



Calendar

Mammography

Haskell Memorial Hospital will sponsor a mammography screening day Tues., Aug. 5. The service, through Bethania's Mobile Mammography Van, will be located on the parking lot of the hospital. Pre-registration is a requirement and can be done by contacting Delia at 817-864-2621.

Youth football, cheerleader registration set

Registration for Haskell Youth Football and Cheerleading is set today, Thurs., July 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the City Pool. Those who pay the registration fee that night will be allowed to swim free. All youth between the ages of 4 to 12 are invited to register. For more information call Todd Barnes 864-3067.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the City Hall annex Thurs., Aug. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Berryhill School reunion

The Berryhill School reunion will be held Sat., July 26 at the VIP Building in Stamford. Everyone is to bring a basket lunch. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m.

East Side Baptist VBS set Aug. 4-8

East Side Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School Aug. 4-8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. each day. Bible study, crafts and other activities are planned. Students, age 3 years through 4th grade, are invited to attend. Theme is "Meadow Mysteries!" Call 864-3126 for more information.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., July 26 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand in Texas will open at 5:30 and the music will start at 6 p.m. There is no admission charge. Proceeds of the concessions and any donations will go to offset Community Center expenses. For further information call 940-989-2925 or 940-989-2833.

Christian Caravan

The Christian Caravan will hold its regular gospel musical Sat., July 26 at the Opera House in Anson.

Playnight set

The Haskell Horse Club will sponsor a point playnight on July 26 at 7 p.m. Events will include barrels, flags and poles. Age groups are 8 & under novice, 8 & under regular, 9 through 12, 13 through 15, and 16 through 19. An open barrel race will be held.

Methodist VBS

The First United Methodist Church in Haskell will hold Vacation Bible School July 28, 29 and 30 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Celebrate Jesus is the theme. Students ages 2 through 6th grade are invited.

Youth dance

St. George Catholic Church will host a youth dance Sat., Aug. 2 from 8 to midnight at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Ages 18 and under will be admitted. Music by D.J., games, contests and door prizes. A concession stand will be available. Admission is a \$5 donation. All donations will benefit Cristina Hernandez, who is a St. George Jamiaca Queen candidate.

Benefit ranch rodeo

The Chittenden Cowboy Celebration committee will host its annual benefit ranch rodeo on Sat. night, July 26 at TNT Arena south of Anson.

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HASKELL BLACKSOCKS—The Haskell Blacksocks 14 & 15 year olds have advanced to the Regional Playoffs against Jim Ned with a record of 20-0. Regional level games were played earlier this week. The state tournament will be played in Sweetwater. The Blacksocks are members of the Texas Teenage Jr. League. Team members are front row, left to right, Roy Alvarez, Jeff Blanks,

Jonathan Allison, Cole Pittman, Ross Pittman, Andy Hudspeth and Bat Boy Callen Pittman. Back row, Coach Rex Pittman, Mitchell Payne, Jason Trammell, Cole Earles, Troy Caraway, Micah New and Coach Bob Earles. Coaches Earles and Pittman said, "This has been the best year for coaching. The boys have worked very hard and had positive winning attitudes."

Sign up for new EQIP program underway

Farmers and ranchers may now apply for the new Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Sign up began July 14, and will continue through August 1, for the 1997 fiscal year. The new conservation program is a result of the 1996 Farm Bill and offers a limited number of producers technical, financial, and educational aid who have serious soil, water, and other natural resource problems.

According to Glenn R. Brzozowski, Haskell County

Executive Director, for the Farm Service Agency in Haskell, "EQIP" is not like our previous conservation programs that have been administered by USDA at the county levels. This program is limited in participants and is for persons engaged in livestock and agricultural production who would provide benefits at the least cost to the program.

Application will be prioritized after August 1, by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and producer eligibility

will be performed by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). NRCS conservationists and the producer will make an inventory of the natural resources, identify natural resources problems and concerns, determine treatment needs, and agree upon land management and structural practices the producers will install, Brzozowski explained. Also, Brzozowski noted that the extent of the conservation practice(s), fields and acres to be treated, and the cost-share rate and the incentive levels the producer will accept, as well as the total program payments, are included in the ranking formula.

Twelve Geographic Priority Areas (GPA), 167 counties of which Haskell and Knox counties are located in the Central Texas Area, are the primary target for over \$8.7 million EQIP funds allocated to Texas. Each GPA has similar natural resource problems and concerns which EQIP can address. Water conservation, excessive wind and water erosion, and limited water supply, and brush invasion are a few of the specific resource concerns identified in the GPA's.

Producers in the counties outside the priority area's are also eligible for the remaining \$4.7 million of EQIP funds provided to will solve identified statewide natural resource concerns, such as excessive erosion and ground and surface water quality.

Each applicant will compete with other applicants in their GPA, while those outside the GPA's will compete against each other.

Brzozowski stated that contracts will be awarded based on their ranking, regardless of the location. This could mean that some counties may not have any contracts and applications for a single conservation practice on a single field addressing a single natural resource concern may not be competitive in a GPA or with the statewide natural resource concerns. Acceptance into EQIP will require 5 to 10 year obligations under contract, even if only 1 year of cost sharing is needed. Contracts are for a maximum amount of \$50,000 with a maximum 75 percent cost share. Though entire farms or operating units are not required to be included in a contract, the proposed area must include that portion with the identified resource concerns which meets the goals and objectives of the GPA or statewide natural resource concerns.

Producers may increase their chances of acceptance by submitting a lower than maximum cost share rate, enrolling entire operating units in the contract, and by agreeing to full meet treatment needs of all identified natural resource concerns on the farm and ranch.

Sign up will continue through August 1, at all local FSA offices. Producers may file a manual request at the NRCS or Conservation District Office. Call (940) 864-2617 if you wish to make an appointment or require further information about EQIP applications from the Haskell FSA office.



EYEGLOSS COLLECTION—Haskell Lion George Fouts, left, presented C. Lee Smith, Lion Eye and Tissue Bank Chairman of Lions District 2E-1, with 150 pairs of used eyeglasses collected by the local organization. The used glasses will be taken to a processing center in Midland where the prescriptions are checked, repairs are made and the glasses are packaged. Glasses are provided free of charge to medical missions for the benefit of sight impaired people of third world countries.

Lions Club earns awards

Recently, C. Lee Smith, eye and tissue bank chairman and past governor of Lions District 2E-1, visited the Haskell Lion's Club. He presented a program on Lions Club International's efforts to provide sight to people around the world who do not have the financial resource to buy glasses, see a doctor, or have tissue transplants.

Chairman Smith awarded the Haskell Lions Club two certificates: One was for support of the Lions Club Leader Dog Program that pays to train leader dogs and then trains the blind people to use the dogs. The dogs and training are provided free to the blind.

The second certificate was for the collection of hundreds of pairs

of glasses donated by the people of Haskell. George Fouts, local Lion, is in charge of the eyeglass program. He presented Lion C. Lee Smith with 150 pairs of used eyeglasses collected by the Haskell Lions Club. These eyeglasses are taken to a processing center in Midland where the prescriptions are checked, repairs made, and then the eyeglasses are packaged. The glasses are provided free of charge to medical missions both secular and religious for the benefit of sight impaired people of third world countries.

If you have eye glasses that you would like to donate, you may give them to any Haskell Lion, or leave them at the State Farm Insurance office at 705 N Ave E, Haskell.



ALUMNI MEETING—Hardin-Simmons University held an alumni meeting recently at Burkett's Restaurant in Haskell. Shown from left to right are Kenny Thompson, Coach Julie Goodenough, Rob Goodenough, Roger Roewe, Coach Howie and Athletic Director John Neese representing the Hardin-Simmons Athletic Department.

Co. begins work on new budget

The County Judge and Commissioners began preliminary budget hearings Tues., July 15. All department heads brought in their proposed budgets. Most understood that these proposals would be refined to fit County finances.

However, some issues are already causing controversy in the Court. These involve the mileage and raises given last year to some county employees.

Last year mileage of \$800-\$900 per month was given to the Commissioners. The Judge and one commissioner want to go back to keeping mileage. Another Commissioner told those present that the flat mileage payment was recommended by the County's CPA. He said it was less likely to cause trouble with the IRS.

The Commissioners will have to consider all areas of compromises, but the end result may be influenced by public opinion.

Other mileage payments being reappraised are to the County Treasurer and Justice of the Peace. Last year, they received a \$100 a month for travel.

The raises in question were given last year to the County Attorney, his secretary and the Judge's secretary. The County Attorney was given \$7750 year raise making his yearly salary \$30,000.

The two deputies (secretaries) received \$100 month raise.

Another issue concerns county employee raises. Should those employees who received raises last year, receive another this year? Commissioner Hester believes salaried employees should get the raise. Then again the two deputies are salaried employees.

The majority of the Commissioners want to leave the mileage and raises as is. They stated that it is nearly impossible to take back what is already done. One person present Thursday said if his employees did not deserve the amount he paid them, he wouldn't have any trouble changing it. One commissioner then stated the elected officials are not their employees. They are hired by the public. The public has to be the ones to express their wishes. Several people present at the last hearing on Thursday did just that and asked questions on all these issues.

The Judge said nothing is final, that this was only a preliminary hearing. Other hearings are to be scheduled and are open to the public.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 864 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, July 19, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

The market was fully steady on all classes.

Cows: fat, .37-.45; cutters, .36-.47; canners, .26-.41

Bulls: bologna, .49.58, feeder, .56-.71; utility, .36-.49.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .96-1.21; 300-400 lbs., .86-1.16; 400-500 lbs., .86-1.01; 500-600 lbs., .76-.96; 600-700 lbs., .75-.87; 700-800 lbs., .73-.79; 800-up lbs., .66-.76.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .86-1.06; 300-400 lbs., .81-1.01; 400-500 lbs., .68-.91; 500-600 lbs., .73-.85; 600-up lbs., .63-.78.

Bred cows: young to middle aged \$550-\$700; aged or small, \$350-\$550.

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

Obituaries

Sylvia Abeldt

Funeral services for Sylvia Abeldt, 76, of Lufkin were held Fri., July 18 in the Gipson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Kenneth King, Dr. Nolan Duck and Phyllis Gamble officiating. Interment was in the Garden of Memories Memorial Park under the direction of Gipson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Abeldt died Tues., July 15 in a Lufkin nursing home.

Born Feb. 17, 1921 in Blair, Okla., she was a homemaker and mother. She was a former resident of Haskell and had lived in Lufkin since 1984. Mrs. Abeldt was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lufkin and the Naomi Sunday School class.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vance Abeldt, on July 6, 1993.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Buford and Melissa Abeldt of Lufkin; grandchildren, Buford Abeldt, Jr., of Lufkin, Jeffrey Abeldt and wife, Kimberly, of Tyler, Monica Hailey and husband, Mark, of Rusk, and Meredith Abeldt of Lufkin; sister, Theresa Ridley of Mangum, Okla.; and brother-in-law, Albert Abeldt of Sayre, Okla.

Pallbearers were Buford Abeldt, Jr., Jeffrey Abeldt, Benjie Weber, Mark Hailey, J. V. Patterson and Rayburn Hayes. Honorary pallbearers were Monica Hailey, Meredith Abeldt and Kimberly Abeldt.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, P. O. Box 1448, Lufkin, TX 75902, or to Hospice in the Pines, 116 S. Raguet, Lufkin, TX 75904.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Jacky, Sandra, Rex and Jaclyn Sanders of Aledo and Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell returned home Sat. after a week's vacation in Santa Fe, New Mexico. In Chama they made a round trip railroad ride with a lunch stop in Osier, Colorado. From Chama they traveled to Eagar, Arizona to visit their sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin (Ethel) Slade.

Visiting Lona Mae Phelps recently was her sister Scarlet Cole and her niece Teresa and children Shauna and Scarlet Diann Cole of San Antonio. They all attended the Alexander Reunion in Seymour.

Carlyon Sagebiel of Seguin visited last week with Herbert and Henrietta Fischer then they went home with her and visited in Houston then went to Galveston to attend the Fischer-Bitner reunion. Their son, David, and wife Jeretta brought them home on Sun.

Thurs., Floradean Cockerell and boys, Steven and Jimmy, of Early came and spent two nights with Joyce Hawkins. Floradean and Steven left on Fri., with Jimmy staying for a few days with Grandma and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Franki Don White of Jacksboro visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank White and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis on Sat.

Sue Holcomb of Olney spent Sat. with her mother Maple Watson. They went to Wal-Mart shopping and had dinner at the steak house.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Leonard was their son, Gene, and his daughter, Shelby, of Mabank. They had lunch with the Leonards at the ECC and Gene did a wonderful job of entertaining with guitars and songs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mapes have returned home to Haskell, OK after a two week stay visiting with sister, Freda Piland and mother, Floy Mapes at the Rice Springs Care Home. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mapes of Lubbock came for a few days.

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NEW COUNTY AGENT HONORED—Greg Kaase and his family were honored with a reception welcoming them to Haskell recently. Kaase is the new Haskell County Extension Agent. Kaase and his wife, Amy, have a daughter, Mason. Pictured are Andy Gannaway, Lou Gilly, Amy Kaase, Greg Kaase and Joey Kimbrough.

80 attend Alexander reunion

Eighty relatives registered at the annual reunion of the descendants of the late George and Harriet (Lovell) Alexander, pioneers of Haskell County, having moved to this community in 1900. The reunion that started to commemorate George Alexander's birthday was held in Seymour at the Donnie Portwood building and pavilion on July 12-13.

The two day event was filled with a variety of activities, including washer pitching, sack races, egg races, pitching horseshoes, swimming, watermelon eating contest, visiting and telling stories about the "good ole days".

Andy Sanders of Cross Plains,

Grace McKelvain celebrates 85th birthday

Grace McKelvain said she "had the best birthday ever." It was her 85th on July 15 and what a surprise! She was in Arlington, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Janice and C.V. Hester and then they were invaded.

Grace's daughter, Ruby Sanders, from Minden, Louisiana came. And it didn't stop there. The doorbell rang for hours. The grandchildren came: Garland McKelvain and wife, Kay, Belinda Hodge and, Harold, and Mielchel Frezza. And the great grandchildren came: Janae and Cole Frezza and Nicky and Cliff Hodge.

Needless to say, everyone talked and talked about old times and new. Many precious memories were revived.

All departed thanking God for sending Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother and making each of their lives much richer.

ECC Menu and Calendar

Monday, July 28

Lunch—Creole steak, cabbage slaw, frozen peas, golden potatoes, peach cobbler, milk, tea or coffee.

Wednesday, July 30

Exercise—10:30 a.m.

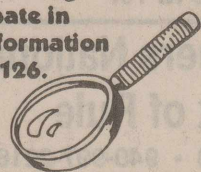
Lunch—Beef and cheese eachilada, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail, milk, tea or coffee.

All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.



MEADOW MYSTERIES!

It's no mystery where to find fun and excitement! Join the student investigators at East Side Baptist Church for Vacation Bible School. The insects invade the meadow on August 4-8 from 6:00-8:30 each day. The students will learn clues to help them solve the mysteries of the meadow and the Bible. Bible study, crafts and other fun activities are growing rapidly in the meadow. All student investigators, ages 3 years through 4th grade, are invited to participate in the meadow mystery. For further information call the Chief Detective at 864-3126.



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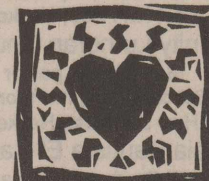
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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

There were no arrests made in town this week so the jail remains unoccupied, and after a closer look at it, we would imagine that it will remain unoccupied for a long time...it is very dilapidated at this time.

Cliff Gholson of Rochester, Clifford Gholson of Wichita Falls, Charles and Dorothy Clark, Alvin Ulmer and Joe and Dorothy Clark were in Toyah last Monday for the funeral service for A.L. Gibson.

Mr. Gibson was born and raised at Sagerton and lived here for many years prior to moving to Toyah. He was the son of Lee and Elba Gibson, attended the Sagerton school, graduating from high school after serving some time in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He helped coach the football team during his last year in school.

He married Virginia Young of Roby and they were blessed with three sons, one daughter, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The memorial service was held in the Methodist Church in Toyah where he was a member.

Pallbearers for the service were his seven grandsons and two granddaughters. His youngest son, Randy gave a moving eulogy for his father entitled, How My Daddy Lived and How He Died.

A.L. will be missed by the citizens of Sagerton, especially at Hee Haw time. He and his family

rarely, if ever, missed a performance.

He spent the last 68 of his days as a patient in the Audie Murphy VA hospital in San Antonio.

The community expresses its sympathy to the Gibson family and treasures the memories of a fine man.

The family of Delbert and Joyce LeFevre held a reunion at Lake Brownwood last Friday, Saturday and Sunday with following family members present: Jack and Linda Pierce of Wylie, Russ Bailey of McKinney, Brad Bailey of Canyon, Brian and Vonda Bailey of Garland, Kent, Kathy and Kit LeFevre of Tuscola, Colter Shirley of Tuscola, Shane LeFevre of Sundown, Isis and Osha Bailey of Montezuma, N.M., Eric and Laressa Earthman of Weimar, Jill and Cade Brown, Larry and Susan LeFevre and Delbert and Joyce LeFevre.

Delbert and Joyce LeFevre announce the arrival of a great-grandson, Jaibo Esteban Bailey who was born on Father's Day to Mr. and Mrs. Rob Bailey.

J.B. and Dorothy Toney are proud grandparents of a little granddaughter, Megan Lea, born on July 14 in Fort Worth. Parents are Bruce and Michelle Toney and she has a big brother and sister, Clay and Tara, who welcomed her home. Clay has been spending some time in Sagerton with his grandparents.

Another great-grandmother in the community is Leona Schonerstedt. Her son, Glyn and Pam Schonerstedt of Levelland, are the grandparents of a baby girl, Maci Suzanne Martin.

The Twisters, girls softball team from Ruled ended their season at the State meet in Corpus Christi recently by losing to Dickenson and Georgetown. We congratulate

the girls on a successful season and are proud of them for making the state tournament.

The Friendship Club met at Faith Lutheran fellowship hall Thursday at noon for its regular meeting. The birthday song was sung for Dorothy Clark and Cade Brown and the anniversary song was sung for Delbert and Joyce LeFevre. Attending the meeting and enjoying the noon pot luck meal were: Minnie Monse, Leona Schonerstedt, J.B. and Dorothy Toney, Jill, Cade, Tully and Kinsey Brown, Pastor Jeff Zell, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Larry LeFevre, Clay Toney of Azle, Rene McAden of Abilene, Isabell Mrazek of Aspermont and Hollie Smith and Doris Lehmann of Rule.

Eric Stegemoeller, grandson of Leon and Mae Stegemoeller attended the Texas District Convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod that was held in Lubbock last week. He was the Youth Representative from his church in Hewitt. He is the son of Calvin and Cherri Lynn Stegemoeller. His other grandmother is Earline Townsend of Rochester.

Joe and Dorothy Clark, along with three busloads of baseball fans from the Abilene area attended the Ranger game at the ballpark in Arlington Sunday night.

They met Dorothy's sister, Ruby and George Olson of San Angelo, who were there with another busload of fans. Sunday was Lutheran night at the ballgame and churches from over the state were represented. Clyde Stegemoeller, son of Leon and Mae was a member of the choir from his church in Richardson that sang the National Anthem for the opening of the game.

Playday results

Stamford Jr. Sheriff's Posse Jackpot Playday Results for July 19 include:

Barrels

9-12: 1. Riley Branch, 2. Morgan Cox and 3. Melissa Neil.

13-15: Terry Branch and 2. Afton Camacho.

16-19: 1. Ryan Branch and 2. Lacy Callan.

Flags

9-12: 1. Riley Branch, 2. Morgan Cox and 3. Courtney Pierce.

13-15: 1. Terry Branch and 2. Afton Camacho

16-19: 1. Ryan Branch

Poles

9-12: Riley Branch, 2. Morgan Cox and 3. Melissa Neil.

13-15: 1. Terry Branch and 2. Afton Camacho

16-19: 1. Lacy Callan and 2. Ryan Branch

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Student in the News

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