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Basketball games

- Haskell**
Haskell Tournament 7th-8th G-B
Thurs., Jan. 17-Sat., Jan. 19

- JVG-B, VG-B vs Hamlin
Fri., Jan. 18, 4 p.m. at Hamlin

- 7th, 8th, 9th G-B vs. Albany
Mon., Jan. 21, 4:30 p.m.
Girls Here, Boys There

- JVG-B, VG-B vs Stamford
Tues., Jan. 22, 4 p.m. at Haskell

- Paint Creek JH vs ACJH
Thurs., Jan. 17, 6 p.m.
at Paint Creek

- Paint Creek vs Benjamin
Fri., Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

- Paint Creek at ACJH Tourney
Sat., Jan. 19 at Abilene

- Paint Creek JH vs Benjamin
Mon., Jan. 21, 5:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

- Paint Creek vs Rochester
Tues., Jan. 22, 5 p.m.
at Rochester

Calendar

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Jan. 17 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.

Ag producers meeting

Haskell County ag producers will meet Mon., Feb. 18 at 7:30 a.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Speakers will be Emory Boring, Extension Entomologist; Todd Baughman, Extension Agronomist and Billy Henderson, Texas Department of Agriculture. 3 CEUs will be available. Call Haskell County Extension Office at 864-2658 for information.

Gardeners to meet

All you need to know about "Soil and Fertility" will be presented Mon., Jan. 28 at 6:45 p.m. at Haskell National Bank Community Room by Texas Cooperative Extension Crooked River Master Gardener Association. Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist, will present the program. For more information, call Haskell Co. Extension Office at 864-2658.

Fajita supper

The Haskell Indian Band Boosters will host a fajita supper Fri., Jan. 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Haskell High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available from any band student or at the band hall.

Blood drive

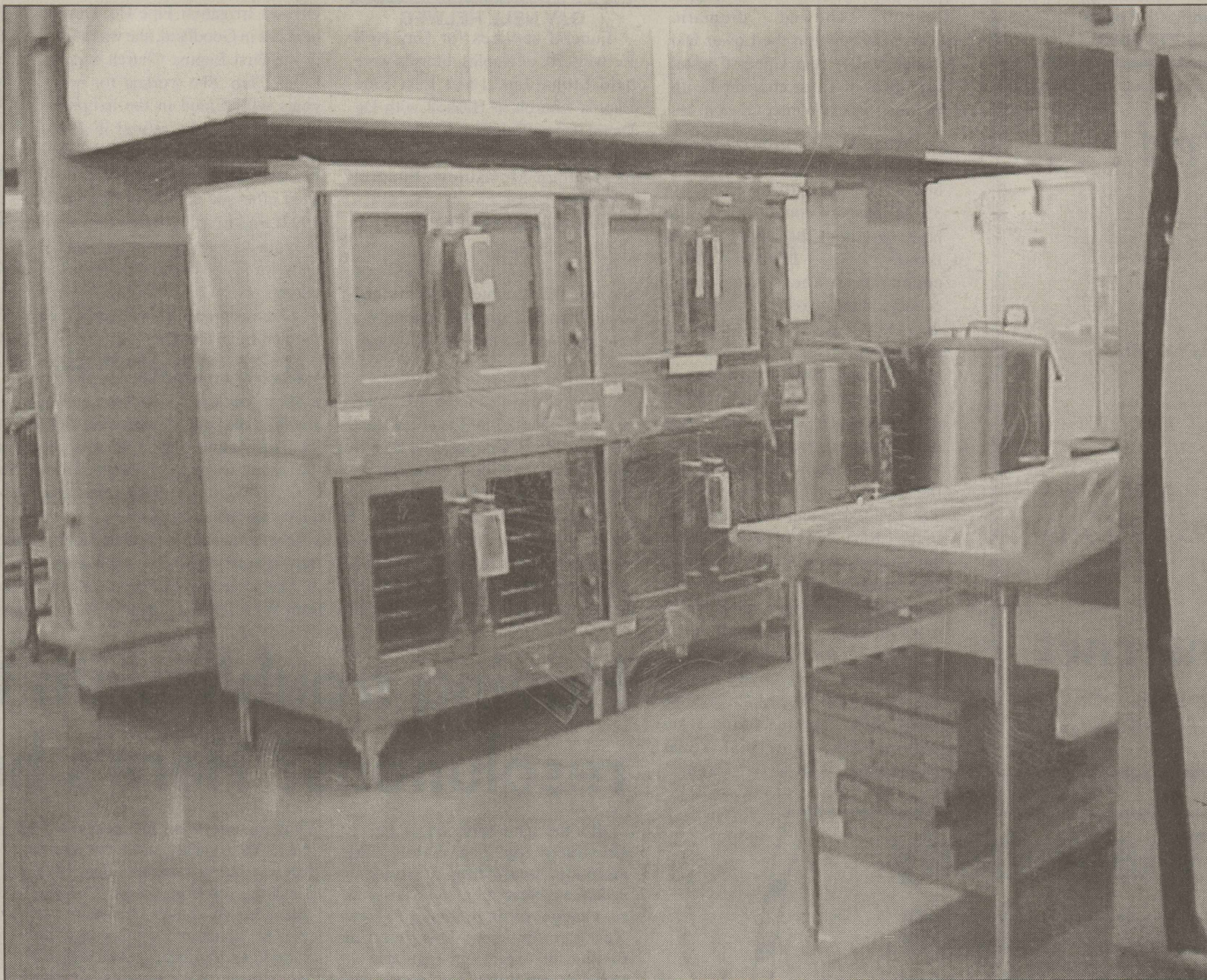
The Meek Blood Center will hold a blood drive Tues., Jan. 22 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Library Board

The Haskell County Library Board will meet Mon., Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Library.

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PRISON IN PROGRESS—Ovens and other kitchen equipment are being installed in the Rolling Plains Regional Jail kitchen dining area where 134 people can be fed at one time. When completed, 1,000 meals a day can be turned out in the facility. Groceries and related items to supply the large kitchen will be delivered into the prison by semi-trucks.

Weevil eradication program producing results

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Boll weevil eradication produces significant returns to cotton growers. This impact had been well documented in cotton-growing states that have eradicated the weevil, but the effort in Texas is just becoming clear. Two recent studies draw a stark contrast between areas in eradication and those still struggling with the damage caused by cotton's most consistent enemy.

A report prepared by John Robinson, an agricultural economist for Texas A&M, compared cotton production in the South Texas/Winter Garden Eradication Zone with production in nearby counties that are not conducting eradication activities. His report, taken from data provided by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, shows the South Texas zone greatly outperformed the

counties not in eradication. The ST/WG showed an average increase in production of 119 pounds per acre, a 24 percent gain, from 1997-2000 compared with the four previous years. Fort Bend, Jackson, Matagorda and Wharton counties, which are not in eradication, posted an average loss of 38 pounds of cotton per acre, or a 7 percent

decrease, over the same time span. "We can't explain the difference other than the boll weevil eradication program," Robinson said at a recent meeting with growers in the Upper Coastal Bend Eradication Zone. The zone is composed of the four counties in Robinson's study, along with Austin, Colorado and Brazoria counties and part of Waller County.

Growers in the zone will vote this month on beginning eradication activities. The economist said the yield increase translates to a benefit to South Texas cotton growers of \$75 per acre, or a return of almost \$8 for every dollar spent on eradication. "Any region that does not eradicate the boll weevil will find

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Haskell Jr. Livestock Show set next week

The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held Jan. 24-26 at the Haskell County Show Barn.

Arrival time for entries of Steers, Heifers, Lambs and Swine is Thurs., Jan. 24 by 4:00 p.m. Poultry and Rabbits arrival time is Fri., Jan. 25 by 7:30 a.m.

Show time schedules Fri., Jan. 25 are: 8:00 a.m. for Lambs, followed by Swine; 8:00 a.m. for Poultry and Rabbits; 3:00 p.m. for Steers, followed by Heifers.

Judge for the Steers and Heifers will be Dennis Poole, Borden County Extension agent. Judge for the Swine and Lambs will be Jimmy Strube of San Angelo, and judge for Rabbits and Chickens will be Kenneth Dudensing, Agriculture Science teacher at Sweetwater High School.

Auctioneers for the sale, which begins at 11:00 a.m. Sat., Jan. 26, will be Mike Fouts and Rex Ford.

The Haskell County Judge and County Commissioners will be serving barbecue sandwiches both Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA Club) will have a concession stand set up with drinks, chips and snacks available.

At last year's show, 108 participants entered their animals. The sale brought a total of \$66,000, surpassing the previous year's sale as the biggest in Haskell County Junior Livestock Show history.

Kraig Kupatt of Sagerton is the president of the Livestock Show Association.

Republicans to vote at one location

For the March 12 Primary Election day, the voting location for all 10 Haskell County Republican voting precincts is being consolidated into one location.

The location for all Republican candidates and those voting Republican, will be the Haskell National Bank Community Room, on South 1st St. in Haskell. Anyone expecting to vote Republican in voting precincts 1-10 may vote at that one polling place on election day, Tues., Mar. 12.

Early voting will be conducted for both political parties in the Haskell County Courthouse, starting Mon., Feb. 25, and ending Fri., Mar. 8. Republican and Democrat voters may vote prior to the primary election day during that time.



HANDLING THE BALL—Haskell Indian #10 Kyle Hunt eludes a guard during the game with Albany, Jan. 11. Final score was Haskell 52, Albany 39. Photo by Bill Blankenship



GOING UP FOR A BASKET—Haskell Maiden, Brittany Lindsey soars above Albany guards to score in the Maidens' winning game with Albany, Jan. 11. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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itself at a comparative disadvantage," Robinson said in a recent Southwest Farm Press article. "It's a good investment." The South Texas/Winter Garden zone began eradication in 1996 and recently reaffirmed its commitment to eradication when almost 88 percent of growers in the region approved a measure to continue eradication. Another study confirms the benefits of eradication. The 2000 "Cotton Insect Losses" report prepared for the 2001 Beltwide Cotton Conference, sponsored by the National Cotton Council, showed dramatic differences between the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Upper Coastal Bend areas of Texas compared with the South Texas/Winter Garden.

During the 2000 growing season, ST/WG showed no losses because of boll weevil damage, but more than 37,000 bales of cotton were lost to boll weevils in the Upper Coastal Bend. The LRGV, which encompasses the southernmost counties at the tip of Texas, lost more than 15,000 bales. From a dollars and cents perspective, boll weevils cost the UCB more than \$10.8 million, or \$42 an acre and almost \$4.5 million, or \$18.22 an acre, in the LRGV. Add the expense of insecticides growers applied to control boll weevils and the cost to the UCB increases to \$78.36 per acre and \$69.29 per acre in the LRGV. South Texas growers pay an assessment of \$23.14 per acre for eradication. "From the experience in other states, we've always known that eradication benefited cotton growers," said Lindy Patton, executive director for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. "Now data from Texas cotton fields show that Texas producers can reap the same results."



GAY NELL HELWEG

Funeral services for Gay Nell Helweg, 70, of Naples, Florida were held Mon., Jan. 14 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. David Page officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Helweg died Fri., Jan. 11 at an Abilene hospital.

Born June 27, 1931 in Old Glory, she was the daughter of Henry and Lena Dippel. Gay Nell was only a year old when her father passed away.

Funeral services for E. M. 'Bud' Derr, 90, of Haskell were held Tues., Jan. 15 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Rev. Kevin Hall officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Derr died Sun., Jan. 13 at a Haskell care home. Born Aug. 18, 1911 in Haskell County, he was the son of John Wesley and Sallie Frances Kirk Derr. He married Pauline Bledsoe Feb. 16, 1933 in Haskell. She preceded him in death Oct. 18, 1996. He retired from West Texas

Obituaries

Gay Nell Helweg

Approximately a year later Lena married Martin Rueffer who helped raise Gay Nell as his own daughter. At the time of her death, Gay Nell resided in Naples with her granddaughter, Camille. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Naples, Florida and a member of Sons of Hermann Irby Lodge #241.

Gay Nell and her husband, Claude E. Helweg, who passed away in January 1983, moved from Lubbock to Goodland, Kansas in 1967 to open Ulysses Irrigation Pipe Co. During her time in Goodland, she was active in the First Baptist Church and the Lions Club. She worked for many years with Claud in the irrigation business until she retired in 1985. Later she ran the Sherman County Kansas Harvest Office every July, even after she moved to Florida in 1997. She loved children and after moving to Naples was constantly babysitting for several families in the church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lena Rueffer.

E. M. 'Bud' Derr

Utilities and was a member of the First Baptist Church where he attended the Business Men's Bible Class.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Preston, Vern and Fred Derr, Vera Derr Couch, Urfa Derr King, Mabel Derr Terrell and Frances Derr Ford Cathey.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were David Davis, Wayne Worley, Wayne Nicholson, Phil Bledsoe, Allen Terrell, Woody Frazier, Bobby Therwhanger and James Alvis. PD. NOTICE

Survivors include her son Lionel and his wife, Jo Ann. and their children, Nathan, his fiance, Maria, Heather and Laura, all of Toledo Ohio; her son, Stan and his wife, Michelle, and their children, Elizabeth, Michael, Rebekah, David and Sandree, all of Lawrence, Kansas; and her daughter, Twyla Rigor and her husband, Brad, and their children, Camille, Brent, Tiffany and Lauren, all of Naples, Florida; three brothers, Raymond Dippel of Lubbock, Dr. Martin Rueffer of Irving; four sisters, Lois Grandy of Wichita Falls, Ellien Goff of Weatherford, Lena Mae Alvis of Fort Worth and Dorothea Monroe of Haskell.

Pallbearers were grandsons Nathan Helweg and Brent Rigor, and her nephews, Charles Grandy, Richard Grandy, Jeff Monroe, Marty Lindsay, Clifford Dippel and Gram Conn.

Memorials may be made to East Side Baptist Church, Haskell, Day Care Center Fund. PD. NOTICE

Having trouble with those resolutions? Here's help

It's the same thing every Jan. 1. Frustrated by bad habits like smoking, overeating or living a sedentary lifestyle, many of us vow to change through making New Year's resolutions. This year I'm dieting, or exercising regularly or quitting smoking for good, we pledge. By May (or sooner) the stair stepper you bought is gathering dust in the closet, the diet books are sitting on the shelf unread, and the cigarettes still are in your pocket. Defeated, many of us give up further attempts to change.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association offer some tips on how to keep those resolutions and have a healthier New Year.

The most important point to consider is to decide if you are truly willing to make the effort to kick a bad habit or start a healthy one.

Making a decision just because it's New Year's Day isn't enough to keep you motivated for long. Lasting change means being prepared to make sacrifices. If you're resistant to making the sacrifices required, ask yourself why. Fear of the unknown makes many people resist change. Although unhealthy habits may be harmful and detract from your quality of life, they are familiar, and for many that's reason enough to keep them.

The best way to overcome such fear is to make yourself fully aware of the consequences of not changing your current habits, and of the advantages of adopting new behaviors. Making a list of the pros and cons and seeing them in black and white may make the fear less imposing, and change seem more desirable.

Once you decide you are ready to make that resolution and stick to it, you need to develop a plan of action and make that plan a priority.

Be sure not to set your goals too high, such as expecting to exercise two hours every day. Doing so can lead you to quit after making one slip, cautions Dr. Sandra Gilfillan, a Dallas psychiatrist.

"If you say you're never going to eat any desserts ever again, for example, that's probably not true," Dr. Gilfillan said. "It's important to be reasonable in what you expect yourself to do."

Here are some tips to help with making plans for dealing with inevitable temptations to smoke or overeat or give up exercise.

*Form a support system of friends and family, who will cheer you on and also challenge you to stick to your goals.

*Refer every day to your list of the benefits of changing.

*Pay attention to your thinking and try to counter negative ideas like "I'll never succeed," with positive thoughts, like "Today, I made some progress."

*Get plenty of sleep, and adequate rest, especially if you're trying to quit smoking.

*Surround yourself with people and situations that encourage you in good habits.

*Have a contingency plan for when you are tempted—if you want to smoke, go for a walk instead, or call a friend.

*Give yourself rewards and pats on the back for your progress.

One of the most important secrets to keeping those New Year's resolutions is to take the process of change one day at a time.

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Saturday, January 26, 2002 • 10 a.m.

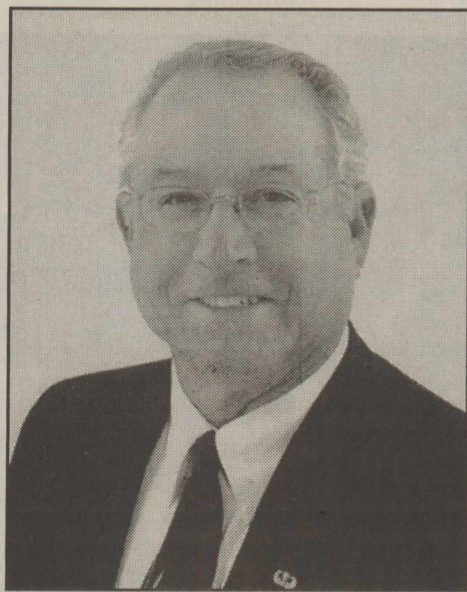
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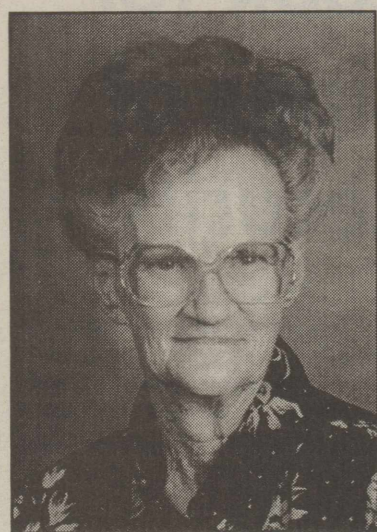
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Reception to honor "Tata's" birthday



LYLA MARY ISBELL

A reception has been planned in honor of Lyla Mary "Tata" Isbell of Haskell in celebration of her 80 years of life.

It will be held Sun., Jan. 27, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 201 North Ave. F. in Haskell.

Lyla Mary Isbell was born, Jan. 19, 1922. Her children are Danny and Janice Isbell of Potosi, Nene and Don Comedy of Haskell and Janice

and Frank Dutton of Munday.

Her grandchildren, who call her "Tata," are: Jennifer (Comedy) and Staten Holmes of Amarillo; J. J. (Comedy) and Josh New of Minot, North Dakota; Will and Cindy Dutton of Sanger; Kristi (Dutton) Sandoval of Lawton, Oklahoma; Jonathan and Corrine Isbell of Fairbanks, Alaska and Mark Isbell of Potosi.

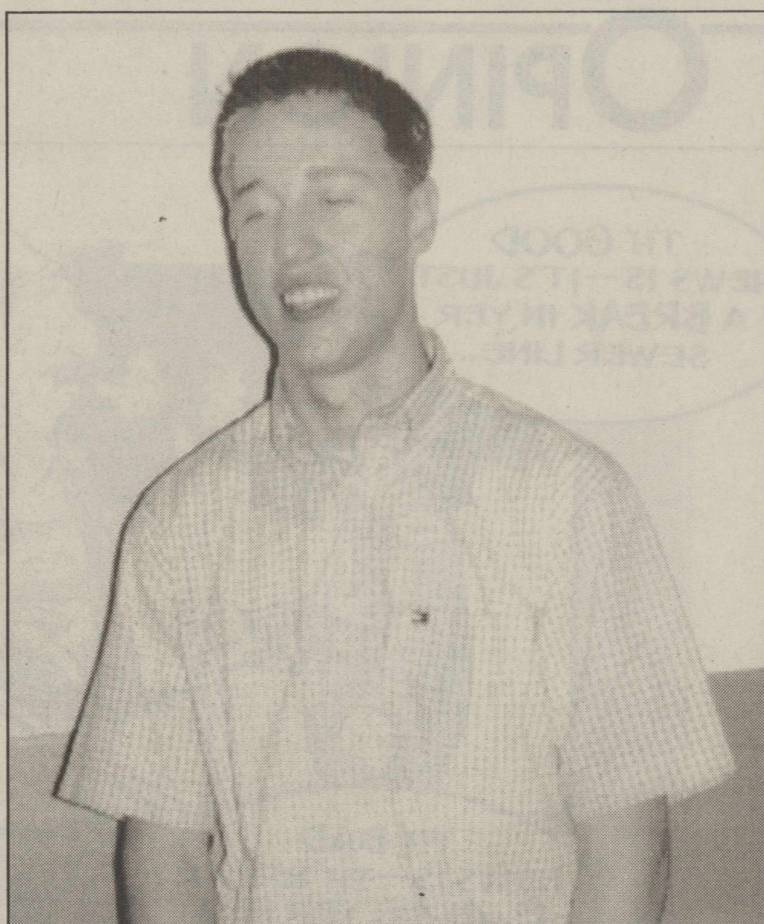
Great-granddaughters are Hannah and Brittney Dutton of Sanger.

Mrs. Isbell, who cooked at Paint Creek school for 31 years and later at Haskell Experienced Citizens' Center, was best known for her cinnamon rolls.

Through the years she supported her children and grandchildren in all their activities. An active sports fan, she still attends most local basketball games.

A member of the Haskell First United Methodist Church, where she volunteered in church activities and programs, Mrs. Isbell attended the Paint Creek Methodist Church until it closed a few years ago.

All friends are invited to the celebration. The hosts request no gifts, please.



GOING TO FOOD SHOW—Derrick Tribbey, son of Robert and Lynette Tribbey, will represent Haskell County 4-H at the State Food Show in June at Texas A&M in College Station. The Haskell Sophomore will be preparing a dried beef spread in the nutritious snack division.

Antique roses is topic of Study Club

Twenty one members of the Progressive Study Club of Haskell, a member of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, met Thurs., Jan 10 for a program on Conservation and Federation. Also attending was guest Mary Kammenga, representing the Haskell Garden Club.

Special guest musicians Philip Martin and daughter Katy Martin entertained the group by singing "Hills of Home" and "I Can Only Imagine."

Frances Lane introduced the guest speaker, Michelle Vandever of Baack's in Abilene, who gave a program on antique roses. Saying that the historical roses, which are still available for planting today, are very hardy, drought oriented, bug and disease resistant, she gave a list and showed pictures of her top ten favorites. The speaker was presented a gift from the club.

In keeping with the conservation theme, each member attending received a colorful "Save the planet now" conservation cap.

Recognition of TFWC Mesquite District president, Mary Kaigler and president-elect, Nancy Toliver was given by Anita Herren. They were each presented a long-stem red rose.

During a business session, project reports were given by committee chairpersons. Budgeted for the coming year were donations to the Cancer Society, Haskell Educational Foundation, Heart Fund, Civic

Center, Boys and Girls State, and Haskell County Library.

Club officers were elected for the 2002-03 term, beginning in September. Named were: president, Oleta Cornelius; 1st vice-president, Julia Harrell; 2nd vice-president, Dorothy Hartsfield; recording secretary, Billie McKeever; corresponding secretary, Jill Druesedow; treasurer, Doris Reeves-Jordan; historian, Evelyn Cobb; and board member, Frances Lane.

In a drawing of names, Frances Lane won the door prize cyclamen plant.

Hostesses for the meeting were Oleta Cornelius, Eva Dunnam, Nancy Toliver, Joan Medford and Joe Ann Thane.

TEEA Council meets

At the Haskell TEEA Council meeting, Thurs., Jan 10, Lennie Ruth Blankenship read a poem, "If I Were Santa Claus."

Lou Gilly discussed the Commissioner's luncheon, the well plugging demonstration, and gave a report on the district food show. She reported a current total of 131 County 4-H members.

The date for the Tri County Rally was tentatively set for Mar. 21. The training meeting in Bowie was rescheduled for Jan. 31.

Eight members and two visitors attended.

Society hears status of new library

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society met Mon., Jan. 7 in the Haskell City Hall.

A short business meeting was held. Brett Anderson, president of The Friends of the Haskell County Library, presented the program.

Anderson spoke on the need for a new library. Plans and architectural design for the library renovation and the 5,000 sq. feet addition were

shown to the group.

Present were Wanda Ham, Eula Peters, Lowell Peters, Ernestine C. Herren, Johnny Scoggins, Steve Worth, Jack Kittley, Margaret Kittley, Ken Jarred, Martha Jarred, Marilyn Griffith, Maxine Miller, Darlene Bellinghausen, Brett Anderson, Frances Lane and Hortense Lees.

Winter savings tips

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Saving money isn't easy for most families, no matter what the season, said Lou Gilly, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Haskell County, but these may help to save money during winter:

- Watch for icicles on the house. Icicles on eaves or a patch of roof that clear quickly after a snowfall may indicate that you need more insulation in your attic. Any place on a house - whether on the roof or around the windows - where ice and snow melt quickly shows that heat is escaping from that spot. Recaulk around windows to reduce the heat loss. Stopping these kinds of heat loss will reduce heating bills.

- Check the air in tires. Sudden changes in the outside temperature can cause a loss of air in automobile tires. Keep tires inflated to the exact pressure recommended by the manufacturer and the car will be safer to drive and the tires will be protected from unnecessary wear and tear.

- Wash your hands often. This simple step will reduce your chances of picking up cold and flu germs from doorknobs, faucets and other surfaces. Also, frequent

cleaning of these surfaces - will help stop the spread of germs. Wiping the items with a mild detergent, glass cleaner or diluted bleach solution will slow the spread of colds, which will reduce costs for health care and medication and keep you and your family feeling better all winter long.

- Prepare meals ahead of time and freeze them for use throughout the week to reduce the temptation of eating out. These homemade meals will be more nourishing, which increase the body's ability to fight off colds and flu. Also, take your own lunch to work and you will not have to get out in the cold to go to lunch and you will save costs on gasoline and food.

- Wear hats and gloves. Much of the body's heat escapes out the top of the heads during the winter. Wearing hats and gloves helps protect these areas from cold air and keeps us warmer. So, in addition to bundling up young children, be sure to bundle up yourself. Add extra layers of clothing as the temperature drops.

"Using these tips can help reduce your overall cost of living and that's like having extra money to put into savings or pay off your debts," Gilly said.

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Garden Club studies desert plants

The Haskell Garden Club met Thurs., Jan. 10 in the Haskell National Bank Building.

Sharon Lusk, Betty LeFevre, Wanda Ham, Grace Hannsz, Sue Hertel, Erma Peiser, Mary Kammenga, Margie Dorner, Melba Lowrance, Hazel Hale and Jo Ann Grant were present.

Nominating chairman Frances Bowen submitted names for new slate of officers for year 2002-2003.

Wanda Ham gave a program on Desert Plants. She told of beautiful flowers in Arizona and how they survived. She showed beautiful plants of California Poppies, Lemon Marigolds, Barrel Cactus, Autumn Sage and many others.

Refreshments were served by Hazel Hale and Jo Ann Grant.

The next meeting will be February 14.

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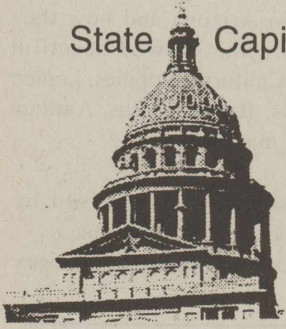
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
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AUSTIN - Few things are more important to a teen-ager than that piece of plastic called a driver's license.

Having a driver's license remains a major mile marker on the road to adulthood, but with the new graduated driver's license program, that license does not represent the freedom for young people that it once did.

On the other hand, the change is not as bad as many teen-agers may have thought.

"There was a misconception out there that if you did not apply for a driver's license before Jan. 1, you could not get one until you were 18," said Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger.

A teen-ager can still get a hard-ship driver's license as young as 15, though 16 is the operative age for most teen-agers.

If you are an adult, chances are you are happy with the new graduated license program, provided for by Senate Bill 577.

Supports say the law will translate into saved lives.

In 1999, the most recent year for which the DPS has full data, 250 teen-agers from 15 to 18 years old were killed in traffic crashes in the state. In addition, 31,385 teen-agers were injured on Texas roadways that year.

Of those who died, more than a third were killed in crashes that occurred between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Excessive speed was the contributing factor in 29.2 percent of the fatal crashes, followed by driving while intoxicated and driver inattention.

The new law addresses these factors, putting in place restrictions teen-agers won't like.

In fact, if you are a teen-ager who does not yet have a license to drive, you probably wish you were among those grandfathered.

The reason is that the new law definitely will put a crimp in a

teen's recreational use of a motor vehicle for a while.

Here's how it works:

Those under 18 must have an instruction permit or hardship license for at least six months before they are able to get a provisional driver's license. Someone older than 21 must be in the vehicle with a driver who has an instruction permit.

After six months, a young driver can "graduate" to phase two of the new system. In this phase, driving privileges are restricted for six months.

The most onerous restriction for teen-agers is no driving after midnight or before 5 a.m. Only exceptions are emergencies, going to school or a school activity or to work.

Also, provisional licensees cannot have more than one passenger who is under 21.

In other words, no more joy riding, at least not late at night or with more than one teenage friend.

The idea behind all this is to cut down on traffic accidents resulting in injuries or deaths. The new law clearly makes it more difficult for a teen-age to drink and drive or engage in other dangerous driving behavior.

After six months of these restrictions, a teenage driver graduates to the level of freedom—and responsibility—that adult drivers have.

The DPS began enforcing the first phase of the new system on Jan. 1, but enforcement of the second phase does not start until July 1. Though violations of the new law will be a Class C misdemeanor, a peace officer cannot use the law as probable cause to stop a vehicle.

Forty-six other states plus the District of Columbia have similar graduated license statutes.

For more information on the new law, check the DPS Web site at www.txdps.state.tx.us or contact the nearest DPS Driver's License office.



Look for signs of security

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

In times of uncertainty, we look for signs of security. One financial security sign is the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) posted by a financial institution. FDIC protects customers' deposits when an insured bank or savings and loan fails and is closed by the banking regulator that chartered it.

Today these institutions provide some services that are not FDIC protected. Make sure you know what this insurance covers. The key word is deposits. Insured deposits include checking accounts, Negotiable Order of Withdrawal (NOW) accounts, Money Market Deposit Accounts (MMDA) and other savings accounts that funds can be added to or withdrawn from at any time.

Certificates of Deposits (CDs) are also insured. However, if a CD has an interest rate that is not fixed but varies with the ups and downs of the stock market, only the principal investment is insured, because a minimum interest is not guaranteed. The interest is paid when the CD matures, rather than accruing (being added to the account) on a daily or monthly basis the way traditional CDs do.

FDIC does not insure: contents of safe deposits boxes, errors made in accounts or losses due to theft or fraud at the institution (which may be covered by other types of bank insurance).

Other financial services such as insurance and annuity policies, stocks, bonds mutual funds bought through a bank and investments backed by the U.S. government, such as Treasury securities and Savings Bonds, are not FDIC insured.

Consumers are sometimes confused by similar product names such as Money Market Deposit Accounts (insured) and Money Market Mutual Funds (not insured). That's why banks are required to disclose, in sales practices and advertisements, which products are insured and which are not.

New services offered by banks make it easier to get more financial services at one stop. Don't just think a service is FDIC insured. Be sure you know what is insured and what is not.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 16, 1992

Rusty Meeks of Haskell has been named to the Dean's List at West Texas State University for the 1991 fall semester. Meeks is a junior, majoring in biology.

Chris Tanner scored 18 points as the Indians defeated Hamlin 52-47, in a district 7-2A game.

Joy McKeever of Haskell has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Southwestern Oklahoma University.

20 Years Ago January 21, 1982

A large crowd attended the annual cornbread and bean supper. The event is sponsored by the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association as a fund raising project to support the show.

Jonathan Tatum, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tatum, was the winner of a Snoopy watch given by Colonial Food Stores and the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Tatum collected a total of \$557.73 to win the local prize.

Mrs. J. O. Blankenship is the new president of the Garden Club.

30 Years Ago January 20, 1972

Six charter members of the Haskell Rotary Club were recognized at the annual Ladies Night meeting.

Charter members recognized were Ferrell Coston, Carl Anderson, Charles Conner, Ira Hester, Hooper Wilkinson and E. J. Stewart.

Gail Barnett and Clint Melton of the Haskell Indian High School Band were chosen to the all-regional band.

Mary E. McCollum, Edie Connel, Grace Hannsz and Janice Phillips, members of the Haskell Chapter of Young Homemakers of Texas, will attend the state convention in San Antonio.

40 Years Ago January 18, 1962

Four Haskell girls, all freshmen in McMurry College, are scheduled to sing at the March of Dimes Telethon in Abilene. The girls are June and Jane Bell, Martha Jane Bynum and Dorothea Rueffer.

Don Ballard, Rochester High School sophomore, showed the grand champion steer at the annual Haskell County FFA Livestock Show held at Rochester.

Three Haskell men are with a group of 200 West Texans on a Livestock Feeding-Grain Market Development tour of Arizona and California. Making the trip from Haskell are R. C. Couch, Jr., Bob Mobley and Charles E. Swinson.

50 Years Ago January 17, 1952

David Patterson of Haskell is a candidate for the master's degree at North Texas State College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Patterson of Haskell.

The Weinert Matrons Club met in the home of Mrs. W. A. King for election of officers. New officers elected for the 1952-53 club year are: president, Mrs. W. A. King; first vice president, Mrs. E. E. Roberts; second vice president, Mrs. W. C. Winchester; treasurer, Mrs. Claud Reid; secretary, Mrs. W. B. Guess; board members, Mrs. C. C. Childress and Mrs. G. C. Newsom.

Wallace H. Cox, Jr. is attending the National Furniture Merchandise Market in Chicago as buyer for Jones, Cox & Company.

90 Years Ago January 20, 1912

T. C. Cahill made a business trip to Big Spring Monday night and returned Wednesday.

Mrs. A. J. Nolen returned from Weinert Wednesday. She advised she had leased her land to the oil people.

Werther Long has resigned his position with F. G. Alexander & Co. and gone to work in the county clerk's office.

J. T. Lawley has purchased the Stephens stock of groceries and has opened up a grocery store here.

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

Q: My father told me that he recently met with a man about setting up a living trust. My father thinks it is a good idea, but I am worried that he is being taken by a slick salesperson. I think my parents would be just fine with a will, but this salesman has my father convinced otherwise. Any advice I could pass along to help change his mind?

A: It is wise of you to be concerned about your father's plans for a living trust and his meeting with a salesman. Living trust sales are a growing area of consumer fraud. Each year, con artists make millions by selling unneeded living trusts to senior citizens. Many times, these consumers lose thousands of dollars purchasing an unnecessary trust, and their families incur even greater expenses after their family member's death because of problems with the trust.

While state law prohibits me from providing legal advice to private individuals, I can offer you

some general information and guidelines that may be of assistance to you and your father.

A living trust is commonly used to pass property along to a person's heirs without having to go through probate. But every consumer should weigh the cost of creating, administering, and funding a living trust against the supposed benefits. For example, people who have lost the capacity to manage an estate properly and people who own property in more than one state may benefit from having a living trust. But if your father doesn't fall into either of those categories, a living trust may not be the best option.

Before making any decision, your father should meet with a trusted accountant, financial advisor, estate planning attorney or banker. He shouldn't take only the advice of the salesman, who has a vested interest in getting your father to sign. Your father should be especially wary if the salesman starts

pressuring him to make an immediate decision.

Con artists often get sales by making false or incomplete claims about wills, living trusts and estate taxes. One of the most frequent claims is that a living trust will help the consumer avoid estate taxes. In 2002, only those whose estates are valued at more than \$1,000,000 will be subject to an estate tax. If your father's estate is worth more than the tax-free limit, he can accomplish the same savings with a properly drawn will.

Consumers are often told that a living trust will help the consumer qualify for public assistance benefits. This is not true. In addition, living trusts will not help a consumer avoid his or her creditors.

One further claim that salespeople make is that probating a will can take years to complete and that a living trust can help avoid a drawn-out process. This is not necessarily true. Texas has adopted a simplified probate process, referred to as independent administration, that generally involves only one court hearing and a filing of an inventory. In such cases, nontaxable estates generally take less than one year to probate.

In addition, many con artists advise using a living trust as a means of obtaining further financial infor-

mation from the consumer. The con artist uses that information to get the person to buy additional services or products, such as annuities, which are often inappropriate investments for senior citizens.

If your father decides that a living trust is right for him, he should have a licensed attorney familiar with Texas probate law draft it. In addition to ensuring the trust will meet Texas law, trusts prepared by a qualified attorney will often cost less than the ones sold by a trust salesperson.

When your father meets with an attorney, he should keep in mind that the State Bar of Texas has issued an advisory opinion on living trusts that instructs attorneys not to advocate for a living trust over a will, or vice versa. They should present all necessary information about both options.

If you feel that your father has been taken advantage of by a con artist, living trust salesperson or attorney, he can contact the State Bar of Texas at (800) 932-1900. In addition, the State Bar offers a legal referral service that can help your father find an attorney with probate experience in his area. He can contact the referral service at (800) 252-9690 or through the State Bar Web site at www.texasbar.com.

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**Go Indians!
Go Maidens!**

Texas electric consumers now have the power to choose

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Texas Electric Choice began Jan. 1, 2002, giving many residential and commercial consumers the option to choose which retail electric provider (REP) they want to use. This new program will not be available to everyone, only consumers now served by investor-owned utilities and city utilities and electric cooperatives that have opted to offer this choice will be able to participate. The goal of Electric Choice is to eventually lower the price of electricity use.

What does Electric Choice mean? Consider the current electric company's lines as the delivery system for electric power. The company will continue to maintain these lines, but in addition to the option continuing to deliver power to customers who choose to remain, the company will also rent its lines to other power companies competing for business.

The Public Utility Commission of

Texas (PUC) will continue to regulate the delivery of electricity to ensure its safety and reliability, and will have limited regulation over retail electric providers. For information about Texas Electric Choice, contact PUC at (1-866-797-4839).

The PUC Web site, <http://www.powertochoose.org/residential/choosing/>, provides and Electricity Facts Label for comparing information for each REP's prices, contract terms, generation sources and emissions. Every participating REP must provide this information. If a monthly service or customer care fee is added, it must be included in the average per-kilowatt-hour rate listed, as are all promotions, discounts or incentives offered by the REP. For example, a REP offering customers one month of free electricity must include this incentive in its price per kilowatt-hour to reflect the free month.

To start, go to the PUC Web site and locate your current provider's

data sheet for its price to beat, the rate it will be charging starting Jan. 1. This rate for all affiliated REP's (except Energy) will be 6 percent below current rates for small business and residential customers. For competing REPs using existing lines, rates most likely will be even lower. Due to recent lowering of rates in the Entergy service area, those customers will not get the 6 percent decrease.

During a contract period, the "price to beat" or contracted rate can be adjusted for gas price changes, but not more than twice a year. Compare current price with other features, such as emission levels or contract terms. Each REP's Web page compares its average monthly cost per kilowatt hour for 500, 1,000 and 1,500 kWh with the rate and contract terms of its competitors.

Look at last year's bills. How much was average use? How much was used during peak months? To compare average use with the average Texas residential or commercial/industrial use for any

month, use the PUC web site www.puc.state.tx.us/ocp/electric/rates/.

Make sure if the compared fees are a "fixed price" for the contract term. Fixed prices can be to the consumer's benefit if market costs go up; however, if market cost lower, the set fee will continue. If the electric company chooses to exercise its right to adjust consumers' rate twice a year to adjust for fuel costs, individual rates may go up and/or down, depending on the fuel market the company's generation plants use.

Explore the option of joining a "club" to aggregate buying power. For the first time, consumers will be able to join these clubs to buy power in "bulk," getting lower prices or other benefits for members of the group. Electricity-buying groups can be newly formed groups or existing groups, such as a school district or church. As these clubs form, they will be listed on the PUC web site, www.powertochoose.com.

All such clubs must register with the PUC. If clubs want money up front, they must meet certain financial standards to ensure customer funds are protected. Churches, neighborhood or home owners associations, or small businesses within the same industry, such as independently-owned gas stations for agricultural producers, are examples of aggregations being formed. Aggregation is usually focused on price. Consumers more concerned about emissions should locate an aggregator with that focus.

An aggregator reduces costs to the REP by spreading the cost of soliciting proposals and negotiating and administering the contract for multiple consumers. Check out the club's experience in energy contract negotiating and management.

Aggregators must be independent of the REP, with consumers as their main client. They may charge members a fee; if so, the fee must be disclosed up front.

In this economy, consumers have choices. The challenge is to make an informed decision based on individual needs. Making competition work can result in electric rates being lower than under a regulated system, and should speed the development of new products and services.

It sounds good, but... I don't want to be hassled by sales calls. Your current electric utility will not give your telephone number to other companies, but it is required to include your name, address and

storage information on a list of eligible customers that will be made available to REPs. The company can tell you how to prevent your information from being shared. Doing this may reduce, but will not prevent, solicitations or prevent you from shopping for a REP. Before the opening of the retail electric market on Jan. 1, electric customers had the opportunity to join a "do not call" list which prevented telemarketers from calling on behalf of REPs or aggregators. Check the PUC web site for this announcement. A \$3 fee will be charged each customer who places his or her name on the list.

What happens if my Retail Electric Provider stops its service in Texas? The REP will send you a letter advising you of your options, which will include selecting a new REP at any time or returning to your current electric utility without any action on your part. You will not experience any service interruption. You may want contact your REP for more details.

What if I want to stay with my current electric utility? On Jan. 1, if you decided not to choose a new REP, you were transferred to a REP that is affiliated with your current electric utility.

If I try a new REP and want to go back to my current electric utility can I? You may be required to sign a service contract with a REP that allows it to charge a penalty fee if you leave before the end of the contract. Read your terms of service carefully.

Can I leave my current utility completely? You cannot totally remove yourself from all association with your local electric utility. Your current electric utility will continue to be the delivery service for power to your home or business.

The bottom line: If your electricity is provided by a deregulated REP, you can choose from participating companies for the rate, environmental impact and contract term that best fit your purposes.

Getting a good night's sleep

Most of us can remember when we were able to fall asleep almost as soon as our head hit the pillow, and could sleep through the night and wake up refreshed. But, as we get older we may find ourselves awake in the middle of the night and not able to get back to sleep. Even worse, we may feel so tired during the day we need to take a nap. Is this just a part of growing older?

According to a Medical Essay report for the Mayo Clinic Health Letter, the answer is both yes and no. Sleep patterns and lifestyles do change with age, and these changes sometimes combine to keep us from getting a good night's sleep. But we don't necessarily have to live with sleepless or even restless nights.

Scientists have yet to fully understand why people need sleep. What is known, however, is that sleep is essential to daytime function. The amount of sleep needed varies from person to person. Between 7 1/2 and 8 hours of sleep is about average. More important than counting hours is how we feel during the day.

A night or two of poor sleep, or even a night of no sleep, isn't that bad. It may sap motivation and

make it difficult to concentrate, but as long as you can catch up on your sleep within a few days, there are no lasting consequences. One good night's sleep usually catches up after a few poor ones.

However, chronically losing sleep can result in "sleep debt," and can lead to serious consequences. Long-term sleep losses can also affect physical and mental health. Sleep helps bolster the immune system, helping to fight off viruses and bacteria. People with chronic insomnia are four times more likely to have depression.

In some cases, simple changes in daily and nightly habits may result in better sleep. Try these tips:

*Unwind. If you lead a busy life, slow the pace of activities in the evening. An alert mind may make relaxing for sleep difficult.

*Keep it quiet. Close the bedroom door or create a subtle background noise, such as a running fan, to help mask other noises.

*Get comfy. Have a bed that's comfortable and keep the temperature at a comfortably cool level.

*Limit time in bed. Too much time can promote shallow,

unrestful sleep.

*Don't "try" to sleep. Read or watch TV until you become drowsy. Try to maintain a firm time for going to bed and arising.

*Hide the clock. Place clocks where they aren't visible or reachable so you won't be checking the time.

*Avoid or limit caffeine, nicotine and alcohol. The first two are stimulants. Alcohol is a depressant, but may cause unrestful sleep and frequent awakenings.

*Exercise and stay active. Aim for at least 20 to 30 minutes of vigorous exercise most days. It enhances deep, refreshing sleep. But avoid exercising within 5 or 6 hours before bedtime.

*Watch what you eat before sleep. A light snack may help you relax. But avoid heavy meals and fluids or foods that stimulate acid production, causing heartburn.

*Avoid or limit naps. If you can't get by without one, limit it to less than 30 minutes.

*Find ways to relax. A warm bath, glass of milk or some light reading may help. Various relaxation techniques can also help ease tense muscles and reduce mental stress.

*Check your medications. Ask your doctor if the medications may be contributing to your insomnia.

*Don't put up with pain. Make sure the pain reliever you are taking is effective enough to control your pain while sleeping.

Groundwater Board meets

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District was held Dec. 20 at the District Offices in Munday, with eight of the twelve directors present.

Jim Castagna of Castagna and Gregg, P.C., presented the District's audit for fiscal year 2001. It was accepted by the board. The Financial Statement and purchases and payments for November were

reviewed and approved.

A bid for property held in trust by H.C.A.D. was reviewed and accepted by the board.

Mike McGuire informed the board that the grant proposal with the T.W.D.B. had been approved for the purchase of lab equipment to do in-house water testing.

Next meeting of the board will be at 8:00 p.m., Jan. 20, in Munday.

Come meet Rovercomer

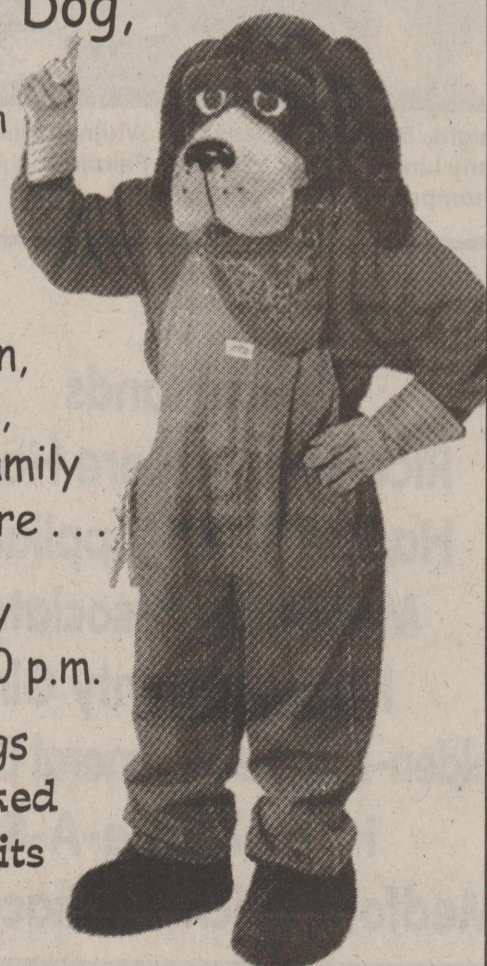
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TAX PLANNING

Written By
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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEW EDUCATION TAX BREAKS

You can offset the cost to educate your child with several new tax breaks that begin this year. Last year Congress expanded some of the existing education tax breaks and added a few new ones. Here are some highlights.

Education savings accounts (formerly called education IRAs). These accounts allow you to set aside funds in a tax-deferred account for a child's education. The maximum annual amount you can contribute to an education savings account increased from \$500 to \$2,000 this year, subject to income limitations. When you need what's accumulated in the account to pay for your child's qualified education expenses, you can withdraw the money tax-free. Starting this year, the funds can be used to pay for elementary, secondary or higher education at either private or public schools. In some cases, home schooling expenses also qualify.

Section 529 plans. These plans include tax-advantaged college savings plans and prepaid tuition accounts. Section 529 plans are not new, but now you can make tax-free withdrawals from state-run plans to pay for tuition, fees, supplies, equipment and certain room and board expenses. Before this year, the student owed tax when earnings were withdrawn. The new rules also allows you to move your child's state-run plan to one run by a private institution without losing the tax benefits.

College expense deduction. A new "above-the-line" deduction of up to \$3,000 is available for tuition and related college expenses, subject to income limitations. If you qualify, you can write off these expenses whether or not you itemize your deductions.

Student loan interest deduction. You can deduct up to \$2,500 of the interest you pay on certain student loans (subject to income limitations). Prior law limited this deduction to the first 60 months of the repayment period. The 60-month rule was repealed, effective January 2, 2002.

For more information and assistance in planning for the best utilization of the available education tax breaks, contact our office.

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HASKELL MAIDENS: Front row from left: Katie McKnight, Brittany Lindsey and Whitney Hise. Standing: Lynzie Harlan and Calina Kendall. Back row: Morgan Cox, Tiffany Lindsey, Coach Shawna Faircloth, Nikki Wallace, Melissa Burger, Mindy Price, Coach David Middleton, Katie Thompson and Mandy Adams.

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Heart failure may be detected by physical exam

Two common findings from a traditional physical examination can provide important information for the 5 million Americans diagnosed with heart failure, according to researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

In a retrospective analysis of a large heart-failure trial, published in the Aug. 23 issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine*, researchers found that patients with either a third heart sound or elevated jugular venous pressure were more likely to have progressive heart failure and subsequent hospital visits due to heart failure.

The researchers from the heart failure research unit of the Donald W. Reynolds Cardiovascular Clinical Research Center analyzed results from physical examinations recorded in 2,569 heart-failure patients involved in the Studies of Left

Ventricular Dysfunction (SOLVD) treatment trial. The researchers also found that the subgroup of patients with a third heart sound or elevated jugular venous pressure had a significantly higher risk of death.

Findings from this analysis will help physicians assess the severity of their patients' heart failure, said Dr. Mark Drazner, assistant professor of internal medicine and lead author of the study.

"The independent prognostic value of either a third heart sound or elevated jugular venous pressure has not been well-established until now," Drazner said. "Detection of these two findings on a physical examination identifies patients at increased risk for adverse events. This improved risk-stratification may allow physicians to improve treatment for patients with heart failure."

In healthy adults only two heart sounds are detected, which are often referred to as "lub-dub." A third heart sound, known as a "gallop," sometimes occurs after the two normal heart sounds.

"Whenever a physician listens to an adult patient's heart with a stethoscope, they should be listening for a third heart sound. This may provide an important clue that the heart is not functioning well," Drazner said.

Physicians assess jugular venous pressure by observing the pulsations in the jugular veins visible in the neck. "An elevation in the jugular venous pressure may reflect that a patient with heart failure has retained extra fluid," Drazner said.

Recently, there have been concerns that physicians' interest and skill in performing the physical examination are on the decline,

which may be partly due to a new wave of high-tech imaging machines, Drazner said.

"Physicians are spending an increasing amount of time learning additional new technologies, which simply takes time away from mastering the physical examination. The message of this study is that the physical examination provides important information even in the present era of sophisticated technology," Drazner said.

Physicians should not become so reliant on new technologies that they lose focus on the role and importance of a standard physical examination, Drazner said. "A central purpose of this study is to highlight to physicians and physicians-in-training that the physical examination does provide important prognostic information. We feel that in an era of evidence-based medicine, scientific studies assessing the value of a physical examination are extremely important to provide impetus for continued interest in the physical examination."

Take important steps to protect your privacy

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 requires financial institutions to let customers "opt out" of having their financial information sold to third parties. By July 1, 2001 creditors, insurers, banks, savings and loans, credit unions and other agencies mailed their customers notices of their right to opt out. Every company was required to describe how it currently uses customer financial data and provide a response form for the customers to notify the company of their choice. They could "opt out" to stop any use of their

financial data other than needed to serve customer needs. Customers who like receiving unsolicited information promoting products and service may choose from a list of different ways the data is used.

Surprisingly as few as 0.5 percent of the opt-out notices were returned. Why so few? Does this mean consumers don't care what's done with data they provide these institutions?

No, not quite. A recent study suggests one reason for the small response rate is the notices are "impenetrable." The law says the notices should be written in "clear" and "reasonably understandable"

language. Evaluation of 34 notices found that only nine scored normal or better when tested for use of words commonly understood. The language used was comparable to second-year college level or higher instead of the more easily-understood level experts recommend.

What do we as consumers want policy makers to think about our interest in how our financial data are used? Find and return your response cards, or use the 800 phone number on your financial statements to request a second copy. The institutions had a deadline for notifying you of your options, but there is no deadline for responding.

ATM fees can be surprising

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Have you been surprised to find a larger charge than expected on your bank statement when you've used

another bank's ATM (automatic teller) machine to get cash thinking you will be charged \$1 or \$2 for the service? That kind of surprise shouldn't happen anymore.

Effective March 9, 2001, with mandatory compliance Oct. 1, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 requires every ATM system to post the fee charged for non-customer use of its services. The notice must appear on the screen or in a paper notice before a customer is committed to a transaction, so consumers will know exactly how much they will be charged for the transaction and can decide accordingly. These services do not

cost the same at every ATM system.

In fact, you may have options that would avoid any charge. Instead of using a more expensive ATM system, try this. Buy something using your debit card, and get extra cash without paying a fee. Basically, you are writing an electronic check for more than the amount of the purchase and will get back change. Banks make this arrangement with businesses accepting electronic transfer accounts because it lowers the amount of cash they must deposit at the end of the business day and at the same time, provides customers a needed source for cash.

Hospital

Admissions

Levi Hodge, Haskell
Willard Skipworth, Haskell
Mary Adkins, Haskell
Almeda Blair, Munday
Chester Cunningham, Haskell

Dismissals

Reta Farber, Mouryce Price,
Calvin Frierson

Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District Windbreak Order

Available Trees

Bare rooted Seedlings:

	Size	Price
Russian Olive	18"	1.00
Desert Willow	18"	1.00
Flameleaf Sumac	18"	1.00
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Afghanistan Pine	12"	2.00
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Wildlife Packets:

QUAIL: Russian Olive, Aromatic Sumac, Nanking Cherry, Plum
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4 Species: 25 Each Species = 100 Per Packet 50.00

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Senior 4-H Club news

The Haskell Senior 4-H Club has been busy during the last three months. In November they collected donations of food. After delivering the food to six needy families in Haskell in December, they went to the home of Greg and Debbie Brister for a Christmas party. Fifteen members attended.

Members attending the district food show were Robbyn Tribbey, Derrick Tribbey, Stephanie Grand, and Savannah Foster. Derrick Tribbey will be representing Haskell County at the state food show at

Texas A&M University in June.

At a meeting Sun., Jan 13, Brandon Anderson, County Extension Agent, gave a program on the stock show. Caleb Hudgens and Kelly Tidrow served refreshments, and the group played games.

A photography program is planned for the club's February meeting in preparation for the upcoming photography contest.

For more information about 4-H activities, call the Extension Office at 864-2658.

55-Alive driving class set

The Experienced Citizen's Center of Haskell is sponsoring an AARP 55-Alive Mature Driving Class, to be held at the Center, Mon. and Tues., Jan. 21-22.

All who are 50 years of age and older are qualified to take this class, designed to cover current driving situations encountered by senior citizens.

The first class, on Mon., Jan 21, will begin at 1:30 p.m., and will last approximately 4 hours.

The second session of the class,

Tues., Jan. 22, is to begin at 1:00 p.m. and should end at 4:45. Both sessions are required in order to receive the certificate.

Cost of the class is \$10.00, and a certificate will be issued, good for three years. It is designed to enable the driver to a 10% discount on the cost of their driver's insurance policy.

For further information and/or enrollment forms, call the Center at 864-3875 on Mon., Wed. or Fri., from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., or call Owen Aikin at 743-3204.

Exercise can reverse decline in physical conditioning

Six months of exercise can reverse the decline in physical conditioning associated with aging, researchers at UT Southwestern reported in a 30-year follow-up to the 1966 landmark Dallas Bed Rest and Training Study. They also found that three weeks of bed-rest deconditioning has a more profound impact on physical work capacity than 30 years of aging.

The 1966 study, considered one of the most pivotal studies in exercise science, evaluated the response to endurance exercise training after a 20-day period of bed rest. The two-part, follow up study, led by Dr. Darren Maguire, professor of internal medicine, was reported in *Circulation*.

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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS!

Property owners should be aware that they have certain rights which may reduce their property tax burden. Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2002 may claim their home as a homestead. This filing of homestead is only necessary if the homeowner has moved or is entitled an additional exemption during 2002. Disabled Veterans should bring or mail the letter they receive from V.A. to the Appraisal District to receive property tax credit only if the percentage of disability has changed. A pamphlet published by the State Comptroller's Office, which details all taxpayer's rights, remedies and responsibilities, is available free of charge at the Appraisal District Office. All tax questions should be directed to the Haskell County Appraisal District, Box 467, Haskell, Texas 79521, 940-864-3805.

EXEMPTION APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM EACH APPRAISAL DISTRICT OR STATE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

EXEMPTION	FILING REQUIREMENT	FOOTNOTE
Residence Homestead	One-time application	2.
Disabled Veterans & Survivors	One-time application	1.
Cemeteries	Annual application/renewal	1.
Charitable Organizations	One-time application	2.
Youth Spiritual, Mental & Physical Development Associations	One-time application	2.
Religious Organizations	One-time application	2.
Privately Owned School	One-time application	2.
Historic Sites	Annual application/renewal	1.
Solar & Wind-powered Energy Devices	Annual application/renewal	1.

1. All annual applications must be filed prior to April 30th with the Central Appraisal District of Haskell County.
2. Any property ownership change that has occurred since January 1, 2002, requires a new application to be made.

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OLD

State Law allows a person who is over 65 to receive additional homestead exemptions for school purposes and other tax units also offer optional exemptions. Contact the appraisal district as soon as you turn 65 and present proof of age to receive this tax benefit. Over 65 persons are also allowed to defer the taxes on their homestead if they wish. A tax deferral form must be filled out if the Over 65 person wishes to stop paying their tax. The tax will continue to accrue, but no procedures to collect the tax will be implemented until the owner no longer lives in the home nor intends to return. An interest rate of 8% per annum is charged but no penalty is assessed. Details and an application for deferral can be obtained at Any appraisal district office.

PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. "RENDER" YOUR TAXABLE PROPERTY BY APRIL 15TH.

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. Other property owners are encouraged to file a rendition. By filing a rendition, you can give your opinion of your property's value and you record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. The filing date may be extended 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15th deadline.

ATTENTION: FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

You may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal on land used to produce crops or livestock that is currently devoted principally to agricultural use. An application or additional information is available from the Central Appraisal District, Box 467, Haskell, TX 79521. Refiling is only necessary if you are requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 864 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Jan. 12, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cattle 1-2 lower. Feeders 1 lower. 300 cows consigned for Jan. 17 sale.

Jersey, longhorns, holsteins, cripples, bad eyes, knots, \$5-\$30 less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .32-.39; cutters, .35-.42; canners, .20-.30.

Bulls: bologna, .45-.53; feeder: 65-76; utility: 38-48.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200 - 300 lbs., 1.10-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .92-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .83-.95; 600-700 lbs., .80-.90; 700-800 lbs., .75-.84; 800-up lbs., .65-.80.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.35; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .85-.95; 500-600 lbs., .77-.84; 600-up lbs., .60-.80.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 550-650.

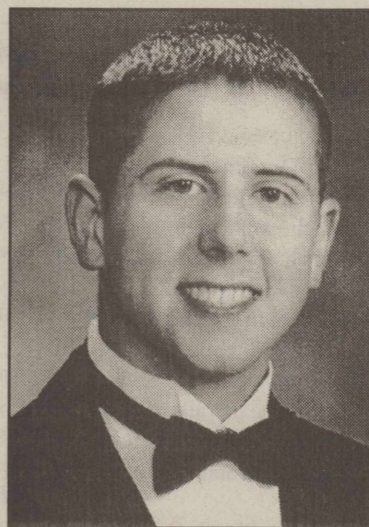
Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-800; aged or small 475-625.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 770-950; aged or small, 675-750.

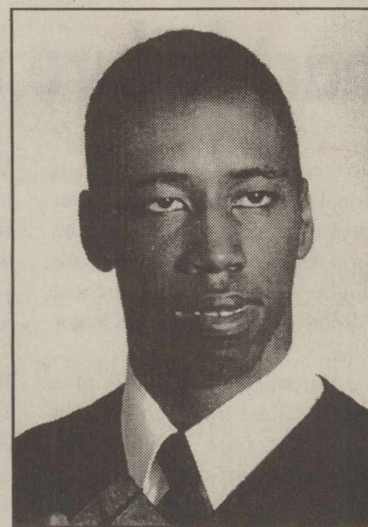
Student in the News

Robert L. Meinzer of Haskell was among students named to the Cisco Junior College President's List for the fall semester of 2001.

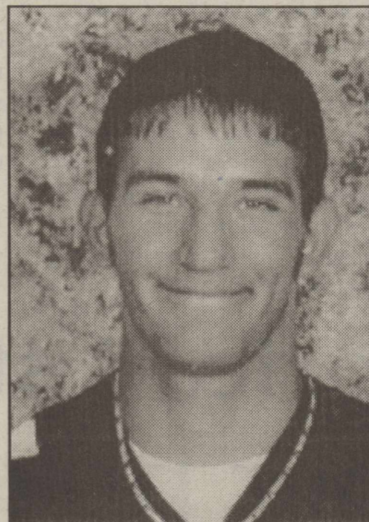
Students making the President's List have made a straight "A" record on a 4.0 grading system.



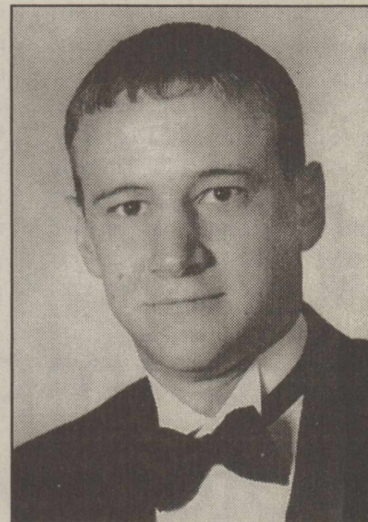
KYLE HUNT



TYRONE BILLINGTON



CHRIS ACOSTA



ZAC MCGUIRE

Students visit Rotary Club

Kyle Hunt is the son of Darrell and Melynn Hunt. He is a member of the Haskell First United Methodist Church.

Among his school activities are basketball, cross country, track and golf. He is a member of Quill and Scroll and the National Honor Society.

Basketball and relaxing are his favorite pastimes. Special awards and recognitions for him include being voted Most Friendly in his class, a member of Cross Country State Qualifier team, attending Boys State and receiving the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence.

After finishing high school he plans to attend South Plains College or Eastern New Mexico University.

Tyrone Billington is the son of Johnie and Gussie Billington.

He attends Hopewell Baptist Church in Haskell.

His school activities include football, track, and War Whoop sports writer.

Watching drag racing and college sports, jogging, and playing with younger kids are his favorite pastime activities.

Special awards and recognitions he has received include three time regional qualifier in track, two time state qualifier in track, 2001 Texas Relays Champion in 100m, 1st team All District free safety in 2000, the A Honor Roll and 2001 Mr. HHS and Football Hero.

After high school he plans to attend the University of Texas, Arlington, or Angelo State University, to earn a degree in education and become an athletic trainer.

Christopher Acosta is the son of Robert Acosta.

He attends the East Side Baptist Church, Haskell.

In school he is active in football. Favorite pastimes for him include watching college football, working out, playing football and watching TV.

Special recognitions he has received include Honorable Mention offensive line, 2000, and Honorable Mention defensive end, 2000.

After finishing high school he plans to attend Angelo State University and join the Air Force ROTC program.

Zac McGuire is the son of Mike and Jo McGuire.

He attends the First Baptist Church, Haskell.

His school activities include basketball, golf, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Spanish Club.

He received the Presidential Award, is on the A Honor Roll, attended Boys State and was voted Best Dressed.

Favorite pastime activities are hunting and being lazy.

After finishing high school he plans to attend Texas A&M University.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Your eyes are your windows of the world you live in, through which you are able to observe your surroundings, recognize your fellow beings, perform your everyday tasks and follow the pathway of your life. They enable you to concentrate on a single object or person, or scan every detail of the panorama within your field of vision. You can

develop your powers of observation so as to enjoy the natural beauty of God's creation whenever you step out of doors, and you can also quickly identify a situation that should be remedied or a person in need of your help. At the Church of your choice you will learn to see all the good things of this world through the eyes of faith.

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.

Christian Church

Dusty Garison, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Church of God

James Rinker, pastor • 864-2021
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Gary Bruns, pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

St. George Catholic Church

Father Michael Melcher
 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.

Church of Christ

Brett Anderson, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Steve Beatty, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

Trinity Baptist Church

Tony Grand, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.

Hopewell Baptist Church

John Lewis, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Samuel Blackwell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Kevin Hall, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.

Church of Christ

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

First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Arturo Jr. Flores
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Bill Trice, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

West Bethal Baptist Church

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

O'Brien Baptist Church

Kyle Gullledge, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.

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Haskell School Menu

January 21-25 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast on a stick

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito

Wednesday: Pigs in a blanket

Thursday: Sausage and biscuit

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, biscuit, trail mix

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli and cheese, garden salad, garlic bread, chocolate pudding

Wednesday: Soft tacos, cheese/salsa, lettuce/tomatoes, pinto beans, orange wedges

Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce/tomato slices, pickle spears, chips, cookie

Friday: School Holiday

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan 21-25 Breakfast

Milk and juice served daily.

Monday: Sausage and biscuits

Tuesday: Waffles

Wednesday: Pop tarts

Thursday: Cinnamon rolls

Friday: Blueberry sausage w/stick

Lunch

Milk served daily.

Monday: Spaghetti w/meat, corn, garlic bread, chocolate pudding

Tuesday: Chicken tenders, gravy, broccoli, pears

Wednesday: Ham, brown gravy, macaroni and cheese, carrots, wheat bread, jello-w/fruit

Thursday: Chili dog, cheese, pork and beans, cookies

Friday: Hot pocket, ham or pepperoni, green beans, cake

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Jan. 21

9:00 a.m. Miracle Ear

Lunch-Pimento Cheese sandwich,

vegetable soup, prunes, cookie, milk,

tea or coffee

Wed., Jan. 23

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health

Services blood pressure check

Lunch-Hamburger, pinto beans,

lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions,

cobbler, milk, tea or coffee

Fri., Jan. 25

Lunch-Chicken, Blackeyed peas,

okra, carrot salad, fruited jello, milk,

tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45

a.m. followed by lunch.

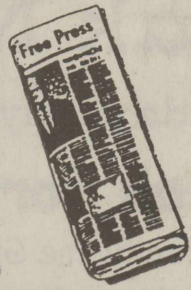
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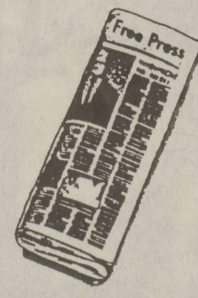
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FOR SALE: Round bales of this year's Haygrazer. \$40 bale. 940-864-3115. 3-6c

Miscellaneous

Let SECURITY FINANCE in Stamford get you ready for the holidays. There will be gifts to buy, guests arriving and extra baking to do. Why not get started early and let us help. Loans from \$100-\$495. Call or come by for fast service. 112 N. Swenson, Stamford or call 915-773-3081. 42fc

CHARTERED BUS to Bossier/Shreveport, Louisiana Horseshoe Casino Hotel. Jan. 27, 28. \$109. 915-235-2068 for information. 2-4p

CUSTOM FRAMING. Country Friends and Frames, 101 N. Swenson, Stamford. 915-773-2661. Complete framing needs. Closed Mondays. 3c

Garage Sales

MOVING SALE: 905 N. Ave. F, Jan. 19, 7 a.m. Computer, furniture, clothes and more! 3p

Jobs Wanted

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

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Lost & Found

LOST: BTE Hearing aid on Sat., Jan. 12 somewhere in Haskell stores. Please call 997-2694. 3p

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: The Drug Store is now taking applications for a part-time adult clerk. Please contact Linda or Lonnie at The Drug Store in Haskell. 3c

NOW HIRING full time body technician. Experience preferred, but will train. Apply in person at Hanson Paint & Body, Haskell. 3-4c

NEED Owner/Operators/Drivers with CDLA. Call 888-314-5014 or 940-864-5458. 3-4c

APPLICATIONS now being taken for LVN or RNs for charge nurse position. Sign on bonus for LVNs. Day and evenings shifts available. Also, CNAs needed. Call Audre Elizonds, DON at 864-2652. 16fc

NEED IMMEDIATELY: LVNs. Full-time/part-time. 7 off-7 on. Contact Debbie McCown, RN-DON, TCMH, Throckmorton, Texas, 940-849-2151. 35fc

HELP WANTED: Gin workers needed. Sagerton Gin 940-997-2445, 940-256-0931. 42fc

TEAKWOOD MANOR has openings for 6-2 or 2-10 shifts. Certified and non-certified nurse aides. Apply in person at 1003 Columbia, Stamford. EOE. 48fc

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HELP WANTED: Busy, independent drug store has an immediate opening for a full-time employee—a motivated, energetic, dependable person to work 40 hours per week. Apply in person at 100 S. Ave. E, Haskell. Contact Linda at 940-864-2673. The Drug Store in Haskell. 3c

For Rent

FOR RENT: 103 N. 3rd. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. 864-3762. 3c

FOR LEASE: 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 906 N. Ave. E. 864-3762. 3c

HOUSE FOR RENT: 4 bedrooms, 3 bath in Haskell. Call Terry Fitch 915-677-4990. 2-5c

APARTMENT FOR RENT: 301 N. 6th. Call Lonnie at The Drug Store 864-2673. 3c

FOR RENT: Small house, corner lot. Covered parking. 1100 N. 8th St. 864-3439. 2-3p

FOR LEASE: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath house. Storage room, carport, fence, sprinkler system, well. References required. First month/last month rent required. \$500 month. 915-548-2568. 3fc

Real Estate

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

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HOUSE FOR SALE in Knox City: 4 bedroom, 2 bath. 2 car garage. 940-658-3284. 52-3p

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath on 2 acres close to Aspermont. 940-989-3928. 2fc

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2 bedroom, 1 bath frame house. Large lot. Knox City. Call collect 915-698-1564. 2-5c

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, CH/A. Dining room, water well, storage, privacy fence. \$28,995. 864-2321. 2-4p

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath partially remodeled house. New carpet and tile, new paint and central H/A. 2400 sq. ft. Water well. Under appraised value. 864-2415, leave message. 3fc

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The City of Haskell will hold a public hearing at 7:00 a.m. January 28, 2002 at City Hall for the purpose of reviewing the performance of the Planning/Capacity Building Program as a requirement of a TDHCA grant. Contract No. 720054. All citizens, particularly low and moderate income residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Individuals with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Written comments will also be accepted at City Hall during regular office hours. 3c

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)
District: Abilene
Contract 6073-25-001 for HEADER TYPE MATERIAL AND BRIDGE JOINTS in JONES County, etc. will be opened on February 6, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$397,530.38.

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 at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 5604
State Office: Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.

District Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79601. Phone 915-676-6800.

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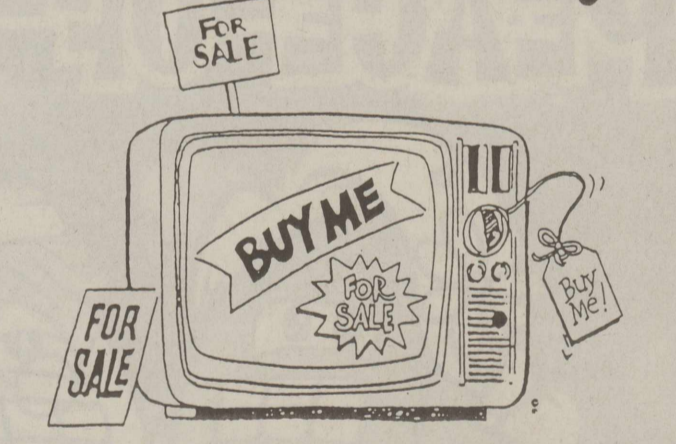
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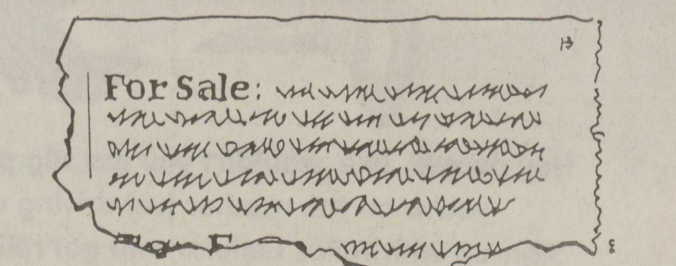
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AT SAFETY BANQUET—Haskell County maintenance employees attending the annual TxDOT Abilene District Safety Awards Banquet were: l-r, kneeling, Bobby Howard, Mike Poteet and Kyle Martin. Standing are section supervisor, Jonnie Hise; Bennie Harvey; assistant section supervisor, Mack McFadden; Chris Medford; Joey Swinney; Clarence Walker and Danny Kierepka. Haskell County employees were recognized for having amassed 167 years of safe driving and 145 years of no work related injuries. The banquet was held at Snyder's Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Those who helped little Amber Conn celebrate her third birthday on Sunday evening were her parents, David and Deniece Conn; sister, Sabrina; grandparents, Darlene Conn and Dale and Doris Carroll; aunts, Margaret Tatum and Dian Reed; uncle, Doug Carroll; and cousins Zachary, Garret and Taylor Tatum

Haskell Co. Gin Report

January 14, 2002	
Haskell	
Haskell Co-op Gin	4,514
Haskell County Gin	3,758
O'Brien	
O'Brien Gin	17,360
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	3,388
Sagerton	
Sagerton Gin	1,700
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	2,100
Weinert Gin	4,858
Total Bales	37,678

and Denton, Dylann and Devron Reed. Punch and cake were served. Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins of Anson visited his mom, Joyce Hawkins, on Monday.

Tamera Hearn and son, Dakota, and friend Cathy of Irving visited Tamera's mom, Charlene Hawkins, Thursday night though Saturday. They also visited other Haskell relatives while here.

Several of Vivian Roberson's friends took her to Burkett's to celebrate her 93rd birthday. Upon returning to the care home, she opened her many gifts that were given her.

Thelma Adkisson is home from the hospital and is feeling better.

Fannie Mae Barton received word that she has a new great granddaughter, Rachel Marie. Born Jan. 10, she weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz and was 21 inches long. She is the first child for Brian and Kristy Waltman of Kansas City, Missouri and was named Marie in honor of Erma Marie Liles of Weinert.

Swedish cuisine to be served in Ericksdahl

The members of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Ericksdahl will soon be busy cooking in preparation to serve their native Swedish cuisine to 600 guests on February 23.

The church, located 12 miles from Stamford in the community of Ericksdahl, has been hosting a Scandinavian Smorgasbord dinner as a fund-raiser since the early 1960's.

Items on the menu include Swedish meatballs, ham, turkey with dressing, pickled herring, creamed potatoes, various salads, rye bread, cookies, otsakaka with Lingonberries and numerous other items to be sampled.

Tickets to the Swedish smorgasbord are \$12.00. The time for the four dinner seatings are 5:00, 6:00, 6:45 and 7:45 p.m. For reservations, call Gina Buerger at (915) 773-5226. For additional information contact Tena Tankersley (915) 773-2721.

Area Basketball scores

Girls

Anson 54, Haskell 50
Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 19, Kendall 1, B. Lindsey 8, T. Lindsey 2, Harlan 2, Price 9, Thompson 9.

Haskell 69, Albany 49

Scoring for Haskell: Thompson 14, Wallace 12, B. Lindsey 10, T. Lindsey 9, Kendall 5, Buerger 5, Harlan 4, Price 4, McKnight 3, Hise 2, Cox 1.

ACHS 54, Paint Creek 43

Scoring for Paint Creek: Daniel 3, Brzozowski 19, Gonzalez 8, Isbell 4, Smith 2, Wade 6.

Rule 56, Rotan 49

Scoring for Rule: Lisle 14, Lehrmann 14, Dudensing 9, Brown 6, Hertel 6, Marquis 5, Caddell 2.

Rule 83, Harrold 21

Scoring for Rule: Dudensing 15, Lisle 18, Navarette 6, Kittley 1, Brown 10, Caddell 1, Lehrmann 20, Marquis 9, Standefer 1, Hertel 4.

Boys

Anson 60, Haskell 57

Scoring for Haskell: C. McGuire 18, Goudeau 11, Hunt 9, Z. McGuire 8, Garcia 5, Webb 2, Loyd 2, O. Garcia 2.

Haskell 52, Albany 39

Scoring for Haskell: C. McGuire 12, Goudeau 10, Z. McGuire 9, Webb 8, Steele 6, O. Garcia 4, Hunt 2, Loyd 1.

ACHS 73, Paint Creek 66

Scoring for Paint Creek: Sageser 3, Medford 7, Barr 6, Hope 3, Serasio 2, Lowrance 28, E. Hobbs 10, C. Hobbs 4.

Rochester 108, Megargel 36

Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 39, Taylor 20, Hearn 18, Self 12, Williams 10, Sanchez 9.

Rotan 76, Rule 30

Scoring for Rule: Smith 12, Flores 6, Falkner 5, Simpson 1, Standefer 4, McDuff 2.

Rule 65, Harrold 56

Scoring for Rule: Smith 30, Fuentes 2, Hatley 10, Stephens 11, Falkner 2, Standefer 2, Kittley 1, Turner 7.

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98 F150 Super Cab, V6, Manual	\$10,495
99 F150 Super Cab, V8, 29K	\$15,995
98 F150 Super Cab, V6, Manual	\$14,995
98 F150 Super Cab, V6, Manual	\$8,995
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