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Calendar

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the City Hall annex Thurs., July 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Historical & Genealogical Society to meet

The Haskell Co. Historical and Genealogical Society will meet July 6 at the First National Bank Community Room at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Darlene Bellinghausen from Knox City. She will speak about the history of Rhineland, a community 8 miles north of Munday. Rhineland was established in 1895 as an early German-Catholic colony. The public is invited.

Fireworks

Bobby and Ginger Morris advise that a designated area for shooting fireworks will be marked at the Anchor Marina Lodge again this year. Fireworks may be used Sat. only, July 4 beginning about dark. Paint Creek Fire Dept. will provide a fire truck for the event. Bring your own fireworks.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., July 5 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The hall opens at 2 p.m. The meal will be sandwiches.



DINING TREAT-Members of the American Legion Rogers-Cox Post 221, recently gathered to enjoy a summer evening of family

1'ers earn awards at District Horse Show

by Greg Kaase Haskell Co. Extension Agent Haskell County 4-H members had some difficulty penning all three head

The other team representing

end of Friday's event, Hegan Lamb

had gathered enough points to take

the Overall Open Competition and

was rewarded with yet another gold

Saturday's events in Vernon

concluded with the speed events;

Legion member Bob Gray.

Reining and Working Cow Horse barrel racing, pole bending and the Divisions. Hegan Lamb finished stake race. Following in her 3rd place in Reining, and 5th place brother's great horsemanship skills, in the Working Cow Horse. By the Cassie Lamb won the barrel racing

competition and qualified for the

State 4-H Horse Show to be held in

All of our 4-H'ers who competed

in the District Horse Show are to

be congratulated for their good job.

Abilene in July.



ABE TURNER

Abe Turner to head Chamber

Abe Turner has been named as the new general manager of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, succeeding David Middleton, who has resigned after serving several years as manager, to return to the Haskell CISD.

Beginning July 1, Turner will be directing the activities of the Chamber from offices at 307 N. 1st., which will be open Mon,

Risk management

meeting

A risk management meeting will be held Thurs., July 2 at 7 a.m. at the Haskell Co. Extension Office. A tele-conference call with three of the premier cotton economists in the United States will provide a unique meeting. Dr. Carl Anderson, Texas A&M University, O. A. Cleveland, Mississippi State University, and Jarral Neeper, Calcot, Ltd, Bakersfield, Calif. will discuss the cotton outlook in this area and will field questions from marketing groups who have placed calls. Haskell County will be among 15 marketing groups who will participate in the conference call. The public is invited.

Ride for lunch

Children needing a free ride to the free lunch program at Haskell Elementary School from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. may call John 864-3171 and leave message. Rides are sponsored by St. George Catholic Church.

Consolidation meeting

A community-wide meeting regarding the consolidation of Stamford Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Midwest Electric Cooperative Inc. will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the following locations: Wed., July 8, First National Bank, Haskell; Thurs., July 9, Stamford City Council Chambers; and Fri., July 10, Housing Authority, Anson. **Cooperative and Community** members are encouraged to attend > become better informed about the proposed consolidation and to voice their questions, concerns and comments.

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participating in the District 3 4-H Horse Show held June 18-20 at the Finley Arena in Vernon, were Chad Brendle, Cassie Lamb, Hegan Lamb, Landon Terry and Levi Terry.

In the breakaway roping competition that kicked off the Horse Show, Hegan Lamb was in 2nd place after the first go around, with an excellent loop thrown in the short go. He finished in the lead and received a buckle for winning the breakaway competition.

In the tie-down division, Hegan also had excellent time, finishing in 2nd place after making the short go again. He also competed in the team roping competition on Thursday evening. Roping on three teams, he finished 8th, 9th and 10th.

The Friday morning events began with team penning. In the event, 4-H'ers have two minutes to pen three head out of a herd of thirty steers. One Haskell County team consisting of Chad Brendle, Landon Terry and Levi Terry, had an excellent start by breaking away their three head from the herd, but Haskell and Knox County, consisting of Cassie Lamb, Hegan Lamb and Roni Morrow, had a great run and won the competition. These three took 1st place and another set of buckles.

Other events held Friday were the

Commissioners handle busy agenda

buckle.

At the June 23 meeting of the Commissioners Court, the report was given of Haskell County receiving a \$10,402.73 refund from the Workers Compensation and Unemployment Commission.

Prect. 1 Commissioner, Bill Hester, reported that the County has taken possession of an all-terrain track personnel carrier from the U.S. Forestry Service. The vehicle will be equipped for county-wide fire-fighting use.

County Judge David Davis reported that the 911 license has been received.

During the meeting Davis informed the Court that all offices budgets will be cut. The Court learned that Haskell Appraisal

District has asked for additional funds in the amount of \$21,690.00 for the next fiscal year.

The used graders sold by Prect. 2 went to high bidders. B&R Equipment bought one at \$133,009.00 and Airmaster bought one at \$134,750.00

Prect. 2 Commissioner Ronnie Chapman proposed to buy two new motor graders from Darr Equipment at \$157,087.00 each, and one blade extension for \$1,121.00. After three years, the buy back for these

machines will be \$135,800.00 each. The new machines will be delivered within two weeks.

Joan Strickland was given permission to purchase a threestation computer desk for the County Library.

Commissioner Bud Turnbow reported that the handicap-equipped van for the Experienced Citizens Center will probably be here in September.

A list of properties sold for taxes was approved.

Tues, Thurs. and Fri., from 9-12 and 1-4. On Wed. only, the hours are 9-12.

The former mayor of Haskell, Turner is a retired, long-time banker, has been active in Rotary International, Kiwanis Club, the American Heart Association, the Haskell school board and Rogers-Cox Post 221 of the American Legion. Among his present activities, he is president-elect of the Texas Midwest Community Network, serves on the Loan Review Committee of Council Finance for WCTCOG, is a director of the Haskell **CISD** Education Foundation Board, member of the Development Corporation of Haskell and member of the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board. Together with his wife, Ruby Turner, he owns and operates the Bevers House Bed and Breakfast.

FEMA declares fire hazard emergency for State of Texas

Congressman Charles Stenholm received word that the Federal **Emergency Management Agency** (FEMA) has made an emergency declaration for the State of Texas for extreme fire hazards from June 4, 1998 and continuing so long as the conditions persist. Federal aid will be used to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas threatened by fire hazards.

"The drought conditions and resulting fires are taking a heavy toll on Texas and the 17th District," noted Stenholm. "Announcement of this 'emergency' designation will provide welcome relief for the

affected areas."

Direct federal assistance for emergency measures is authorized by the Stafford Act. FEMA will work with other federal agencies in a coordinated effort to save lives, to protect property and public health and safety and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe throughout the State of Texas. The assistance includes reimbursement for costs associated with the pre-staging of fire suppression equipment.

James L. Witt, director of FEMA, named Graham Nance of FEMA's regional office in Denton to coordinate federal recovery operations in the affected areas.



FLY-IN WINNER-Aaron Ashbrook of Rhome, won the Best Military Plane award with his model craft at the Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club's 13th Annual Open House Fly-In held at Haskell Model Airport June 13-14. The local club is rated as a Gold Club by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

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ALL-STAR MASCOT-Amber Futch, who attended the Universal Cheerleader Association Camp at Texas Tech University in June, has been selected UCA All-Star Mascot in recognition of outstanding achievement. The Haskell High School junior has been invited to participate in the pre-game performance at the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando on New Year's Day.

Playnight results

Results of the Haskell Horse Club held Sat., June 27 are as follows:

Barrels

8 and under Novice: 1. Kristina Bitner 2. Cannon Edwards 3. Kelsie Adams

8 and under: 1. Misty Hise 2. Weston Rutkowski 3. Ashton Rutkowski

9–12: 1. Chad Hays 2. Brittany Rutkowski 3. Laryssa Hise

13–15: 1. Morgan Cox 2. Terry Branch

16–19: 1. Ryan Branch 2. Jodi Pope

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Obituaries

Thelma Laughlin thlin, 69, of Midand a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Funeral services for Thelma Ruth Laughlin, 69, of Midland were held Sat., April 18 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Midland. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Mrs. Laughlin died April 16 in Midland.

Born July 23, 1928 in Rule, she was the daughter of Corine Lott Edwards and Lewis S. Edwards. She married Van Davis Laughlin Oct. 24, 1947 and settled in Midland during 1950. He preceded her in death. She was a nurse

Rosemary Rice Mickler

nephews.

Sinclair, Midland, TX 79707.

Funeral services for Rosemary Rice Mickler, 63, of Rule were held Thurs., June 25 at the Faith Chapel in Rochester with Kathryn Byrd officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Mickler died Mon., June 22 at her home.

Born March 9, 1935 in Big Spring, she married Robert Daniel Mickler April 29, 1955 in Big Spring. She was a member of the Athletes Hall of Fame of Texas for her accomplishments in rodeo, basketball and volleyball. At the age of 14, she qualified for the National Finals Rodeo. She was a homemaker and member of Faith Chapel.

Survivors include her husband, Robert 'Bob' Mickler

ice Mickler of Rule; two daughters, Melyn Wittenborn and Dannet Winegeart, both of Haskell; one son, Rob Mickler of The Woodlands; two brothers, Lowie Rice of Conroe and Jon Rice of California; one sister, Iris Doss of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Brandie Smith and Ross Wittenborn, both of Haskell.

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Survivors include two sons, Russell Laughlin of Dal-

las and Mike Laughlin of Midland; two daughters, Patty

Conrad of Midland and Beverly Dell Garrett of Lubbock;

one brother, Joe Edwards of Fort Worth; eight grandchil-

dren; three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, 3301

Pallbearers were Richard Gilmore, Derrell Sorrells, Max Calk, Billy Demel, Tony Martinez and Rodney 'Bobo' Burkman. Honorary pallbearers were Larry Shackelford and Lolo Martinez.

Memorials may be made to Faith Chapel, Box 281, Rochester, Texas 79544.

Roy Glen Stewart

Funeral services for Roy Glen Stewart, 59, of Knox City were held Sun., June 28 at the O'Brien Baptist Church with Rev. Bill Trice and Rev. John Gillispie officiating. Burial was in Johnson Cemetery in Munday directed by Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Stewart died Fri., June 26 at an Abilene hospital. Born March 7, 1939 in Haskell County, he attended Weinert High School and was a lifelong resident of Haskell and Knox Counties. He married Anna Kay Spraks on April 23, 1957 in Lawton, Okla. He owned and operated 'The Hairdresser' in Knox City for 39 years. He was a member of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce and the O'Brien Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, J. N. and Jack Stewart.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Stewart of Knox City; one daughter, Tammy Harris of Abilene; two sisters, Bertie Lou Ivie of Knox City and Mary Sue Stephens of Lipan; two grandchildren, Eric Lee Greenwood, U. S. Navy, of San Diego, Calif., and Kelli Tenille Greenwood of Knox City.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hendrick Hospice Care, P. O. Box 1922, Abilene, Texas 79604.

Angie Barberis

Graveside services for Angie Barberis, 81, of Haskell were held Wed., July 1 in Willow Cemetery with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Barberis, 81, of Haskell were held Wed., July 1 in Willow Cemetery with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating.

husband and one son, Frank Newcomb, Jr.

Survivors include one sister, Rose Iden of Haskell; and one niece, Lee Burson of Haskell.

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MICHELE MORENO - ERIC GUADALCAZAR

Moreno, Guadalcazar plan September wedding

Daniel and Lupe Guadalcazar of Haskell are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Eric Guadalcazar to Michele Moreno, daughter of Vince and Emily Moreno of Stamford.

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Eric is a 1998 graduate of Haskell High School. He is enlisted in the United States Army and departed to Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia on June 5. Michele is a 1997 graduate of

Stamford High School. She is currently living in Abilene and is attending Cisco Jr. College. She is employed by optometrist, John Slaughter in the Mall of Abilene.

On Sept. 26, the wedding will be held in Stamford.

NACOLE AND CHRIS BEESON

Lefevre, Beeson wed in Lubbock ceremony

Nacole Lefevre and Chris Beeson were married May 16 at Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock. Rische Beeson, father of the bridegroom, officiated.

The bride was given away by her brothers Jonathon and Wesley, both of Haskell. Honor attendants were Leah Nicholson of Abilene and Eddie Collins, Jr. of Lubbock.

Bridesmaids were Tara Olson and Cathy Nelson, both of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Trey Beeson of Stamford and Josh Beeson of Abilene, brothers of the bridegroom. Flower girl was Laura Beeson, cousin of the groom and Harvey Terrell, cousin of the bride served as ring bearer.

Parents of the bride are Sharon Lefevre of Haskell and the late Douglas Lefevre. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Rische Beeson of Lubbock.

The groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cacy of Chama, N.M. and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beeson of Albuquerque, N.M. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Terrell and Bonnie Lefevre, all of Stamford, and the late Dan Lefevre. Great grandparents of the bride are Mrs. Selma Terrell of Stamford and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lefevre of Sagerton.

Following the wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico the couple will live in Lubbock

Wright family meets at Lake Stamford

their first reunion at the Stamford wife, Tina and Jason Howeth and

The Otis Wright family had Hunt, Richard Howeth and his

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Jurner tamily holds reunion

Descendants of Wm. Magruder and Emily Craig Turner and Wm. Magruder and Martha Jane Wheeler Turner met for a reunion at the Haskell Civic Center on Sun., June 28. Host couples were David and Jerry Penick and Fred and Marjorie Norton of Midland.

A "heritage" quilt of the two Turner families was put together and quilted by Jerry Penick. Each family was given a plain quilt block at the 1997 reunion and returned to Mrs. Penick in order to form the quilt. Raffle tickets were sold for chances on the quilt.

Deatherage and Fay Turner Morton, both of Duncanville; Sandra Shelton and Anthony of Garland; Carolyn Turner Everett, Tim and Paula Everett, Keith and Jill Mooney of Hurst.

Russell and Helen Penick of Munday; Sarah Turner Hightower

of DeSoto; Frankie Turner

Everett, all of Haskell and Sue Ted and Mary Virginia Smith of Kerrville; Pat and Melinda Luedecke and Brittany and Kimber of Killeen; Fred and Margie Norton, Stephanie Norton, David and Jerry Penick, all of Midland;

Winner of the quilt was Ted Smith, Kerrville, son of the late Hartwell and Ruth Turner Smith.

Those attending included: Jack and Lee Turner and Jill Whisenhunt and Treavor, all of Abilene; Bill and Donnie Burt of Alamogordo, N. M.; Georgia Cheatwood of Ardmore, OK; Gene and Jean Turner of Arlington; Homer and Dee Turner and Bart and Lynn Lurner and Jennifer, all of Dallas. Bill and Louise Turner Burk of ming, N. M.; Judy Turner Tate

of Paris; Diane Stewart and Kristin of Pecos.

Gordon and Marie Turner of Ranger; Cole and Susan Turner, Mary Bell and Amy of Rochester; G. David Penick of Rowlett and Robert Ace and Brenda Turner and Samuel, Matthew, Joseph and Daniel of Rule.

Hosts for the 1999 Turner reunion will be Homer and Dee Turner and Bart and Lynn Turner of Dallas. Date is June 27, 1999 at the Haskell Civic Center.

Lake on June 12, 13 and 14. Everyone had an excellent time enjoying Friday night fish fry, volleyball in the rain, 42 games, pitching horse shoes and hamburgers on Saturday night. Also everyone enjoyed playing bingo for prizes and a Sunday brisket lunch.

Attending were Otis and Sue Wright, Rob and Shirley Wright Hargus, Cyndy and Charles Diese family, Bill Friske and his wife, Tracy and their family, DeeAnne Davenport and her boyfriend, Jeff

Missy Espinosa and her husband, Teddy and their family. 30 people were present.

> Student in the news

Haskell native Corrina Elizabeth Jimenez received the Bachelor of Arts degree in social work from Howard Payne University, Brownwood, in May

HASKELL: 518 South Second, 864-8577 TAX PLANNING Written By Richard E. Rodgers, CPA **IRS TAX UPDATE** • Electronic deposit extension. The IRS is giving businesses an additional six months to switch from paper filing to electronic filing of federal tax deposits. So if your business was required to start making electronic federal tax deposits on July 1, 1998, you now have until January 1, 1999, before the IRS will impose penalties for not filing electronically.

•1999 auto depreciation limits. The IRS has published the depreciation deduction limits for automobiles placed in service during 1998. First-year depreciation cannot exceed \$3,160, second-year \$5,000, and third-year \$2,950. For all years after the third year, maximum allowable depreciation is limited to \$1,775.

• Disaster areas. The IRS recently published its listing of locations that have been designated as disaster areas. Taxpayers who suffered a loss as a result of a disaster (such as a hurricane or flood) in one of the listed areas can make an election to deduct the loss for the year prior to the one in which the disaster actually occurred. Making this election is intended to provide taxpayers with refunded tax dollars that can help disaster recovery.

• Tax season report. The U.S. Treasury expects to collect almost \$1.7 trillion dollars in tax revenue this year, with 46% of that coming from individual income tax returns. Social security and Medicare taxes will account for 34% of the total, and corporate income taxes will provide 12%. Other tax levies will account for the balance, with only about 1% of total revenue coming from estate taxes. The IRS reports that tax refunds on 1997 tax returns filed this year increased over last year. The average tax refund rose 4% to \$1,342. One complication in the recent tax filing season was the new and very complex Schedule D used to report capital gains for 1997. Many taxpayers whose only capital gain income was a mutual fund capital gain distribution failed to include a Schedule D with their returns. These taxpayers are being notified by the IRS that they must submit the mission Schedule D.

If you have questions about any notice you receive from the IRS concerning your 1997 tax return filing, contact our office. We can help

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ub meets

Haskell Jr. 4-H Club held their last meeting of the year June 2, with president Derrick Tribbey presiding.

Melisa Robison was announced as winner of the fund-raiser drawing for fifty gallons of gas which had been donated to the club at cost by Star Stop Texaco.

Robbyn Tribbey sold the most chances for the drawing, winning three free video rentals, donated by Video Mania. The club will use the proceeds of

the sale to fund their Summer swimming and pizza party to be held at 7:00 p.m., July 13 at the City Pool.

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Mandatory New Hire Reporting begins October 1, 1998

By Dan Morales Attorney General

The Texas legislature has amended the Texas Employer New Hire Reporting program to comply with the federal Personal Responsibility and Work **Opportunity Reconciliation Act of** 1996. This act is a core part of federal welfare reform. Beginning October 1, 1998, Texas employers will be required to report all newly hired or rehired employees to a state database.

The Office of the Attorney General's Child Support Program, as well as other state and federal programs, will use this information to assist in the collection of child support. The information will also be used to detect and prevent fraud involving unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, Medicaid and the food stamps.

The Child Support Program will be working in conjunction with other state agencies to inform employers of the new requirements for this program.

The process

Texas has had a voluntary New Hire Reporting program in place since September 1993. Currently, there are more than 16,300 employers participating. However, with over 380,000 employers in the state of Texas, there is much work yet to be done.

On October 1, 1998, all Texas employers will be required to report the name, address and social security number of every new employee within 20 days of the hiring date.

All New Hire information collected by the state will be transmitted to the National Directory of New Hires, operated by the federal government. This National Directory will make it more difficult for parents who have not taken financial responsibility for their children to avoid statewide tracking systems.

The security of New Hire information is of utmost concern to all agencies involved in the implementation of this nationwide program. All data from the State Directory will be transmitted to the National Directory on secure and dedicated lines.

provide to this program is invaluable. By following the requirements and meeting reporting deadlines, Texas employers will greatly assist in the location of non-custodial parents who owe child support.

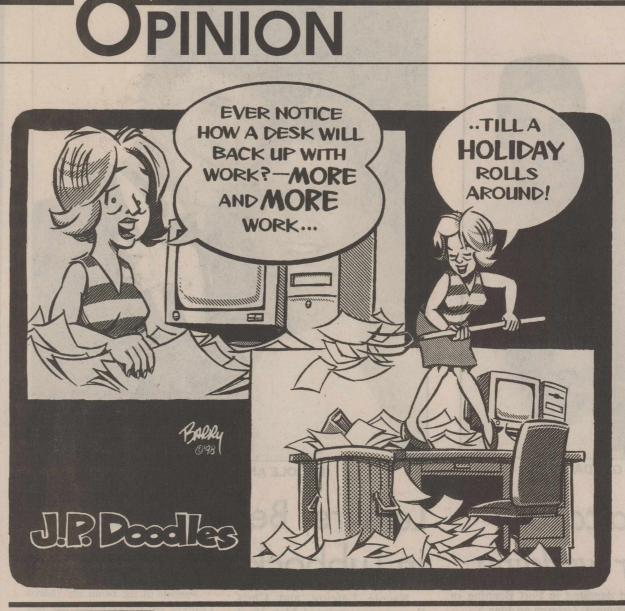
Identifying a non-custodial parent's employer is essential if we are to execute a wage withholding order. Currently, our office receives more than 60 percent collected child support through this method. Also, location of non-custodial parents and collection of past due child support will allow many families to reduce or eliminate their reliance on public assistance. The Texas Employer New Hire Reporting program is good for Texas children and Texas businesses.

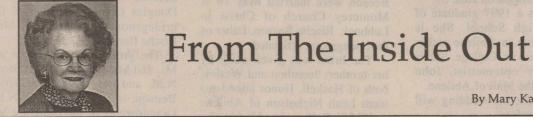
Over the next several months, the Office of the Attorney General will provide Texas employers with an information packet containing brochures, reporting forms, electronic reporting specifications and answers to frequently asked questions regarding the Texas Employer New Hire Reporting program.

In addition, employers will receive an informational flyer from the Texas Comptroller's Office and the Texas Work Force Commission in their quarterly tax package mailing. The Texas Employer New Hire Reporting program has made an article available for inclusion in various newsletters and publications from the Comptroller's Office, the Texas Work Force Commission and Chambers of Commerce throughout the state.

For further information

Employers can begin reporting their new hire information prior to the October 1, 1998 start date. Those needing further information on beginning early, or on the program in general, can contact the Texas Employer New Hire **Reporting Center Operation Center** at Post Office Box 149224, Austin, Texas 78714-9224. The Center can be reached by phone at (888) 839-4473 or fax at (800) 732-5015. The Web site address is www.TexasNewHire.state.tx.us and the e-mail address is txhires@flash.net.





Today, July 2, is one anniversary that Tom and I never fail to remember and celebrate. On this day in 1985 we moved to Haskell from Austin to begin that phase the poet called "best yet to be, last of life.'

We haven't been disappointed. After thirteen years here in our old 1926-built home on historic Brick Street, we still have the opinion that we made a good decision in our choice of a place for retirement. In fact, so strongly do I feel about it, I think Haskell should "go for it" in promoting, along with the other socio-economic enterprises, its natural assets that are conducive to attracting retirement-age people. Of course, along with some great built-in benefits already to be enjoyed and offered here, some quality retirement-living housing is needed for those who might be ready to forego the responsibility of their larger homes, yet not ready for care-home living. (With the large boomer generation coming along in the aging process, not too many years ahead the field will be "white unto the harvest" for some farsighted investor/builder, willing to prepare for it.)

fax-it-now, E-mail time of technological development, the world is getting smaller every day. With all of us hearing and seeing the same news of events, fashions, fads, trends, literary and entertainment offerings, there is more universal awareness than ever before in memory of history. Never have so many of us known so much about what the rest of us are doing, saying, thinking, wearing, eating or becoming. In many ways we are becoming homogenized.

But, we're not there yet. Even in a state where the natives have so much on common, their eternal Texanism, one quickly realizes, on coming in off of the six-lane freeway of commercialism onto the two-lane farm-market road of smalltown living, that there are more differences here than just the height of the buildings and the time it takes to get across town. There is a wonderfully efficient communication system operating in a small town that rivals the most modern inventions for "getting things around." A combination of grape-vine, phone line, ESP, honest caring and plain old curiosity keeps information of all sorts, both vital and trivial, moving and shaping the daily affairs. It is inherent in small places that folks tend to know everything there is to know about each other, but the redeeming grace of that phenomenon is that at least they know each other. Strangers in town

By Mary Kaigler

don't have to stay that way for very

long. Coming as we did from the impersonal congestion of city driving, a drive around the courthouse square, on our first morning in Haskell, gave us a feeling of belonging as we made out way from the water department to gas and electric companies, paying our deposits. The custom of waving in greeting to every driver met or passed, making eye contact and speaking to every person within eyesight or hearing, is contagious. Exchanges of news of weather and family, politics and the price of cotton, can turn a trip to the post office into a social event or a business deal.

Legal Matters

by Dan Morales, Attorney General

Prepaid telephone cards cost \$10 to \$20 each and let you call anywhere in the world. The catch?

While many prepaid phone cards work as advertised, some are either blatant rip-offs or simply don't work at all. Some cards include hidden surcharges or charges for uncompleted calls. Some expire without warning. Some offer big savings but don't back up their claims.

The Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division receives complaints about these types of cards.

Billion dollar industry Prepaid phone cards are a billion dollar industry-over 300 million prepaid phone cards are sold each year. This number is growing rapidly. Many are being sold at convenience stores and gas stations. The cards are popular with college students and are now being marketed to business travelers. Many of the cards are sold to immigrants calling family and friends overseas.

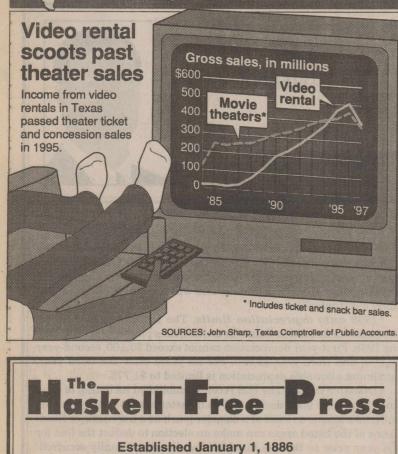
A prepaid phone card, in reality, is an account number in a computer. The seller of the card buys access time from a local or long distance carrier or reseller.

Each time you use the card, your call is routed through to the long distance carrier and the computer reduces the balance in the card's account. When all the card's value is used up, the computer will no longer provide service on that account. Unless, in the case of some so called "rechargeable" cards, additional time is purchased through the use of the consumer's credit card.

Problems may occur if the card vendor has not purchased enough telephone line capacity to handle all the calls made by card buyers. For example, if the card company sells 100,000 cards to international travelers, but has only one line going into each country, the chances are low that any given call will go through on the first try.

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Several years ago I wrote about some of what we experienced when moving to this small town. The following is an excerpt from a 1990 column, which still speaks to just some of the reasons we feel about it as we do.

In this amazing era of instantaneous communication, this

On my first trip back to Austin, I felt foolish to find myself waving, smiling and nodding to strangers. I found this to be exhausting and physically impractical when practiced in the city. Besides, it can get you looked at 'funny'. Failure to do it in the small town can earn you the repugnant reputation of being "uppity and stuck-up", virtually a country epithet.

In their manner of taking time to look at things in a down-to-earth way, a trait not always cultivated in more crowded, hurried areas, most people in this small town believe and practice the same straight-tothe-point philosophy as the writer of Proverbs 18:24, "A man who hath friends must show himself to be friendly.'

Vive La Difference!

Consumer tips Make sure you clearly understand the services you are buying and the rates you are

paying. Some cards simply give you telephone time. Other cards offer extra services such as speed dialing, services in a variety of languages, or the ability to add extra value by recharging the card.

To get the most out of prepaid calling cards:

•If you are calling overseas or from a pay phone, find out in advance if international rates of surcharges apply.

•Find out if the card has an expiration date.

•If a card offers you big savings on telephone calls, make sure you understand how the savings are calculated, as well as any restrictions you must meet to qualify for them.

•Watch out for cards that offer the same low rate to every country. This is a sign of a scam.

•Find out if the card is billed in full minute increments even if you only use a few seconds.

Use cards offered by companies you recognize, but remember that the business advertised on the card (such as a department store or theme park) may not be the company providing the telephone service. Many of the established local and long distance telephone companies are now issuing prepaid calling cards to their customers.

For more information

If you have purchased a phone card that did not deliver what it promised, you can file a complaint with our Consumer Protection Division. To request a consumer complaint form, call 1-800-621-0508.

You can also download a consumer complaint from our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us. Once you have completed the form, mail it to: Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, Post Office Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711-2548.

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10 Years Ago June 30, 1988 Grand opening of the new Wal-

Mart store in Stamford will take place this winter.

James Halliburton and Debra Coker, of Rule High School were named, Mr. and Miss RHS.

Haskell High School classes of 1958, 1959 and 1960 gathered at the Doubletree Hotel in Dallas for the 30-year reunion of the class of 1958.

20 Years Ago

June 29, 1978 A total of 62 units of blood was received at the Red River Red Cross Bloodmobile in Haskell. Members of the Haskell City council, discussed an acute water shortage and set a curtailment and rationing program for the city.

Marcia Jo Connell, daughter of Wanda Morrison of Haskell, was named to the dean's list at Hardin-

22, 1915 at the age of 8 months and

Carolyn Atkins Smith is making a genealogical search to find birth records of her father, William Hart Atkins. Atkins was adopted in Haskell County by William Bailey Atkins and Sallie Belle Atkins April

Simmons Univ. **30 Years Ago** June 27, 1968 Former Haskell County Judge J.C. Davis Jr., has been honored by the Attorney General's Office, Austin, for his 25-year tenure in the state office.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

Hess Hartsfield has purchased W.I. (Scotch) Coggins' interest in the Coggins-Hartsfield Ins. Agency and is now the sole owner.

the top racer at the Haskell Speedway.

June 26, 1958 H.C. (Henry) King, WTU

retiring July 1st. A introductory sale of the new

Wizard electric sewing machine has been announced at Western Auto Store.

Searching for birth records

her research should call or write her at 3801 W. University Dr., Edinburg, TX 78539 or call 956-383-2828 or address e-mail her carolyn40@juno.com.

The Camp Fire Girls and Blue Birds of Haskell and Rule finished their camp week with a Council Fire in the Rice Springs Park.

Dallas spent the weekend in the home of Mrs. Adams' father, Dock Adams and family.

Jerry Briscoe, of Haskell, was

40 Years Ago

manager here for 31 years is

Haskell to Rochester in now with The City Council has authorized the Haskell Bottling Co., and William Burt, formerly with Alexander and Sons Store, is now

12 days.

Those who can help Mrs. Smith is

the purchase of a storm warning signal for the city. 50 Years Ago

July 1, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Adams of

Local golfers win in the Tri-

80 Years Ago

June 29, 1918

G.T. Scales, manager of the

Jesse Collier, who has been

Farmers report that web worms

Mrs. Mary Oates has gone to

visit with her son, Sgt. Oscar

Oates, who is stationed at Camp

are making their appearance in

cotton fields and causing damage.

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Hestand, Roberson to wed

Doug and Pat Hestand of Odessa are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Dawn to Kevin Shawn Roberson, son of Robby and Iva Roberson of Odessa. The wedding is set for Aug. 8 at Crescent Park Baptist Church in Odessa. The couple will reside in

Arlington. Kevin is employed by Leeds Instruments, Inc. in Irving. Jennifer is attending University of Texas at Arlington-School of Nursing and is employed by Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. Grandparents are Merlin and

Nell Hobbs of Lake Stamford.



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Pool safety urged

As outdoor temperatures begin to climb, swimming pools, hot tubs and spas become increasingly popular with both adults and children. But along with the fun and sun comes the potential for injuries and death. Paying attention to safe actions and to pool or spa maintenance, whether in a backyard or public park, can be a lifesaver, Texas Department of Health (TDH) officials say.

'One of the dangers in a pool or spa is the drain that can trap a person's body or hair," said Jim Soper, chief of the TDH's Recreational Sanitation Branch, which regulates public swimming pools. Particularly at risk are the children who often enjoy playing around drains.

According to the TDH's Injury Prevention and Control Program, 337 Texans sustained submersion injuries in 1996, with 126 people drowning. Of those where the location was known, 44 percent of the injuries occurred in swimming pools. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has records of 18 incidents, including five deaths, of children ages 2 to 14 trapped by swimming pool, wading pool or spa drains since 1980 nationwide.

Water draining or circulating in pools and spas creates a suction. If something blocks the drain, the amount of suction may become so strong that a person's body can be trapped by a vacuum seal, leading to drowning. In addition, long hair of swimmers or spa users can become entangled in drain covers and grates, trapping people under water and leading to drowning.

"One of the keys to safety in public pools is drain covers that are in place and secure," Soper said.

In some instances, anti-vortex covers, which are dome shaped with numerous openings on the perimeter, may help to prevent some entrapment problems. Dealers can provide anti-vortex drain covers that meet voluntary standards.

Two or more drains for each pump can lessen the amount of suction at any single outlet and reduce the risk of being caught. In addition, automatic shut-off switches that detect an increase in suction may be an effective emergency backup.

Especially dangerous is for a young child to sit on the drain outlet in a wading pool. Despite the small amount of water, the strong suction together with a broken or missing drain cover can cause entrapment or disembowelment.

TDH establishes and enforces minimum health, safety and sanitation standards for public swimming pools and spas. Such public facilities can range from swimming and wading pools in public parks to pools, hot tubs and spas at apartment complexes, health clubs, recreation center, youth camps or child care establishments. Local standards may be more strict.

Inspection and maintenance is vital, for both public and residential pools and spas. "We recommend that people get with a swimming pool professional to see if their home pool or spa meets current industry standards," said Charles Branton, director of the Texas Department of Health's Product Safety Program.

This program works to ensure that consumer products, including residential pools, are manufactured, packaged and labeled to protect the public's health and safety. Also, CPSC is developing national safety guidelines for new pools and for modification and maintenance of older swimming pools and spas.

"The most important steps in preventing children's drownings and injuries are to stop unauthorized access to the pool, hot tub or spa," Branton said, "and to constantly watch children while they are are in or near the water.

"Leaving a child unattended during a three-minute telephone conversation can have catastrophic results," he said.

Among other safety recommendations:

•Be sure all children are supervised in any swimming pool, hot tub or spa no matter how shallow the water. In large groups, appoint a designated watcher to protect young children from pool accidents.

•Be sure children do not play with drains.

•Do not allow children to sit on a drain in a wading pool or hot tub. tgiz signs. I

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Tech student-athletes excel in classroom D

Texas Tech University studentthe attactes exceled not only on the irus athletic arena but in the classroom as student-athletes combined to idos achieve the highest-ever grade point love average for a semester during the irge spring 1998 semester (2.790) soon according to academic totals elet released by the athletic department sost recently.

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"I think you have to give the bid kids and coaches credit," Texas Te h associate athletic director for buta student services Steve Uryasz said. al" "In my mind the coaches play a yest key role in the success of studenttitts athletes academically. Coaches are add the most important variable in the pps equation. They control the practice, ad the playing time and those types of and things. We have also made agie significant changes in the academic 10? services department, our staff has esd been increased and that's a credit to At letics Director Gerald Myers, TC Dr. Haragan and Chancellor John old Montford. They've given us a budbudget that allows us to be ous successful."

"Next year, our goal is to have Ce 90.0 percent of our athletes above a 0.2 2.0 per semester and to have 50 ing percent of our student-athletes dos achieve above a 3.0 or higher." Other 1997-1998 Texas Tech

academic facts achieved by Red Raider student-athletes include:

•Texas Tech student-athletes posted a combined 2.790 grade point average last fall, the highest ever for a semester at Texas Tech University.

•42 percent of all studentathletes achieved a 3.00 GPA or higher during the Spring 1998 semester.

•19 student-athletes posted a 4.0 GPA, 51 were between 3.5 and 3.99 and 96 posted a GPA between 3.0 and 3.49 during the Spring 1998 semester.

•Women student-athletes posted a combined GPA of 3.023 while men finished at 2.662 for the Spring 1998 semester.

•87 percent of student-athletes earned a Spring 1998 GPA at or above 2.00.

•Five teams earned Spring 1998 semester cumulative GPAs at or above 2.00.

•Seven teams improved their team cumulative GPAs from the Fall 1997 semester during the Spring 1998 semester.

•The average cumulative GPA for all student-athletes is at its highest since the fall of 1991.

•The average cumulative GPA for male student-athletes is at its highest since the fall of 1991:

*If you are working on

*Keep children away from

*Never leave a child unattended

construction projects at home make

sure someone is around in case you

need assistance in the event of an

mowers. Never let a child ride with

in a car in the summer heat. The

temperature inside your car can

reach 109 degrees in 15 minutes,

even if it's 83 degrees outside and

heat exhaustion if you become

fatigued, exhausted, nauseated, or

light-headed. Heat stroke is a life-

threatening emergency, and victims

should be attended to immediately.

*You may be suffering from

the windows are down two inches.

you on a riding lawnmower.

TOP PHOTO-This scenic picture of Shee Apache in New Mexico taken by Derrick Tribbey of Haskell, took fourth place in the 4-H photography contest held recently in Vernon. His picture of an old New Mexico bridge won second place. The thirteen year old son of Robert and Lynette Tribbey is in his first year in 4-H.

Butterfat shortage is ploy reports **Texas Farmers Union**

Claims of a shortage of butterfat and predictions of sharp increases in the prices of butter, ice cream and other dairy products appear to be nothing more than a ploy to put public pressure on the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to increase its import quota, according to Texas Farmers Union.

"As dairy producers receive the lowest prices in 18 yearsostensibly due to an oversupply of milk-it is inconceivable that there is a shortage of butterfat," said Wes Sims, a dairy farmer from Sweetwater and president of Texas Farmers Union. "Dairy processors are using the threat of higher prices to get USDA to raise its quota on butterfat imports in order to have greater availability of cheaper, subsidized butterfat from foreign countries.'

USDA several weeks ago denied the dairy processing industry's request to raise the U.S. annual dairy import by 40 million pounds. Amid the industry's claims of a butterfat shortage, U. S. milk production increased 3.5 percent last year.

Dairy farmers are currently receiving \$10.88 per hundred weight, or 94 cents per gallon, for their milk. Between March and

May of this year, milk prices paid to producers dropped 28.5 cents per gallon, yet retail prices remained constant.

"Dairy farmers are losing money, while consumers are being gouged," said Sims.

increases of milk and other dairy products at the retail level, given the price farmers are being paid. If farm prices go up, retail prices go up much more, but when farm prices fall there never seems to be a declining drop at the grocery

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can catch on fire."

own fireworks display.

Fireworks can cause a perilous night

Amateur fireworks can set off a perilous night. Warnings are as much a part of the Fourth of July as fireworks themselves: Let the professionals handle the red rockets and bursting bombs.

Despite the annual warnings. says Dr. Ronald Charles, assistant professor of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, hospital emergency departments still treat patients of all ages who have been injured by fireworks set off by amateurs.

"We see fingers torn off by fireworks, and burns and wounds to

Softball tournament set

faces."

On July 17 and 18 the Munday Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will be hosting a co-ed softball tournament and is currently soliciting area teams to join in for a great week-end of homeruns, fly balls and double plays.

The co-ed teams should be made up of a maximum of six males and six females with five each on the also be a homerun contest.

faces," Dr. Charles said. "Clothes

Fireworks can damage eyes, and

their loud noises can cause

permanent hearing loss, especially

when they are being thrown and

explode near the ear. In most

places, it is illegal to put on your

Dr. Charles adds. "But, if you

insist, keep children far away. And

remember there's a reason the

fireworks professionals wear thick

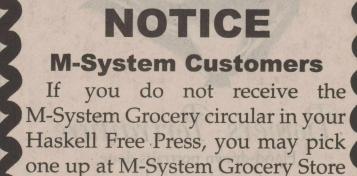
protective gloves and cover their

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field. Each team will be charged an entry fee of \$100.00 (which includes a \$20.00 deposit) with the top three teams netting t-shirts for their winning efforts. There will

For more information call



or at the Haskell Free Press. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused



Now through Monday, July 6th

AMake plans for a safe summer

It's summer and time to take a send break and have fun. But with so nem many activities it can also mean it's time for injuries and accidents.

With dangers lurking around every fun time, it's best to take a aim minute or two to review safety som measures. The Texas Medical Association urges everyone to take edi the following precautions when insq participating in all activities:

*If you are going to be around water, learn how to swim. Always ive swim with a friend and in que supervised areas. Know your iwe swimming limits.

*Never leave a child unsupervised around water. Always k ep your eyes on the child even in boy your own backyard wading pool.

*Pay attention to "No Diving" rgia signs. They are there for a reason. *Alcohol and water don't mix

accident.



Never consume alcoholic beverages if you intend to swim or operate a boat. Judgement, balance and coordination are impaired by alcohol

Coast Guard-approved life jackets should be available and worn when boating or fishing.

*The sun can be brutal on lakes and at the beach. Wear sunscreen ons and avoid direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sun glasses are like sunscreen for your eyes. Wear eye protection to guard against ultra violet rays.

*Burns and cuts from glass are common when feet are bare.

*Read all posted signs at water parks and follow directions given by lifeguards.

*Never tube or raft in rivers after a heavy rain.

*Beware of tick bites and insect stings. Ticks can carry Lyme Disease and should be removed by pulling slowly and firm. Remove the tick close to the skin using fine tweezers.

*Grills and lighter fluids should be off limits for children.

*When planning outdoor activities, be aware of changing weather conditions.

*Power tools and sharp gardening equipment should never be left unattended. Even small construction projects can be hazardous.

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Sagerton News

More hot weather continues and we approach July 4 with anticipation of a day off" for the employed, Stamford Cowboy Reunion activities for some and just another hot day for others. Today when you get the paper you might want to call Yvonne Swofford and wish her a "Happy Birthday"...it's not every week that a citizen's birthday falls on Thursday!

The community is invited to a

baby shower for Pastor and Marie

Zell to be held Sunday night, July 12 in the fellowship hall of Faith Lutheran Church. This will be in conjunction with the Family Night, beginning with a potluck meal at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to come and celebrate with the congregation. The Zells have registered at Toys R Us in Abilene.

Jacob Manske's name was omitted from the list of grade school students from here that received awards at the ceremony at

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By Dorothy M. Clark

Rule at the closing of the school year. He, like all the rest, won numerous awards for school programs that he participated in and excelled in. Congratulations to Jacob and my apology for this error.

Jacob Manske, Ross Teichelman, Samuel and Matthew Turner, Kim Smith, Robin and Heidi Diers have returned from church camp at Brownwood. Adult sponsors included Brenda Turner and Pastor Zell.

Mrs. Joe Clark has returned from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League District Convention held at the Omni Bayfront Convention Center in Corpus Christi. She represented the Mesquite Zone and her League group from Zion Lutheran of Abilene where she serves as president. She traveled with ladies from Abilene and Brownwood. While there she visited with Mrs. H. E. Driessner a former resident of Sagerton who now lives in

Onalaska and also with the former Joan Druesedow of Old Glory, now residing in Houston. Conventions are a great way to become reacquainted with former church members, relatives and friends from all over Texas.

Jacob Manske and Tully Brown attended Cub Scout Day Camp in Haskell June 9, 10 and 11. Jacob won first place in archery and third place in BB guns. Tully won first in archery and arts and crafts.

Diane and Daniel Martin of Abilene spent Monday night in the home of Leon and Mae Stegemoeller. The Martins were on their way to their new home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The family of Delbert and Joyce LeFevre enjoyed their annual reunion and vacation at Lake Brownwood last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All family members were there at some time. Peggy Tabor has returned from Austin where she had been staying with her daughter, Vanessa and family, while Vanessa was recovering from surgery. The family came home with Peggy for an extended visit and recuperation here.

Marcos and San Antonio where Bill Clark of Weatherford visited they went to the Alamo and along in the home of Charles and the riverwalk. They visited another Dorothy Clark and also with Joe sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth last week. He is a cousin of the (Scarlett) Cole and her family who Clark boys. We specialize in cataract surgery with intraocular For YOUR INSURANCE Needs lens implant and routinely use the small incision phacoemulsfication technique. We have 2 modern, fully equipped operating rooms each with its or Health, IRA, Annuity, Auto, own Zeiss operating microscope and Phacoemul-Home or Life Insurance, call today. sifier. We also have an observation room so that family and friends may view the surgery while it is HELPING YOU is what we do best. SANDY happening. Our ambulatory surgery center is State FOREHAND FARM Texas Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. Texas Farm Bureau Underwriters Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co. Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co. 508 N. 1st licensed and Medicare approved. We have per-BUREAU 940-864-2647 formed over 3,000 cataract implant operations INSURANCE 940-864-3504 since 1987. Our doctors accept Medicare Assignment and we think you will find our fees very competitive with most hospitals. Our friendly, DEADLINE EXTENDED dedicated staff is available to answer any of your For required nursing test to apply to LVN Program at questions. If you need transportation, we can help. Vernon Regional Junior College (Vernon and Seymour Programs) Robert W. Cameron, M. D., F.A.C.S. Paul B. Thames, M.D., F.A.C.S. WHEN: July 7 Vernon campus, Applied Arts Bldg., Room 415 Mark J. Phelan, M.D. WHERE: Vincent J. Priestner, M.D. TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Kerry C. Preston, O.D. COST: \$4.00 Two (2) forms of ID must be presented and must bring #2 pencils. Selections 2120 Antilley Road, Abilene, TX 79605 will be made by July 17. FMI or to schedule the test, 3/10 mile west of Humana Hospital Call Linda at (940) 552-6291 ext. 2252 915-695-2020 or 1-800-692-2020 JUST A CLICK AWAY AT VRJC **Fall 1998 Schedule Fall 1998 Schedule** •Internet Courses: •Video Tape Courses: **INTERNET AND BIOL 1322** Nutrition **BUSI 1301** Introduction to Business HIST 1301 United States History to 1865 COSC 1301 Introduction to Computers VIDEO CASSETTE DFTG 1409 Basic Computer-Aided Drafting HIST 1302 United States History since 1865 COURSES AT DFTG 1452 Intermediate Computer-Aided Drafting DFTG 2432 Advanced Computer-Aided Drafting VRJC **Required** Orientation: ENGL 1301 Composition and Grammar August 20 or 26, www.vrjc.cc.tx.us/dstlrn ENGL 1302 Composition and Literature 5:00-6:00 p.m. - Applied Arts 425 and 426 **GRPH 1422 Electronic Publishing I MCOT 1104 Introduction to Internet** MCOT 1105 Intermediate Internet (Web Page Development) EARLY MCOT 2312 Principles of Spreadsheets REGISTRATION NURS 1350 Medical Terminology **AUGUST 6-7** OFFT 1414 Principles of Word Processing 0 a.m. -1:00 p.m. and. 2:30-3:30 p.m. Osborne Adm. Bldg. Financial Aid is available for those who qualify. All **Required** Orientation: financial aid applications must be in national office August 20 or 26, 4:00-6:00 p.m. - Applied Arts 428 by July 15 for fall '98 semester. **APPLY EARLY.** VERNON REGIONAL For course information: For financial aid information: JUNIOR COLLEGE Call (940) 552-6291, Ext. 2253 Call (940) 552-6291, Ext. 2206

Parents must overcome challenge of communicating with new baby

infants become more complex and

parents need more tools.

Fortunately, each person carriers

their basic five communication

tools with them. They are the five

traditional sensory organs which

include eyes, ears, nose, tongue and

skin. While parents and children

have more than five senses, these

five are crucial to how parents

listen as their new child learns to

Newborn babies are not born

with full sensory capacity. At

birth, a baby's vision is the least

developed of her senses. A typical

newborn can focus on objects

between four and thirty inches

away. This same newborn can see

an object at 20 feet that an adult

with 20/20 vision can see at 600

newborn's brain has developed so

that the infant can use both eyes to

track a moving object and both

hands to grab at stationery objects.

A month or so later, that same

infant can adjust their reach to

sensitive hearing than vision. At a

month old, many infants can

discriminate multiple sounds while

others cannot. At 6 months of age,

babies can hear high-frequency

sounds but not low-frequency

sounds. Many parents observe that

their babies move in rhythm to the

sense of taste and smell-far

Newborns have a well-developed

At birth, the newborn has more

catch a moving object.

sound around them.

By 60 months of life, the

communicate, Ladd said.

feet.

by Lou Gilly Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Parents of young children ages birth through 3 face the challenge of communicating with small people who are in the process of learning 'how to communicate. Newborn babies communicate by crying and making sounds that range from cooing to yelps. In the first months of life, infants expand their communication by adding new sounds such as squeals, growls and vowel sounds. In the second half of their first year, babies begin to use specific vocalizations for concrete objects such as ba-ba for bottle.

By 18 months, many toddlers have learned a vocabulary of around 50 words; by 2 years, most toddlers communicate with a vocabulary of about 200 words and are beginning to use the grammar of their native tongue.

Parents are learning to communicate with their new child, too, said Dr. Linda Ladd, a family development specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

First, parents must learn to listen to how their unique infant communicates. Second, parents must track and interpret how their infant is learning to communicate, Ladd explained. With newborns, parents depend on sounds, facial expressions and movements to determine if their child is wet, hungry, tired, needing attention or just talking.

Within a short time, however,

John K. Smith of Holy Apostle

Seminary in Cromwell, Conn. is

visiting in Haskell until mid-

August helping the pastor at St.

George Catholic Church parish.

Smith is participating in field

Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell

met two of her sisters, Sue Cox of

Naples and Ethel and her husband

Darwin Slade of Eager, Arizona in

Weatherford last week for a few

days of vacation. They went to San

ministry work.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

live in San Antonio. Then they went back to Mesquite where they visited Brenda (Cox) Sartain and her boys and then back to Weatherford to spend the night with their brother, Jacky Sanders and his family. Another sister and brother-in-law, B. D. and Marie Kirkland who have recently moved back to Fort Worth came over to eat supper with all of them at Jacky's. They had a good time and

were happy to see all their family. Visiting all last week with Marvin and Lynn Blair was his sister and husband, Woodrow and Brenda Royster, from Columbus, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilda Medford spent the weekend in Ruidoso, superior to most adults. Newborns can discriminate the smell of their mother from other women. Young children often dislike the smell of a food and refuse to eat it.

The sense of touch actually includes five different receptors: touch, pressure, warmth, cold and pain. Babies vary in their reaction to these five senses of touch.

So what can a parent do to increase their understanding of how their baby uses his senses to communicate? Listen, listen ar. then listen harder, Ladd said. As unique individuals, parents have their own sensory capabilities and disabilities. One parent might rely more on their hearing while another communicates most effectively through the sense of touch. Parents must challenge themselves to consider that their newborn infant is unique and in being unique this child has his or her own capabilities i communicating via their senses, she said.

Parents, Ladd said, often say, My baby is unhappy, but it's not about anything. This isn't likely. Humans use communication to contact their world and the people in that world. All communication has meaning to the communicatorthe baby.

The baby may communicating to his parent that he is content with his world or that he is practicing a newly learned skill over and over, Ladd explained. When parents listen to their child with an eye and ear to the total communication of the infant, parents will have more success in understanding their child's talk.

Prisoners benefits suspended

From March 1997 to April 1998, the Social Security Administration (SSA) suspended Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments to 44,376 prisoners who are ineligible to receive them. For that same period, 4,059 facilities received incentive payments for providing information that resulted in the suspension of SSI to prisoners. Federal law prohibits the payment of SSI to recipients who are confined to jails, prisons and certain public institutions for more than 30 days. For confinements beginning March 1997 and later, the law also provides for incentive payments to penal institutions for timely reporting of inmate data to SSA that leads to the suspension of SSI payments. The incentive payments are designed to help offset some of the costs that law enforcement offices incur in collecting the data. State and local penal facilities that want to participate in the incentive payment program must sign reporting agreements with SSA. Participants are required to transmit information electronically to SSA's headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. Since 1995, SSA has suspended SSI payments to more than 200,000 recipients. Increased participation of state and local law enforcement facilities nationwide has improved the collection of inmate data, helps save taxpayer dollars and ensures that SS payments are made only to eligibre individuals.

N.M. They reported the weather there is just as hot as it is here.

Greater Independent Baptist Church want to thank everyone who helped make their Mission Annual a wonderful success; especially to Weeping Mary, Anson, West Bethel, Rule, Hopewell, Haskell, Macedonia, Aspermont and to Liberty COGIC pastor and members who did the special singing and Rev. George Washington who brought the annual message.

The community brotherhood was at Greater Independent Baptist Church Tuesday night. The next coming event will be the church homecoming the third Sunday in July at 3:00 p.m.

Visiting with Mae Lou Yeldell this week was her granddaughter, Angela Jordan and her mother, Pat, from Stamford. Also visiting Mae Lou Yeldell this week was her dear friend, Lois Redwine and her daughter Jeanie and her husband.

The mission met this week in the home of I. V. Clayton.

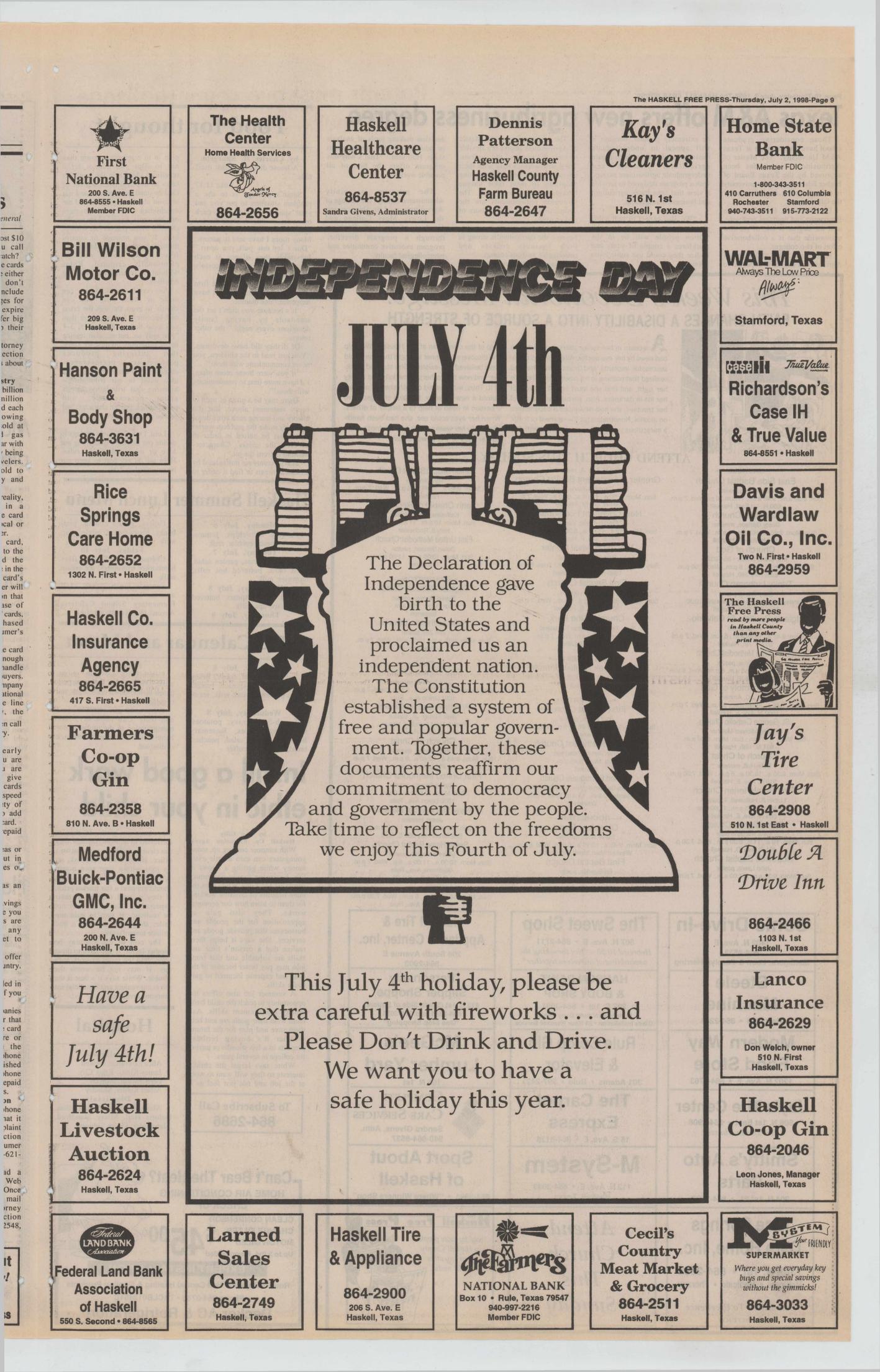
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Texas A&M offers new agribusiness degree

Those considering graduate school have a new option at Texas A&M University. The Master of Agribusiness degree has been approved by the Texas Board of Higher Education and the university is now accepting applications for the fall semester.

Dr. Charles R. Hall, Extension Economist and assistant professor, said the degree is one of the few nationwide that is a collaborative effort of two colleges.

Hall said the Master of Agribusiness degree is expected to

be extremely popular, because it will appeal to undergraduate business students, undergraduate agricultural students and undergraduate agribusiness majors, with a program designed to provide a view that intergrates agriculture and business management.

"We also expect to pull some people from industry," he said. "Often people will be in the workforce a couple of years and realize they could use some extra training.

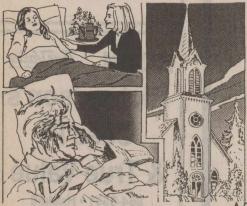
The requirements of the Master of Agribusiness degree are flexible to meet the needs of the students. They will work closely with their advisory committees in developing programs to meet their unique backgrounds and career goals. The minimum requirements are the completion of 39 credit hours of course work.

Hall said the program is set apart because the curriculum is strong in both business courses and quantitative analysis courses. "Students gain knowledge of the

decision making tools of analysis in addition to the management skills, Hall said. "That's why this program offers the best of all possible worlds."

The program is jointly administered through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business through a program director, program executive committee and intercollegiate faculty.

This Week's Devotional Message: FAITH CHANGES A DISABILITY INTO A SOURCE OF STRENGTH



bad news by her eye doctor. After a series of unsuccessful implants and transplants, he had have believed non-existent. She stopped drinkrealized that nothing in his power would restore ing, and now tells others of the folly and futility her sight, and that she must spend the rest of of it. Thus, with the aid of faith she not only acher life in darkness. Also, perhaps as a result of quired a new serenity, but also changed from her troubles, she had developed a dependence on alcohol. Nonetheless, at the moment of truth,

A woman in her senior years was given the help of the clergyman at her House of Worship she discovered an inner strength that she would a person in need of help to a helper of others. When her eyes could see, she had been handia miraculous transformation occurred. With the capped by her weaknesses; but blindness opened her eyes to the power of faith.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

-HASKELL-East Side Baptist Church David Page, pastor Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell **Christian Church** Dusty Garison, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 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** Gary Bruns, pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Vergil Smith Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 607 S. 7th, Haskell First United Methodist Church Shane Brue, 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

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 Church in the Park Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. Gazebo or Pavillion

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Union Chapel Baptist Church Rev. Andrew Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Rochester

> 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

•---SAGERTON---• Sagerton Methodist Church Daniel Ramey, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. Sagerton Faith Lutheran Church

Jeff Zell, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Sagerton

----RULE---**First Baptist Church** Scott Hensley, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 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

Food for thought

by Charles H. Spurgeon "A house divided against itself falls."

Luke 11:17 Satan's strategy is to use a problem situation to put you and your spouse at odds with each other. Jesus said, "A house divided against itself falls" (Luke 11:17). Many times I have said to parents, "Don't let this pull you apart." Inevitably they glance at each other, because that's precisely what's been going on.

"If you would been more firm with our child, this wouldn't have happened," one blames.

"It's because you didn't set the standards by having family devotions every night," the other retorts.

Of if they did have devotions, "You just read to the children, you never communicate with them!"

"if you were home more often, I'd have more time to communicate with them!"

There may be a grain of truth in every statement above. But it's history and tearing each other down will only make the problem worse. You must be united in order to survive the crisis. Characterbashing is from the pit.

Many parents are intimidated by a child's threats or find it easier to

give in to a temper tantrum than not to. But you cannot let a rebellious child rule the home. It takes an iron will and the grace of God to stand your ground and not let your child control you. Sad are the children whose parents let them rule the roost. Even sadder are the children whose parents rule without love. If you manage to control through loveless intimidation and force, your child will be emotionally crippled. Rules without a relationship lead to rebellion.

Any crisis in the home can make or break you. You can choose to grow through the crisis and become a better person than you were before. Romans 5: 3-4 'Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. We also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope.'

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Lord, I refuse Satan's strategy to divide our home by quenching our love or overemphasizing rules. Help me do my part to keep our home united in You.

Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

Monday, July 6 Creamy taco/chips, lettuce, tomatoes, peach cobbler, milk **Tuesday**, July 7

Chicken & rice, garden salad, fried okra, buttered hot rolls, brownies, milk

Wednesday, July 8 Pizza, pickle spears, buttered corn, Shape-ups, milk Thursday, July 9

Fajitas, grated cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, apple crisp, milk

Friday, July 10 Cheeseburger, French fries, hamburger trimmings, ice cream, milk

Summer lunch served 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria. Anyone 18 and under eats free.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, July 6 Lunch-Meat loaf, corn O'Brien, golden potatoes, spinach, banana cream pudding, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Wednesday, July 8 Lunch-Steak/gravy, potatoes, mixed vegetables, Rosemary

Friday, July 10

Lunch-BBQ on bun, potato salad, turnip greens, onion, pickles, peach upside-down cake, 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 sic



Bennie's tomato salad, peaches, bread, milk, tea or coffee

or disabled.

Instill a good work ethic in your child

by Lou Gilly Haskell Co. Extension Agent With summer coming up, many youngsters can earn a little extra money while getting a lesson in life. Extension family economics specialist Dr. Lynn White says the main benefits of children working for them to learn how our economy works. They also gain an appreciation for the people and businesses that provide goods and services. She says it helps them realize that a person's time and skills are valuable and that some jobs may pay better because of the time and expense incurred to gain those skills.

A summer job also offers the opportunity to teach the child basic money management skills. Ask them what their goals are and help them save and plan for the future, whether it's buying birthday presents in a few months or paying for college in several years.

White says target the child's interests so they will want to work at the job and not just feel as if

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they have to work. If they're interested in animals, perhaps they can clean cages at the veterinarian's office. If they like housework, set up jobs within your own home. Wherever the job is, the child should get paid a fair market price. If they're paid too much, their expectations later in life may not be realistic. If they're paid too little, they may develop a bad attitude toward work.

The cost of the job may be another factor. If you have to drive your child ten miles to work each day, it may not be worth the trouble. White says it's best if the job is convenient and beneficial for everyone involved.

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The City of Weinert will accept bids until July 4, 1998. Bids will be opend Mon., July 27, 1998 at the Weinert City Office at 7:30 p.m. by the City Council.

the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 23-27c

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eled.

In case I missed thanking someone for all the many acts of kindness shown to me and my family during Louis' illness, I want to take this opportunity to do so now. I am especially grateful to all the employees of Haskell CISD. It was through your prayers, concerns, food and sick days given to both Louis and myself that carried us through his illness and eventually his death. I am honored to be part of such a wonderful group of people.

Mylta Kimbler and the Louis Kimbler family





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Congress urged to provide isaster relief to Texas farmers

Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims called upon members of Congress to act soon to provide badly needed disaster relief to Texas farmers. Sims explained that Texas will not receive the much needed disaster assistance unless Congress passes legislation to change the 1996 farm law. For the last 2 1/2 months, many parts of Texas has seen no rainfall and there is not relief according to weather reports.

"Some people in Texas are mistaken when they claim that the Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman is not doing enough to assist farmers and ranchers in drought stricken areas. It is Congress, not Agriculture Secretary Glickman that is responsible for the lack of disaster assistance in our state," said Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims.

"When Congress passed the 1996 farm law, it eliminated important disaster relief programs and capped the marketing loan rate at 1995 levels," Sims explained. Due to the caps placed on the marketing loans in the 1996 FAIR Act, the loan rate if \$.59 per bushel lower for wheat, \$.32 per bushel lower for corn, \$.30 per bushel lower for soybeans and \$.0779 per pound lower for upland cotton because the rates are capped. Texas Farmers Union is urging members of Congress to reestablish the Emergency Livestock Feeding Programs and pass legislation to remove the caps on the commodity loan rates and extend the loan period.

"The 1996 farm law was based on the false assumption that farmers and ranchers could depend solely upon the international market to receive a fair price for their product. The continuing Asian financial crisis proves that currency fluctuations and other factors will continue to lower farm prices unless a safety net is in place and trade agreements are improved," Sims said. Texas Farmers Union is calling upon the Clinton Administration said Congress to address currency fluctuation, dispute resolution and other key issues during the upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) talks scheduled for 1999.

Sims explained that the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform (FAIR) Act Congress approved in 1996 changed farm laws that were critical during times of disaster. The FAIR Act eliminated the emergency livestock feeding and other programs which are much needed now in Texas due to the severe drought.

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the state of Texas. 4-H'ers hold overnight lock-in

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Rule 4-H held their last meeting for the 97-98 year with an overnight lock-in on the river at the Wolsch's cabin. Each member was allowed to invite one guest which made the campout a success. Everyone enjoyed the games played, campfire and a swim the next morning in the river.

Members in attendance were Abby Dudensing, Emery Dudensing, Holy Wolsch, Mackenzie Miller, Miranda Robertson, Kortney Kupatt, Sam Kittley, Laci Standefer, Lisa Caddell, Jacob Manske and Kinsey

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Brown. Friends invited included: Robbyn Tribbey, Will Kittley, Calina Kendall, Jennifer Murray, Tully Brown, Kade Kittley, Kelsey Miller, Breanna Marcos, Molly Dudensing, Jenny Dudensing and Kymbre Kupatt. Sponsors for the group included Martha Wolsch, Renee Dudensing, Leslie Kupatt and Lana Culpepper.

worst possible situation in many

parts of the southwest. With the

drought the low prices and the low

yields we expect in this state, unless Congress acts now, many

farmers and ranchers will be forced

general farm organization representing farmers and ranchers in

Texas Farmers Union is a

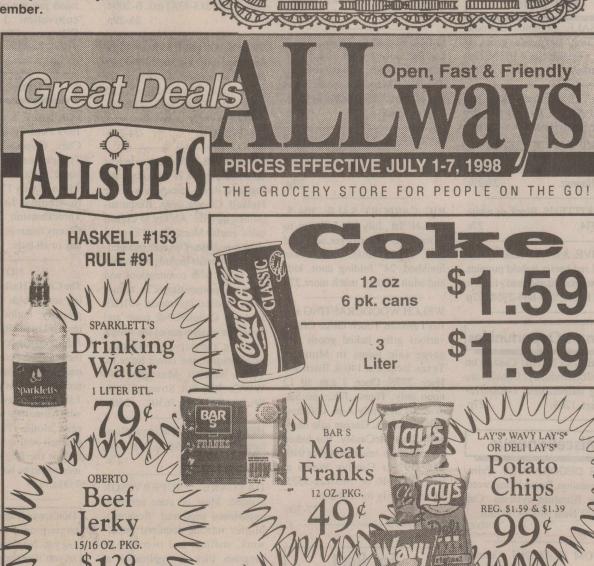
out of business," Sims warned.

Anyone interested in joining 4-H for the upcoming year should contact Renee Dudensing at 997-2738 or Martha Wolsch at 997-2117.

per month



TOP ACT-Robbyn Tribbey won 4th place the district 4 Round-Up Jr. vocal division in Vernon with her rendition of "Did I Shave My Legs for This?", by Dena Carter. The 10 year old daughter of Robert and Lynette Tribbey is a first year 4-H club member.



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