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Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) is sponsoring networking opportunities for "movers and shakers" in the region to hear how to make things happen in rural communities. La Grange City Manager Shawn Raborn and Chamber Executive Margo Johnson will present the success story of their small community of 4,500 residents in southeast Texas.

Elected officials, city, chamber of commerce and economic development representatives and community volunteers are invited to attend the nearest of three locations where the presentation will be offered. Participants are asked to make reservations by Aug. 27 to help the host city plan for the meal. Cost for the function is \$8.00.

Presentations will be held in Aspermont, August 29, luncheon from 11:30 to 1:30. Reservations can be made at 817-989-3561. Winters, August 29, dinner from 6:30 to 8:30. Reservations 915-754-4822. Eastland, August 30, luncheon from 11:30 to 1:30. Reservations 817-629-3349.

TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle encourages participants to take a car load of folks from each community. She adds, "This small investment of time will motivate your community leaders to reach new heights of success in your own community. If only one person attends, it's nearly impossible for them to bring the message back home and get things rolling."

TMCN, a regional organization founded in 1994, covers a 20-county area surrounding Abilene. The focus of the organization is to find ways the 33 member cities can work together, pool resources and organize mutually beneficial projects that one town could not do alone. Projects sponsored by the organization include tourism marketing, legislative issues for rural Texas, economic development workshops and leadership training.

For more information about Texas Midwest Community Network call 915-893-2099.



**RIBBON CUTTING**—Members of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Carriage Flower Shop to the Haskell business community with a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, Aug. 7. The owners are Betty Sorrells (second from left) and Connie Cothron (cutting the ribbon).

## Obituaries

### Laura Mae Whitaker

Services were held for Laura Mae Whitaker, 88, on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Whitaker died Monday, August 12 at a local hospital. She was born May 28, 1908 in Glen Rose. She married Irman Whitaker on April 13, 1933 in Stamford. She was a homemaker and worked as a nurse. She had been a Haskell resident since 1967. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Irman Whitaker February 15, 1995; one daughter, Freida Jeannette, four brothers and one sister.

She is survived by her sister, Freida Littlefield of Abilene and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Pallbearers were Gary Littlefield, Durward Wheatley, Johnny Wheatley, Lynn Wheatley, Joe Wheatley and Olen King.

### Dessa Fay Brian

Services will be held for Dessa Fay Brian, 78 of Weinert today Thursday, Aug. 15 at 10 a.m. at the Frist Baptist Church in Weinert with Rev. Werth Mayes officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. today at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Brian died Monday, August 12 at an Abilene care home. She was born August 4, 1918 in Stonewall County, Texas. She married Harold Hapwood Brian on June 7, 1947 in Fort Worth. Mrs. Brian was a nurse for 25 years, working for Swift Co. for 17 1/2 of those years. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Weinert. She had been a resident of Weinert for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Brian on Sept. 2, 1979; and her step-son, Buford Leo Brian.

She is survived by three brothers, Bowden Foy Johnson of Yuba City, Ca., Sallie B. Johnson of Dallas, and Warren Edmon Johnson of Hurst; two sisters, Leitha Holloway of Dallas and Myrnie Sanders of Weipert and two grandsons, Richard David Brian and Harold Douglas Brian.

Pallbearers will be Frankie Nelson, Kenneth Sanders, Kregg Sanders, Kole Sanders, Kent Sanders and Wayne Offutt.

### Tom Moorhouse

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doing more for others — thinking more of others. Being able to maintain friendships, having people know they can trust me. The older I get, the more I realize that these are the things that are important."

When asked about his favorite days, Moorhouse quickly breaks the

topic into two areas. "On the personal side, a favorite day is being with my family, visiting and having a good time, cooking a little beef steak outside. And then, there is the time in the spring and fall — not too hot, just cool, perfect weather when we take the wagon

out," says Moorhouse. "The day starts before dawn; you can smell the cookfire, hear the bacon cooking, and then we will shoot the bull, get the horses ready and talk about plans for the day. We will work hard all day — so hard that we can barely unroll our beds, lie down and know that a lot has been accomplished. That is another kind of good day," states Moorhouse. "It makes me happy."

"I am thankful because I've gotten out of life what I wanted," says Moorhouse. He doesn't linger much about "difficult times" when it comes to his business; "Sure, we've had some tough times, but never terrible times in business." However, when reflecting on the worst time in his personal life, he tells of his loneliness, his searching for answers and his not understanding when his first wife, Sue, died. "I couldn't understand why it happened. It hurt me. I remember walking the roads at the ranch at night, thinking about all of it. I still don't understand it, but now I know that is just a part of life."

"And then I met Becky and I am happy," says Moorhouse. "Having my children with my first wife and then having a child with Becky have been the happiest times of my life."

Family, his heritage and his personal values are the things that Tom Moorhouse has dreamed about, grown into and contributed to for 49 years. As dedicated as he has always been to this lifestyle, he states "Yes, I want my children to continue this lifestyle...but only if they want to. They may not all be in the cattle business, but I think they will remain knowledgeable and remember their heritage."

It seems likely that his children will remember because they have a father who has followed his dream, captured it, and continues to share the richness of it with them — and all who know him.

His daughter, Jody, becomes thoughtful as she speaks seriously of what her dad has meant to her. "He is an admirable person. He is unselfish. He has been a teacher to me — not only has he taught me about cowboying, but he has taught me about working with people. He believes in treating people equally, no matter what their status is in life."

It seems that Tom Moorhouse, the 1995 Top Hand at the Texas Ranch Roundup, has long been considered a "top man" to all who know him.

Submitted by Bonnie Jones, No. Tex. Rehab. Center and Texas Ranch Roundup.



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In years past, we have mailed membership letters to all former members, athletes' parents, and other prospective members. Due to rising costs in postage and printing, we are repeating last year's policy. **Membership forms can be found in the HASKELL FREE PRESS, AT MODERN WAY, M-SYSTEM & SPORT ABOUT.**

Once again, we will list the Club members' names in the football program. Membership in the Booster Club is \$10.00. If you would like to become a member and have your name listed in the program, **complete the information below and return with your dues to... DEBI BURSON, 1800 N AVE F, HASKELL, TEXAS 79521.** Please send in your membership form as soon as possible.

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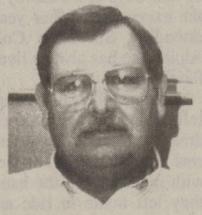
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## Hamilton, Johnson exchange vows

Jayne Dee Hamilton and Jimmy Johnson exchanged wedding nuptials on June 7, at the home of the bride's maternal grandparents, Mrs. Doris Moeller and the late Edwin (Tuffy) Moeller, of Stamford. Rev. David Edwards of Clyde officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Tanny Hamilton of Clyde and Jim Hamilton of North Richland Hills. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Hamilton of Winters.

The groom is the son of Jim and Ann Johnson of Clyde, formerly of Haskell. His maternal grandparents are Tommy and Betty Watson of Haskell. His paternal grandmother is Mrs. Maxine Owens of Wardell, Missouri.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a white, full floor-length gown that was fashioned with a Princess style bodice, appliqued with Schiffl lace. She wore a matching shoulder-length veil of appliqued illusion and short white glove with seed pearls.

Crissy Roberson of Clyde was

her sister's matron of honor. Jamie Johnson, sister of the groom, of Clyde was the bridesmaid. Cassandra Reynolds, cousin of the groom, of Haskell was flower girl.

The best man was Richard Sheffield and the groomsman was Duke Womack Jr., both of Clyde. Long-time friends of the couple, Bryan King of Clyde and Nole Hadaway of Lubbock were ushers. Tanner Hamilton-Roberson of Clyde was ring bearer for his aunt Mimi and uncle Jimmy.

Wendi Watson, cousin of the groom of Sweetwater, registered the guests. Serving at the reception were lifetime friends of the bride, Shaney Joy and Sara Sively, both of Clyde. Also serving were cousins of the groom, Debra Watson of Haskell and Ashley Watson of Portland.

Flowers for the wedding were designed by two very special people, Charla Edwards of Clyde and Dona Lackey of Abilene.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Clyde High School. She is a sophomore at Angelo State University and is employed by Blockbuster Video in San Angelo.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Clyde High School. He attended South Plains Junior College in Levelland and Cisco Junior College in Cisco. He is employed by WalMart in San Angelo.

The couple is at home in San Angelo after a wedding trip to the Dallas area and a camping trip to the State Park at Abilene.



MRS. JAMES KEITH SODER

## Melton, Soder Wed

Christie Marie Melton and James Keith Soder of Plainview were married June 29, at Southcrest Baptist Church. Dr. David Wilson officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Martin of Lubbock and Mr. Ben Melton of San Angelo.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Soder of Ganado, Ariz.

Hayley Martin of Montgomery, Ala, was maid of honor. Beth Martin, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Flower girls were Carly Sagebiel of San Antonio and Pamela Martin.

Best man was David Soder of Chesapeake, Va. Ushers were

Jeremy Sims and Mike Manchec, both of Roswell, New Mex. and Sam Martin.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Lubbock High School and is attending Wayland Baptist University. She is employed by Don's Photography in Plainview.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Ganado High School and attended Northern Arizona University. He received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Wayland Baptist University and is employed by the Plainview Independent School District.

After a wedding trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., the couple is residing in Plainview.

## 4-H Awards Program set Sunday, Aug. 18

The Haskell County 4-H Awards Program will be held Sunday, August 18, in the Haskell Memorial Civic Center in Haskell. All youth age nine or age eight and in the third grade through age 19 who are interested in 4-H are invited to attend. Parents and all other interested adults are also encouraged to come and join in the activities.

The annual event begins at 12:30 p.m. with a covered dish meal. The Haskell County 4-H Council will furnish fried chicken and baked ham. Every person/family attending is asked to bring a dish of their choice to

accompany the furnished meat that is large enough to serve several people. The program will include entertainment, recognition of volunteer leaders, presentation of project awards and other special awards, and a drawing for door prizes.

There is no charge for attending. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Haskell County Extension Office at either 817-864-2658 or 817-864-2546 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

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II Corinthians 1:3

Your service to God through the loss of our parents has truly been an example and inspiration to each of us. The many gifts of beautiful flowers, delicious food, phone calls and visits, cards, memorials, prayers, and distances traveled to honor our parents and support our family will forever be a blessing and provider of strength. Mom and Dad enjoyed friendships with so many of you, and we cherish the honor to continue those friendships.

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# OPINION

## State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**AUSTIN** — Federal judges last week annulled the March primaries in three Texas congressional districts where race was ruled to have been the main factor in drawing boundaries.

The panel of three judges — all appointed by Republican presidents — approved new, more compactly shaped districts. Redrawing those districts affected the shape and makeup of seven contiguous districts in the Houston area and six in the Dallas area.

So, the panel ordered special elections in those 13 districts set for Nov. 5, the same day as the general election for the rest of the state. The special elections will be open to all candidates of either party, and runoffs will be Dec. 10.

But, the redistricting plan did not sit well with House Speaker Pete Laney and Attorney General Dan Morales, both Democrats. The officials were contemplating an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court last week to overturn the lower court decision.

Laney and Morales said voter confusion and unnecessary shifting of boundary lines will be key arguments if they appeal the order. Laney, who had a plan that would have changed the shape of only nine districts, said an early analysis of the court order is "more intrusive than necessary." Morales said only six districts need be changed.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, a Democrat, had asked the judges not to take action and instead leave the matter to the 1997 Legislature. After the panel approved the new boundaries, Bullock praised their efforts. "The plan does not smack of politics or needlessly change boundaries that had already been set," he told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Minimal changes were made to the two black majority districts in Dallas, but a largely Hispanic district in Houston lost about 15 percent of its Hispanic voters and no longer has a Hispanic majority.

#### Principals to Receive Cash

Some Texas public school principals will be getting more than a jolt of self esteem for their role in improving their campuses. They will receive cash awards of up to \$5,000.

In the fall, principals of the state's most improved schools will receive checks — to use as they wish — based on the school's rating and the criteria being developed by a panel appointed by Gov. George W. Bush. The criteria are to be completed by Sept. 1.

"It's a check written to the principal. There are no strings attached," Criss Cloutd of the Texas Education Agency told the Associated Press.

Under the Principal Performance Incentives Program — part of the sweeping education bill passed by the 1995 Legislature — \$5 million will be disbursed. The program was

tacked onto S.B. 1 by Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington.

Some teachers, however, criticized the program because it left insolvent the Texas Successful Schools Awards System, another student performance-based program that did not focus on principals.

#### Drivers Skirting Insurance Law

Many Texas drivers are finding illegal ways to skirt a state law that requires them to carry liability car insurance all year.

The *Austin American-Statesman* analyzed state data and found that about 21 percent of drivers involved in accidents last year were not insured or their insurance status was unknown.

One way consumers avoid paying costly premiums is to purchase a six- or 12-month policy and then cancel it after a month — long enough to receive their proof of insurance card that allows them to renew their driver's license and vehicle registration or obtain an inspection sticker.

Another method cheaters use to acquire an insurance card is to purchase a one-month from businesses that advertise them in the telephone book.

Lack of enforcement is part of the problem. Lawmakers have rejected enforcement proposals as too expensive for the state, too burdensome on insurers and too heartless toward low-income drivers, the *American-Statesman* reported.

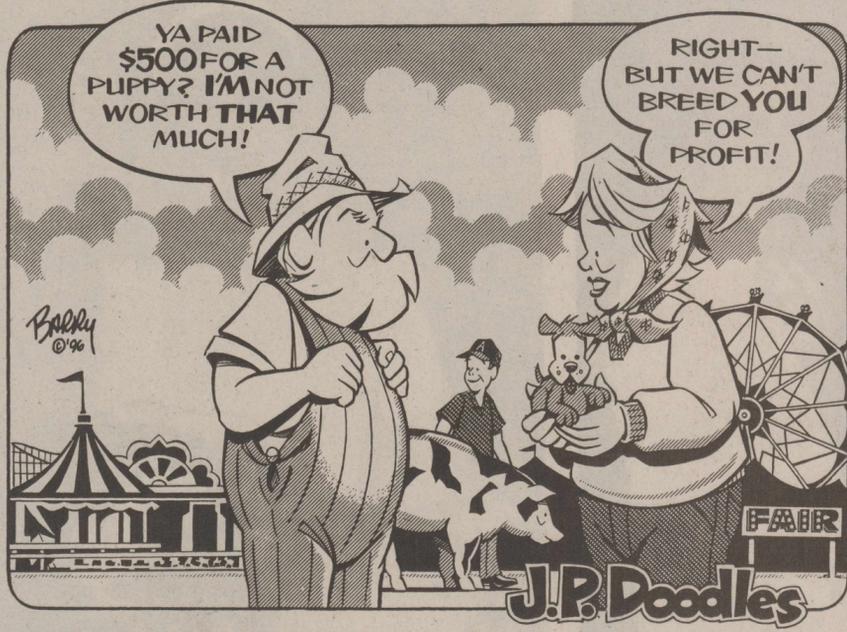
#### Other Capital Highlights

■ Bruce Casteel has been named senior captain (commander) of the Texas Rangers, succeeding Maurice Cook who retires at the end of the month. Casteel, 54, is a 23-year veteran of the 173-year-old elite law enforcement unit. He has served as assistant commander of the Rangers since 1992.

■ Texas Republican Party Chairman Tom Pauken was awarded \$180,683 by a Dallas County jury which concluded that a former business associate stole information from his firm, Texas Voter List, and sold it to Pauken's opponents in his unsuccessful 1991 race for the 3rd Congressional District seat.

■ Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer approved a new computerized "bulletin board system" that will match homeowners having trouble finding insurance with companies that will sell them coverage. The Market Assistant Program begins in October.

■ Victor Morales, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, last week challenged incumbent U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm to promise voters that he would serve a full, six-year term if re-elected instead of running for president in the year 2000. Gramm's spokesman said the senator would only promise to work hard in 2000 to re-elect Bob Dole as president.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 20 Years Ago Aug. 12, 1976

Dr. Tate will be at the Rule City Park Saturday, Aug. 14, at 4 p.m. presenting his very entertaining show for all ages to enjoy. It will consist of a variety show he has worked up over the past year. Some of the entertainers have been taking his famous Tate-Lax Tonic therefore they should be in top form for the show, giving you a first hand look at what this fantastic tonic can do. He will have available his delicious Taffy candy made at the foot of the Sierra Blanca Mountains in New Mexico. You will also want some of Dr. Tate's famous Lye Soap a miracle cleaner among its many other extraordinary uses.

The Haskell City Council met Tuesday, Aug. 10, in the City Hall to discuss pending business. The major item to discuss was the city water supply. City wells are getting low to the point of concern and are beginning to pump air. The Council is requesting that everyone conserve water and hopefully it will not be necessary to place restrictions on water use.

### 30 Years Ago Aug. 18, 1966

Under the lights in the cool of the night, at Rice Springs swimming pool, Friday, Emily Thigpen, 8-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joe Thigpen, was crowned 1966 Little Miss Hey-Day by Robin Wheatley, Little Miss Hey-Day of 1965. Thirty-six Little Misses sponsored by the Haskell County merchants, were entered in the contest.

### 40 Years Ago Aug. 16, 1956

Robert R. King, superintendent of schools at Rochester for the past 10 years, was named superintendent of the Haskell public schools Wednesday at a special meeting of the school board of trustees. He will succeed Supt. C.D. Allen who resigned Aug. 10.

A group of six Explorer Scouts, accompanied by their Advisor and adult leader, left this week for Lake Texoma for a five-day outing. Making the trip were Don Urban, Bryan Corley, Rodney Roberts, Billy Fouts, Philip Norton, Dowell Warren. Accompanying them were Frank Urban, Explorer advisor and Clovis Norton.

Oris Gibson, outstanding tackle of the HHS football team has been chosen to play in the 7th annual Greenbelt Bowl Football game Friday, Aug. 17, in Childress.

### 50 Years Ago Aug. 15, 1946

Opal Dunnam and Darlene Earp of Haskell were in Fort Worth last weekend for a state softball tournament as members of the strong Plainview Oilers. Miss Dunnam pitched for the Oilers and Miss Earp played third base.

A grass fire which started in the south part of the Sloan Ranch fifteen miles east of Haskell early Friday afternoon, burned over an area estimated at between six and eight sections of land on the Sloan property and spread to an adjoining ranch and a farm before finally being brought under control.

Byron W. Frierson of Haskell will go to College Station next week where he will join a group of A&M students who have been selected to make a 12-day tour of Mexico as guests of the ministry of agriculture. The tour will get underway at Brownsville, Aug. 26 and will end at Laredo on Sept. 6, following a flight from Mexico City.

### 90 Years Ago Aug. 18, 1906

Colonel Morgan Jones came down on the construction train Wednesday with the contractor who is to build the depot at this place.

Mr. S.L. Robertson has returned from St. Louis where he purchased a full line of goods to stock his handsome new building on the west side.

On last Thursday afternoon, quite a crowd of jolly Haskell girls spent several hours very pleasantly on "Mud Creek" picnicking. After spending some time in kodacking and in various games dear to the hearts of girls, the lunch, consisting of such goodies as ice cream, lemonade, iced tea, bananas, watermelons and other things usually found in picnic lunches, was spread and the girls proceeded to put themselves on the outside of it.

## Legal matters by Atty. Gen. Dan Morales

# When a natural disaster strikes

**A** NATURAL DISASTER leaves more than torn shingles and uprooted trees in its wake. Ill winds can also blow in armies of fly-by-night contractors and door-to-door scam artists, eager to capitalize on the misfortunes of decent people.

At the Office of the Attorney we know that disaster cons and frauds can take many forms. Some businesses raise their prices unconscionably to take advantage of people needing bottled water, ice, groceries, fuel or other essential goods and services. In addition, unscrupulous home repair services flourish in the wake of a disaster.

If you are the victim of a hurricane, flood, tornado, or other disaster, exercise extreme caution. It's bad enough to have to cope with the destructive force of nature. Don't let a scam artist victimize you a second time.

#### Price-gouging is illegal

Price-gouging refers to the practice of charging excessively high prices for goods or services to individuals affected by a disaster. For example, when massive floods inundated parts of Southeast Texas in 1994, many consumers complained about businesses charging excessive prices for necessities.

If you are a victim of a disaster and feel you that you are being

unfairly charged for a good or service, raise the issue of price-gouging with the provider. Speak to him or her in a frank and respectful manner. If you are unable to come to a friendly resolution of the matter, you may file a complaint with our office by calling our Consumer Protection Hot Line at (800) 337-3928.

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#### Door-to-door offers

After a flood, a hurricane, or a severe storm, salespeople go from door to door in a neighborhood, offering clean-up and repair services. While many of these people are honest and reputable, some are not. There are several things you can do to protect yourself — and your wallet — from the unscrupulous operators.

If you are insured, call your insurance adjuster and have him or her make an estimate of the damage and probable repair cost. That way you'll have a benchmark estimate, prepared by a professional, when you negotiate with contractors.

If someone does come to your door and offer to do your repairs, we suggest that you at least do the

following:

- Get more than one estimate and don't be pushed into signing a contract right away.

- Get everything in writing. Insist on written details of the total cost, work to be done, time schedule, guarantees, payment terms, and other expectations. A notice of cancellation — giving you the right to change your mind within three business days — must be included.

- Get references from past customers. Check them out.

- If the salesperson is unknown to you, write down his or her driver's license number. Also note the salesperson's license plate number.

- Be careful when contracting with out-of-town businesses. If the repair job turns out to be substandard, how will you have problems corrected or get your money back?

- Never sign a contract with blanks. Unscrupulous salespeople may enter unacceptable terms later. In summary, be cautious. Be especially suspicious of door-to-door salespeople who make "low-ball" estimates, refuse to leave a contract overnight, or try to sell their services to you by playing on your emotions.

#### Texas prepares

The Attorneys General of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi,



You will notice that this week's "From Out of the Past" column has changed some. Instead of the 60 and 70 years ago, we will have 40 and 50 years ago, per special request.

I have had some requests for those years, so since it takes a lot of time to look up the items in the old newspapers, we will substitute the 40 and 50 years ago for the 60 and 70 years ago.

We will still have the 90 years ago, so that everyone can read a little about what was going on in Haskell, shortly after the turn of the century.

I guess this will please some people and displease others, but it's impossible to please everyone, so I just try to strike a happy medium.

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School bells will be ringing in the county schools this week and next. So it's time for you drivers out there to put the brakes on around the schools. Most school zones are 20 miles per hour during school hours or when the flashing light indicates.

New speed limit signs have been posted at the high school on Ave. D, 6th and 7th streets, so I hope all of the drivers will take notice and slow it down. There were some complaints last year about drivers speeding on those streets during school hours, particularly the lunch hour; so whether you are a student or an adult driving in that area, obey the law and slow down.

We would like to keep our children safe at all of the schools, so if you have to drive through a school zone, just leave the house a few minutes earlier in the mornings so that you can get to where you are going on time. After all, our children's lives are much more important than getting somewhere in a hurry.

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The Haskell Indians have been out in full swing with summer practice the last couple of weeks, getting ready for the football season.

Earlier in the year the UIL announced the realignment of Haskell from District 7-2A to 9-2A which pitted them with Archer City, Electra, Holliday, Olney and Seymour for district games. This will double the traveling miles for students and fans alike.

The realignment was appealed by the Haskell CISD without any favorable results.

However, the miles Haskell has to travel are mild, in comparison to Monahans, who was put in the district with three schools near El Paso which is over 200 hundred miles; and I believe I read that their closest game was about 114 miles.

Alabama and Florida announced on July 8 the formation of the Gulf Coast Attorneys General Disaster Alliance. The purpose of the alliance is to share information about price-gouging, home repair fraud and other natural disaster scams against consumers.

Since many of the scam artists bounce from state to state and disaster to disaster, the alliance will be able to provide the public with up-to-date information about the types of disaster-related scams occurring in various states. On August 15 and 16, experts from our consumer division are meeting with their counterparts in the other alliance states. We will share techniques and legal remedies to help prevent fraud in our respective states after natural disasters.

#### For more information

We're here to help. For more information, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office nearest you or call (800) 621-0508. Ask for our brochures on *Door-to-Door Sales and Home Improvement*, which include detailed tips on how to protect yourself from being victimized twice.

You can also find more consumer information on our World Wide Web site at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>.

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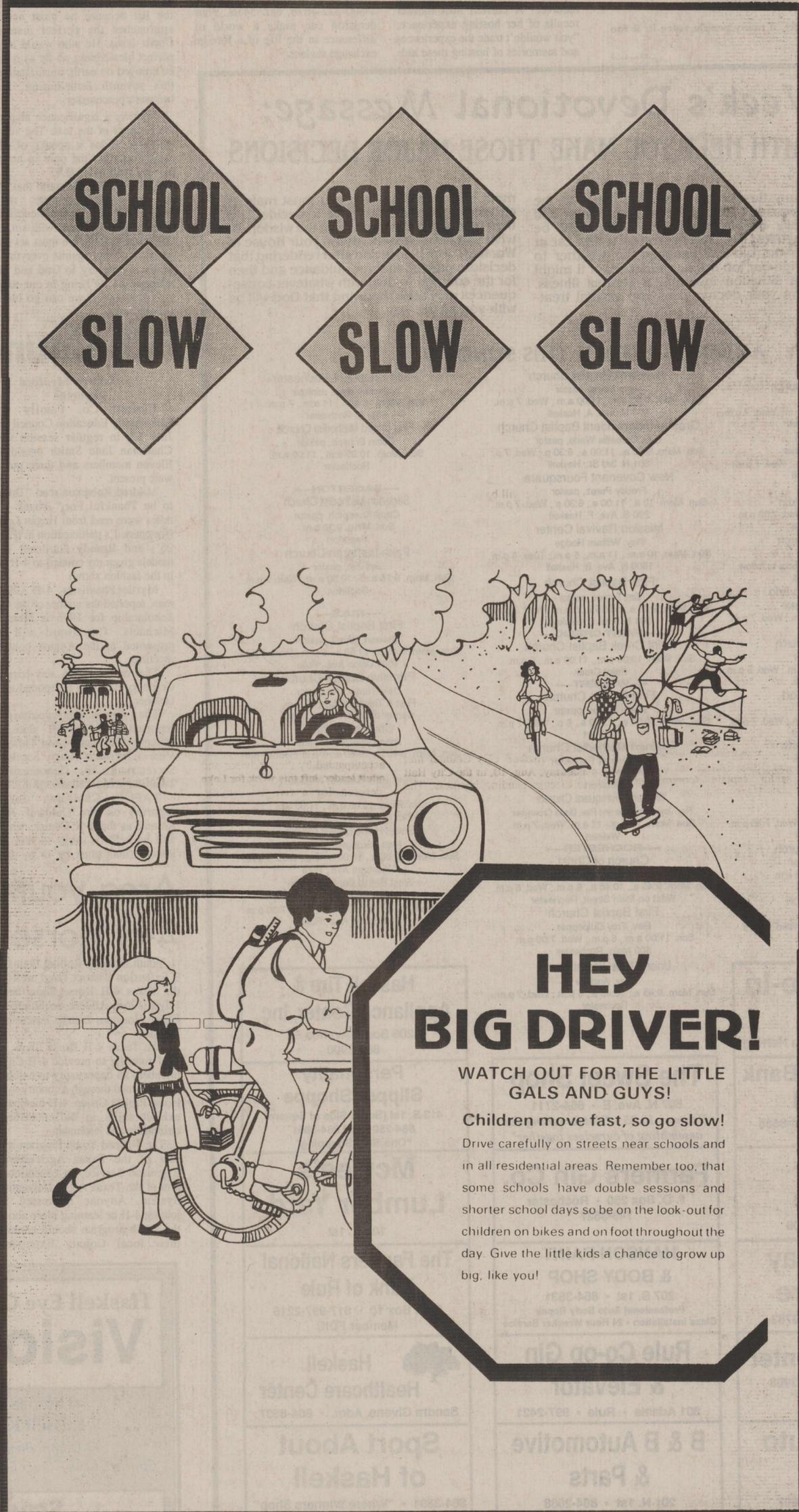
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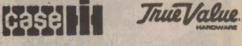
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Academic Year in America, which is sponsored by the not-for-profit American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation, has

been bringing foreign students and American families together for the past 15 years. Students range in age from 15 to 18 years old and arrive from more than 25 countries with their own medical insurance and spending money.

Through the program, American families share their customs and culture with exchange students from

countries including Poland, Hungary, Germany, Brazil, Spain and The Netherlands. Several hundred students who are scheduled to arrive in the U.S. this August are still in need of a host family.

"I wish every family could host a student, then they could see how rewarding the experience is and realize how much love they would receive." A current host mother recalls of her hosting experience, "you wouldn't trade the experiences and memories of hosting these kids

for anything in the world. You see them grow up and mature during the time they're here. They come into your life as strangers and leave as a member of your family."

If you and your family would like to open your heart and home to one of our eager international students, please call AYA Placing Regional Director Julie DeGroot at 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5416. Your decision can make a world of difference in the life of a foreign exchange student.

# Food for thought

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."—Matthew 5:9

This is the seventh of the beatitudes; and seven was the number of perfection among the Hebrews.

It may be that the Saviour placed the peacemaker the seventh upon the list because he most nearly approaches the perfect man in Christ Jesus. He who would have perfect blessedness, so far as it can be enjoyed on earth, must attain to this seventh Benediction, and become a peacemaker.

There is a significance also in the position of the text. The verse which precedes it speaks of the blessedness of "the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

It is well to understand that we are to be "first pure, then peaceable." Our peaceableness is never to be a compact with sin, or toleration of evil. We must set our faces like flints against everything which is contrary to God and his holiness: purity being in our souls a settled matter, we can go on to peaceableness.

Not less does the verse that follows seem to have been put there on purpose. However peaceable we may be in this world, yet we shall be misrepresented and misunderstood: and no marvel, for even the Prince of Peace, by his very peaceableness, brought fire upon the earth.

He himself, though He loved mankind, and did no ill, was "despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." Lest, therefore, the peaceable in heart should be surprised when they meet with enemies, it is added in the following verse, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Thus, the peacemakers are not only pronounced to be blessed, but they are compassed about with blessings.

Lord, give us grace to climb to this seventh beatitude! Purify our minds that we may be "first pure, then peaceable," and fortify our souls, that our peaceableness may not lead us into cowardice and despair, when for their sake we are persecuted.

## This Week's Devotional Message: LET FAITH HELP YOU MAKE THOSE MAJOR DECISIONS



Many times in our lives we come to the crossroads of having to make a major and usually irreversible decision. It might be something like whether to buy a new car or have the old one repaired; or whether to change our job or our residence; or it might be a situation involving a serious illness, where your doctor gives you several treat-

ment options from which you must make a choice. In any case, you have to decide, and then resolve not to worry about the wisdom of what you have chosen. Attend your House of Worship, both before and after rendering that decision; praying first for guidance and then for the courage to deal with whatever consequences may arise, knowing that God will be with you all the way.

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- East Side Baptist Church**  
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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
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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**  
Vergil Smith, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 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., 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., 10:30 a., 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., 11 a., 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  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

#### New Covenant Foursquare

Freddy Perez, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; 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., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

#### PAINT CREEK

#### Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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#### First Baptist Church

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Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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Rev. James Patterson  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
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#### ROCHESTER

#### Church of Christ

Jim Pratt, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
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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., 10:45 a., 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

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Dolan Brinson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
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#### SAGERTON

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Carol Krumpton, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
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#### RULE

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Stewart Farrell, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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Matt Herrington, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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#### West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Sweet  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

## FCE Council meets

By Dolores Medford Reporter

Haskell Co. Family and Community Education Council met July 17, in regular session with Chairman Jane Smith presiding. Eleven members and three guests were present.

Mildred Roberson read "Things to be Thankful For." Thank you notes were read from Hegan Lamb (for council's participation in 'Party 96') and Brandy Gardener (for medals given my council to 4-H'ers in the fashion show).

Myrtle Phemister, 4-H Chairman, reported the winner of the 4-H Scholarship for 1996 is Melanie Michaels. The award will be presented at the August council meeting.

The county-wide day-trip to Granbury has been postponed until October.

The nominating committee reported the 1996-97 slate of officers: Chairman—Lena Tidwell; Vice Chairman—Betty Sanders; Secretary—Kathryn Schonertedt; Treasurer—Lennie Blankenship.

TAFCE Chairman Joetta reported on the Cultural Arts Retreat at the 4-H Center, which will be held on Aug. 14 and 15. Reservations must be in by July

25. She also asked that as many as possible attend the State Convention in Tyler, Sept. 9-13.

Lou Gilly reported that there will be a reception honoring Max Stapleton on Aug. 3. Several Extension Agents who have worked in the Haskell Co. office have been invited to attend.

The 4-H'ers have been busy this summer. J.J. Comedy won 4th in her division at the State Fashion Show; four 4-H'ers went to Round-up; six 4-H'ers were involved in the District Horse Show; one went to Bobwhite Brigade; seven 4-Hers went to Teen Leadership Lab.

It was reported that Hospice of the Big Country will be available to present a club program. Members were reminded that ballots for club woman of the year are due.

At the Cultural Arts Retreat: Haskell Co. is responsible for bringing a door prize, which is to be a Christmas centerpiece. Half of the remaining yearbooks will be taken to the retreat and also the cookbooks will be taken.

Refreshments were served club members by Josselot FCE Club.

The council meeting on Aug. 21, will be hosted by Weinert FCE Club.

## Area youth place at 4-H Horse Show

Youth from the Rolling Plains — 3 Extension District fared well at the Texas 4-H Horse Show held July 22-26 in Abilene, according to Elaine Houston, District Extension Director.

The Texas 4-H Horse Show is held annually to provide 4-H Club members an opportunity to exhibit skills learned through a country 4-H Horse Project Group. 4-H members exhibit skills in horsemanship, citizenship and leadership.

The 4-H and Youth Program is a part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, an educational arm of the Texas A&M University System. Anyone interested in joining 4-H or learning more about the youth program should contact their local County Extension

Service.

State Horse Show results for District 3 area participants include:

Poles: 9th place—Roni Morrow of Knox County.

Breakaway Roping: 3rd place—Jay Gholson of King County.

Team Penning: 1st Place—Jacy Collings, Tom Lyles and Tacy Condon of Knox County; 2nd place—Cody Jones, Brad McGuire and Kevin Shipman of Baylor County; 3rd place—Byron Gray, Trent McKnight and James Gober of Throckmorton County; 6th place—Hegan Lamb and Cassie Lamb of Haskell County and Ronnie Morrow of Knox County; 7th place—Rusty Redwine, T.C. Redwine and Travis Stam of Throckmorton.

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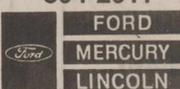
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# Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

The community center was buzzin' with activities last Tuesday night as residents gathered for the monthly supper and an auction to benefit the local volunteer fire department. Acting as hosts for the supper of sandwiches and watermelon were Charles and Dorothy Clark and Bill and Margie Hertel. During the business meeting it was noted that Easter falls on the date of the Hee Haw next year, so the date has been changed to the first weekend in April of 1997. The date for the regular September meeting was also changed to Sept. 10 due to the Labor Day holiday. Hosts will be Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Clancy and Helen Lehrmann and Wilma Teichelman.

After the supper the group enjoyed a lively auction of baked goods, clothing, arts, crafts and handwork sponsored by the Hobby Club and the local branch of the A.A.L., which netted \$1664.00 plus the \$500.00 from A.A.L. It was a fun-filled night for the following people who were in attendance:

Joe and Dorothy Clark, Dub and Ophelia LeFevre, John L. Brooks, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Wilma Teichelman, David and Leona Letz, Clancy and Helen Lehrmann, John and Sue Guinn, Herbert and Christine Stremmel, Frances Clark, Brian and Chelsea Tonnon, Mary Neinast, James Gellner, Emmalee Bivins, Leon and Mae Stegemoeller, Fred, Tami, and Mac Stegemoeller, Bruce, Michelle and Clay Toney, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Mike, Cheryl, Andrew, Jeremy, Michael and Kristin Hertel, Pastor Jeff and Marie Zell, J. B. and Dorothy Toney, Ronnie, Kathy, Melanie and Ross Teichelman, Fred and Billie Kupatt, Steve, Karen, Jennifer, Brian M'Lynn and Joanna Lehrmann, Jack and Peggy Tabor, Odene Dudensing, Jo and Dave Brown, Lynn, Renee, Abby, Emery, Molly and Jenny Dudensing, Alvin and Alice

Bredthauer, Charles and Dorothy Clark, Bill and Margie Hertel, Tm Bivins, Tami Bishop, Clayton and Paula Stegemoeller, Margaret Wendeborn, Danny and Helen Lammert, and Mrs. Alexander from Abilene.

Wilma Teichelman visited in Euless recently with her sister, Mary Clausen.

Frances Clark has been enjoying the company of her great-grandchildren, Brian and Chelsea Tonnon of Springdale, Arkansas. On Thursday they joined Jana and Jacob Manske and Tully and Kinsey Brown for a trip to the Abilene Zoo and "eating out."

Frances Clark was in Sweetwater recently to visit with the family of 104 year old Mrs. Smaulley who had died. Her daughter, Fern, graduated with Frances from Sagerton High School. We extend our sympathy to the Smaulley family.

The Hobby Club met at the community center on Thursday of last week for their regular monthly meeting with Margie Hertel as hostess. During the business meeting the successful auction was discussed and the date of Aug. 23 was chosen for their night out at the Ball Ranch with their husbands. Bibs were made for the residents of Rice Springs Care Home and bingo prizes and lap throws were sent to Teakwood Manor of Stamford. Marie Zell led the group in a game and Joyce LeFevre won the door prize. The project for the Sept. meeting will be to collect old Christmas cards and other cards to be sent to St. Jude's hospital. Everyone is encouraged to contribute their old cards to this worthwhile project. For details, please contact a club member. Those in attendance at the meeting were Yvonne Swofford, Jo Brown, Mary Neinast, Christene Stremmel, Marie Zell, Joyce LeFevre, Dorothy Toney, Peggy Tabor, Ev Ulmer, Leona Letz, Wilma Teichelman and Margie Hertel.

# School starts in County

School students in Haskell County will be returning to classes this week and next. Rule schools began classes Monday, Aug. 12; Rochester classes began on Wednesday, Aug. 14; Paint Creek classes begin Thursday, Aug. 15.

Haskell students will return to classes on Monday, Aug. 19, with the school year going through May 30, 1997. Teacher prep and staff development days begins on Thursday, Aug. 15.

Haskell Schools will have 21 holidays for the 1996-97 season. They will observe three school days off for the Thanksgiving holidays, beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 27 through Friday, Nov. 29; ten school days off for the Christmas and New Year holidays, beginning Monday, Dec. 23 through Friday, Jan. 3; and five school days off for spring break which will begin Monday, March 10 through Friday, March 14.

The Haskell School calendar for 1996-97 includes five teacher preparation/staff development days; two bad weather days, and 180 student instructional days.

Paint Creek students return to classes on Thursday, Aug. 15, with teacher workdays Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 13 and 14. Their school year will end May 30, with the last day of classes for students on May 28. Graduation will be May 30 for the High School and May 29 for the Junior High.

Paint Creek Schools will have 21 holidays for the 1996-97 school season.

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Nov. 27 through Friday, Nov. 29; ten school days for the Christmas and New Year holiday, beginning Monday, Dec. 23 through Friday, Jan. 3; and five days off for spring break which will begin Monday, Mar. 10 through Friday, Mar. 14.

The Paint Creek calendar for the 1996-97 school year includes five teacher preparation/staff development days, two inclement weather days and 180 student instructional days.

## Property owners urged to sign petition

The final hearings on property tax relief will be held in Austin Sept. 19th. Haskell County Farm Bureau is calling on local property owners and homeowners to sign a petition in support of property tax relief. The petition is in the Haskell County Farm Bureau Office, 508 N. 1st, Haskell.

The property tax remains one of the most unfair taxes levied on Texas citizens. It taxes non-liquid assets that have very little to do with the property owner's ability to pay.

Please let the 17 member citizen committee appointed by Gov. George Bush know how you feel about property taxes. This is unfair and discriminates against homeowners and property owners, Texas Farm Bureau members and non-members.

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JANIE STONE

## Janie Stone receives degree

Janie Stone was awarded the degree of Master of Education in Educational Diagnostics during summer commencement exercises on Aug. 2 at Moody Coliseum in Abilene. Stone, a Haskell native, graduated from Haskell High School in 1974. She received her B.S. degree from McMurry University in 1977 and currently is an educational diagnostician for Brownwood ISD.

She is the daughter of Evelyn Henderson and the late Arthur Henderson of Haskell.

## TAX PLANNING

Written By Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



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**Disability Insurance:** This is important coverage during your working years, but it's often overlooked. Insurers often limit coverage to 60% of earnings. The best rates can often be found through professional associations, trade groups, and similar organizations.

**Auto Insurance:** Take a close look at your liability coverage. For example, if your limit for property damage is only \$25,000, and you accidentally destroy expensive property, your personal assets may be at risk. If an accident results in personal injuries, your financial exposure could be even greater. If premium dollars are tight, consider increasing the deductible so that you can afford higher liability limits.

**Homeowner's Insurance:** With recent fluctuations in the real estate market, it's possible that your home is now under-or over-insured. You generally want coverage equal to the current replacement cost of your property, not its original cost.

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## Letters to the Editor

**To the editor,**  
We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who purchased hoagie sandwiches from us earlier this summer.

We have been very busy working on routines that we hope you will enjoy watching as much as we will enjoy performing for you.

Your generous support to our fund raiser makes our twirling experience an ever greater success.

We will be looking forward to seeing you at the pep rallies and games.

Thank you very much.  
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# Thomas family holds reunion

66 descendants of the late Clifford Adell Thomas and Annie Mae Josselet Thomas gathered at their traditional annual reunion in Haskell on August 3rd. They met at the Civic center and enjoyed a catered lunch of BBQ beef, sausage and ham with all the trimmings.

The afternoon was spent going through old photographs and old times and catching up on current events.

The highlight of the afternoon was an auction of crafts and family memorabilia with Lewis Thomas serving as auctioneer. Bill Thomas

assisted. A poignant part of the auction was the sale of items fashioned from Ethel Thomas' button box and handkerchiefs. Ethel has commissioned those items for the reunion sale before she passed away May 30. After an evening meal of sandwiches, chips and desserts the family dispersed looking forward to the next reunion in August of 1997.

Family members present were John Thomas; Clois and Donna Thomas; and, Gary, Reda, Jillian, Eden and Micah Thomas of Haskell. Clyde and Ann Thomas; and, Steve, Vicky and Courtney Thomas of Pasadena, TX; Julie, Geoff, Jason, Anderson and Britton Horn, and, Jennifer, Erin and Jessie Jones of Deer Park; and, Andrew, Shelley and Hannah Thomas of Hagerman; Christene Thomas DuBois of Irwin, PA; and, Delin, Austin and Taylor Konicki of Ship Spring, TX.

The late Adell Thomas family was represented by Bill and Grace Thomas; Joey, Tiffany and Mackenzie Thomas of Haskell; Billy, Leann, Joshua, Aaron and Keaton Thomas of Morton; and, Mary Ann and Jerry Wheatley of Cleburne. Mark Kammenga visited after lunch.

Roberta Thomas Carroll came from Dallas with Jean Taylor, also of Dallas; Jerry and Lana Bass of Desoto; Sherry, John and Taylor Wolden; Darrell, Ashley and Ryan Taylor; and, Bobby Taylor all Duncanville.

Helen Thomas Mills from Levelland attended with Ronnie and Cindy Mills of Fort Worth; and, Marijohn Motheral of Sundown. The late Clifford Adell Thomas, Jr. family was represented by C. A., III and Kathy Thomas of Wichita Falls; and, Kim and Cindy Porter of Petersburg, TX.

Marie Thomas Swick came from Plano with Gaylen Chanslor and friends Kathleen and Mary of Dallas, and Jesse and Christi Chanslor of Quinlan, TX.

Lewis and Joyce Thomas of Haskell completed this year's gathering.



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Due to contract changes, the health clinic located in the courthouse in Haskell will no longer be able to provide prenatal and child health services effective August 21. This is the former Texas Department of Health clinic which has been operated by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Patients are being referred to the new contractor, Outreach Health Services. You may reach Outreach at 817-864-2671.

Copies of medical records can be obtained by coming to 1 N. Ave. D, 3rd Floor (courthouse) between 8:00 - noon and 1:00-5:00 Monday through Friday until August 28.

Immunizations, TB therapy and adult health screenings still offered by Texas Department of Health are not affected by this change.

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## Anson musical set this weekend

The Third Saturday Musical will be held this week at the Opera House in Anson. The show begins at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17.

Admission is free and concessions are available. All donations and sales go to the Opera House fund to improve and maintain the historic theater building.

Musicians and bands that would like to take the stage, call Marlon Smith, at 915-823-3761.

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## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Mike and Perline Mapes and daughters Michelle and Sherry Ann of Haskell, Okla. visited his grandmother, Mrs. Mapes and aunt Frieda Piland several days last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Barton were in Aspermont the weekend of Aug. 3-4. He preached both the morning and evening services at First Baptist Church in Aspermont filling in for the vacationing pastor.

Christopher and Melissa Tatum are proud parents of a new little boy, Zaccery Thomas who made his appearance Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 12:30 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. He measured 20 3/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Ronnie and Linda Chapman and Billy and Margaret Tatum. Great grandparents are Jack and Joy Chapman and Wayne and Billie Jean Walters and Joyce Hawkins, all of Haskell.

Great grandma is Jean Jenkins of Caddo, Ok. and great great grandma Cuba Pena of Durant, Ok. Uncle Ronald Chapman and aunt Creora Tatum are on cloud nine and will be helping spoil Zaccery.

Floyd and Cloa Parsons and children Heather and Cody visited Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins and Tamara of Irving over the weekend.

Darlene Cummings of Abilene visited with her mother Neat Bevel on Friday.

Neat's granddaughter Wendy Cummings spent one day last week visiting her grandmother. She will be attending Tarleton in the fall.

James Lee Burnett visited over the weekend with his mother Peggy Burnett in Haskell and his sister and family Addie and Liz Willis in Rule.

Spending last week with grandmother Vivian Roberson was Lisa Whiteley and daughter Lauren of Paris, TX.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shaw has returned after a week's trip to California. They visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Uriel Jarred and went to Knox Berry Farm.

Greater Independent Baptist Church was in Anson Sunday evening at the Weeping Mary Baptist Church choir annual. Other churches attending were Mt. Olive Church, Stamford; West Buellah Church, Munday; Bethsodia Church, Anson; and Sims Chapel, Stamford. Rev. R. Yarbough, pastor of Sims Chapel, brought the message.

Angela Jordan, granddaughter of Robert and Mae Lou Yeldell and daughter of Frank and Pat Jordan, has finished with physical therapy and received a good report from her doctors. She had shoulder reconstruction surgery in May. She will be visited Aunt Edith and uncle Ronny Williams in Arlington, joining Leon and Jenny who are visiting there now. Angela will be a freshman at Hardin-Simmons University this fall. Brittany Jordan has returned

home from a visit with Edith and Ronny Williams in Arlington. A visit to Six Flags was the highlight of her stay.

Greater Independent Baptist Church will be having a preacher appreciation service Friday night, Aug. 17 at 8 p.m. and Sunday Aug. 18 at 3 p.m.

Frank Jordan will be in Dallas at the V. A. Hospital for more treatment.

Community Brotherhood will be held at Hopewell Baptist Church Tuesday night, Aug. 13.

Cam Klose, Stephenville, Casey Williams and Tracy Mathis spent the weekend with Wilbert and Dwanna Klose. Cam teaches art in Intermediate School in Glen Rose. Casey is a student in Stephenville

High School. The Glen Rose ISD and LDL Educational Foundation recently sponsored a 4-person team scramble at Squaw Valley Golf Course. Some 25 teams competed. Casey and Cam were a part of the winning team.

Jim and Argie McFadden visited their son and family, Marvin, Beckey and Matthew and Michael McFadden at the Sid Richardson Ranch where Marvin is Scout Ranger. They fished at the marina and caught crappie. They had a good fish fry Tuesday night and enjoyed swimming in the swimming pool. They saw a lot of deer and wild turkey and raccoons! They returned home on Wednesday. They had lots of fun and hope to return soon.

## Haskell School Menu

**August 19-23**  
**Breakfast**  
Juice or fruit and milk are served daily with all breakfast menus.  
**Monday:** Cereal and donuts  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast burrito  
**Wednesday:** Blueberry muffins  
**Thursday:** Biscuits, gravy and sausage  
**Friday:** Breakfast pizza  
**Lunch**  
A choice of baked potato with choice of topping, or salad bar, plus milk and tea are offered daily at the high school. Mike and juice

are served daily at the elementary school.  
**Monday:** Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, fried okra, buttered hot rolls, brownies  
**Tuesday:** Submarine sandwich, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle spears, shape-up  
**Wednesday:** Chalupas, grated cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, buttered corn, cinnamon rolls  
**Thursday:** Enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad, apple crisp  
**Friday:** Hamburger, tater tots, hamburger trimmings, Indian cake  
Menus subject to change.

## Paint Creek School Menu

**Aug. 15-16**  
**Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily with breakfast menus.  
**Thursday:** Toast, jelly  
**Friday:** Donuts  
**Lunch**  
Milk is served daily on the lunch menu.  
**Thursday:** Pizza, whole kernel corn, salad, apple crisp  
**Friday:** Ham, tuna, peanut butter sandwiches, lettuce, cheese, chips, pickles, tomatoes, pork and beans, ice cream

**Thursday:** Lasagna, green peas, salad, crackers, pears  
**Friday:** Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, onion, cheese, pickles, tomatoes, chocolate cake  
Menus subject to change.

## Guys and Dolls Scramble results

A Guys and Dolls Golf Scramble was held at the Haskell County Club Aug. 10 sponsored by the 19th Hole of the club. Winners were:  
Championship flight: Graham and Graham, Strand and Strand, Skiles and Thane.  
First flight: Klose and Williams, D. Clark and A. Clark, Austin and Johnston.  
Second flight: C. Carver and D. Carver, Medford and Medford, Holland and Holland.  
Third flight: D. Clark and J. Clark, Raynes and Fly, Ray and Ray.  
Fourth flight: Lambert and Meadors, Rodrigues and McNeil, Steele and Steele.  
Closest to pin was Donnie Skiles. Jean Carver had the longest drive.  
Thanks to all who helped during the scramble.

## Births

Tara and Haley along with their parents, Bobby and Shannon Myers of Haskell are proud to announce the birth of Shawn Mikal Myers. He was born August 4 at Abilene Regional Medical Center. He weighed 5 lbs. 9.4 oz and was 19 inches long.

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## Creative expressions .....cowboy style

"If you can't stand the heat—get out of the kitchen," may be a quote familiar to the Texas Ranch Roundup cooks, but you don't catch one acting on it. Being side-by-side with eight other competing cooks and their chuckwagons, listening to music, relaxing in the shade of the festival tent, enjoying reunion visits and just generally having an easy day, is a far cry from the usual day for these master chefs of the open fire.

For the 16th year, the chuckwagons will depart their respective ranches and head for Wichita Falls to participate in the annual Texas Ranch Roundup. While many first-time spectators come to the Roundup to see the arena events on Friday and Saturday evenings, they are pleasantly surprised and highly entertained with the Saturday morning and noon activities.

On Saturday, Aug. 17, cook pits will be dug, food ingredients unpacked and over an open fire, T-Bone steaks, corn, rolls and cinnamon rolls will be cooked to succulent readiness for eager judges.

It will be a special treat to those who are fortunate enough to be asked to judge the best of each menu item, and every year, it is a unique occasion for the crowd to watch the magic happen—without the convenience of gas, electricity or an air-conditioned, well-stocked kitchen.

If it seems almost impossible to imagine a delicious meal emerging from such conditions—just remember that it is an everyday

occurrence for these cooks. The only thing that is different is the location and a crowd of hundreds of people watching them.

While the coals are glowing and the mouth watering aroma drifts through the crowd, one shifts his sights to another Saturday morning event—the Talent Contests. Photography, Painting and Crafts are attractively positioned and judged inside the festival tent.

Just outside the tent, each ranch presents their "on stage" talent. Frolicking through a make believe scene, singing, or reciting poetry keeps the crowd attentive for a full two hours. Once again, judges are present.

Perhaps, it is during those Saturday activities that the public gets an inside look at the heart and soul of the real cowboy. Unlike the tough and tumble arena image, it is on Saturday morning that one can see, hear, taste and smell the creativity and sensitivity of these people. It is here that they express their multi-talented personalities.

Cowboys are tough; they do wrestle steers and ride wild horses. But, they also feed on the lessons of nature and drink in the quietness of open space, and then express those experiences through various artistic forms. Their inspiration, gained on the open prairie, is conveyed on a piece of canvas, in a sheet of music, a line of poetry or to the raw-boned basics of creating delicious food.

"Get out of the kitchen?" "No way," say these cowboys and



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cowgirls who come to the Texas Ranch Roundup. They come for fun, competition and to give to their favorite charities. Many of them have come every year since its inception in 1981. Although a few are newer to the scene, it appears that this event has the power of an oasis to draw them back year after year.

The Texas Ranch Roundup will be Aug. 16 and 17, concluding with a Cowboy Church Service on Aug. 18. The annual event is always held in Wichita Falls, the third weekend in August. Tickets can be purchased at Cash-A-Check, Kemp Blvd., Wichita Falls, or ordered by phone at 817-691-1723.

## Major fish kill predicted

With each drink a cow takes from a farm tank, the water gets lower. Water levels are down to 50 percent to 80 percent of normal levels in stock ponds. The drought of 1996 could cause a major fish kill throughout the state.

Extension Fisheries Specialist Dr. Jim Davis says if you want to preserve your fish, now is probably the time to get them out. He says you gauge when to remove the fish by watching the water level. When it gets to four feet or less, there is a risk of a fish kill.

Davis recommends catching the fish on a pole in a net and either eating them or moving them. If you don't here's what happens: As the water level drops, there's less surface area for air to circulate into the water.

There are also more fish in a smaller bowl fighting for that air. And nutrients accumulate on the bottom. As they decompose, they use up oxygen. The oxygen is depleted and the fish die.

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

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The ranch is a home for boys that was established in 1947 by Ben and Jaimie Richey. It continues to

provide quality care and guidance for boys in need.

Some of the events taking place will be silent auctions; live auctions (4 p.m. on Saturday and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday); arts and crafts; games and activities for children; chili from the world's largest pot; and a midway of food booths and other concessions.

A dance on Saturday night begins at 8 p.m., sponsored by Lotto Texas and features "8

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Admission at the gate is \$2 per day. You can pre-purchase tickets at Ben Richey Boys Ranch for \$1.50 per day. After 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday—\$5. Age 12 and under free!

Over \$4,500 in prize money will be given away to cooks. Show your stuff and enter the Chili Cookoff, the BBQ Chicken contest, Brisket Cookoff of Pinto Bean Cookoff.

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1125 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, August 10 according to Gary Tate reporter.

The market was \$1 higher except packers were steady. Lots of activity on pairs.

Cows: fat, .29-.35; cutters, .27-.36; canners .26-.33.

Bulls: bologna, .36-.43; feeder, .43-.56; utility, .26-.37.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .60-.72; 300-400 lbs., .63-.71; 400-500 lbs., .54-.67; 500-600 lbs., .56-.66; 600-700 lbs., .54-.65; 700-800 lbs., .59-.64; 800-up lbs., .50-.64.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .47-.59; 300-400 lbs., .53-.61; 400-500 lbs., .47-.56; 500-600 lbs., .48-.58; 600-up lbs., .56-.59.

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