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Maxine Grand, left, present owner of the Sears, Roebuck home, and Alma Merchant, daughter of Paul Zahn Sr. who built the house.

## 'Grand' old house is Sears product



Ordered by mail, shipped by rail

By Mary Kaigler

In his book, *It's a Small Town If*, Samuel Breck writes that "It's a small town if old houses are called just that—not landmarks or architecturally significant structures.

Maxine and Howard Grand's old house is indeed in a small town but it has to be recognized as being a uniquely significant structure.

During the years between 1908 and 1940 approximately 100,000 build-by-kit houses like theirs were ordered from the Sears, Roebuck and Company Home Building Plans catalog. Since the recent demise of Sears' once dinosaur-like catalog operation these order-by-mail, deliver-by-rail houses have become collectors' items, being considered a rare remnant of a now extinct bit of Americana.

Now sought for their historical value, the build-by-number houses were once a sturdy, inexpensive answer to the great American dream: owning one's own home. Choosing from 450 designs, buyers received pre-cut, ready-for-assembly numbered lumber, blueprints and instructions.

Included were millwork, cabinetry, roofing materials, flooring, siding, doors, window frames, shutters, hardware, nails, paints and varnish. Ranging from 2-room cozy bungalow for \$200 to grandest 3-storied mansion for \$5,000, featuring curving staircase, three fireplaces and magnificent, colonial columns across the front porch, thousands of well-preserved Sears kit houses still exist.

Adding to the 1980s heightened interest in old houses, national attention was directed to the Sears kit houses when they were featured in an issue of *Smithsonian Magazine*. More recently, the *Dallas Morning News* Home and Garden edition highlighted the story of many of them that are to be found in the North Texas area. Seeing that article reminded John Kimbrough of seeing the local build-by-number house being unloaded off the train and carried to the job site east of town. "Everything they needed came out of two box cars," he said.

Alma Merchant, whose father, Paul Zahn, ordered and built the local Sears house in 1924 remembers the joy of a little girl on Christmas day finally moving to town from the family farm north of Haskell. The long wait to move seemed endless.

Somewhere enroute to Haskell the train carrying the house makings was derailed. J. W. "Jap" Wheeler, who bought the Zahn house in

1949, remembers that on arrival the box cars were a jumble of mixed-up lumber and supplies, causing quite a delay until it could be sorted out, and causing Mr. Zahn to buy "kegs and kegs of nails to finish the job."

Paul Zahn hired Pete Moeller of Irby to be the main carpenter but Alma Merchant remembers that the "whole family, young and old, helped out in some way." Built on pier and beam foundation the house had sturdy, double walls and, as Alma recalls, "the luxury of running water and an indoor bathroom."

Maxine Wheeler Grand was 9 years old when "Jap" Wheeler bought the house that she and Howard Grand bought from her father in 1980. So far she hasn't been successful in locating the Sears blueprints, but aside from periodical refurbishing, few changes have been made to the original structure.

An extra bathroom and an enclosed utility porch were added by Mr. Wheeler, who still lives with them in the house. Except for the staircase, which was later carpeted over, the varnished woodwork has been retained throughout the house. Maxine tells of when the stairs were re-carpeted. "When I saw the bare beauty of the varnished wood steps again it brought back such memories—I hope someday to have them stripped and re-done like the original I remember as a little girl."

House detectives crawling through Texas attics searching for the proof of catalog-numbered rafters would have no problem identifying the Howard Grands' house as being an authentic Sears home. Looking remarkably similar to pictures of the front exteriors of mail-order homes featured in Terrell and Dallas area tours of historic homes, the Haskell house is an attractive, and certainly historically significant landmark, small town or not.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zahn ordered the home from Sears, Roebuck in 1924.

## Dallas policeman new city police chief

The City Council Tuesday night announced the employment of Thomas Paul Bassett Jr. of Richardson as Haskell's new police chief.

He will assume duties July 5 as successor to the late Tom Paul (Bull) Barnett.

The 26-year-old Bassett has been a City of Dallas policeman since May 1990. Earlier, he was a Richardson policeman for nearly two years.

With the Dallas police department, Bassett is a member of a narcotic task force assigned to locate and target narcotics traffickers, arrest and gather intelligence on narcotic traffickers and follow up on citizen-reported narcotic information.

Bassett is a graduate of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville where he received a bachelor of science degree with a major in law enforcement and political science.

He is married to the former Kim

Guess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rebus Guess of Haskell. They are parents of a 17-month-old daughter, Aubrey Michelle. Mrs. Bassett also is employed by the Dallas Police Department.

Bassett was chosen by the City Council from a list of 16 applicants for the position. The number was reduced to a short list of five. These five, including two members of the Haskell Police Department, were interviewed last Tuesday (June 8). The council made its decision following those interviews, but the announcement of the selection was not made until this week. The new chief was employed at an annual salary of \$24,000.

After the announcement was

made, Mayor Pat Henry told members of the council that he would like for them to consider salary increases for the city's other two police officers. He said he would elaborate on his suggestion at the next meeting.

### City advertises for administrator

The City of Haskell is now advertising for a city administrator to succeed Scott Wall.

Wall, who has held the position since May of last year, has resigned effective June 27 to become city manager at Hondo.

### Trooper reminds holiday drivers to be careful

The 4th of July is one of the most highly celebrated of all holidays, reminds State Trooper Bobby Hart of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"We also are reminded this time each year that far too many will not have much to celebrate," Hart added.

"At least half of all traffic deaths are alcohol related and during this holiday many people will celebrate by consuming alcoholic beverages.

We urge those who drink to plan their celebrations and to always have a sober driver behind the wheel of their automobiles. Become a responsible person, if you are going to drink, and help us protect you, as well as the other people on our streets and highways."

Hart continued, "Remember to obey all traffic laws and to use that little piece of insurance that is lying right beside you—that safety belt. It costs no money and only takes about two seconds to insure yourself."

## Cemetery facing shortage of funds

The Haskell Cemetery Association was set up April 15, 1947, with a trust fund established for the cemetery's perpetual care.

One-half of the sales price of each lot goes into this fund, one-half goes toward maintenance costs, as does the interest earned from the trust.

While maintenance costs continue to go higher, there has been a real money problem in the association's operation for some time. Lots that sold for \$50 some 40 years ago still have to be cared for, even though only \$25 of those sales went toward maintenance.

Due to the unforeseen rise in labor costs and the fall in interest rates, there is a great concern about a shortage of available funds for proper care of the cemetery. There is a possibility that lights and water will have to be turned off.

Therefore, the association is setting up a Cemetery Care Memorial Fund and is seeking contributions from the public. Gifts may be made as memorials to particular persons or families, or simply as donations.

A form to be used when making donations appears on page 4 of The Free Press.

## Sales tax rebate ahead of last year

Haskell's sales tax rebate for 1993 continued to run slightly ahead of last year's when the City of Haskell received a check for \$16,265.02 from the state comptroller this week.

The amount represented a 5.33-percent increase over the \$15,442.46 received in June 1992.

And for the year, Haskell has received \$119,056.66, or 6.47 percent more than the \$111,538.86 received in the first six months of last year. The amount is calculated on Haskell's 1.5-percent local sales tax rate.

The latest check from the state is for taxes collected on April sales and reported to the comptroller in May by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

Only other Haskell County city to receive a rebate this month was Rule, which received a check for \$1,189.94. Rule has a 1-percent local tax rate.

For the year, Rule has received \$11,200.93, up 17.72 percent over the \$9,515.14 received in the first six months of 1992.

In neighboring Jones County, the City of Stamford received \$25,161.19, an increase of 3.46 percent over last June's check for \$24,320.62. Hamlin saw a 4.38-percent increase over last year, getting \$8,364.75 this year compared to \$8,014.03 last year. Anson's rebate dropped by 16.34 percent, from \$7,136.36 to \$5,970.47.

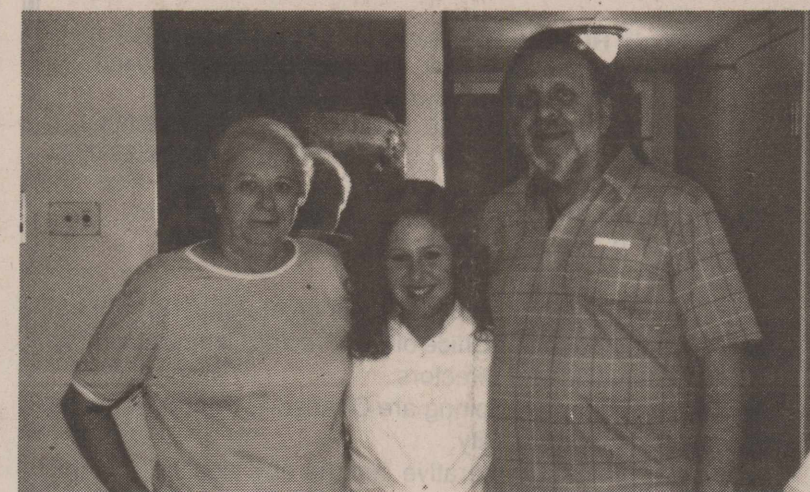
Stamford, Hamlin and Anson all have 1.5 tax rates.

### Haskell Training Center schedules open house again

Haskell Training Center has rescheduled its open house for next Wednesday, June 23.

Open house will be from 3 to 6 p.m. at the training center's headquarters in the old City Hall building.

The public is invited to attend. Originally, the open house was scheduled for last Wednesday, but was postponed because of bad weather.



### In Nashville

Kacye Nemir meets in Nashville with Tommy (Dee) Donaldson and his wife, Margaret, of TNT Promotions and Productions.

## Kacye Nemir signs recording contract

Kacye Nemir of Bryan has negotiated a five-year contract with manager/producer Tommy Dee, owner of TNT Promotions, which includes five independent record labels.

The negotiations followed Nemir's June 10 showcase performance at Gilley's in Nashville, Tenn., during Fan Fair Week.

Nemir showcased cover tunes "Down at the Twist and Shout," "My Strongest Weakness," "Down to My Last Teardrop" and "Crazy"

in front of producers, managers and major record labels.

She will return to Nashville June 25-28 to begin recording original works by Dee, author of several top 10 hits since 1959. She will be recording in the same studio used by Wynona Judd and Merle Haggard.

Nemir was accompanied to Nashville by her parents, Bill and Jacquie Nemir of Haskell. She is a senior at Texas A&M University where she will graduate in August with a BS in Psychology.

## Sanders reunion held over weekend

The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the late Jack and Sallie Sanders, longtime residents of Weinert, gathered for a family reunion Saturday and Sunday at the Haskell City Park and the First National Bank in Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Sanders of Coleman and their children were hosts for this year's reunion. The family enjoyed swimming, basketball and games of passing water balloons, hula hoop, passing the ball under their chins, baseball and eating watermelon Saturday evening in the park.

A talent show was held Saturday night after supper with all the smaller children and several adults singing, doing skits or telling stories. Sue Cox presented envelopes containing money, \$20, \$20, \$5 and \$1 to everyone who performed.

Oldest person present was Arby Touchstone, nephew of Mrs. Sanders. The youngest was Kade Cole, son of Junior and Christi Cox of Daingerfield, a great-grandson. Traveling the farthest was Troy Blakely of Micanopy, Fla., a cousin of the children.

Eva Hardman of Irving and Scarlet Cole of San Antonio, two daughters, were unable to attend and were really missed.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell, Karen and Allison Mitchell, all of Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Sanders, Pam, Bryan and Leigh of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Slade, Ben and Seth of Naples; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Carouth, Crystal and A. J. of Cross Plains; Mrs. Andrea Poole, Candra and Andrew of Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lambright and Tiffany of Austin; Tina Thomas and Megan of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maupin, Mr. and Mrs. William Mark Maupin and Mark Alexander of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Kirkland of Daingerfield; Mr. and Mrs. Jacky D. Kirkland, Jackson, Kristen and Rebecca of Fort Worth; Tommy Cornett, Stephanie and

Jennifer of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cox, Brenda Sartain and Casey, Deborah MacKay, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Cox and Kade of Daingerfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Sanders, Rex and Jaclyn of Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Sanders of Naples, April Sanders of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Arby Touchstone of San Antonio, Troy Blakely of Micanopy, Fla.

Visitors included Mrs. Julia Conner, Becky and Michael Gordy of Haskell, Jo Speck of Rochester and Cotton and Charlene Therwanger of Haskell.

Darwin and Ethel Slade and their children will be hosts for next year's reunion.

All had a good time and expressed their thanks to Aunt Wilma and Uncle Bud for all the good food and everything they did.

## Farmers must comply with provision

Farm program participants must comply with the highly erodible land provisions to be eligible for payments and any other USDA program benefits.

Glenn R. Brzozowski, executive director of the Haskell County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said producers will lose program benefits if they plant an agricultural crop on highly erodible land without using an approved conservation system.

"The highly erodible land restrictions apply to all farm program participants and they will be enforced," Brzozowski said. "Once a crop is planted in non-compliance of the highly erodible land requirements, it is too late. The producer will be considered ineligible for 1993 benefits."

Beginning Jan. 1, 1995, all conservation systems must be fully applied on highly erodible land for a producer to earn program benefits.

"Producers who still need determinations on whether their land that will be planted to an annually tilled crop, or designated as conservation uses or acreage conservation reserve, is highly erodible should contact our office or the Haskell Soil Conservation Service (864-8516) as soon as possible," Brzozowski said.

## Stamps honor legends

Otis Redding, Buddy Holly, Dinah Washington, Bill Haley, Ritchie Valens and Clyde McPhatter joined Elvis Presley center stage at post offices nationwide when stamps honoring the music legends went on sale June 16.

The new 29-cent stamps are available in booklets of 20 and in a new souvenir sheet of 35 stamps with a non-perforated border including the title, "Legends of American Music, Rock & Roll/Rhythm & Blues."

"The artists honored on these stamps caught the imagination of people throughout the world and influenced other musicians for several generations," said Haskell postmaster Sid Winn.

The Postal Service's "Legends of American Music" series premier act opened Jan. 8 with the issuance of the Elvis stamp. Elvis re-appeared in a brand new design June 16 as part of the Rock & Roll/Rhythm & Blues series.

Later this year, stamps in the "Legends of American Music" series will salute contributions of country and western music and Broadway musicals. The new stamp series will run for several years, featuring great performers from all genres of American music from jazz, to blues, to pop.

Also available to the public, by mail order, is a deluxe box set of 20 vintage recordings by the "Legends" produced by the Postal Service and Warner Custom Music. The double-length music package includes the "Legends of Rock & Roll/Rhythm & Blues" commemorative stamp booklet and a collector's book featuring rare photos and historical information on each artist.

It can be purchased on either compact disc for \$29.95 or on cassette for \$26.95 by calling 1-800-USA-HITS.

## Summer pageant

Summer productions of the religious pageant, "The Life of Christ," will begin June 17 and will be presented each Thursday and Friday nights through Aug. 13.

The pageant, now in its 29th year, portrays the complete life of Christ. It is presented in the outdoor theater halfway between Cisco and Eastland on US 6, formerly Highway 80.



Carol Hickman of Stamford will be the hostess for the 1993 Texas Cowboy Reunion. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jirick of Haskell and is a graduate of Haskell High School. She and her husband Tom moved to Stamford in 1977 after purchasing the Country Drug Store.

## 99 in attendance at Toliver reunion

The annual A. J. Toliver reunion was held for the 33rd year on June 12-13. Ninety-nine descendants registered at the Haskell Country Club.

Buelah Toliver of Haskell, widow of Lynn Toliver, was recognized as the oldest member present. Two of her children, Dorothy Hartsfield of Haskell and Robbie Gholson of Abilene, also were present, as well as members of their families, including a grandson, Larry Hartsfield and his family from Colorado.

The Pickering boys, Jay and David, sons of Lueille Toliver Pickering, of Lubbock were in charge of this year's reunion.

Games for the children and a golf tournament, won by Robin Colbert of Dallas, Joseph Toliver of

Ballinger and Sam Toliver of Haskell, along with a fish fry on Saturday night and a roast lunch on Sunday were scheduled.

On Friday night, a surprise 50th wedding anniversary honored B. J. and Loyalcie Toliver of Houston. Their children, Joe of Colorado and Jerry of Houston, arranged this party for the family members who were in town.

A special surprise was the attendance of Loyalcie's mother, Beulah Pierce, and her brother, Al Pierce and wife Barbara of Richland Hills.

The next reunion will be held on the second Sunday in June 1994. The Bailey Toliver children, Lee Ann Colbert, Brian and Joseph Toliver, will be in charge.

## Baseball activities are tonight

The Haskell Little League Association will give trophies to all players, announce major league all stars and have a drawing for two \$100 gift certificates tonight (Thursday). Coaches also will participate in a dunking booth to begin at 5 p.m. at the Little League field.

Trophies will be given to the tee-ball, coach-pitch and minor league players after the first game Thursday. The first game ends about 6:45 p.m.

The drawing for the \$100 gift certificates will be held after the third inning of the major league game. At the conclusion of the major league game, trophies will be given to the major league players and all stars will be announced.

"Coaches are reminded that all equipment and shirts need to be turned in that night," said Mike Cook, Little League president.

## Albany Fandangle to open on June 17

Ticket sales have been brisk for the 55th production of the Fort Griffin Fandangle, with opening night set for Thursday, June 17.

Soldiers and the forts they established in the 1800s will be featured in this year's Fandangle. Performances are scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, June 17-19, and June 24-26 at the Prairie Theater just west of Albany. Show time is approximately 8:45 p.m.

Each year, visitors come from across the country to re-live the settling of the Clear Fork of the Brazos area. The unique production features Albany residents as they tell the story of the beginnings of the area through music, song, dance and narration.

Ticket prices range from \$10 for box seats to \$3. They may be purchased at the Fandangle office in Albany or by calling 915-762-3642. Mail orders may be sent to P.O. Box 155, Albany 76430. Personal checks, as well as

MasterCard, Visa and Discover cards are accepted.

A barbecue supper, catered by Joe Allen's of Abilene, will be served from 5 until 8 p.m. each performance evening on the Shackelford County courthouse lawn. The historic courthouse will be open for visitors until 8 p.m. each evening. Saturday hours will be from 5 until 8 p.m.

## Selina McGuire makes honor roll

Selina McGuire has been named to the 1993 spring semester Dean's Honor Roll at McMurry University.

The designation is for part-time students enrolled in six to 11 hours.

The business of life is to go forwards.

Samuel Johnson

### PHARMACY NEWS



By Elbert Johnson, Registered Pharmacist

Tracking Postpartum Blues: Although reported frequently, postpartum blues has not been studied extensively. Researchers from The University of Iowa and the University of Pittsburgh studied 182 women with postpartum blues and found that it was closely associated with depression during pregnancy, premenstrual depression, and having at least one relative suffering depression. In fact, they suggested that postpartum blues may be a risk factor for affective disorder in women of childbearing age. Generally, there was no association between the blues and hormonal levels.

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The Committee on Nominations will meet June 18, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. at the Seymour Office of B-K Electric Cooperative, Inc. to make nominations for directors.

The director's terms expiring are Charles T. Porter, Seymour and James Albus, Knox City.

Members of the Cooperative are hereby notified of this meeting.

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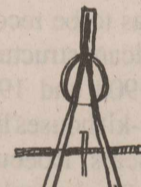
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Shannel Sage Woodard  
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## Woodard, Denson wed in Lubbock

Shannel Sage Woodard became the bride of Larry Keith Denson on April 17 at the Westminister Presbyterian Church in Lubbock. Dr. John Paul Powell officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Clyde Woodard of Fort Worth, Janet Payne of Albuquerque and Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Denson of Lubbock.

Special guests were maternal

grandparents of the bride, Rene and Jinx Snead of Friona, and Raymond Denson, grandfather of the groom; also, Louise Payne and Thelma Porter, special friends of the bride.

The bride's aisle was elegantly garnished with flowing white tulle enclosing delicate clear mini light draped from each pew to a coordinating white tulle bow with

casades of English ivy. The altar was embellished with English ivy covering the candlebrums with ivy candles, all backgrounded by ficus trees romantically trimmed in clear white mini lights and white satin bows.

The traditional ceremony began with Don Smith, the organist, playing a medley of songs, accompanied by Susanne Moreland, as she sang "Ava Maria" while Jenny Ahrhart and Justin Edwards lit the candles, proceeded by the seating of the mothers and the lighting of the family unity candle.

The "Wedding Song" was followed by "Trumpet Voluntary Parcel" with trumpeter Carol Britton providing the processional. "The Lord's Prayer" was succeeded by the unity candle being joined together on one family while "Sunrise Sunset" was sung. As Dr. Powell introduced Mr. and Mrs. Larry Keith Denson to the audience an array of lights, trumpets and applause gave the newlyweds their approval and the recessional began.

The bride was escorted by her father to her groom in an ivory satin sheath gown with a fitted princess bodice smoothed to a basque waist that spilled over on to the skirt. The romance of Alencon lace captured by hand beaded embroidery pearls, sequins, bugle beads and rhinestones tracing the sweetheart neckline and continuing to a deep plunge down the back with strands of pearls draped across the opening. Puffed sleeves added depth and richness on to the scalloped and beaded cuffs. An oversized allegro satin bow connected the detachable train intricately scalloped and beaded in motifs.

For something old her ring was an heirloom belonging to her grandmother, Jenny Fern Gray. It was given to her at her wedding in 1916. Something borrowed and blue was a garter belonging to her mother and something new was her wedding attire.

Shea Woodard of Austin, the bride's sister, attended the bride as her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lucy Cadon of San Antonio, Sabrina Woodard of Austin, Debra Edwards of Lubbock and Karen Green of Dallas. The wore identical teal brocade sheath dresses.

A special ring bearer's pillow designed by the bride's mother was carried by Michael Edwards. Emily Keeling was flower girl. She carried a white basket designed with ivory and pink peonies. ???

The groom's father was best man and groomsmen were Larry Kimbrough of Abilene, Shayne Woodard of Austin, and Brent Brown and Jeff Denson, both of Lubbock.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with tails. The father, groomsmen; ushers and ring bearer wore identical black tuxedos.

After a honeymoon to Cancun, Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Denson are at home in El Paso.

## Barbecue nets \$2500 for Rehab

The first annual Haskell Rehab Days held Saturday turned into a very successful event. The barbecue and auction raised about \$2,500 for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, it was reported by Danny Isbell, public relations coordinator for the center.

"The center appreciates the effort of the Haskell Business Association in selling tickets for the barbecue and collecting about 30 items from local business for the auction," Isbell said.

The rehab official pointed out that Randy McLelland had a great deal to do with the success of the event by coordinating the event and auctioneering.

"The success of the Haskell Rehab Days demonstrates the partnership between the center and the people of the Haskell area that goes back almost 40 years," Isbell said.

Haskell Rehab Days was conducted as a part of Super 2nd Saturday, monthly event sponsored by the Haskell Business Association.

## Eight share in Saturday drawings

Eight residents shared the \$500 given away during drawings at Super 2nd Saturday in Haskell.

Winners included: Helen Wheatley, \$100 on a ticket from Carpet Express.

Minnie Adams, \$50 on a ticket from Carpet Express.

Jane Smith, \$50 on a ticket from Carpet Express.

Dawn Kaelin, \$50 on a ticket from Heads or Tails.

Johnny Castillo Jr., \$50 on a ticket from Boggs and Johnson.

Tamera Hawkins, \$50 on a ticket from Barbara's Boutique.

Emil Dukatnik, \$50 on a ticket from Boggs and Johnson.

Helen Wheatley, \$100 on a ticket from Carpet Express.

## Rising Star sets Freedom Festival

Rising Star's annual July Freedom Festival will be held July 1, 2 and 3.

A parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. on July 3 (Saturday). Noon and afternoon activities include a barbecue, food booths, arts and crafts booths, a softball tournament, an antique auction, country music, antique cars, contests and train rides for children.

## Magazine honors Haskell native

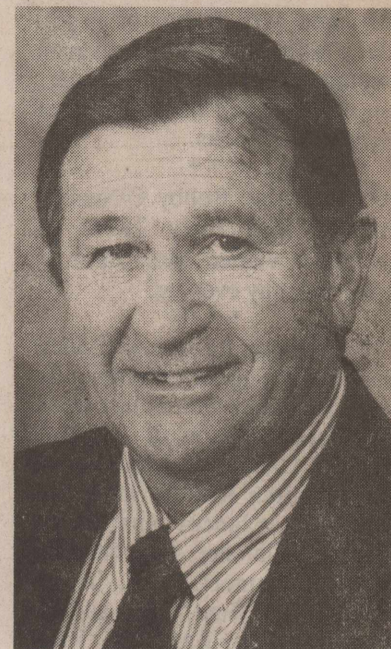
Haskell native Jim Brock has been named *Wrestling USA* magazine's 1993 "Man of the Year" for Texas.

Brock, director of health, physical education and safety for the Amarillo Independent School District, was one of 20 coaches, officials and administrators from across the country recognized in the magazine's May 15 issue. He was selected for his contributions to wrestling in Amarillo and helping make the area one of the state's wrestling hotbeds.

A 1958 graduate of Haskell High School, Brock is the son of Mrs. Bob Brock and the son-in-law of Mrs. Jan Elliott, both of Haskell. During his high school career, Brock represented the Indians in football, basketball, boxing, track and field and baseball.

Brock, who has overseen interscholastic wrestling in Amarillo since 1983, said much of the credit for the honor belonged to others. "Our local coaches have been very successful over the last several years," he said. "I didn't create all of this. I inherited a good part of it and I just continue doing the best job we could."

During his tenure, the AISD has claimed three state team championships and produced a



Jim Brock  
Wrestling's Man of Year

number of individual state champions. Caprock won state in 1986 and again in 1988, and Tascosa won in 1991.

Brock, who served as superintendent of recreation for the City of Amarillo and executive director of Kids Inc. before joining the AISD, said the sport has enjoyed a growth both locally and statewide over the past decade.



Cherokee Indians in Florida played lacrosse as early as 1775. They used a deerskin ball stuffed hard with deer's hair and bats two feet long with deerskin thongs.

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**-LETTERS-**

**Information**

Editor: I am doing research on my family history and I am asking that you consider printing this genealogical query in your newspaper.

I am interested in finding someone in the Haskell area who can give me information concerning my great-grandparents, Benjamin Adam Love and Eliza Jane Kelly Love.

Benjamin was born Aug. 25, 1834, in Alabama, died Sept. 19, 1921, and buried in Comanche, Texas. He served in the Civil War in the Confederate Army Cavalry.

Eliza Jane was born Dec. 20, 1837, in Eutaw (Eutah), Ala, died May 7, 1917, and was buried in Snyder, Texas.

To this union were born: Lula Cornelia, Eugene Lavert, Clara Augusta (my grandmother), Dona Roberta, Lillian Gertrude and Laura (who was living in Comanche in 1940). Benjamin and Eliza Jane and family moved from Alabama and may have settled in the Comanche County area, circa 1884. The Love family may have also lived in Haskell County, Knox County and Scurry County.

Clara Augusta married my grandfather, James Mitchell Rister, Aug. 30, 1893, in Comanche. James Mitchell was born March 19, 1870, possibly in Comanche County. He was the oldest son of James Crayton Rister and Candace (Candis) Eleanor Hill Rister (later Hertz). To this union were born James Mitchell, Albert, Thomas and David. Crayton and Candace were divorced in 1880. I have no further information concerning the three younger boys.

To James Mitchell and Clara Augusta were born Grady Albert, Lavert Oric, Travis Jennings, Flora May (my mother), Eula Lee, Gladys Evelyn, Frederick Love, Homer David, Ruby Leona and Ruth Leola (twins). The Rister family was living in Scurry County when Grandad decided to move to northeastern New Mexico where he and Grady homesteaded near Chico, N.M., in 1914. Ruth Leola Murrell is the only surviving family member.

Louise Fudge Preston  
P.O. Box 418  
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Thank you for reading The Haskell Free Press.

# Father's Day has come a long way

Sonora Smart Dodd launched a local Father's Day observance in Spokane, Wash., on June 9, 1910, two years after the first Mother's Day was celebrated.

It took Mother's Day only four years to become a national holiday. Despite efforts by a number of prominent individuals, it was 62 years before Father's Day received a Presidential proclamation in 1972 from Richard Nixon.

In 1910, the all-male Congress feared that a move to proclaim the day official might be interpreted as a self-congratulatory pat on the pack. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson and his family personally celebrated the day, while in 1924, President Calvin Coolidge

suggested that states could, if they wished, hold their own Father's Day celebrations.

One of the most notable efforts to make Father's Day official came in 1957 from Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, who wrote forcefully to Congress that "either we honor our parents, mother and father, or let us desist from honoring either. But to single out just one of our two parents and omit the other is the most grievous insult imaginable."

Today, Father's Day is the fifth largest card-sending occasion with about 85 million greeting cards exchanged, some 50 million less than Mother's Day. It ranks third behind Mother's Day and Christmas in AT&T holiday call volumes.

# Postcards cost public millions

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service has announced it is taking the fight against fraudulent postcards to the streets with an unusual twist to an old scam.

In an extraordinary effort to educate potential victims about this perennial scourge, inspectors mailed more than 250,000 postcards to individuals all over the country, offering recipients a "guaranteed prize."

This familiar ruse promises that you have definitely won one of several seemingly big-ticket prizes, such as a luxury automobile, vacation cruise, diamond necklace or cash. To claim your free prize, you simply call an 800 or 900 number furnished on the postcard. At this point, you're connected to a high-pressure "yak" (sales agent) who spells out the real deal.

Guess what? Before any prize is awarded, you'll have to pay the promoter a fee of some kind, be it a registration fee or shipping charge. This is the tip-off to the rip-off. The scheme is aimed at separating the prize winner from enough money to cover the worthless vacation certificate or cheap costume jewelry which may or may

not be sent in return, plus a nice profit for the operator.

Those who respond to the inspectors' postcard and call 1-800-448-5656 will get some helpful advice instead:

--Don't pay anything for a "free prize" if you don't know what you're getting. (Remember, calling a 900 telephone number costs money.)

--Don't deal with firms or individuals that make high-pressure demands for an answer right now. (Take time to check them out.)

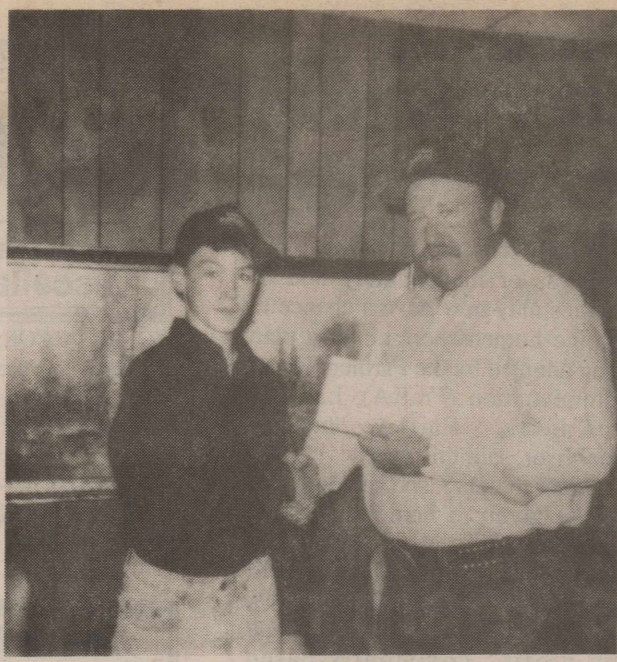
--Don't give out your credit card number to anyone you don't know. (Callers that want a credit card number or expiration date to verify anything about you aren't to be trusted.)

Postal inspectors are intent on preserving public confidence in the U.S. mail as a means of accessing the marketplace, and point out that the vast majority of mail order vendors are legitimate.

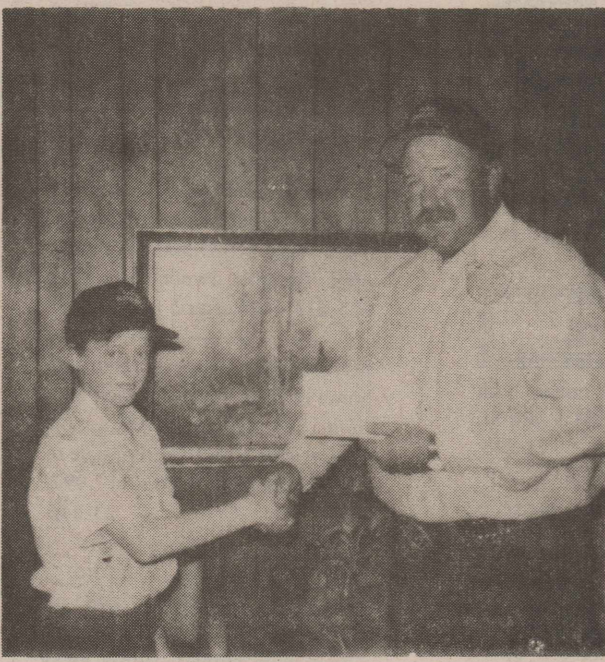
"We want to drive the rotten apples out of the telemarketing barrel with vigorous law enforcement and a strong dose of public education," said John Brugger, headquarters spokesperson for the Postal Inspection Service.



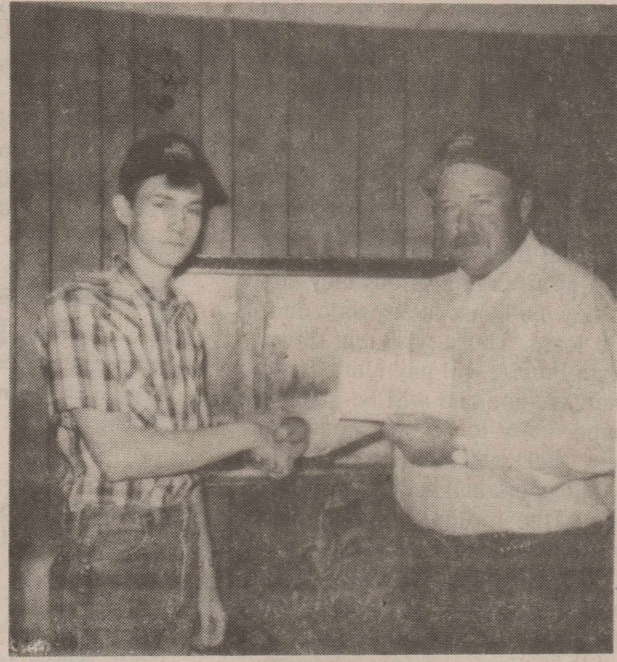
Amanda Crawford receives gift certificate



Charlie Parks



Grant Hisey



Kevin Grand

## Farm Bureau honors youngsters

As in previous years, Haskell County Farm Bureau donated to the participants in the premium sale of the Haskell County Livestock Show in January.

A few months later, the Farm Bureau was awarded \$100 from the

Texas Farm Bureau due to a membership gain in 1992. The local Farm Bureau decided to give this award back to the members of Haskell County.

The local office compiled a list of the Farm Bureau members who

participated in the county show. One name from each community was drawn to receive a gift certificate of \$25 to Allison Farm Supply in Haskell.

Robert Ace Turner, president of the organization, awarded gift certificates to:

Grant Hisey, son of Don and Trish Hisey of Rule; Charlie Parks, son of Bill and Billie Parks of Rochester; Amanda Crawford, daughter of James and Kim Crawford of Paint Creek; and Kevin Grand, son of Howard and Maxine Grand of Haskell.

Directors expressed their thanks to all 739 members for making these awards possible to the youth for their dedication, hard work and achievements.

## Suggestions given for freezing food

Freezing is one of the easiest, most convenient and least time consuming methods of preserving foods. Freezing does not sterilize foods but retards growth of micro-organisms and slows down chemical changes in foods that affect quality or cause spoilage.

Why do we blanch foods before freezing? Blanching inactivates enzymes and slows down color and flavor changes in the food. Blanching is placing the vegetables in boiling water for a short time, then rapidly cooling the product to prevent cooking. Blanching also destroys micro organisms on the surface of the food.

Enzymes in fruit cause browning and a loss of vitamin C. Fruits are not blanched. Instead, a chemical substance is used to slow enzymes. Ascorbic acid, also known as vitamin C, is the chemical compound used.

When foods are frozen, the water contained in the food is actually frozen. When this water freezes, it expands and the ice crystals formed cause the cell walls to rupture. This process causes a slight softening in the texture of the food when thawed.

Here are a few freezing tips:  
•Use only containers that have

the following characteristics:

1. Moisture-vapor resistant
2. Durable and leak-proof
3. Does not become brittle
4. Resistant to oil, grease or water

5. Protects food from other flavors and odors
6. Easy to seal and label

- Cool all foods and syrup before packing. This helps speed freezing time.
- Pack foods in quantities that will be used for a single meal.
- Pack foods tightly, leaving as little air as possible in the package.
- Be sure to label all packages/containers with the item name and date.
- Practice this rule "FIFO"---First in, First out.
- Freeze foods at 0 degrees F or lower.
- Leave a little space between packages so air can circulate freely. After food is frozen, it can be stacked.
- When using spices, season lightly before freezing, and add additional seasonings when reheating or serving.

More information is available on freezing fruits and vegetables from the extension office. Contact Lou Gilly, county extension agent-home economics, at 864-2546.

## Alcohol plays part in many abuse cases

Not all alcoholics physically abuse their children and spouses. But, research indicates that in many incidents of domestic violence, alcohol is a major factor.

Dr. Henry Kemp, who coined the term "battered child," estimates that alcohol plays a part in one-third of all child abuse cases.

In terms of spousal abuse, the Abused Women's Aid in Crisis program in New York City estimated that 80 percent of its cases involve chemical dependency.

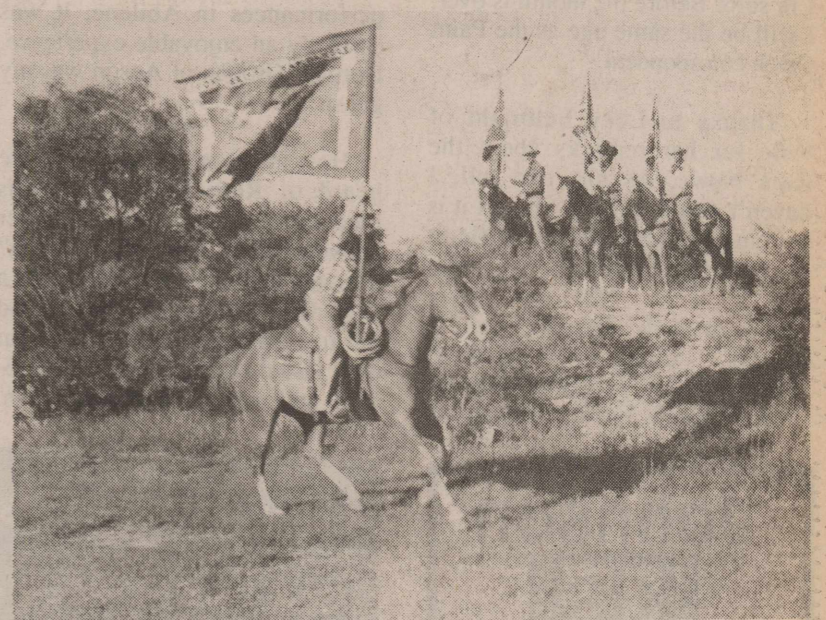
Counselors from the Hendrick Care Center in Abilene offer many explanations about the role alcohol plays in abusive families:

- Alcohol as disavowal techniques---a husband who feels

like beating his wife believes his actions will be excused while drunk.

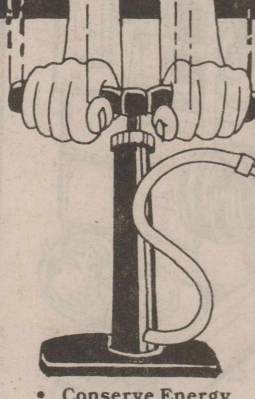
- Alcohol lowers one's tolerance threshold---a mother who normally could contain her rage when her toddler spills paint on the new rug, may lose control and hit the child while drunk.
- Personality characteristics of the abusive parent or spouse parallel those of the chemically dependent person---low self-esteem and low frustration tolerance.

Preventing violence in a home where chemical dependency is a problem is more than a matter of convincing the substance abuser to stop drinking or using drugs.



## Fandangle

The traditional, fast-paced Flag Parade will once again open the 1993 Fort Griffin Fandangle in Albany. Performances for the 55th production of the outdoor musical drama begin at dusk, and are scheduled for June 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26 at the Prairie Theater northwest of Albany.



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# Superintendent talks to Beta Chi group

The Beta Chi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met May 1 at the Haskell Homemaking Cottage.

The invocation was given by Jo Cox. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, members from Haskell, Paint Creek and Weinert.

Wanda Thompson introduced the speaker, Jerry Morgan, superintendent of Paint Creek Independent School District. He talked about Paint Creek's participation in the Partnership School Initiative Program.

This program was begun in Texas in 1991 when certain schools across the state were selected to try new, innovative approaches to education. Out of 1,000 schools which applied, 83 were selected for this pilot program and Paint Creek ISD is one of the few grade K-12 schools in the program.

After visiting other schools and observing their programs, the Paint Creek faculty chose the area of outcome-based education to implement in their school. Morgan described the goals of the program, the techniques being used at Paint Creek, and how this approach compares to education in the conventional classroom.

He pointed out that changing trends in education and in the world affect the way we are teaching and learning today. He invited Beta Chi members to come to Paint Creek and observe first-hand how well this innovative approach is working in the school.

June Biffle, president, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Plans were made for heads of each committee to meet in July to work on the new yearbook.

In observance of Founders' Day, Monique Morgan and Jo Cox shared information about the founders of Delta Kappa Gamma. Jo shared a piece by Edna McGuire Boyd entitled "They Hoisted the Main Sail to the Wind," about the founding of Delta Kappa Gamma. Monique handed out a profile of the founders.

Elizabeth Acree presented the "Red Rose Salute" to Dorothy Myers, Mary Martin and June Biffle for their outstanding service to Beta Chi chapter. Then, June Biffle presented the "Red Rose Salute" to the officers and committee chairmen in appreciation of their work during the past year.

## Pleasant Valley reunion June 26

The annual Pleasant Valley School reunion will be held Saturday, June 26.

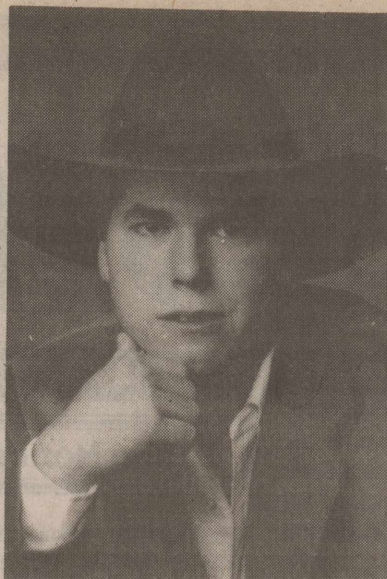
Ex-students, teachers and friends will meet for a salad supper at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank community room.

## Social Security schedule given

The third quarter Social Security schedule for Haskell has been announced by the Abilene district office.

A representative from the district office will be in Haskell on July 1 and 15, Aug. 5 and 19, and Sept. 2 and 16.

He may be contacted after 9:30 a.m. on those dates at the old City Hall annex.



Lon Dennis McMillin Jr.

## McMillin graduates at A&M

Lon Dennis McMillin Jr. was conferred a bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Services and Development May 15 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Prior to his graduation, he spent 10 weeks in Austin to receive training in agricultural marketing. This student internship was with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

He was under the supervision of Julie Andrews, marketing specialist; Diane Smith, director of marketing services; and Matt Brockman, deputy assistant commissioner for marketing and agribusiness development. This arrangement was made by mutual agreement between the Texas Department of Agriculture and Tarleton State University. He assisted with all activities concerning the TDA's agricultural marketing programs.

McMillin is the son of the late Lon Dennis McMillin of Abilene and Mrs. Donna Cowden of Bowie. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lon McMillin of Abilene and nephew of Brian McMillin of Abilene. A sister, Lona Jo Spencer, resides in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. He is the great-grandson of the late Judge and Mrs. Dennis P. Ratliff and the late Mr. and Mrs. John McMillin of Haskell.

He now lives in College Station and plans to attend Texas A&M University to further his education.

There is nothing harder than the softness of indifference.

Juan Montalvo

## Swimming pool to close early for swim lessons

The Haskell Municipal Swimming Pool will close at 5 p.m. on June 16 through June 18 and on June 22 through June 25.

Earlier closing times will be observed on these days because of swimming lessons.

On all other days, the pool will remain open until 6 p.m.

## Shot clinic scheduled Friday

Texas Department of Health's shot clinic is scheduled Friday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. at the American Legion building.

A parent or guardian must accompany a minor. Adult immunizations also will be given.

For more information call 864-2609.

## --Obituaries--

### Mary Cunningham

Mary Long Cunningham, 91, died June 11 in Fort Worth.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Long, pioneer citizens of Haskell.

Mrs. Cunningham was a graduate of Haskell High School and the University of Texas. She taught in the Haskell school system many years ago.

She and her husband, John H. Cunningham Jr., returned to Texas after retirement and resided on Lake Palo Pinto, near Gordon. They had lived many years in St. Louis where Mr. Cunningham was an attorney and where they were active in the Presbyterian Church and other social and civic organizations

of that city.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her son, John H. Cunningham III.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Raymond V. (Mary R.) Spencer of St. Louis and Ms. Jane Cunningham of Reston, Va.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Among other relatives are Mrs. Margaret (Long) Bourland of Fort Worth and Mrs. Frances (Shook) Weidner of Gordon, nieces.

### Bake sale

Women of the Trinity Lutheran Church will have a bake sale Saturday, June 19.

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