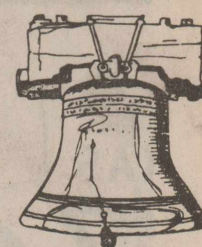


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GTE ribbon cutting

GTE will be making the switchover to digital dialing for phone subscribers on Wednesday, July 10 at 10 a.m. A ribbon cutting will be held at the GTE building, located behind the Northside Conoco in Haskell, in honor of the occasion. Everyone is invited to share in this history making occasion for Haskell phone service.

Haskell retirement center survey

Monty Montgomery, the EDC Director, would like to remind anyone that did not get a survey form on the proposed retirement center for Haskell, that they may pick one up at the Haskell City Hall.

CISD offices closed

The Haskell CISD Administration office will be closed from July 1 through July 5 for the 4th of July holiday.

Cub Scout bake sale

Cub Scout Pack 136 of Haskell will hold a bake sale Saturday, July 6, beginning at 9 a.m. at Modern Way, M System and The Drug Store. Proceeds will go toward sending Scouts to camp.

Lodge meeting

The Haskell Lodge will have their monthly meeting at the Sons of Hermann Lodge at Irby on Sunday, July 7. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. The Lodge will open at 2 p.m. for visitation. The meal will be sandwiches.

Swimming lessons

A second session of swimming lessons at the City Pool will be offered July 8-13 with classes at 11 a.m. and noon depending on the level. The cost is \$30. For further information, call Jimmy or Rhonda Lisle at 864-3820.

Horse Club Jr. rodeo

The Haskell Horse Club will have a Junior Rodeo on July 19 and 20. More information will be published at a later date.

Library closed

The Haskell Co. Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, July 4 and 5, for an extended holiday weekend. It will reopen on Monday, July 8.

S.S. representative

A Social Security representative will be at the Haskell City Hall Annex on Thursday, July 11 at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. any weekday.

Immunization clinic

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic at the Aspermont Library on July 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring child's shot record, Soc. Sec. number and Medicaid number if receiving Medicaid.

World War II reunion

World War II Veterans who served in the 37th Combat Engineers in Camp Bowie, Texas or the 591st Engineer Boat Regiment in Europe are being sought for a reunion July 10-13, in Irving's Holiday Inn Holiday DFW Airport South. To make reservations, veterans are asked to call 214-986-8806 or 800-360-2242; please be sure to mention the 591st EBR.

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Max Stapleton retires from Texas Extension Service

Max Stapleton, Haskell County Extension Agent-Agriculture for the past 28 years, retired on June 30 after 30 years with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Max, a native of Plainview, graduated from Texas Tech University in 1965 and began his career with the Extension Service at Edna in Jackson County on June 1, 1966. In 1968, he transferred to Haskell County where he has provided an outstanding leadership to youth and adult agriculture programs.

Max, who is a member of the Haskell Junior Livestock Association, said that he had seen a lot of changes during his 28 years in Haskell Co. "There wasn't any county livestock show or barns. The 4-H kids had one heifer, one steer, and two barrows on feed. When we started having a show, we showed outside where the old horse barns are.

"Over the years, we've had as many as 150 4-H steers on feed at one time. Today, we have about 35 steers and heifers, 30 lambs and 100 head of hogs.

"The Extension Offices were in the Courthouse on the third floor when I first came and B.O. Roberson was County Judge."

In his 28 year tenure, Max has worked with four Home Demonstration Agent (or FCS Agents as they are called now) co-workers including Lou Gilly, the current FCS County Agent, five secretaries and several different

County Commissioners.

Significant programs under his leadership included the Seymour Aquifer Project; development of peanuts as an alternative crop leading to some producers obtaining quotas and an increased acreage of peanuts in Haskell County; and result demonstrations in wheat, cotton, sorghum and livestock.

Max, along with Lou, initiated the PALS project which mentors Haskell High School students with 3rd and 4th graders.

The honors he has received include the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in 1987; and the Honorary Chapter Farmers Degree from Haskell High School. He has been an active member of the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association, serving on numerous committees at the District and State levels.

Max said that his work with the 4-H Club has been his favorite, "I've enjoyed most the 4-H Club work in working for the Extension. You really never know how a kid will turn out, but most of the kids in 4-H do well. I've always felt that if a person could change one kid's life in their career, then their job was worth it."

Max has worked with two generations of 4-H'ers. He had the parents and now their children; including the Howards, Mullinos, Turners, Allisons, Hagers and many more.

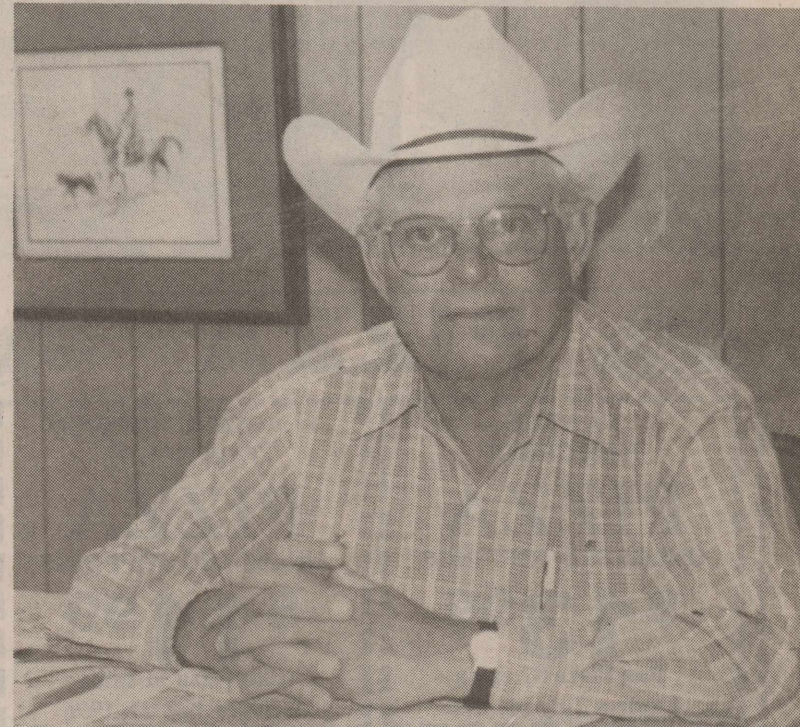
Max said that he didn't think any other Extension Agent has had as much support for their 4-H program from the County Commissioners as Haskell County has had. "We really have a good 4-H and youth service and the Commissioners Court has really been supportive. I offer a big thanks to them.

"It's been a pleasure, I've really enjoyed it and particular the years that I've spent in Haskell—good people, good kids and a good court."

Max's co-worker, Lou Gilly, said, "Max has been a delight to work with, lot of fun and we have accomplished a lot together, but it was because of what he had already accomplished when I came to work here. We have always been good friends also."

Lou who went to work with Max in 1979, said that the most important thing that she could say about Max was that he was a gentleman. "He is a total 100 percent gentleman. He's a good example to the younger men. That's the whole secret of him being a success. It goes along with the public relations that he has built in the county. He has been a real joy to work with.

"Max has been successful because he respects everybody in their own place. It has been a good combination of working together. We are a team here in the Extension Office and everybody has their job, even the secretary. But we all work together.



MAX STAPLETON

"All the kids love Max, he just has a knack for working with kids and for people. All of our Extension Club ladies love him. One of the ladies, Alice Yates, gave him a tie that is enclosed in a glass case, that says 'break in case of emergency.' That's because Max never wears a tie unless he is going to a meeting where there are ladies attending. Then he puts on a tie out of respect for them.

"He is well respected and known all over the state in the Extension Service. He takes the system and

makes it work for Haskell County. He knows what works here in the county."

Max and his wife, Christie, have one daughter, Kaki who is a junior at Haskell High School. Max and Christie met while both were attending Texas Tech. They married in November of 1965. Christie is a teacher at Haskell High School.

His plans for retirement include farming and ranching here in Haskell Co. and in Reeves Co. where he and his wife have some property.

Strategic plan developed for the City of Haskell

The Haskell City Councilmen and citizens of the community who were members of the Strategic Planning Sessions Project Group received WTU's guide on the Haskell Strategic Plan at the last meeting of the City Council on June 25.

So that everyone in the community can share in and understand the Haskell Strategic Plan as coordinated by WTU with the help of members of the Project Group, we are publishing portions of the guide for our readers. The Project Group represented a cross-section of the community and involved members from city government, education, banking, service sector, business, trade, agriculture and the chamber of commerce.

What is a strategic plan? A strategic plan is the actual plan developed following a process of self-examination, the identification of difficult issues and the establishment of priorities. The active participation and the buy-in of public officials, business representatives, civic leaders and private citizens in the strategic planning process is the key to a successful effort.

The strategic plan will serve as a guide for Haskell by outlining clearly defined goals, objectives and strategies, that will provide direction for Haskell's economic development efforts using task forces and ensuring the most efficient use of available resources.

Although the planning process seems complete, it is important to understand that a plan is never final. The current plan represents the priorities at the point in time that

they are identified. Thus, the plan should be flexible and change as the environment changes. Change is a constant process and Haskell must be able to respond to that change in order to take advantage of new opportunities.

Haskell will realize the following benefits after completing this strategic planning process:

- A new community-wide consensus on economic development goals and objectives
- A strategic plan to guide the community in implementing this consensus
- An on-going process than can be used in the community to reflect and plan for the future
- A focused plan that includes actions to be taken for future growth
- Partnerships developed among various groups in the community with the common interest of promoting Haskell
- Identified resources or contacts that can be used in the implementation of economic development projects
- Organized task forces that various groups can participate in while accomplishing their organizational community goals.
- A communications and public relations document for all audiences
- A mechanism to gauge and account for successful economic development projects

The Project Group developed the following vision statement for Haskell:

Haskell Vision Statement...2001

Haskell, Texas, is a progressive community dedicated to a strong faith in God and each other. We are committed to educational

excellence, technical training and an enhanced quality of life in a safe, clean, crime-free environment. Our economy is alive and growing, providing good job opportunities and advancement. We encourage growth of diverse business and industry through enterprising use of community facilities, advanced technology, airport and highways.

Vision for Haskell

- Sustain the strong traditions of faith in God and each other
- Promote an innovative, diversified economy with jobs not dependent on the weather
- Provide good job opportunities and a future for our children and grandchildren with a chance for advancement here at home
- Maintain the existing quality of

life with a safe, clean, crime-free environment

- Maintain the strong sense of community spirit and pride
- Promote the new telecommunications infrastructure and Internet access
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- Support a responsive government dedicated to community service and the care and well being of our citizens that will be a model for other communities to follow
- Encourage quality growth through the recognition of cultural diversity and talents of all citizens
- Provide facilities and recreation for youth
- Remain a progressive community and encourage total citizen involvement

• Promote business growth and development including recruiting new industry while remaining environmentally conscious

- Permit a safe and progressive quality of life for retirees
- Remember the area heritage and maintain the hope for a flourishing future
- Provide additional affordable housing

During the two strategic planning sessions, a situation analysis was completed. The planning group simply asked themselves to objectively view the situation in Haskell at that point in time. The situation was defined as its strengths and weaknesses related to economic development.

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Strickland honored at Council meeting

Members of the EDC Strategic Planning Session, Sylvia Knezek-WTU Coordinator of the Session, and members of the EDC board were in attendance at the Tuesday night, June 25, meeting of the Haskell City Council.

Knezek presented the Strategic Planning booklet to the council and briefed them on the points of interest. Knezek said, "Your EDC board is well organized and enthusiastic, they are eager to work for a better Haskell. In traveling around the area helping with other Strategic Planning sessions, people have asked me what Haskell is doing, that you all seem to be so enthusiastic with your plans. We appreciate WTU letting us be a part of this project. It's a real pleasure to work with your community."

Knezek also had words of praise for the EDC Director, Monty Montgomery, and what a good job he is doing for the City of Haskell.

Montgomery reported to the Council and those attending the meeting that the flowers have been bought for the downtown area and will be planted soon. He also said that several projects are in the making, including the possibility of a sewing factory, expansions at Steele Precision Machine and the venetian blind factory, and several other projects for the downtown area.

Mayor Ken Lane addressed Knezek and the EDC Strategic Planning Session workers saying, "The Strategic Planning basically gets everybody on the same page

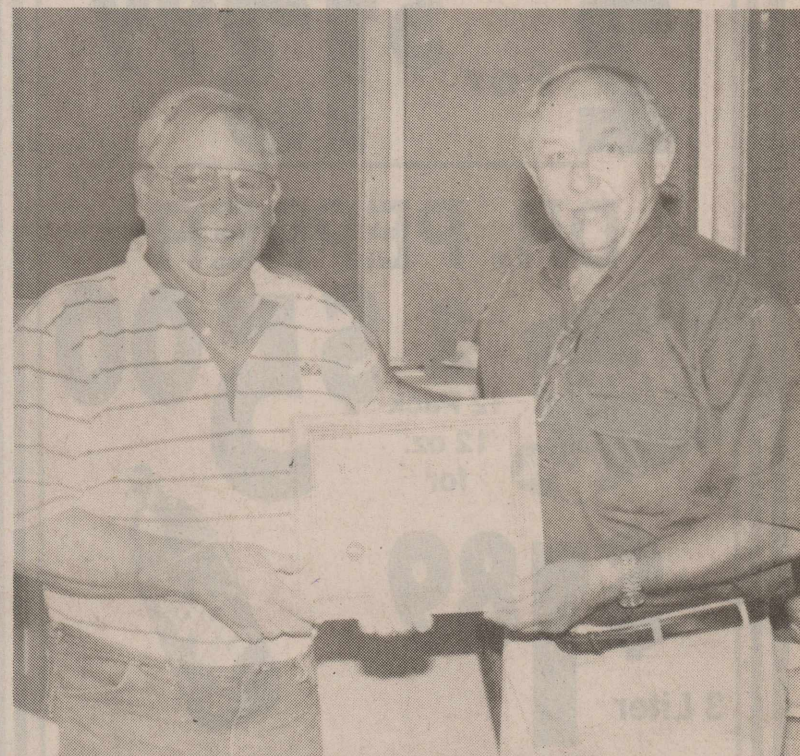
and lets everyone know what we are doing. We thank you and everyone in our city from the bottom of our hearts with helping us with our plan."

Mayor Lane presented David Jim Strickland a merit of service certificate, in recognition and appreciation of his work on the EDC board.

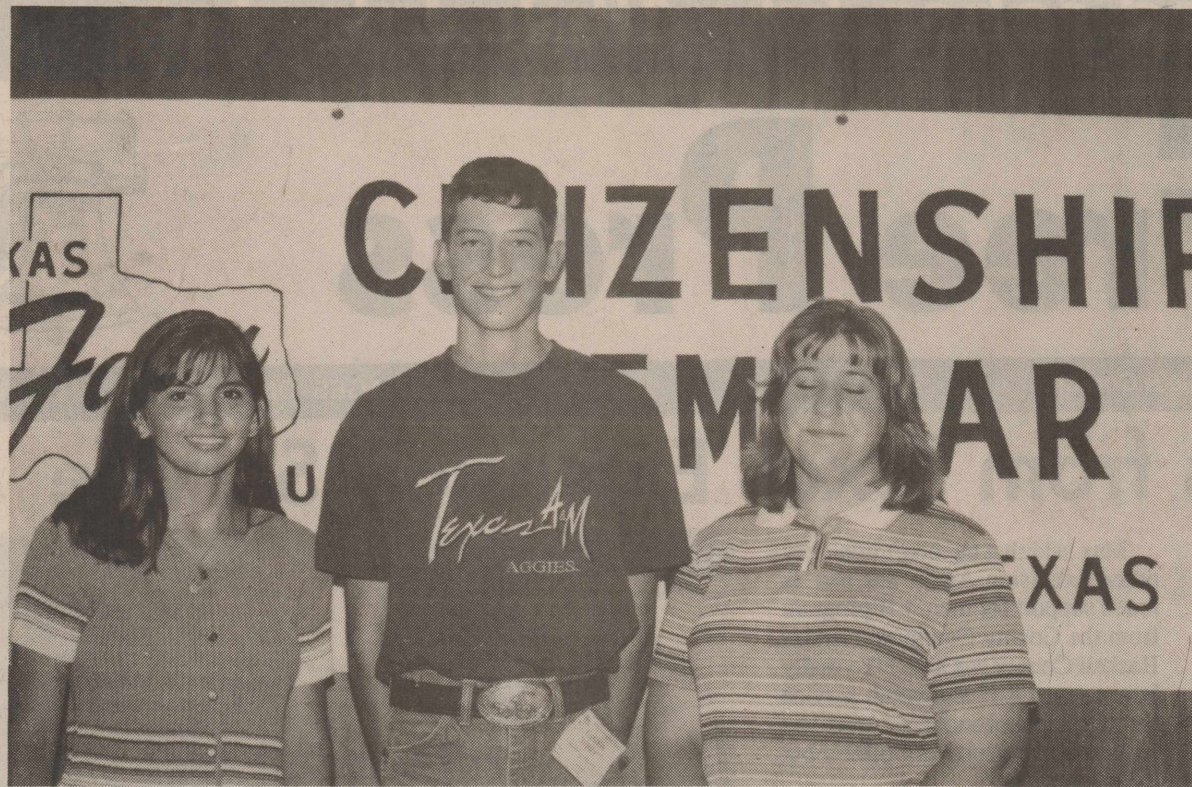
In other business, a motion was approved to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation for the

rezoning of 207 N. Ave. L. for a trailer house; and a motion was approved to pass the ordinance for a stop sign at Jim Strain Road and South 6th.

City Administrator Sam Watson reported to the Council that TxDOT has finished the improvements at the airport. He said that Haskell was the first in the state to get the grant and have the work done and will be featured in TxDOT's state magazine.



MERIT OF SERVICE CERTIFICATE—Mayor Ken Lane presents David Jim Strickland with a certificate for Merit of Service in appreciation for his work on the EDC board.



STUDENTS ATTEND FB SEMINAR—From left: Jennifer Lehmann, Landon Terry and Anna Rieger, attended the 33rd annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo, June 17-21.



TEXACO STAR RIBBON CUTTING—Members of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for the opening of the new Texaco Star Food Mart and Service Station, located on west Highway 380. From left, Mary Rike, Fred Hernandez, Abe Turner, Ruby Turner, Danny Tribbey, Robert Tribbey (owner), Shane Hadaway, Dickie Greenwood and Chamber Manager, David Middleton.

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Local students attend Farm Bureau seminar

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 33rd annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo, June 17-21, were Jennifer Lehmann, daughter of Steve and Karen Lehrmann of Rule; Landon Terry, son of Leland and Pam Terry of Haskell; and Anna Rieger, daughter of Donnie and Ellen Rieger, also of Haskell.

Sponsored by the Haskell Co. Farm Bureau, they were among approximately 400 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system.

Charles Benton (TFB Field Representative, Ann Leslie (1995 Miss TFB), and Taylor Bledsoe, the 1995 TFB Speech contest winner, presented a program on "Farm Bureau Youth Activities."

The students were welcomed to the seminar by Dr. James Hindman, president of Angelo State University.

Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

In the summer, everyone's favorite living room or place of relaxing is outdoors. We have to go out before it is too hot. To make it cozy and comfortable, bring out comfortable or your favorite chairs and add a footstool. A table for tea, coffee or lemonade is always nice. It gives us a time to study nature and to just enjoy the outside air.

While we are outside, we may want to work or examine our flowers in our gardens. When we get on our hands and knees, we can take an old hot water bottle and fill it with sand, sawdust or styrofoam packing beads and have a neat kneeling bag.

If cats get in your flower beds, sprinkle a can of cayenne pepper on the soil and one sniff and off they go.

Save your nylon hose and use them to hang herbs, seeds, rose petals, garlic and onions for drying.

Now is a good time to divide your irises. When they do not bloom very much, that is a sign they need to be divided. Replant them and leave at least six inches between the plants. Let the top of each rhizome be just below the soil surface.

Sometimes rose leaves lose their glossy green color and turn pale or yellow. The problem is likely lack of iron. It is called chlorosis. Iron is in our soil, but because of our alkaline conditions, it is seldom in a form that is available to plants.

Check the label and be sure it contains some zinc and copper, because iron sulfate by itself is not the best product to use. The dry form has a high sulfur content with the iron. The sulfur helps to keep the iron available to the plant and reduces the alkaline salts in the soil. The liquid iron should also contain zinc and copper in small amounts.

Mix the solutions in a bucket and pour around the roots of affected plants.

It is time to mulch chrysanthemums and feed every two weeks with liquid fertilizer.

Plant zinnias, marigolds and cosmos for autumn brightness this month.

The best time to set automatic systems for watering is in the early morning. This allows the surface of the leaf to dry during the heat of the day and lessens the chance for leaf diseases.

For a beautiful porch, bed, or small area, try "container gardening." It is very popular now. Use packaged potting soil. It is worth the cost. It is light and loose giving good root development and anchor for the plants. Ordinary ground soil is too dense and heavy for a container garden.

Plastic waste baskets are great for outdoor plant containers. They are lightweight, economical and

come in all colors. Cut a hole in the bottom first and add a layer of small stones for good drainage before planting. Set them in a prominent place.

A combination of herbs such as parsley, sage and thyme would be attractive and handy at your kitchen door.

For container plants, water them until water runs out the bottom. If the soil has pulled away from the sides of the pot, use a pencil to poke holes in the soil and water several times if the pencil comes out clean.

I try to do what I love and try to please people. No one knows how the world is going to shape itself, but as long as people care about art, books and flowers, our world will be a good place to live. I believe and always have, that things of beauty and joy will endure forever for those of us who enjoy them.

Remember one of God's gifts to us is all the beauty of the earth.

Service academy nominations

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is currently accepting applications from young men and women who are interested in attending one of the United States Service Academies.

Eligible applicants will be at least 17, but not past their 22nd birthday, by July 1, 1997, and must have graduated from high school by that date. Competitive applicants will be in the top 20 percent of their class and have SAT scores above 500 Verbal and 550 Math, or ACT scores of 24 English and 25 Math.

Involvement in extra-curricular activities, including school and community organizations and sports, as well as full or part-time

employment is also in the applicant's favor.

Individuals who wish to attend the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., the military Academy at West Point, N.Y., the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y. and who wish to serve as a commissioned officer are strongly encouraged to contact Jayne Schoonmaker in Congressman Stenholm's San Angelo office.

Any individuals wishing additional information should call 915-655-7994 or write to O.C. Fisher Federal Bldg., No. 318, 33 East Twohigh Ave., San Angelo, TX 76903.

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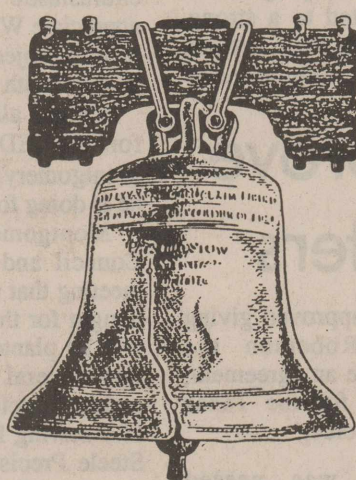
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Waldrip performing at Six Flags

Performing artist Bryon Waldrip, a Knox City High School graduate, is making his professional debut as a cast member of the "Hot Rockin' Country Show," in the Southern Palace Theatre at Six Flags Over Texas at Arlington. *Inside Track* magazine has rated the show "America's Number One Country Western Review."

Waldrip performs four days per week, six shows daily. He is a resident of Irving and is preparing for a career in theatre/acting.

In addition to the Six Flags experience, Waldrip has worked as

an extra on the set of "Carried Away," with Dennis Hopper and Amy Irving on location in Kaufman. He was Paramount Studio's third casting choice during final callbacks for the role of Aaron in "Primal Fear," starring opposite Richard Gere.

Following the Six Flags season, Waldrip will be attending the University of Texas at Arlington.

He is the son of Greta and Tom Waldrip of Knox City. Tom is an employee of the Haskell Post Office.



ON STAGE AT SIX FLAGS—Bryon Waldrip performs daily on stage at the Southern Palace Theater at Six Flags, in the "Hot Rockin' Country Show."



MARTHA JOYCE DAVIS, Miss Houston

Martha Davis to compete in Miss Texas Pageant

Martha Joyce Davis, Miss Houston, will be competing for the title of Miss Texas on July 6, at the Miss Texas Pageant in Fort Worth.

Martha is the 24-year-old daughter of Lana (Bell) Davis and the granddaughter of the late Paul and Jean Bell of Rule. She is the great-granddaughter of Stella Bell and the late Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Goad of Rule.

Martha arrived in Fort Worth for the pageant on June 29, where she competed in the preliminary competitions for talent, interview, swim suit and evening gown. The

final competition will be televised at 8 p.m. on KTAB, with the winner being crowned Miss Texas and going on to compete in the Miss America Pageant in September at Atlantic City, N.J.

Martha attends the College of the Mainland where she majors in Genetic Engineering and maintains a 4.0 G.P.A.

Louetta Davis and her daughter, Louina White, will meet Lana and her daughter, Vikki, in Fort Worth on July 4, and they will attend the pageant on Saturday. After the final show, they will all attend the Black Tie Gala and Awards Banquet.

Two Paint Creek students to attend Nat. FHA meeting

Amanda Crawford and Halee Walton, sophomores at Paint Creek High School will be two of the 250 Texas delegates attending the 1996 Future Homemakers of America National Leadership Meeting, July 6-12 in St. Louis, Mo.

Representing more than 36,000 members of the Texas Association, they will be among approximately 4,000 delegates throughout the nation attending the four day conference.

The youth developed meeting theme, "Imagine the Possibilities," will be carried out as the members are inspired to imagine endless possibilities attainable by gaining "skills for life." Members will be encouraged to develop leadership skills, strengthen family values and increase community involvement.

Sessions and activities during the week will include STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Event competition, inspiring speakers, updates on national programs, election of the 1996-97 officers, introduction to a new national program, Families First, and a themed celebration at the conclusion of the meeting.

Texas members will develop a plan of action for the state and implement it when returning to school in the fall. Sixty nine students from Texas will participate in the STAR Events during the week and others will share success stories from Texas chapters.

Amanda and Halee will compete in the Applied Technology STAR Event, presenting the work they and other local chapter members did to compile a multimedia presentation which they showed to the Paint Creek School Board during the spring semester. They will be accompanied by their home economics teacher, Cherry Pittcock and her husband, Jimmy.

Future Homemakers of America is a vocational student organization for home economics education students in junior and senior high schools. This youth centered organization is the only vocational organization that has the family as its central focus and is an integral part of the home economics curriculum.

Submitted by Cherry Pittcock, Paint Creek FHA teacher.

Library Notes

By Joan Strickland

Ready, Set...Read! is underway at the library. We had a very good turnout for our first Storytime. Liz Diaz read "Dazie Head Mazie," and Katie Martin read "The Frog Who Wanted To Be A Singer!" It's not too late to sign up for summer reading so come on down to the library and pick up a reading log and fill out a library card. Remember Storytime is every Wednesday morning from 10-10:30 a.m.

As a librarian, I know that education does not just take place in school. Parents, libraries, businesses, civic organizations—all are partners with schools in educating our children. The role of libraries is especially important during the summer when school is closed. I would like to encourage parents and children to keep reading during the summer vacation period. The teachers say they can tell when a child has read during the summer. Their reading skills stay sharp and

they don't fall behind when school begins in the fall.

The summer school program, sponsored by West Central Texas Council of Governments and the county supplying the materials has allowed us an added room on our porch. The program, Linking Learning with Living, has enabled the students to learn skills they might apply when they go out into the job market. They closed in a small portion of the back porch, closed up the north windows, painted the outside trim and refinished a bookcase. When the jobs were finished they helped me move the Genealogy Dept. into this room thus freeing up some space in the children's room.

I would like to thank everyone involved with this project and invite you by to see the fine work these young people have done on their summer school program.

Memorials: Joe Mathis, Katherine Rike Post.

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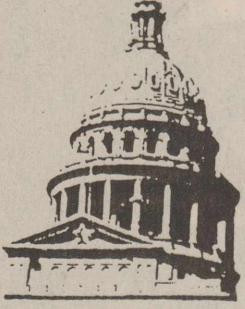
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales filed suit last week against the "Republic of Texas" accusing the group and 25 of its members of filing fraudulent liens, tampering with government records, interfering with property sales and restraining trade.

State District Judge Paul Davis of Travis County signed a temporary restraining order prohibiting the Republic of Texas or the 25 members from breaking the law or filing false claims.

The restraining order also allows the attorney general's office to undo liens without going to court.

The Republic of Texas members believe the state and its officials are acting without authority, and the group has created its own common-law courts, filed "charges" of sedition against Morales, Gov. George W. Bush and others.

Morales said members of the group "are not free to misrepresent their organization as an official government" and he spoke of the havoc group members have caused, costing time and money of public clerks, title companies and property owners trying to sell their land.

The Republic of Texas' chief ambassador, Richard McLaren of Fort Davis, has been arrested on federal charges connected with filing false documents.

District-Shuffle Hearing Set

A July 11 federal court hearing has been set for the changing of congressional district boundaries in Dallas and Houston.

The changes were required following a June U.S. Supreme Court ruling — in favor of Republican plaintiffs — declaring two districts in Houston and one in Dallas illegal because of racial gerrymandering.

Because so little time separates the scheduled hearing and the Nov. 5 general election date, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and the districts' congressional representatives — all of whom are Democrats — want the court to put off the changes until the 1998 mid-term election.

But Attorney General Morales said, "I think it is wishful thinking to believe that this court will allow us to go through the 1996 election cycle with unconstitutional districts."

If the boundaries are changed, new elections would be required in each district in which boundaries change, even though voters selected nominees from the two major parties in the March and April primaries and runoff, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

Secretary of State Tony Garza listed three ways the scenario could play out in the redrawn districts, in which the court could:

- Order new primaries, to be conducted by Sept. 6; or
- Order a special election on

Nov. 5 that is open to candidates from all parties; or

- Order the precinct chairman in each party to select new nominees without primaries.

SSC Land to Be Resold

Land bought by the federal government for the Superconducting Super Collider project — which lost its funding in 1993 — is going to be resold to the public.

The Texas Natural Research Laboratory Commission and the Texas General Land Office are coordinating the resale of about 10,000 acres of land in Ellis County, southeast of Dallas. The federal government eventually gave the tracts of land to the state of Texas after the project was suspended.

General Land Office spokesman Ron Calhoun said the land sales will be done in a "systematic, prudent way" but people who lived on the land before it was taken over by the federal government will get no special privileges.

Official Wants Tobacco Dumped

State Board of Education Chairman Jack Christie sent a letter dated June 17 to the managers of the Permanent School Fund asking that they sell off any holdings in tobacco-producing companies.

"This is to let them know how a few of us feel," Christie told the *Dallas Morning News*.

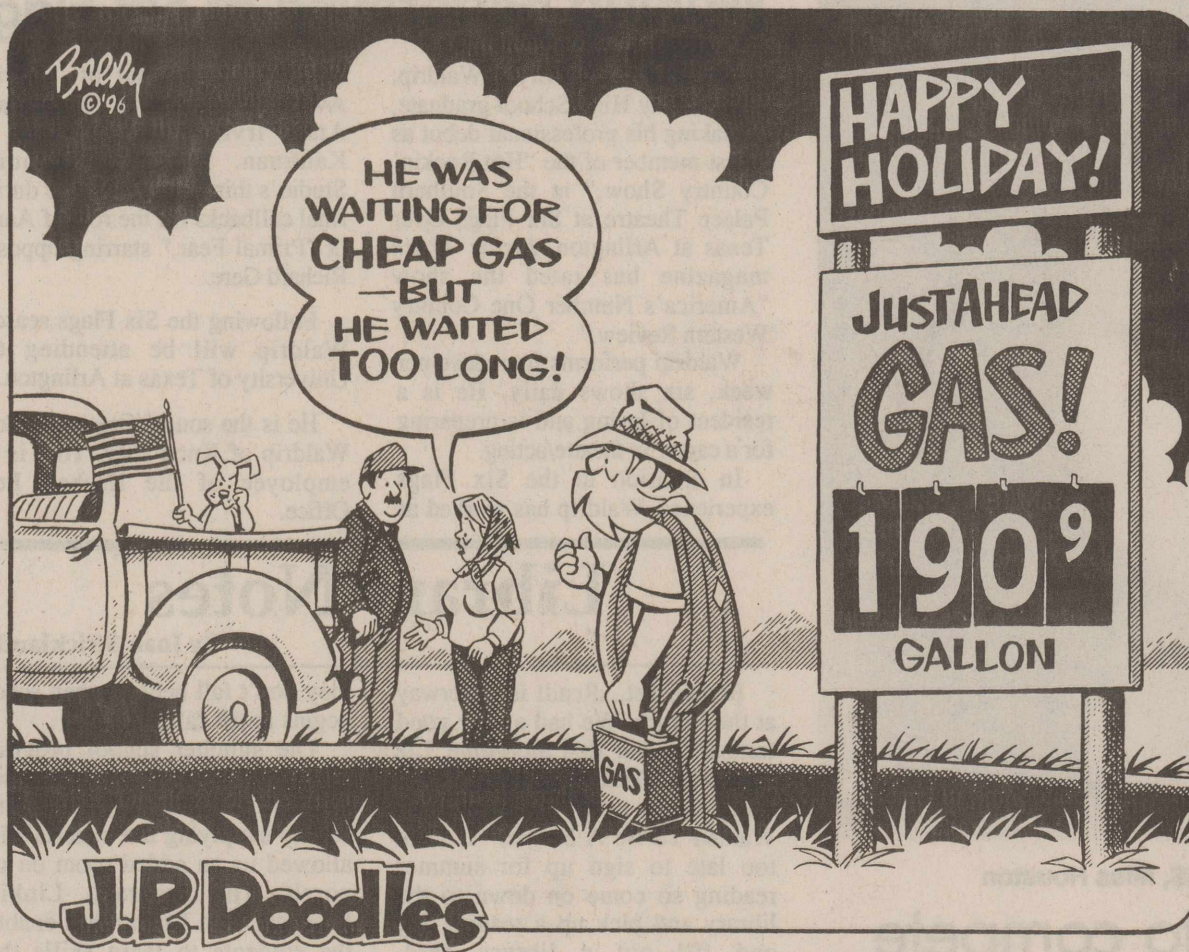
"I find it incredible that we generate funds through investments in tobacco, which have to be used to educate students to avoid the very product that our investments support," Christie said in the letter.

The state filed a lawsuit March 31 against major tobacco companies, seeking \$4 billion for money spent on treating tobacco-related illnesses.

Other Capital Highlights

■ The cost of providing ATM services is decreasing but Texans are paying more for them, according to the Texas Consumers Union. When a bank customer uses another bank's automated teller machine, 65 of 93 Texas banks surveyed charge fees of up to \$1.50 per transaction. The report urges the Texas Legislature to monitor ATM fees for a possible cap, or prohibition on the non-customer surcharge.

■ Sixteen universities in the state have increased fees to the point that they exceed tuition, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board said in a report to the House higher education subcommittee. Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, vice chairman of the subcommittee, said the Legislature should try to simplify the fee structure "so parents have a better idea why they are paying so much and what the money is going for."



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago July 1, 1976

At a meeting on June 22, Judge B.O. Roberson discussed the difficulty the Board of Equalization was having in getting across what they were doing and what has made it necessary. What it amounts to is that property values have remained low for several years (estimated 30 years) with no re-evaluation, property that was valued at \$100 per acre several years ago is still paying taxes on that amount. On the other hand the fair market value of that same land for what the land owner might be willing to sell the property for has increased to as much as \$600.

An M System grocery ad was advertising the following: T-Bone steaks, \$1.69-lb.; White Seedless Grapes, 49 cents-lb.; Watermelons, 99 cents-each; Miracle Whip Salad Dressing, 79 cents-qt. jar; and Imperial Sugar, 99 cents-5 lb. bag.

30 Years Ago July 7, 1966

According to figures released by Sam Herren, Haskell fell below normal in rainfall for the second month in a row, having received only 0.46 of an inch during June and only 0.27 of an inch was gauged in May. Even with the two very dry months, Haskell is still

above normal for the first six months of the year due to the monsoon season in April which produced a whopping 9.56 inches.

Ricky Perry, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry of the Paint Creek community, suffered a severe broken left arm around 9:30 a.m. last Thursday while unloading horses from a trailer at the Perry home. While unloading the horses, a dog spooked the animals and Ricky was kicked on the left arm. His arm was broken between the wrist and elbow and the bone was shattered.

60 Years Ago July 2, 1936

Two hundred and sixty-two men were reported present at the Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist church last Sunday morning, which is believed by the officers of the class to be a state record for a town of 3,000 people.

Shady Lane, auto salesman and manager of the parts department of Haskell Motor Co., was painfully injured Sunday afternoon when he was thrown from a horse and kicked in the left side by the animal.

Miss Mary Emma Whitaker left last week for New York where she will spend the summer.

70 Years Ago July 1, 1926

Mrs. Carrie Moser, operator of

the local office of the Western Union, is away this week taking her annual vacation.

More than 500 people assembled in the District Court room last Friday to hear Jimmie Allred of Wichita Falls speak in the interest of his candidacy for Attorney General of Texas. He was introduced by County Attorney Clyde Grissom.

The new confectionery, with M.O. Field and Claud Maxwell as proprietors, is expected to be open by Saturday of this week.

90 Years Ago July 7, 1906

Capt. Craddock and Mr. F. M. Todd went fishing on Clear Fork the other day and report that they feasted on squirrels and fish.

Work was commenced Monday on Mrs. Wright's sixteen room annex to her hotel, the popular Wright House.

Mrs. S.W. Scott accompanied to Stamford Tuesday her sister, Miss Flora Tandy, who was on her way to Louisville, Ky., to spend the remaining part of the summer with Mrs. Mary Morrison, formerly Tandy. Mrs. Scott visited with Mrs. L.T. Cunningham a day or so before returning from Stamford.

Messrs. J.B. Martin and Walter Smith spent a couple of days last week on California Creek fishing.

Child support collections: What you should know about the agencies handling them

by Atty. Gen. Dan Morales

THE OFFICE of the Attorney General handles the vast majority of child support collections in Texas. However, other agencies or private businesses may perform some child support collection services as well. In Texas, county-operated domestic relations or child support offices, private attorneys, and private collection agencies also provide some child support enforcement services.

Most private agencies are honest and helpful. Unfortunately, a few unscrupulous private child support collection agencies have cheated their clients. In some cases, these agencies retained commissions on collected child support which exceeded the agreed amount. In other cases, parents were charged up-front fees, but little or no effort was made to collect. What can you do to protect yourself?

How we help

Our Consumer Protection Division constantly reviews the complaints coming into our office. If we find a pattern of complaints against a particular business, the file will be reviewed by our consumer protection attorneys for further legal action.

One recent case involved a private child support collection agency that failed to turn over the money it collected. Prospective clients in several locations throughout Texas were told that they would obtain court-ordered child

support from non-paying parents for an up-front fee of \$50 plus a 25 percent commission on money collected. The agency collected more than \$118,000 in child support, but only forwarded about \$30,000 to its clients.

What you should know

How can you avoid being taken? The more you know, the less likely you will have problems.

Private agencies charge for their services. One prominent private child support collection agency's standard contract requires a contingency fee of 33 percent of all money actually paid by the non-custodial parent.

If you use the services of a private child support collection agency, be sure you fully understand any contract that you sign. In some cases, you are obligated to pay no matter who actually does the work of collecting the money owed you.

Suppose, for example, that you have signed a contract with a private agency. Then you ask the Office of the Attorney General to intercept the non-custodial parent's income tax refund. Your contract with the private agency may obligate you to pay a portion of the money you receive to the private agency, even though that agency was not instrumental in collecting the money for you.

Faster service?

Some private child support collection agencies claim that they

can process your case faster than we can. In some cases, they can. There are two reasons for this.

First, private agencies generally handle only cases with established paternity and existing court child support orders. The majority of our incoming cases do not have established paternity or child support orders. These cases take longer to process than cases which already have established paternity and child support orders.

Second, private agencies have much smaller caseloads than our office. We are required to provide child support services to all families who apply for our services and to all families who are receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Moreover, the OAG provides the full range of child support services.

Before you contact a private child support collection agency or attorney, be sure to get plenty of references from satisfied parents. Check them out. Then call your local Better Business Bureau and ask questions about the private agency. If you choose to secure the services of an attorney to collect child support money, you can call the State Bar of Texas to find out if complaints have been filed against that lawyer.

For more information

For more information about child support or to receive an application for our services, please contact the child support office nearest you or call (800) 252-8014.

Bringing back mealtime

"Please pass the love, unity and spaghetti." An unlikely request? Perhaps. But in truth, that's what you give your child when you set down together at the family table.

Mealtime means more than refueling your child's nutrients — he or she is also getting a hefty dose of emotional, intellectual and spiritual nourishment. As you serve the peas and butter the bread, you convey your values and establish traditions.

Yet, some experts worry that the family meal is headed for extinction. During the past 10-30 years, a degeneration of the family structure has taken place and families now eat fewer meals together.

Child experts and nutrition specialists are concerned that families are losing the unity that traditional meals once provided. Although recent surveys show a decline in the number of meals families eat together, the good news is that most American families still break bread together often.

A survey by Rice-A-Roni indicated that, on average, Americans eat with their families five nights each week, and 40 percent spend every night dining together. But other polls show a more alarming trend. Out of 1,000 people interviewed in the Los Angeles area, one in three households did not eat regularly as a family. Many families continue to maintain the tradition of shared meals, but the trend is shifting.

It is believed that eating with the family helps foster a child's development. A child's development is spurred by a positive mealtime atmosphere, traditions shaped through shared meals that offer young children a sense of security. Children learn to communicate effectively in a non-threatening environment by sharing the day's events, expressing feelings and listening to one another.

Parents should try to make it a point to talk to kids at mealtime, keeping conversations pleasant and saving problems and discipline for another time. Ask children about school, their activities and things they enjoy doing.

Family meals also can promote cooperation, especially when mealtime chores are divided up. Even children as young as two can have a job associated with mealtime, such as carrying napkins to the table.

As most parents know, manners don't just happen. The dinner table is one that offers plenty of opportunities for parents to model subtle etiquette lessons. Besides, it is difficult to get through a meal without a few rounds of "please," "Thank you," "excuse me," and "may I?"

Mealtime also is a time to express and acknowledge love, seek renewal and develop a spiritual sense. Families may choose to speak to God together, count blessings and express concerns at the family table.

Submitted by Lou Gilly, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent-FCS.

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202-224-5922

Rep. Charles W. Stenholm
Room 1211 Longworth House
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Washington, D.C. 20510
202-225-6605

Gov. George W. Bush
State Capitol, Rm. 2S.1
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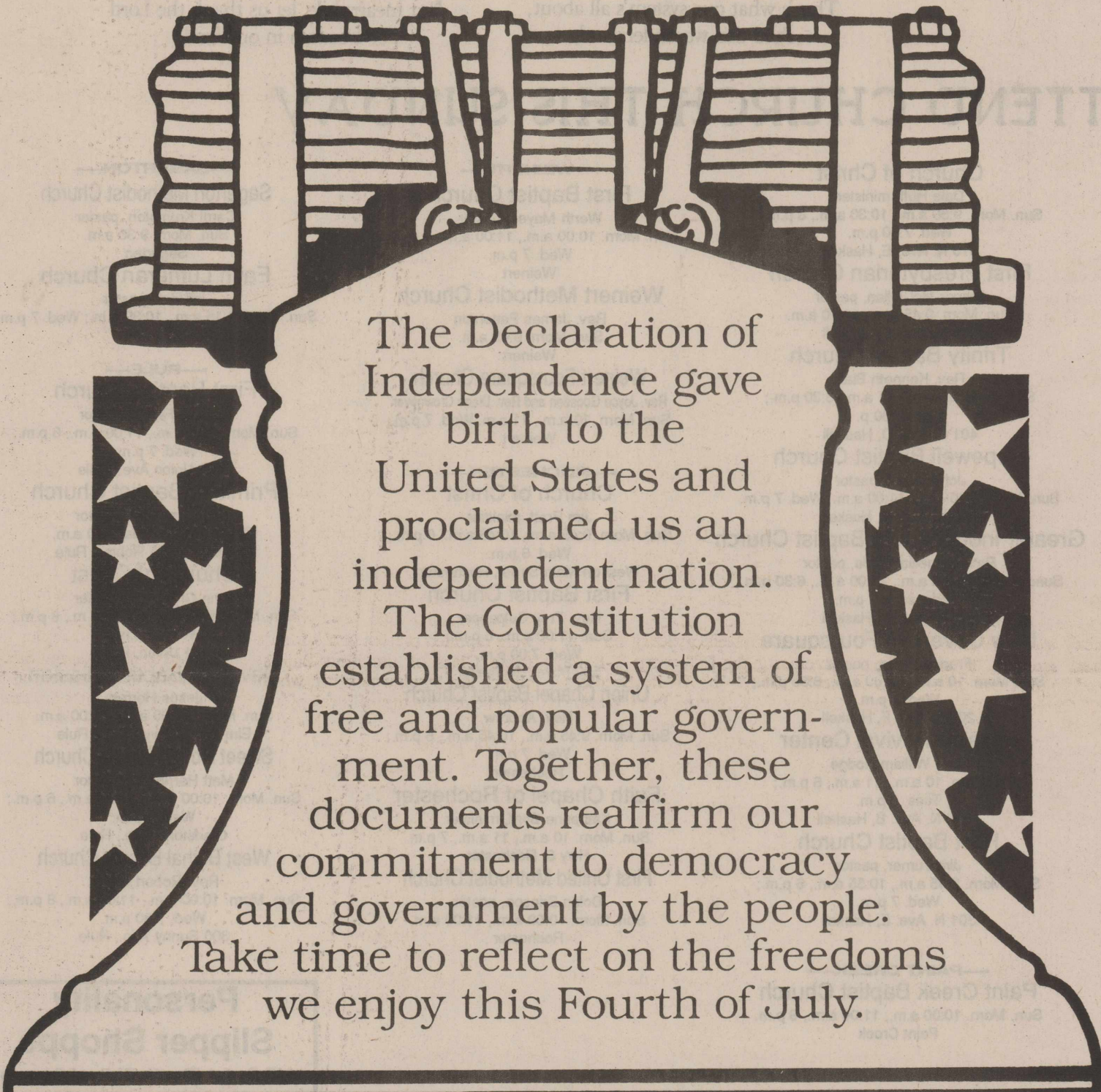
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Students in the News

Brett Bundy from Throckmorton has been named to the President's Honor List for the spring 1996 semester at South Plains College. Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a perfect 4.0 or straight A grade point average while carrying a minimum full time load of 12 semester hours.

By Charles H. Spurgeon
"Thou hatest wickedness."—
Psalm 45:7.
"Be ye angry, and sin not."
There can hardly be goodness in a man if he be not angry at sin; he who loves truth must hate every false way.
How our Lord Jesus hated it when the temptation came! Thrice it assailed Him in different forms,

Food for thought

but ever He met it with, "Get thee behind me, Satan."
He hated it in others; none the less fervently because He showed His hate oftener in tears of pity than in words of rebuke; yet what language could be more stern, more Elijah-like, than the words, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses and for a pretence make long

prayer."
He hated wickedness, so much that He bled to wound it to the heart; He died that it might die; He was buried that He might bury it in His tomb; and He rose that He might forever trample it beneath His feet.
Christ is in the Gospel, and that Gospel is opposed to wickedness in every shape. Wickedness arrays itself in fair garments, and imitates the language of holiness; but the precepts of Jesus, like His famous scourge of small cords, chase it out of the temple and will not tolerate it in the Church.

So, too, in the heart where Jesus reigns, what war there is between Christ and Belial! And when our Redeemer shall come to be our Judge, those thundering words, "Depart, ye cursed" which are, indeed, but a prolongation of His life-teaching concerning sin, shall manifest His abhorrence of iniquity.
As warm as is His love to sinners, so hot is His hatred of sin; as perfect as is His righteousness, so complete shall be the destruction of every form of wickedness.
Oh thou glorious champion of right, and destroyer of wrong, for this cause hath God, even thy God, anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
Submitted by Sam Bitner.

This Week's Devotional Message:

PRESERVE OUR FREEDOM AND PRAY THAT OTHERS MAY ACHIEVE IT



Let one and all appreciate
That we are living in a state
Of freedom, which we celebrate
With flag and marching band;
For when our leaders raise a doubt,
We have the right to vote them out;
That's what our system's all about,
And this we understand;

While other nations that we see
Are living in captivity
And longing one day to be free,
But need a helping hand.
Now it would be our great reward
To see their human rights restored;
But meanwhile, let us thank the Lord
For freedom in our land.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL
East Side Baptist Church
David Page, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m. 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
Frank Summers, preacher
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 8:00 a.m., Sunday School to follow
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Raul Tirado, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
Sidney Parsley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.;
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
St. George Catholic Church
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
Dale Huff, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
First Presbyterian Church
Jasper McClellan, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;
Wed. 7:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
Greater Independent Baptist Church
Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
Sunday Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;
Wednesday 7 p.m.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
New Covenant Foursquare
Freddy Perez, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
Mission Revival Center
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
First Baptist Church
Jim Turner, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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Church of Christ
Jim Pratt, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
First Baptist Church
Rev. Troy Culpepper
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
Union Chapel Baptist Church
Rev. Andrew
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
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Faith Chapel of Rochester
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
First United Methodist Church
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

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Sagerton Methodist Church
Carol Krumpton, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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Faith Lutheran Church
Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

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First Baptist Church
Stewart Farrell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
Church of Christ
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:40 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
New Life Baptist Mission
Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule
Sweet Home Baptist Church
Matt Herrington, pastor
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Wed. 7 p.m.
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Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 8 p.m.;
Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

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

Strategic

Continued from page 1

- The top ten strengths are:
- Crossroad of Highways No. 277 and 380
 - Excellent school system
 - Safe city/low crime rate/good police force/excellent fire department
 - Good geographical location /centrally located from Abilene to Wichita Falls—Dallas to Lubbock
 - Small town atmosphere and quality of life
 - Good water supply, landfill, waste disposal site
 - Three strong financial institutions
 - Hospital with helipad/good health facilities
 - County seat
 - Exceptional radio station

The top ten weaknesses are:

- Eyesores on both Highways No. 277 and 380
- Lack of long-term community vision
- Limited job opportunities for adults and young graduates
- Need for vocational/technical education
- Limited loyal support of home town businesses
- Limited community involvement
- Lack of commercial zoning
- No rail and bus transportation /limited air travel
- Shortage of quality, affordable housing
- Resistance to change

Developing a marketing plan is one of the first items to be done when beginning to actively promote a community. The following target markets and industries are ideas from the planning group

The top ten target markets/industries are:

- Vocational/technical training/distance learning
- Retirement center
- Small products manufacturing
- Trade days
- Value-added processing of ag products
- Tourism (hunting/fishing with special event/free fishing day)
- Use of the Civic Center
- Telecommunications/Internet access/telecommuters
- Family entertainment (bowling, skating, theater)
- Antique stores

The Strategic Planning Group individually assessed each of the 21 identified goals. Given the task of setting priorities, the group reached consensus on the top six goals in order of importance.

- Develop public/private property beautification schedule
- Recruit manufacturing to create 40 jobs in two years
- Recruit and promote a retirement center

- Attract persons or company to develop value added ag products
- Develop vocational and technical training
- Provide youth activities, facilities and programs

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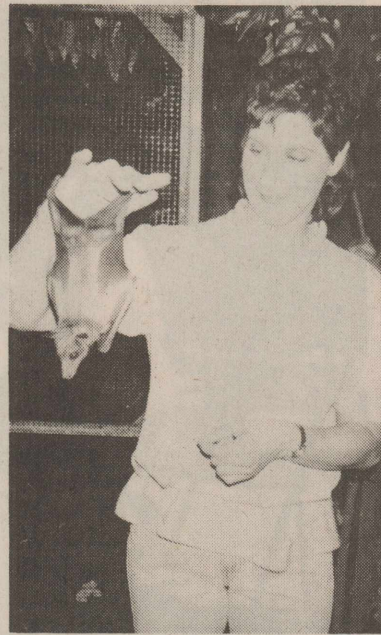
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VISIT TO BAT WORLD—3rd and 4th grade summer school students visit Bat World in Mineral Wells. Back row, from left: Kris Isbell, Phillip Collins, Josh Tidrow, Ryan Ashely, Collin Dunnam, Ana Benavides, Amy Pena, Jacqueline Kilgore and Nikki Starnes. Front row, from left: Lewis Lacey, Krystle Kluth, Amanda Johnson, Corina Trevino, Casey Lampe and Cushena Dever.



AMANDA LOLLAR—Licensed Bat Handler, Author of "A Bat in My Pocket," and Director of Bat World

3rd and 4th grade summer school students visit Bat World

Bats Incredible was the topic of 3rd and 4th grade summer school students at Haskell Elementary. There are many superstitions and myths about bats that were addressed by the students. Bats are intelligent, attractive animals, and one of man's best friends. Some microbats can eat up

to 600 mosquitoes in an hour, while vampire bats, found only in South America, have an agent in the saliva which acts as an anticoagulant that could dissolve blood clots in humans. Bats range in size from a bumblebee bat (2.5 in. wingspan) to the Samoan flying fox bat (6 ft.

wingspan). Don't worry, these megabats are not found in North America. Tropical bats are pollinators of fruit and help in seed dispersal and reforesting rain forests. Bat guano, (bat poop), is an excellent source of nutrients for fertilizing. Bats make up 25 percent of all

mammals, nearly 1,000 species and are not related to mice or other rodents. Less than .5 percent of all bats contracts and carry rabies. Bats are not blind, do not get tangled in your hair, do not suck blood, are not dirty, and are not birds. Bats, in fact, are very clean and groom themselves after each meal using their tongue, fingers and feet. If you ever see a bat in Texas it is probably a Mexican free-tailed bat or a little brown bat. Bracken Cave and Congress Street Bridge in Austin are two locations of the largest bat populations in Texas. In conclusion of the summer school session, the students traveled to "Bat World," the only bat sanctuary in the world in Mineral Wells.

If you would like further information about "The Misunderstood Bat," contact your local 3rd and 4th graders. If a bat that is sick or injured is found, only an adult should pick up the bat with a soft cloth and place in a tall box. Then contact Amanda Lollar, a licensed bat handler at Bat World, 217 North Oak, Mineral Wells, TX 76067 or call 817-325-3404. She will give you information on what to do with the bat. Submitted by the 3rd and 4th grade summer school students.



A GAME OF SOCCER—Summer students in the 5th, 6th and 7th grades have been studying Olympic sports. A group of students prepare to play a game of soccer in photo above.

5th, 6th and 7th graders study Olympic sports

For the third week of summer school, the 5th, 6th and 7th grade students studied gymnastics, baseball, softball, table tennis, tennis, badminton, soccer, basketball and hockey.

We learned that the basketball "Dream Team" will be made up of professional basketball players. The team is expected to easily win a gold medal. We'll be watching to see Shaq do his thing. There will also be a Texas Tech Star, Sheryl Swoopes, playing on the U.S. women's team.

Table tennis may look like a calm, non-physical game, but Olympic players are able to hit the ball up to 100 mph. Stay out of the way!

Soccer is a very tiring sport. Each half is 45 minutes of non-stop running. Being kicked by other players is just part of the danger. Ouch! Soccer is sometimes confusing, because the players all jumble together.

While studying badminton, we discovered, the birdie or shuttlecock, can reach speeds up to 200 mph and then drop to 40 mph because of its design.

This week, we held competitions in badminton, table tennis and soccer. Winning the badminton tourney were Veronica Hernandez and Angel Castorena. The table tennis was a 3-way tie among Smiley Herrera, Veronica Hernandez and Jenny Goudeau. The soccer competition ended in a tie between Team 4 (Veronica Reyes, Angel Castorena and Veronica Hernandez) and Team 3 (Kimberly Rodriguez, Tyler Pannel and Smiley Herrera).

We took our scores from each competition and did various activities using our math skills, such as graphing, area and perimeter, probability, percentage and sequencing of numbers.

Everyone tried their very best and were good sports. This is a very important part of what the Olympics represents.

Submitted by 5th, 6th and 7th summer school students.

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The public hearing will be held on July 11, 1996 at 7:30 a.m. at the Appraisal District office, 604 North First Street, Haskell, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$214,360
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ -0-
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	5 (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	5 (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school district, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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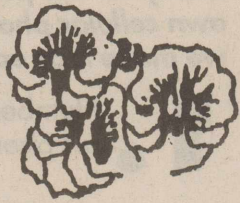
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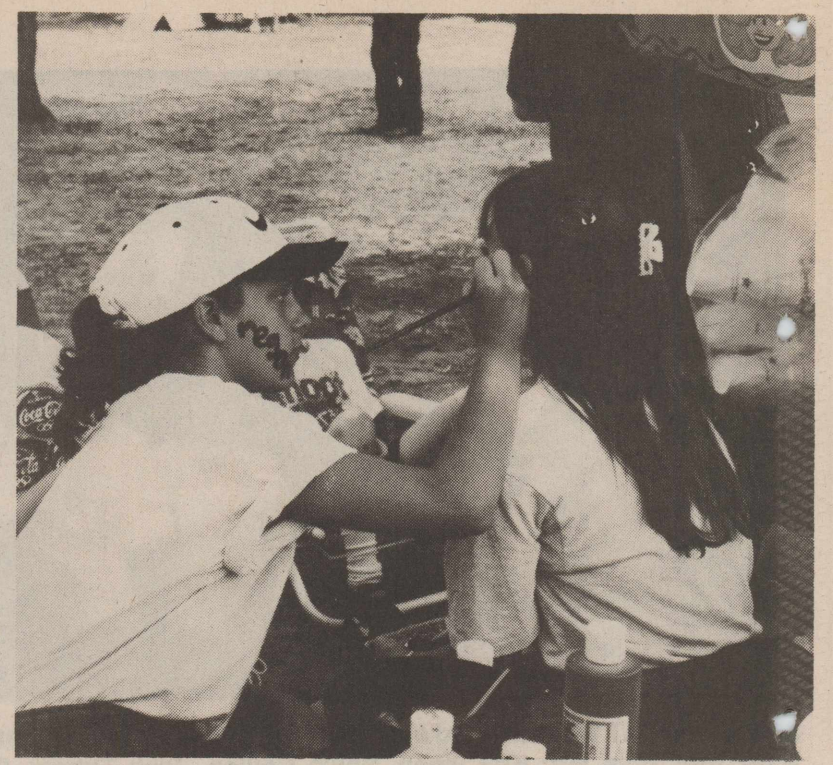
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SUNDAY IN THE PARK—Children of all ages enjoyed the festivities at Sunday In the Park. Top left: children enjoy playing on the jungle gym; top right: face painting was one of the more popular events; bottom left: the Haskell Squares danced under the pavilion at the park for the entertainment of the audience.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,023 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, June 29, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

The market was fully steady on all classes of cattle. There will not be a sale on Saturday, July 6.

Cows: fat, .28-.34; cutters, .27-.35; canners, .15-.27.

Bulls: bologna, .35-.42; feeder, .45-.52; utility, .25-.35.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .57-.67; 300-400 lbs., .54-.64; 400-500 lbs., .55-.64; 500-600 lbs., .52-.62; 600-700 lbs., .50-.62; 700-800 lbs., .51-.58; 800-up lbs., .47-.56.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .45-.55; 300-400 lbs., .45-.52; 400-500 lbs., .44-.53; 500-600 lbs., .45-.54; 600-up lbs., .44-.55.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, \$250-\$350.

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Jr. Posse playnight results

Stamford Junior Sheriff's Posse held its point playnight Saturday, June 29. Area and local cowboys and cowgirls enjoyed a night of competition and preparing for the TCR. The playnight results are:

8 and Under
Barrels: 1st-Riley Branch; 2nd-Chad Baize; 3rd-Ashton Rutkowski; 4th-Jay Hollabaugh; 5th-Preston Cox; 6th-Whitney Lofton
Flags: 1st-Riley Branch; 2nd-Chad Baize; 3rd-Weston Rutkowski; 4th-Ashton Rutkowski; 5th-Jay Hollabaugh; 6th-Preston Cox
Poles: 1st-Riley Branch; 2nd-Weston Rutkowski; 3rd-Chad Baize; 4th-Ashton Rutkowski; 5th-Jay Hollabaugh; 6th-Preston Cox

9-12 years
Barrels: 1st-Morgan Cox; 2nd-Melissa Neal; 3rd-Terry Branch; 4th-Brittany Rutkowski; 5th-Katy Curtis; 6th-Kandise Doughty

Flags: 1st-Ashley Branch; 2nd-Morgan Cox; 3rd-Melissa Neal; 4th-Lacey Hollabaugh; 5th-Katy Curtis; 6th-Brittany Rutkowski
Poles: 1st-Kandise Doughty; 2nd-Morgan Cox; 3rd-Terry Branch; 4th-Brittany Rutkowski; 5th-Lacey Hollabaugh; 6th-Melissa Neal

13-15 years
Barrels: 1st-Justin Cox; 2nd-Ruben Gonzales; 3rd-Dusty Sloan; 4th-McKenna Smith; 5th-Afton Camacho

Flags: 1st-Lacy Callan; 2nd-Afton Camacho; 3rd-Justin Cox; 4th-Todd Richardson; 5th-Ruben Gonzales; 6th-McKenna Smith
Poles: 1st-Lacy Callan; 2nd-Lacey Doughty; 3rd-McKenna Smith; 4th-Justin Cox; 5th-Dusty Sloan; 6th-Afton Camacho

16-19 years
Barrels: 1st-Laura Shaw; 2nd-Ginger Seidenberger
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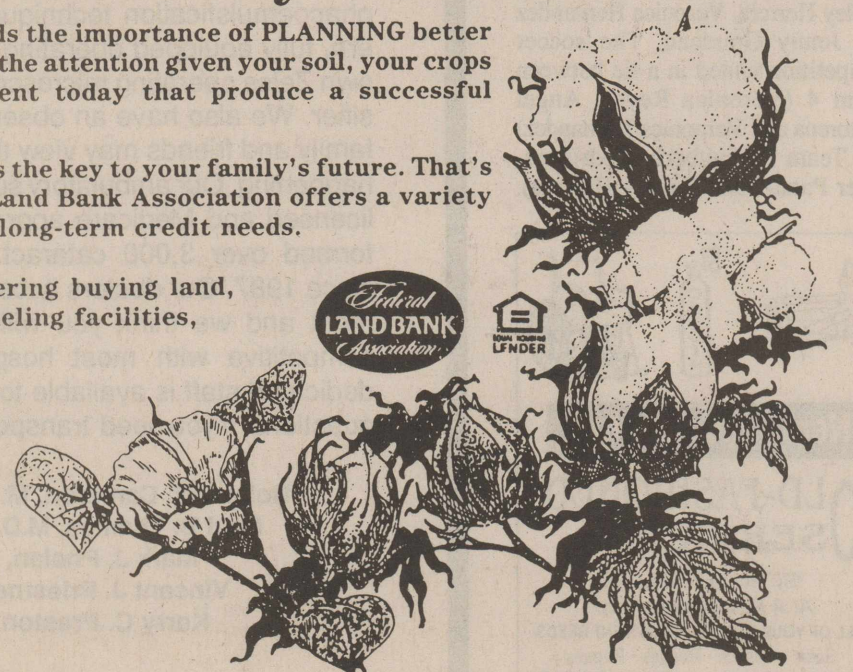
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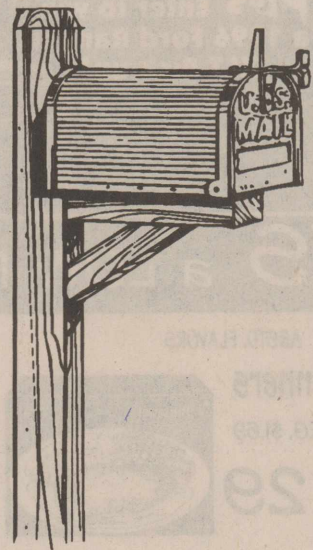
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CLASSROOM CASH AWARD—Fred Hernandez, WTU's area manager, presents a \$100 check to Joey McCord of Paint Creek School, as the recipient of the WTU Classroom Cash annual award. Paint Creek received the award for their CREW program.

Paint Creek School receives WTU classroom award

The Paint Creek Independent School District has been chosen for West Texas Utilities Company's Classroom Cash annual award.

Sponsored by WTU, the award recognizes the outstanding achievements of a grade level or department. Mr. Joey McCord will receive \$100 to be used in purchasing material or supplies for all grade levels.

Paint Creek received the Classroom Cash award for their CREW (Creating Responsible and Enthusiastic Workers) program. The CREW program encouraged school spirit and student participation in anything the school was involved in, including academics, sports and other extra curricular activities.

The Paint Creek ISD is to be commended for the quality of work and commitment to quality education. The Paint Creek ISD instructors exemplify and embody the true spirit of a dedicated educator.

WTU's area manager, Fred Hernandez, said the company is proud to sponsor the education honor.

"Whenever educators work together to accomplish outstanding achievements such as this, it sets a high standard for others to reach. They should be recognized and commended for their hard work and dedication."

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Wednesday: Pizza, cole slaw, buttered corn, Shape-ups & milk
Thursday: Ham & cheese sandwich, potato chips, vegetable sticks, apple crisp & milk
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'96 Rehab auction

Each summer, for the past 28 years, ranchers, farmers, businesses and individuals have joined together for a common cause called the Rehab Auction. "The Rehab Auction" refers to several days filled with a variety of auctions; the three-hour TV Auction on Wednesday, July 17, from 7-10 p.m. over KFDX TV-3; the 11 individual livestock auctions held during the month of July at area sale barns; the Saturday, July 20, event held at MPEC in Wichita Falls, which features an all-day Silent Auction and a live Merchandise Auction.

This year, two new activities will appeal to buyers and bidders. A fashion show, sponsored by Cactus Flower, complete with several free drawings, begins at 11 a.m. The "under \$300 Auction" starts at 4:30 p.m. Both new events will take place during the all-day affair at MPEC on Saturday, July 20. Special weekend get-a-ways to Dallas and Santa Fe, and American Airline round-trip tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S., will top the list of tempting new bid items.

The Rehab Auction committee, made up of over 50 workers in 16 counties, will begin work immediately to gather merchandise and livestock from the multiple county area.

Anyone wishing to participate in this annual event can call the Rehab Center at 817-322-0771 for further information. Any type of new merchandise is welcomed.

Calling all former 4-H'ers

You could be rubbing elbows with the likes of actress Sissy Spacek or football legend and sportscaster, Don Meredith. They were once in Texas 4-H.

Just like Spacek and Meredith, you can become a member of the 4-H Friends and Alumni Association of Texas. Former 4-H'ers, their parents and anyone else who wants to be involved is welcome to join.

Alumni Committee chairman Dr. Bonnie McGee believes the association will strengthen Texas 4-H by organizing and expanding the support already in place in terms of contributions of money and time.

Members will also get updates on 4-H programs. Even people who were in 4-H in another state can join. Extension Director Zerle Carpenter was a 4-H'er in Oklahoma. He was the first to sign on as a lifetime charter member of the 4-H Friends and Alumni Association of Texas.

A lifetime charter membership costs \$500. A charter membership is \$100. Regular memberships are \$25 a year or \$45 for a couple. College students pay \$15 and businesses can become corporate members for a contribution of more than \$500.

The membership drive begins with a heritage search as 4-H clubs in each county try to identify former members. It's a way to involve the children and help them learn who in their community played a role in developing the 4-H club they are a part of today.

Submitted by Lou Gilly and Max Stapleton, Haskell Co. Ext. Agents.

B-K Electric Cooperative, Inc. NOTICE OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of the bylaws of the Cooperative (Article IV Directors; Sections 4.05. Nominations), the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations as follows:

- M. L. Verhalen, RR 1 Box 127, Knox City, Texas 79529
- Greg Clonts, P. O. Box 325, Knox City, Texas 79529
- John L. Grindstaff, Jr., P. O. Box 363, Knox City, TX 79529
- Floyd Reed, Jr., RR1 Box 57B, Munday, Texas 76371
- Jerry Cargal, P. O. Box 622, Vernon, Texas 76384
- James Tucker, P. O. Box 631, Seymour, Texas 76380
- R. F. Kuehler, RR3 Box 149, Seymour, Texas 76380
- Donnie Fitts, P. O. Box 447, Seymour, Texas 76380

The Committee on Nominations will meet July 5, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. at the Seymour Office of B-K Electric Cooperative, Inc. to make nominations for directors.

The director's terms expiring are Kames Albus, Knox County and Larry Burnett, Baylor County.

Members of the Cooperative are hereby notified of this meeting.

Shannon Sanford

ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS

Section 4.01. NUMBER AND GENERAL POWERS. The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of seven (7) directors. The Board shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such as are by law or by the Cooperative's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

SECTION 4.02. QUALIFICATIONS. No member shall be eligible to become a director or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who is not a member receiving service from the Cooperative at his primary residential abode in the area served by the Cooperative, or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative, and no person shall take or hold office as a director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid. When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both may be elected as director, provided however, that neither one shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the Cooperative unless both shall meet the qualifications herein above set forth. Any director who shall miss three (3) Board of Directors' meetings in a row, without an excuse duly accepted and noted by the Board, shall lack eligibility to further serve and it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to remove him from the Board. No former employee whose employment has been terminated by the Cooperative may be eligible to serve as director. Any employee who resigns or retires from employment by the Cooperative shall not be eligible to serve as a director for a period of ten (10) years following such resignation or retirement. Nothing contained in this Section shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this Section and in which one or more of the directors have an interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

In the event an incumbent director, having served on the Board of Directors a minimum of six years, ceases to meet the requirement of receiving service from the Cooperative at his primary residential abode, such incumbent director shall nevertheless be qualified to continue to serve as director so long as he remains a member of the Cooperative and his primary residential abode is located within the area served by the Cooperative, or in close proximity thereto.

SECTION 4.03. ELECTION. At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by secret written ballot by the members and from among those members who are natural persons; provided however, that when the number of nominees does not exceed the number of directors to be elected, and if there is no objection, secret written balloting may be dispensed with and voting may be conducted in any other proper manner. Directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast unless the members in advance of any balloting resolve that a majority of the votes cast shall be required to elect, and this Bylaw provision shall be drawn to the attention of the members and explained to them prior to any balloting. Drawing by lot shall resolve, where necessary, any tie vote.

SECTION 4.04. TENURE. The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of seven (7) directors which shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such that are by law, or by the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative, or by these Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members. Beginning with the Annual Meeting of the members of the Cooperative held on August 21, 1954, two (2) members of the Board of Directors shall serve for a period of one year, two (2) members shall serve for two years, and three (3) members shall serve for three years, and that lots be cast as to the length of time each director shall serve; and beginning with the Annual Meeting of the members held in 1954, those directors whose terms expire, such vacancy shall be filled for a period of three years.

SECTION 4.05. NOMINATIONS. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than sixty (60) nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members of the Cooperative who are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director, who are not close relatives (as hereinafter defined) or members of the same household of such existing employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director, and who are so selected so as to give equitable representation on the committee to the geographical areas served or to be served by the Cooperative. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than twenty (20) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Section, failure to comply with any of such provisions shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the Board of Directors after the election of directors.

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