Basketball games

HASKELL SUMMER LEAGUE Thurs., June 1 at Haskell Rule vs Haskell 5 p.m. Stamford vs Rule 6 p.m. Haskell vs Stamford 7 p.m. Mon., June 5 at Haskell Throckmorton vs Haskell 5 p.m. Albany vs Throckmorton 6 p.m. Haskell vs Albany 7 p.m.

Calendar

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., June 5 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

Lodge meeting The Sons of Hermann Lodge

meeting will be held Sun., June 4 at the Pit & Grill restaurant in Haskell. Dominoes starts at 2 p.m. VBS

First Methodist Church, in cooperation with First Christian Church and Trinity Lutheran Church, will host Vacation Bible School Mon., June 19 through Thurs., June 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with registration on Monday night at 6 p.m. Theme of this year's school is 'Adventure of the Treasure Seekers, Exploring God's Promises.'

Story time ends

Story time at the Haskell Co. Library will take a summer break and with plans to begin again in September. Four school age story times will be held, in cooperation with the Haskell CISD summer program, on June 15, June 22, July 13 and July 20 at 9:30 a.m. The theme is 'Reading-Sport of Champions.' For more information, call 864-2747. Weinert VBS

Weinert First Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School June 5-9 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for children ages 4 through those who have finished sixth grade. A closing program for parents will be held Fri., June 9 at 7 p.m. Theme is 'SonTreasure Island.' For more information, call Mary Murphy at 673-8269.

Rochester anniversary

Rochester exes are asked to email both physical and email addresses to Sandra Fry at sfryrochester@yahoo.com. Pictures for a presentation for the Rochester 100th anniversary and homecoming weekend to be held Oct. 13-14 are also needed.

Summer lunches

Haskell CISD will serve summer food service meals at the Haskell Elementary School cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G, Monday through Friday beginning June 5 and ending July 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those ages 1-18 years of age will eat free. Adults may eat for \$2.50 per plate. No meals will be served on July 4. CMN fund-raiser

Children's Miracle Network (CMN) will hold a fund-raiser at Wal-Mart in Stamford Sat., June 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Games and activities will available for



Stephanie Grand is named WHP ueen

Stephanie Grand was crowned Wild Horse Prairie Days queen Sun., May 21 at theHaskell High School auditorium.

Grand, a junior student at Haskell High School, is the daughter of Steven and Pat Grand of Haskell.

Cassie Liles, a Benjamin High School senior and daughter of Mike and Tammy Liles, was named first runner-up in the queen's division. She was elected Miss Congeniality by the other contestants.

Miranda Robertson of Rule, a senior student and daughter of Tommy Robertson and Melissa Robertson, was named second runner-up.

Diana Mauricio, a Haskell High School junior and daughter of Elena Mauricio, was third runner-up.

Lindsay Spooner, daughter of Shelly and Bobby Lemmond, was named Miss Achievement.

Others competing in the queen's contest were Shannon Bird, Julie Hankins and Alexa Roberts.

Paige Glover, sixth grader at Haskell Elementary and daughter of Chad and Melissa Glover, was named Junior Miss. Meagan Kimbrough, seventh grader at Rochester Junior

High and daughter of Joev and Tammy Kimbrough, was named first runner-up.

Other Junior Miss contestants were Toni Brown, Valerie Gonzalez and Krista McLemore.

Meghan Glover, fourth grade student at Haskell Elementary and daughter of Chad and Melissa Glover, was named Young Miss.

Crissy Bassett, Skylar Bridges and Lucy Carmichael were other Young Miss contestants.

Destiny Gentry, Kindergarten student at Haskell Elementary, was named Little Miss. She is the daughter of Jeremy Gentry and granddaughter of Derinda and Keith Hannsz of Haskell.

Sara Edwards and Madeline Williams also competed for the Little Miss title.

Leslie Grand, 2003 WHPD Queen, and Robbyn Tribbey, 2004 WHPD Queen, emceed the pageant. Caleb Hudgens, senior at Haskell High School, provided piano accompaniment. Megan Cheek, Angelo State University student and nominee for Female Artist of the Year at the Grapevine Opry, also provided entertainment.

Fugitive arrested in Haskell

James Michael Evenson, a Wyoming fugitive, has been extradited back to Wyoming to face charges there after being arrested in Haskell on May 22.

The incident began with a call to the Haskell County Sheriff's Office from the Casper Police Department in Wyoming stating that a fugitive might be in the Haskell area who was wanted on an outstanding warrant from Natrona County for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Haskell Sheriff's Office was given a description of the suspect, a female companion and his vehicle.

According to the Casper Police Department, the suspect had made statement to his family that he would not go back to jail. Armed with this information, Haskell Sheriff's Office checked with Rolling Plains Jail to see if the subject had been in the local jail. After confirming that the fugitive was indeed a former inmate here, officers suspected that he might be staying with some ex-Wyoming inmates who now live in Haskell.

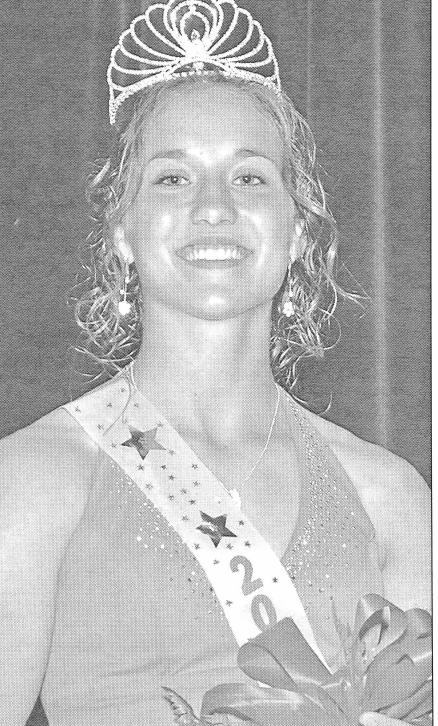
A small task force of officers was assembled and surveillance was set up on an apartment on North Third Street in Haskell

Officers from the Haskell Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Haskell County Constable, Texas Ranger and Haskell County Sheriff's Office began watching the apartment and after a short time it was determined that the wanted subject was at the apartment. Plans were made to apprehend the subject with the least danger to the public.

After a short time the suspect and his girlfriend left in a vehicle going south out of town. The suspect was stopped on a felony traffic stop at South Third and U.S. Hwy. 277 and was taken into custody without incident.

Evenson was extradited to Wyoming. His girlfriend, Shanna Reed, was questioned and released. No warrants were found for her.

Officers received permission to search the apartment for any other evidence that Evenson may have left behind. While searching the apartment, the officers found a small amount of marijuana and other drug paraphernalia and arrested Brad J. Carey for possession of marijuana. Carey was transported to Rolling Plains Jail.



STEPHANIE GRAND WILD HORSE PRAIRIE DAYS QUEEN

Drug dealer convicted

A jury trial held on May 16 in the linked him to the delivery of drugs. 39th District Court in Haskell Trooper Jimenez testified that he

ages with prizes awarded. The goal of the Stamford Wal-Mart this year is \$10,000. Proceeds benefit Hendrick Children's Hospital in Abilene. VBS

Haskell Church of Christ will host Vacation Bible School June 11-14. For more information contact the church office at 864-3101 VBS

East Side Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School June 5-9 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. daily for children ages 5 years to sixth grade. The theme of the school is 'Arctic Edge, Where adventure meets courage.' Call 864-2738 for more information.

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charged Jerry Lee Culberson, age 25 of Abilene, with possession of cocaine over 4 grams but under 200 grams, with the intent to deliver.

The Honorable Judge Charles Chapman presided. District Attorney. Mike Fouts represented the State and Sam Mehaffey, Abilene attorney, represented Culberson.

Evidence was heard from Sheriff David Halliburton that on April 3, 2005, he was assisting DPS with an accident in O'Brien and noticed a large number of known drug users coming and going from a residence near the accident scene. After the accident was cleaned up, Halliburton asked and received permission to search the residence from one of the men living there.

Halliburton was assisted in the search by Deputy Winston Stephens and DPS Trooper Nick Jimenez.

Halliburton found items in the bedroom of Jerry Culberson that

found a coffee can in the backvard by a shed that had 12.9 grams of crack cocaine, 2 grams of powder cocaine. 0.8grams methamphetamine and 24 grams of marijuana.

After hearing the evidence, a jury of seven men and five women found Culberson guilty of possession of cocaine over 4 grams and under 200 grams, a second degree felony. The penalty for this offense is two to twenty years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and up to \$10,000 fine. Culberson wanted Judge Chapman to set his punishment and a sentencing date was set for June 28.

District Attorney Mike Fouts thanks the jury for their commitment to Haskell County, and their part in keeping drugs out of our communities. Fouts also thanked law enforcement for their dedication and hard work in this investigation.

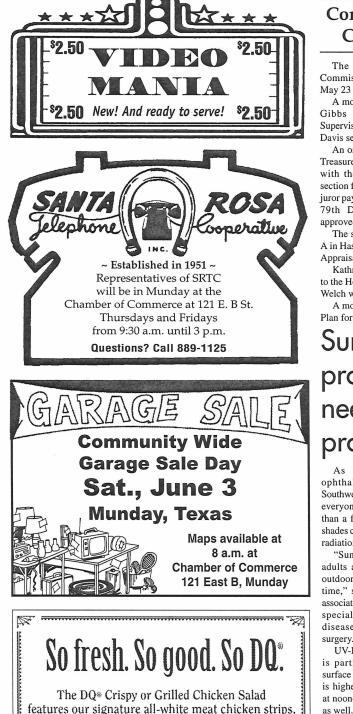


HANDMADE TEDDY BEARS-Members of the Rule Chapter 989 Order of the Eastern Star donated handmade teddy bears to the Noah Project and Haskell County Sheriff's Office for their use when working with children. The bears can be used for all ages and were made from donated materials by members of the organization. Accepting the bears for Noah Project were Donna Sue Anders, left. and for the Sheriff's Office was Sheriff David Halliburton, center. Club members making the presentation were IIa Kay Gross, second from left, Oleta Cornelius and Betty Thompson, right.

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RANGE TEAM-The range judging team from Haskell High School placed second in the Area II FFA Career Development Event held this spring on the campus of Tarleton State University. Team members included, I-r, Samantha Lopez, Ashley Foster (fifth high individual), Teddye Harris (tenth high individual), and Diana Mauricio (second high individual), and Justin Cox, advisor.



features our signature all-white meat chicken Salad ripe tomatoes, shredded cheese and crispy bacon served on a bed of fresh lettuce.



Commissioner's Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Tues., May 23 in regular session.

A motion carried to name Benny Gibbs as Community Service Supervisor with County Judge David Davis serving as Gibbs' supervisor.

An order authorizing the County Treasurer to file quarterly requests with the comptroller's judiciary section for county reimbursement of juror payments per Senate Bill 1704, 79th District Legislature was approved.

The sale of a lot at 1513 N. Ave. A in Haskell to David Powers by the Appraisal District was approved.

Kathryn Schonerstedt was named to the Hospital Board replacing Don Welch who resigned.

A motion to leave the Retirement Plan for 2007 as is carried.

Sunglasses provide needed protection

As sunny weather returns, ophthalmologists at UT Southwestern Medical Center remind everyone that sunglasses are more than a fashion statement. The right shades can protect against ultraviolet radiation.

"Sunglasses should be used by adults and children when they're outdoors for prolonged periods of time," says Dr. V. Vinod Mootha, associate professor of ophthalmology specializing in cornea, external disease, refractive and cataract surgery.

UV-B radiation exposure, which is particularly damaging to the surface of the eye and to the cornea, is higher on sunny days-especially at noon-and during low-ozone days as well.

"Excessive exposure may increase the risk for the formation of a fleshy tissue over the cornea, some forms of cataract and possibly macular degeneration," says Dr. Mootha.

For people who wear eyeglasses, polycarbonate lenses that are thin and shatterproof offer protection from ultraviolet radiation.



MAGGIE L. MERCHANT

Funeral services for Anna Mae

(Lees) Davis, 87, lifelong resident of Haskell, were held Mon., May 29 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Kevin Hall of Lubbock and Rev. Greg Gasaway, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell. Mrs. Davis died Thurs., May 25

at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Obituaries

Maggie L. Merchant

Funeral services for Maggie L. Merchant, 94, of Haskell were held Sat., May 27 at the Church of Christ with Gene Long and Sam Wester officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Merchant died Fri., May 26 in Haskell.

Born Sept. 24, 1944 in Oakwood, she was the daughter of A.C. Sr. and Sara Barnett Boggs. She graduated from high school and married Glenn Merchant. She was a homemaker and member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by one

Anna Mae (Lees) Davis Born April 20, 1919 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of W.M. and Ollie 'Sullivan' Lees. She graduated from Haskell High School in 1939 and worked as a sales clerk at The Bootery in Haskell for a time, later attending nursing school in Haskell and received her LVN license. She worked at Haskell hospital for 10 years, did private duty nursing and later worked 15 years at Rice Springs Care Home and Haskell Healthcare Center in Haskell. She married Raymond Davis in Haskell May 7, 1939. They were lifelong members of First Baptist Church in Haskell. She taught the Juniors and Intermediates and adult women in Sunday School and in Training Union, serving as Training Union director for two years. She helped teach Sunday School at the Mission Church in 1962-63. In recent years, she had given the opening devotional for the Senior Adult Dept. She was very active in the Haskell Chapter of the Eastern Star #892, serving as the Past Matron of the Haskell Chapter in 1957-58

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Davis; one infant

Ida Hodges Pack

Cemetery with Steve Pepper officiating. Services were under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.

Mrs. Pack died Sat., May 27 in Abilene.

Born June 19, 1911 in the Hefner Community in Knox County, she was the daughter of the late Woody H. Hodges and Cora B. Fields Hodges. On July 31, 1932, she married Willis Lee Pack in Knox City. He preceded her in death Feb. 5, 1972. She worked as a nurses aid for several years. She was a member of the Knox City and Rochester Quilting Clubs. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, J.P. Hodges; and sisters, Dollie B. Feemster and Cornie King.

Louis 'L.C.' Whitaker

6, of Whitaker, Herman Whitaker and Tom Whitaker; and three sisters, Thelma Odom, Louvenna Collins and the Brazilla Whitaker.

> Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Gladys, of the home; one son, Edward Whitaker of Haskell; two daughters, Tanya Whitaker of Haskell and Gena Woodard of Wichita Falls; one step-son, Floyd Tennon of Lawton, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Erica Whitaker of Dallas, Pamela Whitaker of Fort Worth, Keisha Woodard of Wichita Falls, Eric Whitaker, Jr. of Stamford and Essie Woodard IV of Wichita Falls; and one great grandchild. PD.NOTICE



Graveside services for Ida Hodges Pack, 94, of Knox City were held Mon., May 29 at Knox City

Graveside services for Louis 'L.C.' Whitaker, 76, of Haskell were held Fri., May 26 at Willow Cemetery with Rev. John Lewis officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Whitaker died Tues., May 23 at his residence. Born June 19, 1929 in Aspermont, he was the son of the late James Whitaker and Lovey Falter Whitaker. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1951 until 1953. He married Gladys Ray in September 1953 in Haskell. He worked as an auto mechanic for Bill Wilson Motor Co. for 50 plus years. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by one son, Eric Whitaker; five brothers, Leroy Scott, Selly Whitaker, James son, Paul Merchant; two sisters, two brothers and her parents.

Survivors include her husband of 73 years, Glenn, of Haskell; a special niece and nephew, Loraine and Bobbie Johnson of Haskell; one son, David Eugene Merchant of Dallas; five grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Haskell Church of Christ, 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas 79521 or be used for the Chapel Library at Rolling Plains Detention Center.

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son, her parents, four brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Rodney and Judy Davis of Las Cruces, New Mexico and Gary and Sondra Davis of Stamford; three grandchildren, Pam Porter and husband, Dennis of Henderson, Nevada, Jeff Davis of Azle and Pat Davis and wife, Mary Kay, of Belleville, Illinois; five great grandchildren, Annalise and Melissa Porter of Henderson, Nevada, and Sean, Ryan and Drew Davis of Belleville, Illinois; one step-great granddaughter, Heather Morren and two step-great grandsons, Ross and Ryan Morren of Azle; sister-in-law, Ruby Davis Dobbs and husband, Earl of DeSoto; and many nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to Haskell Healthcare Center, Dr. Wayne Cadenhead and Joe Yates, both of Haskell and Dr. David Blackwood and Dr. Chris McDonald, both of Abilene for their loving care.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, First Baptist Church in Haskell or the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Survivors include her son, Charles Pack and wife, Lu of Knox City; daughter Dorothy Jean Dykes and husband, Dallas of Knox City; brother, George Hodges of Knox City; two granddaughters, Pam Pack of Lubbock and Pattie Currie and husband, Keith of Abilene; two great grandsons, Brandon Lewis and wife, Kim of Knox City and Aaron Lewis and wife, Julie of Knox City; six great grandchildren; and three step great grandchildren, Candice South and husband Patrick of Abilene, Andrew Currie of Abilene, U.S. Marine Michael Currie stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii; several loving nieces and nephews; ex-son-in-law, Larry Don Lewis of Buchanan Dam and ex-grandson-in-law, Danny Lewis of Knox City. PD. NOTICE



ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., June 5

Lunch-Meatloaf, cheese potatoes, buttered corn, pinto beans, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., June 7

Lunch-Beef spaghetti, green beans, glazed carrots, sliced onion, garlic toast, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., June 9

Lunch-Beef stew, tuna and pimento sandwiches, onions, pickles, cherry jello, cookie, milk, tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Storm sirens

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

Food protection management training course set June 27

by Jane Rowan CEA/FCS, Haskell County Texas Cooperative Extension

Staff in Kent and Haskell counties are offering a food manager certification training course for area food service managers. The program will be offered Tues., June 27, in Aspermont.

The training will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude with the opportunity for the participants to take the exam late that afternoon. Those planning to participate must pre-register by Fri., June 9.

The program is designed to not only prepare food service managers to pass the certification examination, but will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Special attention to food safety will help keep the many customers safe and satisfied.

By attending the course, food

service managers will learn about: •Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling

•Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food •Teaching and encouraging

•Complying with government

regulations •Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings, and

•Controlling pests. Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food

safety practices. For a registration form and more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas Cooperative Extension, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," contact Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agent at 940-864-2546 or l-rowan@tamu.edu.

Max and Christie Stapleton of askell are proud to announce the Ryan and Tara Olsor

Haskell are proud to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Kate Cooper, daughter of Ryan and Kaki Cooper of Lubbock.

Born May 18 at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock, she weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

The best bones are those that get a workout

Exercise can help people with osteoporosis stay fit and improve their balance.

And the best exercises for the bones are weight-bearing activities such as walking, dancing, jogging, hiking, tennis or stair climbing.

"Exercise helps to increase or preserve bone mass and strengthen muscles, which improves balance and can prevent falls," says Dr. Naim Maalouf, assistant professor of internal medicine and mineral metabolism at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

If you've been sedentary for any length of time, be sure to consult with your doctor before starting an exercise program. Ryan and Tara Olson of Haskell announce the birth of their daughter, Lillea Rene', born May 1 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. She was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by her

big brothers, Laken and Landry. Maternal grandparents are Roger and Mollie Moeller of Haskell. Great grandmother is Alma Terrell of Haskell.

Paternal grandparents are Max Olson of Stamford and Kitsie and Ricky Drinnon of Haskell. Great grandparents are Bobbie Olson of Stamford, Tom Ryan of Scottsdale, Arizona and Buddy Drinnon of Haskell.

Clay and Melissa (Phemister) Bulls of Abilene announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Marie (Abbie) Bulls, born May 22 at 12:27 p.m. in Abilene weighing 6 lbs., 9 oz. She was 18" long.

She was welcomed home by brothers, Jonah, age 6 and Ethan, age 4

Maternal grandparents are Max and Doris Jean McMeans of Haskell and Wayne and Linda Phemister of Rowlett. Paternal grandparents are Glenn and JoAnn Bulls of Earth.

Great grandparents are Doris Roberts of Haskell, Sue McMeans of Rule and Bill and Louise Bailey of will PERRY JOHNSON - PAMELA ANN SMITH Smith, Johnson plan June wedding

Carla's Sweet Shop

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Gene and Calla Smith of Cordell, Oklahoma announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Pamela Ann Smith to Will Perry Johnson, son of Mitzi Johnson of Monahans and the late Max Johnson.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Sally Morris, the late Frank Morris and A.F. and Marguerett Smith of Cordell. She is a 1997 graduate of Cordell High School and a 2003 graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She is employed as a pharmacist at United

Supermarket's Pharmacy in Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Lavern Trussell of Clyde, the late Harold Trussell and the late O.T. and Ann Johnson. He is a 1995 graduate of Monahans High School and a 2000 graduate of Angelo State University in San Angelo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology with a Minor in Mathematics. He is the head boy's basketball coach and a teacher at Petersburg High School in Petersburg.

A June wedding is planned at Northside Church of Christ in Cordell, Oklahoma.

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Comptroller OKs tax reform

legislation; governor signs

taxes. Afterward, Gov. Rick Perry

HB 1 passed in the just-ended

special session of the Texas

Legislature. It reduces property taxes,

appropriates more money for

classroom instruction, requires public

schools to open after the fourth

Monday in August and gives teachers

Supreme Court order to fix the state's

tax system so school districts are not

forced to set the highest allowable tax

rate. Under HB 1, the cap rate is

lowered to \$1.33, down from the

previous cap of \$1.50 per \$100

valuation on school districts'

maintenance and operations portion

Perry and Strayhorn are political

rivals, so it's not hard to see why they

don't agree on how much HB 1 will

cut Texans' property taxes. Perry said

it would yield a \$2,000 cut to the

average homeowner over three years.

Perry as governor in the fall, said it'll

only be a sliver of the \$2,000 Perry

is touting. How much is a sliver?

Fifty-two dollars in the first year, she

said. Perry's office countered, saying

Strayhorn's numbers are hog-wash.

Democratic candidate for governor

Chris Bell, called the school finance

plan a sham, saying too little money

would be spent on classroom

initiatives and teacher pay. Bell called

for a \$3,000, across-the-board pay

Kinky Friedman also hopes to

wrench the governor's office away

from Perry in November. Friedman's

camp expressed weariness with the

ongoing squabbles between Perry

and Strayhorn and called the Perry

tax plan "not a real solution; it's

another Band-Aid fix we've come to

expect from career politicians."

increase for teachers.

Jason Stanford, a spokesman for

Strayhorn, who hopes to unseat

HB 1 also satisfies a Texas

a \$2,000 raise.

of the tax.

signed the legislation into law.

AUSTIN-Comptroller Carole

HIGHLIGHTS



Friedman campaign placed the winning bid on two pairs of boots the governor auctioned off to raise Keeton Strayhorn, the state's chief money for a hurricane relief fund. accountant, certified the state has One pair bears Perry's autograph; the enough funds to pay for House Bill other, California Gov. Arnold 1, a temporary buy-down of property Schwarzenegger's.

Jury finds Enron bosses guilty Enron founder Kenneth Lay and

former chief executive Jeffrey Skilling on May 25 were found guilty on many counts by a Houston federal jury. Lay and Skilling are free on \$5 million bond, each.

Between the two men, charges stuck on counts ranging from cheating investors and employees out of billions of dollars to lying to auditors and banks and for insider trading.

The energy trading firm crumbled in 2001, resulting in the loss of an estimated \$60 billion, the disappearance of its \$2 billion pension fund and the termination of 5,600 employees.

Esteemed Texas lawmaker dies Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr. died May 23

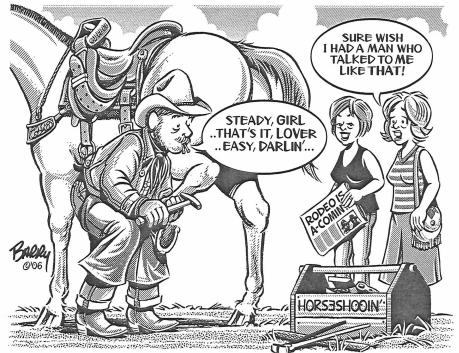
at his home in Houston. He was 85. Flags flew at half-staff for five days following Bentsen's death, by order of Gov. Perry.

A state and national leader for decades, Bentsen served as U.S. Treasury secretary in 1993-94 under President Clinton. He was a member of the U.S. Senate from 1971 to 1993 and served in the U.S. Congress from 1949 to 1955, representing the Rio Grande Valley. He was in private business from 1955 to 1970.

Bentsen tested the waters to run for president in 1976 but withdrew. He was the vice presidential running mate of Michael Dukakis in 1988. Austin music empresario dies

Clifford Antone, owner of nationally recognized blues mecca, Antone's, was found dead in his Austin apartment on May 24.

Antone, 56, was hailed by mourners for devoting the last 30 years to providing the forum and public relations mechanism to launch, support or revive the careers of hundreds of musicians, including Stevie Ray Vaughan, Pinetop Perkins, Meanwhile, members of the Doug Sahm and many others.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

John Rike, vice president, Haskell National Bank, completed the second annual Seminar for Young Men and Women in Banking-South on the campus of University of Arkansas.

Mrs. Jack Sanders, Mrs. Scarlet Brazell, Mrs. Dudley Phelps, Mrs. Kenneth Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Sanders and children were in Cross Plains to attend the graduating exercises of Andra Marlene Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Sanders.

40 Years Ago May 26, 1966

Bobby Gibson, a graduate of Haskell High School, will receive the Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Midwestern University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oris Gibson of Haskell.

Carolyn Fischer of Haskell has been selected as a dormitory counselor for the 1966-67 school year at Texas Lutheran College, Seguin.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Smith, spoke to the Industrial Foundation and other industry-minded citizens at the Texas Cafe

visited Colorado's famed Royal George. Students were Milla Perry, Janay Morrison, Nancy Jones, Doylene New, Nelda Morrison, Beverly Gibbs, Allen Schmidt, Curtis Bittner, Ronnie Medford, Jerry Scheets and Danny Ivy.

50 Years Ago May 31, 1956

Travis Edgbert Smith was one of the Baylor University 1956 graduates to hear President Dwight Eisenhower deliver their commencement address.

Mrs. Orrie Scheets, Marie and Wayne and Mrs. May Larned, accompanied Mrs. Scheets daughter, Louise, to San Antonio. While there Mrs. Larned visited her son, Lt. Jack Larned and Mrs. Scheets with Mrs. Lloyd Bird and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Vaughn, Dimmit, and Mr. and Mrs. P.E. Vaughn, visited with their mother, Mrs. Anna Vaughn and sister, Mrs. Anna Clark, and Mrs. M.O. Brinlee of Haskell.

100 Years Ago May 26, 1906

Jefferson Johnson of Austin, representative of the Walton Estate, which owns considerable property in the original townsite of Haskell, is spending several days here on business

The directors of the Haskell Ice, Light and Water Company held a meeting and elected F.G. Alexander, president; M. Pierson, vice president; G.R. Couch, secretary and treasurer; and A.B. Strickland, manager.

Dr. A.G. Neathery and S.N. Neathery have purchased the lot on the east side of the square occupied by E.L. Adams and will begin construction of a brick building 30x180 feet.

Family Land Heritage Program apps due by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminded families who are applying for the Family Land Heritage Program that applications are due to the Texas Department of Agriculture by Fri., Sept. 15.

The Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches that have been kept in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years or more. Since the program started in 1974, more than 4,120 farms and ranches in 229 counties have been honored.

"This unique program honors the agricultural contributions of countless generations of Texans," said Combs. "These men and women have held onto their ancestors' land over the decades. enduring some challenging times.'

Applications are being accepted for farms or ranches established in 1906 and earlier that are still owned and operated by the decedents of the founder, either through blood, marriage or adoption. The land must also fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

The owners must reside in Texas and be actively managing the everyday operation of the farm or ranch. If all the land has ever been rented or leased to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres were retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, the property will still qualify.

There is no cost to apply for the recognition.

Fayette County has the most Family Land Heritage honorees with 124 properties, Houston County is next with 85 properties, Austin and Gillespie Counties are tied with 82 properties each, Medina County has 81 properties and De Witt County has 80 properties.

For an application or more information, contact Melissa Blair, 512-463-2631, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, or the application is on TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us under the "Producer Information" section and they can be obtained from the county judge's office.

AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

Consumers should proceed with caution when following up on unsolicited online advertisements, pop-up advertisem My office has received reports of people being scammed by sweepstakes offers. The reason the scam works is because of an appealing risk/reward factor. The pop-up ad will offer you a chance to enter a sweepstakes with a lucrative pay out, for a very small amount of money, in some cases just a single dollar. You will then be asked for your bank account information. When victims review their accounts, they find that there have been periodic debits of \$15-20 or more. In some cases, consumers reported being charged for two or three years.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

We would like to express our appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce and to all those who sponsored contestants and made donations to make the Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen Pageant possible.

To those who took part in the program, you did a great job! To the

former queens who helped with decorations, setting up and the program, a great big thank you!

Most of all, to all of the contestants-you are all winners! The pageant would not have been the same without each one of you! Coordinators,

WHPD Queen Pageant

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Child Support Review Process

Most divorced or never-married parents recognize the importance of maintaining cordial relationships for the good of their children. They don't want their children to suffer because mom and dad can't get along.

The Attorney General's Office, in its efforts to collect and distribute child support to families, strives to foster healthy relationships by treating the parent who pays and the parent who receives support as equal partners in doing what is best for their children.

From the AG tension between parents who already

may be at odds about the outcome of their case.

Child Support Review Process (CSRP) is a non-adversarial way parents can resolve legal issues about their child support without going to court, thereby supporting positive family relationships. That is why my office encourages parents to use the CSRP as an alternative to going to court. For mothers and fathers who qualify, CSRP is a way to unite rather than polarize parents who, though they do not live together, must find common ground for taking care of their children. Last fiscal year, more than 50,000 legal actions were resolved through CSRP.

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Once an agreement is reached, the

order resulting from the CSRP is filed with the court and reviewed by a judge. After the judge has signed it, a CSRP order is legally binding and will be enforced just as any order obtained through a court proceeding. Parents should consider CSRP because it:

•Saves time. Cases that go to court often require more than one appearance and long waits at the courthouse. With CSRP, parents schedule an appointment with the child support review officer and every effort is made to resolve the legal issues at that time. •Reduces stress. Because CSRP is less formal than a courtroom setting, parents feel more comfortable to discuss issues related to the outcome of their individual case. •Provides privacy. Court proceedings are public hearings where sensitive issues may be presented before all present in the courtroom. During the CSRP process, negotiations are conducted in the privacy of a child support office.

Bob Smith of Arlington, son of

The Senior Class of Paint Creek

were presented in recital. Jarred is a voice student of Bill Mayes and Hanson is a piano student of Billie Mayes of Stamford. **30 Years Ago**

May 27, 1976

10 Years Ago May 30, 1996 Leisa Hutchinson, Virginia Hise and Joyce Hawkins attended the annual Avon President Club banquet.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Billy

Tatum over the weekend and

attending graduation, was son

Jonathan Tatum and a friend, Candis

and family were his son and family,

Visitors for Rev. Kenneth Blair

Stacy Walker, Josh Gordy, Kelly

McCulloch and Cory Green were

honored at the Rotary Club meeting.

20 Years Ago

May 29, 1986

released by Haskell sixth graders

have been found in Oklahoma. Three

balloons released by Misti Bartley

were found near Healdton,

Oklahoma; Another balloon,

belonging to Robbye Blackburn, was

Shane Hadaway's scholastic

achievement at Angelo State

University made him eligible for

membership in Alpha Lambda Delta,

a national honor society for

Diana Jarred and Lance Hanson

found in Ringling, Oklahoma.

freshmen

Four helium filled balloons

of Texhoma, Oklahoma.

Ken Blair of Forth Worth.

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•Locating absent parents; •Establishing paternity; ·Establishing and enforcing child

support orders;

•Establishing and enforcing medical support orders;

•Reviewing and adjusting child

support payments; and ·Collecting and distributing child

support payments.

In order to establish paternity and child support orders, parents typically must make at least one trip to the courthouse, where the facts of their case are presented to a judge, who must then rule on the matter. Going to court can be a stressful experience for parents, who many times do not know what to expect from the process. The formality of legal proceedings can result in increased

CSRP is for divorced, separated or never-married parents who are willing to negotiate orders to:

•establish paternity; •set current child and medical support;

•establish visitation rights; •pay retroactive child support; obtain judgments for past due child support;

•modify child support amounts; or •enforce the payment of child support.

With CSRP, both parents meet with a child support officer in the privacy of an office to establish an order. If traveling to the office creates a hardship for either parent, the meeting can be conducted by conference call.

If you have a case with the Attorney General's Office and need more information about CSRP, contact your local child support office. To apply for child support services, call 800-252-8014, or visit our website at www.oag.state.tx.us and select "Child Support."

When surfing online, always proceed cautiously:

•Never pay a fee to enter a sweepstakes or contest of any kind.

•Never submit your bank account information online, especially in response to a pop-up ad or unsolicited email.

•If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



Diabetics need to be prepared for any type of emergency

With hurricane season and tornado season in full force, these tips are offered for people with diabetes to help limit interruption of their medical treatment if disaster strikes

People with chronic medical conditions that require daily medications are among the most vulnerable victims of natural disasters, as access to their homes, medical supplies and even medicines may be interrupted or compromised.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina last summer, people with diabetes faced particular challenges, especially patients using insulin, a hormone that the body needs for the correct use of food and energy. People using insulin need to take their medicine every day, often multiple times, to keep blood sugar levels in balance; meals and therapy routines are often carefully planned.

Stress and erratic eating patterns can change blood sugar levels, and the chaos of a disaster or catastrophic event can confuse these routines and potentially seriously affect the health of people with diabetes.Diabetes affects an estimated 194 million adults worldwide, and more than 20 million in the United States.

Patients with diabetes, especially those taking insulin injections, should make sure to have a reserve supply of medication and supplies for a period of several weeks in the event of a major disaster or evacuation. Experience with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 taught us that medical services, including pharmacies, may not be available and emergency care in shelters may lack the ability to give insulin injections. These emergency supplies should include equipment for self-monitoring of blood glucose, including test strips and monitor batteries.

As a service to help people with diabetes and their caregivers prepare for a natural disaster, these special tips are offered for Diabetes Disaster Preparation. These helpful suggestions can be applied no matter where you live, whether in a hurricane region, tornado alley, earthquake zone or elsewhere, and can be applied broadly to any medical condition.

•Ensure that your medications and supplies are stored in a defined location and can be easily gathered if you must quickly evacuate your home or place of work

•If you use insulin, keep cool packs or ice in your freezer that can be easily reached to keep your medicine cool while on the go

easy-to-reach kit that includes

•Compile an easy-to-identify, medical care Robert Gonzales **GONZALES CARPET** P. O. Box 929 Stamford, Tx CLEANING 79553 Carpet Cleaning • Upholstery Cleaning ergency Water Extraction • Expert Floor Ca Waxing Polishing & Cleaning Residential & Commercial (325) 773-2667 • (325) 773-22.

*Extra medical supplies, such as •If you are a parent of a child with svringes. cotton balls, tissues, diabetes, make sure that you clearly alcohol swabs, blood glucose testing identify which school staff members strips, blood glucose meter, lancing will assist your child in the event of an emergency device and lancets, urine ketone •If you are displaced or need to testing strips and any other items relevant to your therapy and blood evacuate, identify yourself

No one can anticipate the effect

of a natural disaster, but with proper

Thunderstorm Frequency

thunderstorms every minute over the

McRoberts of Texas A&M

University. He says the latest figures

show that on average, there are about

2,000 thunderstorms at any given

million thunderstorms every year,"

McRoberts points out. "In the United

States, there are about 100,000

thunderstorms every year, but only

about 10 percent of those are

classified as severe. But those

thunderstorms are enough to produce

"That comes out to about 16

moment of the day year round.

world?

Q: Is it true that there hundreds of

A: Very true, says Brent

sugar monitoring immediately as a person with *An empty hard plastic bottle to diabetes and report any related dispose of syringes and lancets conditions so that authorities can *Small cooler to store your provide for proper medical care

insulin while away from refrigeration

*Pen and small notebook to record blood sugars *Extra pair of glasses (if you wear

glasses) *Extra copies of prescriptions and

health insurance cards *Emergency medical information

and emergency contact list, including your caregiver's and physicians' names and phone numbers. If you are a parent of a child with diabetes, keep a copy of the physician's orders for your child's care on file with the school, as well as in your disaster kit

*Up-to-date glucagon emergency kit (if using insulin) and fast-acting carbohydrate (such as glucose tablets or orange juice)

*Non-perishable items such as granola bars, unsweetened cereal, hard candies, peanut butter and crackers, and water

*Typical emergency items such as a First Aid kit, flashlight, whistle, matches and candles, radio with batteries, and work gloves

•Keep the kit up-to-date and ensure you have enough supplies to last at least a week

•Keep something containing sugar with you at all times in case you develop low blood sugar

•Maintain your meal plan to the best of your ability and keep hydrated. However, food and water supplies can often become contaminated during a disaster and it may be necessary to boil water before drinking

•Monitor your blood sugar frequently and record your numbers Increase your food intake during

periods of excessive physical exertion (such as lifting heavy objects or walking longer-than-usual distances) by eating appropriate snacks between meals

•Wear shoes at all times and examine your feet often, as people with diabetes are more vulnerable to developing infections. If you have a foot wound, seek medical attention immediately

•If you are relocated or affected by a disaster, call your doctors as soon as possible to touch base and maintain the continuity of your

KERRI NEWTON

All-Star game to feature Haskell seniors preparation and care, people with diabetes can survive and manage their disease with limited Haskell Indians Josh Barbee and interruption while dealing with the aftermath of a disaster. Taking the time to prepare now may make a huge difference in an emergency.

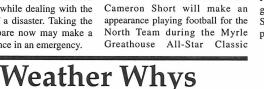
Fellowship of Christian Athletes will cheer for the game. game to be played June 3 at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

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Kerri Newton, Indian cheerleader,

The fund-raiser for the FCA will feature almost 90 high school seniors

from around the Big Country playing one last high school football game.



about 1,200 tornadoes every year."

mentioned, McRoberts adds.

nicknamed 'the rain city.'

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Siren Testing

thunderstorms?

Q: Which country has the most

A: Two places are often

"One is in Kampala, Uganda,

which lies near the equator. Another

is the city of Bogor on the island of

Java. Both have a thunderstorm

almost every day. Bogor is

the most thunderstorms of any state,

and Key West appears to get more

than its share. It averages about 65

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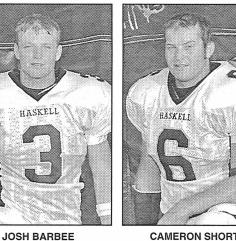
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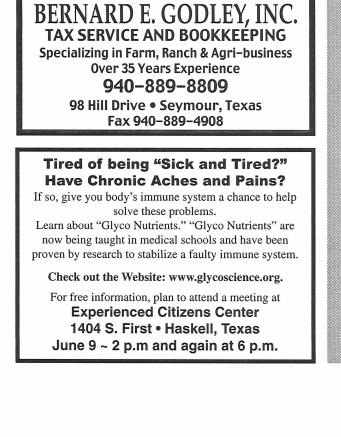
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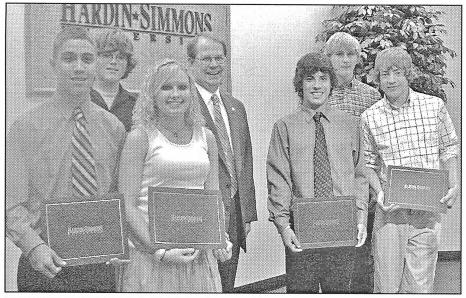
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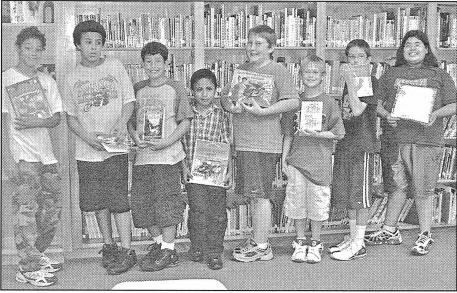






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Hardin-Simmons University during the Gold Carpet banquet. Honored were, I-r, Austin Flores, Brady Baitz, Kortney Kupatt, HSU President, Dr. Craig Turner, Cory Flores, Mathew Turner and Ryan Pace, Clay Morrow and Celeste Caddell. Kade Kittley.

TOP RANKING JUNIORS-Rule High School's top ranking Juniors were invited to and honored by TOP READERS-Rule Elementary students who had at least 100 points this year for Accelerated Reading are, I-r, Darryl Williams, Isaac Banks, Christopher Lewis, Abel Sandavol, Daniel Turner,

Nosquitoes not only irritating; but disease-causing

by Wes Utley CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

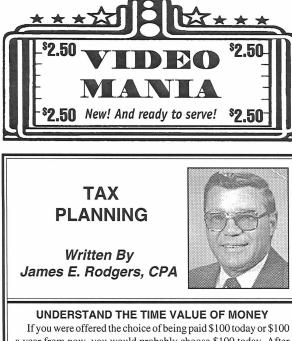
Mosquitoes are among the most important insect pests affecting the health of people and animals. Biting female mosquitoes not only irritate people and animals, but they can also transmit many disease-causing organisms.

Annoying populations of mosquitoes can occur anywhere in Texas because there are habitats favorable for mosquito species almost everywhere in the state.

To control mosquitoes effectively, it helps to understand their life cycle, to be able to identify the various kinds of mosquitoes, and to know what steps work best for the different species and specific locations.

Mosquitoes have four distinct stages during their life cycle: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. The adult stage is free-flying; the other stages are aquatic.

The length of time that a mosquito takes to complete its life cycle varies



a year from now, you would probably choose \$100 today. After all, even at today's lower interest rates on savings accounts, your \$100 could earn \$3 or more over the next year. This simple example illustrates an important concept: that the value of money changes with time. A dollar received today is worth more than a dollar received a year from now-and is worth even more than a dollar received five years from now.

There are at least three reasons why today's dollar is more

according to food availability, weather conditions and the species of mosquito.

Under favorable conditions, some mosquitoes can complete their entire life cycle in only 8-10 days.

Eggs: In warm water, the eggs may hatch in 2-3 days. Some mosquito eggs can remain dormant in dry conditions for many months.

Larva: The next cycle from the egg, also called the "wiggler," there are three body sections: a small head. an enlarged thorax, and an abdomen. Wigglers live only in water.

Pupa: The pupal stage is the transitional stage between the mosquito larvae, which live in the water, and the adults, which live on land. At this stage, they are often called "tumblers" because of their tumbling motion in water when they are disturbed.

Adults: Adult mosquitoes have wings. Male mosquitoes feed mainly on nectar, plant juices and other sources of liquid carbohydrates.

Female mosquitoes also feed periodically on nectar, plant sap and other sources of plant carbohydrates for energy.

However, the females of most species must have a blood meal as a source of protein before they can produce eggs. Shortly after mating the male mosquitoes die. Adult female mosquitoes typically live for about a week to a month, depending on several environmental factors.

The mouth parts of female mosquitoes are complex and form a prominent beak or proboscis. When a mosquito takes a blood meal, it uses its mouthparts to puncture the skin of the host and feed directly from the capillaries (small blood vessels). As it feeds, the mosquito injects a small amount of saliva into the wound before drawing blood. The saliva

makes penetration easier and prevents the blood from clotting during feeding. In most cases, the itching and swelling caused by the saliva subside within a few hours.

To reduce mosquito problems,

eliminate breeding sites for larva by: •Reducing standing water that provides breeding sites. Eliminate containers such as old tires, buckets, cans and bottles that collect and hold rainwater and become good breeding sites for mosquitoes. Drain water from flower pots, bird baths, rain gutters, rain barrels, pet dishes, livestock watering troughs, etc. at least once a week.

•Emptying your plastic wading pool weekly and store it indoors by:

when not in use. •Filling holes or depressions in

trees with sand or mortar, or drain them after each rain by drilling holes in the trees

•Repairing leaky pipes and outside faucets. Reduce adult mosquito

populations by:

•Mowing tall grass or reduce the amount of brush and other foliage in your area to reduce the resting sites for adult mosquitoes.

•For temporary relief in yards or high traffic areas, use fog treatments or surface treatments of insecticides that are labeled for that use and apply them following directions on the product label.

Avoid contact with mosquitoes

•Using screening in your homes and pet kennels. Keep the screens in good repair and be sure that they seal around the frames of the door or window

•Scheduling outdoor activities during times when mosquitoes are not active. Mosquito species that are active at dusk and dawn can often be avoided. Species that bite throughout the day are more difficult to avoid.

•Wear long, loose-fitting clothing to avoid mosquito bites, use hea nets when mosquitoes are very abundant.

•Using repellents whenever in a mosquito infested location. Products that contain DEET have been shown to be the most reliable repellents.

•For short-term relief in outdoor areas such as patios and picnic areas, use citronella candles or dunks as a deterrent.

·Protecting your pets with drugs that eliminate heartworm.



Recent news reports have touted the potential benefits of vitamin D. But many myths about vitamin D and sun exposure abound, leaving the average American confused over the contradictory messages. Changing their behavior based on these myths can lead people to increase their risk of developing skin cancer, one of the most common cancers.

"While the potential benefits of vitamin D are still unknown and more scientific studies need to be done, we do know without a doubt that overexposure to UV radiation- from either natural (sun) or artificial sources (tanning beds)-causes skin cancer," says dermatologist Barbara A. Gilchrest, M.D., professor and chair of the department of dermatology at Boston University School of Medicine. "It's important

UV radiation and vitamin D so that they can make informed choices about their health."

Myth: People who use sunscreen are at risk of having a vitamin D deficiency.

Fact: Even when used correctly, sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15, the minimum recommended by the American Academy of Dermatology (Academy), deflects or absorbs 93 percent of the sun's UVB rays and allows 7 percent to penetrate skin.

Recent reports indicate that although the public may be using sunscreen, it is being incorrectly applied, used far too sparingly, and is therefore not as effective as it should be, usually well less than half as effective. "The average person requires one ounce of sunscreen, that people understand the facts about enough to fill a shot glass, to

adequately cover the exposed areas of the body," advises Dr. Gilchrest. "However, the majority of people don't use enough sunscreen to receive the level of protection that is indicated on the package. Many people also fail to apply sunscreen at least 15-30 minutes before going outdoors in order to allow it to be completely absorbed into the skin, and they neglect to re-apply it every two hours or after swimming."

Myth: If spending a little time in the sun allows the skin to produce vitamin D, then the more time, the better.

Fact: Maximum production of vitamin D occurs after brief exposure to UV radiation. The exact amount of time depends on many factors including geographic location, time of day, time of year, and skin type. Any additional vitamin D that the body produces will not be stored for future use.

"Most people, especially Caucasians, get more than enough incidental sun exposure to manufacture the vitamin D they need, so there is no reason to intentionally seek the sun," says Dr. Gilchrest. "Without a sunscreen, a fair-skinned child or adult will maximize the skin's vitamin D production while running a brief errand or standing briefly in the yard."

Myth: The only way you can get vitamin D is through sun exposure.

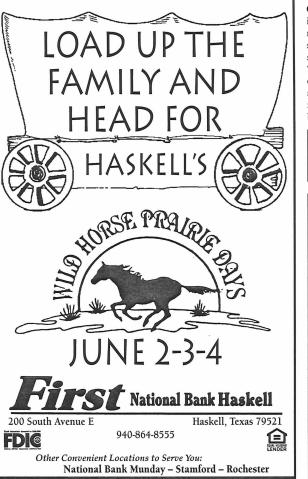
Fact: If you are concerned that you're not getting enough vitamin D, there are safe and effective ways to obtain it without intentionally exposing yourself to the sun. Both milk and orange juice are fortified with vitamin D and oral supplements are available overthe-counter. Additionally, foods that are good sources of vitamin D include salmon. tuna, sardines, eggs, beef liver and Swiss cheese.

Myth: More people will be diagnosed with breast, colorectal and lung cancer due to vitamin D deficiency than will be diagnosed with skin cancer due to exposure to UV radiation.

Fact: In 2006, approximately 500,000 people will be diagnosed with breast, colorectal or lung cancer, according to the American Cancer Society, while more than one million people will be diagnosed with skin cancer.

"I would advise anyone who is confused by conflicting reports of the health benefits of sunlight, whether in conjunction with vitamin D production or otherwise, to remember that nearly 8,000 people will die from skin cancer this year and UV radiation is the most preventable risk factor," states Dr. Gilchrest.

For more information about skin



valuable. First, it can be invested to earn interest or dividends, as in the example above. Second, future dollars may have their value eroded by inflation. Third, the further into the future a payment is due, the greater the risk or uncertainty associated with receiving

The concept of the time value of money is important in many personal and business financial decisions. For example, you may have to choose between receiving a lump sum from a pension plan or a stream of payments in the future. In your business, you may be deciding whether to buy a new piece of equipment which will bring increased revenues in future years. Both of these decisions involve comparing the value of present and future dollars.

Finance professionals have developed a technique called 'present value" for making such comparisons. The technique involved "discounting" the value of future dollars to reduce them to their equivalent value in current dollars. If you're about to enter into any financial arrangement that requires you to pay money over time, or entitles you to receive periodic payments, time value could be an important issue. Before you sign on the dotted line, let us help you work through the numbers.

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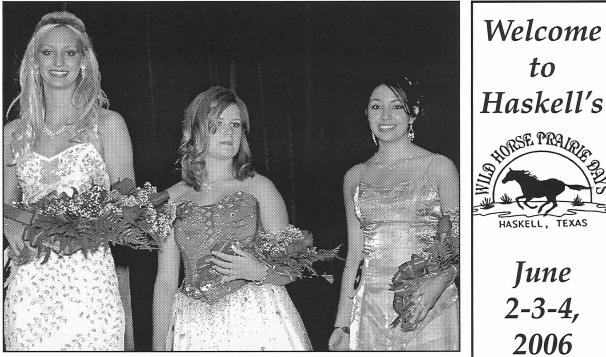




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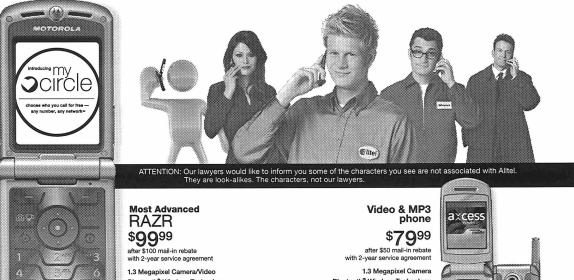


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MAGICAL TRIP-Haskell G/T students recently enjoyed the artistic and magical talents of David Copperfield at the Civic Center in Abilene. The students were amazed at all of his tricks, especially when he made a car appear on stage. The elementary G/T class attending included, back row, I-r, Debbie Miller, sponsor; Cole Casey, Shelton Toliver, Chase Gibson, Alyssa Abila, Emily Fouts and Kymbre Kupatt; seated, Jasmine Klose, Carson Hadaway, Garrett Brueggeman, Lynna Billington, Isaac Echols, Claire Carmichael and Mackenzie Thomas.



SECOND PLACE WINNERS-The Haskell Hoopsters placed second at the Sweetwater Classic Annual Basketball Tournament recently. Team members are, I-r, Lonnie Alvarez, Brittany Baker, Brie' Torres, Amy Muniz, Aubrey Bassett, Ashley Meier, Jordan Burson and Miranda Johnson.

Hoopsters place second

The Haskell Hoopsters played in the Sweetwater Classic Annual Basketball Tournament May 6-7 and

brought home second place medals. The eight team members played three games on the first day of the tournament.

They defeated a Wylie Junior High team, but lost to the Abilene Select team. A double overtime game between Wylie and Stamford ended with Stamford in the win column meaning Haskell would meet Stamford in the final game.

The two teams had met previously in a spring tournament with Stamford earning the win. A will to win and good teamwork proved to help the Haskell team go ahead early in the game, maintain the lead and defeat the strong Stamford team.

earned a berth in the championship game on May 7 against the Abilene Select team. These 'select' girls are from various Abilene schools and practice together to form a talented group of athletes.

The Hoopsters pulled together and showed a great effort against them, but came up short on the scoreboard, receiving second place medals and lots of valuable basketball experience for their efforts.

Members of the Hoopsters team are Aubrey Bassett, Jordan Burson, Amy Muniz, Brie Torres, Lonnie Alvarez, Miranda Johnson, Brittany Baker and Ashley Meier. Coaches are With the two wins, the Hoopsters Missy Burson and Kim Bassett.

This Week's Devotional Message:



-HASKELL-

LET US HEAR IT FOR ALL OUR GOOD YOUNG PEOPLE

Unfortunately, it's the boy who sets fire to the school library or the young person rushed to the hospital with a drug overdose who makes the headlines; overshadowing the vast majority of our good teenagers who just study hard, help around the house, find afterschool jobs, excel at sports or win scholastic honors and stay out of trouble. This has caused many parents a great deal of needless

anxiety about the direction which their own children will take, for the evil temptations are indeed waiting out there. However, by providing a harmonious and positive home life with the right mixture of love, understanding and firm guidelines, reinforced by the teachings at our house of worship, we can be assured that our nation will be in good hands when our young generation inherits it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

East Side Baptist Church Danny Manross, pastor Sun. 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, Haskel Church of God Bruce Ray, pastor Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m 714 North First East, Haskell Trinity Lutheran Church Ron Rennegarbe, pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Art Flores, Interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 607 S. 7th, Haskell First United Methodist Church Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 201 N. Ave, F. Haskel 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 George Roney Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell Church of Christ Jim Yates, minister Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell First Presbyterian Church Kelly Pigott, interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell **Trinity Baptist Church** Tony Grand, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 :30 p. 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell Hopewell Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell Greater Independent Baptist Church

New Covenant Foursquare Bill and Renee Glass, pastors Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p. 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 Greg Gasaway, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 301 N. Ave. E, Haskel Church in the Park Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. Gazebo or Pavillion Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church Dr. Larry Nail, pastor Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. 1600 N. First St., Haskell -WEINERT-First Baptist Church J. C. Baker, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m. Weinert Weinert Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Harrison Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

Weinert -ROCHESTER-Church of Christ Steve Wilis, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. West on Main Street Bocheste First Baptist Church Jim Davis, pastor Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m. 500 Main, Rochester Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Rochester Faith Chapel of Rochester Katherine Byrd, minister Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Hwy 6, Rochester First United Methodist Church Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor

-SAGERTON-Sagerton Methodist Church Terry O'Rear, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Sagerton Faith Lutheran Church Deborah Nissen, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Sagerton

-RULE-First Baptist Church Josh Stowe, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 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 Terry O'Rear, pastor Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m. 1000 Union Ave., Rule Primera Iglesia Bautista Alfa y Omegs Manuel Marin, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 500 Elm Street, Rule Sweet Home Baptist Church Bill Trice, pastor Sun. Morn.11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 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

> -O'BRIEN----O'Brien Baptist Church Jim Reid, pastor

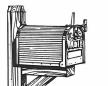
Wildfire risk is heightened

worst wildfire seasons on record this year, with 19 lives lost since last fall, and Texas Forest Service responding to 1,873 fires for 1,343,914 acres since December 1, 2005.

With summer activities approaching, state fire officials are concerned about the increasing threat of wildfires due to the continued extreme dryness in the state.

"Some areas of the state have grasses turning green where rain has occurred," said Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator with Texas Forest Service. "However, we are also seeing the transition of the green grasses turning into heat-stressed dry vegetation due to the higher temperatures and lack of rainfall in many regions."

Texas Forest Service Predictive specialists are watching several areas of the state very carefully, including the western part of the Panhandle and Southeast Texas. Spencer said that the western portions of Texas are experiencing wildfires on a regular basis, such as the Devil's Canyon fire in Jeff Davis County this week in which 4,000 acres have burned so far.



Texas is experiencing one of its The eastern two-thirds of the state has seen varying amounts of rain resulting in grasses turning green; however, even the green grass is taking on a decidedly drier look in the face of continued hot, dry Texas weather.

> "With these conditions, outdoor burning is going to become more risky. We could see an increasing frequency of other accidental starts along the roadsides, as well as those due to escaped debris burning and equipment use are increasing in frequency," Spencer added.

> Texas Forest Service recommends that campers, hikers and picnickers take extra safety measures with outdoor fire use all across the state to prevent senseless wildfires. Some safety tips to make outdoor activities safer and more enjoyable include:

•Check to make sure that there is not a ban on outdoor burning;

•Make sure spark arresters and mufflers on all outdoor equipment are in good working order;

•When grilling outdoors, make sure barbecue coals and ashes are cold to the touch, then dispose of properly. Avoid using barbecue pits and grills over dry vegetation;

•Travelers should watch where they park their vehicles and avoid parking in areas where hot vehicle pollution control equipment could come into contact with vegetation beneath vehicles;

•Build campfires in open, level



spots away from trees and overhanging branches. Keep fires small and extinguish them cold to the touch before leaving;

•Campers, hikers and other outdoor users who smoke need to dispose of smoking materials properly, either by using their vehicle ashtrays or by crushing smokes and matches dead out in bare mineral soil; •Postpone all debris burning during periods of high to extreme fire danger. Even when conditions improve, avoid burning trash and

other debris on dry, windy days.

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Ranch Rodeo

The eleventh annual Wild Horse Prairie Days ranch rode will be held June 2-4 sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and sanctioned by the Working Ranch Cowboy Association, headquartered in Amarillo. The winner of this rodeo has a chance to compete in the National Finals Rodeo in Amarillo held in November.

Twenty area ranches include the 6666, Pitchfork, R.A. Brown and Tongue River ranches will provide top entertainment with some of the toughest competition in the nation. In 2005, the top three places in the

rodeo were separated by one point with the Tongue River Ranch named winners.

Other events scheduled during the weekend are a western art show. chuckwagon meals, ranch horse competition, cutting horse event, vendors, and a children's rodeo headed by Pokey the Clown. Jake Hooker will perform for the western dance on Saturday night. Jeff Gore will conduct the cowboy church services on Sunday morning.

For more information, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 940-864-2477.

White Horses will ride in the parade

along with Rob Brown of the R.A.

Art Contest

The Brazos West Art Association and B-K Electric will sponsor an art competition during the Wild Horse Prairie Days ranch rodeo at the Haskell Civic Center. Entries of original work will be

open to all artists and will be accepted Fri., June 2 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Divisions include miniatures (unframed maximum 5"x7"), landscapes, still life, sculptures, wood working and carving, handcrafted leather items (no saddles), youth (18 years and under), portraits, photography, class work, hitched hair and braided items, handcrafted spurs, bits buckles and metal art.

best of show, first place in each division, second place in each division, third place in each division and ribbons given for first, second,

third and honorable mention places. All paintings and photographs must be wired for hanging with no saw tooth hangers allowed. Picture size is limited to 48" either way. Each entry must have information on the back including the artist's name and address. Divisions may be combined depending on the number of entries. The show opens for viewing Fri.,

June 2 at 1 p.m. with artwork on display through Sat., June 3 at 6 p.m.

For more information call 940-886-3122 or 422-3152.

WHPD Calendar

Ranch horse cutting The Sam 'Snaky' Graves Memorial Ranch Horse Cutting is set for 8 a.m. June 2 at the Haskell Arena.

WHPD trail rides

The Committee to Help Haskell County will host a trail ride in conjunction with Wild Horse Prairie Days June 2-4. Friday's ride is free to all and will consist of a 3-4 hour ride from Wild Horse Knob outside of town. Riders will ride into town in time to ride their horses in the parade. The Saturday/Sunday ride is open to all who are interested. The trail ride will be held at the Sanders Ranch Sat. from 9-5 and on Sunday morning. For more information on either event. contact Susan at the County Judge's office at 940-864-2851. Chuckwagon meal

A chuckwagon meal will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the pavilion area June 2 and 3. Tickets are \$3 for children and \$7 for adults.

Ranch rodeo

\$5 each. Vendors will be indoors and outdoors at the Civic Center June 2-3. A dance will be held Admission is \$10.

Ranch horse competition

The Wild Horse Prairie Days ranch horse competition will be held Sat., June 3 at 7:30 a.m. with divisions in cowboy, ranch hand, junior and senior. Children's rodeo

The Wild Horse Prairie Days children's rodeo will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sat., June 3. Cookoff

The Wild Horse Prairie Days brisket, rib and chicken cookoff will be held all day Sat., June 3 at the pavilion.

Cowboy breakfast

A cowboy breakfast will be held Sun., June 4 at 7 a.m. at the pavilion courtesy of the Methodist men of Haskell. The breakfast will be followed at 8 a.m. by a cowboy church service with Jeff Gore serving as speaker. Everyone is invited to bring their families to both the breakfast and church service. The church service will dismiss in time for those attending to attend their own Sunday services







June 2 at 5 p.m. according to parade Brown Ranch, who will serve as chairman Lorie Rodriquez. grand marshal. To enter, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 864-2477 or drop by the Chamber office to fill out an entry

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The Wild Horse Prairie Days

Ranch Rodeo parade will be held Fri.,

The Committee to Help Haskell County has organized a trail ride to begin at Wild Horse Knob on Friday beginning at 10 a.m. The ride will end in Haskell to join the parade at 5 p.m.

Pokey's Jr. Ranch Rodeo

Parade, Trail Rides

Pokey the Clown will be on hand to host the Wild Horse Prairie Days Junior Ranch Rodeo June 2-3 in Haskell.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo is the creation of Doug 'Pokey the Clown' Smith of Panhandle. This event is mirrored after the adult ranch rodeo, but geared to involve young people ages four through sixteen.

Under the National WRCA circuit, with which the Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo is affiliated, the Junior Ranch Rodeo is designed for the entertainment of children and to enable them to experience some of the skills used by real working ranch cowboys. The activities encourage the youngsters to work together in teams to accomplish competitive goals.

Team events for the Junior Rodeo will include a Pony Express Race,



awarded to the winning team in each age division, along with an invitation to advance to compete in the National WRCA Junior Rodeo in



Monetary awards will be given for