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Football games

Haskell Indians vs Anson
Fri., Sept. 10, 8:00 p.m.
at Anson

Haskell 7th-8th-JV vs Anson
Thurs., Sept. 9, 4:00 p.m.
at Haskell

Paint Creek vs. Trent
Fri., Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.
at Trent

Paint Creek JH vs. Jayton
Thurs., Sept. 9, 5:00 p.m.
at Jayton

Calendar

Spaghetti supper

The Progressive Study Club will host their annual chicken spaghetti supper Fri., Sept. 17 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria prior to the Stamford game. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$5.50 at the door.

Ulmer reunion

The Ulmer reunion will be held Sat., Sept. 25 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. All friends and relatives are welcome. For information, call 940-997-2577.

Schools homecoming

Homecoming for Plainview, McConnell and Bunker Hill schools will be held Sat., Oct. 2 beginning at 9 a.m. at the VIP Center in Stamford (one block west of Stamford High School auditorium). For more information call 940-997-2577.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., Sept. 10 at noon. Plans will be made for the Fall Harvest to be held in October.

Community-wide garage sale

A community-wide garage sale, sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, will be held Sat., Sept. 25. Booths are available on the square for food vendors and spaces will be available inside a building for out-of-town vendors. Fee to be listed and shown on a map to be distributed to shoppers is \$5. Deadline to enter is Sept. 17. Entry forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office or by calling Janet Earle 940-864-2631.

Players in Progress

Haskell Players in Progress will be sending registration forms home with children ages K-6. Registration deadline is Mon., Sept. 13. Players will meet Sept. 19 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Haskell High School gym. A parent's meeting will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Forms may be turned in to the Elementary School office.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Sept. 12 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The meal will be salads and desserts.

Membership tea

The Progressive Study Club will hold a membership tea Thurs., Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Guests will be Texas Federation of Women's Clubs officers and those interested in becoming members.

Rule Jubilee

The Rule Jubilee will be held Sat., Sept. 25. A parade will begin at 3 p.m. Entries for the parade should call Maxine Hertenberger 997-2428 or 997-2324. Booth entries should contact Carla at City Hall 997-2214.

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Go Indians!

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Farmers National joins Hamlin Bank; now Rule Banking Center

Rule residents will not only be noticing a new sign in the downtown area, but also new services as Farmers National Bank of Rule merged into Hamlin National Bank, effective

as of the close of business Friday.

Farmers National Bank, originally chartered in 1945, became Rule Banking Center, a branch of Hamlin National Bank, over the Labor Day

weekend. Shareholders of the Rule bank had negotiated with the Hamlin bank earlier this spring to buy the bank, and regulatory approvals were

finally granted at the end of August.

Farmers National Bank president Patrick Pace was pleased with the transaction. "This merger was a win-win situation for all concerned, in-

cluding the citizens of Rule and the surrounding area. The Hamlin bank is a strong institution with a good history in this area, and we are pleased to begin immediately to add new services with others on the horizon."

One of those services will be available in approximately two weeks following conversion of the bank's data files to Hamlin's data processing system. Telebank, a telephone banking system, will allow customers of Rule Banking Center to access their account information over a touchtone telephone, including information on cleared checks, electronic deposits, loan balances, and the ability to transfer funds between accounts and make loan payments. Telebank operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is usually updated with the current day's postings by 4:30 p.m. Information on pending electronic deposits is usually available by 9:30 a.m. the day the deposit is scheduled to be posted.

Employees of Hamlin National have already been at work at the Rule office, installing new computer lines and new equipment. The conversion is being planned to make it as easy as possible on Farmers National Bank customers. Most customers will be able to use their current checks without reordering. Those who are having to switch account numbers are being provided checks with the new numbers free of charge by the bank.

All current employees will automatically become employees of the Hamlin bank when it opens on Tues., Sept. 7. Joe Ford, president and CEO of Hamlin National Bank, remarked, "We have a fine group of employees working with us at Rule Banking Center. They know our customers and their needs and we are so pleased that we could help preserve local jobs in the community. We feel that Rule definitely has a future and we hope our investment here proves it."

Following the merger, Hamlin National Bank will have deposits of approximately \$60 million, total assets of approximately \$70 million, and total capital of approximately \$10 million. It is the largest bank domiciled in an 18-county area between Lubbock, Wichita Falls and Abilene. Rule Banking Center customers may also conduct business at the main office in Hamlin and at Hawley Banking Center in Hawley.



NEW SIGN OF THE TIMES—Fri., Sept. 4, the new sign at the former Farmers National Bank of Rule not only registered a blistering hot

day, but also the beginning of new services as the Rule Banking Center, after merging into the Hamlin National Bank.

Haskell Indians defeat Munday Moguls, 25-7

Haskell's ground game was up and down the field for the first half, but was unable to cross the goal line, while Haskell's defense dominated the Moguls during that first half.

The second half proved to be all Indian, with Munday threatening only one time.

With the third quarter just getting started good, Riley threw a 46 yard touchdown strike to split end Cole Earles. The point after kick was no good, leaving Haskell 13, Munday 7, with 3:22 still to go in the quarter. Casey Riley again hit pay dirt with a two yard goal quarterback sneak. The Indians decided to go for two points, but the run failed.

The Indians closed out the quarter with Riley again hitting pay dirt on a fine 55 yard run. Haskell again went for two points, but

again the run failed.

Haskell had an explosive third quarter, getting on the board three times. Although Jason Trammell didn't get in the end zone, he led all rushers with a total of 215 yards on 24 carries.

Haskell's defensive unit made a great goal-line stand during the fourth quarter. With Munday on the 4 yard line, 1st and goal, the Indians rose up to keep the Moguls from scoring.

The Indian defense was again very stout, and really shot down the high-scoring Moguls. But, offense ruled the night for the Indians. The Indian line dominated the line of scrimmage.

It was a great win for Haskell, who is now 2-0 in this young season.

Named in the *Abilene Reporter-News* Players of the Week list,

were Jason Trammell for having 215 yards rushing on 24 carries, and Casey Riley for 15 carries for 80 yards, with touchdown runs of 2 and 49 yards, and throwing a 46-yard touchdown pass.

Friday, the Indians travel to Anson to take on the big Anson Tigers. Kick off time is 8:00 p.m.

Haskell's 7th, 8th and JV teams will play Anson here, Thursday, with games starting at 4:00 p.m.



ELUDING A MOGUL—Haskell Indian Casey Riley holds on to the ball during one of his 15 carries for gain of 80 yards during the game with the Munday Moguls last Friday. photo by Bill Blankenship

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Obituaries

Martha Frances Meadors

Funeral services for Martha Frances Meadors, 70, of Haskell were held Wed., Sept. 1 at First Christian Church in Haskell with Dusty Garrison officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery.

Ms. Meadors died Sun., Aug. 29 at a Haskell hospital. Born March 4, 1929 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Virgil Walter Meadors Sr. and Yettie Frances Cummins. She was a lifetime student of music, always striving to learn more. She studied at both Hardin-Simmons and Abilene Christian Universities. She loved to travel and

had visited New York, Canada and Europe. She was a member of the Garden Club, Organ Musical Club and First Christian Church.

Survivors include two nieces, Teresa Ryan of Haskell and Mary Ann Hellman of Round Hill, Virginia; four great nieces, Julie and Jenny Jean Ryan, both of Abilene and Sarah and Christina Hellman, both of Round Hill, Virginia; and numerous cousins and friends.

Pallbearers were George Fouts, Rogers Hellman, Bud Pace, Abe Turner, Jeff Gregg and Shane Hadaway.

Warnings issued for those considering body piercings

Body piercing has become increasingly popular among teenagers, so like it or not, many parents are now confronted by their teen's repeated requests for silver navel jewels, fragile eyebrow rings and tongue studs.

While not endorsing body piercing for teens, Dr. Janet Squires warns that parents should be aware that sterilization and use of proper metals is paramount.

"Parents of teens who show a

strong interest in piercing should inform them of the potential for infection," says Squires, an associate professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Parents must strongly discourage self-piercing and sharing of instruments; these can lead to serious viral infection transmission."

Serious problems, such as HIV infection and hepatitis B and C, are rare, but mild complications often

occur. The most common conditions include localized skin infection, contact dermatitis and overgrowth of scar tissue—which is more common in African-Americans. Marked redness and swelling should warn of the need for immediate medical assistance, Squires says.

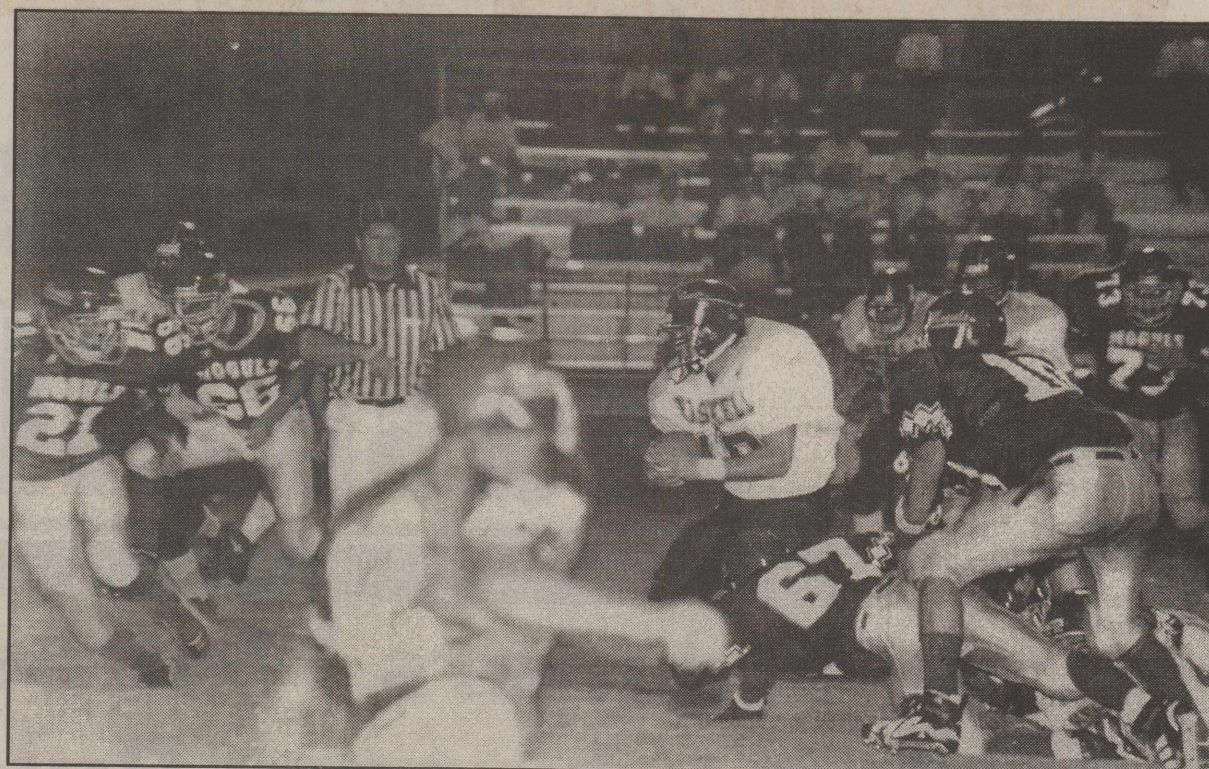
Student in the News

Kathleen Tanner of Haskell was one of 104 students graduating with a master's degree in speech-language pathology from Texas Woman's University.

Tanner took classes through the Abilene service district which operates for educators who finish their degrees using the technology of distance learning.

Dr. Beverly Byers-Pevitts, interim president of TWU, said, "To our knowledge, this will be the largest group of students ever to receive this particular master's degree within a single semester from any university. It represents one step in TWU's effort to reduce the critical need for more speech-language pathologists in the public schools of Texas."

*Back
the
Indians!*



CARRYING IN A CROWD—Haskell defense and offense working together brought the Indians to a big win over the Munday Moguls last Friday in Munday. photo by Bill Blankenship

Kidney disease on the rise

The monitors showing the patient's life signs beep rhythmically as the anesthesiologist carefully keeps vigil. The surgeon quickly and efficiently slips the fist-sized organ into the 9-year-old boy's body. Everything is looking good as little Arthur Silvestri receives a healthy kidney donated by his father. Arthur's new kidney is expected to take over the work that his old kidneys could not perform any longer and he will no longer need to use dialysis, a mechanical means of cleansing toxins from the blood. His surgeon has high hopes that things will continue to go well for Arthur.

"The kidney pinked up just fine and started producing urine. It went really well," said Kris Gugliuzza, M. D., Director of the Abdominal Transplant Program at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and a member of the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Kidney Health Care Advisory Committee.

Most people don't give much thought to their kidneys, yet life depends on them. According to the National Kidney Foundation, more than 20 million Americans have some form of kidney disease and millions more are at risk. More

than 50,000 new patients each year will require kidney dialysis or organ transplants to live.

Linda Selman is one of those thousands waiting for a kidney transplant. While she waits—and it could be years—Linda's day is marked by her dialysis treatment that does the work her kidneys would normally do. The shutdown of Linda's kidneys was caused by diabetes, the most common cause of kidney disease. Diabetes is a disease in which the pancreas does not produce enough insulin or cannot use the insulin that is produced. Insulin regulates the amount of glucose (sugar) in the blood and without it, the body is unable to convert glucose to energy, leaving large amounts of sugar in the blood. Eventually, small blood vessels in the kidneys become damaged. Scar-like material builds up on the capillary walls where filtering takes place, which impairs kidney function.

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is the second most common cause of kidney failure. The constriction of blood vessels cuts off blood supply to the kidneys, starving them of oxygen and nutrients. Over time, the kidneys are damaged and eventually become incapable of performing their essential functions.

TDH's Bureau of Kidney Health Care has seen a steady increase in the number of program applicants with diabetes as the primary cause of their kidney failure. In 1998, 54 percent—or 2,369—of the program applicants had a primary diagnosis of diabetes and 24 percent—or 1,055—had a primary diagnosis of hypertension.

Injuries, congenital defects and other diseases also can render the kidneys incapable of performing their life-sustaining function of cleaning waste from the bloodstream. Kidney disease usually progresses silently for years before symptoms are noticed. The problem is that these symptoms are seen usually in the late stages of the disease when kidney function has diminished to less than 25 percent of normal. At 10 percent of normal, dialysis or a kidney transplant is needed for life to continue.

The warning signs of kidney disease are burning or difficulty during urination, more frequent urination, swelling in the feet and hands, bloody urine, puffiness around the eyes, pain in the small of the back just below the ribs that is not aggravated by movement and high blood pressure.

"End stage kidney disease is one of the most traumatic events that can happen to a person in the course of their life," said Byron Welch, M. D., a kidney disease specialist and former member of TDH's Kidney Health Care. "Their family relations, their finances, their job, all their travel and other factors involved in their quality of life may be traumatically involved. While we have treatments that prolong life, they all involve some compromises in quality of life whether it's dialysis or transplantation. So the best treatment for kidney disease is prevention."

Kidney problems range from minor urinary tract infections to progressive kidney failure. "Fortunately, only about one in one thousand people develop kidney disease," said Dr. Welch. "However the risk is much higher in African Americans, Hispanics with a family history or kidney disease or diabetes, people with diabetes and in the elderly who may be on multiple medications."

Kidney failure due to diabetes or hypertension can be prevented or delayed. Scientific advances, including the use of certain medications and strict dietary management, have improved the treatment and management of these diseases and the prevention of kidney disease.

Diabetics should have a micro-albumin test to detect early onset of kidney failure so treatment interventions can be started as soon as possible. Anyone who experiences any symptoms of kidney disease should report them to a doctor. People with a family or personal history of diabetes or hypertension should see their doctor regularly and follow their doctor's advice. And everyone should take all medications, including over-the-counter drugs, only as directed.

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MRS. ROSS TAYLOR ROBERTS

Brooks, Roberts wed in double ring ceremony

Jody Lynne Brooks and Ross Taylor Roberts were united in a double ring ceremony, July 31 at the First United Methodist Church of Stanton. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Curtis Cadenhead of Abilene. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Brooks of Stanton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Roberts of Big Spring.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Perry of Big Spring and Mrs. Kay Brooks of Sweetwater. She is the great granddaughter of Mrs. Helen Turnbull of Weinert.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a white satin and embroidered lace gown designed by Alfred Angelo. The fitted bodice was adorned with hand beaded sequins and pearls, a sweetheart neckline, a keyhole back and long fitted sleeves. From the dropped Basque waistline, a full skirt was adorned with hand beaded motifs. The cathedral length train was trimmed with hand beaded motifs and scalloped border lace. The bride chose a wreath headpiece of white flowers and pearls and a fingertip illusion veil. She carried a bouquet of white orchids and roses.

In keeping with tradition, something old were three gold wedding bands that belonged to her great great grandmothers; something new was her wedding gown; something borrowed was a strand of pearls belonging to her grandmother; and something blue was her mother's wedding garter.

Bridal attendants wore evening length dresses of navy Windsor satin. Each carried a bouquet of white lilies. Serving as matron of honor was sister of the bride, Lisa Baggerly of Teague. Robin Gilbreath of Stephenville was maid of honor. The bride's attendants were Holli Welch, Sharon Henson, Cindy Roberts, sister-in-law of the groom, and Kayla Roberts, sister of the groom. Flower girl was Kaylee Roberts, niece of the groom.

The groom was attired in a classic black tuxedo with tails and a white vest. His attendants wore classic black tuxedos with navy vests. Jason Roberts, brother of the groom, served as best man. Attendants were Michael Roberts, brother of the groom, Michael Barkley, Montana Howell, Dee Lott and Jeremy Smith. Nephews of the bride and groom, Sawyer Roberts served as ring bearer and Chandler Baggerly, as candlelighter. Cousins of the bride, Tanner Crain and Brooke and Brandi Byrd also served as attendants. Ushers were Matthew Blocker, Jeremy Louder and Kason Anderson.

Special music was by vocalists Melissa Wheeler and Reggie Franklin accompanied by Lyn Porter, organist and Lynn Smith, pianist. Navy candles were lit during the ceremony in loving memory of Dirk Perry and 'Shorty' Roberts.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony. Serving in the houseparty were Linda Burns, Teresa Herm and Margie Chandler.

The reception was designed with a lighted tulle gazebo, extended scenes of skies, pedestals, arches and a heart shaped cage of lovebirds. Two silver fountains in the archways flowed with punch and water. The bride's cake was a seven-layer satellite arrangement decorated with white lilies, orchids and pink roses topped with a musical porcelain bride and groom. Serving at the bride's table were Leslie Stewart, Robyna Dean and Katie Bowman.

The groom's table was decorated with a silver candelabra of white lilies and orchids. A basket weave chocolate cake filled with Parisian creme and adorned with white hearts and lovebirds was served along with chocolate dipped strawberries and pecans. Jenifer Roberts and Laura Elrod attended the groom's table.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Neal Roberts.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will be at home in Midland.

Haskell 4-H Clubs begin new club year

The Haskell County 4-H Clubs will begin their new club year this month.

•Haskell Jr. Club - Haskell Co. Extension Office, Sept. 14 at 5:00 p.m. Lynette Tribbey and Kristi Jones will be leaders.

•Haskell Sr. Club - Haskell Co. Extension Office, Sept. 12 at 2:00 p.m. Debra Bartley and Debbie Brister will be leaders.

•Rochester 4-H Club - Rochester School cafeteria, Sept. 12 at 5:00 p.m. Susan Cockerell is the leader.

•Rule 4-H Club (Clover Kids) - Rule School cafeteria after school Sept. 14. Renee Dudensing and Martha Wolsch will be the leaders.

A Jr. and Sr. Club Food Show meeting will be held Sun., Sept. 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the Haskell County Extension Office for those interested in the Food and Nutrition Project area of 4-H. The County Food Show will be held Oct. 18.

For more information contact the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2658 or 864-2546, or any of the above listed club leaders.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Having lunch at the Dairy Queen on Tues. and visiting with long time senior citizen friends were Dessie and Jay Ross of Irving.

On Wed. Dorann Reding of Seymour took her parents, Frank and Joyce White, to Abilene where Frank had a doctor's appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Josselet of Dimmit spent the weekend visiting his mom Hope Josselet and her mom Inez Mobley.

Bobby Hawkins of Lewisville spent the weekend visiting mom Joyce Hawkins and other relatives. Bobby also went bird hunting; his friends Charlie White and Leroy Steinman from Eastland hunted with him on Sat.

Lee and Polly Gray of Midland came by on Sun. on their way home from Grapeland where they attended the musical festival. They visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Gray.

Vivian Roberson visited her granddaughter Lisa and daughter Sarah in Lubbock over the weekend.

On Mon. evening Margaret Tatum gave her sister Darlene Conn a hamburger supper for her birthday with family helping her celebrate.

We were glad to see Marc and Melisa Robison back in town for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Don White of Jacksboro visited parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank White and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. David Conn and girls with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carroll of Weinert went to Odessa over the weekend to attend the wedding of a cousin and nephew and to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Cochran attended a Cochran family reunion at Possum Kingdom over the weekend.

New officers elected for Noah Project-North

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee recently elected new officers for the new fiscal year 1999-2000.

Gene Gibbs was elected chair person; Sandy Forehand, vice chair person; Ben McGee, treasurer; Joan Strickland, secretary; Sheila McMeans, fundraising chair

person; and Louetta Davis, nominating chair person.

The Noah Project - North is an outreach of Noah Project, Inc. of Abilene and provides services for Jones, Haskell, Knox, Throckmorton and Stonewall counties. Donna Sue Anders is the Service Area Director for Noah - North.

Don't pack away the sunscreen; it's for more than summer use

Sunscreens should not be packed away with the beach balls and picnic baskets at the end of summer.

"Use a sunscreen every day. It's not just for the beach," said Dr. John Wolf, chairman of the dermatology department at Baylor College of Medicine.

Sunscreen of SPF 15 or more should be used. For those planning

to be in the sun for several hours or those especially sensitive to the sun, a SPF of 30 or more should be used, Wolf said.

"Most people don't realize the importance of protecting their skin. Studies show that 70 percent of sunlight damage occurs during average, everyday activities," he said.



MELANIE MICHAELS



TERESA RODRIGUEZ

Michaels, Rodriguez recognized by Bealls

Melanie Michaels, associate at Bealls located in Haskell, recently received the Associate of the Quarter award for May-July 1999. The award was presented at the Aug. 28 store meeting. Each quarter Stage Stores, Inc., honors outstanding associates for practicing good customer service, going the extra mile for customers and setting a positive example

for all associates. Haskell native Teresa Rodriguez, has been named the new manager of the Bealls Store in Haskell.

The daughter of Andy and Frances Rodriguez, Teresa has been an employee of Bealls for the last three years.

She has three young daughters, Alexis, Haley, and Maegan.

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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — The number of Texas students from the class of 1999 who took the SAT college entrance exam reached an all-time high of 104,144, an increase of 3,727 over 1998, the Texas Education Agency reported.

Fifty percent of the estimated 208,288 seniors in Texas public and private schools in 1999 took the SAT.

"We are pleased that the number of Texas students who take college-entrance exams is increasing," said Education Commissioner Mike Moses, who left office Sept. 3 to become vice deputy chancellor of Texas Tech University System in Lubbock.

Average scores posted by Texas students were similar to national results. The average verbal score for Texas students held steady at 494 for the third year in a row, while nationally the verbal score remained stable at 505 for the fourth straight year. The average math score for Texas students fell from 501 in 1998 to 499 in 1999.

Moses said he was troubled by Texas' decline in the average math score. Nationally, math scores dropped one point from 512 in 1998 to 511 this year.

"I hope local district officials will study their own SAT scores and determine whether any action should be taken in their schools. I am pleased but not satisfied that the average verbal scores held steady despite the large increase in test takers," he said.

Texas seniors who reported that they ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating class scored an average 573 on the verbal section of the test and an average 588 on the math section, well above the national average on the exam.

The number of Texans who took the American College Testing (ACT) exam also rose from 64,064 in 1998 to 65,094 this year.

Redistricting Changes Eyed
In 2001, the Texas Senate will have to redraw the boundaries of state and federal legislative districts.

Based on projections by the Texas Legislative Council, the number of people in each Senate district will be 659,800; in each House district, 136,360; and in each congressional district, 639,200.

Over the last 10 years, Republican majority districts have grown faster than Democratic districts, the legislative council said, and 7 of the 10 fastest-growing Senate

districts are Republican.

Texas' population is expected to swell to more than 20 million by the time the next U.S. Census is taken in April 2000. Redistricting will be based on the new census.

Protesters Sue Governor

The environmental groups Texans United and Downwinders At Risk and three demonstrators have filed a lawsuit in Travis County against Gov. George W. Bush, the Department of Public Safety and the three DPS commissioners, seeking judgments that would force the state to acknowledge the demonstrators' right to protest in front of the Governor's Mansion.

The protesters were arrested at the mansion four times last spring. In each case the Travis County District Attorney's Office dropped charges of blocking an entry way.

Welfare Caseloads Decrease

The Texas Workforce Commission reported at the end of its fiscal year last week that welfare caseloads in Texas have fallen for 43 consecutive months.

Over 130,000 cases and 359,387 Texans moved off welfare rolls since the state Welfare to Work program was launched in September 1995.

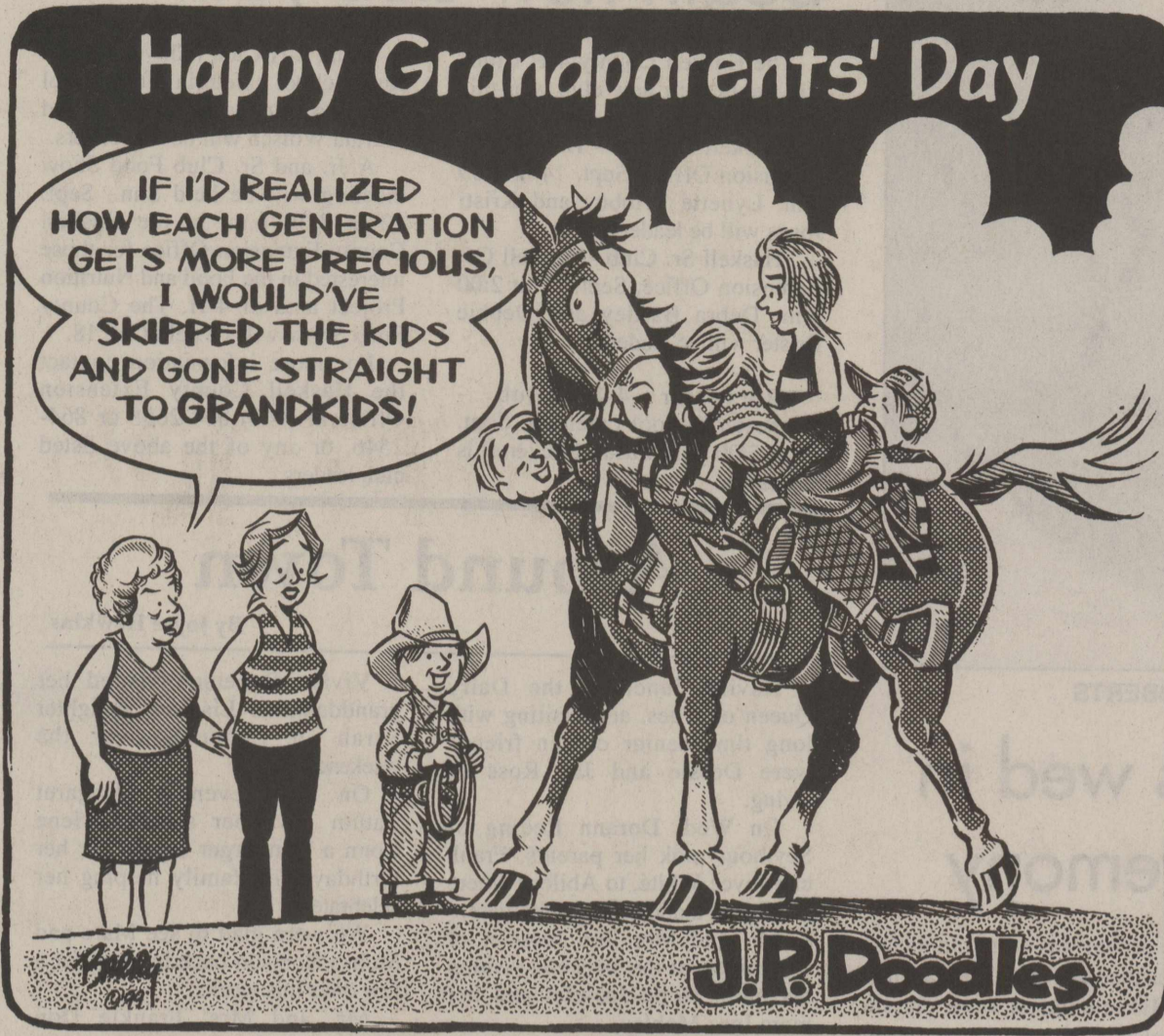
The agency's employment services assisted more than 1.4 million people last year, and over 1 million applicants entered employment.

In 1999, the agency logged more than 660,000 initial claims for unemployment insurance.

Other Highlights

■ In a report released last week, State Auditor Lawrence Allwin questioned criteria used by the Texas Lottery Commission in evaluating bids for the lottery operator contract in 1997. Those bids were rejected, and Gtech Corp. continued as lottery operator. Allwin said commissioners should be more involved in the awarding of agency contracts, rather than leaving such decisions to the executive director.

■ Texas public school officials do not consistently remove violent students to alternative education programs as the 1995 Safe Schools Act requires, according to a state audit released last week. Preliminary data shows that of the 850 acts that didn't result in expulsion to Juvenile Justice alternative education programs, 255 involved illegal knives, 218 included other types of weapons and 196 were aggravated assaults.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Although it may never be featured in a Chamber of Commerce brochure as a reason to visit or locate a business here, one of the great things about Haskell is the large group of older people living here.

In a community that is understandably concerned with future growth and the need for being infused with younger families and workers, the asset of having a large percent of its citizens over age sixty-five shouldn't be discounted.

Older people can, should, and do offer a useful service. This group contributes to the good of the community in a lot of ways that might not show up on a demographic pie chart in a business strategy planning session.

Volunteering their time, talents, and financial resources, individually and in groups, many of the older people of Haskell make a difference in the quality of life here.

Through their unselfish sharing of what they have, many older people in this community are the supportive backbone of our local churches and projects.

The many seniors owning property here continue to contribute greatly to the welfare of the community by paying school taxes long after their own children leave. Older people are a considerable consumer group.

By their very presence, many are the steadying factor in the lives of younger families, adding a valuable dimension of balance to the often unbalanced world of youngsters.

In that way, Senior Citizens are in a special position. Having

already come down roads that were often filled with the bumps, ruts and detours of life, older people have been given a great opportunity to use it to become positive role models of responsible living, and to be patient, understanding, wise-thinking mentors to the young.

It isn't hard to look around and find those seniors who recognize this responsibility, and who are adding to the atmosphere of wholeness in the community.

Reaching out in care to others, and "looking after" one another, they serve a real need, when younger people's time must be used in taking care of the demands of jobs and of raising families.

As I have found, since retiring and moving here from Austin, Haskell is (to paraphrase a slogan) "a great place to be silver," (or whatever other color we may be putting on it now).

I have to appreciate that older people also contribute to the community and the world with their special sense of humor.

One of the best coping mechanisms for them, along with a strong faith, is their ability to laugh. And of course, considering what they are experiencing in this latter part of their lives--when they look at it all--they have more to laugh about than any younger person can imagine.

But, as someone has said, "Getting older is a matter of mind over matter--if you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

Certainly, keeping a healthy balance with a good attitude and sense of humor is paramount to

getting through it with at least a modicum of grace about the whole situation. Sharing the humor with kindred souls makes it even better.

Our friend and fellow "84" player, Pauline Norman, recently shared the following bit of "senior" humor sent to her by former Haskell resident, Eddie Smart, who married Diane Burson. He is a Methodist minister in Arlington.

The Top Ten Hymns for Seniors:

#10: It is well with my soul-- BUT MY BACK HURTS A LOT.

#9: Nobody knows the trouble I have SEEING.

#8: Amazing Grace, CONSIDERING MY AGE.

#7: Just a SLOWER walk with thee.

#6: Count your many BIRTHDAYS, and name them one by one.

#5: Go tell it on the mountain, AND SPEAK UP!

#4: Give me that OLD TIMERS religion!

#3: Blessed INSURANCE.

#2: Guide me "O" thou Great Jehovah, I FORGOT WHERE I PARKED.

And for the Top Hymn for seniors:

#1: Nearer my God to thee, AS I PICK UP SPEED!

In case of a close tie #1 Alternate is: Precious Memories, AND THEY'RE (DANGED) FEW!

Thank goodness for healthy-minded fellow seniors in Haskell who know and agree that, "Life is fatal, but not necessarily always serious."

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago September 7, 1989

Rule Jubilee queen candidates have started selling tickets for votes. The candidates are Mary Lou Hernandez, Melissa Carreon, Angela Hisey, Kenna Tanner, Laressa LeFevre, Traci Landes, Laura Boger, Tori Jenkins and Tammy Sanders.

Charlotte S. Arendall is listed on the Dean of Instruction's Honor Roll at Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater. She is enrolled in the Emergency Medical Service/Paramedic program.

Lorie Alvarez of Haskell was among the Western Texas College cosmetology students honored at a reception. Alvarez is the daughter of Alberto and Betty Alvarez of Haskell and a graduate of Haskell High School.

20 Years Ago September 6, 1979

The Haskell County Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes spent a busy Labor Day weekend. They ran their annual Labor Day Rest Stop and they manned the phones for the local donations for the Jerry Lewis MD Tele-thon. \$1,201.00 was raised in Haskell.

Haskell High School twirlers and Drum Major attended Texas Tech Band Camp. The twirlers won 2nd place for having an outstanding twirling line. Drum Major is Sharla Drinnon. Twirlers are Tonya Roberts, Sonja Tidrow and Kim Griffith.

30 Years Ago September 4, 1969

The Haskell Jaycees had seven members represented at the Regional Forum held at Cisco. Haskell Jaycees won the travel trophy and trophy for the most members present.

The Haskell High majorettes are Linda Hartsfield, Denise Roberson, Karen Felker, Bonnie Adkins, Lugene Lane and Lynda Lane.

Paula Mayfield, Haskell High School student, and Glenn Dudensing, Paint Creek High School student spoke to members of the Rotary Club. Both speakers spoke on "Citizenship and Communism."

40 Years Ago September 3, 1929

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Conner spent the weekend in Lubbock where they attended a meeting of florists.

Jesse James Priest is the new highway patrolman in Haskell according to Sgt. Frank Jircik. Personnel in the Haskell office now includes Sgt. Jircik and Patrolmen Tommy Wood and Priest.

Haskell High School cheerleaders Betty Sue Larned, Carol Jircik, Kay Wiseman, Becky Watson, Opal Wallace and Julie Collins returned last week from S.M.U. Cheerleading School.

50 Years Ago September 8, 1949

Mrs. W. P. Trice has begun her duties as County School Nurse under the new school program.

The American Legion Auxiliary of Rogers-Cox Post No. 221 met and elected officers and discussed plans for future activities. Officers elected were: Bessie Rich, president; Ethel Kirkpatrick, vice-president; Jane Holt, secretary-treasurer; Gerry Cox, sergeant-at-arms; Annie Reynolds, reporter; Mrs. J. M. Diggs, chaplain.

Ralph Raney, local cotton buyer, has returned from Houston where he spent several months during the summer. He will reopen his cotton office this week at 102 North Ave. D.

Hartsell A. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Johnson of Haskell, is now preaching for the Church of Christ in Amorita, Okla.

90 Years Ago September 4, 1909

Mr. Buckner of Rochester has destroyed the bugs on two acres of watermelons by sprinkling with liquor of tobacco juice. He took fifty cents worth of tobacco and made a barrel of liquor and applied with a sprinkler. Since treating the vines they are putting on melons and looking better and insects have ceased their ravages.

J. V. Hudson, C. V. Long, F. M. Todd, H. S. Wilson and Joe McCree of Haskell and J. E. Robertson of Weibert left in an auto for Roswell, N. M. They will be gone ten days and will visit a number of points on the Plains.

Back the Indians!

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Food for thought

by Neil Anderson

"For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." Romans 8:14

A young pilot had just passed the point of no return when the weather changed for the worse. Visibility dropped to a matter of feet as fog descended to the earth. Putting total trust in the cockpit instruments was a new experience to him, for the ink was still wet on the certificate verifying that he was qualified for instrument flying.

The landing worried him the most. His destination was a crowded metropolitan airport he wasn't familiar with. In a few minutes he would be in radio contact with the tower. Until then, he was alone with his thoughts. His instructor had practically forced him to memorize the rule book. He didn't care for it at the time, but now he was thankful.

Finally he heard the voice of the air traffic controller. "I'm going to put you on a holding pattern," the controller radioed. Great! thought the pilot. However, he knew that his safe landing was in the hands of this person. He had to draw upon

his previous instructions and training and trust the voice of an air traffic controller he couldn't see. Aware that this was no time for pride, he informed the controller. "This is not a seasoned pro up here. I would appreciate any help you could give me."

"You've got it!" he heard back.

For the next 45 minutes, the controller gently guided the pilot through the blinding fog. As course and altitude corrections came periodically, the young pilot realized the controller was guiding him around obstacles and away

from potential collisions. With the words of the rule book firmly placed in his mind and with the gentle voice of the controller, he landed safely at last.

The Holy Spirit guides us through the maze of life much like that air traffic controller. The controller assumed that the young pilot understood the instructions of the flight manual. His guidance was based on that. Such is the case with the Holy Spirit; He can guide us if we have a knowledge of God's Word and His will established in our minds.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

Winner of the king size quilt at the Haskell County Library quilt raffle was Michelle Worrell of Haskell.

The library would like to thank everyone who bought tickets and helped support this project to benefit the Friends of the Library Building Fund. We raised another \$679.00 for this project.

Special thanks goes to Wanda Ham who provided the materials

and pieced the quilt and to the Experienced Citizens Center who did the quilting.

Our building fund has \$4,269.00 thus far. If anyone would like to make a donation to the Friends of the Library Building Fund, the account number is 183482 at the Haskell National Bank.

Thank you.
Joan Strickland
Librarian, HCL

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Forty-two receive recognition at annual 4-H banquet

Forty-two Haskell Co. 4-H'ers were recognized for their accomplishments in the 1998-99 4-H year during the Haskell County 4-H Awards Program held Aug. 28.

Farmers National Bank of Rule; Federal Land Bank Association, First American Bank, First National Bank and Haskell National Bank, all of Haskell; Home State Bank in Rochester; and Ag Credit of Texas, PCA, of Stamford were co-sponsors for the event held at the American Legion Hall in Haskell.

Brittany Bartley, president of the Haskell Senior 4-H Club and delegate to the District 3 4-H Council, served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Levi Terry gave the invocation. The 4-H Motto and

Pledge was led by Tabitha Coker. Ross Bullinger recognized the special guests.

The entertainment for the afternoon program was Wes Cooper, District 3 4-H Council 1st vice president and Public Relations officer for the Texas State 4-H Council, from Olney. Cooper talked about not giving up and reaching your goals.

Brandy Gardner announced the names of the 42 4-H'ers receiving project awards pins. Area 4-H Club Managers Debra Bartley, Renee Dudensing and Lynette Tribbey awarded these 4-H'ers with their awards:

Beef: Brittany Bartley, Chambray Bartley, Amber Bingham, Courtney Buerger, Teddy Sue Harris, Stephen Pace,

Levi Terry, Amy Turner and Mary Belle Turner.

Clothing: Brittany Jordan, Ashley Lisle, Kerri Newton, Miranda Robertson, Selina Salinas, Robbyn Tribbey and Tasha Zarate.

Foods & Nutrition: Tabitha Coker, Abby Dudensing, Emery Dudensing, Kyla Jones, Kade Kittley and Holly Wolsch.

Government: Brandy Gardner

Leather: Ross Bullinger
Photography: Chase Cockerell, Laci Townsend, Tandi Townsend and Derrick Tribbey.

Poultry: MacKenzie Miller
Rabbit: Crystal Burton
Sheep: Candace Brister, Caleb Hudgens and B. J. Opsahl

Swine: Samantha Kittley, Kortney Kupatt, Tara Lisle, Sam Long, Jacob Manske, Kyle Michaels, Jennifer Murray, Laci Standefer and Keith Wilcox.

Eleven 4-H'ers received trophies and year pins for completion of record books. Debbie Brister announced the awards and Debra Bartley presented the awards. Those receiving recognition were:

Brittany Bartley - Beef - 8 years
Candace Brister - Sheep - 1 year
Ross Bullinger - Clothing and Textiles - 6 years
Chase Cockerell - Photography - 3 years

Abby Dudensing - Foods and Nutrition - 4 years
Emery Dudensing - Foods and

Nutrition - 3 years
Brandy Gardner - Foods and Nutrition - 8 years

B. J. Opsahl - Sheep - 6 years
Selina Salinas - Clothing and Textiles - 9 years

Derrick Tribbey - Photography - 3 years

Robbyn Tribbey - Clothing and Textiles - 2 years

B. J. Opsahl announced the adult leaders and their years of service as Tara Lisle and Cliff McGuire awarded certificates to the following leaders:

21 years - Kim Crawford
13 years - James Bevel and Kay Smith
12 years - Nene Comedy and Abby Salinas

10 years - Darlene Walton
9 years - Renee Dudensing
8 years - Debra Bartley, Dale Bullinger, Sharee Gardner, Joey Kimbrough, Patrick Pace and Jane Smith

7 years - Joetta Burnett, Duane Gilly, Birdie Goudeau, Dalyn Griffith, Charlotte Peiser, Karen Smart, Leland Terry, Rod Townsend and Velvet Townsend

6 years - Greg Brister, Paula Everett and Karleece Nowlin

5 years - Michael Bartley, Valiene Bullinger, Judy Chapman and Tammy Parham

4 years - Glenn Brzozowski, Michelle Dunnam and Lena Tidwell

3 years - Debbie Brister, Susan Cockerell, Kenny Cockerell, Roland Gardner, Kay Lisle, Sid Smart, Cara Thomasson and Lynette Tribbey

2 years - Ann Brumley, Lori Combs, Renee McClellan, Sharon McGhee, Fonda Newton, Bart Parham, Reid Penman, Melisa Robison and Martha Wolsch

1 year - Imogene Aycock, Scott Bingham, Sylvia Bingham, Gina Buerger, Kenneth Buerger, Robert Combs, Sandy Flores, Stanley Hager, Kristi Jones, Wes Jones, Kristi Long, Carmel Pace, Michelle Toney and Paula Wilcox.

Selina Salinas recognized the Junior leaders as Renee Dudensing and Levi Terry presented certificates to:

3 years - Brittany Bartley, J. J. Comedy, Amanda Crawford, Brandy Gardner and Selina Salinas

2 years - Levi Terry

1 year - Tabitha Coker, Mindy Howard, Katy McDaniel, Kyle Michaels, Jennifer Smith, Justin Teague, Missy Teague and Mary Belle Turner.

The awards for outstanding individuals and families were presented by Haskell County Extension Agents Lou Gilly and Brandon Anderson. The Friend of 4-H was given to Extension secretary, Tammy Parham, for her time and efforts dedicated to 4-H. The Outstanding 4-H Leader Award was presented to Debra Bartley for her continued leadership of the Haskell Sr. 4-H and also project leadership. The Greg Brister family was presented as Haskell County's Outstanding 4-H Family. These awards were presented by Haskell County 4-H and Youth Committee Chairman, Dale Bullinger.

Special 4-H awards followed. Four new county awards were awarded along with the annual Gold Star. The winner of the Haskell County Rookie Award was Candace Brister. The Haskell County 4-H Clover Award was presented to Robbyn Tribbey. The Silver Star Award, which is the equivalency of the Gold Star for 12-14 year olds, was presented to B. J. Opsahl. The Danforth "I Dare You" Award for Leadership was given to Brandy Gardner. This year's recipient of the Gold Star Award was Selina Salinas.

Many area businesses donated door prizes enough that each 4-H'er at the banquet received a prize. Debra Bartley gave closing remarks. She thanked the lending institutions and everyone else who has supported Extension activities this past year. The meeting was adjourned to homemade ice cream and desserts.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Sept. 16 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.



NEW AWARDS- Receiving awards for excelling in their 4-H Club work during the 1998-99 4-H Club year are, from the left, B. J. Opsahl, Silver Award; Robbyn Tribbey, Clover Award; Candace Brister, Rookie Award, and Brandy Gardner, Danforth "I Dare You" award.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Special Election
NOVEMBER 2, 1999

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 44 - HJR 44 proposes a constitutional amendment that would ensure a clear succession in event of vacancies in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Specifically, the amendment would provide that if after qualifying for the office, the Governor is temporarily unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall act as Governor until the Governor is able to serve; but if the Governor is permanently unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall become the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The amendment would require a Lieutenant Governor who becomes Governor to forfeit the office of Lieutenant Governor. The amendment would also provide similar succession procedures when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor before the newly elected Governor qualifies for office, and when the newly elected Governor is temporarily unable to take office. The amendment also would provide that if there is a temporary vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate will fill the position; but if there is a permanent vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall serve as Lieutenant Governor only until such time as the whole senate can convene to elect one of its members to perform the duties of Lieutenant Governor. Finally, the amendment would provide that if the Lieutenant Governor, while temporarily exercising the powers of the Governor, becomes temporarily disabled or unable to serve, the President pro tempore of the senate shall exercise the powers and authority of the office of the Governor until such time as the Governor or Lieutenant Governor resumes those powers and duties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to revise the provisions for the filling of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 12 - SJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment that would resolve conflicts between the Texas Constitution and federal law relating to the definition, rules, and procedures of reverse mortgages. The amendment would define "reverse mortgage" in part as an extension of credit made against the homestead of a person who is 62 years or older, or whose spouse is 62 years or older. It would expand the list of circumstances under which payment of principal and interest become due and the procedures involved in foreclosure, and would require certain advances to be made according to specific terms in loan documents, including advances by the lender, on behalf of the borrower for payments necessary to protect the lender's interest. Finally, the amendment would require the Texas Supreme Court to promulgate rules of civil procedure expediting court-ordered foreclosures of reverse mortgage liens.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the making of advances under a reverse mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 62 - HJR 62 proposes a constitutional

amendment that would simplify and clarify the language of the Texas Constitution. The amendment would make no substantive changes, but would eliminate duplicative, expired, out-of-date, and ineffective terms.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 4 - HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would broaden the definition of charitable organizations. The amendment would exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of any organization engaged primarily in public charitable functions, and it would allow such an organization to conduct additional activities to support its charitable functions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 26 - SJR 26 proposes an amendment that would remove the restriction prohibiting state employees who receive all or part of their compensation from the state from serving as members of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district unless the state employee receives no salary for such service. The amendment would allow state employees to receive compensation from the governing bodies of which they are members.

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 22 - SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the maximum size of an urban homestead, which is a homestead in a city, town, or village, from one acre to ten acres and require the urban homestead to be composed of either a single lot or several lots that are adjacent to one another. The amendment also would provide that the urban homestead must be used as a home or as both a home and place of business, whereas current law does not require that an urban homestead that is used as a place of business be used also as a home.

Current law further allows a person to secure a home equity loan on their homestead, provided that the loan does not overburden the homestead. That is, the principal amount of the home equity loan, when added to the total of the outstanding principal balances of all other indebtedness secured against the homestead, does not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of the homestead on the date the extension of credit is made. The

proposed amendment would clarify current law by specifically allowing home equity loans on all or part of urban homesteads of up to ten acres and subject such loans to the same requirement that the refinanced or new loan not overburden the homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 16 - HJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that if an employee is delinquent in paying court-ordered spousal maintenance, a portion of that employee's wages may be withheld to pay the spousal maintenance. Current law allows such withholding, or garnishment, only for payment of delinquent court-ordered child support.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 95 - HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the adjutant general, who is appointed by the Governor and who serves as the governing officer of the state military forces, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 10 - SJR 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to create a judicial compensation committee to make recommendations for salaries for the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Courts of Appeals, and the District Courts. The amendment would mandate that the recommendations become law if neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives rejects them by majority vote.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a judicial compensation commission."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 74 - HJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the commissioner of health and human services, who is appointed by the Governor, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 69 - HJR 69 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize a county, city, town, or other political subdivision to

spend public funds or extend credit to purchase nonassessable property or casualty insurance from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. Under current law, a political subdivision is generally prohibited from spending public funds or extending credit to become a stockholder in a corporation but is permitted to purchase nonassessable life, health or accident insurance policies from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. This amendment would authorize a political subdivision to also obtain non-assessable property and casualty insurance from such a company.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health, and accident insurance."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 21 - SJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would exempt from ad valorem taxation a leased motor vehicle that is not used by the lessee primarily to produce income. The amendment would provide that the legislature also may limit the ability of a political subdivision to subject such a vehicle to taxation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 16 - SJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$400 million in order to finance educational loans to students. The amendment also would authorize the Legislature to limit the amount of interest the bonds can bear and establish procedures for the investment of the bond proceeds. The proposed amendment would specify the method of repaying the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 29 - HJR 29 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize the Legislature to require the board of regents of the state university and boards of trustees or managers of the educational, charitable, and penal institutions of the state, whose members serve six year terms, to be composed of an odd number of three or more board members (for example, 5, 7, or 9 members). The proposed amendment would allow approximately one-third of members of boards whose membership is not evenly divisible by three to be elected or appointed every two years. The amendment also would allow the Legislature to set the composition of constitutionally required boards, whose members serve for a term of six years, to a number divisible by three so that exactly one-third of the board members may be elected or appointed every two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that a state board, commission, or other agency shall be governed by a board composed of an odd number of three or more

members."

PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 36 - HJR 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow spouses, by an agreement in writing, to convert all or part of their separate property into community property. Separate property is primarily the property owned or claimed by the spouse before marriage and the property acquired by the spouse during the marriage by gift or inheritance. Community property consists of the property, other than separate property, acquired by either spouse during marriage.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property."

PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 71 - HJR 71 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow a county with a population of 50,000 or more, rather than 30,000 or more, to be divided into four to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts. The amendment also would allow a county with a population between 18,000 and 50,000 to have two to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts, rather than the current maximum of five precincts. Furthermore, the amendment would limit Randall County to not less than two and not more than six precincts. Finally, the amendment would set a minimum of four precincts for any county that as of November 2, 1999, is divided into four or more precincts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts."

PROPOSITION NO. 17 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 58 - HJR 58 proposes a constitutional amendment which would require the board of regents of the University of Texas System to manage investments of the permanent university fund (PUF) according to the standards of a prudent investor. Generally, earnings from the PUF are distributed to the available university fund (AUF) and then ultimately distributed to the public university systems of Texas. Under the amendment, the amount distributed to the AUF would consist of distributions, as determined by the University of Texas System board of regents, from the total return on all investment assets of the PUF, instead of consisting only of the dividends, interest, and other income of the PUF minus administrative expenses. The amendment also would provide guidelines for minimum and maximum amounts to be distributed to the AUF, and require that the board of regents manage distributions to the AUF in a manner that will provide the AUF with a stable and predictable stream of annual distributions and maintain the purchasing power of the PUF investments and annual distributions to the AUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the investment of the permanent university fund and the distribution from the permanent university fund to the available university fund."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 2 de noviembre de 1999. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Tx 78711.

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OUTSTANDING FAMILY—The Greg Brister family was presented the "Outstanding 4-H Family" for 1998-99 during the annual 4-H Awards Program held Aug. 29. From the left, are Greg Brister, Debbie Brister, B. J. Opsahl and Candace Brister.

Children can wear contact lenses

Is your child ready for contact lens wear? How old is "old enough?" These are some of the most frequently asked questions concerning vision correction.

"So much depends on the responsibility level of the child, as there are no hard and fast rules with children and lenses," says Dr. Barry Weiner, past-chairman of the American Optometric Association's contact lens section. "I've fit a child as young as 8. Granted, it was a very mature 8-year-old. There are 14- and 16-year-olds—in fact, 20 year-olds—that I wouldn't fit with contacts."

The need for an eye care professional to assess a child's vision correction needs and to discuss the child's capabilities and maturity level when considering

contacts is important. Personal wear and care regimens may depend upon the type of contact prescribed, the nature of the vision problem being corrected and the child's unique eye chemistry.

Regardless of the type of lens one wears, lens care is now easier and more convenient than ever before, and has become a possibility for many children. Basic lens care includes cleaning, rinsing, disinfecting and storing to keep lenses clean, comfortable and free of bacteria. Parents and children alike are urged to follow specific instructions prescribed by their eye care professionals.

Any parent considering contacts for a child should consult an eye care professional.

Tobacco use by minors is illegal

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
In 1997, the 75th Texas Legislature passed a law aimed towards preventing minors from using tobacco. However, many people still do not understand exactly what Senate Bill 55 outlaws. Senate Bill 55 make the following things illegal.

- Young people under 18 possessing, buying or using tobacco.

- Tobacco sold without ID checks on buyers who look 27 and younger.

- Self-service sales (open displays, tobacco vending machines in places that admit minors.)

- Any outdoor tobacco advertising closer than 1,000 feet

to a church or school.

- Tobacco use by anyone (teachers, parents, students) on school property.

- Tobacco use by anyone (parents, spectators, teachers, visitors) at school-related activities.

Those caught breaking these laws are subject to fines and minors may also face having their license suspended and/or attending a mandatory tobacco awareness class. Local law enforcement, local school boards, the Texas Comptroller's Office and the Texas Attorney General's Office are responsible for enforcing the regulations outlined in Senate Bill 55. For more information regarding Senate Bill 55 please contact your county Extension office.



GOLD STAR—Selina Salinas received the 1998-99 Gold Star Award during the Haskell County 4-H Awards Program, Aug. 29. It is the highest award a 4-H'er can receive on the County level.

Selina Salinas named 4-H Gold Star recipient

by Lou Gilly
and Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agents
A Paint Creek School senior received the county's highest 4-H club award at the annual 4-H county awards banquet held Aug. 29.

Selina Salinas, daughter of Fidel and Abby Salinas, is the recipient of this year's Haskell County Gold Star Award. This award is presented annually to deserving Haskell County 4-H'ers. To be considered for this honor, a 4-H'er must possess excellent leadership and citizenship abilities, must have outstanding academic credentials and must have responsibilities outside 4-H club work in their church, school and community activities.

In recognition of her award selection, Salinas received \$50 and a plaque compliments of the donors to the Haskell County Awards Banquet. They are Farmers National Bank, Rule; Federal Land Bank Association, First American Bank, First National Bank and Haskell National Bank, all of Haskell; Home State Bank, Rochester; and Ag Credit of Texas, PCA in Stamford. In addition she and her parents will be guests at the District 3 4-H Gold Star Banquet to be held in Vernon Oct. 19.

Salinas is an active member of the Haskell Senior 4-H Club and has been actively enrolled in 4-H for 9 years. During that time she carried several main projects. Those projects are swine, clothing & textiles and foods & nutrition. She has participated at the local, county and district level in fashion show,

record book and food show.

Salinas mentions in her application that her family has been a great support through it all; they are always willing to give helpful advice and words of encouragement. She is active in her church. She has taught Sunday school and also has done radio

spots for 4-H in Spanish. She is a great role model for others to follow. She plans to attend college and become a dental hygienist.

All deadlines
are 5 p.m.
on Monday.



FRIEND OF 4-H—Tammy Parham, Haskell County Extension Office Executive Secretary, was recognized for the support and service she gives to the Haskell County 4-H program. She was honored at the annual 4-H Awards Program as the 1998-99 Friend of 4-H.



LEADER—Debra Bartley, one of the 4-H Club Managers of the Haskell Senior 4-H Club, was recognized as Haskell County's 1998-99 Outstanding 4-H Leader, during the Awards Program held Aug. 29.

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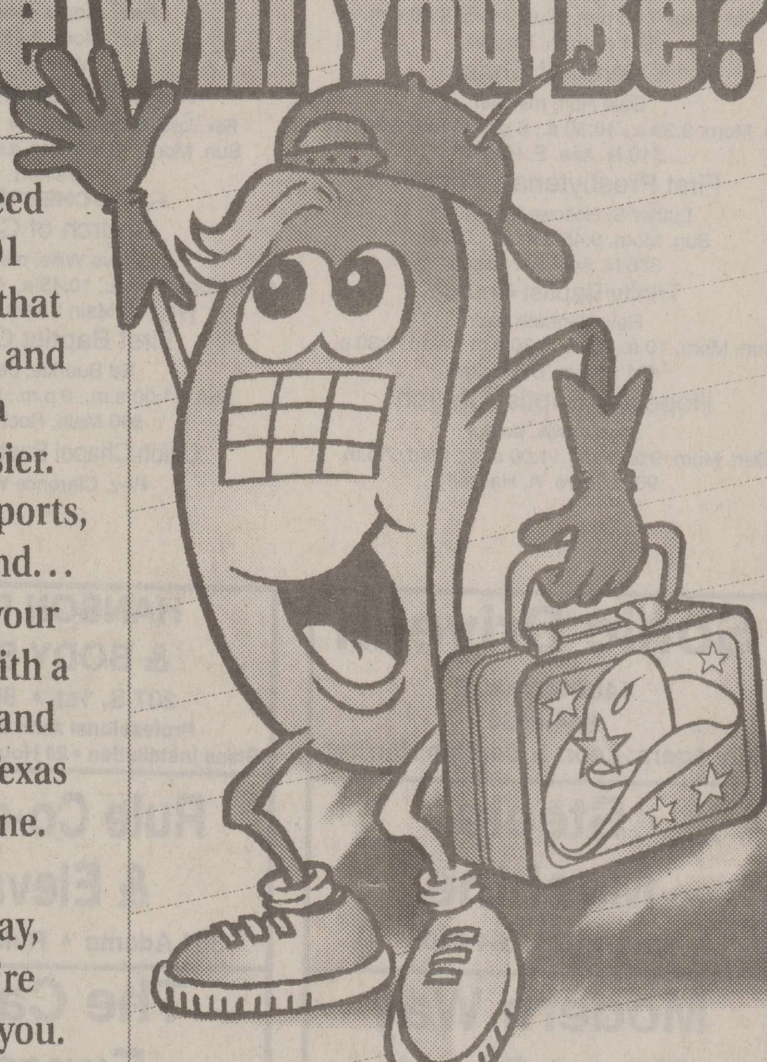
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Single-parent households can be successful with encouragement and needed support

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
During the past three decades, single-parent families have been growing at a fast pace. At the same time, two-parent families have been decreasing. Currently, approximately 74 percent of all families in the United States are two-parent and 26 percent are

single-parent. According to the U. S. Census Bureau, Texas has 79.6 percent two-parent families and 20.4 percent single-parent families.

Most of the literature related to single parents has focused on the problems that they face. Some of these problems include money (a high rate of poverty), role/task

overload, lack of a personal social life and various difficulties with children and ex-spouses. While these difficulties are real, many of the problems of single-parent families can be attributed to the stigma attached to them by society and the lack of a support system.

From a study based on in-depth interviews with most divorced, male and female single parents, Strong, DeVault and Savaad reported some of the characteristics and strengths of successful single parents. Some of the characteristics of successful single parents included:

- Acceptance of responsibilities and challenges of single parenthood
- Parenting as a first priority
- Consistent, nonpunitive discipline

- Emphasis on open communication
- Fostering individuality that is supported by the family
- Recognition of the need for self-nurturance
- Dedication to rituals and traditions

Some of the strengths of single-parent families included:

- Parenting skills
- Personal growth
- Communication
- Family management
- Financial support

It is important that single parents be made aware that they can be successful as parents. With all of the negative portrayals being highly publicized, single parents need support and encouragement by those who work with them through training and providing support.

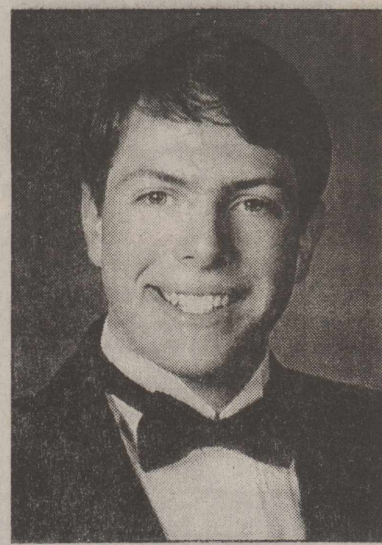
Murray attends McNair conference

Michael Murray, Junior Psychology major at Abilene Christian University, participated in the seventh annual Ronald E. McNair Research Conference Aug. 6-8 at Pennsylvania State University. The conference hosted more than 350 McNair scholars from different parts of the United States as well as Puerto Rico.

Murray presented the results of a research project on The Role of Spirituality in the Survival and Functioning of Cancer Patients. In addition to providing an opportunity for undergraduate McNair scholars to present their summer research findings, the conference also allowed participants to network with professors and other students and attend a graduate fair with university representatives from all over the country.

Murray conducted his research under the guidance of Angie McDonald, Ph.D., professor of psychology at ACU. They solicited volunteers from the Texas Cancer Center in Abilene. Survey responses show a positive link between spirituality and a cancer patient's physical and psychological well-being.

Murray is a member of the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate



MICHAEL MURRAY

Achievement Program. The program was founded in 1986 in memory of Ronald E. McNair, one of seven astronauts who died aboard the space shuttle Challenger. It is a nationwide initiative that aims to prepare low income first generation and minority college students for graduate studies. Murray plans to enter a Masters program after graduating from ACU.

He is a 1997 graduate of Rule High School and the son of Ed and Charlene Murray of Rule.

First Baptist Church to 'Round-Up' members

First Baptist Church Haskell will celebrate a Fall Round-Up Sept. 12. An attempt will be made by Sunday School workers to "round-up" all class members for the high attendance day. Everyone is encouraged to dress western.

Guest musicians will present special music. Bro. Troy Culppepper will preach on "God's Last Round-Up."

Youth Minister Greg Rake and the youth will be in charge of the evening service.

This Week's Devotional Message:



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Most of us have never worked on a newspaper, and so we cannot appreciate what goes into it. As it is, we merely take it for granted and expect to find it on our doorstep, in our mailbox, in a dispenser or at the corner newsstand. In it we read about all the strife and turmoil around the world, the latest happenings in our government, and reports of murders, fires

and natural disasters; as well as the happier side of the news. There are also features, and among them a helpful House of Worship directory. So read your newspaper and remember those who spent long hours putting it together for you; to place that priceless symbol of the freedom we enjoy in this country right there in your hands.

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- 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**
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
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.m.
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.m.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Kevin and Sharon Fletcher, pastors
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

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

Joel Rister, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Methodist Church

Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crowover
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Ed Buerkle, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Clarence Walker

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.
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Faith Lutheran Church

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

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.
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Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

New Life Baptist Mission

Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

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

Haskell School Menu

Sept. 13-17

Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Cereal offered daily.

Monday: Buttered toast/jelly

Tuesday: Egg, toast and sausage

Wednesday: Blueberry muffins

Thursday: Biscuits/gravy, and sausage

Friday: Breakfast pizza

Lunch

A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the High School. Ala-carte line offered daily

Secondary only. Snack bar price list posted in each class. Milk and assorted drinks are served daily at

the High School. Milk and juice is served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Frito pie, pinto beans, seasoned spinach, cornbread, fruit cocktail

Tuesday: Sliced turkey/gravy, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, diced pears

Wednesday: Taco salad, grated cheese, lettuce and tomatoes, refried beans, fruit cobbler

Thursday: Chicken on bun, French fries, pickle spears, Jello cake

Friday: Chicken fried steak/gravy, creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, ice cream

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, September 13

Lunch-Mexican beef-a-roni, Mexicale corn, tossed salad, green beans, peaches 'n' cream, cookie, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Wednesday, September 15
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Service blood pressure check
11:45 a.m. Lou Gilly

Lunch-Oven fried chicken, gravy, potatoes, baked corn, jellied vegetable salad, peanut butter chews, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Thursday, September 16

Fund Raiser - Stew and cornbread, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. \$4.00

Friday, September 17
Lunch-Roast beef, gravy, potatoes, broccoli, mixed fruit, cookie, 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.

Regular exercise will improve your life

Did you know that regular physical activity not only will remove pounds and inches from your figure, but also will improve your sleep, raise your self esteem, and improve bone density, reducing your risk of osteoporosis and fractures as you age?

Incorporating a little exercise into your everyday life will improve your mental and physical health. Physicians of Texas Medical Association list several of the many benefits of exercise:

*Gives you energy to do the things you enjoy, such as spending quality time with friends and family.

*Reduces feelings of stress, anxiety, and depression.

*Clears your head so you can approach work refreshed and able to concentrate.

*Reduces the risk of heart disease, or improves physical functioning even if you have had a heart attack or bypass surgery.

*Reduces the risk of colon cancer.

*Lowers high blood pressure and risks of stroke.

*Controls blood sugar (glucose) levels if you have, or are at risk for,

diabetes.

Dr. Ted Edwards, an Austin gastroenterologist, says "The one thing you can do that will dramatically improve your health-aside from quitting smoking-is exercise."

In a study, participants who walked as little as three miles a week reduced their absenteeism from work from eight days a year to three. Dr. Edwards adds that the minimum you can do to improve your health is to walk three miles a week. The optimum is three miles, three times a week.

"This is a good expectation for anyone; something just about anyone can do," Edwards said.

A Health Tip bulletin from the Texas Medical Association reminds everyone to keep in mind that you can fit exercise into your schedule even if you are busy. You don't have to add a heavy workout routine into your already- hectic day. Instead, add a few activities that fit naturally. For example, you might walk to lunch spots at a distance from your office instead of always frequenting the nearest cafe. Or take stairs instead of the elevator. Walk to the store to pick up items, rather than driving there. Or go for a brisk walk in your neighborhood to unwind after work (or before work, to prepare yourself mentally for the day).

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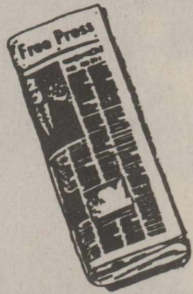
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Sales tax receipts continue to decrease

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$187.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,097 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 3.9 percent increase over the \$180.5 million allocated in September 1998. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 6.2 percent ahead of last year.

"Sales tax collections continue to expand as Texas communities gain new businesses and new jobs," Comptroller Rylander said. September sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in July and reported to the Comptroller in August.

The sales tax rebates included \$172.5 million to Texas cities. Thus far in 1999, rebates to cities are 6.8 percent higher than for the same period in 1998.

Texas counties received September sales tax rebates of \$15.2 million. Year-to-date rebates to counties are virtually identical to the first nine months of 1998.

Another \$6.1 million went to 44 special purpose districts around the state. Texas' six Metropolitan Transit Authorities and two City Transit Departments received a total of \$226 million in sales tax rebates.

Haskell County had a 14.89 percent decrease for September, 1999 of \$21,736.80 in comparison to \$25,541.62 for September, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$245,578.98 reflect a 8.61 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$268,731.60.

The City of Haskell had a 14.24 percent decrease for September, 1999 of \$20,539.87 in comparison to \$23,952.91 for September, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$227,585.64 reflect a 7.99 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$247,357.74.

O'Brien had a 74.20 percent decrease for September, 1999 of \$18.14 in comparison to \$70.32 for September, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$754.48 reflect

a 42.76 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$1,318.29.

Rochester had a 30.31 percent decrease for September, 1999 of \$446.47 in comparison to \$640.67 for September, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$5,029.26 reflect a 25.09 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$6,714.45.

Rule had a 16.16 percent decrease for September, 1999 of \$695.73 in comparison to \$829.86 for September, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$10,681.25 reflect a 10.53 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$11,938.78.

Weinert had a 23.54 percent decrease for September, 1999 of \$36.59 in comparison to \$47.86 for September, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$1,528.35 reflect a 8.98 percent increase over 1998 payments to date of \$1,402.34.



OVER AND IN—Haskell Indians team up to take another touchdown into the end zone during the Indian's winning game with the Munday Moguls last Friday at Munday. photo by Bill Blankenship

Haskell Volunteer Fire Department receives 5,000-gallon tanker

Haskell Volunteer Fire Department has obtained a free 5,000-gallon truck tanker from the Texas Forest Service, courtesy of the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) equipment program. Under the FEPP program, equipment acquired through the military is transferred to qualifying fire departments at no cost.

The passage of legislation minimizing liability to industrial companies that donate used firefighting equipment for volunteer fire department use has made additional equipment available, and more donations are likely. Companies interested in donating industrial fire equipment should contact the TFS Rural Fire Defense Section at 409-639-8130 for information on the Industrial Helping Hands program. The value of equipment received to date now exceeds \$4 million.

Volunteer fire departments may save money in another way. A self-insurance vehicle liability insurance pool also administered by the Texas Forest Service offers liability coverage for \$250 per vehicle, ambulances excluded.

Volunteer fire departments can also purchase firefighter clothing,

hand tools and water handling accessories at discount prices through the Fire Safe program. Fire Safe sales to date exceed \$4.5 million, according to the state forestry agency.

Detailed information on volunteer

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Richard George Satterfield and Lena Jane Green, both of Haskell

Brian Lee Manske of Sagerton and Joni Ann Penman of Rochester.

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