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Elementary to register August 11

Registration for all Haskell Elementary students will be Wed., Aug. 11 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork.

Homeroom lists will be posted in the following locations on Tues., Aug. 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Early Childhood and Prekindergarten - North doors of the new building

Kindergarten, First and Second Grades - Homeroom doors

Third Grade - North doors of the main building

Fourth Grade - East doors of the main building

Fifth Grade - South doors of the main building

Sixth Grade - South doors of the new building

School begins Thurs., Aug. 12.

Calendar

ECC to hold benefit dinner

A turkey and dressing dinner to benefit the Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will be held Sun., Aug. 8 at the Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Advance tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 12 and under. Tickets at the door are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

Quilt raffle drawing extended to Aug. 30

A quilt raffle to benefit the Haskell Co. Library has been extended. A quilt called 'Sticks and Stones,' pieced by Wanda Ham and quilted by the Haskell ECC will be displayed at area banks and at the library prior to the Aug. 30 drawing. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Call Joan Strickland 864-2747 for more information.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Aug. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

4-H clubs to meet

Junior and Senior Haskell 4-H Club members will meet Sun., August 8 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension Office. The 1999 awards program will be discussed. All members and parents are urged to attend.

Class of 1950 to meet October 23

Members of the class of 1950 will gather for their 50th celebration during Homecoming at a dinner at the High School Cafeteria at 7 p.m. Oct. 23. Reservations need to be sent to Jane Weaver Smith, 1502 N. Ave. F, Haskell, 940-864-2233 or Nancy Burton Toliver, 1601 N. Ave. F, Haskell, 940-864-2037.

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HOLE-IN-ONE—Geoffrey Phemister of Haskell, made an ace June 15, while playing at the Aquia Harbour course in Stafford, Virginia, where he was visiting his father, Randy Phemister.

Commissioners address issues at Anchor marina

At the July 27 meeting of the Haskell County Commissioner's Court, several issues concerning the Anchor at Lake Stamford were discussed.

Commissioner Billy Wayne Hester reported the dirtwork basically complete on the boatramp at the Anchor, with a concrete walk and curbing yet to be installed. Cost of the work will be charged against the \$61,000.00 grant which the County was given by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

At the request of Anchor manager Bud Adkins the Court decided to try to work all the lake lot rents to come due at the same time. Adkins will then be able to plan the year's budget by knowing the projected year's income.

Adkins also asked about the possibility of scaling back the store hours, closing the grille, or subleasing the grille to someone who would be able to keep it running. The Court agreed to let him do what he thought best about the matter. Also, the Court agreed to let Adkins sell the cabins he had purchased from the prior lease holder.

John Dunn, who lives at the Anchor, asked the Court to allow him to sell his trailer. Normally he would not need their permission to sell, but the status of the lot is in question. The Court had previously decided to change the lot to an RV area if the trailer was ever moved. Since the trailer is staying on the lot, Dunn was given permission to sell the trailer without having to move it. The new owner will be required to get their own water meter installed.

Judge David Davis stressed the burn ban is still in effect and fines will be imposed for violations.

Thomas Rodriguez asked the Court to help work the pit at the landfill. Commissioner Hester offered to have a bulldozer available the following day.

The Texas Highway Patrol asked the Court to purchase a new computer for their office. The bid is \$1,473.00. Since the Highway Patrol has money in the budget not being used, the request was granted.

In other business, the Court

Early Childhood classes offered

Early Childhood screening and registration for the 1999-2000 school year will be Fri., Aug. 13 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Haskell Elementary School.

To be eligible for the class, children must be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1999.

The screening identifies children ages 3 - 5 who may be developmentally delayed in any

way. If you feel your child may be delayed in learning, speech and/or emotional skills, call the elementary office at 864-2654 to set up a time for your child to be screened.

Bring your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record to the screening and registration.

Hilee Mulligan to compete in Junior Miss contest



HILEE MULLIGAN

During the 2000 Texas Junior Miss Program to be held this Sat. Aug. 7, in San Antonio, Hilee Mulligan, West Texas' Junior Miss will be competing against young women from across the state.

Vying for the title of Texas' Junior Miss, the young women will be competing in five different areas: Scholastic Achievement, Judges Interview, Creative and Performing Arts, Fitness and Presence and Composure.

The contestants arrived in San Antonio on July 30 for a full week of practice to prepare for the the

Saturday night performance. However, the week will not be all work and no play. Contestants will also experience the sights, sounds and tastes of San Antonio during their stay, thanks to the generosity of local business there. On Tues., Aug. 3 the girls made an appearance on the NBC affiliate's midday show, "4 San Antonio Living."

Winner of the Texas program will go on to compete in the America's Junior Miss Scholarship Program held next summer in Mobile, Alabama. Awarding over \$5 million dollars annually in cash and college scholarships nationwide, it is the largest scholarship foundation in the nation for high school senior girls. The national winner will be awarded a \$30,000.00 to be used at the college of her choice.

Past Junior Miss include: ABC anchor Diane Sawyer (America's Junior Miss '63), Inside Edition anchor, Deborah Norville (Georgia's Junior Miss, '76), Entertainment Tonight host Julie Moran (America's Junior Miss '80), and Kathy Lee Gifford (Maryland's Junior Miss '71).

Hilee Mulligan is the daughter of Lynn Dodson of Haskell.

Phemister aces hole-in-one

Twelve-year-old golfer, Geoffrey Phemister of Haskell, made the news in Stafford, Virginia, June 15, when he recorded an ace on the 159-yard ninth hole at Aquia Harbour golf course.

He used a 7-wood to record the first ace in memory of the golf course from the men's tees on hole No 9. His father Randy Phemister and step-mother Lori, who are members at the Aquia Harbour club, were witnesses to the event.

Spending most of the summer in Stafford, Virginia with his father,

who lives right behind the beautiful Aquia Harbour golf course, Geoffrey has visited theme parks, toured Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, and the area around Raleigh, North Carolina, where he also played golf.

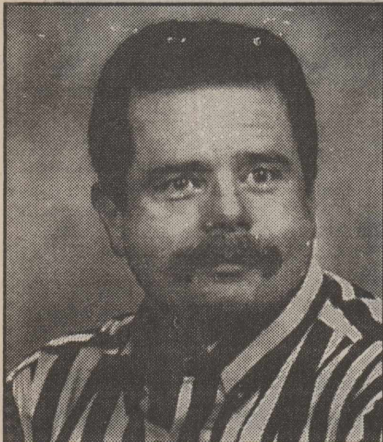
Geoffrey, who lives in Haskell with his mother and step-dad, Carl and Lisa Milburn, will enter the seventh grade this fall. Besides golf, which he began playing two years ago, he also plays basketball and football in school here.



ALL STARS—After completing an exciting season recently, members of the Haskell All Stars Baseball Team posed with their coaches. Back row, from the left, are coaches Jerry Coker, Terry Blanks and Ronnie Chapman. Middle row, l-r, Josh Tidrow, Brandon Isabel, Brandon McClatchey, Bubba Mayes, Austin Coker, and Weston Rutkowski. Front row, Ronald Chapman, Riley Tatum, Aquarius Carreon, Bert Diaz, Kendall Mitchell and Brad Blanks.

Obituaries

Marion H. (Bud) Hicks, Jr.



MARION H. (BUD) HICKS, JR.
Funeral services for Marion H. (Bud) Hicks, Jr., 45, of Rochester were held Thurs., July 29 at First

Baptist Church in Rochester with Rev. Truett Kuenstler, Rev. Ed Buerkle and Sister Kathryn Byrd officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Hicks died Tues., July 27. Born May 27, 1954 in Knox City, he was the son of Lillian and Dee Hicks of Rochester. He attended Rochester schools, graduating from Rochester High School in 1972. After graduation from Texas Tech University, he went to work for the Texas Department of Human Services and the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. He had completed 22 years with the state agency in June of this year in the Haskell County office working in the

Adult Protective Services Program. He had served on various local boards such as MHMR, American Heart Association and Rochester City Council. He had farmed in Haskell County since 1985.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his mother, Lillian Hicks of Rochester; one brother and sister-in-law, John Hicks and Suzanne McGuire of Rochester; one sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Pat McDaniel of Midland; and nephews Chance and Morgen McGuire and Jeff Webb.

Pallbearers were Eddie Bland, Kenny Cockerell, Tommy English, David Epley, John Hudspeth, Clint Jones and Bill Roberson.

Bennie F. Bassing

Funeral services for Bennie F. Bassing, 81, of Haskell were held Wed., July 28 at the Church of Christ with Bob Connel and Sterling Lentz officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Bassing died Mon., July 26 at a local hospital. Born April 25, 1918 in Frankston, he graduated from Forest Hill High School and served briefly in the U. S. Army. He came to Haskell with his mother after his father's death in 1945. He married Mary Eve Frierson Sept. 16, 1945 in Stamford. He was a jeweler for 57 years opening his first jewelry store in Aspermont in 1946. In 1949, the couple opened Bassings Jewelry in Haskell. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Bassing of Haskell; one daughter and son-in-law, Zona Carroll and Sterling Lentz of Haskell; three brothers, Henry Downey of Anson, D. C. Bassing of Bloomfield, N.M., and Charlie Bassing of Leachfield, Ark.; two sisters, Jewel McClure of Honey Grove and Molly Frazier of Bloomfield, N.M.; two grandchildren, Shana (Mrs. John) Lenamon of Abilene and Sherry Mueller of Abilene; two step-grandchildren, Amanda (Mrs. Eric) Bell of McCauley and Rodney Lentz of Haskell; one great grandchild, Jacob Lenamon; one step-great grandchild, Brandon Bell.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinsons Foundation or the American Diabetes Assn., Western Regional Office, 8008 Slide Rd., Ste. 12-A, Lubbock, Texas 79424.

Johnny Floyd Lackey

Funeral services for Johnny Floyd Lackey, 65, of Lubbock were held Wed., July 28 in Southcrest Baptist Church with Dr. David Wilson, pastor, and Rev. Rob Lackey, a son, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mr. Lackey died Mon., July 26 at Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center.

Born Jan. 17, 1934 in Old Glory, he was the son of Cecil and Quillie West Lackey. He attended school in Haskell. He married Ruby Ann Hoot in Abilene June 7, 1952. She preceded him in death Oct. 20, 1986. He married Ramona Dobbins Coe in Stamford March 5, 1988. He was employed by White Swan Food Distributors for 34 years, retiring as Director of Sales and Marketing. He

was associated with Dubco Foods for two years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of the Texas Restaurant Association and had been a resident of Lubbock since 1969. He was a member of Southcrest Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Cecil Lackey. Survivors include his wife, Ramona; one son, Rob Lackey of Panhandle; one daughter, Annette Mooney of Atlanta, Georgia; one step-daughter, Karen Henthorne of Stamford; one step-son, Brad Coe of Abilene; his mother, Mrs. Cecil (Quillie) Lackey of Haskell; one sister, Barbara Jenkins of Waco; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Building Fund at Southcrest Baptist Church or the American Heart Association.

Patrick E. O'Keefe

Funeral services for Patrick E. O'Keefe, 85, of Austin were held Sat., July 31 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell with Rev. Gary Bruns officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. O'Keefe died Mon., July 26 at an Austin hospital.

Born July 14, 1914 in West, he served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He married Lorene Von Gonten Jan. 4, 1944 in Sagerton. She preceded him in death Dec. 9, 1987. He worked as a cowboy at Swenson Ranch and was a farmer in the Irby community of Haskell County from 1946-1993. He was a member of the Sons of Hermann, American Legion Post #221 and Trinity

Lutheran Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Baccus of Abilene; three sons, Michael Earl O'Keefe of Colleyville, Jerry O'Keefe of Eules and Kevin O'Keefe of Austin; three sisters, Lola Jenkins of Stanton, Bea McClellon and Bernice Witt, both of West; three grandchildren, April Willis of Abilene, Ryan O'Keefe of Dallas and Scott O'Keefe of Irving; two great grandchildren, Joshua and Zackary Willis, both of Abilene.

Pallbearers were Dale Middlebrook, Gary Harris, James Wittenborn, Roger Moeller, Leon Kretschmer and Tim Weise.

Stella Myra Steed

Prayer services for Stella Myra Steed, 80, of Rule were held Wed., Aug. 4 at McCauley-Robison Funeral Home in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley officiating. Burial was in Mt. View Cemetery in San Bernardino, Calif.

Mrs. Steed died Mon., Aug. 2 at a Haskell hospital.

Born Nov. 26, 1918 in Haskell, she married Albert E. Steed April 17, 1941 in Lubbock. He preceded her in death

June 23, 1976 in San Bernardino, Calif. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Rule.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth Leslie Steed of Glendale, Calif.; one daughter, Melissa Lynn Rosseno of Chandler, Ariz.; one sister, Bertie Beauchamp of Rule; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Evelyn Elizabeth Rowan Gill

Funeral services for Evelyn Elizabeth Rowan Gill, 87, of Plainview were held Mon., Aug. 2 at Parkview Baptist Church with Rev. Joe P. Weldon, Rev. A. C. Hamilton and Rev. Gary Dempsey officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Gill died Sat., July 31 at Prairie House Living Center.

Born Sept. 29, 1911 in Jefferson, Miss., she married Thomas L. Rowan Aug. 22, 1928 in Haskell. He preceded her in death Sept. 12, 1955. She married Aaron (Red) Gill Sept. 20, 1958 in Pampa. He preceded her in death July 13, 1979. She lived in Haskell from 1924-56 and in

Pampa from 1956-64 when she moved to Oklahoma. She moved to Plainview in 1981. She was a beautician from 1948-81 and a member of Parkview Baptist Church and the Women's Missionary Union.

Survivors include: four sons, M. D. (Pete) Rowan and Terry L. Rowan, both of Pampa, John Rowan of Springville, Calif., and Hayes Rowan of Plainview; one daughter, Mrs. Grady (Alice) Glenn of Odessa; four sisters, Erma Sitton of Waller, Elsie Kennedy of Fort Worth, Minnie Whitworth of Stephenville and Grace Whitefield of Lingleville; one brother, Hayes Colvin of Dallas; 11 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

Judith Jones

Graveside services for Judith Jones, 51, of Haskell were held Tues., Aug. 3 at Willow Cemetery with Rev. David Page officiating. Services were under the direc-

tion of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Jones died Sun., Aug. 1 at an Anson health care facility.

Personal record books available

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
The last half of 1999 may be the best time in the century to organize your financial life. Family economics specialist Nancy Granovsky says it's a good idea to know where your money is and how much you have.

Granovsky suggests that consumers inventory their personal and family financial records. She says to start by accumulating records associated with all financial accounts, investments, insurance, credit cards, loans and mortgages. Granovsky says to write down the names of the accounts, account numbers, account balances and other pertinent information. She says it will be important to pay attention to all financial transactions occurring during the last few months of 1999 and the first few months of 2000 to make sure that they are properly credited.

The Extension Service has prepared a publication to help inventory important financial document. Personal and Family Financial Records Inventory (B-1330) is a workbook for logging important financial information. The 21 page booklet provides space for entering information about credit and debit cards, loans and mortgages, checking and money market accounts, savings accounts and certificates of deposit, investments, insurance, real estate and personal property.

Contact Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent-FCS at the Haskell County Extension Office, 101 South Avenue D in Haskell or call the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2546 to order a copy of the publication.

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WATCH OUT FOR TELEPHONE SCAMS

Many small businesses are targeted by telephone scam artists selling office products.

One such scam goes something like this: You receive a telephone call from an individual who claims to represent your copier company. The caller requests information about the model number and serial number of your copier to update his files.

A few days later you receive a second call from the scam artist wanting to sell you supplies for your specific copier. The caller claims to be a certified distributor for your copier. You are convinced the call has credibility since the caller can recite the model number, and if necessary, the serial number of your machine. Now comes the "it's too good to be true" part. You are offered an incredible bargain because the supplier is overstocked or they have inadvertently shipped excess quantities into your area.

When your order arrives, the quantities may be less than you were paying for, and the quality may be substantially inferior to that which was represented over the telephone.

How do you keep from getting stung by this scam? Here are some ideas that may help:

- Don't give the model and serial numbers of your machines to strange callers. Ask the caller for his or her name, telephone number, and company mailing address.

- Deal directly with the company that sold you your original equipment or with other vendors with whom you are personally acquainted.

- Check all bills for price and quantities, and compare bills to the quantity and quality of products actually received.

The best defense against scam artists is education, so make your staff aware of scam techniques, too.

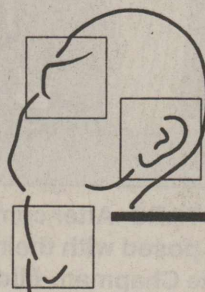
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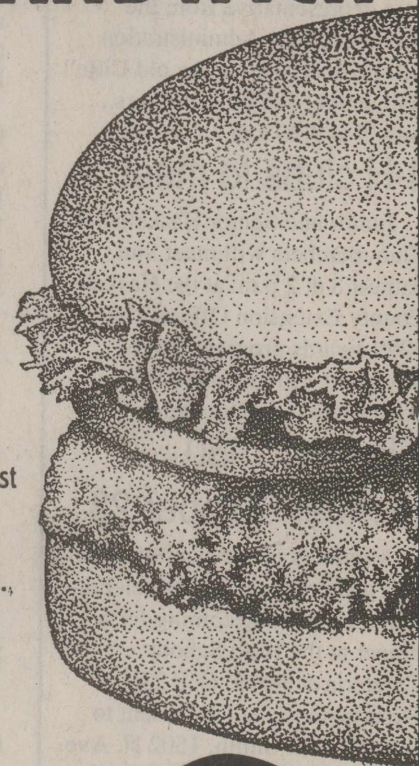


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REV. AND MRS. JIM TURNER

Reception honors Turners retirement

During a reception held in honor of Bro. Jim Turner and wife Sammie, over 300 friends and family members gathered Sunday afternoon, July 25, to acknowledge the Turner's eleven years at First Baptist Church, Haskell, and forty-two years of service to Southern Baptist pastorates in Texas.

Visitors from out of town included two of the Turner's children and their grandchildren. These were daughter Patti with Roger, Jason, and Chelsea Cloe, of Tahoka, and son Stacy with Kim, Danielle, McCarley and Cannon of Midland. Their son David, and family of Andrews were unable to attend.

Other out of town guests were from Tahoka, Rising Star, Azel, Loraine, White House, Baird, Rule, Knox City, Big Spring, Andrews, and Dallas. Many of these guests were members of former churches in which the Turners have served.

Hosted by the entire church, working along with the decorating and kitchen committees and wives of the deacons, a garden setting was created with trellises and greenery. Tables laid with green cloths and angel centerpiece arrangements, welcomed guests who signed a memory book before going to greet the Turners in the larger kitchen/dining area. Tables there

held a sumptuous spread of food and sweets.

The center table held two large cakes and ice cream punch. The centerpiece consisted of two hats. One was a lady's hat, decorated with ten dollar bills folded and worked with ribbons to create a floral effect. The brim of the man's hat was completely covered with ten dollar bills. In presenting the gift hats to the Turners, Dan Griffith, Chairman of the Deacons, welcomed guests and offered words of love and appreciation, along with a bit of jesting.

The evening church service following the reception, featured favorite hymns and Bible verses of the Turners. Each of the four men who have served as deacons during the past eleven years gave individual thanks, recalled memories and expressed the church's love for the Turner's service. They were Dan Griffith, R. V. Earles, Buster Gholson, and Dr. Frank Cadenhead.

Dr. Cadenhead also presented a special award of acknowledgment and thanks from Dr. Lanny Hall of Hardin-Simmons University. Bro. Turner graduated from the school before entering and completing his years in Southwestern Seminary.

At the service, several members of the choir joined with the Shepherd's Staff Singers, including Sammie Turner, in singing one of her favorites, *Calvary's Love*. Retired Pastor, Louis Wilson, now a member of the Haskell church, sang *He Could Have Called Ten Thousand Angels*.

Rising voluntarily, other members told how much the Turners have touched their lives and hearts during their time here. Bro. Troy Culpepper, present interim pastor, quoted some of Bro. Jim's favorite scriptures and expressed his

love and thanks for their close relationship through the years.

For the final benediction, the whole congregation made a circle within the walls of the auditorium and sang *Blessed Be The Tie That Binds*.

With July as vacation, the Turners were officially retired as of Aug. 1.

Alexander family meets in Seymour

The annual reunion of the George and Harriet Alexander family, longtime residents of Weinert, was held in Seymour, July 16-18 at the Donnie Portwood Building and Pavilion.

The reunion began many years ago as a gathering to celebrate the birthday of the father and grandfather of the Alexander siblings. Feeling that reunions are a way to build stronger family ties, the family meets each year to be together and visit those family members not seen throughout the year.

Organizers helping with the necessary hard work of planning the reunion were: Troy Wayne Blakely, and his wife, Jo of Micanopy, Florida, who print and mail out the invitations and programs each year; Andrew and Marlene Sanders of Cross Plains, who prepared and cooked all the meat for the reunion; Martha and Loretta Maupin of Odessa, the reunion secretaries who who bring all the pots and pans, shop for all the other foods, help in securing the building, and cooking the breakfast. Thanks to their efforts, the families continue to gather each summer for a rich and rewarding reuniting with kinfolk.

George and Harriet Alexander had ten children, nine of whom lived to be adults with families of their own.

Melba Kim of Phoenix, youngest and only living child of the Alexanders, was the oldest person attending the reunion.

Sallie Alexandra Sartain, daughter of Scott and Brenda Kay Sartain of Mesquite was the youngest one attending. Traveling the farthest were Troy Wayne and Jo Blakely, of Micanopy, Florida, and his sister, Robinetta Hoopes of Boothwyn, Pennsylvania.

Andy Sanders of Cross Plains and Thomas Alexander of San Antonio won the trophy for Senior Washer Pitching, and Mark Alexander Maupin of Odessa, and Shawn Tyler Ray of Kilgore won the trophy for Junior Washer Pitching.

Auctioneers for an auction to raise funds for the reunion were Andy Sanders and Thomas Alexander. The sale of beautiful home-made and antique items brought by different members of the family raised over eleven hundred dollars for the fund.

During a devotional held on Sunday morning, Travis Sanders of Cross Plains led the singing, Elaine Campbell of Haskell played the piano, and Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell read the scriptures and made comments on "Making Choices in Our Lives."

Several members were not able to attend this year because of illnesses or other reasons. Each was missed and all are hoping they can join the group next year.

Members of the family of the oldest daughter, Minerva

(Alexander) Touchstone attending were two grandsons; Russell and his grand-daughter, Kayler Touchstone of San Antonio; and Troy Wayne Blakely, with his wife, Jo, and a grand-daughter Robinette Hoopes.

None of the Richard Alexander family attended. June Parr, daughter of Nellie (Alexander) Rinehart family was the only one from her branch of the family attending this year. Thomas Alexander, a son, and Carl and Evelyn (Alexander) Ellington, a daughter, were the only ones attending from the Washington Alexander family.

From the Sallie (Alexander) and Jack Sanders family this year were: Lona Mae Phelps, Kenneth and Elaine Campbell, Karen, Kendall and Allison Mitchell, all of Haskell; Travis and Wilma Sanders of Coleman; Andrew and Marlene Sanders, Rickey, Netha, Renetha, and A. J. Carouth of Cross Plains; Andra, Candra, and Andrew of Pampa; Bill, Martha and Loretta Maupin; William Mark, Denise, and Mark Alexander, all of Odessa; Hank, Susan, Krystal, Kimberly and Shawn Tyler Ray of Kilgore; Walter and Sue Cox of Naples, and their grandchildren, Carl Austin and Sallie Alexandra of Mesquite; Jacky, Sandra, Rex, and Jaclyn Elaine of Aledo.

Members of the Lola (Alexander) Cowley family attending were a son and his wife, Rocky and Lynn Cowley of Lueders. Members of the J. T. Alexander family attending were a son, J. W. Alexander of Anna and his friend Wanda Brooks of Princeton; Albert Alexander had a daughter, Joan Slayman of Mesa, and her daughter Rodie, and daughter Natalie of Flagstaff, Arizona at the reunion.

Putting the icing on the cake, according to those attending, was the presence of Melba Kim, youngest daughter of George and Harriet Alexander.

Everyone had a good time and is looking forward to the reunion next year on the third weekend in July.



MR. AND MRS. KURT SLOAN

Pritchard, Sloan married June 27

Joe and Debbie Pritchard of New Caney are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Laura Ann, to Dennis Kurt Sloan, son of Dickie and Shirley Sloan of Rochester. The couple was married June 27 in Lubbock.

Laura is a graduate of New Caney High School and is a senior

education student at Texas Tech University. Kurt is a graduate of Rochester High School and Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

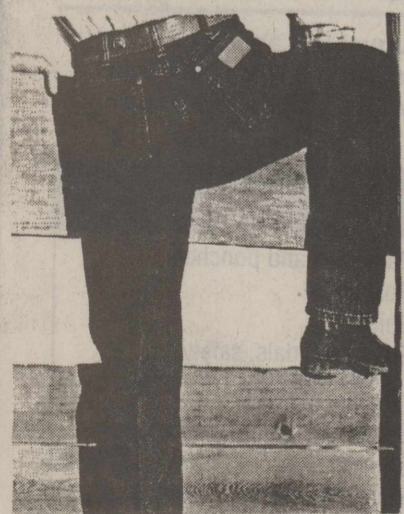
The couple will live in Woodson, where Kurt is employed by the Woodson Independent School District.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kirk of Sulphur Springs announce the birth of a son, Michael Lee, Fri., July 16 at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital in Sulphur Springs. He weighed 10 pounds, 13 1/4 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Sisters and brothers are Luke, Zachary, Jessica and Matthew Kirk.

Grandparents are Gayle and Dwight Maxson of Denton and True and Margie Kirk of Durango, Colorado. Great grandparents are Juanita Maxson of Celina; Gerry Spain of Gunter and Lorena Dunavant of Floydada. Laura Kirk is the granddaughter of Gerry Spain, a former resident of Haskell and the late Harold Spain.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
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AUSTIN — Children's Rights Council, a Washington, D.C.-based national advocacy group, last week ranked states in order of "best place to raise a child." Texas came in 48th.

Rankings were based on rates of abuse and neglect, immunizations, school dropouts, poverty, deaths, infant mortality, natal care, juvenile crime, divorce and teen births.

Ranked lower than Texas were New Mexico, 49th, Louisiana, 50th and Washington, D.C., 51st. New England states took the top five rankings.

Linda Edwards, spokeswoman for Gov. George W. Bush, questioned the accuracy of the rankings, because, she said, they fail to take education into account.

"A lot of Texas parents would strongly disagree with the study," she told the *San Antonio Express-News*. She also pointed out that Gov. Bush asked the Legislature to increase funding to hire 380 child abuse investigators.

Program Boosts Crime Detection
The FBI last week gave the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Austin Police Department a tool to enhance the detection and prevention of violent crimes.

A new version of the 10-year-old Violent Criminals Apprehension (computer) Program will allow the law enforcement agencies to share evidence and information on violent crimes. Local police departments across Texas also will receive the software.

"VICAP" rapidly disseminates information on higher-profile cases, compares violent crimes by using forensic evidence and tracks specific ways crimes are committed, said DPS spokeswoman Tela Mangle.

TNRCC to Monitor EPA Actions
Rules the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission approved June 30 require clean gasoline for a large part of the state but they do not address the use of the gasoline additive methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), a component of the clean gasoline formula.

The additive, which has been linked to cancer in laboratory animals, was scrutinized in a recent report by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The TNRCC announced last week it would closely monitor actions proposed by the EPA to ban the additive.

Education Chief Resigns
Dr. Mike Moses announced his

resignation, effective Sept. 3, as commissioner of the Texas Education.

He has accepted a job as deputy chancellor of the new Texas Tech University System.

During his nearly five years as commissioner, Moses worked to enact tougher curriculum standards, improve student performance, create a charter school program and expand early literacy programs.

He also oversaw the return of control to local school districts and whittled the number of Texas Education Agency employees from 1,144 in 1995 down to 833 today.

Among the candidates to succeed Moses are Dallas County Judge Lee Jackson, Deputy Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis, Odessa lawyer Jim Nelson, Dripping Springs consultant Paul Watkins and John Wilson, superintendent of the Clear Creek Independent School District in Galveston County.

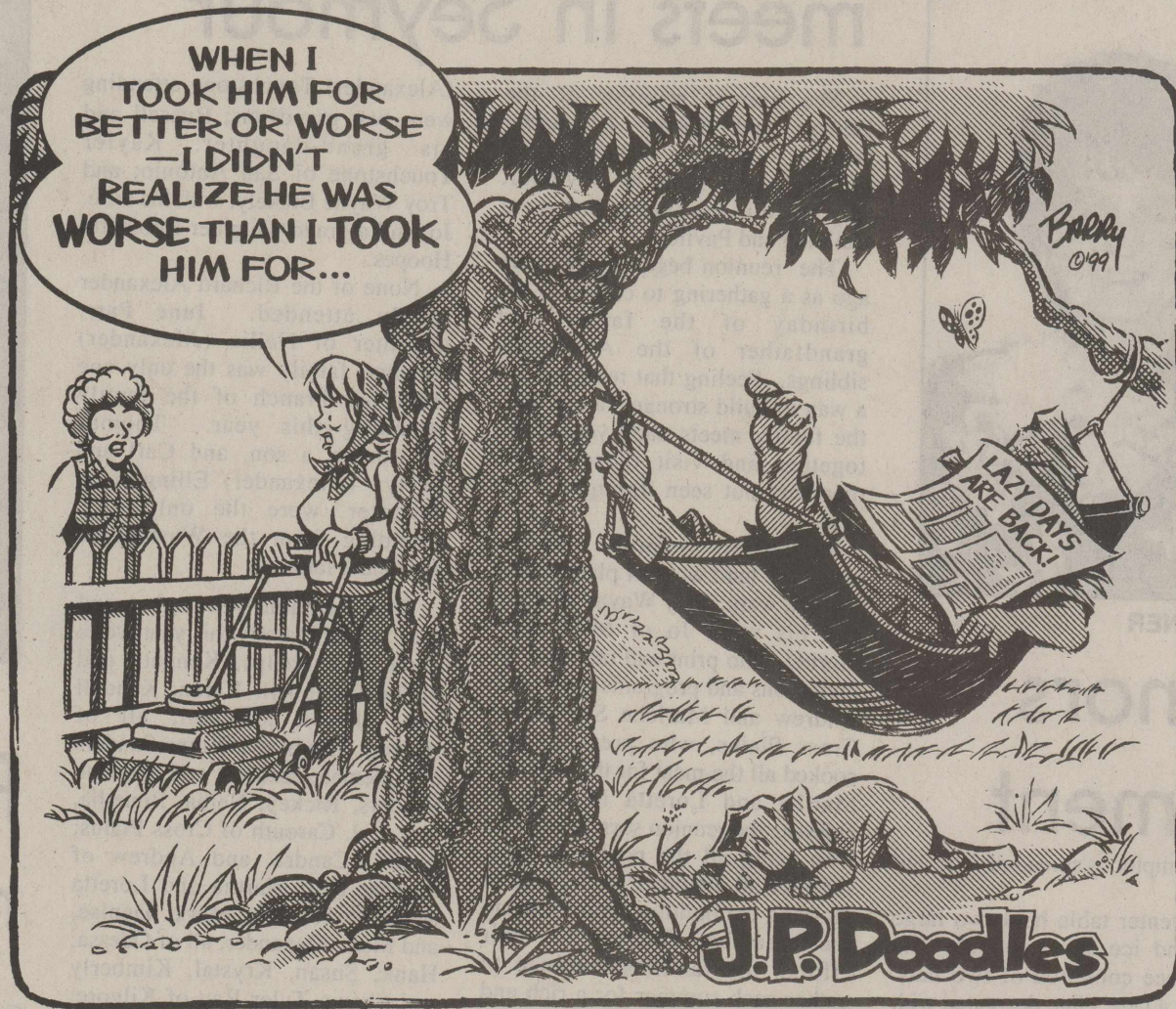
Other Highlights

■ Back-to-school excitement is sweeping across Texas, especially among clothing retailers, who anticipate big crowds and ringing cash registers Aug. 6-8, the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the month. Over those dates, the state has declared a sales-tax holiday on qualified apparel and shoes.

■ Austin City Council is thinking about renaming 18th Street after Bob Bullock, who died June 18, after serving in state government more than 40 years. The street passes the future site of a state history museum that will bear the name of Bullock, who served as lieutenant governor from 1991-99.

■ Veronica Ballard, director of the Parole Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, last week resigned effective Sept. 10 to become the head of the Cook County, Ill., Probation Department, where she will be paid \$100,000 a year to oversee about 500 probation officers. Here, she supervised 1,400 parole officers for \$76,000 a year.

■ Overall sales of Texas Lottery tickets for the current fiscal year are down 17 percent from the same period in 1998. Average weekly sales are about \$50 million, whereas last year, sales were \$60 million. Lottery officials last week said sales had bottomed out, but appeared to be increasing with a bigger prize pool and higher payout on scratch-off games.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

"Admit You're Happy Day." Now there's an idea for a national holiday who's time may have come.

Although it hasn't reached national proportions yet, this Sunday, August 8, the newly formed Secret Society of Happy People will celebrate the first anniversary of the day. The purpose of the Society and the day is to give support and encouragement to people who are often mocked and taunted by their peers for having openly happy attitudes, and are frustrated and sent into secrecy with their happy spirit. Trying to bring happiness out of the closet, the group is dedicated to the "right of people to be happy."

Actually, it seems to me that it's a misnomer to label the Society "secret." Happiness has a wonderful way of not wanting to keep itself secret. That is one of its characteristics; it wants to share itself.

But, let's face it, some people are not going to enjoy the happiness in anything in life, and don't want anyone else to be happy, if they can help it. They are determined not to enjoy anything if there is less than complete perfection and success in every aspect of their whole life, (by their standards). So, of course, they are never happy, because the whole of life is made up of little segments of time and circumstances, and these are never all perfect all the time. Life is definitely not always "just a bowl of cherries," but sometimes the cherries are so sweet, (maybe even just one individual cherry), that it can make us so happy we find ourselves singing in spite of everything else that might be going one.

Have you ever experienced the feeling of being so happy about something that you felt like you'd burst with it, and you wanted to share the moment but found yourself in a world of skillful, wet-blanket throwers?

You know them. Everything that is mentioned in their presence or brought up in conversation with them evokes a verbal "downer," a barbed remark or reason why the

idea or honor or accolade someone receives is unworthy.

That attitude sometimes obviously stems from a deep-seated feeling of jealousy and personal feeling of inadequacy, and is a habit so ingrained through years of practice it becomes a personal characteristic. Instead of "rejoicing with those who rejoice," or being glad for something going right for someone, they invariably come up with a put down.

That atmosphere will soon send any naturally happy person, (especially a child) into secrecy with their happy thoughts. When someone constantly gets cold water sprinkled on their little parades, or pins poked into the balloons of their exuberance, they in turn may begin to doubt and feel uncomfortable with their own happiness.

Somewhere between the perpetual Pollyanna, the ever-present yellow smiley face stickers, the "Don't worry, be happy" lyrics, and the other extreme of long-faced, "If-you're-not-worried-you-don't-understand-the-problem" assessment that "everything's bad and only going to get worse," there is a positive, healthy balance available.

A balanced outlook on life recognizes and knows the problems and the pain, yet also knows an inner core of peace and the strength to find joy and happiness in the face of it. This outlook can also become a habit, practiced until it becomes a part of us. Shakespeare wrote, "Assume a virtue, though you own it not," with the idea being that we will eventually truly "own it" as part of our very nature.

That is probably what Miss Inez Murphy, my second grade teacher had in mind when she posted a large

sign on her desk in view of the classroom door, saying "Smile, and say good morning." At the time I thought it an imposition to have to be told and expected to do it. I'm sure she thought it was good for us to begin to learn to acknowledge others with at least a word of civility. I guess it worked; I still remember it being there every day, goading me into a smile, regardless of which side of the bed I got up on.

The small group of people who belong to the Secret Society of Happy People will meet in Dallas Sunday, to support one another in their affirmation that "It's acceptable to feel happy" and okay to feel empowered by being around other happy people.

Actually, I owe the Secret Society of Happy People a word of thanks. Reading about them made me remember my second grade teacher for more than the fact that she constantly dabbed at her red, runny nose and eyes with a tissue, while reading aloud the daily chapter of the exciting adventures of "Billy Whiskers", right after we came back in from lunch. (After I was grown I learned that she suffered greatly from West Texas allergies, during a time when few remedies were available for relieving it. But at the time I thought she was just sad about something).

Most of us have a whole lot of things in our life to be happy about, if we would just admit we're happy.

When you wake up Sunday, think of at least one little thing you can openly share your happiness about with some one else, and as Miss Murphy would tell you, "Smile, and say good morning."

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago August 3, 1989

Haskell junior varsity cheerleaders were selected the "most outstanding" squad at Hardin Simmons Cheerleading Camp. Members of the squad are Marsh Moore, Sunny Coleman, Deanne Wallace and Holly Hobgood.

Ben and Sue McGee of McGee's Lumber Yard have won a trip to Hawaii through a promotion by Cameron Wholesale Company.

20 Years Ago August 2, 1979

The College of Education at Texas Tech University has announced that Leesa Drinnon Toliver has qualified for the Dean's honor roll.

Haskell Fire Department Secretary John Watson presented the first payment on the new fire station to David Jim Strickland. The check, in the amount of \$25,682.75, was for the foundation, slab and building.

30 Years Ago July 31, 1969

Haskell Stone, retired vocational agriculture teacher, will be honored by the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas in Austin. Stone will be recognized for his 35 years of service in the Vocational Agricultural program of Texas.

Winners in the Haskell County 4-H Dress Revue are: Lorenia Caddell, Senior Division; Karen Earp, Junior Division and Reda Gay Campbell, winner of the 9-10 age group.

40 Years Ago July 30, 1959

Billy V. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ace Davis, has accepted a position as first assistant football coach at Wilmer Hutchins High School in Dallas. Davis is a graduate of Haskell High School and was a four-year letterman on the HHS Indians squad.

Mrs. Henry Withers, Mrs. Al C. Williams and Mrs. J. F. Cadenhead, Sr. attended a piano teachers' workshop at Hardin-Simmons University.

Jimmy Rexrode, son of Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Rexrode, is attending the Southwestern Baseball Clinic being held on the campus of Baylor University.

50 Years Ago August 4, 1949

A meeting of all Haskell county farmers interested in securing rural telephone service has been scheduled in the district courtroom.

Dr. William J. Kemp has announced the opening this weekend of his new dental office in Haskell, located in the Dr. T. W. Williams Clinic at 7 North Ave. F.

90 Years Ago July 31, 1909

This vicinity was visited by a heavy rain that brought smiles to the faces of our farmers.

W. F. Burt, who is with the Chambers Feed Store, left the first of the week for Grayson and Collin counties where he will spend a vacation.

T. J. Head of Rochester passed through Haskell on his way home from a trip to Oklahoma.

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Choir robes	Lingerie	Sweatshirts
Coats and wraps	Neckwear and ties	Sweat suits
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Gloves (generally)		Underclothes

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Correction

Marriage licenses reported for June in Haskell County should have included Coleman Doyle Wright of Rochester and Ina Tipton Rash of Aspermont.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Mrs. Dudley Phelps of Haskell left Sat., July 24 with her brother, Jacky Sanders, his wife, Sandra and daughter Jaelyn for a week's vacation. They traveled through several towns in New Mexico, stopping in Ruidoso, then over to Lincoln on their way to visit their sister and her family, Ethelyne and Darwin Slade in Eagar, Arizona.

While in Eagar they saw all four of Ethel's boys, Alan, Steve, Everett and David and their families. They toured the mountains in the Apache National Forest and went up to Alpine and Big Lake.

After their visit with their sister's family they took the scenic route from Quemado to Albuquerque then on to Santa Fe where they shopped with the Indians around the square.

The weather was nice and cool and it rained every day while they

were in Eagar.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Baccus of Mansfield spent the weekend with her mother, Hope Josselet. They attended church at the Church of Christ on Sun. morning.

On Sun. Lupe and Sandra Gonzales of Mineral Wells came by for a visit with Joyce and Clayton Hawkins. They were Joyce's neighbor several years ago. They were visiting with her sister and family over the weekend.

Lynn Gray of Grapeland, Chuck, Judy, Michael, Jennifer and Kyle Hicks, all of Abilene, and Woody and Georgia Turnbow of Weinert visited Mr. and Mrs. George Gray over the weekend.

Dr. Frank and Billie Cadenhead visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Procter, in Waco over the weekend.

Gladys O'Neal has returned after

a few days visit with her sister Francis Lee in Wichita Falls and Eddie Bess in Dallas.

Visiting with Neat Bevel in Rice Springs Care Home were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Harvey of Odessa. They also visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harvey. A daughter-in-law Roylene Bevel and grandchildren Sherlene, Jessie and Jonathan from Kenedy and Neat's great granddaughter Merandia Bevel from New York also visited.

Kip and Kay Derrick from Fort Worth spent the weekend with her parents, Bro. and Fannie Mae Barton. They did yard work and odd jobs around the place. On Sun. they attended church at Central Baptist in Stamford and had lunch at the Pizza Hut. On Sat. night they and Erma Liles of Weinert went to Abilene and had supper at Poncho's.

Robinson awarded scholarship

Eric Shay Robinson, a graduate of Rule High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Robinson received The Moody Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$4,000, payable \$500 a semester for four years. This year the Moody Foundation awarded three grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Robinson placed fourth in calculator applications, first in team calculator applications, eleventh in mathematics and first in team mathematics at the 1996 UIL Academic State Meet. In 1997, he placed fourth in mathematics and first in team mathematics and second in both calculator applications and team calculator applications. At the

1998 state meet, Robinson placed ninth in computer science, first in team computer science, fifth in mathematics, second in team mathematics, seventh in number sense, second in calculator applications and first in team calculator applications. At the 1999 state meet, he placed fourth in calculator applications, second

in team calculator applications, first in mathematics, second in team mathematics and fifth in science. Robinson was ranked first in his class and was member of the Beta Club and the Gifted and Talented program.

He plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in Computer Science.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 993 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., July 31, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Fully steady on all classes.
Cows: fat, .34-.38; cutters, .36-.41; canners, .25-.36.

Bulls: bologna, .38-.44; feeder, .55-.65; utility, .35-.45.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.15; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .75-.90; 500-600 lbs., .72-.86; 600-700 lbs., .68-.78; 700-800

lbs., .67-.74; 800-up lbs., .62-.72.

Heifers: 'medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .85-1.05; 300-400 lbs., .75-.90; 400-500 lbs., .70-.825; 500-600 lbs., .68-.77; 600-up lbs., .55-.72.

Bred Heifers: medium frame 450-550.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 475-600; aged or small, 350-475.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 500-740; aged or small, 450-600.

Schools should encourage active parents

Educators need to put out a "welcome mat" to encourage more parents to become active in their child's school, concluded a group of parents and teachers attending a Parental Involvement Academy.

The Academy was a joint venture sponsored by the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) and the Texas Parent-Teacher Association (TXPTA) at the Austin Convention Center. Forty members from each group gathered to discuss the route to increased parental involvement, which research has shown boosts student performance.

"It's more than baking cookies," said teacher Connie Kilday, ATPE's state president and a participant in the Academy. "It means communicating with your child's teacher, perhaps about something that is happening in your child's life, which can help put their behavior in the classroom in perspective."

Many parents do not become involved in their child's school, the Academy found, because they don't feel welcome or needed, are not familiar with the subject or the language, or cannot take time off work.

"We recognize there are barriers and we want to tear them down so that we can become true partners in our children's education," Kilday said. "Parents need to be even more involved in their child's education today and we want them to feel comfortable to talk to us anytime, not just when there is a problem."

Educators also encouraged parents to remain involved as their children enter the upper grades, when parental involvement tends to decrease sharply. "I had two people at my last open house," said Kilday, who teaches high school math. "Parental involvement is important at any age."

Guess What's Happening Do You Know?

Leadership classes start Sept. 16

The Rolling Plains Rural Leadership Class will start Sept. 16. The leadership class is an innovative program to train and promote a network of leaders aggressively involved in the economic and community development of Haskell, Jones and Knox Counties. The leadership class will provide perspective into the tri-counties while helping the participants understand the assets, needs and resources of the area.

Rolling Plains Rural Leadership is a six-session commitment from September through graduation in April. The first session will be held at Camp Tonkawa, south of Abilene. This session involves teamwork, communication, problem solving, leadership and trust in self and others. There will be four one-day sessions that meet on the second Wed. of the month. The sixth session will be a trip to Austin for graduation. The focus of the sessions will include: communication skills, conflict management, leadership styles, problem solving and team building.

Graduates of the Rolling Plains Leadership Class will be encouraged to use the knowledge and skills they have learned to improve their communities while assuming positions of responsibility.

The ability of Texas communities to devise and implement successful economic development strategies is influenced by the quality of leadership in each community. In

recognition of this fact, more than 30 agencies, organizations, private businesses and individuals with an interest in revitalizing rural Texas have formed an alliance to develop and deliver "Texans in Leadership" throughout the state.

Rolling Plains Rural Leadership is affiliated with the Texas Rural Leadership Program and is

sponsored cooperatively by West Texas Utilities, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Four Winds RC&D and Big Country RC&D. To apply, contact West Texas Utilities, Texas Agricultural Extension Service (915) 823-2432, Four Winds RC&D (940) 658-3680 or Big Country RC&D (915) 235-4300.

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Q. How is it paid for?

A. Three ways to pay:
1. Private affordable rates.
2. State funded adult foster care.
3. State funded C.B.A.

Q. Is adult foster care licensed?

A. Adult foster care is state licensed.

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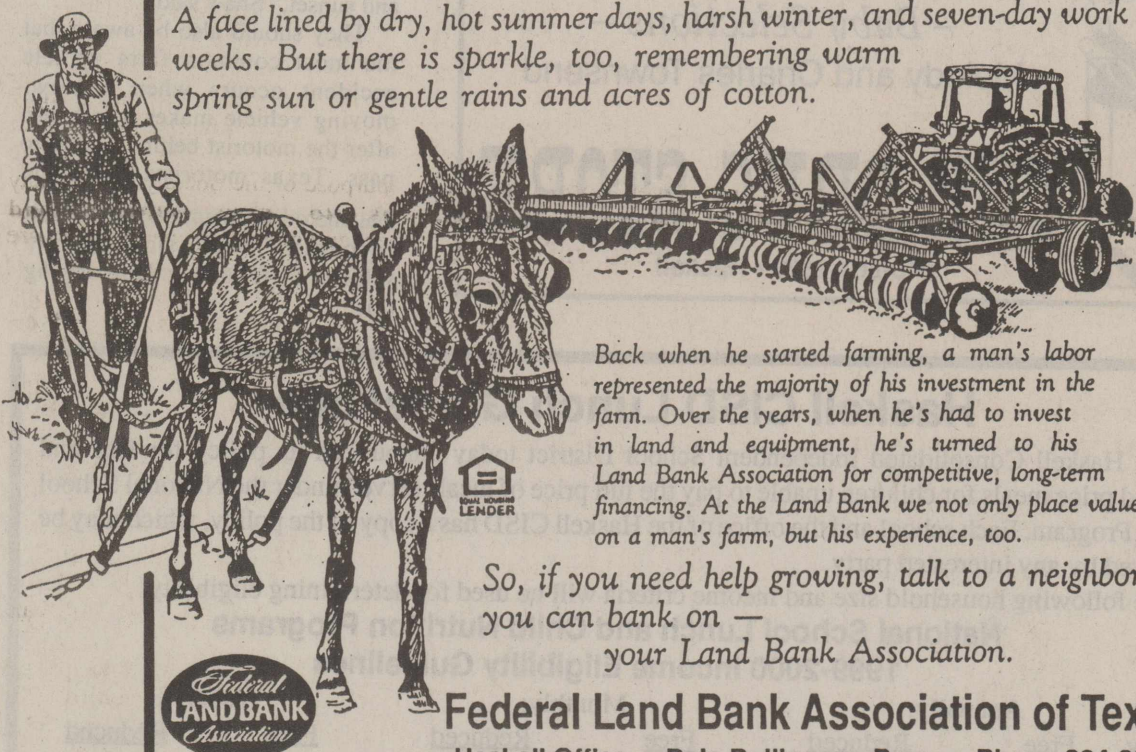


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Motorists and farm equipment can safely share the roadways

With the 1999 crop season in full swing, Texas motorists traveling state highways and rural roads may occasionally find themselves sharing the road with the large, slow-moving farm equipment (combines, tractors and implements, grain carts and semi trucks) necessary for wheat harvest and summer crop planting and cultivation.

As a result, motorists should keep both eyes on the road and traffic conditions, learn how to identify slow moving equipment and give it a wide berth whenever possible, said Dr. Bryan Shaw, agricultural and environmental safety specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Not recognizing slow moving vehicles, or simply not being aware of them until it is too late, is a leading cause of collisions between motorists and farm equipment.

Farmers are very busy at this time of year and they often have to move their equipment along the road. Motorists who encounter this situation should remember that a car traveling 55 mph requires about 224 feet to stop on dry pavement, with average reaction time and braking. If you're traveling 65 mph, the safe stopping distance increases to about 302 feet.

A car traveling 55 mph can close a 300-foot gap (the length of a football field) and overtake a tractor moving at 15 mph in about 5 seconds. At 65 mph, that time drops to about 4 seconds.

"Texas motorists should be especially cautious when traveling on hilly roads, in bad weather and during the dim hours around dawn and sunset," Shaw said.

They should also be aware that the most common farm vehicle accident occurs when a slow-moving vehicle makes a left turn after the motorist behind begins to pass. Texas motorists can avoid that and other potentially dangerous encounters with slow-moving vehicles by following these driving tips:

- Recognize and respect the Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem—the triangular fluorescent orange emblem bordered in red. When you see one, slow down and be as cautious as when approaching a stoplight.

- Watch for hand signals. Don't assume that a slow-moving vehicle pulling to the right side of the road is going to turn right or is going to let you pass.

- Slow down when you see a slow-moving vehicle's flashing turn signal.

- Keep your distance. Most farm equipment can only travel about 25 mph in road gear.

- Be patient. It's not easy for the operator to move aside to let you pass, especially when road shoulders are questionable.

- Always make sure the road ahead and behind is clear before you pass.

- If you spot something up ahead that isn't another car or truck, slow down immediately and proceed cautiously. That's the safest way to share the road with slow-moving equipment," Shaw said. "Don't pull out in front of a slow-moving farm vehicle—such as a tractor pulling a grain cart—and the stop or slow down rapidly. Farm equipment cannot stop or slow down as quickly as an automobile."

At the same time, farmers and farm workers should drive defensively when driving slow-moving equipment from site to site and they should make every effort possible to increase their visibility on the road. They should install clean SMV emblems on all their equipment and replace those that are faded or worn. New, self-adhesive emblems are now available to ease this chore.

Marking slow-moving equipment with reflective tape is another good idea. Use yellow reflective tape on the front and sides and apply red or fluorescent orange tape to the back of equipment, Shaw said. Always turn on your amber flashing lights when traveling on the road and allow extra time and distance when you cross or pull onto highways and roads.

"Be courteous. Let oncoming

traffic pass before you move your equipment onto the road. After you get moving, stay alert for curves, dips and intersections and keep an eye on the traffic around you." Shaw noted. "Drive slowly and allow more braking or stopping distance when pulling equipment that isn't equipped with independent brakes.

"Lock your tractor's brake pedals together before you pull onto a public road. This helps

prevent unintentional hard right or left turns if you have to stop quickly."

Use turn signals or hand signals and be extremely cautious when you have to make a wide left turn from the road. And if possible, don't drive slow-moving equipment on the road when visibility is restricted by bad weather (rain, fog) or in the dim hours near dusk or dawn, Shaw concluded.

Being a supportive parent is more than just saying 'yes'

Being a supportive parent is sometimes misconstrued.

Supportive parenting is more than saying yes, according to Dr. Danita Czyzewski, a clinical psychologist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

"Some people think that supportive parenting means praising your children regardless of what they do," she said. "But it really means taking an active role in your child's life - enriching him or her with activities and experiences, encouraging academics

and peer relationships, and establishing limits to help your child learn what is and is not acceptable."

Show interest in your children's activities and friends. Be sure to give children age-appropriate chores and responsibilities, and hold them accountable when they fail to complete the agreed-on task.

Give praise, but only for a job well done. Kids know the difference. If they have done something sloppily and you praise them for it, it devalues the praise.

Time to be on the lookout for grubs

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

If you have been outside this summer you may have noticed fewer June beetles than last year. A&M entomologists say June beetles came both earlier and lighter than normal this year. June beetles are the adult stage of the white grub. Extension entomologist Robert Crocker says mating flights of the June beetles were unusually early and short this year.

Extension entomologist Mike Merchant says this year there is

more time than usual to make pesticide applications. He says the grubs are still small and if pesticides are applied for grubs now, they'll have a better chance of success. Merchant warns not to spray for an insect you don't have.

Otherwise, pesticide applications are a waste of time and money and if it gets into sewers or streams there is the potential environmental damage. He says to look for C-shaped, whitish, worm-like insects in the grass root zone. Treat if you have more than four or five grubs per square foot of turf.

Haskell CISD Lunch Guidelines

The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program. Each school and the office of the Haskell CISD has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Programs 1999-2000 Income Eligibility Guidelines

Family Size	Annually:		Monthly:		Weekly:	
	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price
1	\$10,712	\$15,244	\$893	\$1,271	\$206	\$294
2	14,378	20,461	1,199	1,706	277	394
3	18,044	25,678	1,504	2,140	347	494
4	21,710	30,895	1,810	2,575	418	595
5	25,376	36,112	2,115	3,010	488	695
6	29,042	41,329	2,421	3,445	559	795
7	32,708	46,546	2,726	3,879	629	896
8	36,374	51,763	3,032	4,314	700	996
9	40,040	56,980	3,338	4,749	771	1,097
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Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the Principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For school officials to determine eligibility, households receiving food stamps or AFDC must list the child's name, their food stamp or AFDC case number and the signature and name of an adult household member. Households not receiving food stamps or AFDC must list: names of all household members; Social Security numbers of all adult household members or a statement that the household member does not possess one; total household income and the amount and source of the income received by each household member; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy Haskell CISD will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on the informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Haskell CISD, P. O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas, 79521 or telephone at 940-864-2602 for a hearing on the decision.

Households that list a food stamp or AFDC case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits are required to report increases in household income of over \$50.00 per month or \$600.00 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below levels shown above.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for school meals benefits. If a household wishes to apply for benefits for foster children living with them, the household should contact the school for more information.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for purposes of determining eligibility and verifying data.

In the operation of child feeding program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap. If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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Health precautions offered for families preparing for back-to-school

As families prepare for their children to go back to school a few precautions about their health are recommended by several doctors at Baylor College of Medicine.

Reminding parents that protection from the sun is needed year-round, not just during the summer, Dr. John Wolf, chairman of the dermatology department, said putting sunscreen on children should be a part of the daily routine. He points out that seventy percent of sunlight damage in a lifetime occurs before the age of seventeen.

Kids in a classroom share books, pencils, secrets and, too often, illnesses. Common classroom illnesses include upper respiratory tract infections, chicken pox, conjunctivitis or pinkeye, head lice

Cigar warning

Would you risk your life to fit in with a trend?

Cigars are being featured prominently on magazine covers, on television and in movies. Cigar smoking is the latest trend among the elite and those who want to be. But all these people are risking their lives.

A nationwide study recently found that cigar smoking raises risk for heart disease, lung disease and cancer. They looked at 18,000 men, none of whom smoked cigarettes. Those who smoked cigars had a 27 percent higher risk for heart disease, a 45 percent higher risk for lung disease and about twice the risk of developing cancer of the mouth, throat or lung, compared to non-smokers. These rates are lower than for cigarette smoking, but doctors warn that many of the cigar smokers in the study quit smoking before the end of the study, which may have affected the results.

Most of these men smoked fewer than five cigars a day. A large cigar, though, can contain nearly as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes. Doctors at UT Southwestern say you shouldn't be lulled into thinking cigars don't really count as "smoking" or that they're safer than cigarettes. Tobacco can be deadly in almost any form and it's best to avoid it.

Meador is new Girard Postmaster

Tina Meador, PTF carrier at the Haskell Post Office, has been promoted as Postmaster of Girard effective July 31. She is a graduate of Throckmorton High School.

She began her postal career as Postmaster Relief in the Old Glory post office in June 1994 and later transferred to the Aspermont post office in October 1994 as a PTF Clerk. While serving at the Aspermont post office she often filled in at the Hamlin and Haskell post offices as a clerk when needed.

In January 1999 Meador received the opportunity to transfer to the Haskell post office as a PTF Carrier. She competed for the position of Postmaster at Girard and was selected by Manager of Post Office Operations, Steve Postmaster.

Tina and her husband, Tim, live in Aspermont with their two sons, Todd and Trey.

and scabies.

Dr. Jan Drutz, an associate professor of pediatrics at Baylor college of Medicine, says, "Washing hands frequently is the best defense."

He encourages parents to teach their children to wash their hands often, particularly before eating or handling foods.

Drutz offered these suggestions: *Make sure all children have up-to-date immunizations. He also recommends the chicken pox vaccine, though it is not always mandatory for school registration.

*Teach children to limit contact with classmates who appear ill.

"Advise the child: 'If you're sitting next to Johnny and Johnny is coughing and sneezing try not to sit too close.' You can't completely avoid him, but try to stay at some distance," Drutz said.

Contagious skin conditions like scabies and head lice can spread quickly through a classroom.

"Scabies is not uncommon. It's a mite that burrows under the skin

and causes intense itching. We see whole families infected because it spreads through close contact," Drutz said.

Head lice circulates among children the same way.

"Children should not share combs, towels, or brushes. When they have sleepovers, they should not share a pillow," he said.

The "stomache ache" students complain about frequently comes from improperly prepared foods.

A school might see multiple cases of gastro-intestinal problems at the same time, frequently from the same source. Common culprits are improperly washed fresh foods and improper food handling. Dr. Drutz said raw vegetables and fruits should be washed thoroughly and perhaps peeled before eating. Cooked foods should be heated to the appropriate safe temperatures.

Though you can't prevent children from getting some of the most commonly shared illnesses, adopting some new habits can lower the risks.

Time to order show lamb validation

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Time is fast approaching for the 2000 Texas 4-H and FFA lamb validation tags to be ordered. Youth in the 4-H or the FFA program wanting to show lambs in the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show or any of the major shows in the year 2000, must have ear tags for lamb projects.

The deadline for ordering lamb tags is Tues., Aug. 17 at 5:00 p.m. The cost of each tag ordered is

\$2.50. 4-H enrollment must be returned to the Haskell County Extension Office to receive mailing on this subject or any other important dates or items coming up in the future. Remember to get enrollments into the office.

Contact Brandon Anderson, County Extension Agent-Ag. at the Haskell County Extension Office by calling (940) 864-2658 or 864-2546 or go by the Haskell County Extension Office at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell.

Haskell girls attend HSU Threshold camp

Haskell residents Hannah Page, Aubrey Bassett, Melissa Buerger, Monica Buerger and Brooke Bullinger participated in Threshold, a camp for gifted and talented children held recently at Hardin-Simmons University.

The theme for this year's camp was "Challenges." The program allows students entering kindergarten through the 5th grade the opportunity to focus on the changes in the world around them,

while students grades 6th through 10th attend sessions in five fields - physics, journalism, Internet, oceanography and a seminar on solving medical problems.

Threshold was initiated by Dr. Bertie Kingore, HSU's former head of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and after a one-year hiatus was re-instated and directed by Mary Christopher, instructor in Elementary and Gifted Education at the university.

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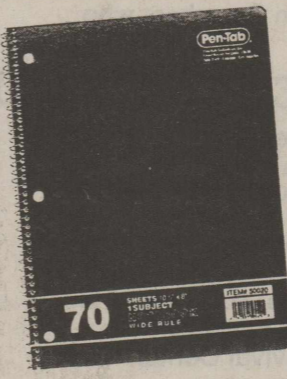


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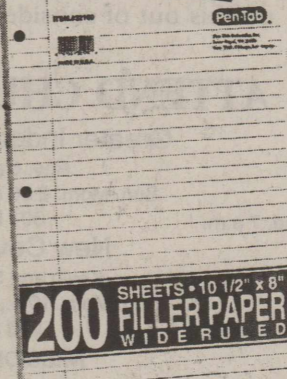
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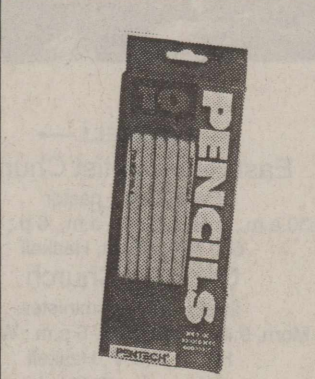
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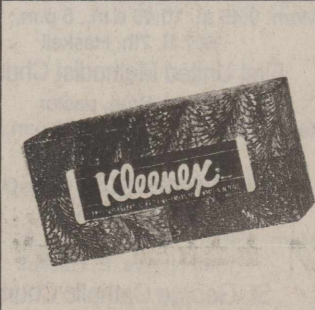
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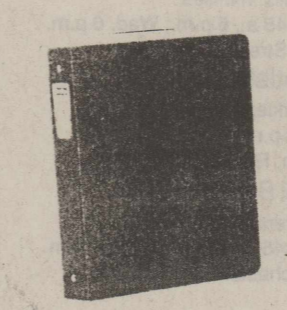
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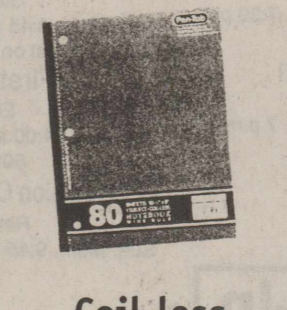
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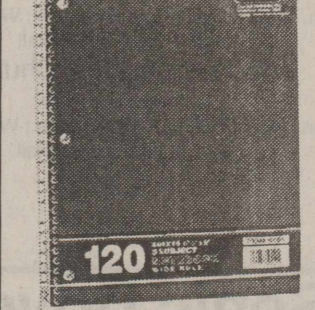
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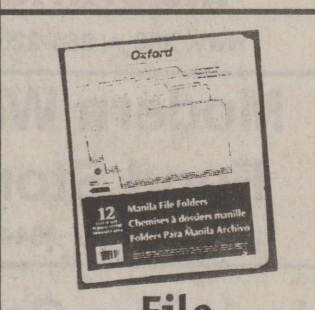
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ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, August 9
Lunch-Pizza, corn O'Brien, cabbage slaw, banana cake, milk, tea or coffee

Wednesday, August 11
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Service blood pressure check
Lunch-BBQ brisket, potato salad, mixed vegetables, pinto beans, onions, peaches, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Friday, August 13
Lunch-Swiss steak, potatoes, pineapple carrot Jello, green beans, fruit cobbler, bread, milk, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.
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.

Haskell School Menu

**August 9-13
Breakfast**

Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Cereal offered daily.
Monday: No School
Tuesday: No School
Wednesday: No School
Thursday: Buttered toast/jelly
Friday: Breakfast pizza
Lunch
A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are

offered daily at the High School. Milk and tea are served daily at the High School. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School.
Monday: No School
Tuesday: No School
Wednesday: No School

Thursday: Nachos/chips, pinto beans, Spanish rice, diced pears
Friday: Hamburger, assorted chips, hamburger trimmings, Shape Ups

This Week's Devotional Message:



WHEN YOU VISIT GOD'S WILDERNESS, KEEP IT CLEAN

Whenever you pay a visit to the home of friends or relatives, you naturally remember your manners and do your best to keep the place as neat and clean as possible. By the same token, if your plans take you to a wilderness or camping area, this is also a good place to remember your manners. It's really a form of "love thy neighbor," because you do this out of consideration for others who

may share the place with you. Another reason is that you are God's guest there. In any wilderness area you can see all that beauty which He has provided for your enjoyment. Think of it as an outdoor extension of your House of Worship, and respect it as you would any place where you are an invited guest. In this case, the "guest room" is all God's creation.

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Hwy 380 East, Haskell
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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. Arburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
St. George Catholic Church
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
Church of Christ
Dale Huff, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
First Presbyterian Church
Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
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Kevin and Sharon Fletcher, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
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Gladstone Ave., Rule
West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
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4-H leaders to meet in Wichita Falls

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Volunteer 4-H leaders from across the Rolling Plains District will meet Sat., Aug. 21 at 9:30 a.m. in Wichita Falls at the MPEC for a training program, business meeting and to host the Texoma Leader's Focus.
The meeting will include ideas to strengthen the local 4-H

program. Workshops will include 4-H project training in horse, shooting sports, beef, parliamentary procedure, public speaking, veterinary science, club meetings, horticulture and True Colors. Hosts are the Rolling Plains District of Texas and the Southwest District of Oklahoma.
The purpose of the 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association is to conduct volunteer leader training programs to strengthen the 4-H program in the Rolling Plains district. Each county in the district has representatives who meet together each year to receive training and plan ways to support 4-H activities. All leaders are encouraged to register and attend this training meeting. For more information on registration, which is due Aug. 16, contact the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2658 or 864-2546.

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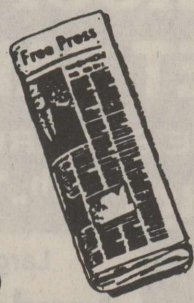
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Hernandez reviews Chamber of Commerce activities and plans

by Mary Kaigler

Haskell Chamber of Commerce President, Fred Hernandez, said this week in a review of the Chamber's activities that the Fourth Annual Wild Horse Prairie Days held this year was comparable in most every way to any of the previous ones.

Saying how much he appreciates the number of people who helped with the celebration, he added, "It was as successful as its ever been and this is due to the many willing volunteers. Thanks to all the service clubs and organization for donating so much time to it. It's a thankless chore to work at the various events, but it did so much to make a difference."

One of the differences which helped with the financial success of the WHP days, he said, was that admission was charged at the gate. Although the new practice was met with protests by some individuals, it was the main reason for the financial success of the whole project.

The event is growing fast and becoming known, and Hernandez said the Chamber will continue to try to improve it with new plans. "The opportunities are out there to make it a major event for this part of Texas," he said.

Among the plans being considered by the Chamber of

Commerce is the building of a permanent pavilion that could accommodate up to 1,500 people for the dances and poetry readings during the WHP Days, and for family reunions, etc., throughout the year.

"The dances were popular and provided one of the biggest sources of revenue from the event," Hernandez said.

Pointing out that when the Wild Horse Prairie Days were first started the goal was to establish an annual event identifiable with Haskell, Hernandez added, "Now, after the fourth year, people across a wide area are aware of Haskell's WHP Days. We have achieved the goal of having a high profile annual event."

Traveling around the state, Hernandez said he has found only a handful of towns the size of Haskell that have the same high visibility as Haskell.

"This was Abe Turner's first year as manager of the Chamber," Hernandez said. "Both Abe and Ruby Turner have worked endless hours without receiving any extra bonus for doing the job. Their commitment and many hours given to it have been appreciated."

Speaking of some of the future Chamber of Commerce plans for this fall, Hernandez said one event will be a city-wide garage sale,

Sept. 25, which will be coupled with a Clay Pigeon Shoot sponsored by Wallace Wooten. The day will also include some festivities on the square. It will be widely advertised in other towns as a trades day coupled with other activities. Janet Earles will be in charge of the planning for this event.

Roger Roewe will be in charge of the planning for another special day sometime this fall, Hernandez said.

Among ideas being considered for the City are hosting some football playoff games and perhaps holding a Dinner Theater Night or a Dinner and Movie Evening Out.

"The Chamber is always looking for good events to promote, and always looking for members and volunteers to promote Haskell," Hernandez said.

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The article notes that the National Commander of the American Legion has issued an urgent call to veterans and their families to convince lawmakers to provide an adequate budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Whenever they were called, America's veterans kept their commitment to this country," says National Commander Butch Miller. "Now it's time for the country to keep its commitment to veterans."

Miller presented The American Legion's plan for the new VA budget during testimony before a joint meeting of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees. At that time, he urged \$1.9 billion more for VA than the Clinton Administration requested. Persuaded by the Legion's case, lawmakers added \$1.7 billion to the \$43.6 billion originally sought by the administration.

Miller said that "The final shape of next year's VA budget isn't locked into place. Now is the time for continued, aggressive grassroots lobbying. VA must be funded to

meet the growing health care needs of America's veterans."

Miller asks veterans to approach their elected representatives in Congress and impress them with the need to preserve a properly funded VA.

Jim King, Adjutant, Post 221, Haskell, said that in order for these things to happen, the American Legion throughout Texas needs members, to get things passed.

"Old members are passing away, we need new members. Haskell Post 221 has been given a quota of 111 members, and due to members passing away or moving away from Haskell, we need members," King said.

King added that there have been rumors of raised dues, and closing of VA Hospitals (including two in Texas), due to lack of money and members. He said that, "what the VA is allowing today for veterans, may be lost for our younger generation, those in the military today."

Post 221 dues are \$18.00 per year. For this amount members receive a monthly magazine, \$1000.00 coverage in Accident and Health Insurance, plus other benefits.

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