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Bealls closing adds to decline of local economy

by Mary Kaiger

In what is clearly another example of the economic "signs of the times" in the county, Sun., July 30 Bealls is closing its doors in Haskell.

This means that as of next week, the last local department store where wearing apparel and related items for the whole family can be purchased will be only a memory housed in yet another vacant building standing around the Courthouse square.

Caught in the triple-vise situation of declining population due to fewer job opportunities in the county, more people driving to stores in other cities, and a major corporate downsizing by the parent company, the local store is a victim of circumstances that together spell its doom in Haskell.

Several weeks ago, when Stage Stores, Inc., announced from their

corporate headquarters in Houston, that they were reorganizing their marketing strategy by closing 100

of their least productive Bealls units, the Haskell store was not on the list.

However, in subsequent weeks, another twenty additional stores were added to the cut list; this time

including the store in Haskell. It was a matter of economics and sound marketing practice.

First opening in the location as Anthony's. Aug. 17, 1996, the local store became Bealls in October, 1998, after Anthony's merged with Stage Stores, Inc., owner of Bealls. Since that time, in addition to the local manager Teresa Rodriguez, it has employed two full-time and two part-time employees.

"I really hate that this has to happen to the only place locally where you could go in and find things for the whole family, without having to drive somewhere else," said manager Rodriguez, last Friday. "But, we just couldn't compete with having to go up against the bigger volume stores, (sales wise)."

The only local employee offered re-location by Stage Stores, store manager Rodriguez declined to accept the offer. "I don't want to do the daily driving to another location," she said. "And I don't want to move away."

"But, I can't really blame the Company," she said. "I understand that they are doing the best they can, considering the economic situation. They know we (the employees) all have families, and they are not just pitching us out. They are going to do right by us," she added, gratefully.

Speaking of the decline in population due to people leaving the area to seek jobs, Rodriguez said, "This scares other stores from thinking of coming here."

The "Closing" sign now fluttering over the doors of Bealls in downtown Haskell, can well be taken as a positive "sign" of the urgent need for all citizens of Haskell County to take a bold step calculated to stem the tide of lost jobs and lost opportunities now washing over the dry agri-based economy of the area. Without it, these losses will inevitably lead to more loss of county population.



A SIGN OF THE TIMES—Falling victim to corporate downsizing by owners Stage Store, Inc., the Bealls store in Haskell is one of 120

Bealls retail units that are being closed. The store opened locally as Anthony's in 1996, becoming Bealls in October, 1998.

Calendar

Haskell Secondary School registration

Haskell Secondary School will hold registration Tues., Aug. 1. Seniors will register at 8 a.m., Juniors at 9 a.m., Sophomores at 10 a.m. and Freshmen at 11 a.m. 8th graders will register at 1 p.m. and 7th graders at 2 p.m. For more information call 864-8535.

Rule High School registration set

Rule High School will hold registration in the Library at Rule ISD. Seniors will register Mon., Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Juniors will register Mon., Aug 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. Sophomore registration will be held Tues., Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Freshmen will register Tues., Aug. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Paint Creek School to hold registration

Students of Paint Creek School will register Wed., Aug. 2 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. School starts at 8 a.m. Wed., Aug. 9.

Old Glory homecoming

The Old Glory homecoming will be held Sept. 2. Reservations are due Aug. 10. For more information call 940-989-2814.

Vacation Bible School

Calvary Baptist Church, 600 S. 7th, Haskell, will hold Vacation Bible School Sat., July 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Ages Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to attend.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Aug. 3 at 9:30 a.m.

TASP test

The TASP test will be given at Haskell High School Auditorium Sat., July 29. Those wishing to register should call Christye Gannaway at 864-8123 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Football practice to begin

Football season 2000 will get underway for the Haskell Indians on Aug. 7, with two-a-day practices for the Indians from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m. Afternoon practices will run from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.. High school players may come by the dressing room and pick up shoes during weight room hours beginning August 1.

Because of the school year starting on Aug. 10, two-a-day practices will be limited. Practices will be adjusted because of teacher inservice. The Junior High teams will not begin practice until school starts.

The Varsity and Junior Varsity teams will travel to Bangs High School for their first scrimmage on Aug. 19. The scrimmage will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at approximately 1:00 p.m.. Bangs is a 2A High School just outside of Brownwood.

In announcing the football schedule for the season, Haskell CISD Athletic Director, Head Coach Don Flippin said, "The Indians and coaching staff are excited about our new district alignment. Shorter travel time and familiar faces will be a pleasant change."

Haskell Varsity 2000 Football Schedule:
Aug. 19, Bangs Scrimmage at Bangs, beginning at 10:00 a.m.
Sept. 1, Cisco at Haskell, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8, Munday at Munday, 8:00 p.m.
Sept. 15, Jacksboro at Jacksboro, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22, Paducah at Paducah, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 29, Roscoe at Haskell, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6, Open date
Oct. 13,* Stamford at Haskell, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20,* Anson at Anson, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27,* Albany at Haskell, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3,* Olney at Haskell, at 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10,* Hamlin at Hamlin, at 7:30 p.m.
*Denotes District Games

7th, 8th and Junior Varsity Football Games:
Aug. 31, Cisco at Cisco, JV, at 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 7, Munday at Haskell, 7th & 8th, 4:00 p.m., J.V., at 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 14, Jacksboro at Haskell, 7th & 8th, 4:00 p.m., J.V., at 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 21, Paducah at Haskell, 8th, at 5:00 p.m., J.V., at 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 28, Roscoe at Roscoe, 7th., at 5:00 p.m., J.V., at 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 5, Cisco, at Cisco, 7th & 8th, at 5:00 p.m.
Oct. 12, Stamford at Stamford, 7th & 8th, at 4:00 p.m., J.V., at 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19, Anson at Haskell, 7th & 8th, at 4:00 p.m., J.V., at 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 26, Albany at Albany, 7th & 8th, at 4:00 p.m., J.V., at 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 2, Olney at Olney, 7th & 8th, at 4:00 p.m., J.V., at 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 9, Hamlin at Hamlin, J.V., at 6:00 p.m.



HANGING OUT THE SIGN—Bealls employee, Linda Torres, worked to put up the closing sign signaling the end of operations for the store in Haskell, first as Anthony's and later as Bealls.

Haskell Elementary registration set

Registration for all Haskell Elementary students will be Wed., Aug. 9 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend

registration with their child/children so they can meet the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork.

Homeroom lists will be posted in the following locations Tues., Aug. 8 at 5:00 p.m.

Head Start, Early Childhood and Prekindergarten - Homeroom doors (these classes have been moved to the north wings)

Kindergarten and First Grade - Homeroom doors
Second Grade - North doors of the main building

Third and Fourth Grades - East doors of the main building
Fifth Grade - South doors of the main building

Sixth Grade - South doors of the new building
School begins Thurs., Aug. 10.

New Elementary School students to register Aug. 3

Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students Thurs., Aug. 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the elementary library (located on the west side of the campus on South Avenue H). This registration is also for any

students that did not pre-register in the spring for Prekindergarten or Kindergarten.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and last report card.

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ENERGY TO BURN—A few energetic residents of Haskell, Knox City and Aspermont, taking part in a field day in Childress, all brought home either silver or gold. Short and long walks, runs, putt-putt golf, softball throws, basketball shoots, Frisbee throw and hula-hoop games were some of the events they participated in. From the left are, Noby Shadwick, Lupe Castorena, Gilbert Doran, Juanita Posey, Jody Freeman, Pauline Jacobs, Vicente Castillo and Carolin McFadden.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting with Joyce Hawkins on Wed. afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Boyd of Abilene. They were in town on business.

Julie and Audree Cochran went with her mother-in-law Tressie Cochran of Aspermont to Brownwood on Saturday and met

Julie's mom Darlene Conn and Daniel. They brought them home after they spent two weeks in Austin with John Conn who is recovering from surgery.

Visiting with Rev. Kenneth Blair and other family members this past week was his son and family Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blair of Washington state. Also daughter Sherry of Clyde visited on Sunday and all attended church at Trinity Baptist on Sunday morning.

Dr. Barry O'Neal of Irving spent a couple of days with his mother Gladys O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvil McFadden visited their son and wife Mr. and Mrs. Brandon McFadden in Lubbock over the weekend.

Joyce Hawkins visited with Mrs. Joe Ortiz of Arizona at the bank. She is here visiting relatives and taking care of business.

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Another very hot week has ended and we anticipate more of the same kind of weather. After the "norther" blew in Saturday we are reminded of the old-timers' saying that we could expect the first frost of the year ninety days after the first norther in the summer. So, mark your calendars for about October 22 when we might just possibly have our first frost of the year. Sometimes, it works.

The first order of business in the article is to announce that the monthly community supper that normally would have been held on the first Monday in August has been postponed to the second week. Please note that the supper will be held at the community center at 6:30 p.m. August 14. This will mark the beginning of the regular suppers to be held during the upcoming months and will feature sandwiches and watermelons. Everyone in the community is invited and urged to attend for a night "out on the town" hosted by Charles and Dorothy Clark, J. C. and Margaret Wendeborn and Jack and Peggy Tabor. See you all there!

Margaret Wendeborn attended the Lovvorn family reunion at the V.I.P. center in Stamford last weekend with her sister Betty McClellan of Kerrville. Visiting in the Wendeborn home this week are their two grandson, Brian and Michael Wendeborn, of Farmington, N. M.

Joe and Dorothy Clark enjoyed the past week with their great granddaughter, Mikala Clark of Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Mikala spent the time with the Sagerton

Clarks and also with her grandfather, Grandpa Ray and Nana Clark in Stamford. On Wednesday Jenny Dudensing spent the afternoon playing with Mikala. The girls enjoyed sewing, making mud pies, playing in the water, roller blading and shooting off fireworks after dark. Mikala is the daughter of Phillip Clark who is stationed in Ft. Leonard Wood with the army.

Alvin and Alice Bredthauer attended a school reunion of the Liberty-Union school in Burleson County near Cook's Point during the past weekend. Alvin attended these schools and reported that there were 53 ex-students in attendance.

The Friendship Club held its regular monthly dinner at Faith Lutheran Church last Thursday at noon. The birthday song was dedicated to Dorothy Clark and Cequin McIlwain and the anniversary song was sung for Delbert and Joyce LeFevre. Residents and visitors enjoying the time together included Ray Clark, Mikala Clark, Gladys and Herbert Vahlenkamp, Mary Neinst, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Pastor Tommy Wilson, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Kinsey and Cade Brown, Larry LeFevre, Sabrina, Cedar and Cequin McIlwain, Doris Lehrmann, Isabell Mrazek and Frances Clark.

Joe and Dorothy Clark visited with Herman and Mary Raphael at Lubbock Friday and Saturday. While in Lubbock, they attended the Six-Man All Star basketball game at Monterey High School in which Brian Lehrmann was playing. He was on the East team playing with boys from Harrold,

Northside, Strawn, Gordon, Penelope, Chillicothe, Woodson, Morgan and Bynum High Schools. They played against the North team which included schools from Meadow, Hedley, Three Way, Silverton, Fort Elliott, Cotton Center, Wilson, Guthrie and Sannorwood High Schools. The North defeated the East team, but Brian was the high scorer for his team and played a good game. His family from Sagerton and Rule were all there as well as several other families from Rule. Jessica LeFevre, great granddaughter of G. W. LeFevre was on the East girls team. She is a student from Lueders-Avoca and did a fine job representing her school. Their team lost by a slim margin. On Saturday the football games were played with another Rule student participating, Jody Harvey. Reports show that his team won and he was voted MVP for the game. We congratulate these fine students who represent our schools so well. Of course, all the grandparents are mighty proud of their kids! The Lubbock Sports Authority and the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association sponsor the games.

Stephanie and Michelle Stegemoeller have returned home from a short vacation to Appleton, Wisconsin where they visited with Matt Dudensing. Matt is doing a summer internship in Appleton towards his Engineering degree that he is pursuing at Texas Tech in Lubbock. The girls reported very cool weather and beautiful scenery in the northern part of our United States.

Consumers need to put prize promotions into perspective

"Congratulations! You've just won \$5,000!"

The words were music to the Dallas woman's ears, especially coming during the holidays, when she was feeling financially pinched. The caller told her she'd receive her check within two or three weeks, just when the holiday credit card bills would be coming in.

All the caller needed to finalize the deal was the woman's checking account number, which would allow him to deduct a \$289 tax on her winnings from her account. He assured her that the charge wouldn't be deducted until her \$5,000 check had been deposited to her account.

Two days later, an electronic check for \$289 was presented to her bank. Within the next couple days, another \$289 was deducted from her account.

She's out almost \$600, and she has yet to receive her \$5,000 "prize."

The same caller contacted the woman the next month to announce that she'd won a \$5,000 prize. When the caller realized that he'd mistakenly made a repeat call, she says, he quickly hung up.

Everyone loves to be a winner. A recent poll by Opinion Research Corporation showed that more than half of all American adults entered sweepstakes within the past year. Most of the contests were run by reputable marketers and non-profit organizations to promote their products and services. Some lucky winners received millions of dollars or valuable prizes.

But many sweepstakes are scams and an alarming number of people lose money to them. The same fraudsters who "took" the Dallas woman also claimed victims from Spring Valley, N. Y., to Bryson City, N. C., to Syracuse, Utah. Some of the victims admitted to being uncomfortable

about sharing their bank account information with the caller, but the silver-tongued sales pitch and the thrill of being a winner allayed their concerns - at least momentarily.

Every day, consumers across the United States lose thousands of dollars to unscrupulous prize promoters. Last year alone, the Federal Trade Commission received more than 10,000 complaints from consumers about gifts, sweepstakes and prize promotions. Many of the consumers received telephone calls or postcards telling them that they'd won a big prize - only to find out that to claim it, they had to buy something or pay as much as \$10,000 in fees or other charges.

What's the difference between legitimate sweepstakes and fraudulent ones?

According to Tom Carter, an attorney with the FTC, the federal consumer protection agency, prizes in legitimate sweepstakes are awarded solely by chance and contestants don't have to pay a fee or buy something to enter or boost their chances of winning.

"But in fraudulent schemes, contestants almost always have to dip into their pockets to enter the sweepstakes or collect the so-called prize," he says.

Often the "fabulous prizes" touted in these contests aren't worth collecting. A "diamond pendant" might be the size of a pinhead. A "luxury vacation for two" might be an overnight in a seedy motel. An "all terrain vehicle" might be nothing more than a toy car.

Yet scam artists often use the promise of these and other "valuable" prizes to entice consumers to buy overpriced products or services, to contribute to bogus charities, or to attend

sales pitches for land or vacation timeshares. People who fall for their ploys may end up paying far more than their "prizes" are worth - if they receive them at all.

Carter says consumers who sign up for contest drawings in public places, through the mail or online also may get more than they bargained for. That is, more advertising solicitations, more telemarketing calls, more unsolicited commercial e-mail and possibly, more prize promotion offers.

Carter cautions consumers to read the fine print on contest drawing entry forms before filling them out and to steer clear of any that don't guarantee their privacy. "Consumers should look for a statement clarifying that the promoter won't sell or share the person's name with third parties," he counsels.

But the bottom line, he adds, is not to pay to enter a contest or collect a prize. "Remember that if you have to pay for your 'prize,' it's not a prize," Carter says. "It's a purchase."

Here are some of Carter's telltale signs of fraudulent prize promotions and sweepstakes.

• a notification telling you you've won a "big" prize - mailed to you at bulk rate.

• a requirement that you disclose your bank account information so the promoter can either deposit your winnings directly into your account or charge your account for taxes or fees on your prize.

• a requirement that you call a toll-free number for details. It's likely that you will be transferred to a "900" pay-per-call number.

• a requirement that you buy something, attend a sales meeting or pay a fee to enter or claim your prize.

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MR. AND MRS. BRAD WEST

Cypert, West married June 17

Jacy LaDawn Cypert and Bradley Eugene West were married June 17, at the Church of Christ in Haskell, with Greg Melton of Graham officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Buddy and Tonya Cypert of Haskell. She is the granddaughter of Billy and Donna Cypert of Munday and Bernice Steward and the late Jack Steward of Goree.

The bridegroom is the son of Gene and Dorothy West of Mesquite, and the grandson of Melba West of Amarillo.

Kristen Cypert of Haskell, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kelli Cunningham of College Station, Misty McMeans of Abilene and Alison Peveto of Buna. Flowergirls were Jenna Underwood of Granbury and Kayla Carpenter of McKinney, niece of the groom.

Gene West served as his son's best man. Groomsmen were Scott Simcox of Gladewater; Cody Cypert of Richland Hills, brother of the bride; and Montie McAfee, of Richland Hills, uncle of the bride. Ring bearer was Kameron McAfee of Richardson, cousin of the bride.

Candlelighters were cousins of the bride, Kyle Smith of Garland and Kayla McAfee of Richardson.

Serving as ushers were the groom's brother-in-law, Jim Cox of

Odessa, and Philip Smith of Houston, cousin of the bride.

Serving at the bride's table at the reception were Tammy Casey of Coleman, Angela Brewer of Winters, Ember Medford and Betsy Coleman, both of Haskell.

Serving at the groom's table were his sisters, Misty Carpenter of McKinney and Susan Cox of Odessa.

Dacia Carter of Searcy, Arkansas, registered guests.

A country/western rehearsal barbecue dinner was hosted by the groom and his parents at the Haskell Church of Christ Annex.

Prior to the wedding, friends of the bride hosted a shower for the couple, May 7, at the Haskell First National Bank. A lingerie shower was given for the bride by the bridesmaids, June 16. On Sat., June 17, a bridesmaids brunch was held at the home of Amanda Hadaway.

The bride is a graduate of Haskell High School and Cisco Junior College with a degree in Nursing. She is employed with Texas Medical and Surgical Associates in Dallas.

The bridegroom graduated from Lakeview Centennial High School. He is a journeyman electrician employed with Wilburn Electric, Inc. in Garland.

The couple is residing in Garland following a trip to San Antonio.



MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL COBB

Cobbs to celebrate 50th anniversary

Virgil and Evelyn Cobb of Haskell will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary, at a reception Sun., July 30, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

The event is being hosted by their children, Gary and Julie Cobb of Lubbock, and Dr. R. L. and Shauna Cobb of Midland.

The couple met at Roberts Baptist Church in the Mattson community shortly after Virgil returned from the U.S. Navy. Married at First Baptist Church in Haskell, July 30, 1950, the couple has lived in Haskell all of their married life, except for a short time in Quanah and San Angelo. They

are both active members of First Baptist Church.

After serving fourteen years at Paint Creek Power Station, Virgil Cobb retired as Assistant Superintendent from West Texas Utilities in 1986.

Evelyn Cobb has been in tax service and an insurance representative for more than twenty-nine years, and is a former owner of H & R Block in Haskell.

The couple enjoys traveling and watching the growth of their four grandchildren, Blake Cobb and Melinda Fleming of Lubbock and Sawyer and Crosby Cobb of Midland.



BRANDON ANDERSON - PENNY YOUNG

Young, Anderson engaged

Penny Benton Young and Brandon Anderson, both of Haskell, would like to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is employed by Haskell County as the District Clerk. She is the daughter of Maybelle Benton and the late Jim

Benton of Haskell.

The prospective bridegroom is employed by Haskell County as the County Extension Agent-Ag. He is the son of Richard and Patty Anderson of Caney, Kansas.

A September 3 wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church of Haskell.

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Local 4-H'ers place

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
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Rolling Plains-3 District 4-H
Record Book Judging were selected
July 11, when screening groups
met at the Texas A&M University
Research and Extension Center at
Vernon, according to Elaine
Houston and Galen D. Chandler,
District Extension Directors for the
twenty-five Rolling Plains
counties.

There were 142 Junior records,
79 Intermediate records and 109
Senior records scored in 36 different
subject matter areas. Junior and
Intermediate records were placed
first through fifth place. First place
Senior records will be submitted
for State judging, where they will
compete for scholarships and
awards.

The 4-H'ers who represented
Haskell County at the competition
with their respective placings are as
follows.

Senior Division: Ross Bullinger
(Clothing and Textiles) - 1st place;
Tabitha Coker (Foods and
Nutrition) - 4th place; B. J. Opsahl
(Sheep) - 4th place; Derrick
Tribbey (Photography) - 3rd place;
and Amy Turner (Beef) -
participant.

Intermediate Division: Chase
Cockerell (Swine) - participant; and
Abby Dudensing (Foods and
Nutrition) - 3rd place.

Junior Division: Candace Brister
(Sheep) - participant; Emery
Dudensing (Foods and Nutrition) -
1st place; Molly Dudensing
(Clothing and Textiles) - 1st place;
and Robbyn Tribbey (Clothing and
Textiles) - participant.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, July 31

Lunch-Chicken salad, baked
beans, sliced tomatoes, lime
supreme, sugar cookies, bread,
milk, tea or coffee

Wednesday, August 2

Lunch-Swiss steak, cauliflower,
green beans, pineapple and carrot
Jello, Howard's cobbler, bread,
milk, tea or coffee

Friday, August 4

Lunch-Chicken Ala King, rice,
green peas, carrots, apple crisp,
bread, milk, tea or coffee
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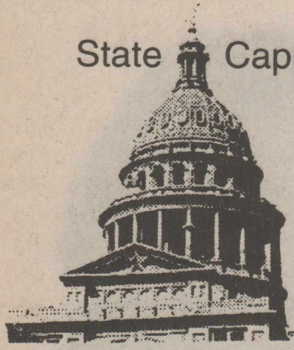
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — The Texas Lottery Commission added four numbers to the Lotto Texas drawing last week in hopes of increasing player participation and rejuvenating slumping ticket sales.

The change was implemented July 16 when new player slips with 54 numbers were delivered to retailers across the state. The first drawing with the new system was July 19.

Lottery spokeswoman Kristina Childress said preliminary figures showed ticket sales were up by the end of the day, but she pointed out that the July 19 jackpot already had climbed to \$21 million before the numbers were added.

"We believe it was more of the lure of the jackpot than the lure of the balls," Childress said.

Pay-outs under the new number configuration are expected to increase as the jackpots grow. The prize for selecting five of six numbers increased \$1,000 to \$2,500 and players who select three of six numbers now will earn \$5 instead of \$3. The pay-out for selecting four of six numbers only increased slightly.

Public reaction to the Lottery's proposal when first announced several months ago was mixed. Many longtime players said they would prefer better odds of winning not higher jackpots.

Jury convicts man for 8-liners

A Bexar County man became the first person to be convicted of organized crime involving eight-liners since Attorney General John Cornyn began a crackdown on the illegal gaming machines.

A jury deliberated for three hours and found Richard E. Legere guilty of operating eight-liners in his Universal City bar Poor Richards Lounge.

Legere faces up to \$10,000 on each count and confinement in a state jail facility for not less than 180 days or more than two years. Legere could also be eligible for up to 10 years probation.

This is the first conviction for organized crime involving the use of eight-liners that Cornyn's office has obtained.

The attorney general's office began investigating the case with the Bexar County District Attorney's office in March 1999. The Department of Public Safety's Special Crimes Division in San Antonio also assisted.

Since March 2000, six defendants have been found guilty on multiple counts regarding eight-liner operations.

PUC begins deregulation awareness

The Public Utility Commission July 18 approved a multi-million-dollar customer education plan to prepare Texans for the start of retail electric competition in 2001.

The campaign budget is \$12 million the first year and could reach \$36 million for the entire four-year campaign. The PUC is seeking bids from private companies to manage and implement the customer education plan.

Texas' electric consumers will first have access to utility deregulation through pilot projects beginning June 1, 2001, and full retail competition of investor-owned utilities starts Jan. 1, 2002. Senate Bill 7, passed in 1999, opened Texas to utility competition.

High Point/Franklin, a marketing firm specializing in electric restructuring issues, designed the Customer Education Plan with extensive input from the PUC, utilities, retail electric providers and consumer groups. The plan includes recommendations based on successful strategies used in other states undergoing electric restructuring and extensive research conducted throughout Texas.

Other highlights

• Drought conditions have affected 134 of the state's 4,534 public water systems and at least 17 of those are under severe water rationing in which outdoor water usage is prohibited. Another 11 have imposed moderate rationing to limit use of sprinkler systems, according to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

• Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst said lease and land sales have earned more than \$4.8 million for the Permanent School Fund. Dewhurst said the \$226 average bid per acre for oil and gas leases is the highest in two years.

• Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor unveiled a new Internet resource page to help small businesses make wise insurance choices and save money. The new Insurance Resource for Small Businesses is available online at www.tdi.state.tx.us.

• More than two dozen Texas coastal cities and counties are urging Congress to pass the Conservation and Reinvestment Act, which would provide an estimated \$237 million in new dollars each year for Texas' coastal areas, state and local parks, wildlife, historic sites, educational entities and private landowners.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Watching another commercial establishment close its doors to doing business in town graphically points out the urgent need for taking decisive, positive action to help staunch the drain of Haskell County people, profits and productivity from going to other locales.

Haskell/Haskell County has long been appreciated as a pleasant, great place to live, with so many valued things for families raising children, and for retirees returning to their remembered roots. Good, up-to-date school systems, churches, a thriving farm economy and commercial services available, helped to make it a place we don't want to leave, "except maybe to go to heaven some day," as our friend George Fouts once said.

But, the "times they are a-changing." As much as we may not want to admit or recognize it, the still charming, small-town atmosphere so enjoyed, appreciated and available through the years is being eroded by the hard facts of economics.

Not only in the county towns, but also out in the county, the spectre of "things to come" may well be looming on the beautiful, open horizon of Haskell County. No longer can dependence on farming, ranching and oil be the major contributing factor to a strong tax base in the county. No longer can families expect their children to stay and raise families here, however much they might want to stay. They must go where opportunities fit their skills and ability to make a living. And from all over the county, this situation eventually means a population decline, leading to a decline in the need for commercial services and related businesses, all leading to a decline in the number of school students and the amount of state assistance to the schools.

This very likely eventually has long worried city and county leaders, who have researched the possibilities and searched for answers. Now, with the faith that

"if we build it they will come," through the Regional County Jail and Detention Center, the county has the opportunity to obtain a substantial job base affording a sustained payroll to the area.

This project is relevant to everyone in the county who wants to see the area continue to thrive. Questions of "what's in it for me?" are easily answered. Employees will be hired from all around the county; husbands, wives, sons and daughters, who want to stay here and raise their families. The number of students enrolled in schools will increase as young families choose to stay in the county; stopping the present drain of state monies as school populations continue to decline.

Even though we ourselves may not be dependent on a local job, perhaps retired on a fixed, comfortable-enough income, or living out in the country on a paid-for family farm, we have a certain obligation to help save this area we love to call home.

It seems to me that none of us can afford to be like the man who

finally retired and got to go on vacation to the California beach. Spreading his lawn chair out in the sunshine, he settled down to enjoy at last, the beauty of the area. Before long he was interrupted by a loud commotion from out in the water. "Help! Help! I'm drowning," came a desperate cry.

The man relaxing on the beach ignored the desperate call, but it persisted. "Help me, I'm drowning. I can't swim! I can't swim!"

This went on for several minutes and finally the irritated vacationer who was being disturbed in his comfortable morning nap, walked down to the water's edge and hollered, "Hey feller, I can't swim either, but you don't hear me making all this loud fuss about it."

If there is "anything in it" for any of our fellow county citizens, there is certainly something in it for each one of us: enough to make us get up off our back porch on the dry beach and come to the aid of a drowning county. Endorsement of the Regional County Jail and Detention Center may be the best "life-line" we can give.

Adolescent girls need to stay active

Parental help might be needed to keep middle-school girls physically active. "At puberty, physical activity levels drop dramatically among girls," said Becky Gorham, a registered dietitian with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "They lose interest in children's activities like bike riding or going to the playground. Many also tend to avoid physical activity because they feel self-conscious about their changing bodies."

To help girls stay physically active as they grow, Gorham offers parents these tips:

•Take middle-schoolers to high-school girls' track and swim meets, tennis matches and soccer games to expose them to young, active role models and different activities.

•Reinforce development of a positive self-image by sidestepping issues of weight and body shape changes. Focus on having fun and being healthy.

•Support, but don't force, involvement in sports or other physical activity. Avoid turning physical activity into a control issue.

•Use physical activity to carve out quality one-on-one time with growing girls. Suggest a swim, nightly walk, a bike ride, or learn to in-line skate together.

•Be a good role model. Your lifestyle choices influence your daughter's physical activity levels more than you might think. If you're active, she probably will be, too.

Correction

Information furnished to the Haskell Free Press concerning the Friends of the Library lifetime memberships was incorrect. Lifetime memberships for a family is \$250 and includes all children until the age of 18.

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From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
July 26, 1990

The memorial in honor of Rule servicemen of all wars is now erected. A formal dedication of the memorial is planned for October.

Thirteen girls from Haskell attended the basketball Super Camp held at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

The Haskell County 4-H club managers met in the county extension office for their regular planning meeting. Kay Smith is manager and Christi Stapleton is assistant for Haskell. For Paint Creek Kim Crawford is manager and her assistant is Darlene Walton.

20 Years Ago
July 24, 1980

Tommy B. Watson, Bill Lar... Tom Watson, Don Comedy and Roy Trussell, volunteer firemen on the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, attended the 51st Annual Texas Firemen's Training School held on the campus of Texas A&M.

Jay Beakley, Dennis Cloud and Rod Petty, all of Rule represented Haskell County at the 18th annual High School Citizenship Seminar held on the campus of Baylor University in Waco.

Giles Bryan Kemp, a 1980 graduate of Haskell High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 Clark Foundation Scholarship from the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

30 Years Ago
July 23, 1970

Lynda Lane, Susie McAdoo and Bonnie Adkins, students at Haskell High School, attended the annual Texas Tech University band camp in Lubbock.

The Greenbelt Athletic Association has selected Roy Pittman and Donald Love, both of Haskell, to participate in the Twenty-First Annual Greenbelt Football Classic Aug. 15 at Childress.

Champions in the "Monkey" Golf Tournament sponsored by the Haskell County Country Club Men's Golf Association are Harvey Croft, Bill Ratliff, M. D. Berry, and Brian Dulany.

40 Years Ago
July 28, 1960

Three model plane enthusiasts from Haskell are entering the National Model Airplane Championships at Grand Prairie. The three are Ervin Eugen-Frierson, Lee Roberts and Walte Roy Scheets.

The new electric bulletin board located on the courthouse lawn at which flashes "Welcome to Haskell" to passing motorists on US 277 and State Highway 2 was turned on for the first time last Fri. night.

The Haskell Free Press has moved to the newly remodeled building at 401 South 1st Street. The Free Press formerly occupied the building at 415 South 1st street.

50 Years Ago
July 27, 1950

A. W. Griffon is a new member of the staff of the Haskell County Hospital. He is in charge of the laboratory and X-ray at the hospital.

Sheriff R. M. (Bob) Cousins was re-elected for a second term with a majority of more than 2,000 votes over two opponents.

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club held an all-day meeting in the home of Mrs. G. E. Davis for a covered dish luncheon. Eleven members were present.

Four young people from the Haskell Presbyterian Church attended Pioneer Camp at Lake Cisco. They are David Ross Frierson, Bobbie Ann Holt, Jean Duncan and Betty Hester.

90 Years Ago
July 23, 1910

M. A. Clifton has opened a feed store and wood yard north of the Baptist Church between the square and the depot.

The Haskell Creamery is now in full operation and will take all sweet milk and cream brought to it at the rate of 28 cents per pound for butterfat. The plant also has ice cream and buttermilk for sale at all times.

Arthur Cummings of Van Horn is visiting in this city. Mr. Cummings was born and reared in Haskell and is known to all the old settlers.

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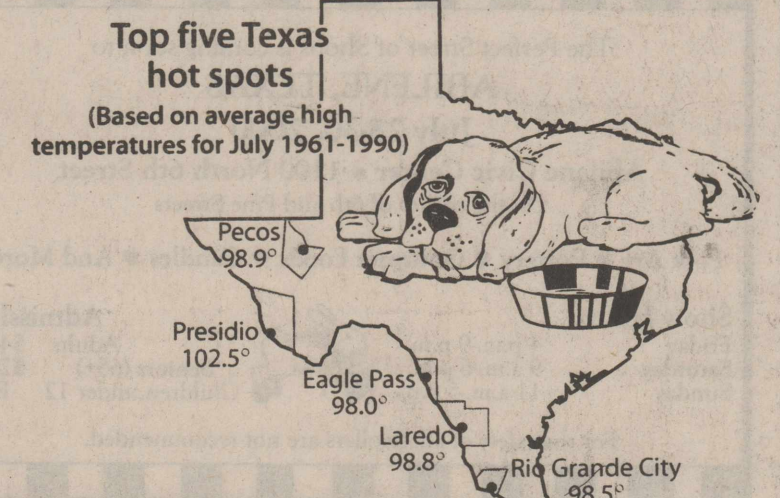


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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Dog days of summer

As Texans begin to endure the dog days of summer, consider that on an average day in July in Presidio, Texas, the temperature is expected to rise to 102.5 degrees. That's 8.3 degrees higher than the state's average high for July—94.2 degrees.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), National Weather Service, Texas Weather by George W. Bomar, published by University of Texas Press, 1995.

Get kids off to a good start this school year

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Getting off to a good start at the beginning of the school year can give children the motivation to do their best during the school year.

Extension family life specialist Dorothy James says the new school year is an adjustment for all family members. James says changes may include bedtimes, friendships, activities, expectations and diet. These changes can be easier for some children, harder for others. Many children will attend school for the first time and the whole experience is new. For others, there may be new interests, new doubts, changing family dynamics and new developmental needs since the previous school year.

Changes at school include new classrooms, teachers and subjects. This means that children must redesign at least a few aspects of their lives. James says most children adjust in a few weeks or a month. She says there are several

ways parents can help make the transition easier for themselves and their children. James says parents should treat school as a normal part of the family's activities. Answer questions and discuss issues, but keep school preparation in perspective. A parent may also visit the school and bus stops with children. Walk to the school or drive the bus route to familiarize kids with pertinent landmarks.

James says parents also need to adjust bedtime schedules that may have been flexible during the summer. One approach is to gradually move bedtimes back for two or three weeks before school starts. Another method is to wake the child earlier in the morning for three to four days until the child automatically goes to sleep earlier. It is also a good idea for parent and child to shop for school supplies together. Make a list before going to avoid conflict during the outing.

Allow the child to make as many choices as possible.



AT HARRELL REUNION 2000—The oldest member in attendance from the Will Harrell family was Viola Tidwell of Haskell, right; from the Ike Harrell family, Frances Bowen of Haskell, left, and from the the Nathan Harrell family was Jr. Harrell of Burkburnett.

65 attend Harrell family reunion

Sixty-five descendants of Ike, Charlie, Nathan and Will Harrell met in Haskell, July 21-22 for the family's Reunion 2000.

Activity began at the Haskell National Bank Community Room on Friday night with cold cuts and homemade ice cream, served to thirty-five members attending. Special guests for the night were Doll Williams, Marie Culberth and Gene and Cindy Flanary.

Saturday at noon all sixty-five members enjoyed an array of covered dishes, smoked brisket and sausage, and desserts. Guests at the

lunch were Dorothy Lee Halliburton, Doll Williams and Claudie Reid.

Viola Tidwell was the oldest descendant in attendance, and Rachel Shipley, granddaughter of Roy and Mareta Glover was the youngest.

Van and Brad Harrell served as auctioneers raising money to defray expenses of the reunion. As an added attraction this year, the children had their own auction and a grab bag of toys with which they really had fun.

The family's next reunion date will be July 27-28, 2001.

Road dust can aggravate asthma

The street where you live could contribute to your asthma problems.

It's easy to imagine that a dusty, unpaved road could contribute to breathing problems. But California researchers say dust from paved roads could contribute significantly to asthma-causing pollutants in the environment. They vacuumed dust from several southern California roads and found that it's full of things that cause respiratory allergies—such as soil, exhaust particles, tire dust, brake lining dust and plant materials. All this stuff is thrown into the air when cars drive on roads. Up to about 12 percent of the allergens found in the air could come from

road dust. It could be worse in areas that have more vegetation and thus more pollen to contribute to the dust.

The situation is probably the worst for people who live near major highways or well-traveled roads. Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say one way of dealing with asthma-causing allergies is to stay indoors and keep windows shut. Use the air conditioner to filter the outside air—and keep your filters clean, changing them often. Keep your windows rolled up in the car and use the recirculate setting on your car air conditioner. That may help keep some of the road dust out of your lungs.

Tips for quitting the smokeless tobacco habit

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
You are the only one who can decide when you are ready to break the smokeless tobacco habit! But, whenever you're ready to quit for good you can use the following plans to help once you have decided on a quit date. You can:

- Quit Cold Turkey—totally stop using any tobacco products
- Use Nicotine Reduction—gradually reduce the amount of nicotine in your system by cutting back on your dipping or chewing bit-by-bit
- Switch Brands—change to a brand you do not particularly like when you reach your date

•Use Blending—blend your snuff or chew with non-nicotine products

Remember that nicotine withdrawal is a normal part of the quitting process no matter what plan you use. To help with nicotine withdrawal you should:

- Drink non-alcoholic beverages like juice, fruit punch and water
- Exercise and stay active
- Use dip or chew substitutes like gum, sunflower seeds or sugarless candy
- Find a tobacco-free friend you can call for support

For more information about breaking your smokeless tobacco habit, contact your county Extension office.

NRCS needs volunteers

Volunteers are being recruited to assist Natural Resource Conservation Service employees in the local office in Haskell, according to District Conservationist, Bob Waddell. Duties might include fieldwork, such as surveying, photography, conservation practice layout, etc. Office work includes typing, data entry, answering telephones and filing.

Work assignments are scheduled at your convenience from a few hours per day to long term

Eating healthy important for kids

Eating healthy can help protect children against environmental health hazards.

"A healthy child must have an efficient defense mechanism against harmful substances such as toxins, poisons, oxidants, bacteria and viruses," said Dr. Farook Jahoor, an assistant professor of pediatrics at the Children's Nutrition

Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Children must eat foods adequate in energy and protein, rich in minerals and sufficient in vitamins C, E, A and beta carotene. Jahoor said these much-needed sources can be found in foods such as fruits and vegetables, some cereals, milk, fish and meat.

Air bags pose risk to infants

Ninety-nine percent of parents with children under age one say they have heard about the risks air bags pose to children, according to a new national survey. Although most have heard and are heeding the warnings, alarmingly, 11 percent of parents who regularly transport an infant in a vehicle equipped with a passenger air bag continue to place babies in the front seat—amounting to as many as 175,000 babies at serious risk.

The research reveals that these parents tend to be younger, have little formal education and live in the South. And parents who don't wear their seat belts are more likely to place infants in the front.

"Infants should never, ever ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag," said Janet Dewey, Executive Director of the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign. "An air bag comes out of the dashboard in the blink of an eye with great force. Riding up front in an infant seat, a baby's fragile head and neck are always too close to the deploying air bag in the event of a crash."

While the overall rate of child deaths from air bags has declined by 50 percent and there are encouraging signs that more drivers are properly restraining children in the back seat, too many children are continuing to die. Infants under one year of age account for roughly 1 in 12 of the children at risk; yet they account for about 1 in 5 of the child deaths. To date, of the 63 children who died in crashes involving air bags, 13 were babies riding in infant seats. Investigations also indicate that almost all of these infants were five months old or younger.

"We think some parents believe the risk of not seeing a baby is greater than the risk of injury in a crash. That's just wrong," said Joseph R. Zanga, M. D., FAAP, American Academy of Pediatrics President. "Parents must understand that automobile crashes are the leading cause of injury to our children. The safest way for pre-

adolescent children to ride—including babies—is properly restrained in the back seat."

The research also shows that parents are more likely to follow proper safety procedures as their children age: Fully one quarter of parents incorrectly place infants ages one to three months old in the front seat, while only eight percent put ten to 12 month-old infants in the front seat.

The risks air bags pose to children are entirely eliminated when children ride properly restrained in the back seat. Crashes are the leading cause of death to children. With or without an air bag, children are safer in the back. Studies show that, even in vehicles without air bags, the death rate to children drops by one third when kids ride properly restrained in the back seat.

The research also shows that 20 percent of parents with and without air bag equipped vehicles report not properly restraining their infants. Since crashes are the leading cause of death to children and with or without an air bag the back is the safest place for children to ride—nearly 800,000 children are at increased risk in a crash.

The Campaign, NHTSA and others are stepping up their outreach to new and expectant parents by providing free materials through national organizations that can best reach their target audiences. For more information on air bag safety, visit the Campaign's web site (www.nsc.org/airbag.htm) or call (202) 625-2570.



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DOUBLE A WINDJAMMER GATHERING—Sixty-one Haskell residents and friends converged on Eagle Nest, New Mexico, for a 4th of July holiday annual fish fry, sponsored by the Donald Cunningham family along with a number of friends and relatives.

Windjammers meet in New Mexico

Sixty-three Haskell residents and friends met in Eagle Nest, New Mexico, July 4, for the Double A Windjammers annual fish fry. To commemorate the occasion, red tee shirts and caps showing the state of Texas and Haskell Windjammers could be found in a number of towns, including Angel Fire and Red River, as well as Eagle Nest.

The fish fry, sponsored by the Donald Cunningham family, along with a number of friends and relatives, has become an outing enjoyed by all who attend, with the group growing in number each year.

Those attending from Haskell include Donald, Denia, Amy and Matthew Cunningham; Randall Martin, David and Azile Larned; Maxine Judd; Earl, Wanda and Wendy Proctor; Reena Harris; Bill and Lennie Blankenship; Ben and Sue McGee; Bobby and Lena Tidwell; Wayne and Eva Dunnam; Wayne and Bettie Wainscott; Virgil and Evelyn Cobb; Joe and Sarah Cortez; Wallace and Margaret Bird; Brandon Rodela; Sterling Bird; James and Lela Bevel; Bill and Peggy Middlebrook; and Bob and Lowell Baker.

Appreciating the hospitality of the RV park owners, Phil and Glenda Lenz, all those attending hope to return their friendship in 2001.

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This Week's Devotional Message:

GOD GAVE US THE TECHNOLOGY TO INVENT THE COMPUTER



Among the greatest inventions of this century is the computer. It has become a necessity to businesses, government, medical facilities, etc., and many a home now has one. It performs a mind-boggling array of useful functions, like retrieving case histories in seconds. It serves as a typesetter, an artist, a composer, a photo processor, and a planner of achievements beyond the

imagination of most of us. The computer is indeed a marvel of modern technology. Our House of Worship teaches us that God created man and endowed him with the ability to invent something like this. There is no finer example of the good that can be accomplished by human ingenuity, or of God's wisdom in making all things possible as a result of it.

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HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
David Page, pastor
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600 N. 1st East, Haskell
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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.
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- Trinity Baptist Church**
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Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
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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
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Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
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500 Main, Rochester
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Vergil Smith, pastor
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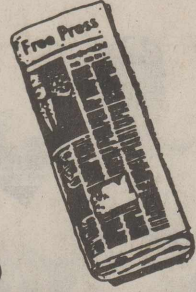
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NOTICE

Haskell County Commissioner's Court will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on August 14, 2000 at the office of County Judge in the Haskell County Courthouse, Haskell, Texas to purchase a new elevator to be installed in the existing opening. Specifications available in the office of County Judge.

Haskell County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
David C. Davis
County Judge 29-30c

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF HASKELL, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the City Council, the City of Haskell, Texas to issue in one or more series Certificates of Obligation in the maximum principal amount not to exceed \$22,000,000 for paying, in whole or in part, contractual obligations to be incurred for the construction and equipping of jail facilities including land to be owned by Haskell County, Texas or an instrumentality thereof and jointly used by the City of Haskell and the County of Haskell, and for paying legal, fiscal and professional fees in connection therewith. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such Certificates of Obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law. At 7:00 a.m. on August 14th, 2000, during their regularly scheduled meeting at the regular meeting place at the Haskell City Hall, Haskell, Texas, the City Council intends to consider for passage a Resolution authorizing the issuance of such Certificates of Obligation.

Ann Young
City Secretary

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Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Commissioners Court of Haskell County, Texas to issue in one or more series Certificates of Obligation in the maximum principal amount not to exceed \$22,000,000 for paying, in whole or in part, contractual obligations to be incurred for the construction and equipping of county jail facilities including land, and for paying legal, fiscal and profes-

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Rhonda Moeller
County Clerk 29-30c

PUBLIC NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

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Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, Billie McKeever, en 600 North Ave. E, Haskell, Texas, 940-864-2602, y/o el Coordinador de la Seccion 504, Billie McKeever, en 600 North Ave. E, Haskell, Texas, 940-864-2602. 30c

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Bids will be accepted until 3 p.m. on August 4, 2000. The Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. reserves the right to reject any/all bids.

For information please contact: Mylissa Gholson, Transportation Director, ASBDC, Inc., P. O. Box 188, Aspermont, Texas 79502. Telephone 940-989-2239. 30c

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Georgetown Operating Company, P. O. Box 14936, Oklahoma City, OK 73113-0936 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the conglomerate interval in the Reames No. 3 well. The proposed injection well is located 17 miles SE of Haskell, Texas, in the Lindsay Bea (Congl.) Field, in Haskell County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval of 4951 to 4964 feet.

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Justin Baty dies of meningitis

Justin Baty, of Jud the 13-year-old Rochester eighth-grader who was diagnosed as having a rare form of meningitis, July 11, died Wed., July 19 at Cooks Childrens Hospital in Fort Worth, after eight days of treatments.

Baty lived with his mother and stepfather, Beverly and Willie Strickland of Jud.

Health officials believe the boy was infected with the dangerous water-borne amoeba, while swimming in Lake Texoma during a July 4th visit with his father, Alan Baty of Oklahoma. The amoeba thrives in fresh water when temperatures are high.

As reported last week, a fund has been established at the Citizens

National Bank of Knox City, to assist the family with medical and related expenses. The address is P.O. Box 668, Knox City, 79529. The account number is 1832190-7002238.

Baty was the first known victim of the illness this summer in Texas, which normally records two or three each year. Rarely contracted, the Texas Department of Health said the amoeba is found in almost all fresh, untreated water sources. When water is forcefully inhaled during diving, swimming and water or jumping into very warm water, the microorganism enters the brain and begins to attack the brain.

Symptoms include severe

headaches, high fever, nausea and vomiting, with seizures and hallucinations. Those with the illness do not transmit it to other people.

Recommendations from the Texas Department of Health for avoiding the infection are:

Do not swim in stagnant or polluted water.

Hold your nose and use ear plugs when jumping into water.

Swim in properly maintained swimming pools.

Keep wading pools clean and change the water daily.

Avoid swallowing water.

Use ear plugs, goggles or masks if you tend to get ear or eye infections.



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First American Bank holds statewide fan drive

Hundreds of Texans will feel relief from the summer heat thanks to donations from the statewide fan drive conducted by First American Bank.

From June 30 to July 14, First American Bank collected fans for less fortunate citizens who are without air conditioning during the hot summer heat.

"Citizens across the state joined our 'Beat the Heat' fan drive by bringing a total of 326 fans and \$3,156.80 in cash donations to one of our 63 First American Bank lobby," said William C. Atkinson, president of First American Bank.

First American Bank donated an additional 109 fans.

"Thousands of Texans suffer

through the summer heat every year. Serious health problems, even death, can result from extreme heat. The elderly and infants are two groups that suffer the most. The fan drive will provide a very worthwhile and needed service to our community," Atkinson said.

"This was a great 'neighbors helping neighbors' project with the entire community lending a hand. Various community organizations are identifying citizens in need of a fan and delivering the fans this week. Many local merchants offered special pricing on fans during the drive," Atkinson continued.

The office in Haskell collected 17 fans and \$190 in cash donations. This branch donated an additional 5 fans.

"As a community bank, we strive to be a positive force in Haskell, not only by providing economic benefits in the form of jobs and financial services, but also by being a leader of the community, coming to the aid of citizens in need and supporting charities and various civic organizations," explained Brenda Miles branch manager.

"Because of the success of this year's fan drive, we plan to make this an annual project," Miles announced.

Four Haskell churches to hold Vacation Bible School July 30 through Aug. 4

Four Haskell churches are joining forces to sponsor "In the Race with Jesus," a week-long Vacation Bible School. Activities will begin Sun. night, July 30 and continue through Fri. night, Aug. 4, at 6:30 p.m. each evening. Classes will be for ages 3 years old through young people entering the sixth grade.

The participating churches are the First Christian Church, the First United Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and the First Presbyterian Church. All

events will be held at the Christian Church, 107 N. Avenue F, Haskell.

Dusty Garison, minister of the Christian Church, explained that the theme of this year's VBS is taken from Hebrews 12, "Let us run...the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus..." He added, "Using that verse as a springboard, the lessons look at how living as a Christian is like a race."

Call 864-3550 for more information.

Early Childhood classes to register Aug. 15

Early Childhood screening and registration will be Tues., Aug. 15 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Haskell Elementary School.

To be eligible for the class, your child must be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2000.

The screening identifies children ages 3 - 5 who may be developmentally delayed in any way. If you feel your child may be delayed in learning, speech and/or emotional skills, please call the elementary office at 864-2654 for an appointment.

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