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## City, County move forward on regional jail issue

By Mary Kaigler

Overwhelming approval was expressed in the written comments of about four hundred Haskell and Haskell area citizens attending the Monday night Town Hall Meeting at the high school auditorium to discuss and decide about pursuing the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center.

After hearing from several consultants and officials, including Gary McSwain of Management and Training Corporation, which will manage the jail facility; Professor of Economics, John Martinez of Midwestern State University; and State Representative David Counts, the floor was open for comment or questions from local citizens. Local area speakers included various business people, educators, landowners and clergy, covering a wide range of age differences. At the end of the evening, cards were distributed for written comments, pro and con, from the citizens attending.

After consideration of the viewpoints expressed during the

open-mike segment of the meeting and analysis of the written comment cards, the City Council voted early Tuesday morning at a

called meeting to join with the county in an Inter-local agreement to go forward with due speed on plans for the Rolling Plains

Regional Jail and Detention Center. The facility will be jointly owned by the city and county and

will be financed with Certificates of Obligation. These certificates will be implemented only in the event of a short fall in the annual project

revenues and insufficient general fund monies from the county and city. Project costs will be approximately \$15 million.

When completed, the facility will house 480 prisoners, 48 of which will constitute the Regional County Jail. The remaining 432 beds will be filled by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Employing approximately 125 people, the yearly payroll is expected to be about \$3 million. According to a breakdown compiled by Management and Training Services, the following dollar amounts can be expected to be locally spent by the facility on a yearly basis:

Labor and Fringes	\$3,000,000
Food	125,000
Health Services	100,000
Maintenance/Supplies	10,000
Gas, Oil, Repairs	6,000
Utilities-Local	450,000
Office Supplies	7,500
Printing	12,000
Misc. Supplies	10,000

This is not all inclusive. Labor will turn 4 to 6 times a year plus additional sales tax revenue that would be generated.

Now past the first step toward pursuing the project, based on the approval of the initial documents to begin the process of constructing the Rolling Plains Regional County Jail and Detention Center, the city and county will be issuing printed public notices giving fourteen days for everyone to be advised of the proposal, and for any petition to the contrary to be put in motion.

Before the Monday night meeting Haskell County Judge David Davis said, "The outcome of this meeting will influence the future of Haskell County for the next 25 to 50 years."

With the prospect now in sight of having a dominant, long term, committed industry/employer in the county, perhaps the substantial number of county merchants who are having a difficult time surviving rough economic conditions, will be able to stay in the game.

Certainly, as the planners point out, this jail project will not solve all of our current economic problems. But it has the possibility of stabilizing our economy and being a cornerstone for future growth, and making the possibility of recruiting new retailers a reality.



**TOWN MEETING**—Listening intently to all viewpoints and fact-filled presentations, approximately four hundred Haskell County residents crowded the high school auditorium Monday night to

discuss and decide on action to take pursuant to the building of the Rolling Plains Regional County Jail and Detention Center. Written comments gave overwhelming approval to the project.

## Friends of Library memberships available

Haskell Church of Christ minister Brett Anderson, vice-president of the Friends of Haskell County Library, a group newly organized to promote and foster the development of the county library, announced July 10, that gifts and donations can be given to the Friends of Haskell County Library as a non-profit organization. Also, membership dues have been established at \$10 for an individual, or \$25 for a family. Lifetime memberships are \$100 for individuals and \$125 for families.

Membership dues or donations may be mailed to Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 923, Haskell, 79521, or brought by the library on North Ave. E.

## Aug. 4-6 declared sales tax holiday

Texas families have an opportunity to stretch their clothing budgets during the second annual Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 4-6, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100," Comptroller Rylander said.

The timing of the Sales Tax Holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year. However, the tax break is not limited to children's school clothes. Highlights include:

- Most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 is exempt from sales taxes. Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.

- Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt. However, athletic clothes that are commonly used as street wear, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps and jogging suits are eligible for the tax exemption.

- Not included in the Sales Tax Holiday are accessories, such as jewelry and watches and items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, wallets and backpacks.

"This year, I am able to make one administrative change. Customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than \$100 on layaway during the Sales Tax Holiday weekend will be permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax," Comptroller Rylander said. "This will allow hard-working families with limited budgets to pay for their purchases a little bit at a time and still receive the tax break."

"In the future, I think backpacks should be tax exempt, because kiddos need them for school," Comptroller Rylander said. "I also would like the Sales Tax Holiday to include fabric, buttons, zippers and other items people use to sew clothes, and I would like to see the Sales Tax Holiday last a couple of weeks, instead of just three days. But any change in the list of tax-

exempt items or the number of tax-free shopping days must wait until the Legislature meets next year."

Last year, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the three-day Sales Tax Holiday, saving more than \$32 million in sales taxes. Retailers statewide reported crowds comparable to the Christmas shopping season.

The Sales Tax Holiday applies to all state and local sales taxes. Local communities were allowed to

opt out of the event this year, if they notified the Comptroller by March 31. Only Sunset Valley, a small community near Austin, chose not to waive local sales taxes. Qualifying purchases will be exempt from the state sales tax.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday and a list of tax exempt and non-exempt items, see the Comptroller's Web site at <[www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)> or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

## Calendar

### Summer food program

Haskell CISD will sponsor the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday through July 21. Anyone age 18 and under is invited to come eat.

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., July 20 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.

### Play Day set

Haskell Horse Club will sponsor a 3rd point playday July 22 at 7:30 p.m. Events will include barrels, flags and poles. Age groups are 8 & under novice, 8 & under regular, 9 through 12, 13 through 15, and 16 through 19.

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## Death ruled homicide

Ruled a homicide, the death Wed., July 5, of 73-year-old Ray Webb of Rule, became the town's first murder in several decades.

Police authorities announced the next day that Webb's throat had been slashed.

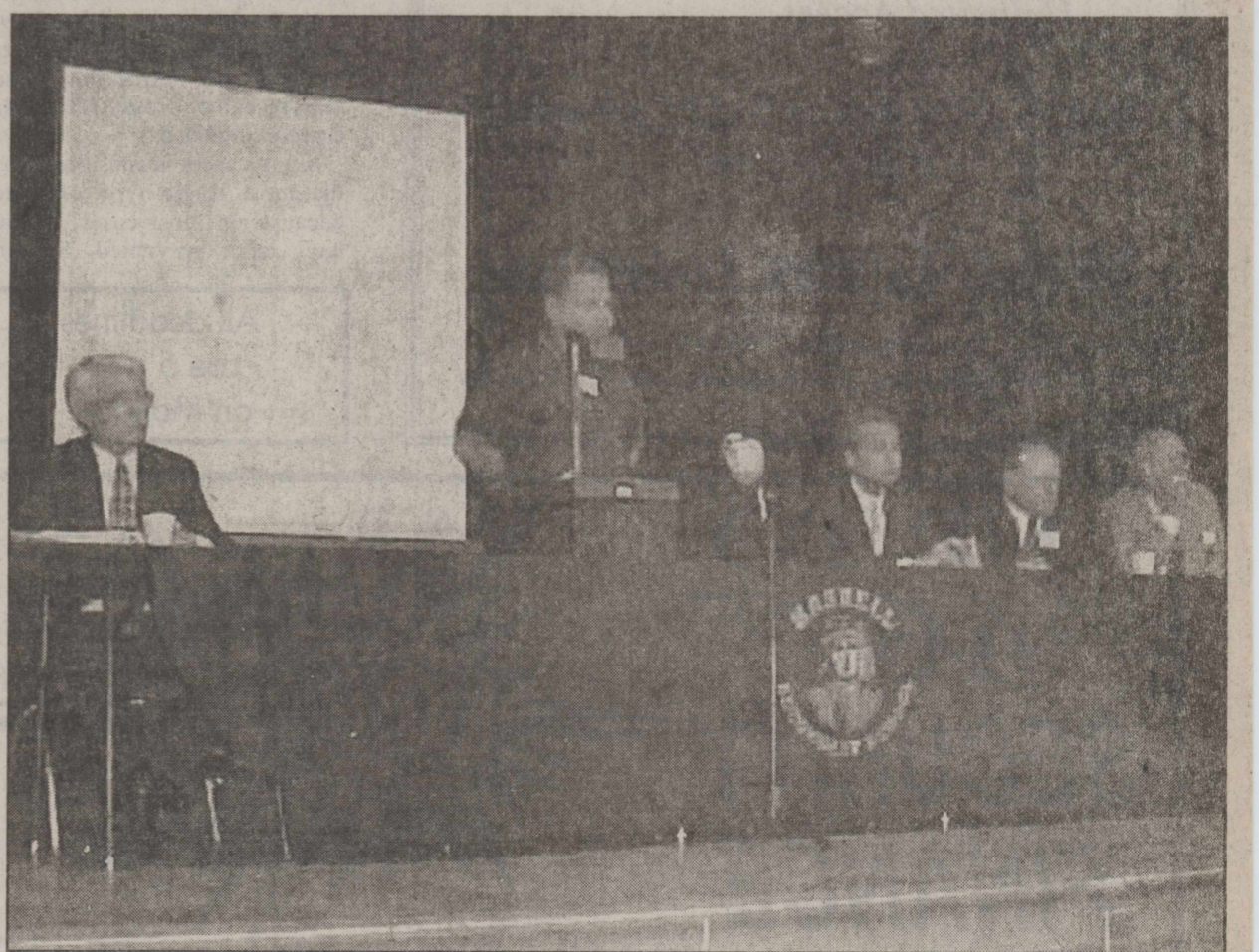
Webb's body was discovered by his sister who lives next door when she went to visit him Wednesday morning. The police received the 911 call at about 10:30 a.m. Webb had last been seen by relatives the night before.

Gina Brown, Haskell County

justice of the peace, pronounced Webb dead at 11:06 a.m., ruling the death a homicide.

Haskell County Sheriff Johnny Mills said last week the police are conducting interviews in the criminal investigation, however, they currently have no suspects.

A preliminary autopsy report was expected within a day or two. According to Sheriff Mills, a more complete written report from a lab in Dallas will not be available for possibly several months.



**OFFICIALS SPEAK AT MEETING**—Moderator Randy Hise of Haskell introduced guest speakers at the Town Hall Meeting Monday night. From the right are State Representative, David Counts, Hise, prison industry experts Gary McSwain, Mike Harling and James Parkey. Not pictured is Dr. John Martinez, professor of economics at Midwestern University in Wichita Falls.

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## State-wide crackdown on DWI in effect

Straight and to the point, state officials have a stern message for Texas motorists this summer: "You drink, you drive, you go to jail."

Texas is taking part in a national mobilization effort to crack down on impaired drivers and promote safe driving. Across the state hundreds of law enforcement agencies are involved.

Recently, more than 1,000 Texas flags fluttered on the lawn in the shadow of the State Capitol to

honor those killed annually in drunk-driving crashes in the state.

"Texas leads the nation in the number of alcohol-related fatalities," said Sue Bryant, TxDOT's director of traffic safety. "We're here to put the public on notice that impaired driving has got to stop."

In 1998, the Texas Department of Public Safety reports there were more than 26,000 alcohol-related crashes in Texas, resulting in 1,058

fatalities and 27,058 injuries. One person was killed every eight hours in a drunk driving crash. Half of all drivers killed in alcohol-related crashes were between 21 and 35 years old. Sixty-four percent of DWI-related fatalities occurred in rural areas of Texas.

The state-wide DWI crackdown is funded in part by a special grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Texas is one of only five states to receive special federal funds to reduce the number of people killed and injured in alcohol-related crashes.

First-time offenders are subject to fines of up to \$2,000, 72 hours to 180 days in jail and loss of their driver's license for 90 days to one year.

## Water run-off can prove costly

Water runoff from cropland may contain soil, crop nutrients, pesticides, animal waste and other organic matter. The loss of nutrients and pesticides from cropland can lower crop productivity, reduce pest control and increase production costs. In addition, soil losses may eventually lower the productive capacity of your land. But the movement of these various elements and compounds into water resources also affects water quality and may alter the habitat for fish and other wildlife. Spawning grounds for fish are often damaged or destroyed as soil settles to the bottom of streams, rivers and lakes. In addition, the water-holding capacity of reservoirs is reduced, increasing the risk of flooding and reducing recreational opportunities. The flow of nutrients into water

can alter delicate water balances. Excessive growth of algae and water plants may be stimulated by the flow of commercial fertilizers and animal wastes delivered to water bodies. Short term, these provide additional food and cover for fish that inhabit streams and ponds. But eventually, both the plant and animals may die, often very nearly at the same time. Decaying plant material uses up oxygen needed by fish; fish kills can result.

A variety of chemical compounds, including certain pesticides, may cause fish kills if introduced into water at excessive levels. Most often, however, these chemicals tend to accumulate in the flesh of fish, which may present health risks to other wildlife and humans who consume them.

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## Pets need relief from heat, too

They aren't called the dog days of summer for nothing.

When the heat is on, your pet can suffer as much or more than you do. If you're uncomfortable, it may be too hot for Spot, too.

Dr. John August, a veterinarian in the College of the Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, offers these tips to get your pet through the brutal Texas heat.

•Don't shave your pets, thinking it will keep them cooler. "It's not a good idea to shave a pet. Animals can get sunburns just like humans can," August says.

•Cars can be killers. If you would not keep a child inside a hot car with the windows up, why would you put your pet in the same situation?

•Watch your pet around swimming pools or lakes. "Not all dogs are natural swimmers and certainly most cats aren't," August explains.

•The friendly skies are not always so friendly to animals. "Airline travel is tougher on some animals than others."

•Mosquitoes can take a bite out of Fluffy, too notes August.

•Ants can ruin more than just a picnic. Just as they bite people and cause welts and swelling, fire ants can cause problems for your pets, too.

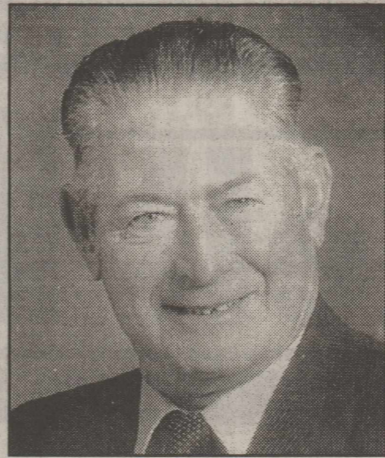
•Fertilize with care. "If you use fertilizer, it's not a bad idea to keep your pet away from that area until it's been washed into the soil," August adds.

•Exercise your pets with caution. August says dogs like to be taken for a walk, but it should not be done in the heat of the day.

## Lung cancer chief cause of cancer deaths

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
Lung cancer is the chief cause of cancer deaths for men and women. The American Cancer Society estimates that in the year 2000 164,100 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer and 156,900 people will die from lung cancer. More people die of lung cancer than of colon, breast and prostate cancers combined.

Lung cancer is considered to be the most tragic type of cancer because, in most cases, it could have been prevented. Smoking



ERNEST PEISER

Funeral services for Ernest Martin Peiser, 86, of Haskell were held Fri., July 7 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell with Pastor Gary O. Bruns officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Peiser died Wed., July 5 at an Abilene hospital.

Born May 5, 1914 in Haskell County, he was the son of Albert and Annie Peiser. He attended Irby School. He married Lilly Mary Druessedow Dec. 21, 1937 in Haskell

## Obituaries

### Ernest Martin Peiser

County. They farmed in the Irby community until 1978 and continued to raise livestock until the early 1990's. He was a licensed agent for Germania Insurance for 25 years.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where he served as a deacon and an elder. He was former president of Mattson School Board and the Order of the Sons of Hermann Lodge #241. He held numerous offices in Lodge and was honored for 60 years of service to the organization in 1994. He served on the board of the Haskell Co-Op Gin and was chairman of the Democratic Precinct Party for 10 years. He was a dedicated volunteer at the Experienced Citizens Center.

He had a passion for woodworking and enjoyed sharing his craft with his family and friends. Using barn wood from the homeplace, he built intricate bird houses and other specialty items. He was a green-thumb gardener and an avid fisherman and sportsman. With a big German smile, he shared his time and his talents and enjoyed helping people. He was a loving husband, caring father and extra special grand-

father. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Alton Peiser and Willie Peiser.

Survivors include his wife of Haskell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Bobby McGary of Abilene and Cynthia and Johnny Hudson of Pilot Point; four grandchildren, Shari and Dana Schaefer of Abilene, Bradley and Robin McGary of Abilene, Heath and Nancy Hudson of Pilot Point and Brandon and Shannon McGary of Abilene; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Frances Fischer and Evelyn Moeller of Haskell; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Bobby Druessedow, Jr., Andrew Kline, Ben Nanny, Darrell Richards, Gary Druessedow, Dale Fischer, Allen Moeller and Wayne Peiser.

Honorary pallbearers were the men of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Rt. 1 Box 310, Haskell, Texas 79521 or the Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. 1st, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

### Ray Waddell Webb

Funeral services for Ray Waddell Webb, 73, of Rule were held Sat., July 8 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Vergil Smith and Scott Hensley officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Webb died Wed., July 5 at his home in Rule. Born Dec. 29, 1926 in Haskell County, he served in the U. S. Army. He later managed a Denny's Restaurant

in Los Angeles, Calif. He was a member of Sweet Home Baptist Church in Rule.

Survivors include three sisters, Anna Lee McKennon and Marie Townsend, both of Rule and Lois Carroll of Haskell.

Pallbearers were Derrell Sorrells, Jeff Sorrells, David Parr, Clifton Rinehart, Junior Mathis and Roger Dale Webb. PD. NOTICE

### Leroy Campbell

Funeral services for Leroy Campbell, 61, of Rule were held Sat., July 8 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Campbell died Wed., July 5 at a DeLeon hospital. Born Aug. 7, 1938 in San Antonio, he worked as a gauger for Koch Industries for 30 years. He married Lenda Nabors Iley May 22, 1990. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Cisco.

Survivors include his wife of Eastland; his mother,

Clyne Campbell of Haskell; five sons, Johnny Campbell of Marble Falls, Ray Don Campbell, Tim Campbell and Stephen Campbell, all of Rule, and Joe Bob Campbell of Abilene; two stepsons, James Iley of Davenport, Iowa and Michael Iley of Indianapolis, Indiana; one stepdaughter, Judy Yowell of Tom Bean; three grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were his sons and Allen Meier and Robert Saffel.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church in Rule. PD. NOTICE

## Low tar or light cigarettes may be more hazardous than you think

Why do some smokers choose "low tar" and "light" cigarettes? Because they think these cigarettes may be less harmful to their health than regular cigarettes.

The Federal Trade Commission wants you to know that cigarette tar and nicotine ratings can't predict the amount of tar and nicotine you get from any particular cigarette. That's because how you smoke a cigarette can significantly affect the amount of tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide you get from your

cigarette. Research indicates that many smokers of "low tar" or "light" cigarettes compensate by taking deeper, longer, or more frequent puffs from their cigarettes. The amount of tar and nicotine a smoker actually gets also can increase if the smoker unintentionally blocks tiny ventilation holes in cigarette filters that are designed to dilute smoke with air.

When it comes to "low tar" and "light" cigarettes, the FTC wants you to know:

•The tar and nicotine numbers used in advertising and on packaging are determined using a smoking machine - a smoking "robot" so to speak - that smokes every brand of cigarette exactly the same way.

•The numbers do not represent the amount of tar and nicotine a particular smoker may get. First, people don't smoke cigarettes the same way the machines does; second, no two people smoke the same way.

•Many lower tar cigarettes have filters with very small vent holes in the sides that allow air to dilute the smoke in each puff. It's easy

for smokers to cover the holes unknowingly; that results in them getting more tar and nicotine.

•It's impossible to tell from the ratings the amount of tar and nicotine a smoker will get from any cigarette. Smokers of lower nicotine cigarettes tend to compensate for the lower nicotine by taking deeper and more frequent puffs than they would from a regular cigarette.

•The amount of tar and nicotine smokers actually get depends on how deep and how often they puff on the cigarette and whether they block the vent holes.

•Smoking "low tar" or "light" cigarettes does not eliminate the health risks of smoking. If you're concerned about the health risks of smoking, stop smoking.

The amount of tar and nicotine you get from your cigarette depends on how you smoke your cigarette. Don't count on the numbers. There's no such thing as a safe smoke. For more information, call the FTC toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357) or visit [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) for the Commission's 1997 Annual Report on Cigarette Advertising.

## Making poisons safer

Could you have something deadly under your sink?

Nearly 7,500 children under the age of 6 were poisoned during a three-year period by products you probably have around the house, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency. These items include household cleaners, disinfectants and insecticides. Most of the victims were under the age of two.

Some researchers say manufacturers could make these

products safer. Many household products are sold today in concentrated form. This reduces the packaging, but it also makes the products extremely dangerous if ingested. Diluted or ready-to-use products are safer. Doctors also recommend that manufacturers change packaging to make it less appealing to small children. Dyes could be added to stain the skin so parents would know right away that children have touched something potentially dangerous.

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say it's important to keep poisonous substances out of easy reach if you're likely to have children in your home. Although the cabinet under the sink seems like the most convenient place to store cleansers and disinfectants, it's the worst place to put things that could be harmful to kids.

If you think your child has swallowed poison, call your local poison control center immediately and follow the instructions on the product label.

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GLENN MERCHANT

## Merchant to celebrate 90th birthday

By Mary Kaigler

Long-time Haskell farmer, Glenn A. Merchant, was born in the county July 20, 1910. Saturday July 22, he will be honored with a 90th birthday celebration at the Merchant's home.

Married in Nov. 1932, he and Maggie, his wife of almost 68 years, have farmed land east of Haskell since 1962. The couple has two sons, Paul and David Merchant, both living in the Dallas area.

Except for a time spent away during World War II, Merchant has been engaged in farming and raising cattle in Haskell County. It's an occupation he describes as consisting of "Hard jobs, dry weather, and low prices--most years." However, he acknowledged there were "some good, even bumper years along the way, that kept us going on."

Through the years Merchant has strongly believed in owning the land and the machinery you work it with, and doing a lot of the work yourself, (such as running the combine.) His philosophy about making money raising cattle is to "Buy cheap and sell high," an ideal that doesn't always work out. However, "Buy half as many cattle as you think you need and put up twice as much feed as you think you need," has been a practical business philosophy for him.

As a young man, Merchant said he observed that several prospering farmers in the area continued to buy land, stayed at home and looked after their business. Others who didn't manage their holdings, ended up with very little land or assets to sustain them in their older age. "We built this house for our old age," he said. "We never dreamed then that our old age would be this long."

"Where there's a will, there's a way," he said, adding that he has been blessed by buying land six times and seeing it appreciate greatly in value. "I've seen things turn around for me in ways I never expected, and whether you call it luck, or a providential God, I've been blessed."

Although the Merchants are members of the Church of Christ, Glenn says he was only a "range maverick" until he married Maggie, a church elder's daughter. "Behind it all," he says of the events of his long life, "God's been good to me."

All of the Merchants friends are invited to the afternoon of birthday celebration at 2:00 to 5:00 Saturday, July 22, for this man who was a little put off by all the fuss of attention when his granddaughter planned it. However, he's looking forward to seeing everyone. The family requests no gifts, please.

## Lewis presents Society program

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society held a meeting July 3 at the First National Bank Community Room.

Cheryl Lewis presented a program about the history of Hamlin. She also gave biographical sketches of famous people who have lived there, including John B. F. Wright and Bob Strass.

Attending the meeting were Johnny and Teresa Scoggins, Wanda Ham, Son and Eula Peters, Jack and Margaret Kitley, Dolin and Carolyn Hughes, Jerri Buerger, Patsy Cobb, Mattie M. Felker English, Rickie Peters, Maxine Miller, Cheryl Lewis, Hortense Lees, Marilyn Griffith and Bill and Charlene Bagby.



MR. AND MRS. ODIS SMITH

## Smiths honored with anniversary dinner

Odis and Louise Smith of Haskell were honored at a dinner hosted by their children at the Railhead Grill Sat., June 8, in observance of their 60th wedding anniversary.

They were married July 13, 1940 in Stamford at the home of Rev. P. D. O'Brien. They are members of East Side Baptist Church.

Odis was born Sept. 4, 1919 in Knox County. He worked for many

years for J. E. Walling, the county, R. C. Lankford and Rule School.

Louise was born Nov. 29, 1919 in Wood County. She worked for General Telephone Co., Ben Franklin and Herman Marcus factory.

The Smiths have two children: Shirley and Joe Hill and Anita and Fred Aycock, all of Abilene, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

## ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, July 17

9:30 a.m. Miracle Ear hearing check

Lunch-Pizza, lettuce/tomato salad, green beans, refrigerator cheese dessert, milk, tea or coffee

Wednesday, July 19

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health

## Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

July 17-21

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Chili dog, French fries, pickle spears, cantaloupe

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, sliced pineapple

Wednesday: Enchiladas, pinto beans, chips, hot sauce, tossed salad, Shape-up

Thursday: Corn dog, macaroni and cheese, Ranch Style beans, pickle spears, cinnamon rolls

Friday: Hamburger, assorted chips, hamburger trimmings, apple

Service blood pressure check

Lunch-Chicken, gravy, sweet potatoes, blackeyed peas, Jello w/fruit, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Friday, July 21

Texas State Hearing Lunch-Beef-a-roni, tossed salad, green beans w/garlic croutons, cake, 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.

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## Solomons to celebrate anniversary

Travis and Alma Solomon of Haskell will be honored at a reception July 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First National Bank room in Haskell in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Their children who will host the celebration are Judy and Hollis Callaway of Haskell, Becky and Bobby Howeth of Haskell and Leisha and Mark Greenroy of Burleson.

Travis was born June 2, 1929 in Haskell to Travis Lee and Essie Solomon, Sr. He worked at Hammer Laundry, Gholson's Grocery Store and 30 years for Pogue Grocery. After retiring he worked at MHMR and is now employed by Double Mountain Coach.

Alma was born May 30, 1933 in Ranger to J. L. and Irene Reid. She is a LVN and has worked at Haskell Memorial Hospital for 44 years.

They were married July 16, 1950 in Haskell at the Assembly of God Church, where they are still members. They have lived in Haskell most of their married life. The couple enjoys camping, working in the yard and being with their grandchildren.

They have six grandchildren, Cole and Crystal Callaway of Lubbock, Andrea Callaway of Lubbock, Rusty Howeth of Abilene, Bucky Howeth of Haskell and Promise and Tanner Greenroy of Burleson.

No gifts, please.



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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling  
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**AUSTIN** — Some Texas HMOs will stop offering Medicare plans as of Jan. 1, 2001, forcing almost 200,000 Texans to find other coverage.

Aetna U.S. Healthcare, which covers about 130,000 Texans, is the largest HMO leaving the Texas market. Humana is withdrawing from 28 counties, affecting nearly 37,000 Texans.

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor advised those who will be affected not to panic and to look for alternatives now. He also said policy holders should not make final decisions until they confirm their Medicare HMO coverage will end Dec. 31.

Those losing coverage will have the option to switch to another Medicare HMO if possible, return to traditional Medicare coverage or go to a new, private "fee-for-service" plan offered in all but 15 counties.

Starting in mid-July, the federal Health Care Financing Administration will provide information on plans that will offer Medicare HMO coverage in 2001.

The information will be available at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or by calling 1-800-633-4227.

### State Faces Spending Deadline

Texas is in a use-it-or-lose-it situation. If the state fails to use federal funds earmarked for health-care programs for uninsured children by a Sept. 30 deadline, the money may be redirected to other states.

Texas could lose nearly \$450 million in health care for needy children because its Children's Health Insurance Program did not get under way until May, more than two years after funds were authorized by Congress.

Each dollar Texas spends in the program yields \$3 in federal matching funds.

### Sales Tax Holiday Is Set

Texas' second annual "sales tax holiday" will be observed across the state Aug. 4-6.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local tax will be charged on most clothing or footwear priced under \$100," state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said last week.

The timing of the sales tax holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year, she said.

This year, Rylander added a new dimension to the "holiday." Customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than \$100 on layaway during Aug. 4-6 will be

permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax, she said.

Last year, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the first annual sales tax holiday and saved more than \$32 million in sales taxes, the comptroller's office reported.

### Bullock Museum Taking Shape

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, on the southern edge of the University of Texas campus in Austin, is projected to open on April 21, 2001, San Jacinto Day.

The project, under the direction of the State Preservation Board, includes construction of a 190,000-square foot, two-level parking garage; a four-story, 178,000-square foot building housing a 400-seat IMAX theater, a 200-seat storytelling theater, 41,000 square feet of exhibit space, a museum store, cafe, offices and classrooms.

The museum's three floors of exhibit space will show enduring themes of Texas history: "Encounters on the Land," "Building the Texas Identity" and "Creating Opportunity."

### Agency Meets Without Member

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs met July 5 and approved expenditures of more than \$63 million for affordable housing, home repairs and flood relief.

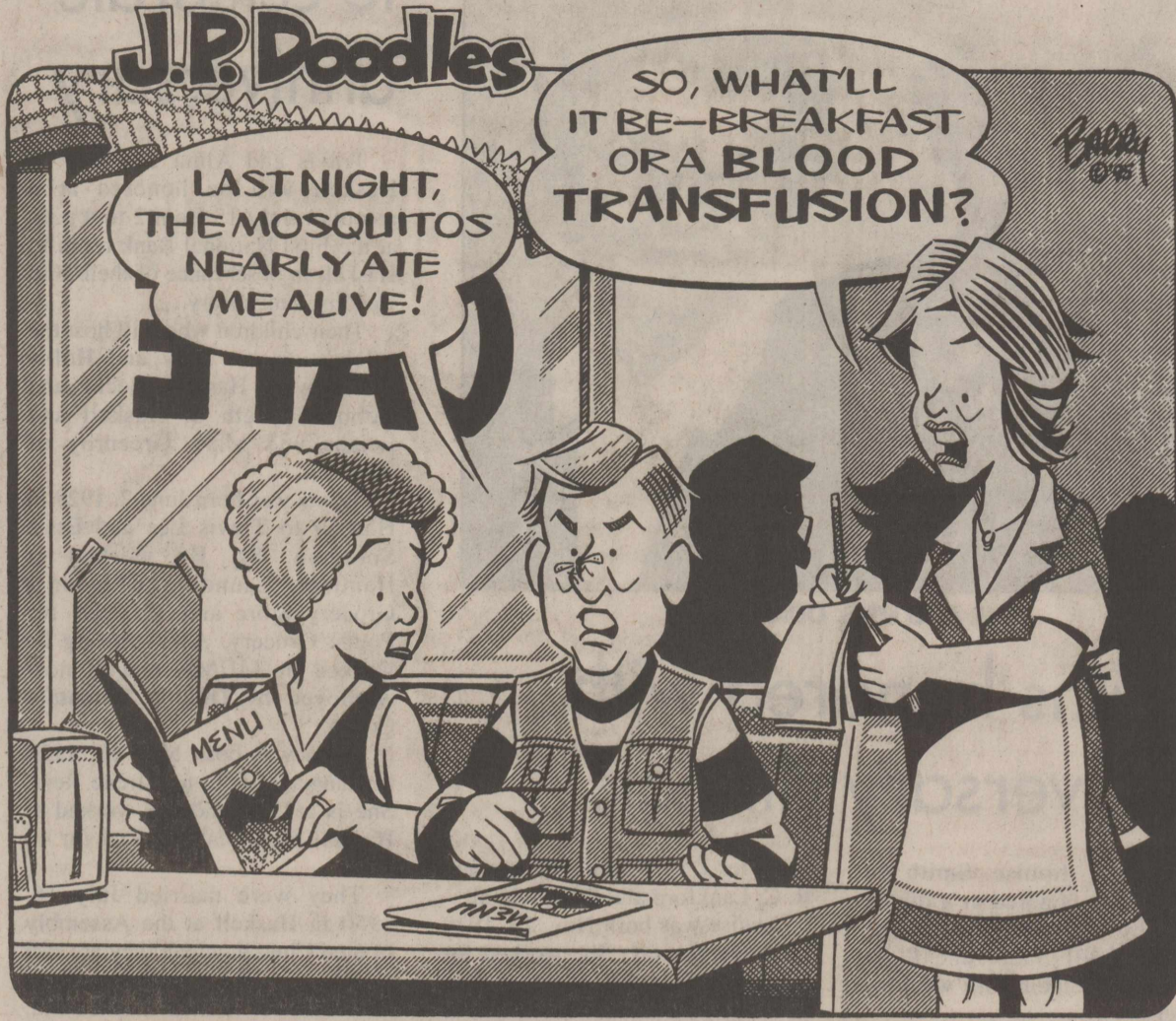
The meeting was held with Dr. Florita Bell Griffin absent.

Griffin is under indictment on federal bribery, theft and mail fraud charges, and could not, therefore, attend the meeting without placing federal funding in jeopardy, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development warned.

### Other Highlights

- About 200 Texas state prison guards and supporters marched through downtown Austin on the Fourth of July to demand higher wages, better training and safer working conditions. Texas prison guards can make as much as \$28,380 per year. The national average for state prison guards is \$34,000.

- About 27 percent of new jobs in Austin are in technology industries, according to a new study released by The Benchmark Co. July 3. Austin now has 411,000 people working in technology fields and about half of the 30,000 people who move to Austin each year come from other cities in Texas.



## From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

We are now well into the summer gardening season, and all over town the results of gardening arts and recent rains are blossoming and furnishing fresh nourishment for bodies and spirits.

There is something in us that makes us love a garden; be it a small corner plot hidden from the view of anyone but us, a few pots in a window box, or a large spread encompassing the whole outdoor space around us.

When I was asked by the Haskell Garden Club a few months back to attend their last meeting of the year and install their new officers, I knew there was nothing about gardening that I could say to these "green thumb" ladies that they didn't know.

Aware that they knew very well all aspects of the reality of gardening and of gardens; the work and nurture and patience they require, I began to think about the magic there is in gardening and gardens. I believe there is a magic there, and for anyone to recognize and consider this aspect is to add a wonderful dimension to their enjoyment of gardening and gardens.

In *The Re-enchantment of Everyday Life*, author Thomas Moore says the trick to finding the magic in gardening is not to take our gardens too literally, but to allow them to teach us garden poetry and spirituality. My being a sort of "shade tree" poet, this concept was not too hard a stretch for me. The Bible tells us that Paradise was a garden, but it also hints that a garden is paradise. I suspect that a good path to an earthly paradise is through a spot of garden. If our original state was to live in a garden as Adam and Eve did, perhaps there is some basic, distant need still within us to make a garden.

A garden can be defined as the meeting of raw nature and the human imagination in which both seek fulfillment of their beauty.

However, Moore says a garden can't be defined adequately in plain physical terms, because a garden is also a place in the imagination. And I think that therein lies the magic.

It's true that through our imagination we see magic and the thrill of beauty sometimes in a simple patch of vegetation or arrangement of plants, trees and flowers. The great gardens of the world may not conjure up for us the eternal Eden nearly as effectively as a small grouping of bushes and flowers in our own backyard.

In a garden the human spirit finds its needed escape from the busyness of life. Moore says that the garden is a proper place of the soul, where concerns of the soul can take precedence over the busier concerns of daily life. The activity of tending a bit of garden can slow us down in our busyness, and help us tend the soul.

The garden might also help us survive the death of beloved friends and family members by keeping us in touch with eternal matters; the absolute fundamentals of earth, sun and rain, and the absolute rhythms of birth, flowering and death. When my mother died in the early spring of 1982, I could never quite let her go. Feeling the need of having something of her with me after we moved to Haskell in 1985, I transplanted a large bunch of her prized red Amaryllis bulbs from in front of the porch of the family home in Brownwood. Perhaps more than at any other season, each spring when the first tiny fresh-green points push through the earth, I'm blessed by a presence-like awareness of this sweet lady who loved the natural beauty of God's green earth, and who experienced a real joy in tending her gardens and orchard and lovingly sharing the bounty with all of us. The mystery of new life and resurrection embodied in her flowers each spring speaks to me

of things eternal: faith, hope and love.

A garden asks us to open our senses wide, take in the green arc of a plant or the subtle sweet fragrance of an herb, and to be unusually present in the physical world. Actually, the theme of enchantment is that Nature speaks, and through our senses, we listen. When walking down a Haskell street past a fresh-mown lawn we can understand what Native American Chief Dan George meant when he wrote, "The fragrance of the green speaks to me and my heart soars."

Writing about how our gardens can be a means of finding the re-enchantment of our everyday lives, Moore says, "The great gardens of the world, of literature and poetry, of painting and music, of religion and architecture all make the point that the soul cannot thrive in the absence of a garden. If you don't want paradise, you are not human, and if you are not human, you don't have a soul."

As we tend, feed, weed and water and become conscious of the enchanting mystery of refreshing renewal of life unfolding in the external characteristics of our gardens, enclosed as they are by fences, borders, or walkways, we may also become conscious in our heart that our soul too, is a garden enclosed, our own perpetual paradise to tend, where we can be renewed, refreshed and restored. Re-enchanting with life.

## Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued in June by Rhonda Moeller, Haskell Co. Clerk include:

Gregory Lee Westerman of Abilene and Kendra Leann Wolsch of Haskell

Bradley Eugene West of Garland and Jacy Ladawn Cypert of Haskell  
Mark Anthony Easterling and Amy Laree Tibbets, both of Rochester

Manuel Martinez Diaz and Cristina Elena Lopez, both of Rule  
Walter Casey Larned of Lubbock and Joanie Noel Duggan of Stamford

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## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago July 12, 1990

Each member of the Rule Volunteer Fire Department has received a pager and can be notified immediately in case of a fire.

Valiene Bullinger of Haskell was the winner of a saddle given away by M-System.

The 14th annual Bob Mobley Invitational pro/am golf tournament is scheduled Sat. and Sun. at the Haskell Country Club. Medford Buick/Pontiac/GMC will give a 1990 Pontiac Sunbird to the first golfer to make a hole-in-one on the 15th hole.

### 20 Years Ago July 10, 1980

July 8 marked the 20th day this year that the temperature in Haskell has exceeded the 100 degree mark.

The fifteenth annual Haskell Singing School, sponsored by the local congregation of the Church of Christ, got underway with an enrollment of 121 students.

Dusty Garrison is the new minister at the Haskell Christian Church.

Three Haskell High School students attended the 10th annual summer band camp at ACU. The students are Robert C. Geilhausen, Julie John Wallace and Ronnie Rea.

### 30 Years Ago July 9, 1970

Linda Fischer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fischer, became 1970 "Little Miss Hey-Day" in the 6th annual pageant held at the Texas Theatre.

Tom Watson was re-elected Fire Chief for the eleventh straight year in a meeting of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department.

The Haskell Rotary Club members and guest met at the City Cafe for a regular weekly luncheon session. Newly elected president Bob Herren, presided.

### 40 Years Ago July 14, 1960

The majorettes of the Haskell High School Indian Band attended twirling school at TCU in Fort Worth. The girls are Jane Bell, June Bell, Jane Bynum, Jan Herren and Jane Ann Segou.

Six students from Haskell attended the Northwest Texas Methodist Youth Assembly held on the McMurry College campus. Attending from Haskell were Jo Nored Boone, Carolyn Bruce, Kenneth Cook, Thomas William Holden, Christy Royal and Joanie Watson.

Dr. M. W. Rogers of Rule has decided after 54 years of service as a physician for Rule, to close his office.

### 50 Years Ago July 13, 1950

An Army and Air Force recruiting station has opened in Haskell on a full time basis. The office is located in the court house and is opened each week day from 8 to 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Adkins spent last week in San Antonio where he attended the annual meeting of the State Bar Association.

Theron G. Cahill, insurance broker and active civic leader of Haskell, was installed as president of the Haskell Lions Club.

### 90 Years Ago July 9, 1910

Mrs. G. E. Langford left Wed. for Oklahoma where she will spend the summer with her parents.

Mrs. Theo Wright and son Byron Wright have started work on another building adjoining their hotel to be used as an annex.

Marion Simmons has returned from a year's visit in the Northwest. He was at Reno just after the fight and saw Jim Jefferies and Jack Johnson.

Burwell Cox left Mon. for a business trip to the Panhandle.

## Hospital

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Lena Ruetter, Haskell  
Emma Franklin, Haskell

### Dismissals

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## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Sales Tax Holiday Aug. 4-6

Texas families have an opportunity to stretch their clothing budgets during the second annual Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 4-6. No state and local sales taxes will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100.

Items exempt from state and local sales taxes include:

- Dresses
- Boots - cowboy and hiking
- Coats
- Diapers - adult and baby
- Sweaters
- Work clothes and uniforms
- Jeans
- Gym suits and uniforms
- Shirts
- Pants and trousers
- Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis and walking



For a complete list of tax-exempt items, go to the Comptroller's Web site at: [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)

SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

# Nutrition, fitness questions answered

Q. I am worried that my 6-year-old grandson isn't getting enough dairy products. Should I be?

A. Dairy products contain significant amounts of calcium, protein, phosphorus, potassium and vitamin D, but they aren't the only source of these important nutrients, said Dr. Steven Abrams, a professor of pediatrics with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Although a 6-year-old needs 800 milligrams of calcium per day, your grandson won't suffer a calcium shortfall as long as he eats reasonable amounts of other calcium-rich foods, said Abrams, who studies calcium metabolism at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center.

Some calcium-fortified juices and fortified soy and rice "milks" contain as much calcium as cow's milk, which is 300 milligrams per cup. Calcium-fortified, ready-to-eat cereals and waffles, tofu set with calcium sulfate, collard greens, turnip and beet greens, broccoli and

kale also contain significant amounts of calcium.

Most children can meet their protein needs by eating meat, legumes like peanuts and soy, eggs, grains and vegetables. Phosphorus and potassium are also present in many foods.

Although few foods are a good source of vitamin D, this "sunshine vitamin" is produced when the skin is exposed to sunlight. Food sources of vitamin D include high-fat fish like herring and salmon, liver, eggs and vitamin D-fortified foods, such as soy and rice "milks," cereals and cow's milk.

Q. As long as the distance covered is the same, is it more beneficial to walk or jog?

A. Mile for mile, walking generally burns about 25 percent fewer calories than jogging and is less beneficial in terms of improving cardiovascular fitness, said Maurice Puyau, an exercise physiologist with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research

Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

But, if you walk further and more frequently than you would jog and keep your heart rate up while walking, don't worry. You'll burn calories and get great health benefits.

Your body weight, effort level and the distance covered are the major factors that affect the number of calories you burn and the cardiovascular benefits you reap when walking or jogging.

To estimate the calories burned when walking on a flat surface, use this quick calculation: Calories Burned = 0.57 x Your Body Weight x Miles

When jogging: Calories Burned = 0.75 x Your Body Weight x Miles

To walk off one pound of fat, or 3500 calories, a 150-pound person would need to walk 41 miles, or about 40 minutes a day, five times a week, for a month. Walking combined with small changes in your diet can

significantly speed weight loss.

To get the greatest cardiovascular benefits from walking, choose a pace that allows you to talk but makes singing difficult.

Q. Any advice for a hungry family stuck in the fast-food lane?

A. Having "nothing to eat" at home seems to trigger take-out trips, said Dr. Karen Cullen, a researcher with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

To cut back on drive-through dinners, think ahead. Use free time to plan menus, make shopping lists and shop. Learn which meals fit together and which can supply ingredients for the next one. A roast chicken one night can supply chicken for burritos the next. Or grill and freeze extra chicken breasts for quick quesadillas, chicken salad, casseroles or soup.

Whole meals and extra portions of family favorites, as well as time-consuming casserole ingredients like rice, pasta and beans, can be cooked and frozen in easy-to-microwave individual- or meal-size portions. Also stock up on healthy convenience foods like "salad in a bag," ready-to-grill meats, frozen and precut vegetables, fruit and frozen ready-to-bake rolls.

Q. How can I be sure I'm drinking enough water?

A. If your mental alertness, physical appearance, endurance and energy levels aren't up to par, you might need more water, say nutritionists at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Good hydration gives skin a healthy look, cushions joints and prevents constipation. Most people need at least eight glasses of water each day. The actual amount is affected by body size, activity level, altitude, physical health, caffeine and alcohol consumption, air temperature, humidity and the amount of fiber in the diet.

Signs of good hydration include:  
•Urine that ranges from clear to straw-colored. Dark urine is a sure indication of poor hydration.

•Regular urination. Healthy individuals should be able to urinate every hour or so. Less than that suggests your body is desperately hanging on to every drop of fluid it can.

•Regular bowel movements. Although certainly not the only factor in bowel health, poor hydration can cause constipation.

To keep well hydrated, never ignore thirst, limit caffeine and alcohol use and get in the habit of drinking water, even when not thirsty.

# Nightmares are normal

A scream in the night elicits terror from those within earshot. But it may be normal.

One of the most terrifying sounds to a parent is their child's scream in the middle of the night. But screams from nightmares are quite normal, for children according to the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Another frightening sleep disturbance is called night terrors. Night terrors are panic attacks that occur early in the sleep cycle, during which it's hard to wake the sleeper.

Doctors say neither night terrors nor nightmares are cause for alarm unless they're disrupting the child's life. Frequent nightmares don't mean that the child is having psychological problems. Doctors at

UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say if frequent nightmares are disrupting a child's life, a sleep study can help narrow down the cause of sleep difficulties so it can be treated.

Parents who use nightlights to calm their children's nightmares are not causing harm. Although a recent report indicated that using nightlights may cause children to become nearsighted, more researchers have proven otherwise. Some doctors found no difference between children who used nightlights and those who didn't in developing nearsightedness. They did find, however, that nearsighted parents were more likely to use nightlights to help them get around, and nearsighted parents are more likely to have nearsighted children.

# Remember your birthday, anniversary, blood pressure

You probably keep track of your birthday, your anniversary and your social security number. Older adults need to add another number to this list.

If you have high blood pressure, chances are you don't even know it. High blood pressure, often called "the silent killer," has no symptoms, but it can be deadly if left untreated. Unfortunately, only about half of American older adults know what their blood pressure is, according to a recent survey conducted by the National Council on Aging. That means half of older adults could be a risk for complications of high blood pressure without knowing it.

Two-thirds of the people surveyed hadn't discussed the risks of high blood pressure with a

doctor or nurse. Doctors believe that up to a third of people with high blood pressure aren't aware of it.

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say if you're over 50, you should know what your blood pressure is. Next time you visit your doctor, ask about your blood pressure and whether it's too high. There may be something you can do to get it under control before it causes harm. If you don't know what your blood pressure is, there are places where you can have it taken for free, such as drugstores or grocery stores. For most people, blood pressure should be below 140-over-90. If you're above that number, talk to your doctor about what you should be doing.

# Choose toys carefully

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

By playing with toys or play props, children can acquire essential life skills like sharing, cooperation, problem solving, language and math. But parents and caretakers have to be careful when choosing toys for children, cautioned Jasmine Ng, an associate with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Partner for Parenting program.

There are four types of toys for young children: social and fantasy materials like dress-up clothes; music, art and movement materials like drums; exploration and mastery toys like blocks and clay; and total motor playthings like tricycles and swings. Before purchasing a toy, consider whether the type of toy is right.

The toy needs to be appropriate

for the child's age and abilities, Ng said. The toy should interest the child, usage instructions should be clear enough for you and the child to understand and the toy should have multiple uses. Following the age range recommended by the manufacturer helps determine a toy's appropriateness. Dr. Linda Ladd, Extension child development specialist, said ignoring age recommendations can have serious consequences. Care-givers must make sure a toy is safe, both physically and emotionally.

The thing we hear about most often are the small parts of toys that get into a child's mouth who is at the stage where they taste everything and the child swallows the toys and the child chokes, Ladd said.

Watch for loud toys that could damage a child's hearing and

remember that a toy designed for an older child can hurt a younger sibling. Watch for cords or strings that can wrap around an infant's neck, sharp points and edges and projectile objects that can injure eyes. Ladd, who is also a clinical psychologist, added that experiencing continual defeat at the hands of a toy can be harmful for a child's self concept. "I don't want to keep a child from learning defeat," Ladd said, "but if they experience repeated defeat, it is typical for them to say, 'I don't like that anyway,' or they may internalize it, 'What's the matter with me that I can't do it? I'm not as good as someone else.'"

Care-givers should also determine whether the toy is worth its price, conclude Ng. You want a toy that will stimulate a child's imagination and initiative. Make sure the toy is sturdy and can't be broken easily. Then, ask yourself whether the child will use the toy enough to justify its purchase.

For more information on toys, check the Institute for Childhood Resources' site, Dr. Toy's Guide, at <http://www.drtoy.com>, the site lists toys the institute likes with age appropriateness guidelines posted. For more information on toy safety, visit <http://www.kidsource.com> and use the search function to find toy safety articles. The Partners for Parenting Program is a joint effort between Extension and the Texas Department of Health.

# Elderly may ignore signs of depression

Thanks to the Internet, medical awareness may be at an all-time high, but that's not necessarily true for emotional disorders among the elderly.

Dr. Myron Weiner, professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, says he often encounters older patients who have been suffering needlessly from depression for a long time.

"Older folks with emotional disorders seek treatment less often than younger folks do," Weiner says. "Elders in our society grew up with the attitude that feeling depressed is a normal state when you get older."

Today, there are many effective medications for depression. Depression symptoms for which you should seek medical attention include:

- Prolonged feelings of sadness
- Change in appetite (less or greater)
- Change in sleeping pattern (too little or too much)
- Lack of interest in activities you used to love.

"See your family physician or seek a therapist for a professional diagnosis, or ask a family member to assist you in finding professional help," Weiner says. "You may be missing out on some of the best years of your life."

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GENERAL	53,936.33	365,082.84	419,019.19	274,661.15	144,358.04
GENERAL MONEY MARKET	44,082.99	549.85	44,632.84	0.00	44,632.84
JURY	7,264.41	406.26	7,670.67	6,193.28	1,477.39
LAW LIBRARY	1,739.16	2,960.00	4,699.16	2,794.41	1,904.75
LATERAL ROAD 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LATERAL ROAD 2	6.31	0.00	6.31	5.50	0.81
LATERAL ROAD 3	210.00	0.00	210.00	209.63	0.37
LATERAL ROAD 4	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00
ROAD & BRIDGE 1	28,830.56	41,728.25	70,558.81	55,883.02	14,675.79
ROAD & BRIDGE 2	97,419.23	38,394.94	135,814.17	25,516.37	110,297.80
ROAD & BRIDGE 3	49,763.66	38,059.37	87,823.03	20,389.37	67,433.66
ROAD & BRIDGE 4	112,820.34	38,672.95	151,493.29	48,439.31	103,053.98
F&M LATERAL ROAD 1	80,937.57	5,584.05	86,521.62	17,796.95	68,724.67
F&M LATERAL ROAD 2	42,657.88	2,282.24	44,940.12	16,153.39	28,786.73
F&M LATERAL ROAD 3	30,956.07	3,458.91	34,414.98	12,790.39	21,624.59
F&M LATERAL ROAD 4	81,303.68	1,724.72	83,028.40	17,053.69	65,974.71
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	21,542.12	11,246.68	32,788.80	20,331.97	12,456.83
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	1,601.56	58.92	1,660.48	56.33	1,604.15
COMP VICTIMS OF CRIME	12,772.29	6,810.08	19,582.37	5,639.35	13,943.02
ARREST FEE	26,377.49	3,253.40	29,630.89	18,552.30	11,078.59
JUDYERUNNEL TRAINING	1,603.46	824.84	2,428.30	703.00	1,725.30
CRIME STOPPERS	156.39	26.76	183.15	23.44	159.71
STATE GEN REVENUE	1,459.90	64.79	1,524.69	33.81	1,490.88
COMP REHABILITATION	2,063.33	192.23	2,255.56	26.61	2,228.95
BREATH ALCOHOL	30.00	221.51	251.51	30.82	220.69
SECURITY FUND	27,403.75	2,344.17	29,747.92	0.00	29,747.92
SEIZURE FUND	6,213.40	57.72	6,271.12	0.00	6,271.12
COURTY ATTORNEY	8,944.50	1,949.10	10,893.60	2,263.35	8,630.25
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	291.40	0.00	291.40	97.24	194.16
DIST ATTY FORFEITURE FUND	4,039.75	50.33	4,090.08	0.00	4,090.08
MANAGEMENT PRESERVATION	5,265.63	642.32	5,907.95	0.00	5,907.95
PERMANENT SCHOOL	4,099.20	2,114.79	6,213.99	0.00	6,213.99
COUNTY LIBRARY	15,303.77	698.02	16,001.79	2,442.38	13,559.41
ECC NUTRITION	17,098.30	15,915.97	33,014.27	18,669.13	14,345.14
ECC BUILDING	12,394.62	1,019.99	13,414.61	2,418.14	11,000.47
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	79,358.12	723.33	80,081.45	0.00	80,081.45
RECORDS MANAGEMENT	14,378.91	2,589.80	16,968.71	1,973.99	14,994.72
MTX VEHICLE INVENTORY TAX	1,730.23	15.91	1,746.14	513.77	1,232.37
TOTAL	908,963.67	994,377.04	1,903,340.71	570,622.59	932,718.12

TOTAL INVESTMENTS FOR HASKELL COUNTY 391,662.33

TOTAL CASH ASSETS FOR HASKELL COUNTY 1,324,385.43

WILLIE FAYE TIDROW  
County Treasurer & Investment Officer

On July 10, 2000 the Commissioners' Court of Haskell County met in regular session and compared the Quarterly Report of Willie Faye Tidrow, County Treasurer, for the Quarter ending June 30, 2000 and found the same correct and respective amounts to have been paid out during the quarter.

DAVID C. DAVIS  
COUNTY CLERK

BILLY WAYNE HESTER  
COMMISSIONER PREC.#1

KEVIN THOMPSON  
COMMISSIONER PREC.#3

THOMAS MADDEN  
COMMISSIONER PREC.#2

ALLEN MINGFIELD  
COMMISSIONER PREC.#4

KEVIN THOMPSON  
COMMISSIONER PREC.#3

# CLASSIFIEDS

## For Sale

FOR SALE or trade: VIP ski boat \$3500. Polaris \$2500. 864-3301. 28c

FOR SALE: King size waterbed set with triple dresser, night stand and bed; brass headboard; vinyl love seat; 27" Zenith TV; exercise equipment; baby stroller. 864-3301. 28c

FOR SALE: 8 row JD lister, Honda water pump, Berkley water pump, Big Rino 6 ft. blade. Phone 940-864-3014. 28p

FOR SALE: 1996 Glastron fish/ski boat. 190 hp in/outboard. Complete with all available options. Excellent condition. \$13,000. 864-5263. 28p

NOBLET clarinet step up instrument. Originally \$850. Katie Thompson 915-773-2046. 28p

## For Rent

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1 bath. CH/A, carpet, carport in Weinert. Day 864-2629, nights 940-673-8296. Available Aug. 1 28tfc

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom house. Furnished, bills paid. 864-2986.

FOR RENT: 604 N. 3rd. Nice 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. CH/A. 864-3762. 28c

FOR RENT: 800 1/2 N. 1st East. 1 bedroom house. 864-3762. 28c

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom. 103 N. Ave. F. Water paid. \$250 month plus \$100 deposit. Stove, refrigerator. Furnished. 864-2986.

## Cars For Sale

FOR SALE: 1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Laredo package. Wildberry color. Electric windows/locks, power front seats, tinted windows, tow package. Excellent condition. 889-2616 or 889-3009. 28tfc

## Real Estate

BY OWNER: Brick, all metal trim, corner lot, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, patio, 2 living/2 eating areas. Lots of closets, 2 storage attics. Central HVAC, many trees, water well. 607 S. 6th. 864-8511 or 864-8012. 25-30p

1708 N. AVE. F. 4 bedroom, 2 living room, 2 bath. 2200 sq. ft. brick. Closets and storage galore. CH/A, storeroom, w/w. Appt. only 864-3669. 26-29p

FOR SALE: 2 bath, 2 bedroom, brick, corner lot, 706 N. Ave. G. Pecan, pear trees. Garage with storage, privacy fence, nice yard. CH/A, dishwasher. Nice home. 864-3785. 27tfc

PERFECT FOR 4-H family. Approximately 2+ acres, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, office, new cellar, good well, lots of trees, fenced, creek, pens, great for entertaining. Lots of extras. See to appreciate. Call for appointment, 940-864-3573.

## Real Estate

FOR SALE: Nice brick home. 1 acre. Approximately 1600 sq. ft. Large open living area, custom fireplace with insert, updated kitchen, new gas range, satellite, ceiling fans. 2 bedroom, 2 baths, walk-in closets, double garage, paneled and insulated. City water, well water, fenced yard, trees and outbuildings. \$47,500. Shown by appointment. Sagerton. 940-997-2519. 28-29p

## Jobs Wanted

HOUSE LEVELING. Floor bracing, slab, pier and beam. Insurance claims, free estimates. References. No payment until work satisfactorily completed. David Lee & Company. 915-675-6369 50tfc

F/T, P/T or temp. Mowing, tree removal. Leave a note for Drake Koefoed, 204 S. Ave. L. 28p

## Miscellaneous

BEAUTIFUL ROOM is now available in a private home for woman needing an assisted care living environment or one who would prefer not living alone. Loving care and excellent meals are among the advantages in this comfortable home. Contact Linda Lane-Blaise, Grand Central Place, 940-864-2696. 28p

## Public Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HASKELL

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 29th day of June, 2000, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 9,720. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Gregoria N. Rocha. Legal description: 1. Lot 3, block 60. Original Town of O'Brien, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 9,898. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. M. T. Coleman. Legal description: 2. Lot 1, Block 1, Harrell Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. 3. Lot 11, Block 15, Frisco Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 10,075. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Joe Gutierrez. Legal description: 4. Lots 2-6, Block 80, Carney Addition to the City of O'Brien, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 10,404. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Katherine Johnson. Unknown. Legal description: 5. Lot 13, Block 21, Original Town of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas. 6. West 100' of Lots 7-12, Block 10, Original Town of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 10,409. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Fidencio Escobedo. Legal description: 7. Lot 11, 12, Outlot Block 19, Brown & Roberts Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. 8. Lot 1, Outlot Block 19, Brown & Roberts Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 10,439. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Eugene Long. Legal description: 9. Lot 8, East 2' of Lot 7, Block 16, Highland Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 10,563. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Stallard Wayne Bradford Ind/dba. Legal description: 10. North 5' of Lot 6, 7, Block 25, Original Town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

11. Lot 9, Block A, Shook Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. 12. Lot 9, South Half of Lot 10, Block B, Shook Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 10,584. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Brent Wallace. Legal description: 13. Lot 2, Block N. Courtwright & Smith Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 10,625. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Johnny Fuentes. Legal description: 14. Lot 11, Block 8, Highland Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 10,786. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Dora Diaz Gonzales. Legal description: 15. Lot 4, Block A, Stephens Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause 10,787. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Douglas Dewayne Moore. Legal description: 16. S10' of Lot 7, 8, Block A, Martin Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered. I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 1st day of August, 2000, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 29th day of June, 2000, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 10 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

Given under my hand this 29th day of June, 2000. Johnny L. Mills Sheriff, Haskell County, Texas 27-29c

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Haskell, Texas (hereinafter called the "Local Housing Authority") will receive sealed bids for a single construction contract for the modernization of twenty five (25) buildings, six (6) storage buildings, including removal of existing

roofing, installation of new sheet metal roofs, repairs to some gypsum ceilings and wall, and all work specified and/or shown on the drawings until:

Tuesday, August 1, 2000 at 2:00 P.M., Housing Authority of the City of Haskell, 702 S. Avenue H, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications are on file and available for inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Haskell and at the office of Cameron Alread, Architect Inc., 209 W. 8th St., Fort Worth, Texas 76102 and at plan rooms in various cities of the state.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing \$100.00 with the Architect's office for each set of documents so obtained. Such deposits will be refunded on return of the plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 30 days after bid opening.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Local Housing Authority, U. S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety (the BID BOND shall be from a Company which is on the U. S. Treasury Department List, as an approved Surety Company) in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds. The bonds shall be from a Company which is on the U. S. Treasury Department List.

Attention is called to the provisions for Equal Employment Opportunity as set forth in these documents. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project.

The Local Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the Local Authority.

Housing Authority of the City of Haskell, Texas  
Jackie Worrell, Executive Director  
940-864-3685  
Date: July 6, 2000  
July 13, 2000  
Equal Housing Opportunity 27-28c

## ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS:

One-owner 1989 Lincoln Towncar "Signature Series." 4 door, less than 30,000 actual miles. 5.0 L, automatic overdrive, power everything, leather, immaculate condition. Must see. Minimum bid \$6500. Bids will be opened 8-1-2000, 940-864-3550. Mail bids to First Christian Church, 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell, Texas 79521. 28-30p

## MILK BID SCHOOL YEAR 2000/2001

INVITATION TO BID  
The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District is now accepting bids for milk for its food service programs. Bid Specifications are available at the District's Office located at 605 North Avenue E, P. O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521 or by phoning 940-864-2602. To be considered, bids must be returned no later than 3:30 P.M. Thursday, July 20, 2000. 28-29c

## ICE CREAM BID SCHOOL YEAR 2000/2001

INVITATION TO BID  
The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District is now accepting bids for ice cream for its food service programs. Bid Specifications are available at the District's Office located at 605 North Avenue E, P. O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521 or by phoning 940-864-2602. To be considered, bids must be returned no later than 3:30 P.M. Thursday, July 20, 2000. 28-29c

## PUBLIC NOTICE

GASOLINE BIDS 2000/01  
The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District is accepting bids for gasoline and diesel for the 2000/01 school year. Bid may be on a per gallon or cost-plus basis. The bid must allow the district access to gasoline and diesel 24 hours/day. Address bids to Haskell CISD, P. O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521 by 4:00 P.M. Thursday, July 20, 2000.  
If you have any questions please call Mr. Bland at 940-864-2602. The Haskell CISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 28-29c

# This Week's Devotional Message:



## GOD'S WORLD OFFERS AN ENJOYABLE ECONOMY VACATION

Vacation time can mean many things to many people, depending on their interests as well as what the budget will allow. They may travel a great distance in style, go camping in the nearby woods, or just languish in the back yard. All of these places can provide enjoyment and relaxation, being a departure from the normal routine. Moreover, even a low budget vacation can be a learning

experience, because it is not necessary to go far in order to observe the wonders of God's creation. They are on display everywhere, in different forms, just waiting for you to discover them. Take your Bible along as a sort of guide book, and remember that wherever you go on your vacation, God will be there to watch over you and protect you.

## ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

### HASKELL

#### East Side Baptist Church

David Page, pastor  
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

#### Christian Church

Dusty Garrison, 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

Brett Anderson, 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

Bobby Ray Wade, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
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

Kevin Hall, 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.  
Paint Creek

### WEINERT

#### First Baptist Church

Chris Powell, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
Weinert

#### Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
Weinert

### ROCHESTER

#### 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

Troy Culppepper, 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

Tommy Wilson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
Sagerton

#### Faith Lutheran Church

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

### RULE

#### First Baptist Church

Scott Hensley, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule

#### Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

#### Church of Christ

John Greason, 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

Vergil Smith, pastor  
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

## Sonic Drive-In

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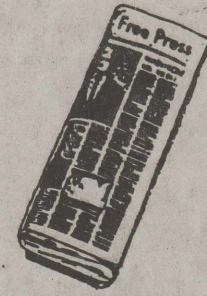
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### Wanted

CASH PAID for old lever action Winchester rifles, Colt pistols and most other guns and western memorabilia. A. C. Richardson at store Hwy. 277 N. 12tc

### Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE: Lots of baby stuff and misc. Sat. 8 a.m. to ? 1003 N. Ave. K. 28p

FRONT PORCH SALE: Sat., July 15, 8 a.m. to noon. 107 N. 2nd St.

LARGE YARD SALE: Furniture, baby things. Lots of misc 600 Cardiff Ave., Rule. Fri. & Sat., 9 to 6. 28p

GARAGE SALE: Sat. 8 to 4. 1206 N. Ave. K. Video games, A/C, dryer, tools, misc. 28p

### Lost & Found

LOST: Multi-colored stone bracelet. Reward. 658-3865. 28p

### Help Wanted

#### NOTICE

The Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. is seeking applicants for the position of full-time driver for the Double Mountain Coach Rural Public Transportation System.

Applicants must have an excellent driving record. Experience in carrying passengers is preferred. Any Drivers Training such as Defensive Driving, Passenger Assistance Courses, CPR/First Aid, etc. is a plus. The selected applicant must be physically able to assist passengers on and off the vehicles including passengers that are in wheelchairs. The ASBDC, Inc./Double Mountain Coach maintains a Drug Free Workplace and Drug-Alcohol Policy Testing Program, which requires all new employees to submit to and pass a drug test as a condition of employment.

This job requires that passengers be picked up at their homes, carry them to their destinations and return them to their homes. The selected applicant will be responsible for the completion of the Daily Trip Log and other written documentation that is required. The selected applicant will also be responsible for the daily operation and appearance of his/her vehicle.

Selected applicant must be able to work with difficult situations and passengers, and maintain a pleasant, cooperative attitude.

The ASBDC, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer, all applicants will be given equal consideration regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief.

Closing date for Application: Monday, July 17, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. Applications may be picked up at the ASBDC, Inc./Double Mountain Coach, 612 S. Washington Ave., Aspermont, Texas between the hours of 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00 p.m., or the Double Mountain Coach, 307 S. 1st, Haskell, Texas. For more information, you may call (940) 989-2239 or 989-3538. 27-28c

CNAs NEEDED. Contact D.O.N. Tori Hicks, Rice Springs Care Home, 940-864-2652. 20tc

APPLICATIONS now being taken for Certified Nurses Aide training class. Call Tori Hicks at Rice Springs Care Home for details. 864-2652. 24tc

IMMEDIATE OPENING: Telephone receptionist needed at one of the area's top automobile dealerships. Duties to include: telephone and showroom receptionist with light clerical duties. Applicant must have good telephone skills and ability to work well with the public. Applicant must also be a high school graduate and bilingual skills helpful, but not required. Apply in person at Bill Wilson Motor Co., Haskell, Texas. 26-28c

NEW OTR drivers for "hot shots." Good pay! Call 940-864-5458 or 1-800-314-5014. 28-29p

HELP WANTED: Home health care caregiver for elderly woman. Must be experienced and must provide references. Excellent working conditions in private home. Opening available for weekends and week day afternoons and evenings. Contact Linda Lane-Blaise, Grand Central Place, 940-864-2696. 28p

### Help Wanted

RN/LVN NEEDED. Contact D.O.N. Tori Hicks, Rice Springs Care Home, 940-864-2652. 17tc

G & S ELECTRIC & Refrigeration in Aspermont needs a full-time electric HVAC and refrigeration technician. Experience required in at least one of these areas. Leave message if phone is unattended. 940-989-2980, nights 940-989-2008. 17tc

### Abandoned Home.

Take over payments 915-725-4133 26tc

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### ESTATE SALE

Eldon and Edna Anderson Fri., July 14, 2000 1702 N. Ave. H Haskell • 8:30 a.m. One Day Only! This is a BIG Sale! Info. call 997-2324 or 997-2370 28c

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**305 N. AVE. K EAST:** 3-2-2, Quiet location.  
**105 N. AVE. H:** 3-2, new C/H, ref, nice.  
**700 N. AVE. L:** 3-2, Carport, brick, den, cellar.  
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Sun room, sprinkler, fenced, oversized garage.  
**623 S. AVE. E:** 2-1, Extra lot, excellent.  
**500 S. FIRST:** 3-1, Brick, large shop, C/H.  
**908 N. AVE. H:** 3-2, carport, well, carport.  
**OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS:** 4-1, C/H, carport, well.  
**112 ADDISON:** 3-2, brick, sprinkler, well, perfect.  
**115 AVE. J EAST:** 3-2-1, Brick, large utility, well.  
**PAINT CREEK HWY. 2:** 1-1, lg. kitchen and living.  
**RULE:** 3-3, Carport, new roof, well, 1102 8' x 12' deck.  
**VEDA'S CAMP:** 3-yr. old mobile home. Like new.

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S) District: Abilene Contract 6059-55-001 for ROUTINE STREET SWEEPING in JONES County, etc. will be opened on July 31, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$122,857.20.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 858 State Office: Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540. District Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79601. Phone 915-676-6800.

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**FOUR WINDS SPEAKER**—Mark Freeman, State Resource Conservation and Development coordinator, standing right, speaks with some of the members of the Four Winds RC&D Board of Directors during their quarterly meeting held at the Haskell National Bank Hospitality Room.

## New projects approved by Four Winds RC&D

Mark Freeman, State RC&D Coordinator, addressed the Four Winds RC&D Board of Directors at their regular quarterly board meeting held at Haskell National Bank's Hospitality Room. Freeman commended Four Winds RC&D's directors, 62 sponsors, coordinator and administrative support for their expansive projects and efforts.

Mayor Ken Lane welcomed the directors, Soil & Water Conservation District directors and NRCS personnel to Haskell. Haskell Co. Judge and Four Wind's Director, David Davis, prepared and served the meal for the meeting.

During regular business, the Board of Directors approved 21 new projects that will significantly impact Four Winds RC&D's 13 county area of Baylor, Childress, Cottle, Dickens, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, King, Knox, Motley, Stonewall, Throckmorton and Wilbarger counties. Other business included establishing water screening dates for Stonewall County scheduled for July 10 and Foard and Hardeman Counties on August 21. In addition, the directors approved a measure to complete a grant application to secure \$5000 in funding for a Geographical Information System (GIS) from Environmental

Systems Research Institute for the area. "The system will be extremely helpful in establishing geographical data for established entities and future economic development projects," according to Four Winds president, Oscar Mangis.

Four Winds RC&D is dedicated to developing rural Texas through programs that promote the area's economy, environment and standard of living. For more information regarding Four Winds RC&D Area Inc., its projects and programs; or becoming a sponsor contact the area office at P. O. Box 548, Knox City, TX 79529 or 940/658-3680.

## Pasture and hay needed

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently reminded farmers and ranchers if they have pastureland with available water supplies for lease or hay to sell to call the Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay and Grazing Hotline at 1-877-429-1998.

"We are still receiving calls from ranchers in the Edwards Plateau and West Texas who need grazing acreage as well as hay to feed their livestock," Combs said. "Some areas of the state have not

seen rain since early last year and summer forecasts call for above-normal temperatures and below-normal rainfall.

"One producer in Concho County said he had never seen it this dry in 50 years," Combs said. "With most of Texas still in moderate to extreme drought and 63 percent of our ranges and pastures rated in fair to very poor condition, the situation is still critical for many producers. We've even heard

from one rancher who is looking for 50,000 grazing acres since there is no forage on his land."

Producers in and out-of-state can list their pasture for lease or hay for sale by calling the toll-free Hay and Grazing Hotline at 1-877-429-1998 or by visiting TDA's website at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us). Ranchers or farmers needing a list of pastures for lease, hay suppliers or a hay transporter can also call the hotline number or visit TDA's website to obtain any of these updated lists.

Since a majority of Texas hay is grown in fire ant quarantined areas, hay being transported to or through a non-quarantine county should be stored in a barn or off the ground to prevent the spread of fire ants. Additional information on fire ant quarantined counties and rules is on TDA's website at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us) in the "Producer Information" section under "Alerts."

### Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 795 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., July 8, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Stocker cattle \$2-\$5 higher; packer cows \$1 to \$2 lower. Feeder cattle steady and demand good all classes.

Jerseys, longhorns, Holsteins, cripples and goats \$5-\$30 less than figures quoted.

Cows: fat, .38-.45; cutters, .36-.47; canners, .32-.37.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.58; feeder, .68-.78; utility, .42-.47.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.45; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.30; 400-500

lbs., .95-1.14; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.05; 600-700 lbs., .85-.94; 700-800 lbs., .77-.87; 800-up lbs., .65-.85.

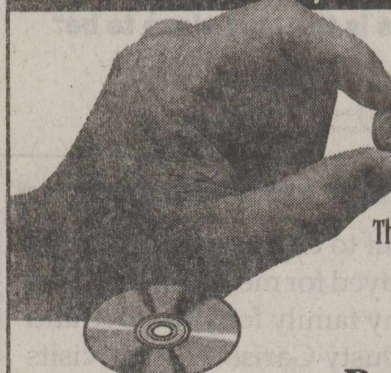
Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.25; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .80-.90; 600-up lbs., .55-.85.

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## Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Vacation Bible School has come and gone and the July 4th weekend is over so everyone is enjoying the "lazy, hazy days of summer." Well, maybe not so lazy as farmers are feverishly working from dawn to dusk plowing the cotton and baling the hay. It is indeed a very busy time around the area. Even we old "retired" codgers are busy trying to keep up with all the activities that we have to go to and staying ahead of the weeds in the gardens and the grass of the lawns. Whoever coined the phrase that small towns are dull and boring just hasn't ever been to our little town.

A successful Vacation Bible School was held at Faith Lutheran Church with Brenda Turner in charge of the activities. The students studied about the people "down under," namely, Australia with the theme of the school being "We Are All God's Children." The sanctuary was transformed into a scene from Australia featuring mountains, palm trees, koala bears, kangaroos, a stream with a crocodile in it and even a talking platypus! New songs were learned each night and the students looked forward to seeing Scruffy the puppet each night as he talked with Brenda and her helpers during the opening skit. Assisting with the school were: Samuel Turner, Laci Williams, Jana Manske, Kathy Manske, Helen Lammert, Tami and Kami Baitz and Mrs. Ronnie Teichelman. Dorothy Clark and Doris Lehmann prepared the supper each night for the students, teachers and helpers.

We salute Old Glory, our neighbors to the west for their

successful celebration last Saturday. The Castros of the Mercantile and Bernice Rhoads are to be commended for organizing such a special program. Intermittent showers throughout the day delayed portions of the program, but didn't seem to dampen the spirits of the people who had come for the dedication of the mural on the old Rinn Store building. The red, white and blue was everywhere and we even got to shake hands with not one but two "Uncle (or was it Aunt?) Sams." Truly a befitting celebration to start off the July 4th weekend.

Brad, Dora, Tyler and Madison Ulmer of Seabrook visited in the home of their grandparents, Alvin and El Ulmer, during the holiday weekend. The children enjoyed fishing and visiting on the farm.

Children, grandchildren, a great grandchild and friends of Delbert and Joyce LeFevre spent several days at Lake Brownwood for their annual reunion and included the following: Larry, Susan and Shane LeFevre, Laressa, Eric and Ryan Earthman, Ken, Kathy and Kit LeFevre, Jill, Ken, Kinsey, Tully and Cade Brown, Linda LeFevre, Isis, Osha and Jaibo Bailey, Mark Cunningham, Brian, Vonda and Justin Bailey, Brad Bailey, Russ and Terry Bailey and her son Anthony.

Wilma Teichelman enjoyed having her two grandsons and a friend of theirs from Abilene visiting with her during the holiday.

Bruce, Michelle, Tarah, Clay and Megan Toney visited in the home of his parents, J. B. and Dorothy Toney, during the weekend and

attended church with them at Faith Lutheran Sunday morning.

Joe and Dorothy Clark were busy during the long weekend as they attended the Old Glory celebration, parade and sculptor dedication in Stamford, the gospel singing at the bunkhouse, fiddlers' contest and the cowboy poetry program at the pavilion in Stamford. A highlight after the fiddlers' contest was an impromptu jam session at the Heads or Tails booth in the pavilion where Jody Nix, his guitarist from his band, Ray Clark on his standup bass and the winner of the fiddlers' contest met and entertained the passersby with various requests. Visitors enjoyed the music and everyone had a real good toe-tappin' good time.

The Clarks finished up their July 4th celebration like so many others by watching the fireworks from New York hosted by Macy's and then the show on TV from Abilene...all from their cool houses in an easy chair. Indeed, the 4th was filled with tradition, celebration and good old fashioned American patriotism.

Mary Neinast had guests during the holiday week that included her nephew Joe Bob Novak of Denton and her children, Kenneth, Betsy and Laura Kate of Emory and Judy, Roy, Doug, Daryl and Dustin McEwen of Anson.

Frances Clark has returned home from a short vacation to Grand Junction, Colorado with her granddaughter, Kay Tonnar and children Chelsea and Brian. They reported cool weather and beautiful scenery. We're glad to have her back home safe and sound.

## Antique appraisals to benefit Noah Project

Olde Abilene Treasures will host the first annual "Discover Your Treasures" on Sat., July 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their location at 2102 North 1st. Several area experts will be on hand to appraise ceramics, jewelry, or any other promising valuables. The event, structured like the "Antiques Road Show," will ask a \$5 donation to benefit Noah Project.

Individuals are encouraged to bring items they feel have value. "Almost everyone has something they think is valuable, but is unaware of what it's worth," said Noah Project's Margaret Hall, Development Director. "We ask that each person bring just one special item."

Olde Abilene Treasures' owners, Curtis and Deborah Woodlock, organized this unique event. Mr. Woodlock said, "We have always had a special relationship with Noah Project and we are pleased to offer our knowledge and facility for this unique event." This is not the first time that Treasures has helped Noah Project; a consignment booth inside Treasures has been donated to Grape Expectations, a resale shop run by Noah.

Appraisers from several fields are scheduled to be present,

including Mr. Woodlock. No formal, written appraisals will be provided; participants will receive an estimate of value from a professional who is knowledgeable about such items, e. g., furniture, glassware, jewelry, etc.

Noah Project, Inc., a non-profit organization that opens its doors to victims of domestic violence, has locations in Abilene, Haskell and

Brownwood. Its mission is to provide quality shelter and comprehensive support services to persons victimized by physical, verbal and psychological abuse in a family situation. Noah provides services to over 700 victims of domestic violence each year with educational support, counseling, shelter and employment opportunities.

## Student in the News

The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Spring 2000 semester has been released at Tarleton State University.

Dr. B. J. Alexander, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students recognized on both the Stephenville and Killeen campuses.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll have a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system and are taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of

3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing.

Nicole L. McCulloch of Haskell is on the A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list.

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