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Calendar

Booster Club

The Booster Club will meet Thurs., July 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the field house in the back of the school. Coach Brunson invites everyone to attend.

Two-a-days

Football workouts for Haskell High School will begin Mon., Aug. 6. Those who wish to participate must have physical forms turned in to Coach Brunson by Sat., Aug. 4. Forms may be turned in at the field house. Incoming 7th graders must have a physical by the first day of school. No athletic equipment can be issued until physical forms are turned in. For more information call Coach Brunson at 864-2539.

Summer food program

Haskell CISD will sponsor the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday through Fri., July 20. Those 18 and under may eat free. Adults will be charged \$2.50.

Video available

The Haskell County Library renovation and addition can be viewed on a video produced by the Texas Tech University Architecture Dept. Those interested in the presentation should call Brett Anderson at 864-6108 or 864-3101 for an appointment.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., July 19 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.

Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held for children at First United Methodist Church July 15-20 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Calf roping

A calf roping will be held Sun., July 22 at 1 p.m. at the Longs Indoor Arena in Abilene. For information call J. W. Wallace 864-3509 or Tim Layman 864-8500.

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Jail construction moving on schedule

By Mary Kaigler

During the seven months since the Dec. 5th ground-breaking ceremony, construction on the Rolling Plains Regional Detention Center has progressed at a steady pace. Last week, despite the slow-down due to spring rains, the project was within one week of being on schedule, according to assistant project superintendent, Billy Wayne Hester of Rochester.

Being built by the Hale-Mills Construction Company of Houston, with Lloyd Nunnery as project superintendent, the work continues with approximately 87 employees on the job site location each day. Seventy-five percent of the construction employees are from Haskell County or the surrounding area.

Some of the wall slabs are still being poured and cured, exterior walls are being raised, and the actual interior cell walls of CMU block are being put in place. To date 3000 yards of concrete have been poured.

Hester said that the upgrading of County Roads 208 and 206 have greatly helped the accessibility of equipment and supplies to the site. Pleased with the rate of progress this far, he added, "We should be finished and off the premises by Jan. 15, just six months and 15 days from now."

Haskell County Judge, David Davis, also said he still looks for a completion date of middle January or Feb. 1st. "We continue to work toward finding someone to commit to putting inmates in the jail, and this seems to be going very well at the present time," he said. "I'm anticipating that the jail will be a success."

"There will be 48 beds in the county jail portion of the facility that we will be responsible to fill," Judge Davis said. "There are other counties who need space, and we are trying to make it as economically feasible as we can for them to use the jail. We are working to wrap up the final details on that."

"I feel that in the long run this project will be good for the county and community of Haskell. Right now, of course, it is a wait and see proposition," he said.

When completed, the Rolling Plains Regional Detention Center, which will be operated by Maintenance Training Corporation (MTC), will add 125 jobs to the local job market.

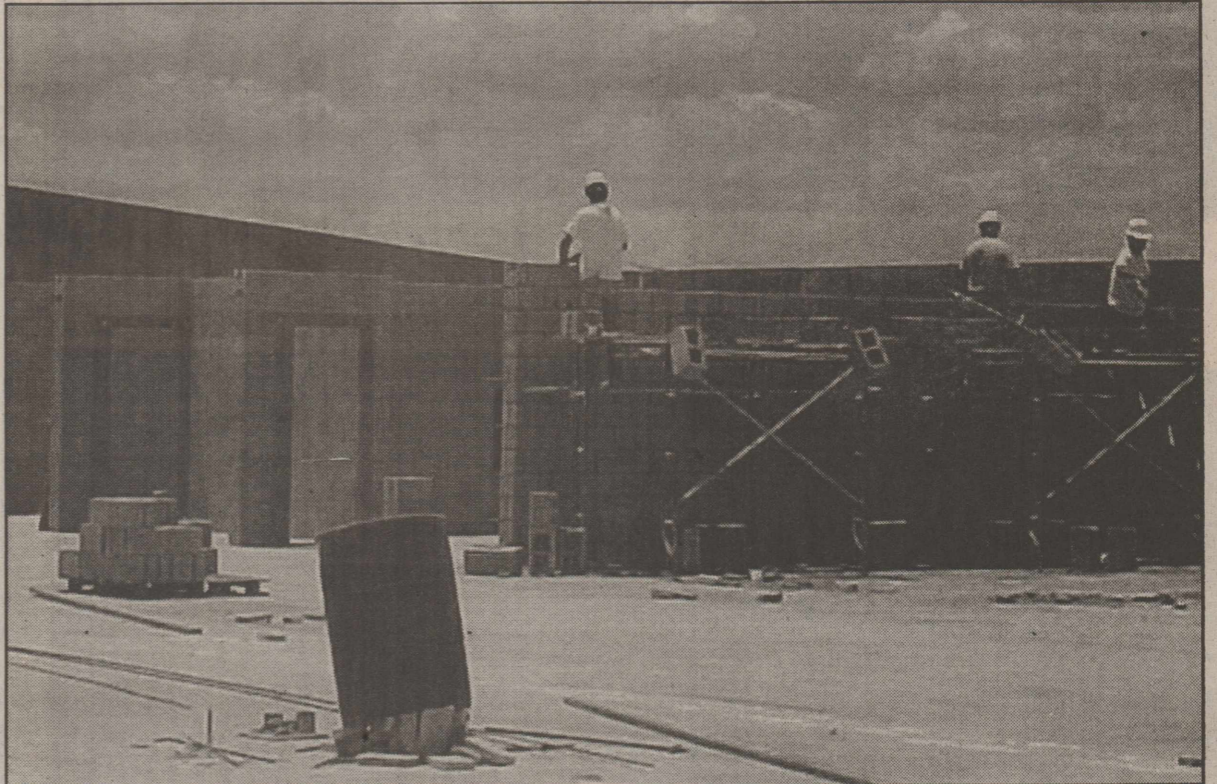
Speaking of how "particular MTC is" about their employees, Hester said that a job fair will be held in July or August to screen and hire employees up front, so that by the end of September, they can begin a three months training period before going on the job when the jail opens early in 2002.



RAISING PRISON WALLS—The heavy construction crane lifts and sets sections of concrete exterior walls in place at the Regional Detention Center construction site in Haskell.



POURING WALLS—Crews work to pour cement into forms on the ground where they will be cured before being lifted into place by crane, forming the exterior walls at the Regional Detention Center.



WALLS WITHIN WALLS—Interior prison cell walls of thick cement blocks are being built inside the exterior walls of concrete slabs that have been erected after curing out on the ground.

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Tyler Raynes attends Youth Range workshop

Tyler Raynes was selected to attend the 2001 Youth Range Workshop at Junction, June 24-29. County selection of participants involved in 4-H and FFA activities was based on outstanding projects and interest in range and natural resource management.

Raynes' local sponsor was Woodson FFA, a strong supporter of range education and leadership development of local youth, and Charles Jones. He attends Woodson ISD school and is the son of Wade Raynes of Weinert and Pat and Gay Hibbitts of Woodson. He is the grandson of Bobby and Betty Raynes of Weinert, Tom and Geneva Hudson of Throckmorton and Otis and Delora Hibbitts of Woodson. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Raynes, Sr. of Weinert and O'Leta Williams of Haskell.

The week-long Youth Range Workshop, sponsored by the Texas Section Society for Range Management was held to recognize outstanding Texas youth and to

provide them with an opportunity for complimentary training in range and natural resource management and leadership. Youth participants learned about the principles of ecology, range and watershed management and gained an understanding of the plant-soil-water relationship. Hands-on activities and lectures were conducted by staff members who provided training for the youth participants in plant identification, evaluation of rangeland potential, determination of stocking rates and land health and the decision making process relative to livestock production, wildlife habitat and total resource planning. Leadership training featured training on communications skills and conflict resolution as related to ecosystem management. Field trips for hands-on training were to Kimble and Menard County ranches, the Kerr Wildlife Management Area, Texas

Tech University Center lands and the South Llano River State Park.



TYLER RAYNES

This extensive workshop has a goal to prepare 4-H and FFA participants for service in leadership roles as youth leaders in the range management program area for their respective counties and schools.

Watch out for flood damaged vehicles appearing on market following Texas floods

As Southeast Texas begins to dry out from flooding, citizens throughout the state and adjoining regions should beware of a new flood of damaged vehicles already appearing on the market. Estimates coming from Houston and surrounding communities indicate as many as 50,000 vehicles could have sustained some degree of damage.

"The damage caused by flooding associated with Tropical Storm Allison is unprecedented," said Wes Heald, executive director for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). "While TxDOT and other agencies involved in the clean-up are doing all we can, citizens throughout the region should use caution when

purchasing used vehicles. Bottom line is, 'buyer beware'."

Several steps buyers can take to protect themselves before purchasing a used vehicle, especially if registered in Harris or surrounding counties, include:

•Have a reputable mechanic perform a pre-purchase vehicle inspection. Most flood damage can be discovered by a careful, knowledgeable inspection.

•Purchase a vehicle from a familiar individual or reputable dealer, who may offer a warranty or buy-back provision.

•Be cautious of "great deals" on newer-model vehicles, manufactured within the last five years, with new carpeting or upholstery. Look under the mat in the trunk and underneath the

dashboard. Mud or debris is these areas probably indicates flood damage.

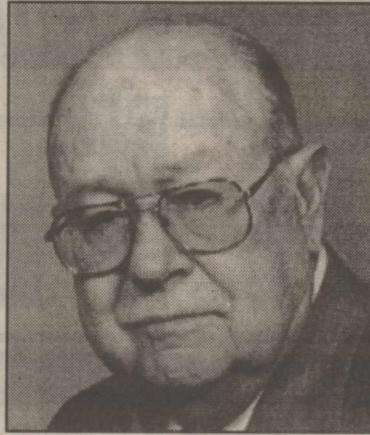
•Examine a vehicle's title before purchasing. The state computer system is not identifying vehicles as flood-damaged yet, however, always ask to see the title. If an insurance company has salvaged a vehicle the title may carry an annotation in the Remarks section.

•Make use of a private service that documents vehicle histories. These types of services can research insurance claims on vehicles that have been damaged.

Citizens needing information about vehicle titles and registration should check with their local tax assessor-collector's office or call the TxDOT help line at (512) 465-7611.

Obituaries

Henry Townsend, Jr.



HENRY TOWNSEND, JR.

Funeral services for Henry Townsend, Jr., 84, of Rule were held Sun., July 8 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley, John Greeson and J. R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Chapel.

Mr. Townsend died Thurs. July 5 at an Abilene hospital.

Born Aug. 7, 1916 in Burkburnett, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps April 6, 1942. He received eight weeks of pilot preflight training at Kelly Field, primary pilot training for nine weeks in Ballinger, basic pilot

training for nine weeks in Waco, and advanced pilot training for nine weeks at Lubbock. He graduated from Lubbock Feb. 16, 1943 with a commission as 2nd Lieutenant and C-47 transition for six weeks at Bergstrom Field, Austin. In addition, he received replacement training unit (RTU) at Dunnellon, Florida and at Lawson Field in Columbus, Georgia. On Dec. 8, 1943 he departed San Francisco, Calif. for Hickman Field, Hawaii as a C-47 pilot for operations in the Pacific Theatre.

At Port Moresby, New Guinea, he was assigned to the 5th Air Force, 317th Troop Carrier Group, 46th Troop Carrier Squadron. After Port Moresby his squadron operated out of Buna, Finschhafen, Gusap and Hollandia, all in New Guinea. His next basings were in the Philippines: Leyte and Clark Field. His final basings were on Okinawa: Naha and Motobu. He was separated from the service at Dodd Field, San Antonio Feb. 5, 1946.

During his overseas duty, Capt. Townsend flew 137 combat missions for a total of 529 combat hours in the air and participated in the historical

airdrops involving Tagaytay Ridge Feb. 3, 1945 and the U. S. invasion of Corregidor Island Feb. 16, 1945.

Capt. Townsend earned the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon with 5 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Star, Distinguished Unit Citation, American Theatre Ribbon and Victory Medal WWII.

He married Wanda Smith of Rule Nov. 9, 1950. He served on the Rule City Council and the volunteer fire department for 25 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rule where he served as a deacon. He was a retired banker.

He was very generous with his time toward his family.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda, of Rule; one son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Melody Townsend of Rule; one daughter, Colleen Townsend of Abilene; one brother, Jeff Townsend of Lake Charles, Louisiana; one sister, Marguerite Upchurch of Statesboro, Georgia; one granddaughter, Elise Townsend and numerous nieces and nephews.

PD. NOTICE

Rev. Paris Anthony Barton

Memorial services for Rev. Paris Anthony Barton, 81, of Haskell will be held Thurs., July 12 at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Weinert with Rev. H. B. Graves and Jeff Gore officiating. Burial will follow in Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Barton died Sun., July 8 at his home in Haskell. Born Jan. 16, 1920 in Buick, Missouri, he became an ordained Southern Baptist minister Dec. 1, 1948. He served local area ministries in the Double Mountain Baptist area as well as pastorates throughout Texas including Lamesa, Wink, Lubbock and Big Spring. He preached in revival crusades in Illinois, Washington, California, Arkansas, and various locations throughout Texas. He previously served as moderator of Haskell-Knox Baptist Association, chairman of the area board of the Double Mountain area, and was a member of the executive board of the Big Country Baptist Assembly.

He served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard Payne University in Brownwood and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He married Fannie May Cagle of Brownwood June 10, 1944.

Survivors include his wife, Fannie May, of Haskell; one daughter Sharon Kaye, and husband C. C. "Kip" Derrick of Fort Worth; also reared his wife's youngest sister, Rosemary Caudill of New Haven, Kentucky and her husband, Lee; two sisters, Violet Helms of Leadington, Missouri and Virginia Eaton of Foley, Alabama; one brother, Rev. H. Lou Barton of Park Hills, Missouri; grandchildren: Anthony Kirk Derrick, Kristy Vee Derrick, Waltman, Roselee Caudill Harmon, James Edward Caudill and Billy Frank Caudill; great grandchildren: Cody Tray Derrick, Alex Dewey Derrick, Christopher Colter, Rayanna and Logan Harmon and Andrew Caudill.

PD. NOTICE

Tina Pendleton

Funeral services for Tina Pendleton, 88, of Haskell were held Sat., July 7 at First Assembly of God Church in Haskell with Rev. J. C. Amburn officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Pendleton died Wed., July 4 at a Waxahachie Care Home.

Born April 22, 1913 in Civils Bend, Cooke County, she was the widow of Dewey G. Pendleton. She owned and operated Tina's Cafe in Rule for 30 years. She was a member of the First Assembly of God.

She was preceded in death by four siblings, Nora

Dillard, Virgie Finley, Dovey Shephard and Jessie Autrey.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Gladstone Pendleton of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania and Samuel Lynn Pendleton of Midlothian; two sisters, Olivia Killebrew of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Rae Herdenraeder of Chowchilla, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Samuel Kyle Pendleton and Misti Eileen Pendleton.

Pallbearers were Sammy Pendleton, Ernest Moeller, Travis Solomon, James Klutts, Arvil McFadden and Robert Ortiz.

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Gene Mapes

Funeral services for Gene Taylor Mapes, 63, of Lubbock were held Mon., July 2, at the Resthaven's Abbey Chapel in Lubbock with Rev. Charlotte Mapes, daughter of Mr. Mapes, officiating. Marcus Huff, son-in-law of Mr. Mapes, assisted. Burial was at Southland Cemetery under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Mapes died Thurs., June 28.

Born March 21, 1938 in Haskell, he graduated from Mattson High school in Haskell County and attended South Plains College. He served in the United States Army where he received several medals for outstanding service. He was married to Ann Weaver for thirty years. He was a Baptist. Mapes, along with his wife and son, owned and operated the Texas Avenue Flea Market and Texas Briar Patch in Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elbert and Floy Mapes and a sister, Wanda Newton.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Charlotte Lajean Mapes of San Antonio, JoAuna Huff of Keller and Debra D'Aun of Mexia; two sons, Bradley Gene Mapes of Lubbock and Bill Mulkey of Levelland; one brother, Bob Mapes of Haskell, Okla.; one sister, Freida Piland of Haskell; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mike Mapes, Steve Mapes, Grant Adams, Curtis Jordan, Tony Hernandez, David Thomas and Derek Wischmeyer.

Honorary pallbearers were Bob Mapes, Bill Weaver, George Ingram, Richard Adams, Kenneth Owens, Leon Newton, Bob Jordan, Augie Marruffo and Harold Thomas.

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MR. AND MRS. GEORGE FOUTS

Couple celebrates 60th anniversary

George and Helen Fouts celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Fri., June 22, with a dinner at the Branding Iron hosted by their children.

Helen and George grew up in Haskell and were married June 22, 1941, in the First Christian Church of Haskell. They have lived in Haskell for the past 56 years. George was owner of Fouts Dry Goods until his retirement in 1982 and Helen is a retired elementary school teacher and homemaker.

The Fouts have three children: Bill Fouts and his wife, Sue, of Oak Hill, Virginia; Betsy McManamon of Haskell; and John Fouts and his wife, Bonnie, of Haskell. They have seven grandchildren: Nathan, Allison and Sarah Fouts of Oak Hill, Virginia; Meg McManamon of Haskell; and Lyle, Dan and Tom Fouts of Haskell.

George and Helen are members of the First Baptist Church and the First Christian Church of Haskell.

Lytle family holds annual reunion

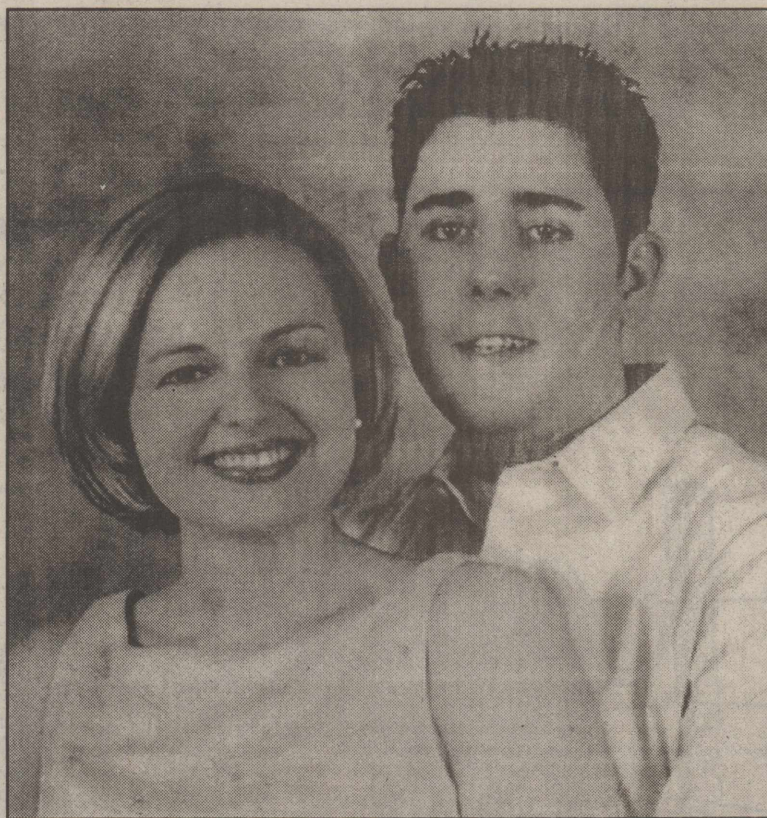
The five children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Corbet Lytle got together June 23 at the Trinity Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Haskell for their 3rd annual reunion.

The first pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, the late Rev. C. Jones, was the father of Mrs. Corbet Lytle and the grandfather of the five Lytle children, Maxine, Gerald, Jeanette, Betty and Vennie Lee, who were members of the church for many years.

Attending the reunion were Maxine Lytle Miller of Haskell and her two sons, Danny Miller and

Harlan Miller, both of the Houston area and her daughter Sherry Miller of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lytle of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Hennessee of Carlsbad and their two sons, Charles of Las Cruces; Stephen and his son, Bryan, from El Paso; Rev. and Mrs. Ken Andress of Abilene and their daughter and family, Terry and Paula Bowden of Snyder and their son and his wife, Jeremy and Alisha Bowden of Snyder; Vennie Holman and daughter, Christina Holman.



JAMIE DUDENSING - MAC REDMON

Dudensing, Redmon to marry July 14

Kenneth and Becky Dudensing, of Sweetwater, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie D'Anne Dudensing, to Mac Ragon Redmon, son of Dick and Nancy Redmon of Arlington.

Jamie is the granddaughter of Clement and Helen Dudensing of Stamford.

Dudensing is employed as the capitol nurse at the Capitol

Building in Austin. She plans to attend the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Austin this fall.

Redmon is employed by Southwest Dealer Services in Arlington.

The couple plan to marry July 14 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sweetwater. They will reside in Austin.

Students in the News

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Haskell resident Jodi Andress and Paint Creek residents Leigh Ann Reel and Casey Thompson were among 250 students that received degrees during the spring commencement exercises Sat., May 12.

Reel, daughter of Ronnie and Brenda Reel of Paint Creek, received a Bachelor of Behavioral

Science from HSU's Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics.

Andress, wife of Jeremy Andress of Haskell and daughter of Cathy Penman and Bill Penman, both of Rochester, received a Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree from HSU's Irvin School of Education.

Thompson, son of Kenny and Wanda Thompson of Paint Creek, received a Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree from HSU's Irvin School of Education.

Society meets

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society held a meeting Mon., July 2 at the First National Bank Community Room.

B. A. Honey displayed some of his antique toy collection and presented a slide show on other toys he owns.

A business meeting was held in which Jerri Buerger presented the treasurer's report and Wanda Ham showed pictures of early Haskell.

Present were: B. A. and Jeanette Honey, Johnny Scoggins, Dolin Hughes, Wayne and Wanda Ham, Maxine Miller, Hortense Lees, Jerri Buerger, Marilyn Griffith, Erma Liles and Patsy Pate Cobb.

Births

Robert Douglas Starr, III was born at 11:38 a.m. Wed., June 20, at Cannon Medical Hospital in San Angelo. He weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He is the son of Rolanda and Robert Douglas Starr, Jr. of San Angelo, and the grandson of Suzanne and Robert Douglas Starr of Abilene. His maternal great grandmother is Frances Lane of Haskell.

The proud parents also have one daughter, two-year-old Britni.

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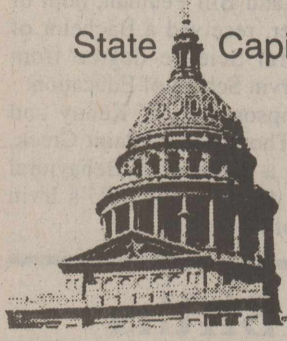
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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
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AUSTIN — Interstate 35, which splits Texas down the middle from the Red River to the Rio Grande, often is called the state's Mississippi.

It will be years before it is a reality, but a major step has been taken to provide Texas with another asphalt "river" that could be as vitalizing to the state as I-35.

The three-member Texas Transportation Commission has approved the route for the projected Ports-to-Plains trade corridor, a route that will connect West Texas in the same way that I-35 ties together the state's midsection.

Though the big picture is the connection of Denver with Laredo, most of the mileage—830 miles to be exact—is in Texas. The northern leg of the route is yet to be finalized, but it definitely will traverse Oklahoma and Colorado and possibly New Mexico.

West Texans have dreamed for years of a better route to move north south across their part of the state, but previous movements never got very far.

What made the difference this time was the North American Free Trade Agreement and the resulting increase in commerce between the U.S. and Mexico. In addition to pointing to potential economic benefits, proponents of a West Texas trade corridor to Mexico had new ammunition: Such a route will take pressure off congested I-35, a transportation artery that has more trucks than the Mississippi ever had riverboats.

Starting at Laredo and moving north, the route approved on June 28 will go along U.S. 83 and U.S. 277 through Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Sonora, and Eldorado, along U.S. 87 from San Angelo through Sterling City, Big Spring and Lamesa to Lubbock and along I-27 from Lubbock to Amarillo. From Amarillo, the route would follow U.S. 87/287 to Dumas.

Though now known as the Ports-to-Plains route, what the route will be called is not nearly as important to those involved in promoting it as what it will be—four lanes of asphalt tying together Denver and Mexico.

"Our mood is one of elation," said Kevin Evans, president of the Lubbock-based Ports-to-Plains Coalition. "But now the work really begins. We've got to muster our membership to support the various departments of transportation involved to find funding."

Indeed, the Transportation Commission's action only had to do with route approval, not money.

"Right now there is no money for any construction," said Transportation Department spokesman Randall Dillard. "The next step will be to seek funding in the federal transportation bill."

As it stands now, Evans said, it could take 20 years for the route to become a reality.

"But that can be shortened," he said.

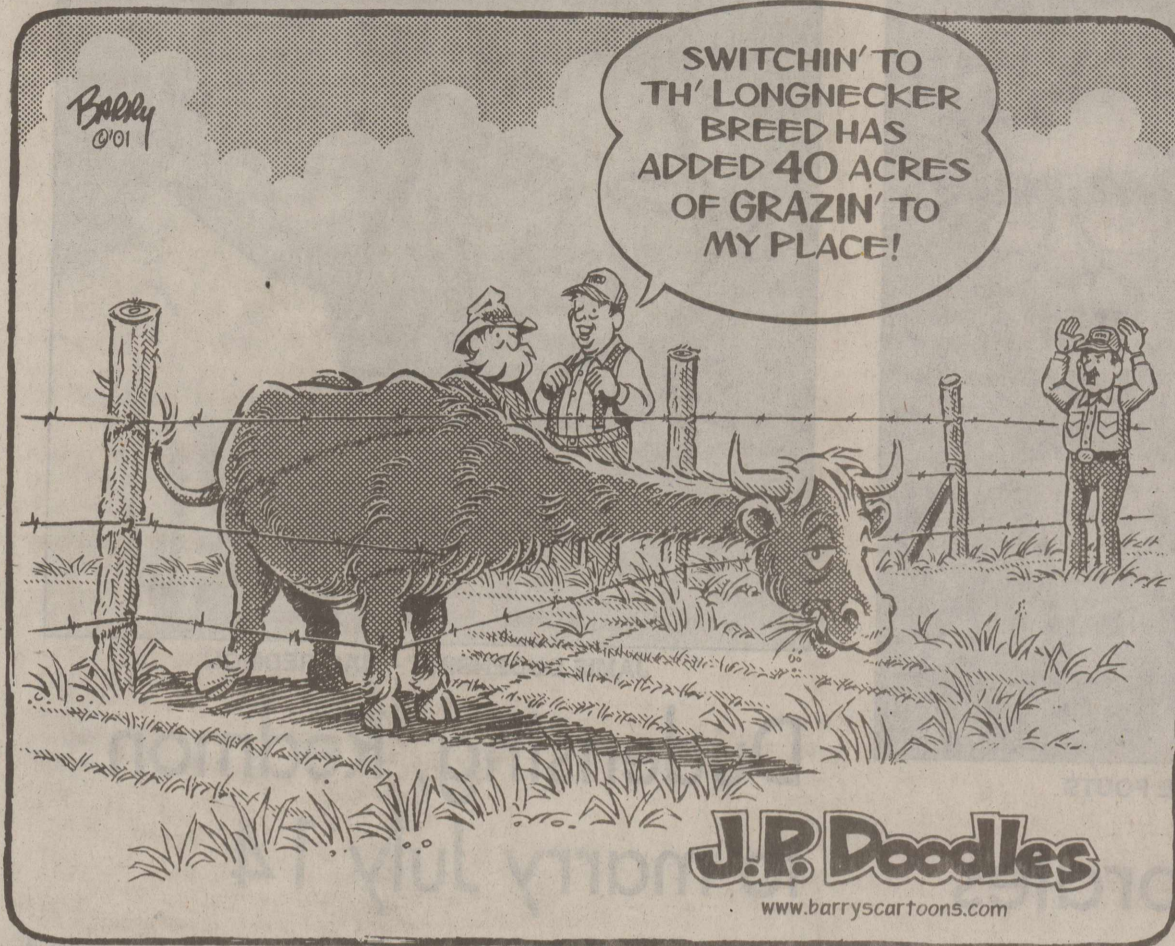
For some West Texas towns, two decades will be a long wait for the economic boost the improved roadway would bring.

"Most people here think it will be a good thing," said Randy Mankin, city manager in Eldorado. "If the town is bypassed, we don't know what effect that would have, but a quarter of a mile is better than 50 miles."

As it is now, U.S. 277 runs through the middle of Eldorado. But despite that, the city and county both lost population in the 2000 census.

The Ports to Plains route will do for Eldorado what it will for all the towns and cities along the corridor: Bring increased traffic, from commercial to recreational.

For more detail on the Ports-To-Plains project, check out the coalition's website at www.ports-to-plains.com.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

The month of June is probably the most traditional time for weddings in our country. Every picture of another bride speaks beautifully again to the fact that the ordained institution of marriage between a man and woman has survived and is still respected and continues to live unchanged in our world when so many other things and ways of life are changing.

The old saying that "All the world loves a lover," may not in reality be true, yet somehow the spark of romance and young love is always stirred in our hearts by the celebration of two hearts beating as one and being "joined together in the sight of God and man."

But, in the reality of the fast-moving, transitional lifestyles and fragmented traditions of today's world, what may be equally stirring and even more incredulous to comprehend as possible is the celebration of two hearts beating as one for sixty years. While not recognized in ceremony accompanied by silken veils and solemn vows, candle light and cascade of roses, the milestone of sixty years successfully spent together in sickness and in health, for better or worse by any couple is never-the-less worthy of a celebration.

It was a joy for us that two pairs of Haskell friends, George and Helen Fouts and Ferrell and Jane Coston recently celebrated sixtieth wedding anniversaries with dinner parties at the Branding Iron on the same weekend.

Along with enjoying the steaks and special cake on Friday night, the Fouts party of sixteen guests, made up of children, grandchildren and a few old friends (including the best man at their wedding, Tom Kaigler), all enjoyed the memories evoked by viewing a composite of family movies made through the years.

The Coston's family party of twenty guests on Saturday night included children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who gathered from around the country for the

weekend. Eighteen members of the family joined Ferrell and Jane for Sunday morning services at their church.

Both of these couples who married in June, 1941, have raised their family, been a participant in the business community, known as good neighbors, and respected as consistent members of the community of faith in Haskell. Both are living examples of the deepest and best meaning of being "joined together in holy matrimony." Each one is obviously still in love with their mate, and each would name their children, their faith and their church as the things they are most thankful for.

No wonder their children and grandchildren can "rise up and call them blessed." No wonder we are honored to call them our friend, brother and sister.

What does it take, besides longevity, to successfully make it through sixty years of marriage? Perhaps today, when so much is changing in the culture and society from the "norms" of sixty years ago, younger couples may indeed ask the question. The world they face today is not the same world their fathers and mothers started life in.

Certainly, nothing and no situation in anyone's life remains the same at the end as it was at the beginning. Adjustments have to be made along the way. But it doesn't just happen.

"A good marriage is always being reshaped so that the couple can stay in step with each other and satisfy their changing needs," writes Judith Wallerstein in *The Good Marriage*. In *What Does It Mean To Be Human?* Frederick Franck says that, "Recognizing our differences while embracing our commonality, is an act of faith and hope and an essential part of the ongoing dialogue about the challenges and responsibilities we will face together in our rapidly changing society."

"There are no guarantees," says Emmanuel. "From the standpoint

of fear none are strong enough. From the standpoint of love none are necessary."

While agreeing that there are indeed, no guarantees for having a long and loving marriage, both the Fouts' and Costons would agree that love and the grace of God play a big part.

However, in answer to the question, "To what do you attribute your being able to maintain a successful sixty years of marriage," Ferrell Coston said that marriage is a matter of give and take. "And in our case, Jane is the giver," he said, with a catch in his throat.

Someone has said that humor is to life what shock absorbers are to automobiles. In his typical, jovial fashion, George Fouts said they have made it through these last sixty years together because they have always tried to get along and never fuss or fight over things. "I just always do whatever Helen tells me to," he said. (Would every cow and cowboy in Haskell County who believes that, please now stand on your head?)

Someone else has said that kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life. With Helen's kind nature and George's sense of humor, they have no doubt smoothed out a lot of the bumps that can plague any relationship.

The question of what it takes to make it through sixty years of healthy wedded bliss is a good and valid question. Every couple is unique, and their own particular blend of characteristics and circumstances will produce a different way of living a satisfying life together.

However, along with whatever else they may cite as being helpful for a long-term union, most anyone who has "been there and done that" would also recommend a big, daily helping of abiding faith, hope and love. And the Guidebook says, "The greatest of these is love."

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
July 11, 1991

Thad Jennings received a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting from Abilene Christian University. He is a 1987 graduate of Paint Creek High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Jennings.

Lyles Jewelry donated a stainless steel flatware set and drawer chest to Rogers-Cox Post 221 of the American Legion. The Legion will use the flatware to raise money to pay the insurance on the Legion building.

Little League All-Stars representing Haskell in the district tournament in Stamford include Carl Riley, Lyle Fouts, Matt Blanks, Will Trammell, Matthew McCord, Joe Salinas, Nick Jimenez, Corey Breckel, Harrison Druessedow, Justin Stewart, Chancey Pogue, Joseph Andrew, Greg Rodriguez, Jim Crawford. Coaches are Monnie Hise and Tom Dewey.

20 Years Ago
July 9, 1981

Three men were recognized for donating a total of 149 units of blood to the Red Cross. The three donors are Olen King, Cotton Whitfield and Elbert Johnson. Whitfield has donated a total of 35 units, Johnson 32 and King 82.

The Sunshine Sewing Club met in the home of Lula Smith. Nine members attended. President Arvella Holland called the meeting to order.

Jimmy Owens, manager of Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1 of Haskell, attended the 8th Annual Cooperative New Managers Conference in Houston.

30 Years Ago
July 15, 1971

Present at the meeting of the City Council were Mayor H. V. Woodard; councilmen Belton Duncan, Buster Gholson, Loraine Johnson and Carl Anderson; water supt., Marvin Collins; city attorney, Joe Williams and city secretary, Ira Hester.

Eight Haskell 4-H Club members completed a sewing workshop held in the Haskell High School Homemaking Department. Completing the workshop were Cindy Ivey, Patricia Arredondo, Carla Shelton, Carol Dean, Cynthia Jones, Kay Campbell, Kim Campbell and Tamara Sorrells.

40 Years Ago
July 13, 1961

The Little League baseball team of the Rams were entertained with an outing at the lake cabin of Brooks Middleton. Fathers of the players hosting the outing were Brooks Middleton, Bud Herren, Howard Perry, Jack Pippin, Bill Reeves and Tommy Davis.

Jack Harvey is the new member of the sheriff's department.

Cynthia Darlene Peiser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peiser, has enrolled in Rutherford Metropolitan Business College in Fort Worth. She is a 1960 graduate of Matson High School.

50 Years Ago
July 12, 1951

Two hundred and fifty boys and girls have enrolled in the Haskell County Red Cross "Learn to Swim" program which is now in progress at Rice Springs pool. Head instructors are Jerry and Rose Ann Johnston. Assistants are Jane Weaver, Lula Faye Free, Nabella Hassen, Shirley Henshaw, Patsy Turnbow, Rowena Lanier, Terry Bynum, Patsy Camp, Jeanie Redwine, Carolyn Henshaw, Betty Ann Dodson, David Middleton, Michael Duncan and Temple Williams.

Olen Dotson and Arlos Weaver have returned from a several days visit and business trip to Wickenburg and Phoenix, Ariz.

90 Years Ago
July 15, 1911

A large delegation from the towns of Sagerton and Rule were in the city this week, seeking to get the Commissioners Court to bridge the Brazos River opposite those places. The bridges are badly needed and the Court has the means and authority to build the bridges and nobody should object to this work being done.

Mr. Decker and Mr. Gossett have opened up the City Garage in the old skating rink building and are carrying a full line of auto supplies.

Burn ban in effect!

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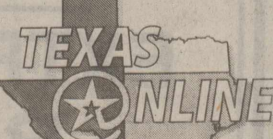
Keeping an Eye on Texas

Hassle-free Renewals

Texans now can renew their driver licenses and ID cards 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through the Texas Department of Public Safety's online renewal system at

<http://dps.texasonline.state.tx.us/>. The process is as simple as following five easy steps and providing the following items of information:

- ★ Current Texas driver license or ID card
- ★ Social security number
- ★ Valid credit card (Visa, MasterCard, etc.)



Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Marriage Licenses

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

Jack Alston Whorton of Rule and Ella Daye Stanley of San Antonio

Jason Lee Hall of Haskell and Lanesa Lashea Wilson of Munday
Michael Wayne Wheat of Picaune, Miss. and Kellie Cherie Price of Haskell
Danny Paul Harris of Rochester and Janice Elizabeth Hawkins of Aspermont

William Michael London and Dorothy Arlene Delgado, both of Stamford

Rodney Dale Lacey of Stamford and Linda Coker Barnett of Rule
James Richard Louder II of Graham and Deborah Lynn Wilson of Rule.

Conservation farmer attends Washington, D.C. meeting

By Mary Kaigler
Roy Wilson of Krooked River Ranch, located in Haskell, Shackelford and Throckmorton Counties, recently visited Washington, D. C., to meet with members of congress about reauthorizing and extending the Conservation Reserve Program and other conservation groups. Without congressional action the CRP will be shut down, greatly affecting farmers like Wilson.

According to Dr. Alan Wentz, Group Manager of Conservation Programs at Ducks Unlimited, the CRP program of land stewardship in which Wilson is enrolled is one of the most effective tools for influencing the condition, conservation and protection of our air, soil, water plants and wildlife.

Roy Wilson and his family have built a national reputation in the outfitting and guiding business on

the 43,000-acre Krooked River Ranch. In total, the Wilson's own, manage or lease some 200,000 acres of which 25,000 is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program.

For economic and educational purposes, a focus on wildlife enhancement through programs like CRP is a primary concern for the Wilsons. In 1999, Roy and his wife, Becky, received the Lone Star Steward Award in recognition of their valuable efforts and contributions toward conserving wildlife habitat.

They have also been involved with the Bobwhite Brigade, a group dedicated to youth education and quail conservation, since it began in 1993. In addition, the Michigan Duck Hunters Association and the Dallas Woods and Water Conservation Club have recognized them for their conservation efforts.

Benefits of the Conservation

Reserve Program as adopted by such farmers as Roy Wilson, are: reduced soil erosion; reduced nutrient and chemical runoff; improved water quality; improved wildlife habitat; increased revenues from hunting and fishing activities and stable income for the farmers.

For Wilson and the other representatives of forty different wildlife and conservation groups who united to talk with congressional leaders in Washington, D. C., the next step is having the Conservation Reserve Program reauthorized, (it is set to expire in 2002), and having the original acreage cap of 45 million acres restored to meet farmer demand for the program.

Loss of this program would have an impact on farmers like Haskell's Roy Wilson, whose land stewardship is not only helping wildlife, but also the county and community of Haskell.

Stocker cattle conference set Aug. 3 in Wichita Falls

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Stocker cattle operators can learn more about their business, update their production skills and gain new perspectives on marketing at an Aug. 3 Stocker Cattle Conference in Wichita Falls.

"This conference is designed specifically for stocker cattle operators. We have scheduled several experts to speak on a variety of topics," said Galen Chandler, Texas Agricultural

Extension Service director for agriculture on the Rolling Plains. This day-long event will take place in the Multi-Purpose Event Center (MPEC) in Wichita Falls.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served. The morning program will focus on Management Strategies for Dual Purpose Wheat, by Bill Pinchak, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station ruminant nutritionist; Stocker Cattle Health Programs, by Bob Smith, DVM, Stillwater,

Okl.; and Risk Management and Budgeting, by Stan Bevers, Extension economist-management.

Bob Tallman, PRCA announcer, is the keynote lunch speaker. He will present "Bucker's International Video."

Dave Weaver, Cattle FAX, Denver, Colo., will present the stocker cattle market outlook. A panel of Texas stocker cattle operators will kick off a marketing perspectives discussion at 1:45 p.m. Producers participating in the panel include: Don Keeling, Jourdan; Rene Livingston, Seymour; Ronnie Ogle, Bowie; Jay O'Brien, Amarillo; and John Bill Oman, Throckmorton.

A long-term weather outlook and a discussion of the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program will round out the afternoon agenda. Extension livestock specialist Ron Gill, Dallas and Todd Thrift, Overton, will host the BQA presentation-discussion.

Morning, lunch and afternoon breaks will provide free time for participants to visit commercial agribusiness booths. The conference should wrap up around 4:15 p.m., Chandler said.

Texas can pre-register, or get more information on the Stocker Cattle Conference by contacting the Haskell County Extension office at (940) 864-2658, or the Vernon Extension Center at (940) 552-9941, or any other County Extension office in the Rolling Plains.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

A birthday celebration for Doris Reeves Jordan was enjoyed Sat., July 7, by Robert and Trudi Jordan, California; Grace Cousins, Seymour; Adeline Laird, Aspermont; Candace Carver, Knox City; Shirley and Jackie Reed, Margie and Lynn Pace, Glenda and Bigdon Drinnon, Julia and Mike Harrell and Truet Reeves, all of Haskell.

Homemade ice cream was served after a bountiful steak dinner with all the trimmings. A patriotic theme with red, white and blue was carried out throughout the back yard of Mike and Julia Harrell.

Kenneth Hilliard of Waco visited his mother Bernice over the weekend. Dan and Edith Hilliard of South Carolina spent the week here visiting with mom Bernice and her mom in Rule.

Saturday night Bernice Hilliard attended the square dance in Tye at the Wagon Wheel.

Mr. and Mrs. Kip Derrick of Fort Worth spent the weekend of July 1 with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Paris Barton. They brought grandson Cody with them.

Kay came back on Friday to spend several days with them.

Friday, July 6, Margaret Tatum took her mom Joyce to Abilene for a checkup on her hip and eye. Floradean Cockerell of Early met us there bringing Michael Hawkins of Aspermont after his spending two weeks with them. Friday afternoon Michael's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Hawkins, came to pick him up at Grandma Joyce's. On the way home we stopped in Anson for a visit with Tiny Vaughn.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Tatum made a birthday dinner for his mom Margaret.

Anita Herren is vacationing in Ruidoso, N. M.

New crop loss coverage offered for 2001 crop year

The Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers new and improved crop loss coverage opportunities beginning with crop year 2001.

"Unlike the old NAP and other disaster programs that take time to implement, the new NAP program will provide immediate relief to farmers," said FSA's Haskell County Executive Director Glenn Brzozowski. "Appraisers will inspect the damaged crops, the County Committee will review the claim and payments will be issued once the loss threshold is reached." NAP covers 50% of the producer's expected production at a payment rate equal to 55% of the crop's average market price. Benefits are limited to \$100,000 per crop year

for each participant.

Since the 1995 crop year, FSA has offered NAP assistance for noninsurable crops each time a widespread catastrophic loss occurred due to damaging weather. Beginning with crop year 2001, availability of NAP benefits will be based on producers' individual crop losses, rather than on losses occurring in a large area. These guaranteed benefits, subject to a minimal administrative fee, will provide risk protection during the time when crops are most vulnerable and will be individualized based on the farmer's ability to produce the crop.

NAP covers all noninsurable, commercially grown crops produced for food and fiber, including honey, forage and grazing crops, turfgrass sod, Christmas

trees, seed crops and aquaculture. Crops in Haskell County that would be eligible for NAP include Guar, native pasture, improved grasses, haygrazer, pecans and etc.

To be eligible for assistance, applicants must pay a nonrefundable administrative fee of \$100 per crop, per county. Fees are capped at \$300 per county not to exceed \$900 for farmers with interest in multiple counties.

Applicants are encouraged to provide prior years' production data to FSA to establish a document yield history for loss calculations and payments. To be eligible for NAP, a farmer must have risk in producing the crop and must comply with a conservation plan. The applicant's gross income cannot exceed \$2 million.

FSA is currently accepting applications for NAP coverage for 2001 crops. Farmers who sustained weather-related crop damage to a 2001 NAP crop and timely reported acreage and losses may be eligible for coverage. The application period for 2001 crops will end 30 days after the Federal Regulations are published.

Producers with noninsurable crops should contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617 for more information.

New conservation assistance available

A new conservation provision called Soil and Water Conservation Assistance is now available for farmers and ranchers in Haskell County.

Soil and Water Conservation Assistance, or SWCA, provides cost-sharing to help farmers and ranchers install conservation practices on their land. SWCA provides 75 percent of the cost of the installation of eligible conservation practices on private lands through five to ten-year contracts.

SWCA is available only in

areas that are not part of Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) 2001 funded priority areas and the National Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Longleaf Pine Conservation priority areas. The Farm Service Agency will disburse cost-share funds.

To find out more about Soil and Water Conservation Assistance, call the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District office at 940-864-8516, ext. 3.

Family tree can help physicians

The human genome may be complicated, but there is one thing about genes that is practical for everyone to know: A person's family history can serve as an important tool for physicians.

"A detailed family history can sometimes help us determine if a person is at increased risk of all sorts of health problems from cancer to diabetes," says Dr. Gail Tomlinson, associate professor of pediatrics and director of the

familial breast cancer registry at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

People with an increased risk of illness due to family history may have options that will allow them to prevent some complications of disease. Those at risk can change their lifestyles by exercising, altering dietary habits and being more vigilant about frequent health checkups. Regular screenings such as mammography put the odds in a patient's favor.

Prolonged sitting can cause blood clots

Sitting for hours in a plane, train or automobile can result in more than a pain in the...neck. Cramped legroom can cause deep venous thrombosis, also known as "Economy Class Syndrome."

ECS was first coined in 1988 to describe airline passengers who developed blood clots in their legs after sitting for long periods in cramped seats, said Dr. Cliff Dacso with the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine.

"These blood clots can travel to the lungs or other areas, causing severe organ damage," he said. Symptoms can be anything from

pain and swelling in the legs and shortness of breath to heart attacks and strokes.

According to Dacso, women who are pregnant and people over 60 are most likely to be affected.

To prevent ECS: Don't cross your legs or sit on the edge of your seat since these positions can reduce blood flow in your legs; wear loose clothing; don't smoke and avoid caffeine and alcohol; prop up your feet, above the waist if possible; and most importantly, stand, move about and stretch every hour or so.

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The rate schedule is expected to furnish an 8.76 percent increase in the Company's revenues from residential, commercial and industrial customers in the West Region Distribution System. A Statement of Intent has been filed with each city. If you desire to comment concerning this change of rates, you may contact the City Secretary of one of the above named cities.

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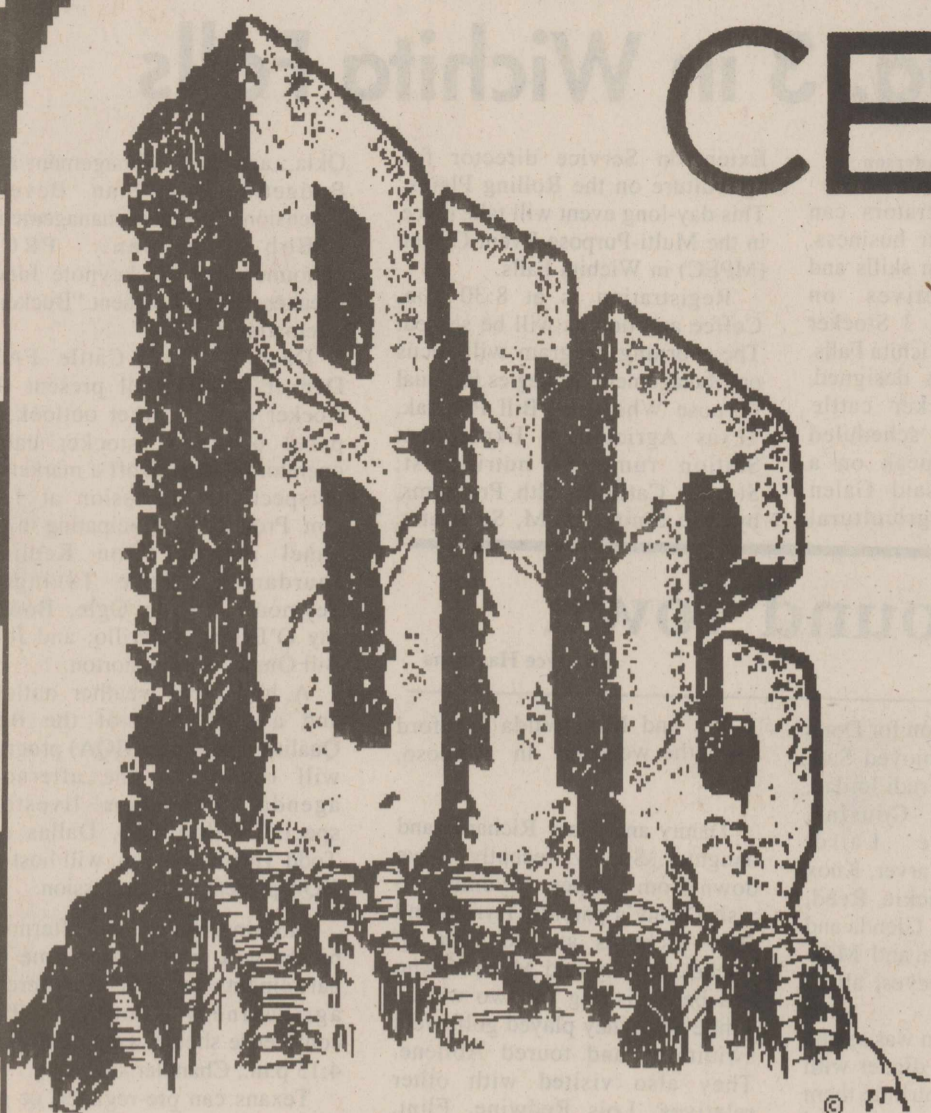
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Nosebleeds are troublesome

With the onset of allergy season, warmer weather and increased athletic activity, many people may suffer from nosebleeds.

Knowing how to stop a nosebleed and when to seek medical assistance can mean the difference between a minor inconvenience and something more serious.

"Nosebleeds can be quite a challenge and frustration for both the patient and the treating physician. There is not just one fix-all," said Dr. J. R. Williams, assistant professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "It is important to determine which type of nosebleed you are having so it can be properly treated."

An anterior nosebleed occurs when the blood begins flowing from the front part of the nose and only exits from one nostril. Most often, this type is a result of drying and crusting in the anterior portion of the nasal cavity, which is usually caused by a lack of humidity. Other causes include chronic nose picking, sinus infection and reaction to

medications such as inhalants, aspirin, ibuprofen or anticoagulants.

A posterior nosebleed occurs when the blood comes from deep in the nose and flows down the back of the mouth and throat, even if the patient is sitting upright or standing. This type of bleeding is usually caused by sports- or accident-related injury, or occurs as a result of high blood pressure and requires treatment from a physician.

"To stop a nosebleed, pinch the soft parts of the nose together and slightly tilt the head back for five minutes," Williams said. "If bleeding has not stopped, gently blow the nose to evacuate all clots. Then, spray a decongestant-nasal spray quickly into both nostrils, followed by another five minutes of pinch pressure. Applying ice to the nose and cheeks may also help slow bleeding."

Once bleeding has slowed, the nose may be lightly packed with a tissue. When packing the nasal cavity with a tissue, lightly coat the tip of the tissue with petroleum

jelly. This will prevent the bleed site from reopening when the tissue is removed.

"Resumed bleeding after the above fails at home should more than justify seeing a physician," Williams said.

Someone with a nosebleed should see a doctor or be taken to an emergency room when:

- bleeding cannot be stopped or recurs;
- bleeding is rapid or blood loss is large;
- the person feels weak or faint, presumably from blood loss;
- blood goes down the back of the throat, rather than out of one nostril.

Once in the emergency room, the treating physician may first try cauterization by applying silver nitrate directly to the bleed site. Electrical cautery would be used if the bleeding is uncontrolled by the silver nitrate or if the bleeding is too brisk. In the most severe posterior-nosebleed cases, an interventional radiologist may place a catheter in the offending blood vessel(s) and insert gelfoam to control the bleeding.

Only healthy tan is a fake tan

Is your tan any safer if it came from a bulb rather than from the sun?

Tanning parlors often advertise that using their facilities is safer than tanning in the sun and can even protect your from sun

damage. Doctors have suspected that this isn't true. Now researchers in Massachusetts have proof. They recently conducted a study to analyze skin cells after exposure to tanning beds.

They had a group of fair-skinned

volunteers go through two weeks of tanning sessions. Some of their skin was covered throughout the study, while some of the skin was only exposed part of the time. Then cells from the unexposed, partially exposed and fully exposed skin were analyzed.

Researchers found that the fully exposed skin cells had DNA changes that could lead to skin cancer. These changes were similar to those seen in skin that has been exposed to the sun. Researchers said the more exposure to tanning beds, the more likely it is that changes will happen that the body won't be able to correct - and the result could be skin cancer.

Dermatologists at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say the only truly safe tan is one that comes out of a bottle of self-tanner. The best way to protect your skin from sun damage is by not tanning. Tanning is a sign that your skin has become damaged. Instead, use sunscreen when you are outdoors. Not only will sunscreen help prevent skin cancer but it can also prevent wrinkling and premature aging. Wrinkles and aging are less deadly but more noticeable effects of the sun on skin.

Healthy grass means no weeds

Some people think that to get rid of dandelions and weeds you have to dig them up. That's not only hard work, but it's also a waste of time.

The toughest part of dandelions and weeds is underground. These plants have long tap roots that penetrate deep into the soil, sometimes to a depth of more than a foot. It is difficult to dig out the root completely without making a huge hole and whatever portion of the root is left in the ground simply sends up a new weed to replace the old one. Sometimes the plant sends up two, so the weed-digging produces more weeds than you had before.

The only way to clear out dandelions and other weeds is to get rid of them root and all. The key is to use a weed control product that enters the weeds through the leaves and is transported to all parts of the plant including the roots. Within a few days, the weeds begin to curl and wither. Gradually, they fade

away, roots and all, so they can't grow back.

Before applying any broadleaf weed control, first check the weather forecast. If rain is expected within 24 hours, hold off the application until a better day. Apply the treatment when the lawn is moist from dew or a light sprinkling. The moisture will allow more particles to stick to the weed leaves, which will give the best possible results. After the application, delay mowing or watering for at least 24 hours.

What many people don't realize is that getting rid of the weeds is only half the battle. You must also fertilize the grass to help it grow into a thick, dense and healthy lawn. This is important because although broadleaf weeds can easily sprout and grow in bare soil, they have trouble germinating and getting a foothold in established grass. In other words, the best defense against weed invasions are thick, healthy strands of grass.

Preventing identity theft

Think of how many times a day you share your personal information. You may write a check at the grocery store, apply for a credit card, make a call on your cell phone, charge tickets to a ballgame, mail your tax return or buy airline tickets over the Internet.

With each transaction, you share your personal information: your bank and credit card account numbers, your income, your social security number, your name, address and phone number.

In 1998, Congress passed a law making identity theft a federal crime. The U. S. Secret Service, FBI and U. S. Postal Inspection Service investigate violations of the Act. Persons accused of identity theft are prosecuted by the Department of Justice.

Unless you live your life in a bubble, you can't prevent the stealing of your personal information, but you can minimize the risks of this crime happening to you by following these suggestions:

•Never divulge information about your social security number, credit card number, account

passwords and other personal information unless you initiate contact with the person or company you know and trust.

•Don't carry around more checks, credit cards and other bank items than you really need. Don't carry your social security number in your wallet and pick passwords and PINS (Personal Identification Numbers) that will be tough for someone to figure out.

•Protect your incoming and outgoing mail, especially envelopes that may contain checks, credit card applications or other information valuable to a fraud artist. Deposit outgoing mail, especially something containing personal financial information in the official Post Office collection boxes, hand it to the mail carrier,

or take it to the local post office instead of leaving it in your home mailbox.

•Before discarding credit card applications, cancelled checks, bank statements or other information useful to an identity thief, tear it up as best you can, preferably by using a paper shredder.

•Safely store extra checks, credit cards and documents that list your social security number.

•Contact your financial institution immediately if there is a discrepancy in your records or you notice something suspicious such as a missing payment or unauthorized withdrawals.

•If your credit card bill doesn't arrive on time, contact your credit card company. This could be a sign that someone has stolen your account information, changed your address and is making large charges in your name from another location.

•Once a year check your credit record with the three major credit bureaus. To order your report, call the following toll-free numbers: Equifax: 800-685-1111; Experian: 888-397-3742; and Trans Union: 800-888-4213.

If you are a victim of ID Theft, take the following steps:

•Contact the fraud departments of each of the three major credit bureaus and request a "fraud alert" be placed on your file and no new credit be granted without your approval.

•Close any accounts that have

been fraudulently accessed or opened.

•File a local police report and get a copy of the report to your bank, credit card company or others that may need proof of the crime.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is the federal clearinghouse for complaints by victims of identity theft. Although the FTC does not have the authority to bring criminal cases, it can assist the victims by providing information to help resolve problems that can result from identity theft. Should you find yourself a victim of identity theft, you can file a complaint with the FTC by calling toll-free 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338).

Most of us assume that thieves are only interested in the cash in our wallet or purse, when in many cases, they are more interested in access to sensitive information that can be used to steal our identity. Use caution and don't be the next victim of identity theft or other financial fraud.

Battle heat by drinking lots of fluids

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent Each year hundreds of people become victims of heat. Many even die. Cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are the enemies.

Extension health specialist Carol Rice says you can reduce your risk of heat-related illness by drinking lots of fluids and not becoming dehydrated. Water is the best drink for before, during and after physical activity. Rice says caffeinated drinks and alcohol actually make you lose more water.

If your surroundings are not air-conditioned, Rice suggest using a fan, opening windows, taking cool baths or showers often and spending at least part of the day in an air-conditioned environment, such as a senior center, mall, or library.

Rice adds that older people are more likely to have problems with heat because their body's temperature-regulating system is not as sensitive as it gets older. Therefore, they do not realize how hot they are becoming.

Haskell County Quarterly Report April, May, June 2001

	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	AVAILABLE AMOUNT	LESS DISBURSEMENTS	END-OF-MONTH BALANCE
GENERAL	50,001.06	260,344.10	310,345.16	296,833.32	13,511.84
GENERAL MONEY MARKET	25,403.37	323.46	25,726.77	24,000.00	1,726.77
JURY	2,620.98	1,134.00	7,756.98	6,193.48	1,563.50
LAW LIBRARY	1,354.92	4,200.00	5,554.92	2,743.69	2,811.23
LATERAL ROAD 1	231.03	0.00	231.03	4.85	244.18
LATERAL ROAD 2	3,700.12	0.00	3,700.12	3,427.97	272.05
LATERAL ROAD 3	2,287.11	0.00	2,287.11	2,089.65	197.46
LATERAL ROAD 4	734.44	0.00	734.44	9.95	248.49
ROAD & BRIDGE 1	41,076.93	38,864.05	99,840.98	54,759.74	44,971.24
ROAD & BRIDGE 2	129,151.86	36,794.40	165,946.26	44,390.47	121,555.79
ROAD & BRIDGE 3	55,441.87	36,905.19	92,347.06	21,231.72	71,115.34
ROAD & BRIDGE 4	105,331.59	36,896.39	142,227.97	31,423.06	110,604.91
FAM LATERAL ROAD 1	106,737.25	4,868.41	111,605.66	12,270.47	94,335.19
FAM LATERAL ROAD 2	11,593.25	83,156.64	14,390.50	68,766.14	58,966.36
FAM LATERAL ROAD 3	72,521.03	4,029.91	76,550.94	17,384.88	59,166.06
FAM LATERAL ROAD 4	94,465.87	3,127.49	97,593.36	17,146.64	80,346.72
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	15,853.47	12,179.41	28,032.88	8,353.20	19,679.68
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	1,609.33	37.00	1,646.33	34.20	1,612.13
COMP VICTIMS OF CRIME	15,132.69	7,163.17	22,295.86	5,101.80	17,194.06
ARREST FEE	17,940.18	8,076.14	26,016.32	7,181.91	28,834.41
JUDGEPERSONNEL TRAINING	1,906.33	918.82	2,825.15	646.71	2,178.44
CRIME STOPPERS	159.85	10.00	169.85	9.00	160.85
STATE GEN REVENUE	1,463.78	22.50	1,486.28	24.75	1,461.53
COMP REHABILITATION	2,127.10	63.00	2,190.10	38.30	2,151.80
FREIGHT ALCOHOL	60.00	60.00	120.00	60.00	60.00
SECURITY FUND	35,703.22	2,169.88	37,873.10	399.08	37,474.02
SEIZURE FUND	4,509.08	20.63	4,529.71	167.30	4,362.21
COUNTY ATTORNEY	1,572.34	1,929.80	3,502.14	2,084.01	1,418.13
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	194.16	0.00	194.16	0.00	194.16
DIET ATTY FORFEITURE FUND	2,807.59	546.82	3,354.41	528.00	2,826.41
MANAGEMENT PRESERVATION	6,201.92	919.97	7,221.89	0.00	7,221.89
PERMANENT SCHOOL	5,200.88	25.54	5,226.52	0.00	5,226.52
COUNTY LIBRARY	11,478.61	107.93	11,586.54	124.12	11,462.42
ECC NUTRITION	5,906.76	16,384.77	22,291.53	19,647.84	2,643.69
ECC BUILDING	17,370.29	1,056.10	18,426.39	1,894.33	16,532.06
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	93,433.55	699.02	94,132.57	0.00	94,132.57
RECORDS MANAGEMENT	12,227.45	2,068.39	14,295.84	569.74	13,726.10
MTR VEHICLE INVENTORY TAX	1,265.79	5.57	1,271.36	495.00	776.36
TOTAL	1,035,909.29	497,288.94	1,533,198.23	594,272.18	938,926.05

TOTAL CASH ASSETS FOR HASKELL COUNTY 1,491,840.99

Willie Faye Tidrow
County Treasurer & Investment Officer

On July 9, 2001 the Commissioners' Court of Haskell County met in regular session and compared the Quarterly Report of Willie Faye Tidrow, County Treasurer, for the Quarter ending June 30, 2001 and found the same correct and respective amounts to have been paid out during the quarter.

DAVID C. DAVIS COUNTY JUDGE
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KENNY THOMPSON COMMISSIONER PREC #3
RONDA HOBBS COUNTY CLERK
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USDA appoints FSA committee members

The U. S. Department of Agriculture recently named five state committee members for Texas. All will serve until December 31, 2001.

FSA state committees are responsible for the general direction and supervision of state FSA programs. The committee keeps farmers informed of Agency program activities and resolves appeals and complaints. Members maintain cooperative relationships

with the agribusiness community. The Texas state committee members are as follows:

•Jerry D. Harris is chairperson of the committee. He is a self-employed producer growing wheat, grain sorghum, peanuts and cotton;

•Dario Vidal Guerra, Jr., has a cow/calf operation consisting of approximately 550 head of cattle on a 4,500-acre ranch;

•Willie Fred "Red" Kitchen is a farmer/rancher producing hay and cattle on a 1,565-acre operation in east central Texas;

•Dennis Scott McGarraugh operates a 6,400-acre farm producing wheat, oats, grain sorghum and hay in the Panhandle; and

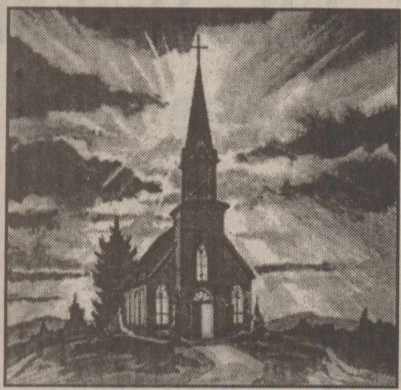
•Linda Clapp Raun grows, packages and markets specialty rice under her own brand name and produces conventional rice.

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LITTLE WINNER—18 months old Joe Manuel Jimenez, son of Michael and Rosie Jimenez of Haskell, took 1st place in Photo, 1st in Beauty and 1st in his age group at the West Texas Baby Pageant held in Odessa in June. He was also awarded a certificate for chubbiness and personality.

This Week's Devotional Message:



WHEN YOU VISIT GOD'S WILDERNESS, KEEP IT CLEAN

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

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

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 Garison, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
 Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
 Gary Bruns, pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
 Shane Brue, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
 Rev. J.C. Amburn
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
 Father Michael Melcher
 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
 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

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

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.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER

- Church of Christ**
 Steve Wiis, 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 Culpepper, 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

ECC Calendar and Menu

- Mon., July 16**
 9:00 a.m. Miracle Ear
 Lunch-BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, onions, dessert, bread, milk, tea or coffee
- Wed., July 18**
 10:00 a.m. Bingo with prizes
 11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
 Lunch-Pizza, English peas, tossed salad, refrigerator cheese dessert, milk, tea or coffee
- Fri., July 20**
 11:00 a.m. Texas State Hearing Lunch-Roast beef, gravy, potatoes, broccoli, fruit cobbler, bread, milk, tea or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch.
 All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

- July 16-20**
 Milk served daily.
- Monday:** Nachos, pinto beans, applesauce, cookies
- Tuesday:** Chicken and spaghetti, green beans, garden salad, hot rolls, ice cream with topping
- Wednesday:** Homemade burritos, chips and hot sauce, corn, fruit salad
- Thursday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, hot rolls, peach cobbler
- Friday:** Hamburger, tater tots, lettuce, tomato slices, watermelon

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Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE: Sat., July 14. Jimmy and Rhonda Lisle, 1704 N. Ave. F. 8 a.m. Much misc., household, clothes, used furniture, etc. Must go. Make an offer! 28c

MOVING SALE: Sat., July 14, 8 a.m. 1/2 mi. west of Vet Clinic. Refrigerator, housewares and much more. Everything must go!

GARAGE SALE: 902 N. 5th. Sat. 9-? Boys, men, women and little girls clothes, shoes, baby stroller, carrier, toys, misc. items. 28p

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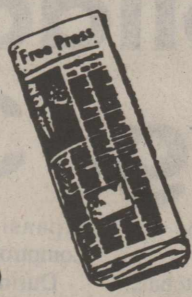
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FOR SALE: Washer and dryer set. GE, Amana, Whirlpool. All are very nice and late model. Starting at \$250 per set. 940-422-4924 after 6 p.m. 28c

FOR SALE: Navy blue couch and love seat. 864-2493. 28c

BOAT FOR SALE: 14' wide bottom heavy duty aluminum boat. 15 hp electric. Trolling motor, front swivel seat, all on trailer. \$1200. Call Rob Anderson 940-849-2008.

Miscellaneous

SECURITY FINANCE now looking for 1000 new customers. No credit, no problem. Loans from \$100 to \$467. Phone applications welcome. Call 915-773-3081.

Wanted

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

Lost & Found

REWARD: Purse stolen June 26 from Suburban of Vickie Josselet on Paint Creek Road. If anyone has information on this matter call 864-2744 or 864-2345. I don't care about the money, please return pictures and important papers. 28p

REWARD: Cedar chest sold at garage sale at Patterson residence at 601 S. E. 1st approximately one month ago. Chest belonged to best friend's great granddad. Please call 864-5529. 28p

Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE: 4 bedroom, 2 living rooms, 2000 sq. ft. Water well, CH/A. 302 S. Ave. C. 940-997-0061. 19tfc

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PART-TIME caregiver. 1-800-671-2369. 28-29c

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HELP WANTED: Technician. Prefer GM line, but not necessary. Apply in person at Medford Buick-Pontiac-GMC, 200 N. Ave. E, Haskell. 28-30c

NOW TAKING applications for nurse aide training program. Please apply in person at Brazos Valley Care Home, 605 South Avenue F, Knox City. 28c

YOUNG COUNTY HOME Health is now accepting applications for full time/part time RNs and LVNs. Apply at 105 N. Ave. D in Haskell or call 940-864-5074. May fax resume to 940-864-6163. 28-29p

For Rent

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

HOUSE FOR RENT: 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, CH/A, 1100 N. Ave. E. \$325 per month. Call 940-549-7011 or evenings 940-549-7168. 28tfc

SMALL HOUSE for rent. Many trees, corner lot. 1100 N. 8th. 864-3439. 28-29p

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom house, 604 S. Ave. E, Haskell. \$200 month. \$200 deposit. 997-2105. 28p

COUNTRY HOUSE for rent: 2 or 3 bedroom house. Call 673-8245 Weinert. 28-29p

FOR RENT: Small 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 306 S. 2nd St. Call 915-694-8041. 28tfc

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Public Notices

MILK BID SCHOOL YEAR 2001/2002
INVITATION TO BID
The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District is now accepting bids for milk for its food service programs. Bid specifications are available at the district's office located at 605 North Avenue E, P. O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521 or by phoning 940-864-2602.
To be considered, bids must be returned no later than 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2001. 27-28c

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PUBLIC NOTICE
GASOLINE BIDS 2001/2002
The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District is accepting bid proposals for gasoline and diesel for the 2001/02 school year. Bid may be on a per gallon cost-plus basis. The bid must allow the district access to gasoline and diesel 24 hours/day. Address bids to Haskell CISD, P. O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521 by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2001. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Bland at 940-864-2602. The Haskell CISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 27-28c

NOTICE TO PUBLIC
The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board is soliciting proposals from educational institutions, community-

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based organizations, private for profit and private no-profit organizations, labor organizations and other public and private entities to provide activities funded through the School to Work Opportunities Act. A total of \$41,500 is available in School to Work funds.
A copy of the Request for Proposals packet and/or a diskette containing application forms only may be obtained by contacting Karen Spaar at (915) 795-4303 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or by email to bryans@abilene.com. The copy is available on Email, disc or hard copy. Applications (Hard Copy Only) must be submitted no later than close of business, Friday, August 3, 2001, to be considered for School to Work funds. A Bidders Conference will be held on July 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the Taylor Room at the Work Force Center, 400 Oak Street, Abilene, Texas.

Questions concerning this solicitation may be directed to Bryan Swedlund by calling (915) 795-4307 or email at the above address. 28c

PUBLIC AD
The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board (WCTWDB or Board) is issuing a Request For Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals from educational institutions, community based organizations, faith based organizations, private for profit and public non-profit organizations, labor organizations and other public and private entities to provide training and employment activities for a Year-Round Youth Program funded under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

The WCTWDB is comprised of the following 19 county are: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.
Funding allocations for the WIA Year-Round Youth Program for the period September 1, 2001 to Au-

gust 31, 2002 total approximately \$865,000.
WIA Year-Around Youth Program will serve youth 14-21, in-school and out-of-school, who are low-income individuals and have one or more of the following characteristics: deficient in basic skills; a school dropout; a homeless, run-away, or foster child; pregnant or parenting; an offender; and/or an individual who requires additional assistance to complete education programs or to secure and hold employment. Proposals should include activities and a wide array of services that enhance basic educational skills and promote the attainment of workplace competencies.
A copy of the RFP can be obtained by contacting the WCTWDB, (915) 795-4303, attention Karen Spaar, 400 Oak, Abilene, Texas 79602 or email to kspaar@abilene.com.
A bidders conference will be held July 13, 2001 at 10:00 A.M., room 415 (Taylor Room) at The Workforce Center, 400 Oak, Abilene, Texas. Attendance at the conference is not required to submit a proposal.
Proposals are due August 3, 2001, at 5:00 P.M. Submit one original and four (4) copies to:
West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, WIA RFP, 400 Oak, Abilene, Texas 79604.
The WCTWDB will not accept any proposals transmitted by facsimile (Fax). Any proposals received after the above due date and time will not be accepted and considered non-responsive. 28c

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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 2nd day of July, 2001 by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 10,564. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Ora Lee Clayton. Legal Description: 1. Lot 12, Block 15, Frisco Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,569. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Jackie Dale Isbell. Legal Description: 2. Lot 5, Block 3, McConnell #85 to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,886. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. W. O. Booher. Legal Description: 3. Lot 27, Edgewater Beach Club Abstract 131, Haskell County, Texas.

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RULE SHACKERS—Members of the Rule girls softball team will go to State playoffs at Whitehouse, July 16-19. From the left, top row, are Coach Lorie Combs, Kyna Scheets, Coach Linda Scheets, Lacie Stephens, Cassidy Cooper, Story Trussell, Breanna Marquis and Gay Lynn Gary. Bottom row, Joey Williams, Kelsie Miller, Jessie Magallon, Stephanie Stowell and Kendra Scheets. Not pictured are Sonya Swafford and Alyssa Mitchell of Aspermont.

Auto burglaries on the rise in Haskell

By Mary Kaigler

Although we who are living in smaller rural communities tend to feel complacent about our overall safety as compared to some of our larger neighbor communities, there is nothing happening elsewhere that cannot and does not happen here.

Along with the hot weather and

vacation time of summer, a rash of automobile burglaries has erupted in the city, causing loss and damage for several unsuspecting citizens, sometimes even in their own driveways or garages.

Five cases of illegal motor vehicle entry and burglary of a vehicle have been reported during

recent weeks. Speaking for their law enforcement departments during a joint interview, Haskell County Chief Deputy Bill Glass and Haskell Police Officer, Shawn Lewis, both strongly stressed the need for people to start locking their vehicles day and night, and never leaving anything of value in the vehicle, locked or unlocked.

The recent thefts have not been isolated to any one area of the community, the officers said. Vehicles in driveways, garages, parked at the curb, in daylight and dark, have been burglarized.

The thefts are not the work of one person the officers said. After one arrest was made, the reports of vehicle burglary continued.

Both of the local law enforcement officers urged that anyone seeing anything or anyone that seems suspicious, please call them immediately. A reward will be offered for information leading to the arrest of those involved.

Removing all valuables and locking all vehicles at all times will help stop the current threat of thefts. In the light of recent events, forgetting or neglecting to do this is just inviting trouble.

Diana White named Jacksboro principal

Diana White, assistant principal at Jacksboro Elementary School, was named as Principal for the 2001-2002 school year at a recent meeting of the Jacksboro ISD school board. She was named to the office following the retirement of Bill Stamper.

Married to Frank White of Jacksboro, son of Frank and Joyce White of Haskell, she is the daughter of Joe and Joyce Davis of Haskell and the sister of County Judge David Davis.

She has served as assistant principal at Jacksboro Elementary School for the past five years and has been a key player in helping the campus to obtain Exemplary status for the past three years. In her capacity as a grant writer for the district she has brought in approximately \$1.3 million for various programs since 1992.

White has a Master of Education degree and Principal certification from Tarleton State University.

Sales tax holiday declared Aug. 3-5

Just in time for back-to-school shopping, many clothes and shoes can be purchased tax-free Aug. 3-5, during Texas' third annual Sales Tax Holiday, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100," Comptroller Rylander said. "The Sales Tax Holiday provides much-needed tax relief for hard-working Texas families and lets them stretch their budgets a little farther as they shop for school clothes for the kids and work clothes for mom and dad."

This year, the Sales Tax Holiday is expected to save Texans \$31.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.4 million in local sales taxes. Cities have the option to not waive local sales tax during the tax holiday, but no community has opted out of the event this year.

The rules for the 2001 Sales Tax Holiday are the same as in previous years. They include:

- Most children's and adults' clothing and footwear priced under \$100 are exempt from sales taxes. Customers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.

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

the street are eligible for the tax exemption.

- Accessories, jewelry, watches, handbags, wallets and briefcases are not tax-exempt.

- Items previously placed on layaway may be redeemed tax-free during the Sales Tax Holiday and items placed on layaway during the Sales Tax Holiday may be redeemed tax-free later.

- School supplies and backpacks are not exempt.

"Earlier this year, I asked the Legislature to expand the list of tax-exempt items to include backpacks, school supplies, sewing supplies and safety gear such as bicycle helmets and car safety seats," Comptroller Rylander said. "I also proposed expanding the tax holiday to five days to avoid the three-day traffic jam."

"However, the Legislature did not make the Sales Tax Holiday a priority and the proposal died. Next session, I will again urge the Legislature to make Texas families and the Sales Tax Holiday

expansion a top priority," Comptroller Rylander said.

During the first two Sales Tax Holidays in 1999 and 2000, Texans saved an estimated \$69.6 million, including \$54.8 million in state sales tax and \$14.8 million in local sales taxes.

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

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