93; 800-up lbs., .75-.85.  
 Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.30; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.12; 500-600 lbs., .85-.97; 600-up lbs., .65-.87.  
 Bred Heifers: medium frame, 600-700.  
 Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 700-825; aged or small, 575-650.  
 Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 850-1050; aged or small, 725-800.

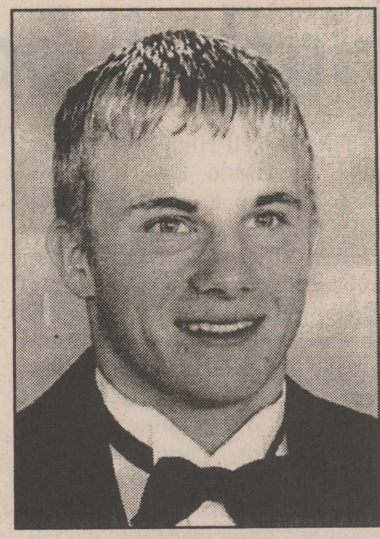
## Hospital

**Admissions**  
 Grace Skipworth, Haskell  
 Sheila Benson, Munday  
 Bennie Horan, Weinert  
 Marvin Letz, Haskell

**Dismissals**  
 Zenoble Wright, Elvis Derr,  
 Dimple Nehring, Thula Perry, Jane Lindow, Mabel Overton, Sybil Simmons, Fannie Lambeth, Ruth Howard



JIMMY HUFF



TOM FOUTS

## Students visit Rotary Club

Jimmy Huff is the son of Dale and Diane Huff.

He is a member of the Church of Christ.

In school he is active in Basketball, Student Council, National Honor Society, UIL Math, Science and Prose.

Special recognitions he has received include First Team All-District Basketball, Best Actor, Regional Qualifier in Math, Science and Prose, and State Qualifier Vocal Solo.

Among his favorite pastimes are playing tennis, camping and wrestling.

After finishing high school he plans to attend Harding University

in Searcy, Arkansas.

Tom Fouts is the son of John and Bonnie Fouts.

He is a member of First Baptist Church Haskell.

President of the Senior class, he is active in the National Honor Society, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, football, tennis and UIL Calculator.

He was recognized as UIL State Qualifier, and named to the Academic All-State 1st Team.

Favorite pastimes for him are hunting, camping and ping-pong.

After finishing high school he plans to attend Texas Tech University.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### YOUR FAITH IS NOT CONFINED WITHIN THE CHURCH

The busy lives we lead are like a solid fabric woven into a jumbled pattern of work, recreational pursuits and the personal problems inherent in our material world. Faith is too often omitted from the design; or at best, crowded into a small corner known as Sunday morning. But the message of

faith received in Church can re-weave the tangle of doubt and confusion with threads of peace, harmony and order, and mend the raveled edges of trouble; if you will only carry it with you throughout the week. Faith is not confined within the walls of the Church, but that is where it begins.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

**HASKELL**

**East Side Baptist Church**  
 David Page, pastor  
 Sun. 8:30 a.m., 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**  
 Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021  
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
 East Hwy 380, Haskell

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 Gary Bruns, pastor  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell

**Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 607 S. 7th, Haskell

**First United Methodist Church**  
 Shane Brue, 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 Michael Melcher  
 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
 901 N. 16th, Haskell

**Church of Christ**  
 Brett Anderson, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

**First Presbyterian Church**  
 Henry Chisholm, temporary supply  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
 Rev. Kenneth Blair  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

**Hopewell Baptist Church**  
 John Lewis, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

**Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
 Bobby Ray Wade, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

**New Covenant Foursquare**  
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
 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**  
 Kevin Hall, 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

**PAINT CREEK**

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

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**First Baptist Church**  
 Chris Powell, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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 Rev. Robert Harrison  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**ROCHESTER**

**Church of Christ**  
 Steve Willis, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
 West on Main Street, Rochester

**First Baptist Church**  
 Troy Culpepper, pastor  
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
 500 Main, Rochester

**Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
 Rev. Clarence Walker  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Rochester

**Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
 Katherine Byrd, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
 Hwy 6, Rochester

**First United Methodist Church**  
 Dolan Brinson, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
 Rochester

**SAGERTON**

**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
 Tommy Wilson, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
 Sagerton

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

**RULE**

**First Baptist Church**  
 Scott Hensley, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 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**  
 Shane Brue, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.  
 Sunday School 10 a.m.  
 1000 Union Ave., Rule

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
 Arturo Jr. Flores  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule

**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
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**Wednesday:** Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, peach cobbler  
**Thursday:** Burritos, corn, garden salad, brownies  
**Friday:** Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, French fries, pickle slices, ice cream cups

## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., Apr. 23**  
 Lunch-Pizza, tossed salad, peas, cake, milk, tea or coffee  
**Wed., Apr. 25**  
 11:00 a.m. Outreach Home Health Services blood pressure check  
 Lunch-Chicken enchiladas, beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fruit cobbler, bread, milk, tea or coffee

**Fri., Apr. 27**  
 Lunch-Roast beef, gravy, potatoes, greens, carrot salad, cake, bread, milk, tea or coffee  
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.  
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**TAX PLANNING**

Written By  
**Gerald Rodgers, CPA**

**TAX SOFTWARE: IS IT THE BEST WAY TO GO?**  
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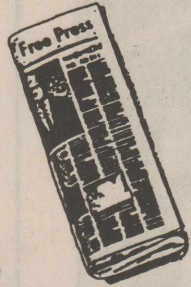
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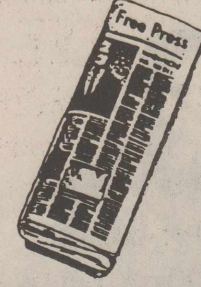
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The application will be to provide Infrastructure Improvements to support Management & Training Corporation. The company plans to start-up operations in Haskell County and create up to 76 full-time equivalent jobs.

The application will be available for review at City Hall on April 26, 2001 after 3 p.m. All area residents are encouraged to attend and state their views on this program. If you are unable to attend but wish to comment, contact Ken Lane, Mayor at (940) 864-2333, or mail your comments to Mayor Lane at 301 S. 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Individuals who require auxiliary aids and services for this meeting should contact Mayor Lane at (940) 864-2333 or Relay Texas at 1-800-735-2989 (TDD). 16c

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In accordance with the Local Government Code, Title 4, Chapters 116 and 117, sealed applications from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in Haskell County desiring to enter into a contract as Depository for the public funds of Haskell County will be received in the office of the Haskell County Judge, addressed to David C. Davis, County Judge, Haskell County Courthouse, Haskell, TX 79521 until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 10, 2001. Any application received after 10:00 a.m. cannot be considered.

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10:00 a.m. that morning in County Judge's Office and the depository or depositories will be selected on Monday, May 14, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. or shortly thereafter.

Each application must be accompanied by a statement of the capital stock and permanent surplus of the bank and a statement showing the financial condition of the bank at the date of said application, in addition to all information required by the County's official application form.

Applications will include the Trust Funds held by the County and District Clerks of Haskell County. Each application must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$12,523.46, payable to the order of David C. Davis, County Judge, as required by law for a good-faith guarantee that a successful applicant will, within 15 days of selection, provide security for the funds to be deposited with the bank.

Official application forms will be available in the County Judge's office.

David C. Davis  
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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Louis Schkade, P. O. Box 293, Albany, TX 76430-0293 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 16c

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**HURDLING FOR HASKELL**—Brittany Bird and Kristen Rodela run in the 300m hurdles in Dist. 8-2A meet. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**RUNNING THE 800**—Brittany Lindsey runs for Haskell in the District meet held here Apr. 13. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

On Easter Sunday Billy and Margaret Tatum made lunch and took to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walters. Those who joined them were Mr. and Mrs. Terry Tatum and children Crystal, Daren and T. W. of Knox City, Barbara Gail and grandson Brandon of the Dallas area, Cloa, Heather and Cody Parsons, Billy and Margaret Tatum and Christopher and Melissa Tatum and boys. After lunch an Easter egg hunt was held for the children.

Jessie Scheets of Abilene spent Easter with his mom Minnie Scheets.

Keith Chapman of Georgetown spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman. Sunday they gathered at Glenda Gayle's for lunch and an egg hunt for the children.

Cody, Wendy and children Haley and Abigail of Wichita Falls, Michelle and children Lorin and Britney of Throckmorton, David and Cindy Muhle and children Bobby, Amanda, Chancey and Gabriel of Rochester, Gary and Vickie Hawkins had Easter lunch and visited with the Charles Blairs. Also Wilmer and Dilene Muhle, Alice and Ariel Blair joined in for the evening egg hunt.

Wallace and Jo Cox spent the weekend in Houston visiting with son John and family.

Paris Barton's sister Violet Helms of Leadwood, Missouri and her daughter Carol Jarvis of Jefferson City, Missouri spent several days visiting with Paris and Fannie Mae. On Saturday their daughter Kay Derrick of Fort Worth came and spent the day. She brought them Easter goodies and cooked for them.

Thursday, April 5, I, Joyce, had hip replacement surgery at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Those of my children that were with me for the surgery were Darlene Conn, Gary Hawkins and Margaret Tatum of Haskell, Bobby Hawkins and wife Darlene of Lewisville, Johnny Hawkins of

Jarrell, and Floradean Cockerell of Early. Friday evening daughter Yvonne Huffines of Dimmitt came through Lubbock and picked up Kerr Magby; they stayed until after lunch on Sunday. Son Sammy Hawkins and family of Aspermont visited Saturday. Sunday evening Margaret Tatum, Gary and Clayton Hawkins spent the afternoon. Tuesday Margaret helped me move to rehab where I'm undergoing therapy. Creora Tatum came by for a short visit. Wednesday Melissa Tatum came on her break between classes.

Thursday grandson Kevin Hawkins of Abilene visited. Also niece Nan Priddy of Abilene visited. Saturday daughter Floradean Cockerell and son Jimmy of Early visited and brought an Easter basket.

I've had lots of cards and calls which I am thankful for; it's good to know friends and family are thinking of me and praying for me.

Sunday evening Margaret Tatum, Gary and Vickie Hawkins, Christopher and Melissa Tatum and boys Zachery, Garett and Taylor visited.

Thursday Anita Medford was in Abilene and came by rehab and visited me. She also did shopping while in Abilene.

Arvil and Mary Ann McFadden and Mary Ann's mother, Faye Wheeler of Anson, visited their daughter and family, Starla and Tom Saale, Bethany and Nathan of Flint, over the weekend.

## Wheat stripe rust causing problems

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
Stripe rust (*Puccinia striiformis*) has been found in wheat fields in south Texas (Bee and Medina Counties) and in south-central Texas (Brazos, Milam and Williamson Counties). Disease severity has ranged from trace amounts to approximately 80% infection. At high severities, stripe rust can significantly reduce yields and test weight. Most likely, the disease will spread north into Central and North Texas. The only means of controlling the disease at this point is with fungicides. The fungicides registered for use on wheat for stripe rust include Quadris and Tilt.

In order to maintain yield potential in wheat, it is critical to keep the flag leaf free of disease. With Tilt, the best response is usually obtained when it is applied to the emerging flag leaf. Tilt can be applied until the ligule of the flag leaf emerges (Feekes growth stage 8). Quadris may be applied until the panicle is completely emerged (Feekes stage 10.5).

Before deciding to apply a fungicide to wheat, an estimate of yield potential is advisable. Typically, it is not cost effective to

treat a wheat field that has less than a 40 bushel/acre potential yield. However, stripe rust has a more explosive nature than leaf rust (the typical rust that attacks wheat in Texas) and can reduce yields by 70-80%. With the cost of aerially applying a fungicide to wheat at approximately \$15-20 per acre, depending on the product and application costs, a grower must realize a consistent seven to ten bushel per acre increase to break even at current wheat prices.

For more information or to view a picture of Stripe rust, call the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2658 or visit at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell, with Brandon Anderson, County Extension Agent-Ag.

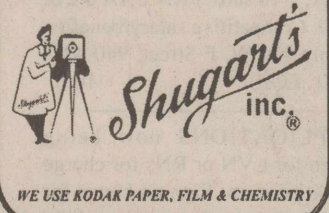
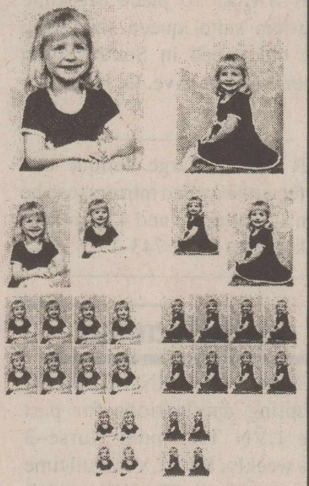
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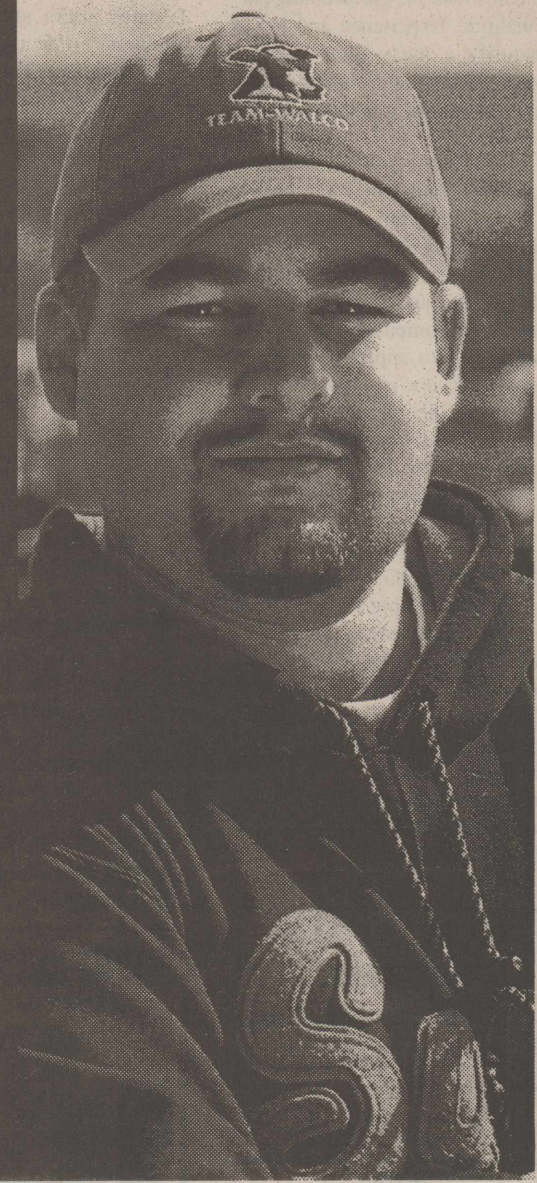
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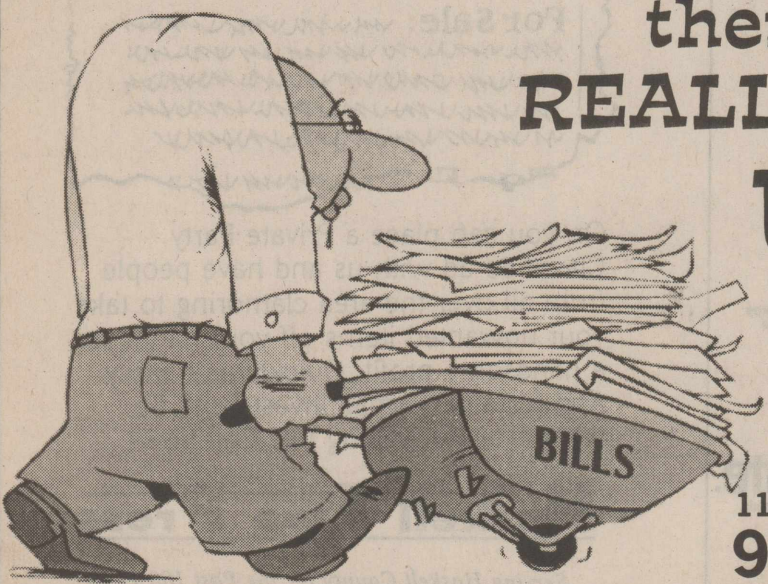
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