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FAMILY LAND HERITAGE AWARD—Thelma and Joe Mathis representing W.L. Mathis Ranch in Haskell County are honored by Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry for keeping their family-owned land in agricultural production for at least 100 years. They were one of 81 families from across the state honored as part of the 21st annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony held in Austin in late January.

City teenage curfew begins March 1

The City Council approved a motion to enact a teen curfew beginning March 1. This was the second of two public hearings on the curfew. Only one person, Bruce Adamson, voiced an opinion in favor of the curfew. There was no opposition presented. Curfew hours will begin at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday nights and 1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights for

teenagers 16 and under. The exception being, teens with their parents or other authority figures; or in chaperoned groups such as school and church functions; or a teen that is married or lives on their own; or one that is enroute home from work or on an errand authorized by their parents.

The council set May 6 as the date for a General Election to be held for the election of three city aldermen.

In other business, Bobby Hobgood representing the Economic Development Corporation presented the council with a job description recommendation for requirements to hire an EDC director. The council tabled the

Paint Creek boys in Bi-district playoff

The Paint Creek boys varsity basketball team will play Jayton at 6:30 p.m. at Wylie High School in Abilene, in Region II Class A Bi-district playoffs.

matter until they have time to study the recommendation.

Hobgood said that the city had received two checks from EDC as of Feb. 14, totaling \$9,083 and will receive another check for the month of Dec. 1994 for \$9,815.11.

City Administrator Sam Watson told the council that the city had received a notice from the West Texas Central Council of Governments regarding the Park Grant, stating that the application had cleared the executive committee and that they would be meeting again on the fourth Wednesday of the month to review the applications.

In other reports Watson said that the Headstart Building (the old day care building near the fitness center at Ave. 1 and 14th St.) is nearing completion. He said that he had talked with a representative from Lubbock and they are talking about possibly starting the program in April and will be taking applications around the end of March.

Haskell CISD board approves purchase of band uniforms

The Haskell CISD board approved the purchase of forty new band uniforms at a cost of \$12,440 at their regular monthly meeting on Thursday night.

Band Director Michael Copeland had discussed the purchase of the uniforms with Superintendent Bill Stewart and asked that it be put on the agenda for the board meeting. Copeland told the board members "the band program is growing and we are looking ahead to meet the needs for the uniforms. We do not have to get all of them at this time, but it is the cheapest way to go." He said that there was some money in the band budget to help with the cost of the uniforms and that the

booster club would also contribute money for the uniforms.

Both Superintendent Stewart and High School Principal Greg Melton spoke to the board in favor of purchasing the new uniforms. Melton told the board, "the numbers are growing and the quality is growing, Mr. Copeland is doing a fabulous job."

In other business, a motion was approved to rehire four administrative staff members as recommended by Superintendent Stewart. Those staff members are Coach Dwane Gray, High School Principal Greg Melton, Elementary Principal, Jimmy Lisle and Billie McKeever.

The board also approved the motion to order a May 6 board member election and approved the appointment of election judges and clerks.

Superintendent Stewart reported that the renovation construction work on the auditorium is completed except the seats, which they hope will be in place by April. He also reported on the administrative office renovation which is underway with a possible April completion date.

Stewart told the board that a summer school grant has been approved by the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

Sales tax rebates show increase

State Comptroller John Sharp recently delivered a total of \$230.9 million in monthly sales tax rebates to 1,072 Texas cities and 111 counties, including \$39,260.45 to the city of Haskell, compared to \$28,502.96 in the same period in 1994, a 37.74 percent increase. 1995 payments to date have been \$56,367.93 in comparison to 1994 payments to date of \$41,944.91, a 34.38 percent increase.

October, November and December, and yearly filings for 1994.

"Statewide employment reached 7.8 million, another all-time high," Sharp said. "Continued service and construction growth in all the major metro areas has contributed to 17 consecutive months of employment growth of three

percent or better."

Texas cities received \$210.6 million in sales tax rebates, 5.2 percent above the \$200.2 million delivered last February. Counties were delivered \$20.2 million for their February rebates, up one percent over the \$20 million for the same period last year.

Fire department issues warning

This is the beginning of controlled burning of grasslands in our area. It is also a prime time for accidental grass fires. Due to this, the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department urges anyone that is going to do any type of controlled burning, to notify the sheriff's office or any fire department member.

This small courtesy keeps our firemen on call for emergencies instead of going out on an already maintained incident.

Haskell band students bring home medals, headed for state

14 Haskell High School band students competed in the Region II South Zone UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest held Saturday, Feb. 18 in Abilene.

The students decide whether to perform a solo or to form an ensemble and must select music from the UIL Prescribed Music List. Music is divided into three difficulty levels.

Any student receiving a Division I rating on a grade I selection, advances to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in May. Students from Haskell advancing to state include Katy Martin with a

French Horn solo; Christy Cadenhead, Clarissa Huff and Patrick Middleton with a trumpet trio; Philip Huff, Kaki Stapleton and Anna Rieger, all with piano solos.

Shelly Palacios received a Division I on a grade II selection. The following students received Division II ratings: Amy Burson, Andrea Callaway, Shannon Sanford, Paul McGuire, Wendy Dulaney and Chris McSmith.

"I believe that the students did a great job of representing our school and community at the contest," said Band Director Michael Copeland.

Submitted by Michael Copeland



VALENTINE KING AND QUEEN—O.T. Kreger was crowned Valentine King and Lillian Wahnus was crowned Valentine Queen at Haskell Healthcare Center on Valentine Day.

Pep rally and send-off

The Haskell Indian varsity boys basketball team will play Cisco in a Class 2A Bi-district playoff game at 6:30 p.m., Friday evening, Feb. 24, at Wylie High School in Abilene. The Indians, coached by Mark Coffman and assisted by Bob Rapp, won the District 7-2A championship, advancing them to the Bi-district level.

A pep rally to cheer the team on will be held at 3:35 p.m., Friday afternoon at the Haskell High School gymnasium and a send-off will be held at 4:15 p.m. on the courthouse square.

The Haskell Booster Club members encourage all fans to wear

their black and gold and to attend the game. Bring your bandanas, pom-poms, streamers, and shakers...anything that will help build spirit. The fans can be the 6th-man player in the stands. Do your part by cheering, clapping, waving, or standing to show your Indian spirit and pride.

It's not too late to buy "Black Attack" t-shirts. Short sleeve shirts at \$10 each and long sleeve shirts at \$12 in various sizes are still available. Contact Gerre and Sammy Larned or Rhonda and Jimmy Lisle if you would like to buy one.

Rule girls win Bi-district playoff

The Rule Lady Bobcats scored 58-55 over the Throckmorton Lady Greyhounds in the second half of their girls Region II-A bi-district basketball playoff game at Hunt P.E. Center Saturday night.

The Lady Bobcats were missing two starters from the game, Tamika Griffin, who quit the team after the final District game and Jennifer Lehmann, who scored 10 points in the first half but fouled out in the

third quarter.

Denise Wilson was high point scorer for Rule with 20 points, including 14 in the second half; Amy Hisey scored 12 points for the Lady Bobcats. Coach Daniel Fontenot said that the girls never quit and that he thought they played very well considering what they went through.

The Lady Bobcats will face Paducah in the area round of the playoffs.



HAPPY VALENTINE DAY—C.T. (Brother T.) Jackson visited his wife, Gladys, at Rice Springs Care Home, Inc. on Valentine Day and presented her with a lovely valentine.

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Coming Events

Sunday luncheon at Country Club

The February luncheon at the Haskell Country Club will be Sunday, Feb. 26. All members are encouraged to attend and to bring a covered dish. Hostesses are Carl and Phylecia Bailey.

Old Glory Musical Saturday, Feb. 25

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., Feb. 25, at the Community Center in Old Glory. The Best Little Concession Stand in Texas will be open at 5:30 p.m.

and the music will start at 6 p.m. There is no admission charge. The proceeds of the concessions and any donations will go to offset Community Center expenses. For further information, call 817-989-2925 or 2760.

First Flight public relations visit

A crew from First Flight flying ambulance service will be at the Haskell Memorial Hospital at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28. The helicopter will be landing in front of the hospital and the public is invited to come out and talk with the crew about the service and to take a look at the helicopter.

Commodities to be distributed in March

The Aspermont Small Business Development Center has announced that SBA commodities will be delivered in March. Look for more information in next week's edition of the *Free Press*.

Eastern Star to meet Tuesday, Feb. 28

The Eastern Star Lodge will conduct its regular stated meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Masonic Lodge.

Band booster meeting, Thursday

The Haskell High School band boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, at the band hall.

Country Squares offer dance lessons

Haskell Country Squares will offer square dancing lessons, beginning, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. in the room over Hassens. Leon Ivey will be the instructor. For further information, call Leon Jones at 864-2046 or Delight Jones at 864-2613.

Immunization clinic dates set for March

The Texas Department of Health will hold immunization clinics on the following dates and locations:

March 1 - Haskell Courthouse, 3rd floor, 1 - 3 p.m.

March 9 - Aspermont, behind library, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

March 16, American Legion in Haskell, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

March 20 - Knox City Community Center, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (open through lunch)

March 28 - Haskell Courthouse, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Adult TD's (Tetanus-Diphtheria) will be available at all clinics. A parent or legal guardian must accompany minor children. For more information, call 817-864-2609.

Kiwanis Club express thanks

The Haskell Kiwanis Club would like to thank everyone who attended the annual Kiwanisfest roast beef dinner. The event was once again a success due to everyone's support.

A special thanks is extended to Modern Way Grocery and Farm Fresh Bakery for their contribution to our efforts. Again, thank you Haskell, for your generous support, from the Haskell Kiwanis Club

Haskell native appointed examiner for 1994 Texas Quality award

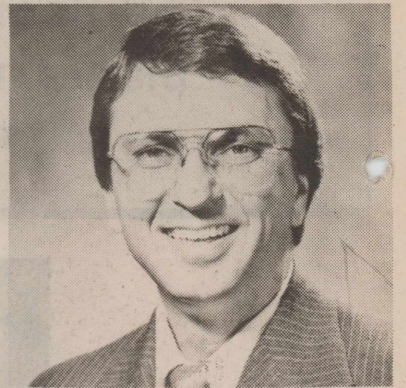
David Fischer has been appointed to the 1994 Texas Quality Award Board of Examiners. The Texas Quality Award, administered by Quality Texas, is offered annually to Texas organizations that demonstrate the highest levels of quality. Announcement of award winners is scheduled for April, 1995.

As an Examiner, Fischer is responsible for reviewing and evaluating applications submitted for the award. The Board of Examiners is comprised of leading quality experts selected from industry, government, professional and trade organizations, and educational institutions. All examiners must complete a

rigorous preparation course.

Based on the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the Texas Quality Award expands the national award categories and offers recognition to industry, government agencies, non-profit organizations and educational institutions.

Former Governor Ann W. Richards formally announced and endorsed the award at a ceremony in Austin on Feb. 10, 1993, as a part of a total quality initiative for the state of Texas. Representatives from industry, government and education were in attendance to support the award program. In addition, Governor Richards presented the first awards at the Governor's mansion in 1994.



DAVID FISCHER

Fischer is a 1968 graduate of Haskell High School. He is employed at John Deere Company in the position of Manager, Total Quality.

Obituaries

Slover Bledsoe

Services were held Friday, Feb. 17, for Slover Bledsoe, 94, of Haskell in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Bledsoe died Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Haskell Memorial Hospital. He was born Jan. 27, 1901, in Durant, Okla. He was a farmer, a member of First Baptist Church, a member of the Odd Fellows and a member of the Business Men's Bible Class. He served as County Commissioner for eight years from 1967 to 1975.

He was preceded in death by his wife, two brothers and one sister.

He is survived by one daughter, Winnie Faye Bower of Houston; two sons, Kenneth Boyd Bledsoe of Fremont, Calif. and Philip Charles Bledsoe of Weatherford; three sisters, Ethel Segal and Pauline Derr, both of Haskell and Opal Agnew of Angleton; one brother, Frank Bledsoe of Hobbs, New Mex.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were David Davis, Chuck Guzman, Eli Guzman, Jeff Bowen, Bulent Turan and Ben Melton. Honorary pallbearers were Michael Bledsoe and John Rowe.

Irman Whitaker

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 18, for Irman Whitaker, 85, of Haskell at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Whitaker died Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Haskell Memorial Hospital. He was born Feb. 24, 1909 in Haskell County. He married Laura Mae Wheatly April 13, 1933 in Stamford. He was a self employed well driller, a member of First Baptist Church, a member of

the Business Mens Bible Class and a past member of the Odd Fellows.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Freida Jeanette. He is survived by his wife, Laura Mae Whitaker of Haskell and one sister, Addie Mae Harper of Irving.

Pallbearers were Johnny Wheatley, Gary Littlefield, Olen King, Frank Jenkins, Buford Cox and Charles Swinson.

Leona M. Townsend

Graveside services were held Thursday, Feb. 16, for Leona M. Townsend, 69, of Rule at the Rule Cemetery with Rev. J.R. Williams officiating. Services were under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home.

Townsend died Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Abilene Regional Medical Center. She was born March 14, 1925 in Park, Kan. She was well known for her numerous years of volunteer work in the civic and

service organizations. She had served in the capacity of National President of the Ladies Auxiliary Military Order of the Purple Heart (Lamoph) in 1982. She also belonged to the Rule Garden Club in which she had the honor of being president.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Doyle (Mary Ann) Norman of Rule; one brother, Walter Younger of Henderson, Ky.; and husband, dear friend and companion, Chase Houser of Rule.

Howell Lee Miller

Graveside services were held, Saturday, Feb. 18, for Howell Lee Miller, 79, of Kerrville at the Rule Cemetery.

Miller died, Wednesday, Feb. 15. He was born July 5, 1915 at Jud in Haskell County. He married Reba Loudell, July 3, 1937 at Haskell. He retired in 1980 after 35 years with El Paso Natural Gas in Farmington, New Mex. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Reba Loudell Norman Miller of Kerrville; one daughter and son-in-law, Donna Gail Miller Raymond and James M. Raymond of Kerrville; one son and daughter-in-law, James Lee Roy Miller and Eva Lois Miller of Elephant Butte, New Mex.; four sisters, Gladys Spurlin of Midland, Irene Wood of Albuquerque, New Mex., Amrion Atkinson and Elvira Seigel, both of Denver, Colo.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Oil and Gas Report

The Railroad Commission issued a total of 856 original permits to drill in Jan. 1995 compared to 910 in Jan., 1994. The

856 total included 631 permits to drill new oil and gas tests, 25 to re-enter existing well bores, and 200 re-completions.

Permits issued in January included 313 oil, 201 gas, 300 oil and gas, 41 injection, and one other permit.

In Jan. 1995 operators reported 306 gas, 315 oil, and 13 injection and other completions, compared to 294 gas, 377 oil and 23 injection and other completions during the same period of last year.

Operators reported 880 holes plugged and 125 dry holes in January, compared to 964 holes plugged and 209 dry holes reported during the same period last year. Texas preliminary November crude oil production averaged 1,421,940 barrels daily, down from the 1,503,864 barrels daily average in Nov. 1993.

The preliminary Texas oil production figure for November is 42,658,199 barrels, down from the 45,115,910 barrels reported in Nov. 1993.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 463,128,761 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas in preliminary production for November, up three percent compared to November 1993's gas production total of 451,504,998 Mcf.

Texas gas production in November came from 167,203 oil, and 47,356, gas wells.

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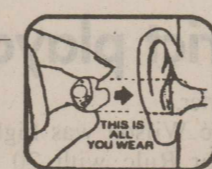
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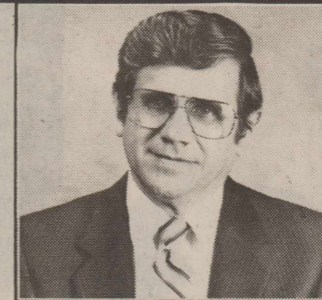
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LIFESTYLES

Faye Jetton hosts Weinert FCE club

The Weinert Family, Community and Education Club met for their monthly meeting in the home of Faye Jetton of Haskell on Feb. 7.

The meeting was opened by a welcome and "Ten things we should make time for," from Mrs. Jetton. Seven members and two visitors answered roll call with "What I do when I do as I please." The most popular answer was nothing.

Bill Snowden of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center sent a letter of appreciation for all the time and

effort that the club had spent on the quilt that the club contributed for the Telethon in January.

The council report was given. Alice Yates, calendar chairman, reported that the kit for the annual Community Calendar had been ordered.

Everyone was reminded to bring their membership forms to the office as soon as possible.

The president expressed appreciation to everyone for helping with the concession stand at the

Junior Livestock Show.

Lou Gilly, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent presented the program, "Networth, How is Your Treasure Hunt Going?" She pointed out several ways available to invest our savings. She told us there are certain investment terms we need to be familiar with in order to be insured against losses. There was material for us to study at home.

The next meeting will be with Myrtle Phemister on Tuesday, March 7.



ROBBYN TRIBBEY, RENA HARRIS AND TRACY RICHARDSON

Happenings

By Lois Redwine

Visiting last week with Gladys O'Neal were her sister and brother-in-law, Wilton and Edey Davis of Dallas. On Friday, they went to Wichita Falls to visit another sister, Frances Lee. Saturday night, they celebrated Frances' birthday with dinner at the University Club. Among those attending were Mrs. Lee's daughter, Linda Fisher and friend, Bill Crowell of Austin; her son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Leslie Fisher; the Davis'; Mrs. O'Neal and a number of friends of Wichita Falls. Mrs. O'Neal returned home on Sunday and her cousin, Cecil Mae Archer of Crowell, came for an overnight visit.

Frieda Nehring of Rice Springs Care Home had as visitors, Hazel Letz, Old Glory, Barbara Druesedow, Abilene, Alton and Christine Mindemann, Apache, Ok. and Lena Petrich, Haskell.

Spending a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Leonard were Mrs. Leonard's brother and sister-in-law, Glenn and Imogene Ramsey of Wylie and the Ramsey's son and grandson, Rick and Brett Ramsey of Garland. The Ramsey's have a hunting lease near Aspermont and the men spent most of their time there.

Daughter, Suzy McElmurry, who is director of the Visitors & Conventions Bureau of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, was recently in a meeting in Midland and mentioned being raised in Haskell. A young man spoke up and said he was also raised in Haskell. He was veterinarian, Dr. Bobby Cobb, son of Virgil and Evelyn Cobb. Small world.

On Feb. 13, a group from First Baptist Church, Haskell went to Hollis, Ok. to attend the annual 50 & Up Valentine banquet for senior citizens. The event was hosted by the First Baptist Church in Hollis. Bro. James Densman, former FBC pastor in Haskell, is pastor there. Randy McLelland, youth director of FBC, Haskell was in charge of the program. Others attending from Haskell were Marie Howeth, Mildred Robertson, Mary Martin, Elbert and Franciene Johnson, Emma Bland, Grace McKelvain, Allene Wheatley, Ford and Donna Cole, Iola Henshaw and Charles and Latrice Swinson.

Jack and Glenda Therwanger of Houston visited last week with

Child care providers meet at Stamford

The Haskell/Jones County Child Care Providers met Monday, Feb. 13, in the City Hall at Stamford, with Martha Alice Sprayberry, Jones County Extension Agent-FCE of Anson, presenting the program "Common Sense First Aid," to the group.

Training certificates were presented to Haskell members Laura Andress, Lois Howard and Wilda Pannell, and Sharon Simpson of Rule.

Those attending from Stamford were Emilia Alvarado, Jeanie Bennett, Shelley Bogle, Skeet Dennis, Millie Gomez, Cindy Kendrick, Nina McClintock and Sandra Rhea; from Hamlin, were Dorothy Decker, Julen Hodges and Kathy Winegerst.

President Sharon Simpson resigned, because she is no longer a child care provider. Sandra Rhea was elected to finish out the term for 1995.

Those attending the meeting were encouraged to write to their elected representatives in Washington to urge them to support and keep the Child Care Food Program intact.

Glenda's mother, Thelma Williamson. They had also visited their daughters in Lubbock and Midland.

Henrietta Sego and Bessie Evans spent last week in Dallas in the home of Mrs. Sego's daughter and son-in-law, Bill and June Bell.

Austin Nanny celebrated his 2nd birthday on Feb. 16 in his home. After opening his gifts, cake and ice cream were served. Helping him celebrate were his parents, Flint and Lisa Nanny, his brother and sister, Trey and Amber Rogers, grandparents, Carl Wayne and Myra Myers, Bobby, Shannon, Tara and Haley Myers and Paula, Christina and Andrew Sammons.

Spending Friday night and Saturday night with Judge and Mrs. B. O. Roberson were their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter, Nick, Melissa and Molly Long from Floydada. They were enroute home from the San Antonio Stock Show.

Elmer and Bernice Hilliard square danced Saturday night in Breckenridge with the Breckenridge Squares. Leon Ivey of Munday was the caller.

Darlène Cummings of Abilene spent last week with her mother, Neat Bevel, who is ill. Daughter and husband, Joy and Jackie Harvey of Odessa came on the weekend to spend several days with Mrs. Bevel. The Harveys also visited Jackie's parents, Jack and Alta Faye Harvey.

On Feb. 14, Sammie Turner reviewed the book "Spiritual Life Development" by Mildred Murry at the First Baptist Church, Rochester. A pot luck lunch followed. Churches from Munday, Rule, Rochester and Haskell were represented. Besides Mrs. Turner, those attending from Haskell were Alice Huckabee, Billie Cadenehead, Lorene Adams, Dorothy Trussell, Jo Ellison, Faye Gray, Mary Martin, Earmel Bevel, Jerrene Couch and Lois Redwine.

Lynn Gray of Grapeland spent

the weekend with his parents, George and Faye Gray.

Borden and Jeffie Clifton of Okla. City and Buster and Robbie Gholson of Abilene spent the weekend with the ladies' mother, Beulah Toliver. Also, the Glenn Sammons and Hess Hartsfield families visited.

Spending the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Wilson were their son and family, Jonathan, Sheila and Lauren from Bowie, their friends, Bro. Eddie and Annie Nabors from Azle and Alan, Jennifer and Dana Holmes of O'Brien. The men killed 2 wild hogs northwest of Haskell.

The Greater Independent Baptist Church expresses deep appreciation to all who helped make the Black History cantata a wonderful success. A special thanks to narrator, Edith Williams of Arlington and to her husband, Ronny Williams for his talk on Black History; to the Couch family; to Bro. and sister James Ford, Sr. from New Haven, Mi. and to the First Baptist Church for the choir robes, which were dedicated by pastor Walker.

After numerous knee surgeries, the military has found Frank Jordan, Jr. to be totally disabled. He has moved to Sweetwater and enrolled in TSTC. He is seeking a degree in bookkeeping, accounting and management.

Members of the Greater Independent Baptist Church were in Aspermont Sunday evening at the St. Paul Baptist Church for a Black History program. Rev. Roy Walker is pastor.

Weekend visitors with Robert and Mae Lou Yeldell were daughter and family, Ronny, Edith and Ebone Williams from Arlington and Pat and Angela Jordan from Stamford.

The Senior Mission met Monday in the home of Cora Walker.

No Happenings next week.

Haskell twirling students place at Littlefield festival

Twirling and Valentine pageants were the focus of four Haskell families on Sat., Feb. 11. Reena Harris, Katie McKnight, Tracy Richardson and Robbyn Tribbey traveled to Littlefield to attend the February Twirling Festival.

Reena, daughter of Gary and Barbara Harris, placed 1st in the Novice Solo division against 13 other contestants in her age group and receive a 1 (one) in the ratings for her solo. Tracy, daughter of Clark and Debbie Richardson, placed 2nd in the Novice Solo division in the 7-9 age group. Robbyn, daughter of Robert and Lynette Tribbey, placed 2nd in the Miss Valentine pageant and the Costume Model and won 1st place in the Basic Strut (marching) and the Novice Solo divisions. Robbyn earned trophies for the Miss Valentine and the Basic Strut competitions.

The National Baton Twirling Association (NBTA) prohibits giving trophies to novice contestants. Three first place medals must be awarded to a novice before they can advance to the next division and win trophies. Advancing to the next level can take a while since the contests are held at distant locations and the competition is stiff.

These twirlers are under the instruction of Debbie Richardson.

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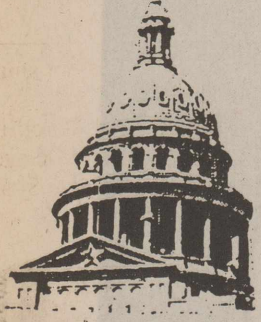
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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AUSTIN — State Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, filed legislation last week which would allow local school districts to buy whatever textbooks they please with state money.

Ratliff, who chairs the Senate Education Committee, said elimination of the state textbook adoption process is part of his 1,088-page proposal to overhaul the Texas Education Code.

"I think there are about four or five textbook companies in the world large enough to go through the long, arduous expensive process of being approved for a textbook," Ratliff said.

"There's millions of dollars spent in that process, and small publishing houses can't afford to try to get a textbook approved," he said.

But Jack Christie, chairman of the State Board of Education, voiced concern about doing away with the present method of adopting textbooks.

Under the current system, school districts can use state funds to buy books approved by the state. They can use local funds to buy other books if they choose.

"My basic feeling is textbook election still should be a statewide function because half the districts don't have the experts to peruse those books and choose what's best for the kids," Christie said.

Ratliff said that under his proposal, regional education service centers would be given authority to create panels of educators to review available textbooks and make recommendations.

Education Commissioner Lionel Skip" Meno said shifting textbook adoption to local districts would cut 46 members of the TEA's staff, out of a total 1,133 employees. He said about 30 states have local textbook adoption.

Ratliff's bill is considered a starting point for senators and House members, who are drafting their own proposal to make schools more accountable to local communities.

Other provisions of the education reform bill include:

- Teacher's minimum pay scale would be increased and tied to growth in per-pupil spending;
- A new State Board for Certification would give educators the same right of self-regulation that most other professions have;
- School district superintendents rather than school boards would develop district budgets, which

then would be approved by the boards; and

- Limit school superintendents to 12 months of severance pay.

"Sen. Ratliff's proposals show a clear movement toward innovation and expanded local control of our Texas schools," said Gov. George W. Bush.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock concurred: "I support the entire bill as he has introduced it."

On another subject, Sen. Ratliff said he has pledged of 11 "hard no votes" against casino gambling, the exact number needed to defeat the proposal. He also vowed to filibuster a casino bill if it reaches the Senate floor.

Richards Joins Law Firm

Former Gov. Ann Richards last week became the senior advisor to the Washington-based law firm of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand in its newly opened Austin office.

Rosemary Freeman, director of the firm's public affairs, said Richards, who is not a lawyer, would advise both public and private clients with the firm in areas of public policy and comprehensive business strategy.

The firm recently hired former U.S. Sens. Lloyd Bentsen and George Mitchell.

Lottery Funds to Schools

A major portion of lottery revenues would be dedicated to public education under a bill proposed by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio.

Under the measure, 80 percent of lottery revenues would go toward funding public education and the remainder to the state's General Revenue Fund.

Wentworth said the bill would do "what most voters believed more than three years ago would happen when they voted in favor of a lottery."

Bill Limits Side Jobs

State legislators would be prohibited from representing paying clients before state agencies under an ethics reform bill approved last week by a Senate committee.

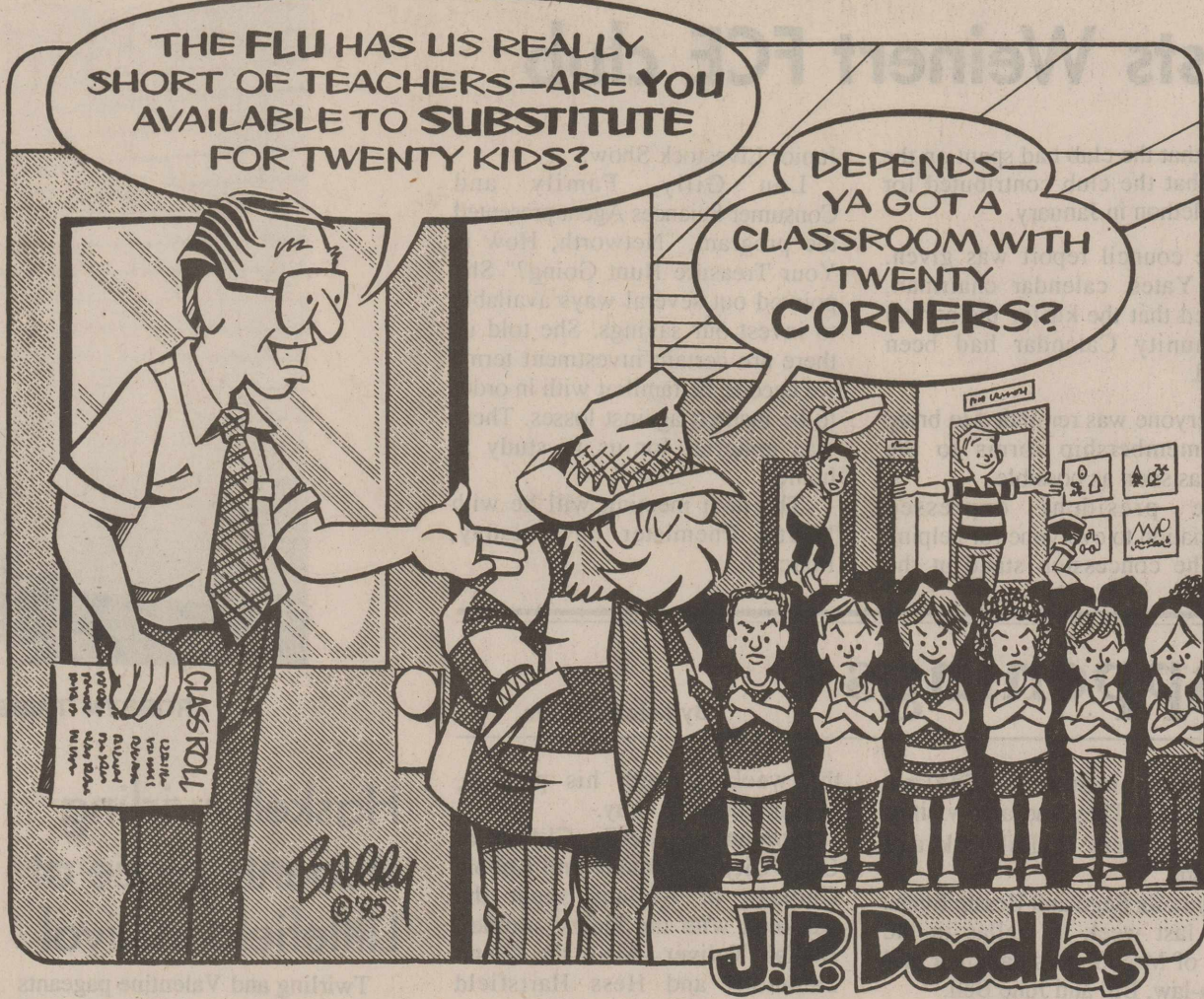
The measure, approved by the Senate State Affairs Committee on a 7-4 vote, would halt legal activities that earned certain lawmakers \$680,000 in fees during a recent three-year period.

"I think there is a widespread perception that state legislators represent clients before state agencies for pay and have undue influence on those agencies," said Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, author of the bill.

Other Highlights

■ State Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, is proposing a constitutional amendment that would give Texas voters the power to approve measures by petition. Under the proposed amendment, voters also could petition to repeal laws passed by the Legislature. "The power of the people should not be limited to the name they check at the ballot box," Nelson said.

■ Gov. Bush nominated Houston businesswoman Brenda Arnett to be executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce. He announced the nomination after Deborah Kastrin resigned.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago Feb. 20, 1975

The Board of Trustees of the Haskell Independent School District met Feb. 11 and approved the basic schematic drawing of the vocational agriculture building as presented by Cantrell Planners, Inc. Board members called a trustee election for Saturday, April 5, for the purpose of electing two new members for three year terms and one member for the unexpired term of one year.

Winners in the Winter Festival poster contest have been announced and are as follows: Receiving first place in their respective rooms were Rhonda Adams, Kendall Joe Larned, Emily Thornhill, Shawn Chambers, Susie Blankenship, Melinda Blakley, Jimmy Roberts, Kim Griffith and Shelly Long.

Patricia J. Everett has been named Haskell High School's 1975 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow. Miss Everett won the honor by scoring high in a written examination administered to high school seniors here and throughout the country Dec. 3.

30 Years Ago Feb. 25, 1945

The Texas Highway Department's 15-man maintenance crew based in Haskell "tipped to their jobs" Tuesday morning, according to Ray Lusk, foreman thus rounded out 20 full years, or 7300 days of work uninterrupted by a single second of time away from the job due to accident or injury.

A gregarious group of guys from Wichita Falls, 12 of them, invaded Haskell last Wednesday bent on a "reciprocal trade agreement." Met by a dozen Haskell hosts representing the Chamber of Commerce here, the Wichitans,

were given the VIP treatment by hometowners. The group met for breakfast at the Haskell National Bank before going on a tour of the town.

Haskell Chamber of Commerce went "over the top" on Tuesday morning on its current commitment of \$1,000 toward paving of the airstrip here as a community project, President Abe Turner announced at a breakfast session of the Chamber board in Felker's Cafe here. Turner announced that a total of \$1,036 has been contributed during a whirlwind campaign to underwrite the \$1,000 currently due from Chamber of Commerce members on the recent \$4,000 airport improvement program.

60 Years Ago Feb. 21, 1935

The Joyland Beer Garden and Dance Hall, located just outside the north city limits of Stamford, in Haskell County, was destroyed by fire last night about 12 o'clock. There being no fire protection available, the building was a total loss.

A rabbit drive has been announced in the Post community on Feb. 28. Farmers say rabbits are plentiful in that section and they would appreciate help in thinning out the pests before crops are up.

The High School boys and girls teams debated each other last Wednesday in chapel. The boys, Crockett English and Covell Adkins, debated the affirmative side of the question, and Maydell Barnett and Ava Grindstaff upheld the negative side. The boys won the decision.

70 Years Ago Feb. 20, 1925

Three stolen cars were located here Friday and Saturday by the

Sheriff's Department and returned to their rightful owners, one at Cleburne and two at Breckenridge. Two men were taken into custody here and one at Breckenridge in connection with the recoveries.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the old Nolen place near the elevator Wednesday night. The house was occupied by W.B. Stark, and Mrs. Thomas and her sisters, in two separate apartments in the house. All were away from home when the fire was discovered and only a few articles of furniture were saved by the neighbors.

Earnest Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanders, of this city, has recently been elected business manager of The Megaphone, a Southwestern University publication edited by the students.

90 Years Ago Feb. 25, 1905

Quite a number of horses and mules were in town Monday for sale, but for some reason the buyers did not show up.

John L. Robertson returned the first of the week from a trip which included Stamford, Roby, Sweetwater and Abilene. He says that while at the latter place, he became pretty thoroughly convinced that the CT&M Railroad will be built to Haskell.

The Commissioners Court was in session four days this week. Among other business transacted, the Court ordered that the office now occupied by Sanders and Wilson and the County Surveyor be set aside for use of the district clerk, and that the county surveyor have his office with the county treasurer. Also, the petition of J.W. McCann to have obstructions removed from the Cliff and Haskell road was granted, and Road Supt. Sowell was ordered to remove same.

Senate making changes in lawsuit system

by Senator Tom Haywood

Texans can celebrate another milestone this week, as the Texas Senate finally passed legislation putting reasonable limits on the amount of "punitive" damages a jury can award against a defendant in a lawsuit. This legislation, which is the first major reform of our civil justice system to pass the Senate this session, is a crucial step in fixing a system that is not just slightly out of kilter, but rather is in need of a major overhaul. The next step for this legislation is passage by the Texas House. I am confident that the House will preserve the language passed by the Senate, which will allow Governor Bush to sign the bill into law within a few weeks.

The Texas Senate will now turn its attention to the rest of the lawsuit reform package. Two bills, both of which I detailed during the law few weeks in this column, should be nearing consideration by the full Senate. These measures, which reform our laws regarding where a person can file a suit and who is responsible for paying a jury award in a lawsuit, are currently being fine tuned by their sponsors to eliminate any "unintended consequences."

Another item in the lawsuit reform package which began its path through the legislative process this week is a reform of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, of "DTPA." The DTPA is a law which passed the Texas Legislature in the early 70's. When it was originally passed, it was intended to protect the average citizen against a dishonest businessperson. For example, if an appliance store sold a woman a toaster, and guaranteed that the toaster would work, then the woman could sue the business if the toaster did not work and the appliance store refused to replace it. While suits under DTPA laws usually only include damages up to the amount of the purchase, the original Texas DTPA law provided for such damages to be tripled.

The DTPA reform legislation being considered by the Legislature would bring the DTPA back to a reasonable level, as described above.

I believe that our civil justice system is designed to allow persons or businesses who have been damaged by another person or business to recover their losses, whether it be compensation for medical damages, compensation for lost wages, or payment for damaged property. Over

the years, however, Texas has become a "litigation-happy state", where certain people view the courts as a way to "hit the jackpot."

Texas is a state with a strong tradition of personal responsibility; it is important to most of us that individuals be not only accountable for themselves, but that they not infringe on the rights of others to earn an honest day's wage.

The changes we are making in our lawsuit system will allow you to take back your primary right as a citizen of this country -- that of individual freedom to earn a day's pay for a day's work without fear of losing it all to greedy individuals who would simply want to strike it rich at your expense. America is about personal responsibility, hard work and playing by the rules. Most of us do, unfortunately we have all paid the price for too long because of those who abuse our legal system.

As always, I encourage you to let me know your thoughts on the issues I have discussed in this column, or any other issue being considered by the Legislature. I can be reached at my Austin Office at (512) 463-0130 or at my District Office at 1-800-866-7330.

Texas Senate Review

The Texas Senate Finance Committee, chaired by Senator John Montford of Lubbock, continues to meet in mark-up sessions. Mark-up is the process of line-by-line justification of the Appropriations bill.

The Senate convened Monday, February 13, and passed Senate Bills 314 and 315 sponsored by Senator Tom Haywood of Wichita Falls. Senate Bill 314 repeals Section 87.133 of the Texas Natural Resources code, regarding the determination and posting of the market price of natural gas. Current law requires the Texas Railroad Commission to annually determine the market price of natural gas for energy. The purpose of the original law was to establish a market price to be relied upon by parties to a contract for gas used in the manufacture of carbon black. There is only one carbon black plant currently in operation in Texas. In today's markets, however, gas prices change constantly, resulting in short-term purchasing contracts. Senate Bill 315 authorizes the Texas Railroad Commission to require deliverability and pressure testing of gas wells and determines the methods for reporting the tests.

On Tuesday, Senate Education Committee Chair Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant filed Senate Bill 1, the education reform act of 1995. The 1000-page bill is a top-to-bottom rewrite of the Texas Education Code that was originally codified in 1969. In 1993, the Legislature ordered a rewrite of the Education Code and a restructuring of the Texas Education Agency. Senator Ratliff served as a co-chair of the interim committee that was appointed to conduct public hearings on the Education Code. Highlights of the code include: Charters -- every school district in the state would be authorized to operate under a state-issued charter; Core-Curriculum -- schools will be held accountable for the basics including math, English, science and social science; Textbooks -- local school districts will decide textbook selection; Zero-tolerance -- local districts will be given the freedom to remove unruly students from class and place them in an alternative setting; Accountability -- schools will be held accountable for student performance, students will be tested in the core subjects and the exit exam will be changed to end-of-course examinations. The Senate Education Committee will hold hearing on Senate Bill 1 over the next five weeks.

On Wednesday, the Senate passed Committee Substitute Senate Bill 25 sponsored by David Sibley of Waco, which is part of the tort reform package. Senate Bill 25 is designed to curb lawsuit abuse by capping the amount of punitive damage awards that can be recovered. The legislation requires a higher standard of proof and at the same time provides protection for injured plaintiffs. Senate Bill 25 will not affect the ability to recover claims for economic losses such as lost wages and medical bills, and non-economic losses, such as pain and suffering.

On Thursday, the Senate convened and passed two bills relating to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Senate Bill 43, sponsored by Senator Florence Shapiro of Plano, eliminates the temporary furlough privileges of inmates serving sentences or convicted of offenses which are sexual in nature. Current policy is to refuse these furloughs; however, Senate Bill 43 codifies the policy. Senate Bill 44, also sponsored Senator Shapiro, relates to revocation of good conduct time earned by inmates. Good conduct time is revoked when an inmate commits an offense or violates a rule. The current statute allows a division director to restore good conduct time subject to the division's rules. Senate Bill 44 prohibits the restoration of good conduct time once it has been forfeited.

Thursday morning, Senator Carlos Truan of Corpus Christi, Dean of the Texas Senate, noted that February 16, 1995 marks 149 years since the convening the first legislative session in Texas. For 9 years prior to that, Texas was a Republic with a Congress. There was a Tenth Congress elected but never seated because of statehood.



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Economic injury disaster loans available for businesses in Haskell County

Businesses in Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Stonewall and Taylor Counties have until Mar. 13, to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses

from drought which occurred Nov. 1, 1993 through April 15, 1994. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688

for the hearing impaired. These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the drought reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the drought are not eligible.

FFA members celebrate achievements during National FFA Week, Feb. 18-25

FFA members across the nation will feature the accomplishments and continued progression of agricultural education and the FFA during National FFA Week, Feb. 18-25. The Snyder FFA chapter submitted this year's theme, "FFA - The Leadership Advantage." "FFA Week is important because it gives us the opportunity to let the communities know what FFA is all about," said Jason

Johnson, State FFA President, "and it allows us the opportunity to spread the FFA's mission, which is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education." Approximately 60,000 state FFA members celebrate the week in various ways.

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Texans elected to leadership positions in Cotton Council

Fifteen Texas have been elected to leadership positions in the National Cotton Council. Cottonseed crusher Wayne Martin, Plain Cooperative Oil Mill, Lubbock, was re-elected Council vice president. Tornillo grower William T. Lovelady was re-elected chairman of the Council's Producer Steering Committee. Corpus Christi grower Craig D. Shook was re-elected regional director, and Wellman grower Jackie Burris was re-elected state producer chairman.

Elected to the Council's 35-member board of directors were Lenora ginner Myrl Mitchell, warehouseman Gaylan Y. Beavers, Exporters & Traders Compress & Warehouse, Waco; warehouseman F. A. Underwood, The Trinity Company, Lubbock; merchant Paul Ruh, Paul Reinhart, Inc., Richardson; cottonseed crusher Bill Quattlebaum, Southern Cotton Oil Company-ADM, Lubbock; cooperative official W. David Stanford, Lubbock; Lovelady; and Shook.

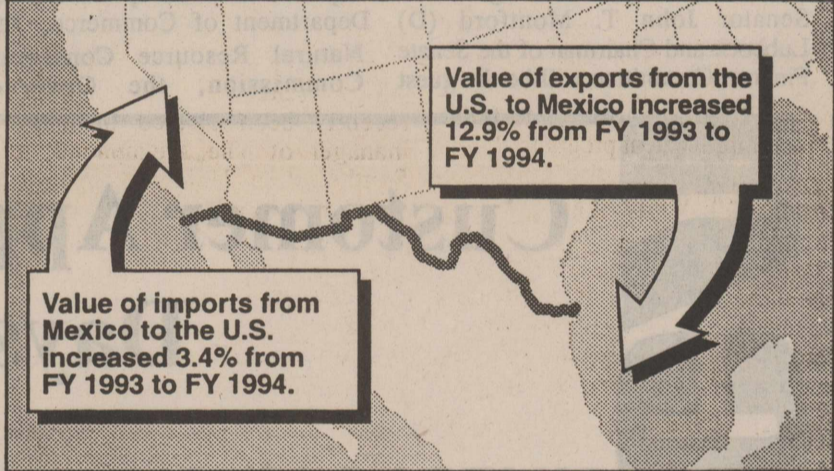
Stanford was elected to Cotton Council International's (CCI) board of directors. CCI is the Council's export promotion division. Re-elected to CCI's board were cooperative official David L. Hand, El Paso; cooperative official Van A. May, Lubbock; Martin; and Ruh.

Mitchell was elected chairman of the Council's Texas unit. Cottonseed crusher Robert R. Riggs, Southern Cotton Oil Co.-ADM, Quanah, is unit vice chairman. Ginner Chris Breedlove, Sebastian Cotton & Grain Corp., Sebastian, is secretary.

Jerry Harris of Lamesa was elected first vice president of the National Cotton Ginners Association.

The group was elected at the Council's annual meeting, Feb. 3-6, in Washington.

Agricultural Commodity	EXPORTS U.S. to Mexico		IMPORTS Mexico to U.S.	
	FY 1993	FY 1994	FY 1993	FY 1994
Cotton	168,670	210,172	11,023	13,140
Citrus Products	1,471	530	47,260	77,317
Grains	905,477	1,034,191	59,334	78,798
Sugar	54,952	60,079	26,593	46,063
Livestock & Meat	684,124	590,657	427,514	403,841
Vegetables	184,288	237,347	1,058,122	1,073,161
Other Fruits	99,734	176,349	282,566	308,207
Other	1,561,310	1,823,735	795,160	800,303
Total	3,660,026	4,133,060	2,707,572	2,800,830



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Haskell Livestock Auction Report

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The market was \$1 to \$2 lower on feeder cattle. Stocker calves were steady, stocker cows and pairs were steady.

A special feeder sale will be held on Sat., March 4. Call 817-864-2624 or 915-673-6112 for consignments.

Cows: fat, .35-.41; cutters, .37-.46; canners, .30-.40.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.575; feeder, .60-.70; utility, .45-.55.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1, 200-300 lbs., .95-1.15; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .78-.95; 500-600 lbs., .75-.85; 600-700 lbs., .68-.76; 700-800 lbs., .66-.74; 800-up lbs., .62-.70.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1, 200-300 lbs., .85-1.05;

300-400 lbs., .78-.90; 400-500 lbs., .70-.80; 500-600 lbs., .65-.75; 600-up lbs., .64-.72.

Bred heifers: medium frame, \$550-\$600.

Bred cows: young to middle

aged, \$600-\$725; aged or small \$350-\$500.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, \$650-\$850; small or aged, \$450-\$600.

Cotton day at the Capitol

The Texas cotton industry has officially declared March 7, "Cotton Day at the Capitol '95." To celebrate this occasion, many events have been planned. Exhibits will be set up in the underground rotunda of the Capitol from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on March 7 with items of interest for people of all ages. A full size cotton bale, wrapped in cotton bagging, will be one of the many highlights of the exhibit. Models, modeling fashions designed with cotton fabric, and representing the Texas Food and Fibers Commission, will be participating. Also, the National Cotton Women's Committee will have several tables displaying articles made from cotton.

For those not familiar with cotton and its origins, a display of paintings depicting cotton from the field to fabric will be exhibited.

"This day will serve to extend the knowledge of our industry to Legislators, regulatory personnel and to the private citizen," states Cotton Day Chairman, Clemon Montgomery, a longtime noted cotton industry executive.

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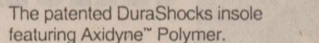
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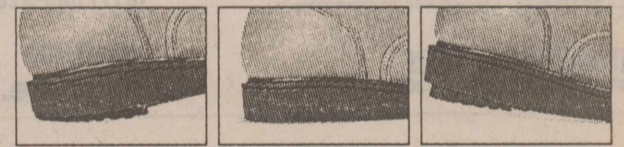
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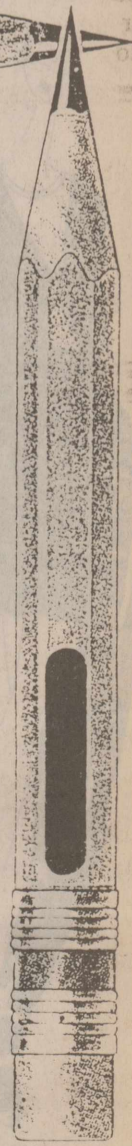
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PLANTING TREES—Members of Girl Scout Troop 156 donated 20 trees to the City of Haskell for the park. The girls and leader, Michelle Strickland, helped Sam Watson and a city worker with the planting of the trees on Friday afternoon. The girls will be responsible for helping to keep the trees watered.

Girl Scout Troop 156 donates trees for city park

Girl Scout Troop 156 of Haskell recently donated 20 trees to the City of Haskell to be planted at the park. The troop of 7-year-olds made a donation of \$20 to the National Arbor Day Foundation for the purchase of the trees from profit earned on their 1994-1995 Calendar Sales campaign.

The donation of the trees is part of a plan to make Girl Scouts visible in the community and to

enhance the beauty of Haskell. The donation and planting of the trees also contribute toward two patches for the scouts, 'Plant-Try It' patch and the '5-Year Crown Patch,' which entails the scouts contributing 12 hours a year on a project for which they receive a jewel each year.

The trees that were donated include two red maple, two red oak, two river birch, two sugar maple, two green ash, two weeping

willow, two thornless honeylocust, two pin oak, two silver maple and two tulip trees.

The scout troop met on Friday afternoon with City Administrator Sam Watson and planted the trees at the city park. The troop is made up of members, Kira Carlson, Robbyn Tribbey, Jackie Lopez, Lindsay Pannell and Shannon Harlin. Michelle Strickland is troop leader and Lynette Tribbey is assistant troop leader.

Hospital

Admissions
Grace Bass, Rochester
Mabel Witt, Haskell
Larry Walton, Haskell

Dismissals
Elsie McGee, Alvin Koonce,
Leta Stubblefield, Allen Clayton,
Russell Grand.

A man who reforms himself has contributed his full share towards the reformation of his neighbor.

—Norman Douglas

TMCN delegates to meet in Austin for Texas Midwest Day, March 7

On Tuesday, March 7, a delegation from communities participating in the Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) will be in Austin for Texas Midwest Day in Austin.

The purpose of this event is to strengthen participation from our region in statewide concerns and inform our elected officials about the many positive attributes of the Texas Midwest.

"We are really excited about Texas Midwest Day in Austin," stated Rick Rhodes, TMCN President. "One of our goals of the organization is to develop a stronger voice in Austin for our region. We hope this even will

help us make progress toward that goal and that we can build on this in the future."

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. when the delegation meets in the Capitol Rotunda. During the morning activities, the delegation will make group visits to the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Governor's Office and individual visits to legislators.

A luncheon will be held at 12:00 Noon at the Guest Quarters Hotel to honor all of our area legislators. Senator John T. Montford (D) Lubbock and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee will be the guest

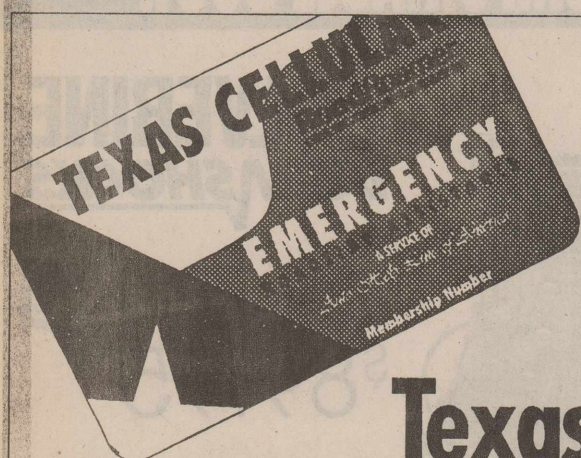
speaker. At the luncheon, we will honor the legislative delegation that represents communities in the Texas Midwest area as well as statewide elected officials. Even though we will not be able to invite all the legislators to lunch, a memento of our area will be placed on the desk of each Representative and Senator to commemorate the occasion.

After the luncheon, the delegation will conduct information meetings with officials from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Department of Commerce, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, the Governor's

Appointments staff, and the Texas Municipal League.

The cost for the luncheon is \$30.00 per person for advance purchase prior to March 3. After March 3, lunch price will be \$40.00 on a space available basis only. Space for the luncheon is limited.

Reservations may be made by sending checks to the Texas Midwest Community Network, P.O. Box 605, Baird, Texas 79504. For information call: TMCN Office, Nicki Harle - (915) 893-2099 or Legislative Committee Chairman, Charlie Dromgoole - (915) 677-7241.



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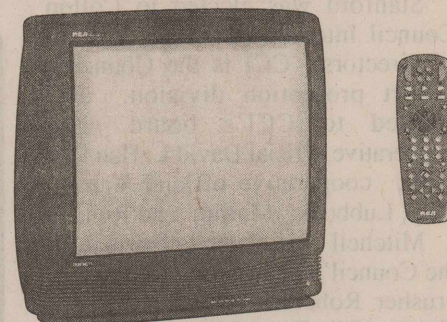
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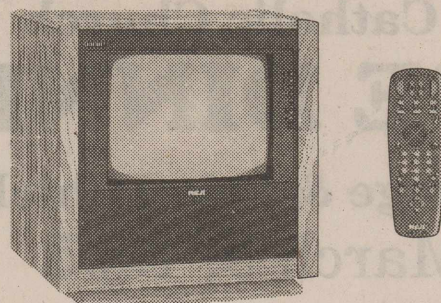
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Winners announced in Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District sponsored Conservation Poster Contests in local elementary schools. The purpose of this contest is to stimulate a greater interest in the conservation of natural resources. The participating schools included Haskell, Rochester and Paint Creek. 107 students participated in the contest.

Haskell Elementary winners include:

Fourth grade: Paula Everett, Judi Burson, Jonell Trammel, teachers
1st-Ryan Burgess, 2nd-Angel Pena, 3rd-Josh Webb
Fifth grade: Kathy Futch, Sherry Adams, Caron Yates, teachers
1st-Bergen Peiser, 2nd-Kristen Cypert, 3rd-Jessica Rieger
Rochester winners include:
Second grade: Sue Miller, teacher
1st-Bryan Martin, 2nd-Ryan Martin, 3rd-Dorothy Strickland
Third grade: Reida Harris, teacher
1st-Amy Turner, 2nd-Laci Townsend, 3rd-Allie Birkes
Fourth grade: Fonda Newton, teacher
1st-Dala Ann Nicholson, 2nd-Frank Cruz, 3rd-Erica Martinez
Fifth grade: Teresa Cornelius, teacher
1st-Edward Sanchez, 2nd-Lesley Birkes, 3rd-Melina Garcia
Sixth grade: Lori Fouts, teacher
1st-Juli Kay Penman, 2nd-

Dusty Haste, 3rd-Ginger Adkins
Paint Creek winners include:
Kindergarten: Kristi Byerly, Tammi Wallace, teachers
1st-Brad Peel, 2nd-D.J. Hall, 3rd-Brody Combs

First grade: Kristi Byerly, Tammi Wallace, teachers
1st-Lindsey Reel, 2nd-Erin Hise, 3rd-Justin Hannsz

Second grade: Kristi Byerly, Tammi Wallace, teachers
1st-Cole Krueger, 2nd-Jon Dulaney, 3rd-Brian Fails

Third grade: Phoi McGuire, teacher
1st-Courtney Buerger, 2nd-Amy Huggins, 3rd-Scarlett Adkins

Fourth grade: Phoi McGuire, teacher
1st-Lesli Isbell, 2nd-Alicia Combs, 3rd-Bobby Bailiff

Fifth grade: Phoi McGuire, teacher
1st-Elisa Flores, 2nd-Eugene Escamilla, 3rd-Jennifer Green

The winners selected from each school participated in the district contest on Feb. 10. The top three winning posters will be forwarded to the Area V contest in Temple. Grand Champion winner was Bergen Peiser from Haskell. Reserve Champion was Ryan Burgess from Haskell, and third place overall was Lindsey Reel from Paint Creek.

Others winning at the district level include:

Kindergarten:
1st-Brad Peel, Paint Creek, 2nd-D.J. Hall, Paint Creek, 3rd-Brody Combs, Paint Creek

Grade 1:
1st-Lindsey Reel, Paint Creek, 2nd-Erin Hise, Paint Creek, 3rd-Justin Hannsz, Paint Creek

Grade 2:
1st-Cole Krueger, Paint Creek, 2nd-Jon Dulaney, Paint Creek, 3rd-Brian Fails, Paint Creek and Bryan Martin, Rochester

Grade 3:
1st-Courtney Buerger, Paint Creek, 2nd-Amy Huggins, Paint Creek, 3rd-Amy Turner, Rochester

Grade 4:
1st-Ryan Burgess, Haskell, 2nd-Dala Ann Nicholson, Rochester, 3rd-Angel Pena, Haskell

Grade 5: 1st-Bergen Peiser, Haskell, 2nd-Eliza Flores, Paint Creek 3rd-Eugene Escamilla, Paint Creek

Grade 6:
1st-Juli Kay Penman, Rochester, 2nd-Dusty Haste, Rochester, 3rd-Ginger Adkins, Rochester

Judges, Myrtle Phemister and Mable Overton, stated that the posters this year were some of the best ever. The judging was very difficult. Congratulations to all students participating in this worthwhile project and for stimulating conservation awareness.

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Delbert Davis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church

Bruce Adamson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a.; Wed. 6:30 p.
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Raul Tirado, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

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Sidney Parsley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:50 a., 6 p.; Wed. 6 p.
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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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Steve C. Kerr, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church

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

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

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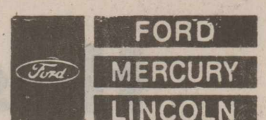
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by Alice Bredthauer
Those who attended the Friendship Club last week were J. B. and Dorothy Toney, Mrs. Mary Neinast, Mrs. Leona Schonerstedt, Ladain Laughlin Anderson, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Larry LeFevre, Ken Brown, Jeff and Marie Zell, Ed Fouts and Alvin Ulmer. The club meets in the Fellowship Hall of the Faith Lutheran Church.

Those who attended the Faith Circle meeting last Tuesday were Mrs. Mary Neinast, Mrs. Glyn Quade, Mrs. Clancy Lehrmann, Mrs. Marchel Nauret, Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer, Mrs. Ted Connally, Mrs. Lavern Stanhope and Mrs. Marie Zell. After the topic refreshments were served by Mrs. Glyn Quade and Mrs. Mary Neinast.

The men of Sagerton had their first breakfast in the Fellowship Hall of Faith Lutheran Church. The men will meet the third Friday each month. Those attending were Carl Lunn, Lewis Corzine, Clarence Teichelman, Gene Teichelman, Fred Kupatt, Ronnie Teichelman, Leon Stegemoeller, Franklin Mrazek, Marchel Nauret, Marvin Stegemoeller, Alvin Bredthauer, Jack Jones, Alvin Ulmer, Pastor Jeff Zell, Clancy Lehrmann, and Melvin Baitz.

Mary Neinast visited her daughter and family Roy, Judy, Daryl, Doug and Dustin McEwen of Brownfield the weekend of Feb. 10. The grandsons showed their pigs in the county livestock show.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer went to Tulsa, Okla. last week to help Harold Bredthauer celebrate his birthday.

Mrs. Ladain Anderson had been here for a while. She is helping take of Mr. and Mrs. Reece Clark who have had surgery.

Tony Freeman was baptized Sunday in the Faith Lutheran Church Sunday and also became a member of the church.

Others who became members of Faith Lutheran Church were Buddy and Beverly Tredemeyer, Larry, Darla and Ashley Nehring, Tony Freeman and Marie Zell.

Greeters Sunday were Clarence and Rachel Teichelman. Kacy Baitz played the piano. Josh Freeman was acolyte.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer visited in the home of Mrs. Pauline Barnett Sunday afternoon.

Group visits former pastor

A group of members from the Haskell First Baptist Church went to Hollis, Okla. on Feb. 13 to visit their former pastor, Brother James Densman, who is now pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hollis. Shortly after arriving, the group had a very enjoyable visit with Brother James, followed by lunch. Randy McLelland and Ford Cole then presented an enjoyable program to the group.

Those going on the church van driven by Charles Swinson was Charles and Leatrice Swinson, Mildred Robertson, Marie Howeth, Elbert and Francine Johnson, Mary Martin, Emma Bland, Ailene Wheatley, Iola Henshaw, Grace McKelvain and Donna Cole. Randy, Ford and Debbie Skiles drove up in Randy's car.



SUPER SONICS—The Little Dribbler basketball Super Sonic team members (in random order) are Chelsie Thane, Consuelo Gonzales, Leslie Grand, Leslie Villa, Lynzie Harlan, Melody Kennedy, Nikki Rojo, Samantha Freby and Samantha Steele. Coaches are Linda Billington and Tammi Wallace.

Lou Gilly presents program at Josselet FCE Club meeting

The Josselet Family and Community Education Club met Tuesday, Feb. 14, in the home of Martha Toliver. Vice-President, Margaret Jones called the meeting to order. For opening exercise, the T.A.F.C.E. prayer was said by all. Roll call was answered by 11 members with them telling, "What I do when I do as I please."

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. Phylecia Bailey gave the council report and a letter was read from Reatha Mullins thanking the club for the memorial given in memory of Pete Mullins.

The club welcomed two visitors, Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent and Sylvia Crowe. Gilly reported that the concession stand at the Livestock Show was a success and thanked each one who worked and helped in any way. Gilly then presented a very interesting and educational program, "How to manage money and how to make safe investments."

Heart shaped cookies, chocolate coated mints, peanuts, chips and dip and punch and coffee were served: Mary Abbott, Edna Anderson, Phylecia Bailey, Earmal Bevel, Joyce Davis, Margaret Jones, Augusta Owens, Mildred

Robertson, Dorothy Trussell, Margaret Wall, Sylvia Crowe and Lou Gilly by the hostess, Martha Toliver.

Tri-County Rally Day will be hosted by Baylor County in Seymour on March 16. The next meeting will be March 14, in the home of Mildred Robertson.

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming generosity of the people of Rule for all of the food, visits and moral support in the loss of our loved one, Leona Townsend.

May Ann Norman and family
Walter Younger and family
Chase Hauser

Rochester Hobby Club meets for day of quilting

The Rochester Hobby Club met on Monday, Feb. 6, for a luncheon and a day of quilting. The club is working on a Lone Star quilt and has a butterfly quilt in the frames to start on when the star is completed.

Members present were: Helen Cox, Joveta Ellison, Stella Carver, Ida Pack, Eda Faye Pounds, Evelyn

Underwood, Myrtle Townsend, Jennie Mae Short, Annie Marshall and Johnnie Bell King, and one visitor, Buck Townsend, who had lunch with the club.

Visitors are always welcome to drop by and visit or quilt with the club members.

Paint Creek FHA members to attend Region II conference

Future Homemakers of America, spanning five decades, will celebrate its 50th Anniversary during the 1994-1995 school year. The Paint Creek Chapter of Future Homemakers of America will be attending the Region II Conference to be held in San Angelo on Feb. 24-25. The chapter members will be among approximately 1300 delegates attending the two-day conference. The youth-developed theme, "Rewind to '45-Fast Forward to '95 with FHA/HERO" will be carried out through workshops and general sessions where members will discover ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth. Issues that will be addressed at the meeting will be: Dating, Gang Violence, Teen Parents and other exciting topics.

STAR Events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) are competitive events in which members will participate at the

regional meeting. Carri Martini will be participating in the Job Interview STAR Event. These events will allow the members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition. Also the new officer team for 1995-1996 will be elected to lead the region to new heights. Amy Barbour will be running for office this year.

Melissa Bailiff will be the voting delegate for the Paint Creek Chapter. Kathryn Doerschuk and Crystal Newman will assist with the STAR Events.

Future Homemakers of America is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Future Homemakers of America is considered the "best kept secret." Many people have the opinion that home economics is just cooking and sewing, but in fact, the leadership and life skills gained can and will be beneficial for many years to come.

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Juice and milk are served with all breakfast menus.

Monday: Cereal

Tuesday: Pancake and sausage

Wednesday: Biscuits with sausage and gravy

Thursday: Toast with jelly

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served with all lunch menus.

Monday: Steak fingers, gravy, pea salad, fruit and hot rolls

Tuesday: Stew, cheese toast, macaroni salad, crackers and fruit cobbler

Wednesday: Frito pie with cheese, chili beans, fruit salad and crackers

Thursday: Sloppy Joes with fries, salad, pickles, onions and vanilla pudding

Friday: Tuna, bologna or peanut butter sandwiches, lettuce, pickles, chips, cheese slices, pork and beans and ice cream

Haskell School Menu

Haskell High School
Feb. 27 - Mar. 3
Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served with all breakfast menus.

Monday: Cereal and cinnamon toast

Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly

Wednesday: Pancakes with syrup

Thursday: Biscuits, sausage and gravy

Friday: Breakfast pizza

Lunch

Milk and tea are served with all lunch menus.

Monday: Baked potato with ham and cheese, hamburger, salad bar or chili dog (choice), tater tots and lemon shape-up

Tuesday: Baked potato with ham and cheese, hamburger, salad bar or sliced turkey/gravy (choice), French fries, creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, buttered hot rolls and brownies

Wednesday: Baked potato with chili and cheese, hamburger, salad bar or submarine sandwich (choice),

French fries and peach cobbler
Thursday: Baked potato with ham and cheese, hamburger, salad bar or steak fingers with gravy (choice), curly fries, buttered hot rolls and fruit cocktail

Friday: Baked potato with ham and cheese, hamburger, salad bar or sloppy Joe, French fries and orange halves

Haskell Elementary Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served with all breakfast menus.

Monday: Cereal and cinnamon toast

Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly

Wednesday: Pancakes with syrup

Thursday: Biscuits, sausage and gravy

Friday: Breakfast pizza

Lunch

Milk and juice are served with all lunch menus.

Monday: Chili dogs, tater tots, pickle spears and lemon shape-ups

Tuesday: Sliced turkey with gravy, creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, buttered hot rolls and brownies

Wednesday: Submarine sandwiches, French fries, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomatoes and peach cobbler

Thursday: Steak fingers with gravy, curly fries, carrot sticks, buttered hot rolls and fruit cocktail

Friday: Hamburger, French fries, hamburger trimmings and orange halves

Receive degrees

Paul Irby of Haskell, received a Master of Arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University at the December 16, commencement exercises held in Behrens Chapel on the HSU campus.

Four students from Haskell County were among those named on the A, B Honor Roll and Distinguished Students list for the fall 1994 semester at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

From Haskell, Chris B. Howeth and Helen E. Miller; from Rule, Justin G. Holcomb; and from Sagerton, Christy D. Mathis.



ROCKETS—The Little Dribbler basketball Rocket team members (in random order) are Britany Rutkowski, Jill Watson, Jo Anne Josselet, Kristen Rodela, Michelle Macias, Misty Rodriguez, Olivia Messenger, Salonia Arebalos and Tiffany Kramp. Coaches are Philip Josselet and Raymond Rodela.



JAZZ—The Little Dribbler basketball Jazz team members (in random order) are Ashley Kimbler, Bergen Peiser, Jessica Reiger, Judith Andres, Lori McDermott, Nikki Wallace, Rachel McLelland and Robin Kimbler. Coaches are Donnie Rieger and Robbie Peiser.

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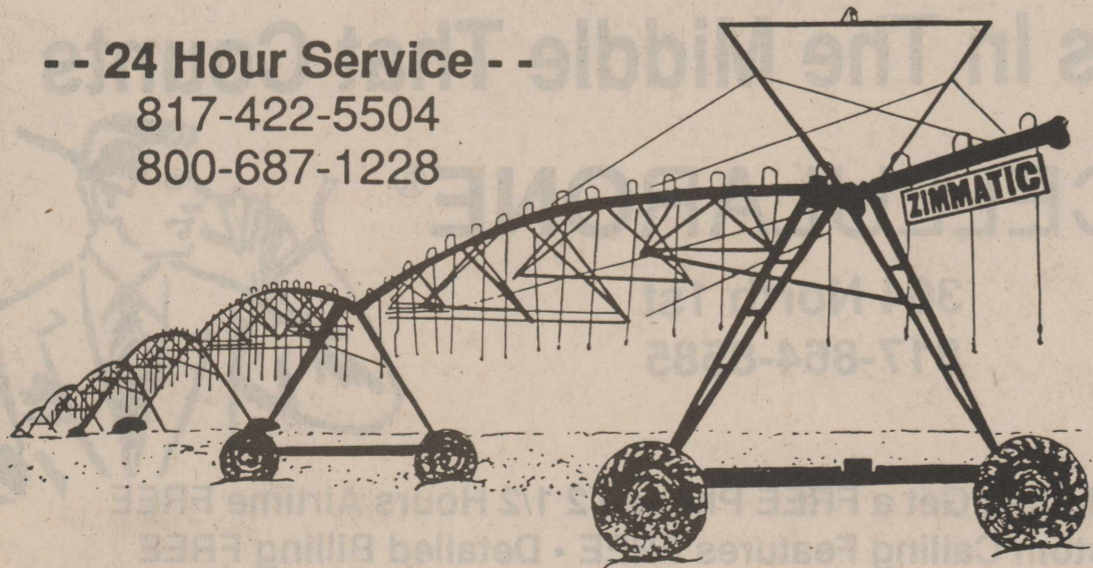
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Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education, a 2.5 grade point average, passing scores on a basic skills test, 25 hours of observation in a variety of special education classrooms, and selection by a screening committee.



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County 4-H and FFA members to exhibit prize livestock at Houston show

4-H and FFA members from Haskell County will be joining other 4-H and FFA members from throughout Texas for show ring competition at the upcoming Houston Livestock Show, Feb. 17 through March 5 at the Astrodome.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors

compete in one of two divisions of the Houston Livestock Show - the junior show division. The other division, the open show, attracts its exhibitors from the world's agricultural industry, who are primarily professional breeders and ranchers.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest. Representing 900 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the junior show is expected to exceed 14,000 entries this year. A variety of

animals is shown in the junior show division: market steers, market swine, market sheep, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steers, sheep, swine and poultry) represent animals raised by the exhibitor as food sources. Top animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. Total money paid in 1994 at the four junior show auctions exceeded \$4 million.

"Our junior show is the highlight of our livestock exhibition, placing an emphasis on education, supervised instruction and fair competition," said Don Jobs, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo assistant general manager.

All net proceeds from the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo provide funds for scholarships and research projects throughout the state. Currently, more than 1,500 students receive some form of Show-sponsored financial assistance. Since the first scholarship was given in 1957, more than 11,500 awards have been presented to Texas youth at a cost exceeding \$35 million.

The 1995 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo started with horse show competition, Wednesday, Feb. 15 followed by other livestock competition beginning Friday, Feb. 17. The first rodeo performance will be held at 7 p.m., Feb. 17. All events conclude March 5.

Saturday matinee performances begin at 11 a.m. and Sunday performances begin at 4 p.m. All evening performances begin at 7 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$10 and include admission to the horse show (excluding National Cutting Horse Association sponsored events), the livestock show, the carnival and the rodeo. Tickets are available at the Astrodome Box Office and at all Ticketmaster outlets, including Sears, Foley's, Blockbuster Music, Fiesta and Drug Emporium locations.

Haskell County 4-H exhibitors include Jonathan Allison, steer and barrow; Kayla Allison, steer and barrow; Brittany Bartley, barrow;

Brian Bevel, steer; Stacie Bevel, steer; Tracie Bevel, steer; Jenny Brzozowski, barrow; J.J. Comedy, barrow; Cary Ann Cox, barrow; Caitlan Frierson, barrow; Heather Hobgood, barrow; Jason Hobgood, barrow; Mindy Howard, steer; Rusty Howard, steer; Hegan Lamb, barrow; Nacole Lefevre, barrow; Wesley Lefevre, barrow; Shayne McKenzie, barrow; Kyle Michaels, barrow; Melanie Michaels, barrow; Matt Pace, steer; Ross Pittman, barrow; Kaki Stapleton, lamb; Jodi Thigpen, barrow; Laci Townsend, barrow; Amy Turner, steer and heifer; Mary Belle Turner, steer and heifer.

Haskell FFA exhibitors are Justin Arendall, barrow; Jennifer Comedy, lamb; Amy Cunningham, barrow; Mathew Cunningham, barrow; Turner Frierson, barrow; Jeremy Futch, barrow; Joshua Gordy, barrow; Nick Goss, barrow; Wendy Gray, barrow; Shannon

Jordan, barrow; Tenille Mathis, barrow; Josh New, barrow; Shannon Sanford, barrow; Stephanie Solomon, barrow; Landon Terry, barrow; Joseph Thigpen, barrow; and Kory Tidrow, barrow.

Rochester FFA exhibitors are Brian Bevel, barrow; Stacie Bevel, barrow; Tracie Bevel, barrow; Cody Byrd, barrow; Ryan Byrd, barrow; Chase DeMerit, barrow; Tara Lisle, barrow; and Jonathan Short, barrow.

Exhibitors for Rule FFA are Timmie Campbell, barrow; Saul Garcia, barrow; Amy Hisey, barrow; Jonathan Hisey, barrow; Grant Hisey, barrow; Jenny Hisey, barrow; Melvin Kreger, barrow; Brian Lehmann, barrow; Michael Murray, barrow; Ben Pace, barrow; Justin Sanders, barrow; Hollie Smith, barrow; Josh Smith, barrow; and Michelle Stegmoeller, barrow.

Civic Center: A night of one-act plays

The Haskell Memorial Civic Center board will sponsor "A Night of One Act Plays" on Monday, Mar. 6.

The plays will be presented by students from Haskell, Paint Creek and Rule High Schools. They will take their plays to the University

Interscholastic League contest in a few weeks.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for all students and will be sold only at the door.

The one-act plays will be given in this order: Rule, Paint Creek and Haskell. The first play will start at 6 p.m. David Middleton, Chamber

of Commerce Manager, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

A concession stand with soft drinks, popcorn, brownies and rice krispies squares will be provided. Plan now to bring the family and enjoy an evening at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center.

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Frequently, the con artists promoting this service offer to provide you with training which is supposed to help you pass a required entrance examination. Further, graduates are often promised placement in postal service jobs upon successful completion of the training. Naturally, this training will cost you money for tuition and books.

Postal inspectors say that other promoters offer job opportunities that guarantee that you will be placed on a

register with the U.S. Postal Service from which new hires will be selected. Inspectors say beware of any "opportunity" to get postal job information which is going to cost you money.

Inspector Kirksey also warns the public to beware of the enticement of fantastic salaries and benefits which seem too good to be true.

Paint Creek FCE club meets in Extension office

Three Paint Creek FCE club members met in the Extension office on Thursday, Feb. 9 as guests of Eager Housewives.

The group discussed the Livestock Show and fund raisers. Club members made plans for joining other ladies from Knox, Baylor and Haskell County in Rally Day festivities on March 16 at Seymour.

Haskell County Extension Agent Lou Gilly presented the program, "Networth: How Is Your Treasure?"

Refreshments were enjoyed by the ladies from Paint Creek and Eager Housewives.

Submitted by Dolores Medford

Church to host luncheon for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woods

The Rule First Baptist Church will host a covered dish luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 26, immediately following the morning service honoring Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woods who are moving to Abilene to make their home.

The Woods bought McKinney Pharmacy in 1967 and moved to Rule from Lawton, Okla. They have both been active in the community, have been active members of the First Baptist

Church. He has been a full time member of the choir and served as Sunday school superintendent. She was in charge of the nursery for several years.

They have both worked with the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Woods was chosen 'Man of the Year' in 1984.

They have two daughters, Mrs. Ronald Miller of Abilene and Mrs. Ricky Wright of Crowley; and four grandchildren.

Submitted by Faye Dunnam

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Three speak out in favor of rights to carry firearms

Guest Editorial by Texas residents Dr. Suzanna Gratia, Martha Hayden and Mikey Voorhees

On Oct. 16, 1991, in Killeen, Texas, an armed homicidal maniac methodically killed 22 people and then himself, facing no resistance from the scores of potential victims including Dr. Suzanna Gratia. Dr. Gratia was dining with her parents when the assailant began his shooting spree. She had left her pistol in the car because Texas law prohibits law-abiding citizens the right to carry

firearms for personal protection. On numerous occasions during the massacre the killer had his back turned to her, even pausing to reload. Helpless, she could only watch as 22 people, including her parents, were killed.

For too long now, law-abiding Americans have been so caught-up in just trying to keep their guns that the option of carrying these guns for personal protection seemed a distant dream. Until now. About a third of the states grant law-abiding citizens the right to carry firearms for personal

protection after being granted a permit. Vermont, which has one of the lowest crime rates in the nation, requires no permit at all.

The critics of the right to carry argue that law-abiding citizens can't be trusted, they are neither intelligent enough to choose for themselves nor responsible enough to avoid shooting a stranger over a minor traffic dispute. But the facts speak for themselves: none of the horror stories have ever materialized in any state that has enacted a fair permit system.

Martha Hayden pulled up to the apartment complex in Dallas. What she didn't know was that she was being followed. As she locked her car and proceeded across the street, an assailant appeared out of nowhere and pulled a gun on her. The attacker robbed her and then pistol-whipped her. He had other plans. She tossed her purse in the yard and as the assailant went to retrieve the purse she ran and hid in the bushes. A neighbor who heard her screams called the police. Ms. Hayden needed 300 stitches.

In the states that have trusted their citizens with the right to carry, the statistics are overwhelmingly in favor of the law-abiding. But that shouldn't come as any surprise. The American gun owner has long proven to be extremely responsible.

The state of Florida is a good example of how government and citizens can work together to protect civil rights and reduce crime. In 1987, Florida enacted its right to carry legislation. The critics predicted, doomsday. Prematurely, Florida was dubbed the "gunshine" state. Now, however, the newspapers and the political detractors have been forced to eat their words.

State Senator Ron Silver, who originally opposed the legislation, recently concluded, "I am pleasantly surprised to find out that its working pretty well." Senator Silver shouldn't have been surprised. As John Russi, Director, Florida Division of Licensing pointed out in the same interview, "You need to keep in mind, that most people that obtain (permits) are for legitimate purpose(s) and they're not the people committing crimes. People that commit crimes are crooks and are not going to obtain a concealed weapons

license." Between October of 1987 and November of 1994, 266,607 permits were granted. Of those, only 18 or 0.00675% have been revoked because of a firearms infraction.

As crime rises and police department resources become stretched to their limit, the need for the right to carry has become critical for many Americans. Not only are police resources inadequate in many parts of the nation, police departments have no duty to provide protection to individuals. In the District of Columbia, three women were raped, beaten, robbed and held captive for fourteen hours -- fourteen hours after the initial phone call to 911 asking for police assistance. The women sued the District of Columbia, but the court ruled in Warren v District of Columbia:

a fundamental principle of American law (is) that a government and its agents are under no general duty to provide public services, such as police protection, to any individual citizen.

Mikey Voorhees was on a family outing, a hunting trip to the Guadalupe Mountains, with her husband and son. One morning while the father and son had left camp to hunt, Mikey thought it would be a good time to practice shooting with a new pistol her husband had bought her. She went into her tent and strapped on the .380 Llama before she finished some morning chores. A

short time later a station wagon came up the trail and into camp. Out of the station wagon climbed eight men who were either drunk or on drugs. As the men approached her, they were shouting obscenities and telling her exactly what they planned on doing to her. Mikey stepped from behind the camp stove with her hand on her firearm. The men froze instantly in their tracks and retreated so quickly to the car that the driver started to drive away before they had all gotten back into the car.

People who carry firearms for personal protection often find themselves reluctant heroes. On Dec. 17, 1991, in Anniston, Alabama, two armed robbers with recently stolen pistols herded 20- employees of a Shoney's restaurant into the walk-in refrigerator. What the armed intruders didn't count on was an armed citizen. Thomas Glen Terry was hiding under a table and when the opportunity presented itself he confronted the assailants, killing one and critically wounding the other. Terry had a permit to carry because the state of Alabama believes, as Thomas Jefferson once said, that "Laws that forbid the carrying of arms... disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

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ORDINANCE

An ordinance adding new Section 15-15 entitled "Curfew Hours for Minors," to Chapter 15 "IN GENERAL" of the Haskell City Code, as amended; defining terms; creating hours of curfew for mi-

nors; creating offenses for minors, parents of minors, and business establishments violating curfew regulations; providing defenses; providing for enforcement by police department, providing penalties, providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; providing an effective date.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Haskell; Section 15 That Chapter 15 "In General," of the Haskell City Code, as amended, is amended by adding a new Section 15-15, entitled "Curfew Hours for Minors," to read as follows:

SEC. 15-15. CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS.

I. DEFINITIONS.

(A) CURFEW means: (1) 11:00 P.M. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday until 6:00 A.M. on the following day; and (2) 12:01 A.M. until 6:00 A.M. on any Saturday or Sunday.

(B) EMERGENCY means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting State that calls for immediate action. The term includes but is not limited to, a fire, a natural disaster, an automobile accident, or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life.

(C) ESTABLISHMENT means any privately owned place of business operated for a profit to which the public is invited, including but not limited to any place of amusement or entertainment.

(D) GUARDIAN means:

(1) A person who, under court order is the Guardian of the person of a minor; or (2) A public or private agency with whom a minor has been placed by a court.

(E) OPERATOR means any individual, firm, association, partnership, or corporation operating, managing, or conducting any establishment. The term includes the

members or partners of an association or partnership and the officers of a corporation.

(F) MINOR means any person under 17 years of age.

(G) PARENT means a person who is:

(1) a natural parent, adoptive parent, or step-parent of another person or

(2) at least 18 years of age and authorized by a parent or guardian to have the care and custody of a minor.

(H) PUBLIC PLACE means any place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access and includes, but is not limited to, streets, highways, and the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment house, office buildings, and shops.

(I) REMAIN means to:

(1) linger or stay; or (2) fail to leave premises when requested to do so by a police officer or the owner, operator, or other person in control of the premises.

II. OFFENSES

(A) A minor commits an offense if he remains in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the city during curfew hours.

(B) A parent or guardian of a minor commits an offense if he knowingly permits, or by insufficient control allows, the minor to remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the City during curfew hours.

(C) The owner, operator, or any employee of an establishment commits an offense if he knowingly allows a minor to remain upon the premises of the establishment during curfew hours.

III. DEFENSE

(A) It is defense to prosecution under Subsection (I) that the minor was:

(1) accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian; (2) on an errand at the direction of the minor's parent or guardian, without any detour or stop;

(3) in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;

(4) engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop;

(5) involved in an emergency;

(6) on the sidewalk abutting the minor's residence or abutting the residence of a next door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain to the police department about the minor's presence;

(7) attending an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the City of Haskell, a civic group, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor, or going to or returning home from, without any detour or stop, an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the City of Haskell, a civic group, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor;

(8) Exercising first amendment rights protected by the United States constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and the right to assemble; or

(1) married or had been married or had disabilities of minority removed in accordance with Chapter 31 of the Family Code.

(2) it is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (I) (C) that the owner, operator, or employee of an establishment promptly notified the police department that a minor was present on the premises of the establishment during curfew hours and refused to leave.

IV. ENFORCEMENT

Before taking any enforcement action under this section, a police officer shall ask the apparent offender's age and reason for being in the public place. The officer shall not issue a citation or make an arrest under this section unless the officer reasonably believes that an offense has occurred and that, based on any response and other circumstances, no defense in Subsection (III) is present.

V. PENALTIES

(A) A person who violates a provision of this ordinance is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed, continued, or permitted. Each offense, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

(B) When required by section 51.08 of the Texas Family Code, the Municipal Court shall waive original jurisdiction over a minor who violates Subsection (II) (A) of this ordinance and shall refer the minor to juvenile court.

Read and passed by the City Council of the City of Haskell, Texas, this the 14th day of February 1995 A.D.

ATTEST:
Ken Lane, Mayor
Ann Young, City Secretary

Lost & Found

LOST: four month old Golden Retriever puppy with red collar. Return for cash reward to Max Stapleton or call 864-2168. 8-9c

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As always, victory finds a hundred fathers but defeat is an orphan.

—Count Galeazzo Ciano

We wish to express our most grateful appreciation to everyone, including Dr. McSmith, the hospital staff and nurses, Brother Jim Turner and James Patterson for your prayers, phone calls, cards, food, comforting words and other acts of kindness during Slover Bledsoe's illness and death.

A special thanks to Rice Springs Care Home staff for all your love and care that you dedicated to Slover in the later part of his life.

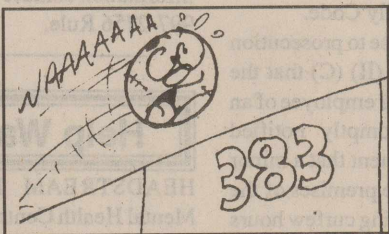
The family of Slover Bledsoe



BANDITS—The Little Dribbler basketball Bandit team members (in random order) are Ashley Escobedo, Cassie Flores, Cynthia Abila, Cynthia Soto, Diane Gonzales, Kendra Wolsch, Kristi Christian, Shenna Wolsch and Tonya Hernandez. Coaches are David Gonzales and David Wolsch

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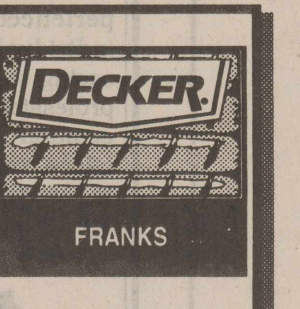
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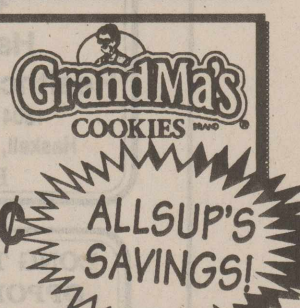
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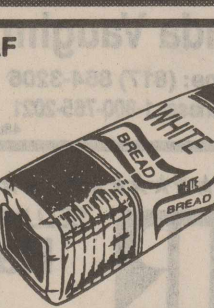
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Community Calendar

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Saturday, Feb. 25

7 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 136 Blue and Gold Banquet at the Civic Center.

8 p.m. - Rule VFD to sponsor country music talent show in the Rule School auditorium. For more information, call 997-2214.

Sunday, Feb. 26

Noon - Feb. luncheon at the Haskell Country Club. Members should bring a covered dish.

Monday, Feb. 27

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Texas Department of Health Immunization Clinic at Knox City Community Center. A parent or legal guardian must accompany minor children.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

6:30 a.m. - Kiwanis Club meets at the Dairy Queen for weekly meeting.

10 a.m. - County Commissioners Court meets in the 2nd floor Court room.

10 a.m.-3 p.m. - Texas Department of Health Immunization Clinic at Haskell County Courthouse. A parent or legal guardian must accompany minor children.

6 p.m. - City Council meets at City Hall.

7:30 p.m. - Eastern Star Lodge meeting at Masonic Lodge.

Wednesday, March 1

1 - 3 p.m. - Texas Dept. of Health Immunization Clinic at the Haskell County Courthouse.

Monday, March 6

6 p.m. - A Night of One-Act Plays, presented by students from Haskell, Paint Creek and Rule High Schools, at the Civic Center. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students at the door only.

Tuesday, March 7

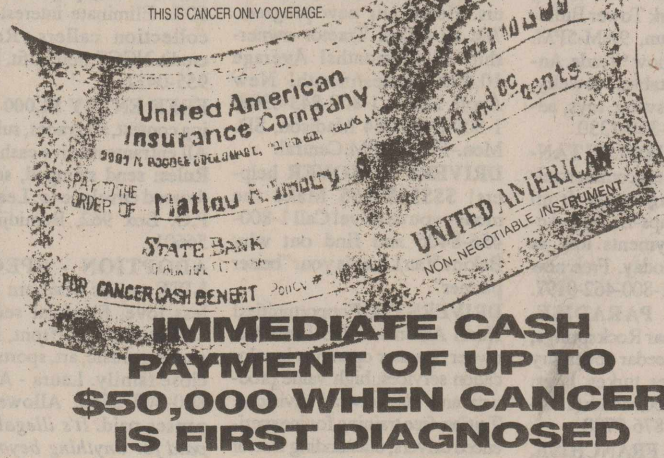
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7 p.m. - Meeting of County 4-H Fashion Show participants and clothing leaders in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Contact Lou Gilly, Haskell CEA for further information.

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However, according to Vickie and Him Schumacher, authors of the best-selling book "Understanding Living Trusts®," more and more people are realizing that a Will has a number of hidden flaws that can end up being very costly.

As a result, hundreds of thousands of people are turning, instead, to a Revocable Living Trust, the remarkable alternative to a Will.

Here are four hidden flaws of a Will:

No. 1 - Wills do not avoid the costs and delays of probate. Three percent to 8 percent or more of an estate's value could go to pay for probate, the legal process through which the court makes sure that a Will is legally valid, debts are paid and assets are distributed after death. In addition, it can take 1 to 2 years or longer before the assets are fully distributed to the heirs.

Most people are surprised to find out that a Will does not avoid probate. In fact, a Will is a one-way ticket to probate. All Wills must be verified by the court before they can be enforced, but a properly structured Living Trust completely avoids the costs and delays of probate.

No. 2 - Wills do not keep private financial matters from being made public. Once entered into probate, a Will becomes a public document. However, a Living Trust keeps information about assets, estate plans and personal wishes private - away from the courts, the media, and nosy neighbors and relatives.

No. 3 - Wills do not prevent an estate from being decimated by excessive taxes. Most people are shocked to learn that estate taxes, which are different from and in addition to probate costs, can eat up 50 percent or more of an estate.

A simple Will, which most people have, does nothing to reduce estate taxes. To save estate taxes, a Will must include a Testamentary Trust, which cannot go into effect until the Will is probated. A Living Trust can reduce or eliminate estate taxes and save a family tens, even hundreds, of thousands of dollars - without probate.

No. 4 - Wills do not prevent assets from falling into the "wrong" hands. The high rates of divorce, remarriage and lawsuits have made things much more difficult when it comes to naming beneficiaries and distributing assets. A lifetime of assets can end up with a child's spouse, creditors, or a surviving spouse's new husband or wife - or simply lost to bad investments or irresponsible spending.

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