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Calendar

Early deadline for May 31st issue

Deadline for the Thurs., May 31 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 24 at 5 p.m. Early deadlines will be necessary due to the Monday, May 28 Memorial Day holiday.

Band Booster Club to meet May 24

Haskell Band Booster Club will meet Thurs., May 24 at 6 p.m. in the Band Hall. All parents of students in grades 6-11 are encouraged to attend.

Turkey shoot set Sat., May 19

The Paint Creek senior class will hold a turkey shoot Sat., May 19 from 10 a.m. til dark across the street from Paint Creek School. \$3 per round, cash pay back. A concession stand will be available.

Hamburger supper set Fri., May 18

The Haskell Girls Softball Association will hold a hamburger supper Fri., May 18 at 6 p.m. Games will begin at 5:45 on the big field. Team pictures will be made that night: Div. II at 5:15 p.m.; Div. A at 5:45 p.m.; Div. I at 6 p.m.; and Div. III at 6:15 p.m.

Storm sirens tested on Fridays

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays weather permitting.

Paint Creek reunion

Lyla Mary (Mickler) Isbell is upgrading addresses of alumni for the upcoming Paint Creek Reunion. Addresses may be submitted to Mrs. Isbell at 705 N. Ave. E Apt. 3, Haskell, Texas 79521 or to TaTa@westex.net.

John Wallace roping set Sunday, May 27

The John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping will be held Sun., May 27 with an introduction of ropers at 5 p.m. at the Haskell arena. Roping will start at 6 p.m. Entries will be limited to 40. To enter call Fred Hernandez 864-2493 or 864-5665.

Weinert clean-up continue this week

The City of Weinert will continue clean-up week through May 21. Dumpsters are placed at the school house and Weinert Gin. No tree limbs, tires or chemicals will be accepted.

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FOOD DRIVE—Local letter carriers collected approximately 900 pounds of food items during the annual national food drive to help stamp out hunger. The food drive was sponsored by the United States Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Helping with the drive are from left: Teresa Briles, Conrad Roewe, Duward Gordy, Jeff Claterbaugh, Kenny Ivey and Cindy Kendall. Items collected will be distributed by the Haskell Ministerial Alliance and the Noah Project.



MATTHEW BLAGG

Matthew Blagg to perform at East Side

Recording artist Matthew Blagg will be appearing in concert at Haskell East Side Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. this Sun., May 20. The public is invited to attend.

A singer/song writer, Blagg has been immersed in music for 27 years. His trumpet playing and soulful lyrics have led to performances in nearly every United State, Mexico, Canada, and Europe. His better known venues include the W. C. Handy Blues Awards show, B. B. King's Blues club in Memphis, the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Arts Festivals, the Bricktown Blues Festival. He has also performed with groups such as the Temptations and The Four Tops.

However, Blagg says he remains dedicated to bringing his music and message to people in every hometown. Every year, he gives more than 200 performances in churches, schools, college campuses and coffee houses across the nation.

Although he travels the world mainly as a solo act, his recording albums feature Rhythm and Blues versions of old favorites, backed up by top studio musicians, and offer exciting arrangements of classic hymns, with the goal being to "breathe new life into old favorites," he says. His new album offers "a sentimental journey into the heartland of gospel music."

A Breakfast at Night Fellowship meal will be held at the church beginning at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, before the concert at 7:00.

A nursery will be available for the evening.

Online driver license renewal service now available to Texans

Online driver license renewal is the latest online government service available to Texans at www.TexasOnline.com, the official eGovernment Web site for the State of Texas. This new feature allows eligible citizens to conveniently renew their driver license or identification card from home or work using a valid credit card.

The State of Texas, in partnership with KPMG Consulting, is working to provide citizens online access to many state and local government services. With TexasOnline.com, citizens now have two new convenient options for renewing their driver's license or identification card, by phone (866-DL-RENEW) or on the Internet.

"We're pleased that the Department of Public Safety Express Service offers the citizens of Texas a convenient way to renew their driver licenses 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., Director of the DPS.

DPS hopes to increase the percentage of citizens renewing without having to visit a driver license office. Citizens are eligible to renew online if they did not

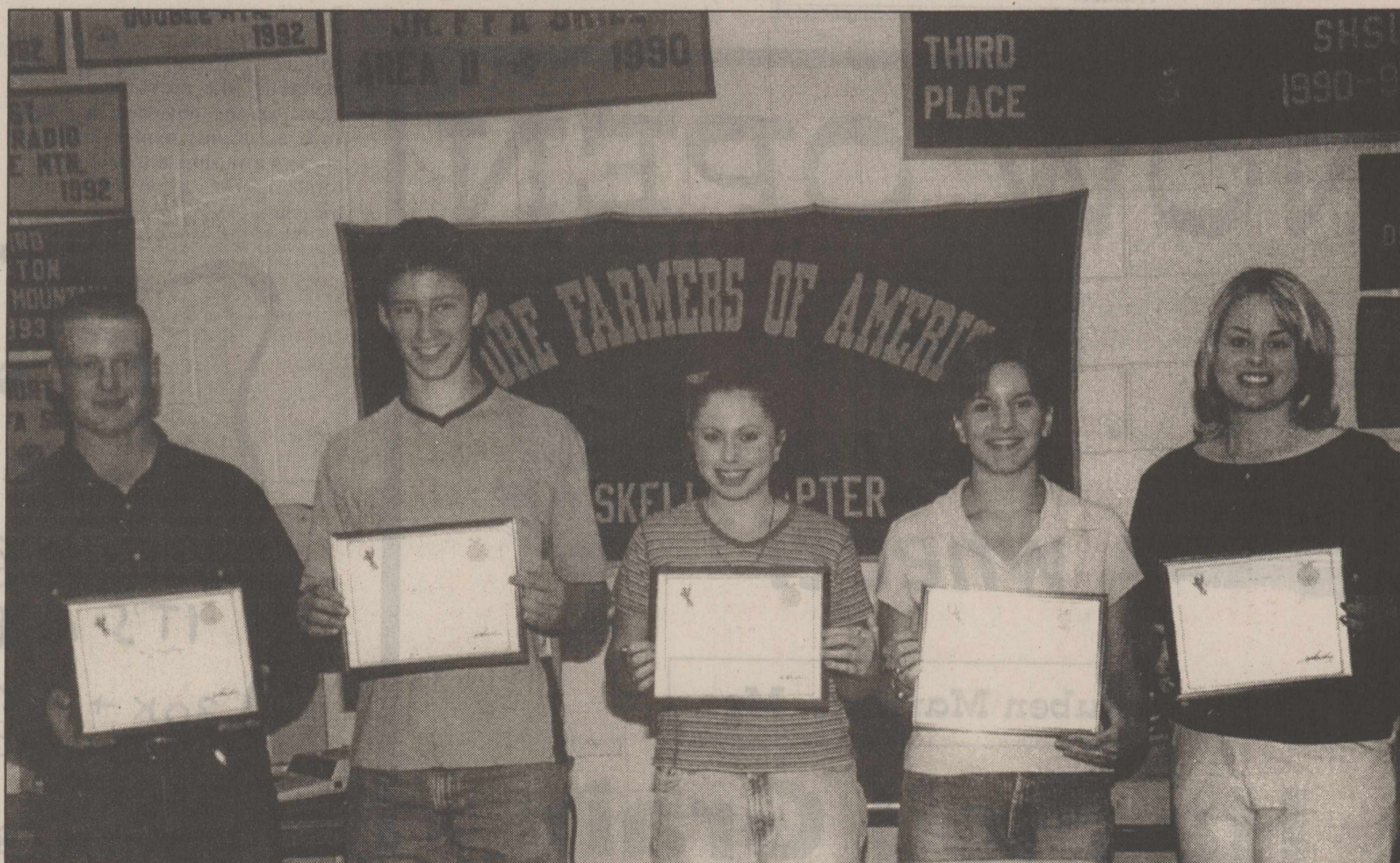
renew by mail last time, their license expires no more than a year from when the license customer renews, their license has not been expired for more than two years, or their record indicates they are not eligible to renew online. Citizens can also change their residence and/or mailing address while renewing online.

"Online driver license renewal is technology Texans can use today to help make their lives easier," said Governor Rick Perry. "In providing this internet option, Texans no

longer must adjust their schedules to coordinate with the office hours of state government. Technology allows this service to be available at the customer's convenience. By continuing to expand the services available through TexasOnline, we are making state government more efficient and putting Texans first."

Visitors can access TexasOnline's services with confidence because the site is designed to handle numerous transactions simultaneously and incorporates the highest level of

security available today. "Security is a top priority for TexasOnline," said Carolyn Purcell, Executive Director of the State of Texas Department of Information Resources, the state agency coordinating the development of TexasOnline.com. "TexasOnline was created using the latest state-of-the-art security features, including the fully-redundant firewalls and monitoring systems found in some of the largest and most secure Web sites on the Internet."



RANGE TEAM—The 2001 Haskell FFA Range Team display their individual certificates for placing sixth at the State Range contest at

Tarleton State University. Pictured l-r is Ross Bullinger, Ryan Burgess, Sydney Brueggeman, Kristi Christian and Wendy Proctor.

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Cattle Market report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,178 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., May 12, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cattle 1-2 lower. Stockers steady-2 lower; feeders 1-3 lower.

Jerseys, Longhorns, Holsteins, cripples, knots, bad eyes and goons \$5-\$25 less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .38-.44; cutters, .40-.46; canners, .25-.35.

Bulls: bologna, .50-.58; feeder, .68-.78; utility, .44-.54.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.30; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.15; 500-600 lbs., .84-.92; 600-700 lbs., .80-.90; 700-800 lbs., .77-.87; 800-up lbs., .68-.78.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.20; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .80-.99; 500-600 lbs., .75-.86; 600-up lbs., .65-.84.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 525-625.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 600-675; aged or small, 500-625.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-950; aged or small, 650-775.

Get ready for your high school reunion

So your high school reunion is just around the corner and you're getting excited to see all of those friends that you haven't seen in years. Are you ready to present yourself and make an effective first impression all over again?

Here are some tips to help you look and feel great before your reunion:

- Start an exercise program at least two months before the reunion. Buy some new shoes and start running or walking or join an aerobics class that fits your hectic schedule. But if you haven't exercised in a while, start slow.
- Buy a new dress or suit that compliments your figure. Also pick out a great outfit for your spouse to show him or her off to your old friends.
- Get your hair done. A strong haircut works like sharp clothing and only adds to your look.
- Make your skin look great. Use a facial cream or lotion that contains retinol. Retinol reduces the appearance of fine lines, spots and other visible signs of aging and rejuvenates the skin by helping to build new collagen and prevent collagen breakdown.
- Pick a nice fragrance. Oriental fragrances are usually perceived as sexy and powerful because of the high doses of intriguing and pungent ingredients. Fruity fragrances are usually light, crisp and clean and perfect for active women shuttling between the office, gym and home.
- Go to the dentist. Keeping your teeth and gums healthy and clean can help your self-confidence as well as your appearance. If you are afraid of the dentist, keep in mind that you shouldn't be, because up-to-date equipment today eases the pain associated with drilling and shots.

Obituaries

Ernest Wyatt Simpson

Funeral services for Ernest Wyatt Simpson, 79, of Rule were held Fri., May 11 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley and J. R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Simpson died Tues., May 8 at a Haskell hospital. Born May 24, 1921 in Wheeler, he was the son of Ben and Esther Simpson. He served in World War II as a Captain of the 493rd Fighter Squadron and 1055 Fighter Pilot SE. He flew 89 combat missions, including air offensive Normandy in Europe. He received the EAME Theater Ribbon, W/4 B2 Stars, Air Medal with 16 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He married

Ida Frances Lofton Jan. 25, 1945 in Meridian, Mississippi. He had been a resident of Rule for 75 years and a member of First Baptist Church. He retired from Simpson Oil after 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, Ida Frances Simpson, of the home; two sons, Sammy Simpson and Larry Simpson, both of Rule; one daughter, Beth Davis of Dallas; one brother, James Louis Simpson of Odessa; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were D. K. (Speedy) Smith, Bud Turnbow, Steve Simpson, Brad Simpson, Phillip Manske and Phil Simpson. PD. NOTICE

Thomas J. Watson

Graveside services for Thomas J. Watson, 80, a retired U. S. Air Force lieutenant colonel, of Arlington were held Fri., May 11 in Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington under the direction of Moore Funeral Home.

Mr. Watson died Tues., May 8 at a Fort Worth hospital.

Born Aug. 29, 1920 in Barry, he was a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He retired as a master navigator in 1969 after 27 years of service and settled in Fort Worth. He was preceded in death in 1964 by Ramona, the mother of his two children. In 1978 he married Gerry, a high school sweetheart. She had two daughters and they

moved to Arlington that year. Gerry preceded him in death in April 1999 after 20 years together.

Survivors include one son, Thomas J. Watson Jr. and wife, Cindy, of Wauwatosa, Wis.; one daughter, Cynthia Lyden of Fair Oaks, Calif.; three grandchildren; two stepdaughters, Janice Shahan and husband, Wayne and Ouida Bedwell and husband, Don, all of Arlington; four stepgrandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Air Force Memorial Foundation, 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington, Va. 22209-1198. PD. NOTICE

Carl Smith

Graveside services for Carl Smith, 87, of Floydada were held Fri., May 4 in Floydada Cemetery with Rev. Anthony Sisemore and Rev. Sam Estes officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Smith died Wed., May 2.

Born July 18, 1913 in Rule, he graduated from Rule High School. He married Ola Frazier Oct. 12, 1935 in Haskell. He moved to Floydada from Stamford in 1946. He was a rancher, a farmer and a member of the Ameri-

can Quarter Horse Association and First Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Ola; two sons, Donald Smith and Kenneth Smith, both of Lubbock; two brothers, Billy Smith of Big Spring and Ted Smith of Kerrville; one sister, Sue Mooney of Hurst; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Hands of West Texas, P. O. Box 1118, Lockney, Texas 79241 or a favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Minutes count in an emergency

Lights flashing. Sirens blaring. Emergency crews on the run. Comforting sights and sounds to those needing help.

But the time between the call to 9-1-1 and the arrival of an emergency team can seem like an eternity of fear and indecision when someone is ill or injured.

Minutes count in an emergency and what people do before EMS arrives makes a significant difference to an injured or ill person, according to Kathy Perkins, chief of the Bureau of Emergency Management at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

When you call 9-1-1, Perkins said, "you access the emergency care system and its personnel, available by telephone everywhere in Texas 24 hours a day. But until a trained team arrives, there are things people can do to help."

Recognizing an emergency is the first step in getting assistance for an ill or injured person. Most people consider auto crashes, severe chest pains, obvious broken bones and serious burns to be emergencies. But not all emergency situations are so apparent. Call 9-1-1 immediately if any of these conditions are present:

- Serious bleeding
- Unconsciousness
- Neck or spine injuries
- Signs of a heart attack including uncomfortable pressure or fullness in the chest or chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating or shortness of breath.
- Unexplained paralysis
- Burns
- No indication of breathing
- Choking
- Broken bones
- Head, chest or abdominal injuries.

Common sense and knowing the victim also are important to assessing an emergency. "Factors such as stressful events, a pre-existing medical condition or abnormal behavior may signal that a person is in an emergency situation," Perkins said.

How you make the 9-1-1 call also is important. Stay calm or have someone else make the call. Give the 9-1-1 dispatcher any information requested. This information usually includes the address or location of the emergency, your name and the telephone number at your location, name of the injured or ill person and information about the illness or injury.

Stay on the phone with the dispatcher until you are told to hang up. Send someone to wait near the street or in the parking lot to direct the ambulance to the victim.

Do not move the injured or ill person unless the person is in immediate danger. Do not allow the person to eat or drink anything or to smoke. Keep the person calm and still.

"While we can be proud of the emergency medical services in Texas," Perkins said, "prevention is still the best way to avoid needing help." Safe, healthy lifestyle habits include:

- Wearing seat belts and buckling children into child safety seats
- Being sure that all children 12 and under ride in the back seat
- Driving at safe speeds
- Avoiding alcohol and drug use while driving
- Keeping immunizations current
- Eating right and exercising regularly
- Keeping guns and poisons locked in a safe place.

Choose toys carefully

by Lou Gilly
 Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 Children can acquire essential life skills by playing with toys. Extension associate Jasmine Ng (ING) cautions parents and caretakers to be careful when choosing toys for children. Ng works with Extension's Partner for Parenting program.

There are four types of toys for children: social and fantasy materials like dress-up clothes; music, art and movement materials such as drums; exploration and mastery toys similar to blocks; and total motor playthings like tricycles.

Reading is important

by Lou Gilly
 Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 Reading helps children's minds grow and develop and reading out loud to children can be a bonding experience for families. Access to books is very important and public libraries and events such as the Texas Book Festival help stimulate children's interest in reading.

Children as young as one year can participate in reading by pointing out pictures in a book and helping turn the pages. Toddlers and older children like to have story time they often prefer to hear the same story time and again.

Children need different kinds of books to help them develop different skills including picture books, concept books, counting, color, alphabet books and participation books.

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Progressive Study Club installs new officers

To close out their current club year, Thurs., May 19, members of the TFWC Progressive Study Club of Haskell met at the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a salad supper served from a table centered with an over-flowing treasure chest arrangement of jewels, flowers and fruit.

Following the welcome by club president, Judy Patterson, Frances Lane led the invocation. Twenty-five members were seated at dining tables decorated with arrangements of fresh-cut spring flowers and symbols of treasure.

Special guests for the Federation program on "A Bridge Between Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," were Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Mesquite District officers. Seated at the head table, which was also centered with a treasure chest arrangement, District officers attending were: Secretary Alminice Harrison and Treasurer Louise Massey, both of Stamford; 2nd Vice-president Janoma Stephens of Knox City; President-elect Nancy Toliver and President Mary Kaigler, both of Haskell.

Thula Perry led the group in the pledge to the American flag, and Julia Harrell led the pledge to the Texas flag. Nelda Lane read the Federation Creed.

Erma Liles gave a short report of the TFWC State Convention held in San Angelo May 2-5, which was attended by Mesquite District officers Mary Kaigler, Nancy Toliver, Janoma Stephens, and Brenda Butler of Moran. TFWC

Life Members attending the State meeting were Polly Wheeler of Albany, and Erma Liles. District club presidents Lorea Kays of Moran Amity Club, and Judy Patterson of Haskell Progressive Study Club also attended the convention.

Choosing the theme of "Federation Treasures," which were delivered by two large, colorful bunny rabbits, Nancy Toliver installed the following Progressive Study Club officers for the year 2001-02: Judy Patterson, president; Julia Harrell, 1st vice-president; Dorothy Hartsfield, 2nd vice-president; Mary Kaigler, recording secretary; Nelda Lane, corresponding secretary; Doris Reeves-Jordan, treasurer; and Oleta Cornelius, historian. A gift of appreciation from the club was presented to Toliver by Mattie English.

Hostesses for the evening were members of the club's social committee; Frances Lane, Kathryn Schonerstedt, Mattie English, Jill Druessedow, Mary Kaigler and Billie McKeever.

All deadlines
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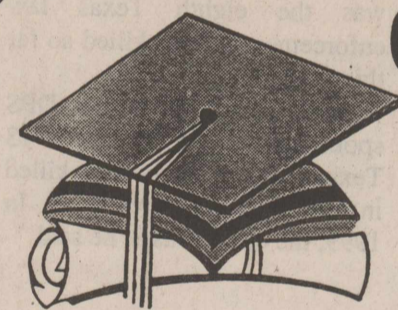
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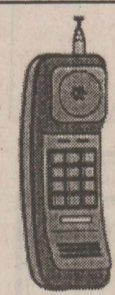
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MRS. MATTHEW KRUPNICK

Krupnick, Kittley united in marriage

Matthew Jack Krupnick and Tre Ann Kittley, both of Dallas, were married Saturday, April 21, at St. Paul United Methodist Church. The Rev. John McClean and Monsignor Joseph Tash officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Billy Dave, Jr. and Pat Kittley of Rule. Grandparents of the bride are Bill and Ruth Colvin of Amarillo and Pete and Swede Kittley of Rule, all of whom attended. The bride's great grandmother, Mildred Kittley of Rule, also attended.

Parents of the groom are David and Freida Krupnick of Amarillo. Grandparents of the groom are Andres and Tita Salas of Albuquerque, N. M. and Catherine Krupnick of Bethpage, N. Y., all of whom attended the wedding.

Maid of honor was Amy Groves of Denver. Matron of honor was Susan Walsh of Amarillo. Bridal attendants were Cary Caddell of Norman, Okla., Marcie Martin of Scottsdale, Ariz., Nancy Voehl of Dallas, Rene Wheat of Wrightsville Beach, N. C. and Katherine Krupnick and Angelina Krupnick, both of Austin.

Best man was Nick Telles of

Albuquerque. The groom's attendants were Bryan Elvebak and Lee Ivy, both of Dallas, Patrick Proffer of Winston-Salem, N. C., Jason Lynch of Amarillo, Marc Nemer of San Diego, Desmond Acosta of Prague, Czech Republic and Dave Kittley III of Abilene.

Flower girl was Kayla Walsh. The wedding reception was held at Tascosa Country Club.

The bride is a graduate of Piedmont High School in Piedmont, Okla. She earned a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing at the University of Oklahoma at Norman. She is a commercial property manager for Corporate-USA Real Estate.

The groom is a graduate of Amarillo High School. He earned a bachelor of business administration degree in finance from Texas Tech University in Lubbock and a jurisprudence degree from Harvard Law School in Boston. He is an attorney for Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue.

The couple will reside in Dallas after a honeymoon to Kauai, Hawaii.

Sisters' Reunion held April 29

A "Sisters' Reunion" was held in the home of Edwin and Frieda Fly April 29. Family members present were: Willie Andress, Alta Faye Field, Melva and Felton Everett, Glenda and Biggon Drinnon, all of Haskell; Naomi Andress and Billie Somerville, both of Globe, Ariz.; Juanita Grimes of Weinert; Olien Elmore of O'Brien; Judy Elmore of Abilene; Leesa, Bryan and Jonathan

Toliver of Sweetwater; Brent Toliver of Sweetwater and Lubbock; Sharla, Casey, Caleb and Candace Carver of Knox City; James, Sherry and J. D. Davis of Shallowater; Jerry, Gloria, Bethany and Kaitlynn Davis of Lubbock; Missy, James, Elise and Haley Dutchover of Fort Stockton; Johnny and Leonna Adkins and John and Melanie Adkins, all of Eula.



JOHN JOSEPH BRAUN - STEPHANIE LYNNE BROWNING

Browning, Braun to marry in Colorado

The families of Stephanie Browning and John Braun would like to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jimmy and Janice Browning and a 1986 graduate of Haskell High School. She has a Bachelor of Arts Education from Texas Tech University which she earned in 1990 and a Masters in Physical Therapy from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver, May 2001. She is employed at Theracare Pediatric Physical Therapy Clinic.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Walter and Florence Braun.

He graduated in 1986 from Palmer High School in Colorado Springs and holds a BA in Physics and Mathematics from the University of Colorado in Boulder and a Masters in Aerospace Engineering, U. C., Boulder. He is working on a PhD in Aerospace Engineering in Remote Sensing using global positioning satellites. He is employed at the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

The couple will reside in Lewisville, Colo.

The wedding is planned for June 16 in Boulder, Colo. at NCAR, located near the Flat Irons Mountain Range.

Indoor air quality is Homespun Club topic

Homespun Extension Education Club met Thurs., May 10 in the Haskell County Extension kitchen.

Agent Lou Gilly presented the program "Indoor Air Quality- Part II." She suggested our homes may have mold growing due to the recent humid weather. Many people are allergic to mold. Susceptible places for mold in the home are bathrooms, kitchens and laundry rooms.

A 4-H scholarship will be presented at graduation.

The District Cultural Arts Day will be July 17 in Weinert. The State EEA meeting will be held in College Station Sept. 11-13.

Homespun members are making plans to publish a Community Birthday Calendar.

Flossie Bates and Joetta Burnett served as hostesses. Ten members were present for the meeting.

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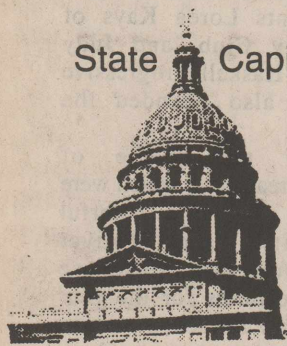
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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — That loud sighing you hear is coming from all the folks across the state with a vested interest in some piece of legislation.

Some are sighing in relief that a bill they opposed has died in committee. Others are sighing because their particular issue made it through the process.

But to paraphrase the old Texas expression, the musical performance is not completed until the weight-challenged lady performs her solo.

In other words, with so much dependent on legislative rules the Legislature promulgates, anything is possible until that gavel cracks the hardwood.

And even then, it may not be over.

Already, folks are talking about the possibility of a special session.

"One day you hear there is going to be one, the next day you hear 'no way,'" one legislative staffer said.

A special session has already been threatened, but the governor is the one who must call it. And a spokesman for Gov. Rick Perry said the governor remains optimistic that lawmakers can get everything they need to do accomplished in the next two weeks or so.

Still, lawmakers can create the circumstances that force a governor's hand.

If a 30-day special session does come about, it will be because the legislators can't get a state budget passed before the regular session ends May 28.

"We're willing to stay here all summer before we'll renege on our commitment to health and human services and employee pay raises," said Sen. Chris Harris of Arlington last week.

A House-Senate conference committee has been working on a budget that would be about \$110 billion, give or take a million or two here or there.

More money woes ahead
Even as the Legislature

struggles with a tight budget this session, the Center for Public Policy Priorities is warning that more trouble lies ahead.

Several bills that seem likely to pass this session would have no impact on the 2002-2003 budget, but considerable affect on the 2004-05 fiscal budget, the center said in a recently released report.

A chart prepared by the center lists 13 bills it maintains could cost millions in future revenue.

With tax revenue already down because of the downturn in the economy, the future picture is not pretty no matter how rosy the tint of your glasses are.

Police Memorial Day

The Texas Department of Public Safety already had its annual Memorial Day observance planned for this Tuesday when it lost another officer in the line of duty.

License and Weight Trooper Richard Cottle, 51, was killed in a traffic accident north of Waco last Wednesday when his patrol car crashed into the back of a disabled truck on I-35.

He became the 76th DPS officer to die in the line of duty since the creation of the Highway Patrol.

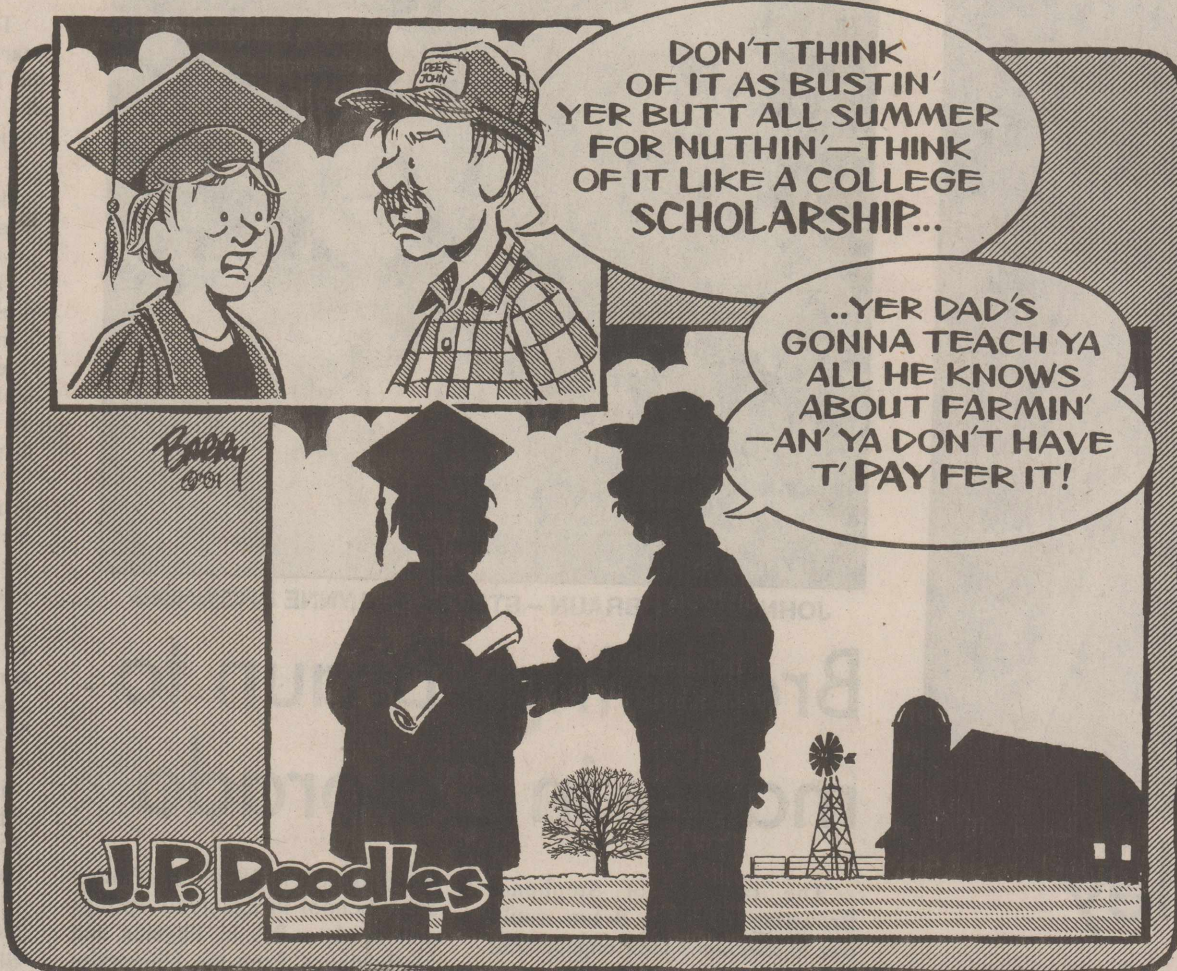
Cottle, whose son is a DPS Capitol Police officer in Austin, was the eighth Texas law enforcement officer killed so far this year.

Last year, according to DPS spokesman Tom Vinger, 13 Texas police officers were killed in duty-related incidents. In 1999, the count was 9, he said.

Aquatic trivia

Only Alaska has more inland water than Texas.

Nearly 5,000 square miles of the state are covered with water, according to the Comptroller's monthly publication, Fiscal Notes. Texans have 630,000 boats and personal watercraft to use on all that water.



Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

May is Older Americans Month. Instead of my usual question-and-answer column, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about services available to senior Texans through the Office of the Attorney General.

When I was elected Attorney General, I made it a priority to protect the health, safety and well-being of our State's most vulnerable citizens, especially children and the elderly. Several divisions within the Office of the Attorney General focus specifically on helping seniors.

Protecting Senior Consumers
My Consumer Protection Division works to identify and prosecute those who commit deceptive business practices. We work to protect all Texas consumers through enforcement of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act and through our voluntary dispute resolution service.

My Consumer Protection Division staff work to protect senior consumers by halting business practices that directly affect them. We target scams that are aimed at the elderly. Recently we sued a company that was allegedly using deceptive means to bilk seniors out of their oil and mineral property rights. Many of these Texans used their interest payments to cover their living expenses. The defendants specifically targeted seniors and used deceptive means to rob them of their nest eggs.

Triads

My office actively participates in one of the country's best crime prevention program for seniors. Triads unite senior citizens with law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of the elderly within the community. At the end of April, there were 108 Triads in Texas, and we are working to increase that number.

Elder Law

The primary focus of my Elder Law and Public Health Division is

to ensure quality treatment for patients in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The Texas Department of Human Services inspects nursing homes and investigates alleged violations of state and federal nursing home standards. When that agency refers a case to us for enforcement, we take legal action to put an end to violations and protect the safety and well being of the residents.

Fighting Medicaid Fraud

The Medicaid Fraud Control Division investigates allegations of criminal abuse and neglect in facilities that serve Medicaid patients and in non-Medicaid care facilities. The division can refer cases of abuse or neglect to prosecutors for legal action.

In addition, the Elder Law and Public Health Division contains a Civil Medicaid Fraud Section that is authorized to take civil action in cases of Medicaid fraud, with enhanced penalties for cases involving injuries to elderly persons.

Outreach Efforts

My office has a staff of outreach personnel who travel the state giving speeches and presentations at various conferences and meetings. Their prime goal is to educate Texans on issues that are of importance to them.

For More Information

My office also has a number of publications that address senior issues. One, *Elder Alert*, is a quarterly newsletter that provides information on issues of importance to senior Texans. We also have brochures on senior rights and nursing homes. All of our publications are available on our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us. You can also obtain copies by calling (800)252-8011.

Seniors who have consumer complaints can request a complain form by calling (800)621-0508. You can also file a complaint online

through our Web site.

To file a complaint against a nursing home or assisted living facility, call the Texas Department of Human Services at (800) 458-9858. To report suspected Medicaid provider fraud or abuse, contact the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit at (512) 463-2011.

For information on Triad programs, contact Nancy Gresham in my Elder Law and Public Health Division at (512) 936-1317 or by e-mail at nsg@oag.state.tx.us.

To arrange to have a member of our Outreach staff attend a function, contact Kevin O'Keefe, director of Outreach at (512) 463-2063.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all those who helped make the Scholastic Book Fair at Haskell Elementary such a great success again this year. Our elementary students had the opportunity to look at many new books and old favorites and take home their own selections at reasonable prices. Without the cooperation and support of the Haskell Elementary School personnel, this would not have been possible.

Thanks to all of you who helped get ready for the book fair with scheduling, promotion, volunteering, or just by enthusiastic attitudes. Each day was fun and exciting and the Thursday night "Family Event" was a big hit for parents, family members and many others in the community.

Many thanks also to the faithful ladies who volunteered their time to help at the book fair. Without your assistance, we would be unable to have this event. Finally, thanks to everyone who came and helped us celebrate books and reading. We'll look forward to seeing your next year.

Betsy McManamon
School Librarian
Haskell CISD

Marriage Licenses

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

Luke Jennings Griffin, Jr. and Sheila Gilleland McMeans, both of Haskell

Joe Lewis Lopez and Francis Jimenez Ortega, both of Rule
Abel Gallegos and Ruth Melissa Barrett, both of Haskell.

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From Out of the Past

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10 Years Ago
May 16, 1991

Haskell's Regina Dever ran the 400-meter dash in 59.1 seconds to claim fifth place in the Class 2A track meet in Austin.

Four *War Whoop* staff members won four state awards for their work on the Haskell High School newspaper. They are Tiffany Bradford, Amanda Mamykon, Chris McGhee and Todd Vaughn.

The annual parent-member FFA banquet was held at the Haskell Civic Center. Selected as the Star Greenhand for 1991 was Blake Henshaw. The Star Chapter Farmer was awarded to Holly Hobgood. The honorary Chapter Farmer Degree for outstanding support of the local FFA chapter was presented to Billie McKeever.

Erlinda A. Mayfield of Weinert received the associate in arts degree from Western Texas College. She graduated summa cum laude (with highest honors) with a near-perfect grade-point average of 3.91 on a 4.0 scale.

20 Years Ago
May 14, 1981

Steve Livingston and Wilton Weise were named best thespians and Sharla Drinnon and Carl Mayfield were chosen best actress and actor at the formal initiation ceremony of Troupe #2004.

Joseph Browning, a Haskell High School senior, is the recipient of a \$1,500 Carr Academic Scholarship for 1981-82 at Angelo State University.

Jo Ellen Jenkins and Joyce Saffel of Rule were honored as Outstanding Sophomore English students at the Western Texas College Awards Day program.

30 Years Ago
May 20, 1971

The new Frontier Days Queen is Becky Richardson. Runnersup were Mrs. Kay Croft and Mrs. John Wallace.

Alexia Mayfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mayfield of Weinert, was selected for the fourteen-voice singing group at Hardin-Simmons University, known as the "Singers Ho."

Christene Greene and Julie Wallace attended a Revlon make-up clinic in Seymour.

Alfred Fowler, retiring city employee, was honored by members of the City Council and his fellow employees with a supper held at the City Park. Fowler has served over 20 years as an employee of the City of Haskell.

40 Years Ago
May 18, 1961

Barbara Rexrode is valedictorian and Martha Jane Bynum is salutatorian at Haskell High School. Highest ranking boy is James Cameron.

Valedictorian at Rule High School is Barbara Stryker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stryker. Keith Whitaker is salutatorian.

First wheat harvested from the 1961 crop was brought in by Johnny Becker, Haskell farmer, who combined 200 bushels from between 11 and 12 acres of a 64-acre field of the Early Triumph variety. The wheat brought \$1.70 per bushel.

Estelle Lee of Rule was the winner of the Nelly Don dress given away by the Personality Shoppe.

50 Years Ago
May 17, 1951

Wanda Ruth Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cook, is valedictorian of the 1951 Haskell High School senior class. Salutatorian is Temple Williams, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Williams.

Nelda Vaughter, Haskell High School Band senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Vaughter, was recipient of the Arion Foundation Medal for outstanding service in the band. The presentation of the award was made at the Haskell High School Band spring concert.

90 Years Ago
May 20, 1911

Haskell County has three contestants entered in the cotton contest of the Texas Industrial Congress. They are Dave Whitford of O'Brien, H. N. Therwhanger of Weinert and Emory Harrison of O'Brien.

Raleigh Lemmon is back from California where he has been for the past year. He plans to return there after a several months visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lemmon, Sr.

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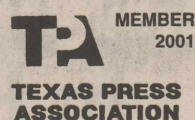
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

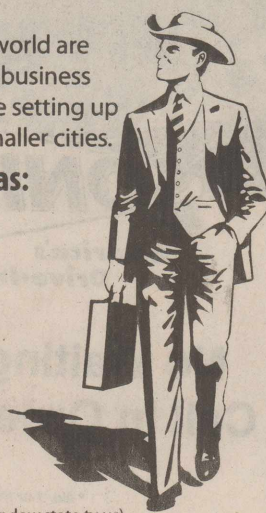
What's the hubbub about businesses in Texas?

Companies from around the nation and the world are choosing Texas as a hub for U.S. and regional business operations in a variety of sectors, and they are setting up shop in both the state's urban centers and smaller cities.

Factors that attract businesses to Texas:

- no personal income tax;
- labor force grows by nearly 100,000 each year;
- reformed worker's compensation laws, which result in lower employers' costs;
- right-to-work state with low unionization;
- low business taxes, and low energy and real estate costs; and
- convenient time zones for conducting national and international business.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Department of Economic Development.





HASKELL FFA OFFICERS—2001-02 FFA Officers (l-r) are Ross Bullinger, reporter; Melissa Buerger, chaplain; Angel Pena, secretary; B. J. Opsahl, president; Wendy Proctor, vice president; Ryan Burgess, sentinel and Sydney Brueggeman, treasurer.



DISPLAYING AWARDS—Haskell FFA members and the Spring Judging Contest awards displayed include (front row, left to right): Ross Bullinger, Livestock banner; Wendy Proctor, Texas Tech Range and Pasture banner; Sydney Brueggeman, Clarendon Range and Pasture banner; Sean Jeanes, San Angelo Land Judging plaque; Angel Pena, West Texas A&M Range and Pasture banner; and Kristi Christian, State Range and Pasture plaque. Back row: Levi Terry, Sweetwater Range and Pasture trophy; B. J. Opsahl, Area II Range and Pasture plaque and Ryan Burgess, Hamilton State Qualifier Contest plaque.

May 25 to June 5 is time to control pecan pests

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The pecan crop last year was poor over much of the Rolling Plains. This was due in part to the hot, dry conditions that prevailed during much of the spring and summer. Since pecans are alternate bearing, especially when the trees are older, this could be a good pecan year. However, the spring and summer rains will be needed and now much of the area is in need of a good rain. Trees should be inspected to determine the probability of producing an economical crop and to determine if pecan nut casebearer control is needed. The catkins or male blooms are very apparent on many trees and the female blooms or small nutlets have been or soon will be set on the end of the new growth.

The pecan nut casebearer and the pecan weevil are the two pest that cause most of the damage to the developing pecan crop. Pecan nut casebearers are most damaging during the first generation which occurs from late May through June. Pecan weevil adults do not emerge from the soil until mid-August or later and often are delayed because they emerge after a rain or when the orchard is irrigated. The eggs of pecan weevils that develop in the pecans as larvae, are deposited in pecans from the pecan gel stage until the shell is too hard for the weevils to gnaw through.

The time to control the pecan nut casebearer is usually from May 25 to June 5, however last year control measures were needed 5 to 10 days earlier in Parker and Jones counties. Insecticidal control measures are usually needed in the

southeast part of the area first and about a week later in Childress and Hall counties which are in the northwest part of the area.

Producers should begin inspecting for pecan nut casebearer eggs by May 10 in Parker County and by May 15 or 20 further north and west. Eggs are flattened and are placed on the dark tip of the nutlets or just under the bracts near the end. The egg will be white to green when newly deposited, but as they near hatch will have red spots. When eggs are found, tie a bright colored ribbon on the limb so the eggs can be inspected daily. When

the first small casebearer larva, which will be about 1/16 inch long, begin tunneling into the small nutlets it is time to apply an insecticide labeled for pecan nut casebearer control. Research has shown that two infested pecan clusters of 310 inspected clusters will result in the loss of about 5 percent of the pecans and this is enough to justify control measures.

Each year County Extension Agents work with producers in determining when to apply control measures for the pecan nut casebearer. However, by inspecting and applying control measures when the larvae begin to damage

the crop, the amount of insecticide needed can be reduced. One or two well timed application depending on the duration of nutlet entry period, will often result in effective pecan nut casebearer control. A second generation will occur about 6 weeks after the first generation. The second generation usually does not cause excessive damage to the pecan crop.

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Use caution when co-signing a loan

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

What do you do when your best friend, a co-worker or a relative asks you to co-sign a loan? Of course, you want to be helpful. And you know you can trust this person to make the payments. Right? But is that really a good decision?

"We would all like to help someone who is down on their luck, but it may really put our own financial future in jeopardy," said Lou Gilly, family and consumer science agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Haskell County. "So be very careful about co-signing a loan for anybody. Most people end up being burned when they try to help. That not only ruins your relationship with the person, it may also damage your family's financial security."

Gilly gives the following tips for anyone considering co-signing a loan:

- Never co-sign a loan if you cannot afford to make all of the payments yourself. If someone needs you to co-sign with them, the lender does not consider that person a good risk.

- Think through the possible impact on your family budget and your relationship with the person if he or she does not make the payments. Talk it over with your spouse or other family members before agreeing to co-sign.

- Ask the person you are helping to sign a written agreement that he or she will make all of the payments on time and will reimburse you for any additional expenses incurred if he or she does not keep up the payments. Even though this agreement will not prevent you from being held liable for the loan payments, it serves as a contract to help get the borrower to reimburse you later.

In addition, Gilly offers some warnings to potential co-signers:

- Your own credit history can be ruined, especially if the loan recipient is late making payments or fails to make them at all. Because your name is on the loan, the "bad" information is listed on your credit file as well as on theirs.

- You may have more trouble getting additional credit until the

loan is repaid. When you apply for a loan in your own name, your credit file shows that you are liable for the payment of the other person's loan. As a result, those payments and the total amount owed are computed into your debt load, which impacts your ability to get a loan.

- You may not be notified that the borrower is late with payments or is not making them until it's too late and the borrower defaults on the loan. That leaves you stuck with making up all the back payments; you may even be required to pay the entire amount owed in one lump sum.

- You may be agreeing to more than you expected. Remember, credit card companies often increase the credit limits, leaving you responsible for a larger amount of debt.

"Only you can make the choice about what to do when asked to co-sign a loan," Gilly said. "Just be sure you are aware of what can happen before you say yes."

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Smith, Long present Society program

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society held a meeting Mon., May 7 at the First National Bank Community Room. Students from Darlene Bellinghausen's class presented the program.

Jennifer Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Smith, read her research about a World War II veteran, Royce L. Williams. After the war, he worked for the PCA and the Haskell National Bank.

Nathan Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Long, presented a paper on his grandfather, Thomas Eugene Long, Sr., a Korean War veteran. He was especially interested in the

GI Bill in order to get a higher education.

Plans were made for the upcoming bake sale. A request was signed for representatives to help obtain a rest stop between Haskell and Stamford.

Present were Johnny Scoggins, Dolin Hughes, Wanda Ham, Lowell and Eula Peters, Jerri Buerger, Maxine Miller, Mattie Muriel English, Hortense Lees, Jack and Margaret Kittley, Ernestine Herren, Kay and Jennifer Smith, Frances Lane, Darlene Bellinghausen, Nathan Long, Savannah Foster and Drew Garison.

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Haskell School Menu

May 21-25 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Pigs in a blanket
Tuesday: Cereal/toast
Wednesday: Elementary: cinnamon rolls; secondary: monkey bread

Thursday: Biscuit/sausage
Friday: Toaster pastries

Lunch
 A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar is offered daily at the Secondary campus. Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School.
Monday: Manager's choice, pudding
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken/gravy, mashed potatoes, fried okra, hot biscuits, cherry gelatin
Wednesday: Chili dogs, grated cheese, pickle spears, French fries, peanut butter pie
Thursday: Manager's choice, ice cream
Friday: Elementary: corn dogs; secondary: ham sandwiches, lettuce, tomato slices, pickle spears, chips, ice cream

Hospital

Admissions
 Morrel Bishop, Knox City
 Agnes Newsom, Haskell
 Elmer Hutchens, Munday
Dismissals
 Delma Matthews, Thelma
 Williamson, Kristi Alves, Dovie
 Partridge, Lupe Perez



LAKE RECORD CATCH-Proud anglers, l-r, Dean Lynch of Lubbock and Marvin Baros of the Anchor, hold the 64 1/2 pound yellow catfish they took on a trot line near the Anchor Wed., May 9. Two boats with two people in each boat were required to bring in and take it off the line. It is the largest certified yellow catfish caught at Lake Stamford. Officially weighed and certified in Rochester, the paperwork will be sent to the state for record.

This Week's Devotional Message:



It's almost graduation time. Whether you are a young adult just starting out in life or a more mature person who returned to the halls of learning either for pleasure or to acquire new skills, the joy of accomplishment is the same. However, it should be remembered that graduation is not the end of something, but the beginning. Every day of our lives is spent in learning something new, wherever we are, and we are constantly adding to our store of knowledge; if only by observing the world around us with an open mind during our daily travels. We also learn about life and the Creator who gave us this world in which to live, by our regular attendance at our House of Worship. There is no graduation from this kind of learning, and that is the way it should be, for as long as we live.

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
 Henry Chisholm, temporary supply
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
 Rev. Kenneth Blair
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
 John Lewis, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Samuel Blackwell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
New Covenant Foursquare
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.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 Greeson, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule
First United Methodist Church
 Shane Brue, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
 Sunday School 10 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule
Primera Iglesia Bautista
 Arturo Jr. Flores
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule
Sweet Home Baptist Church
 Bill Trice, 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

ECC Calendar and Menu


Mon., May 21
 Lunch-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, pinto beans, potato salad, fruit cobbler, milk, tea or coffee
Wed., May 23
 11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
 Lunch-Pizza, English peas, tossed salad, refrigerator cheese dessert, milk, tea or coffee

Fri., May 25
 Lunch-Chicken, gravy, potatoes, broccoli, jellied vegetable salad, peanut butter chews
 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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 Con artists are quickly adapting old schemes to an online world and targeting millions with the effort it once took to target a few. Microcap investment scams are currently a target of the SEC investigators. Fraudsters purchase shares in unknown companies with low trading volumes. Then, using email, websites, and online bulletin boards, they distribute false information about the company's incredible potential. As share prices skyrocket, the cons dump their stock leaving victims with nearly worthless investments. At least these shares are real. Other scams include invitations to purchase shares or partnerships in business ventures which prove to be totally fictitious. Recently, promoters offered the opportunity to purchase high-yielding "prime bank notes," supposedly traded in secret markets. Unfortunately, there are no secret markets and no such investments. In another scheme, investors are offered jewels at bargain prices and receive periodic false updates on their increasing value. Later, they are invited to upgrade even more by returning their original stones and making an additional investment. Unfortunately, the gems turn out to be trinkets, worth far less than their reported value. Here are a few things to remember when going online:
 •Don't be fooled by a fancy web site. Anyone with a computer can create a professional looking web site.
 •Check out companies before investing. Legitimate information is readily available online at secure sites. (Try www.sec.gov for publicly traded companies.)
 •Beware of opportunities that offer above-market or "guaranteed" returns. If something sound too good to be true, it probably is.
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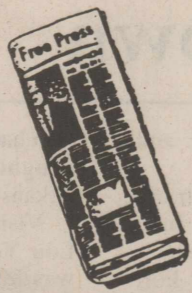
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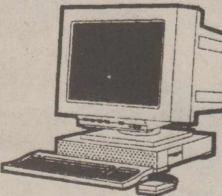
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District: Childress
Contract 0157-02-033 for WIDENING OF NON-FREEWAY FACILITY in KNOX County, etc. will be opened on June 6, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

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 from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

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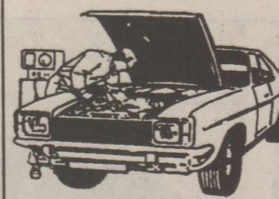
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Rusty and Linda, Randy and Lisa,
Kime and Marty

The words "thank you" are just not enough to say to you at this time. To our many friends, neighbors, and loved ones we appreciate your many acts of kindness, thoughtfulness, and concern shown to us during the loss of our wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Your prayers, phone calls, food, flowers and presence shown during this time has certainly helped us to make it through this trying time. A special thanks to Brother David Page for the beautiful service, to Carolyn Everett, Delight Jones and Teresa New for the beautiful music and to Holden-McCauley for all that you did. May God bless each of you!

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TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFASTS—Haskell CISD teachers and school personnel enjoyed breakfast at Burkett's before school Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8-9, hosted by members of the Haskell Educational Foundation Board.

Sheriff's Department report

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton has reported the following list of arrests made in the city and county during April.

Two arrests for assault, family violence; one for burglary of a vehicle; one for theft more than \$500, but less than \$1,500; four for thefts more than \$20, but less than \$500; one for securing execution of document by deception; two for possession of marijuana, one for delivery of controlled substance (crack cocaine); one for delivery of controlled substance (crack cocaine); one for unauthorized communication of a prescription; two for indecency with a child, sexual contact; two for

purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor; three for driving while license suspended/invalid; fourteen for traffic warrants; six for public intoxication; one for dangerous drugs; two for motion to revoke probation.

Activity in County cases during April included: one stolen vehicle recovered; one dog bite case closed; one burglary, still open; one illegal dumping case closed; three criminal mischief cases, of which one was closed. A total of 229 calls were made to 911.

Activity in City cases during April included: four assaults cleared;

one criminal mischief case cleared; one theft of less than \$500 cleared.

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By Joyce Hawkins

Tuesday morning Jimmy Boyd of Abilene came by for a visit with Joyce Hawkins on his way to Olney.

Wednesday morning Garry Harvey of Munday visited with Joyce.

Recently the Andress girls, cousins and aunts met at the Dairy Queen for lunch and to visit. Present were aunts Naomi Andress of Globe, Ariz., Willie Andress and Lois Nicholson, both of Haskell; cousins Billie Summerville of Globe, Ariz., Olien Elmore of O'Brien, Betty LeFevre, Hazel Hale, Melva and Felton Everett, Wanda Cheek, Bennie Shelton, Edna Andress and Myrl Andress, all of Haskell. Jackie Seamons of Utah was unable to attend.

Wednesday afternoon Margaret Tatum took her mother Joyce to Abilene for a check-up on the hip replacement. Joyce received a good report. On the return trip they stopped in Anson for a short visit with sister-in-law and aunt Tiny Vaughn.

James Rike of Abilene spent

Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sam Rike.

Jo Cox is in Houston with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Cox and is baby sitting for them.

Kip and Kay Derrick of Fort Worth spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Paris Barton. Erma Liles of Weinert spent Sunday with them. Monday their good friends Jayton, Mr. and Mrs. Don Watson, came for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Blair of Wichita Falls and Michelle Pannell and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair Sunday. Mrs. Blair

also had a Mother's Day call from daughter Tammy Flannery in Arkansas.

Visiting this weekend with Mae Lou Yeldell and Birdie Goudeau was Mae Lou's daughter Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Williams and daughter

Ebone' from Arlington. The visit was a surprise for Mother's Day.

Visiting Birdie Goudeau was her sister. The visit was a surprise for Birdie's birthday which was Saturday. Also they visited their Aunt Birdie Benford and others at Rice Springs Care Home and Aunt Susie Jackson in the Yeldell home.

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