

Calendar

Office to be closed

The Haskell Free Press office will be closed Thursday afternoon, Aug. 3.

Society to meet

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

Football tunnel

Haskell Indian Booster Club members are seeking donations from businesses, individuals and Haskell-Mattson-Rochester-Weinert exes to purchase a blow up entry football helmet and tunnel for the Haskell Indians to run through at the football games. The tunnel must be ordered by July 28 to be in use at the first football game. Any donation would be appreciated. Contact Vicki Adams at 940-864-4953 or 864-5357 after 5 p.m. or leave a message. Donations may be mailed to Haskell Booster Club, 301 Addison Drive, Haskell, Texas 79521

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., July 27 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Nat'l Night Out

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. invite Haskell County residents to National Night Out, Tues., Aug. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Haskell Fire Station. The event is an opportunity for the public to visit with fire department members on a non-emergency basis.

Concert

First Baptist Church in Haskell will present the Aten Family (Sherman, Tammy, Josh and Brooke) in concert Sun., July 30 at 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken.

Concert

East Side Baptist Church, 600 N. First East in Haskell, will present The Brazos Boys, a popular Southern gospel quartet of Abilene, in concert Sun., July 30 at 7 p.m. A love offering will be taken. For more information, call 864-2738.

Brisket dinner

A brisket dinner will be served Fri., July 28 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost of the meal, consisting of brisket, baked potato, beans, dessert and drink, is \$6 per plate. A bake sale will also be held. Proceeds will benefit Jamaica Queen candidate Tabitha Lerma for the church. Deliveries will be available by calling 864-3171 or 256-2366 to order.

Storm sirens

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

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 through 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.

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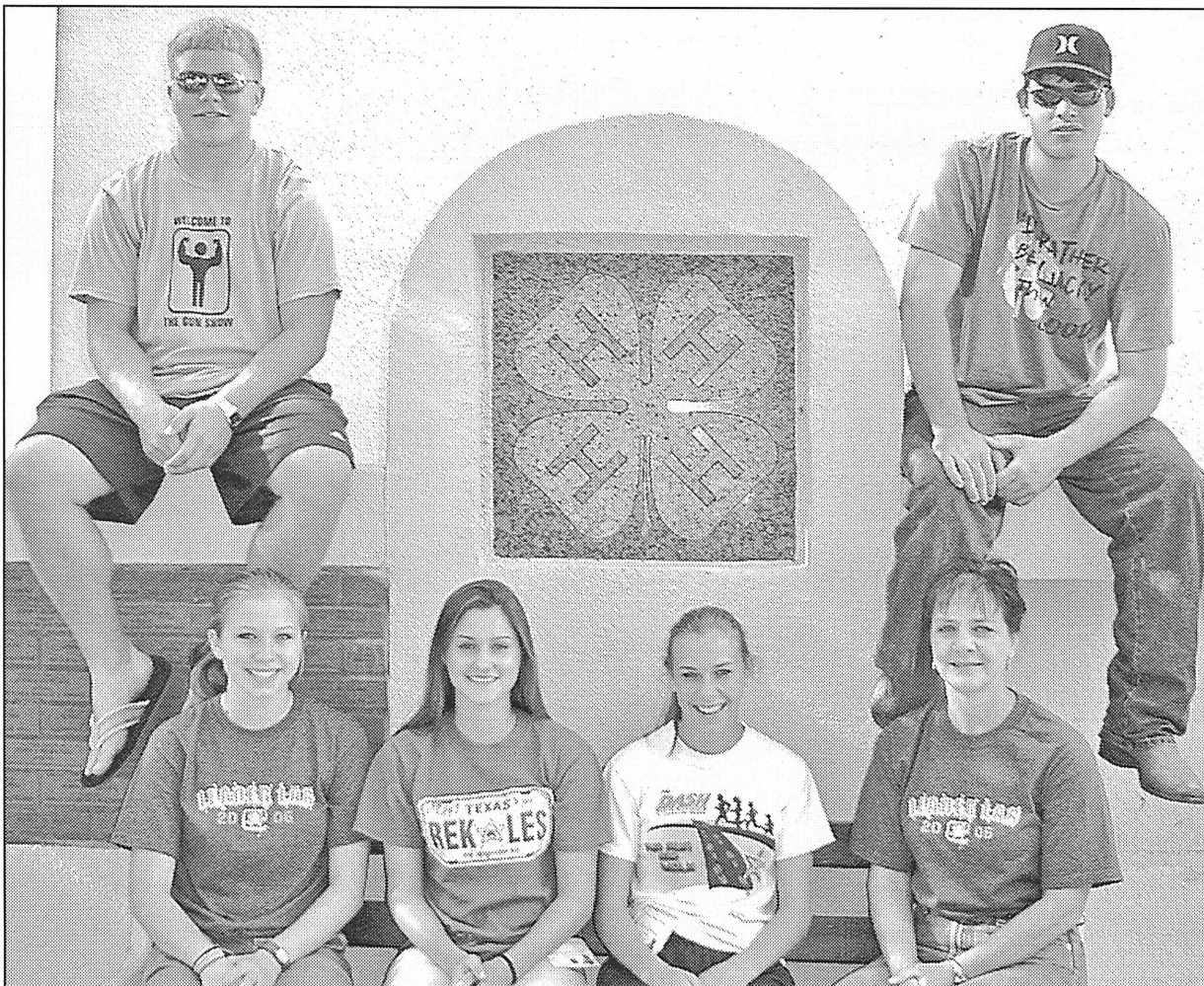
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4-H LEADER LAB—Five Haskell County individuals attended the annual regional 4-H Leadership Lab held June 19-21 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood including top, l-r, Emery Dudensing

and Kiel Rowan and front, Molly Dudensing, elected 2nd vice president, Gay Lynn Gary, Kate Rowan and Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent-FCS.

4-H'ers attend leader lab

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County

"Walk the Plank, Matey...to Teen Leader Lab 2006" was the theme of the annual regional 4-H Leadership lab held June 19-21 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood.

Five Haskell County 4-H youth participated in the three day event to develop and enhance their leadership skills. A variety of leadership development workshops and team building activities were conducted each day with the evenings devoted to recreational activities.

District 3 4-H Council officers were also elected during the lab. 4-H members desiring to serve on the district 4-H Council had to submit an application, interview with a panel of judges and present a speech. Selection was based on the application, interview and popular vote.

Molly Dudensing, Haskell County 4-H member, was elected as 2nd vice president. She will serve a one year term and be responsible for helping to plan and conduct 4-H activities and events across the twenty-four counties comprising the district.

Others participating in the leadership lab were Kiel Rowan, Emery Dudensing, Gay Lynn Gary, Kate Rowan and County Extension Agent/FCS—Jane Rowan.

Families to save during annual sales tax holiday

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has announced that Texas' annual opportunity to shop tax-free for clothes and shoes is coming up Aug. 4-6. Strayhorn predicted Texas

families will save \$49 million in sales taxes during the eighth annual Sales Tax Holiday. The estimated savings include \$38.5 million in state sales tax and \$10.5 million in local sales

taxes.

"I love the Sales Tax Holiday," Strayhorn said. "It's the one time hard-working Texans keep their money in their pockets for their families' priorities."

"This tax break is real and it is available to everyone," Strayhorn said. "Families save about \$8 for every \$100 they spend on school clothes for the kids and new outfits for mom and dad."

"I have repeatedly asked the Legislature to add backpacks and school supplies to the Sales Tax Holiday, along with kids' safety gear such as bicycle helmets and car safety seats, and also sewing supplies such

as fabric, buttons and zippers for families that make their clothes," Strayhorn said.

"Regrettably, the Legislature has not acted upon my recommendations, and requests from parents across this state, to add backpacks and school supplies to the Sales Tax Holiday to help reduce the cost of getting the kids ready for back-to-school," Strayhorn said.

"And I want to extend the Sales Tax Holiday from three days to five days, so we don't have a three-day traffic jam," Strayhorn said. "I also support creating a second Sales Tax Holiday during December to help families stretch their holiday

shopping budgets. And I want to ease the sticker shock of buying college textbooks by exempting them from sales tax year round."

During the Sales Tax Holiday, most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 are tax-free. Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free Aug. 4-6 include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes and work uniforms, shoes—including tennis shoes, socks and underwear. Items that cannot be purchased tax-free include handbags and wallets, jewelry, accessories and athletic shoes, uniforms and safety gear. Backpacks and school supplies are not exempt from sales tax.

Elementary to register

Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students to the district Thurs., Aug. 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the elementary library. This registration is also for any students that did not pre-register in the spring for Prekindergarten or Kindergarten and for students that have attended Haskell Elementary in the past, but did not finish the 2005-06 school year at Haskell Elementary.

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

Registration and Back to School Night for all Haskell Elementary students will be held Tues., Aug. 8 and Thurs., Aug. 10. On Tues., Aug. 8 students in 3rd and 4th grades will

register at 5:30 and students in 5th and 6th grades will register at 6:30. On Thurs., Aug. 10, students in Head Start, Early Childhood and Kindergarten will register at 5:30, Prekindergarten students will register from 5:30-7:30 and students in 1st and 2nd grades will register at 6:30. Parents are encouraged to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork.

Homeroom lists will be posted at the time of registration.

School begins Mon., Aug. 14. Classes will begin at 8:00. Kindergarten through 6th grades will dismiss at 3:15. Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:00 the first three weeks of school (Aug. 14-Sept. 1).

Rochester Jr. High to register

Haskell CISD Rochester Junior High will hold registration for students in grades seven and eight Tues., Aug. 1 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Rochester Campus. Parents and students may also take a tour of the Junior High campus following

registration.

If you cannot attend registration Aug. 1, come by the Junior High campus weekdays from 8:30 to 4:00 to pick up your registration packet. For more information, please call the Rochester Junior High campus at 940-743-3260.

Residents invited to Fire Dept.'s National Night Out

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. invite Haskell County residents to National Night Out, Tues., Aug. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Haskell Fire Station.

The event is an opportunity for the public to visit with fire department

members on a non-emergency basis.

A fire extinguisher demonstration, the famous 'Pop and Bang' show which demonstrates fire dangers found in household items, and fire prevention tips are planned for the evening.



STORY TIME ENDS—The last session of 'Reading-Sport of Champions' was held at the Haskell County Library Thurs., July 20. Participating were l-r, Kylie Adams, Shady Dunlap, Paula Rennegarbe, coordinator, and Ashley Adams.

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by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
Factors affecting price in special replacement heifer sales

Missouri researchers evaluated prices of 2950 bred heifers in 929 lots sold through Show-Me-Select spring and fall sales from 2001 through 2004. Heifers in these sales must be producer-raised or owned at least 60 days before breeding (with complete information on original breeder); conform to prescribed health and vaccination protocols; be dehorned and without scurs; have complete service-sire EPDs (with requirements on birth weight or calving ease), weigh at least 800 lbs., be in BCS of 5 to 8, be evaluated for pelvic area and reproductive tract score, and be free of physical defects or

Beef Cattle Browsing

undesirable disposition. Average price was \$1080/hd. (2005 average was \$1349), average weight was 1033 lbs., 36% of heifers were AI-sired, and 86% were Angus or Angus-cross. Factors significantly (P<.05) affecting price were: heifer weight; calf EPDs for birth, yearling, milk, and marbling; lot size; and position in the sale. Factors tending (P<.05 to .10) to affect price were: type of sire service; expected calving date; and calf ribeye EPD. Buyers paid more for heavier heifers, sold in larger lots, and sold more toward the middle of the sale. Prices tended to be higher for heifers expected to calve earliest and those sired by AI. Heifers sold for more when their calves were predicted to have higher birth, lower yearling, lower milk and higher marbling EPDs, and tended to pay more for higher calf ribeye EPD. Heavier calf weaning EPD positively, but not significantly, increased heifer price.

Average lot size was 3.13 heifers, with a maximum of 7 head. Average beef herd size in Missouri is 35 cows, so these sales appear to target average producers. Since such producers probably sell calves mostly at weaning and retain few heifers, it is not surprising that they did not pay more (and, in fact, paid less) for higher yearling and milk EPDs of their calves. These heifers were screened for factors contributing to calving difficulty (light body weight and small pelvic area), so buyers evidently felt that birth EPD was not important.

The authors stated, "This research found that quality developed heifers bred to sires with superior carcass quality genetics EPD demand premiums." However, in view of the small average herd numbers in the state, the apparent targeting of such herds in these sales, and the high probability that these herds sell calves at weaning through traditional markets, it is difficult to see why such producers should emphasize carcass genetics. If such emphasis is being given it generally should not be, as there is likely little if any opportunity to be rewarded. (Prof. Anim. Sci. 22:217)

Effect of heat synchronization of Brahman-cross cows

Arkansas researchers studied effects of treatment with progesterone via CIDR (controlled internal drug-releasing device) for seven days followed by prostaglandin administration. Compared to control cows, the treatment resulted in increased number of mounts, improved synchronization, higher first-service conception, decreased interval to first estrus, and possibly induction of estrous cycles in anestrus individuals. So, this method may offer benefits other than synchronizing heat. (J. Animal Sci. 84:1916)

Sickness in the feedyard

Data continue to accumulate revealing the effect of sickness on fed cattle. New Mexico and Texas researchers analyzed four years of feedout data involving 813 steers, of which 22 percent were treated for sickness at least once. Animals were classified as never being treated (NT), treated once (T1), or treated two or more times (T2+). Compared to sick cattle (average of T1 and T2+), NT gained 0.28 lbs./day more, cost of gain was \$0.15/lb. less, carcass value was \$0.10/lb. higher, and net income was \$176/hd. higher.

Compared to T2+, T1 gained 0.24 lbs./day more, cost of gain was \$0.15/lb. less, carcass value was \$0.09/lb. higher, and net income was \$184 higher. (J. Animal Sci. 84:12, Supple. 1)

Effect of sire weight and SC on heifers

New Mexico researchers studied purebred Brangus heifers sired by three groups of sires: high yearling EPD-low scrotal circumference EPD (HL); low yearling-high SC (LH); and moderate yearling-moderate SC (MM). LH-sired heifers were significantly lighter at both weaning and yearling. Postweaning ADG was

not different. Postweaning, MM ate less feed daily and LH had poorer feed efficiency. At puberty, MM were 42 days younger and 71 lbs. lighter than LH and 54 days younger and 104 lbs. lighter than HL.

Pregnancy percentages were: HL-71.4; LH-75.0; MM-87.5. It appears that, as in many things biological, moderation may be best. (Prof. Anim Sci. 22:48)

Ractopamine for fed cattle

Six research studies out of Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Mexico, Nebraska and South Dakota examined effects of feeding ractopamine (Optaflexx®).

Depending on the study, treatment was with 100, 200, or 300 mg./hd./day from 28 to 42 days before slaughter, and one study included stepping up levels every 14 days from 100 to 200 to 300 mg./day. In one study, there were no statistically significant differences between treated and control animals in feeding performance. In four studies ractopamine significantly increased weight gain, and tended to do so in another study.

Feed efficiency was significantly improved in the three studies measuring that variable. There were no significant differences in any carcass characteristics, qualitative or compositional, in any study. (J. Animal Sci. 84:123-124, 220-222, Supple. 1)

Calving difficulty vs. rebreeding

Georgia researchers studied the effect of calving difficulty on subsequent conception rate (up to 90 days after calving) in field data from Canadian purebred Charolais herds.

Calving was scored as no difficulty (1), some assistance or abnormal presentation (2), or hard pull or surgery (3). Compared to cows scoring 1, those scoring 2 were 3% less likely to conceive and those scoring 3 were 11% less likely.

In addition to the adverse effects on calf survival, calving difficulty also impacts reproductive efficiency. (J. Animal Sci. 84:275, Supple. 1)

Watermelon festival

With the theme of "There's No Place Like Home," The Knox City Donald Johnson Memorial 18th Annual Seedless Watermelon Festival and Classic Car Show, will be held July 28-29.

The parade will start at 7:00 p.m. Friday, with all entries lining up at Knox City High School at 6:30. Trophies will be given for Most Original; Best Decorated Bike, Car, Golf Cart, (anything with wheels); You've Got to be Kidding; Best Decorated Walking Float, (anything with legs); Best Business Float; Best Out of Town Float. Each float must have a watermelon: drawn, real or fake.

Following the parade will be a dance and meal at the City Park, with Pure Country playing from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

On Saturday, vendor booths will be open at 10:00 a.m. Registration for the Classic Car Show will be from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m., with judging to begin at 12:30 p.m. Trophies will be given for 1st-3rd in

each category. Plaques will be given for Best of Show and Farthest Distance Traveled, plus \$50.00 for Farthest Distance Traveled. Free dash plaque and T-shirt will be given each participant. Admission to the show is free.

The watermelon eating contest will be held at 11:30 a.m., with registration at the Chamber booth from 10:00 to 11:15. Age categories are 11 and under (\$25.00 gift certificate), 12-18, (\$50.00 gift certificate), and 19 and up (\$50.00 gift certificate).

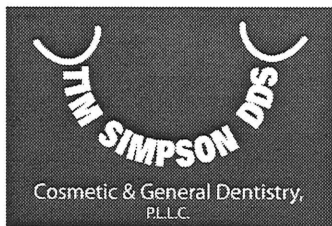
Bands playing Saturday are Pure Country, 12:00 noon to 1:45 p.m., and Five Times August, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30.

In addition to the live music, arts and crafts booths, homemade items, free watermelon slices, free swimming, food booths, kids activities, including a giant slide and giant bouncer and rock climbing wall, will be watermelon train rides, and an appearance by the Texas/Oklahoma Watermelon Queens.

Welcome Home, Jason Alexander, D.D.S.

HE'S BACK! A Roscoe native, Dr. Jason Alexander has moved back to West Texas to help more people smile. After playing football for Hardin-Simmons for two years, he graduated from Texas A&M and completed his dental education at the University of Texas at Houston. He is now joining the practice of Dr. Tim Simpson, D.D.S. **He is now accepting new patients.**

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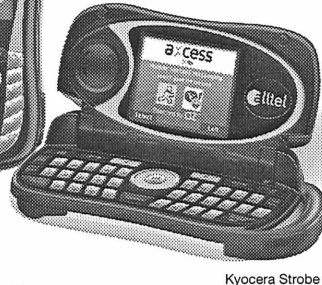
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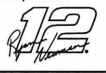
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Rolling Plains Health Care System Assisted Living Community

We are now accepting reservation deposits for our new 20 unit Assisted Living Community in Haskell. The deposit amount is \$250 now and the balance of \$250 due at time of move-in. If for any reason, health status change or just change of mind, the deposit is 100% fully refundable. Construction should begin in the next few months. Completion is anticipated in the fall of 2007. The reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis, so hurry and get your's in today.

We will be having a program on Monday, August 14 at noon at the Experienced Citizens Center, 1401 South 1st St., Haskell, Texas to discuss the Assisted Living Project. Our consultant and architect will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the project at this time. Please RSVP to Margaret Evans at 1-888-883-6663 or Wallace Emerson, Brandon Anderson or Nelda Lane locally. You can also make your reservation deposits with one of these folks. We look forward to seeing you on the 14th.

KC Museum qualifies for grant, plans events

The fund-raising projects of the last year and a half have put money in the bank to qualify for a \$30,000 grant to be used on the interior of Knox County's, Wichita Brazos Museum, and make a good start on the furnishings. Friends of KCHC are working on the final report required by the foundation.

The next project is selling homemade ice cream at the Knox City Watermelon Festival booth, July 29, where cookbooks and calendars will also be available. Those wishing to contribute a freezer of ice cream may contact Mary Jane Young at 459-2205. Ice cream of all flavors, packed in 10 oz. cups, will be served. Profits will benefit the museum fund.

Framing the interior walls and partitions for the office space, archives, rest rooms, meeting and storage rooms will be the next building phase. After completion of the interior of the building, exhibits will be set up. Plans for some exhibits are being discussed, but in the present unfinished state of the building, items cannot yet be accepted. The door is open to ideas for the exhibits.

The museum project has been a step-by-step success with each step being financed before being undertaken, all made possible with help from many good citizens.

Harrell families gather

The families of Ike, Will, Nathan and Charles Harrell met last Friday and Saturday nights for their annual reunion.

C.E. (Chunky) Tidwell of Haskell was the oldest present. Gene Harrell of Haskell was the oldest direct descendant present. Youngest was Reagan Waits of Frisco. Frances Dillard of Arkansas was the attendee traveling the farthest distance.

Mike Harrell tended the chef duties. Friends of the family attending were Marie Culberth and Geneva Robertson, both of Haskell; and Doyle Strickland of Rochester.

The family plans a reunion in 2007 to be held July 27-28 in Haskell.



ANNUAL WILL MULLINS COUSINS REUNION ATTENDEES



MULLINS FIRST COUSINS—First cousins attending the annual Mullins family reunion held Sun., July 17 in Haskell were, front row, l-r, Maple Thomas, Wilmer Smith, Mildred Offutt, Wallace Pack, Wanda Faye Campbell, Roy Amonett, Marie Brown, Eldon Amonett; standing, Royce Mullins, Willard Mullins, Marjorie Reynolds, Manuel Mullins, Barbara Clarkson, Delorise McMillen, Dale Linton, Robbie Curry, Gaylon Amonett. Cousins not attending were Betty Lake, Rudene Smethers, Dorothy Strickland, Navada Cotton.

Mullins cousins hold reunion

The grandchildren of Will and Bettie Mullins, early settlers of Haskell County, held their ninth annual reunion, Sun., July 17, at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Seventy cousins and guests attended.

Dale Linton and Marie Brown registered guests. Kay Smith, Kristen Grand and Kathy Rea chaired the food preparation for the noon dinner. Gaylon Amonett, Frank Clarkson and Levi Grand conducted the auction of donated items to raise funds for the next reunion. Amonett also served as MC for the day's activities. Barbara Clarkson coordinated the communications during the year.

Of the twenty-one living grandchildren and first-cousins of Will and Bettie Mullins, seventeen attended including Maple Thomas, Roy Amonett and Willard Mullins, all of Haskell; Wilmer Smith of Milano; Mildred Offutt of Wichita Falls; Wallace Pack of San Angelo; Marie Brown, of Farmington, New Mexico; Wanda Fay Campbell of Floydada; Eldon Amonett of Denver City; Manuel Mullins of Olney; Delorise McMillen of Gainesville,

Florida; Dale Linton of Midland; and Marjorie Reynolds, Royce Mullins, Barbara Clarkson, Robbie Curry and Gaylon Amonett, all of Lubbock.

Special guests and great grandchildren attending were Wanda Mullins and Frank Clarkson, both of Lubbock; Arvil Lee Campbell of Floydada; Jim McMillen of Gainesville, Florida; Marlin Brown of Farmington, New Mexico; Dalton Linton, John and Jennifer Linton, all of Midland; John Lee and Sue Holcombe of Olney; Judy and R. W. Anderson and Melissa, Valerie, and Zachary, Payton Amonett, Madison Hoover, Donnie and Sharon Smith, Jennifer Smith, Kathy Rea and John Rea, all of Abilene; Rodney and Pam Amonett of Clyde; Wayne and Shirley Offutt of Wichita Falls; Gayle White, David and Chance Muhle, and four children, all of Rochester; Michael Glenn Smith of New York City, New York; Clifton, Donna, and Jeremiah Morrison, Ricky and Samantha Stevens and son, all of Anson; Teresa Smith of Milano; Matt and Kyera Smith of Seguin; Bexton Rea and Dallas Lowe, both of Amarillo; J.C. and Lois McDonald

of Eastland; Holman and Dolly Mullins of Alvarado; and Kay Smith, Kristen, Katie, and Levi Grand, all of Haskell.

The oldest attending cousin was Maple Thomas, 89 years old.

Traveling the longest distances were Michael Glenn Smith of New York City, Jim and Delorise McMillen of Gainesville, Florida, and Marlin and Marie Brown of Farmington, New Mexico.

The largest family group was comprised of the Nettie Mullins Smith descendants.

Marjorie Reynolds presented information concerning joining the Daughters of Texas Republic and Sons of the Texas Republic. She has completed the research for membership through the Mullins family line. Copies of the family land grants and a copy of her membership certificate were displayed.

Displays showing each of the Mullins family groups were posted, showing pictures of different generations.

The tenth annual Mullins Reunion will be held in July, 2007 in Haskell.

Student in the News

Patricia Lee Fuentes of Haskell was among 170 students who graduated from McMurry University at the 2006 Spring Commencement held Sat., May 13 in Radford Auditorium in Abilene.

Fuentes received a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication.

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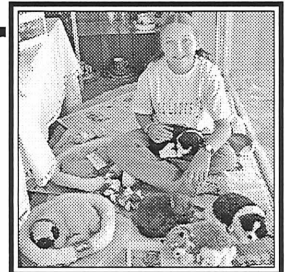
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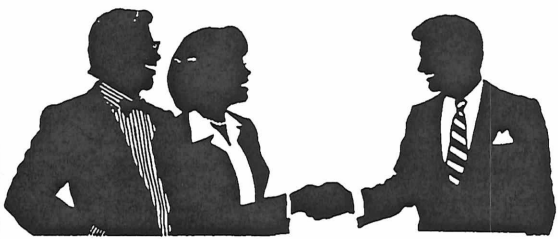
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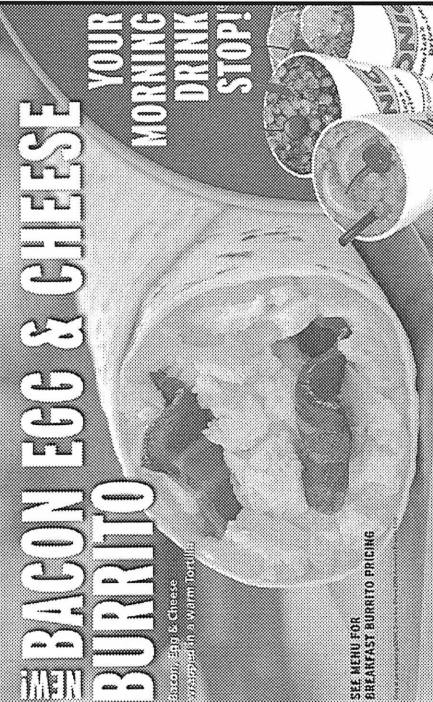
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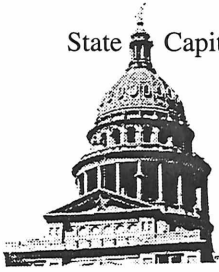
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Pauline Word

AG supports effort to replace DeLay's name on ballot

AUSTIN—Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 21 filed a brief supporting the Republican Party's efforts to replace former U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay's name on the Nov. 7 ballot.

"Because the district court issued an injunction against the secretary of state and declared a portion of the Texas Election Code unconstitutional, Secretary of State Roger Williams will be filing an amicus brief in Fifth Circuit (court) defending the constitutionality of Texas law," Angela Hale, communications director for the attorney general, said.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks earlier this month issued an injunction preventing Williams from removing DeLay's name on the ballot. Democrats sued to keep DeLay on the ballot after Republicans sought to name a replacement for the Houston area Congressional District 22.

DeLay won the March primary but resigned June 9 and moved out of Texas to Virginia. The former House majority leader still is under indictment in Travis County on charges of money-laundering and campaign finance fraud in connection with the November 2002 election.

The indictment alleges DeLay funneled about \$190,000 in campaign donations from Texas entities to his national committee, Americans for a Republican Majority (ARMPAC), and then returned the money to his Austin-based Texans for a Republican Majority.

On July 20 the Federal Election Commission fined ARMPAC in Washington, D.C., \$115,000 over misstatements of financial activity, failure to report debts and obligations, and failure to properly allocate expenses between federal and non-federal accounts. The fine was based on an FEC audit last year covering the committee's financial activity from Jan. 1, 2001, through Dec. 31, 2002.

AG submits redistricting map

On July 21 the attorney general's office submitted a revised redistricting plan in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that Congressional District 23 needed to

be redrawn.

Solicitor General Ted Cruz said the proposed plan only alters District 23 and three adjoining districts, avoids pairing any incumbent members of Congress and leaves the existing partisan balance of the four altered districts undisturbed.

The League of United Latin American Citizens sued over the current redistricting plan, which was spearheaded by DeLay and approved by state lawmakers in 2003.

TAKS scores up slightly

Student scores on the third- and fifth-grade reading and math Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test continued to show improvement over last year, the Texas Education Agency reported.

Students taking the fifth-grade reading test in Spanish increased their passing rate by 3 percent over 2005, with 86 percent passing. For the fifth-grade math test in Spanish, 74 percent passed this year compared to 73 percent in 2005.

On the fifth-grade tests in English, 91 percent passed the reading test and 93 percent passed the math exam. These scores reflect a 1 percent increase on both tests over 2005.

At the third-grade level, students taking the reading test in Spanish saw a 2 point gain over 2005 with 91 percent passing. Third-graders taking the test in English held steady with 95 percent passing, the same percentage as 2005.

155,000 lose home coverage

More than 155,000 Texas homeowners are losing their homeowner insurance coverage after Texas Select Lloyds companies began issuing notices to agents to cease writing new and renewal insurance business.

Unless parent firm Vesta Fire Insurance Co. and its rehabilitators work out a last minute solution, all policies with the companies will be cancelled on Aug. 23.

Texas Select, the only Vesta company with Texas policyholders, had 155,779 homeowners' policies in force in June, the bulk of which are in Harris and Bexar counties with 28,233 and 18,213 respectively.

The Texas Department of Insurance is assisting policyholders to obtain new insurance, by calling 1-800-252-3439.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 25, 1996

A group of Haskell High School students are learning the right way to shoot pistols and rifles during part of the Hunter Safety program that was conducted by Haskell High School Ag teacher James Bevel.

Dan Byerly presented Dr. Bill McSmith with the Community Lay Person of the Year award. The Kiwanis awards are presented yearly.

Chris McSmith was honored by the Haskell Kiwanis Club, after being selected as the Kiwanis Sophomore of the Year in Haskell.

20 Years Ago July 24, 1986

Cody Moree, has assumed duties as an assistant coach in the Haskell school system. He will also teach two high school history classes.

Michelle Scoggins of Rochester went to Washington D.C. where she attended Citizenship focus, a citizenship and leadership training program at the National 4-H Center.

George Watson, a Haskell High School senior, spent a week learning about career options in education. He has returned from a week long conference entitled "Experience in Education."

30 Years Ago July 29, 1976

Kim Campbell and Linda Fischer were among the top four winners in the District III 4-H Dress Revue held at the Civic Center in Abilene.

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Women of America Awards Program announced that six women from the Haskell area, Diana Sue Owens, Paula Sue

Everett, Mary Jeannine Comedy, Deborah Laine Earles, Milla Rhaye Perry and Mary Yates Murphy, have been selected for inclusion in the 1976 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America.

Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity at Texas Tech University has awarded a citation of excellence to Clark Richardson. Richardson was named the outstanding male member of this band at the conclusion of the two week Texas Tech Band Camp. Richardson, a senior at Haskell High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Richardson.

40 Years Ago July 28, 1966

David Middleton, a coach in the Haskell school system for the past seven years, was named as the junior varsity basketball and junior varsity football coach at Abilene High.

Mary Barry, of Roxton, has been visiting with her sister, Ida Brinlee and mother, Mrs. Vaughn.

Haskell Indians face Fidelity Union and lost 3-0. Larry LeFevre caught five flies in center field, Ronnie Josselet made two catches in left field; Lewis Hise, Keith Chapman and Derrel Davis caught one apiece.

50 Years Ago July 26, 1956

Six boys from Haskell County attended the district boys 4-H Club Camp. Attending the camp, Royce Cox, O'Brien; Taylor Hodges, O'Brien, Jerry Sprayberry, Rule; David Miller, Haskell; Gene Leonard, Mattson; and Bennie

Mueller, Sagerton.

Mrs. W. M. Reid, owner of Reid's Drug Store, has announced that she is selling the fixtures and entire stock of the store. Reid's was first opened in 1917 by the late Wiley M. Reid in partnership with his brother, the late Boyd Reid.

100 Years Ago July 21, 1906

Virgil Ballew, who has been visiting in Vernon and Wichita Falls for the past month, has returned home.

Sam Egger of Stamford was here the first of the week, completing arrangements for a building in which to open a store here. He has leased the new Whitman Building being built on the west side of the square and will open for business soon.

J.E. Steenson's new residence in the southeast part of town was finished this week.

Mrs. B.O. Hester is having the finishing work done on her handsome residence in the north part of town.

W.H. Wyman has moved into his new residence in the west part of town.

Will Hearn has let a contract for the building of a nice residence in the Meadors Addition.

G.E. Ballew has built five rent houses in Haskell since early last spring and says he will build one more. He says he has had a large number of applications for his houses even before he got them ready for occupancy.

Whit Williams, whose farm is a few miles southeast of town, was here Thursday.

USDA RCDI program offers grant funds

USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel, has announced the availability of more than \$6.2 million in Rural Community Development Initiative Program (RCDI) grant funds.

The RCDI Program provides technical assistance and training funds to qualified intermediary organizations to develop their capacity to undertake housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

"USDA Rural Development in Texas is dedicated to ensuring that local community leaders have the resources they need to assist their community in creating new economic opportunities and improving their quality of life," said Daniel. "The Rural Community Development Initiative Program is one of the instruments we can utilize to provide them with this service."

The \$6,286,500 in RCDI grant funds are available to intermediaries and have a dollar for dollar matching fund requirement, intended to double the impact of the grants. Qualified organizations can be public or private that have been legally organized for at least three years and have experience working with eligible recipients. Recipients of the funds from the intermediary can be non-profit organizations, low-income communities, or federally recognized tribes.

Complete information about the program is available in the July 12 edition of the Federal Register or by going to: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi/>. Information is also available by contacting Connie Petru, USDA Rural Development State Office, at 254-742-9793. Applications must be received by USDA Rural Development within 90 days of the Federal Register publication date. Late applications will not be considered for funding.

USDA Rural Development has invested over \$63 billion since the beginning of the Bush Administration to provide equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Over 1.1 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments.

Further information on rural programs is available by visiting <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Counterfeit U.S. Postal Money Order Scam

For the past few years, my office has been warning Texas consumers to beware of counterfeit cashier's checks in connection with advance fee frauds, international lotteries, and scams against charities. Recently, in a troubling new twist, Texas financial institutions and consumers have been reporting the existence of high quality counterfeit U.S. Postal money orders that are being used to fool consumers into cashing them and wiring part of the money abroad.

Perpetrators of advance fee frauds and similar sweepstakes schemes attempt to trick the victim into thinking a sweepstakes or lottery prize has been sent to them by wiring a phony cashier's check. Finding that consumers have caught on to the counterfeit check scam, scammers are now using phony U.S. Postal money orders instead of cashier's checks.

Many consumers are wise not to pay until they see the money that has been promised to them, but the phony U.S. Postal money order disarms this precaution. They have in their hand what appears to be a very sound financial instrument. They believe the money order is valid. The victim then lets down his or her guard,

believing that the scammer has sent the money, and sends funds to the crook for the fees or taxes associated with their "winnings" only to find out later that the money order was bad.

In another variation, we have heard from people who call us after trying to sell a big-ticket item such as a car or boat. Most often, the item was listed online, but in some cases it was listed in the newspaper or a specialty magazine. The consumer is contacted by a buyer who agrees to pay the asking price, but offers to pay with a cashier's check or U.S. Postal money order made out for an amount that is considerably higher than the agreed amount of the sale. Buyers offer various stories to explain why the check or money order is so large, such as saying that an earlier deal for a similar item for which the large money order was issued has since fallen through. The scam artist then asks the consumer to wire back the difference. The victim deposits the check or money order in a personal bank account, withdraws the cash, often relying upon part of the amount credited by the bank upon deposit of the bogus money order, and wires it to the buyer. The seller is then notified by the bank days later that the check or money order was counterfeit and the seller is liable for

whatever funds the bank paid out.

The reason these plays work so well is that most people place great confidence in cashier's checks and money orders. Cashier's checks and money orders are generally considered much safer than personal checks, since they are issued by financial institutions that have already verified the existence of sufficient funds.

These counterfeits are so good sometimes that even bank tellers have been fooled. Frequently, the consumer has taken the precaution of asking the bank teller to verify that the cashier's check or U.S. Postal money order is valid, and in some cases, the cashier's check even appears to be drawn on the very bank that is being asked to cash it.

Banks and other financial institutions generally will not absorb the loss if consumers fall victim to this scam. Victims of this scam have in some cases actually been charged with passing counterfeit checks. In addition, they usually lose the money they wire to the real criminal.

In Houston, a woman received a \$4,000 forged check as payment for her \$500 computer, which she had advertised online. The con artist told the woman to wire the \$3,500 difference to Nigeria. When the

woman tried to cash the check, the cashing business realized it was a forgery and she was arrested. Houston authorities eventually dropped the charges when it was determined that she was the victim of a scam.

My office has also received reports that Texas charities are now possible targets. We were recently contacted by a Central Texas nonprofit that unexpectedly received what appeared to be three legitimate U.S. Postal money orders totaling \$2,700. No explanation was given as to who had sent them or why. They arrived in an envelope bearing several Nigerian postage stamps. Even more puzzling, the handwritten return address on the money orders was in Memphis, Tennessee. A representative of the nonprofit got in touch with my office, and we were able to confirm that the money orders were counterfeit.

Con artists will continue to contrive new ways to defraud citizens. Unfortunately, most of these criminals reside in foreign countries, making prosecution nearly impossible. My office will continue to work with local law enforcement to create new methods to combat these crimes and minimize their impact on Texas consumers.

New fly released to battle fire ants

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

There's a new phorid fly in town, and this one could be even deadlier to fire ants than other species, said a Texas Cooperative Extension entomologist.

"We've been releasing a different type of phorid fly in New Braunfels to see how effective it will be in the controlling fire ants," said Molly Keck, Extension entomologist for Bexar County. "We're hoping this one will be even more deadly to them than the other species of phorid fly we've been using throughout the state for fire ant management."

If the release is successful, additional releases of the new phorid fly species will likely be forthcoming, she said.

Phorid flies kill fire ants by "dive-bombing" them in order to lay their eggs in the ant's thorax, Keck explained. Once hatched, the fly larvae migrates into the head of the ant, eating the contents. Eventually, the ant's head falls off.

The new fly, *Pseudacton curvatis*, is imported from South America and has been acquired through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Inspection Service, Keck said.

An initial release of about 75,000 of these flies was completed over three days—June 14, 20 and 23—in the southeastern part of the city.

"This type of phorid fly is different from the *Pseudacton tricuspis*, which is already being used in several counties as a biological fire ant control," Keck said. "It's more robust and prefers the smaller-sized worker ants. It also handles cold weather better than *tricuspis*, so it's less likely to die out during fall or winter."

The new fly's aggressiveness toward smaller worker ants is especially useful in eliminating fire ant colonies with multiple queens, Keck said.

"Those colonies usually have large numbers of the smaller worker ants in and around them," she said. "So they provide more 'targets' for this fly. And these types of colonies are abundant throughout the state."

A similar release of the new species has already taken place near Denton, but this is the first in the South Central Texas, Keck added.

"We're also trying to keep the release of the new fly far enough away from where we have released or plan to release the *Pseudacton tricuspis*," she said. "That way the two species won't be competing with one another. And although it's likely the two can survive in the same area, the *curvatis* would likely to out-compete the *tricuspis* in a given area, so it just makes more sense to release them far enough apart."

After the initial release, Keck will revisit the release area about every six months to check the progress of the new species in controlling fire ants. However, it may be two years before any significant evidence of the fly's effectiveness in killing fire ants and adapting to the area is visible, she said.

"We may see tangible evidence as little as a year, but sometimes it takes longer," she said.

Even if the fly proves highly effecting in controlling fire ants, it should not be viewed as a "golden bullet" for killing them, she warned.

"The new species should be seen as another weapon in fight against fire ants in the state," she said. "But we hope it will be a strong addition

to the existing arsenal of chemical and biological controls in the management of fire ants, which include its predecessor: *Pseudacton tricuspis*."

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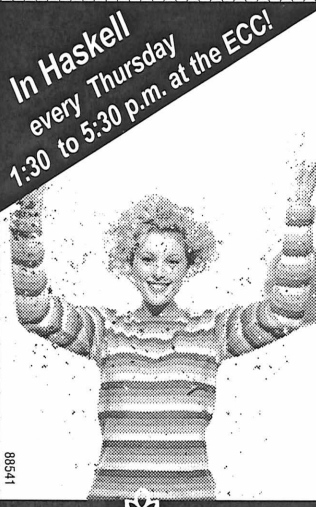
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Team Impact

Team Impact, an international ministry whose members are body builders, weigh lifters, former pro-football players or pro-wrestlers who do mind-boggling feats of strength and share their stories of faith in Jesus Christ, will be in Aspermont Aug. 2-6 at the Aspermont High School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the action starts at 7 p.m. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by the Stonewall County Ministerial Alliance. Call Brian Burgess at 864-3250 for more information.

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Summer Heat Waves
Q: We hear of heat waves in the United States, but what's the worst heat wave in other countries?
A: The summer of 2003 has to be the worst heat wave in modern times, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.
"That year, heat gripped all of Europe for more than a week. France was hardest hit, with more than 14,800 people dying, and you have to remember that few residents there have air conditioners. Most of those that died were elderly citizens. In Italy, between 10,000 to 15,000 died when temperatures hit 102-105 for days. More than 140 people died in Spain and at least 60 in Germany. England hit its all-time record high temperature of 101 degrees on Aug. 10, 2003, and within a day, more than 900 people died."

Q: What about the United States?
A: The heat wave of 1980 is considered the worst in U.S. history, claiming between 1,200 to a possible 10,000 lives.
"Dallas was over 100 degrees on

69 days between June and September and recorded its all-time high of 113 degrees, while Wichita Falls hit 119 degrees in the summer of 1980. But the longest heat wave is believed to

be one that hit Western Australia in 1924. The temperature reached 100 degrees or higher for 160 days between Oct. 31 to April 7," McRoberts adds.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,522 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., July 22, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.
Packers \$2-5 higher. Stockers \$1-4 higher. Feeders, steady. Stocker cows \$15-25 lower.
Cows: fat, .38-.47; cutters, .40-.51; canners, .25-.35.
Bulls: bologna, .54-.61; feeders, .58-.78; utility, .48-.57.
Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.40-1.95; 300-400 lbs., 1.35-1.50; 400-500 lbs.,

1.25-1.40; 500-600 lbs., 1.15-1.34; 600-700 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 700-800 lbs., .96-1.14; 800-up lbs., .76-1.05.
Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.80; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.40; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.37; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.20; 600-up lbs., .68-1.10.
Bred heifers medium frame, 625-850.
Bred cows young to middle aged 750-900; aged or small, 475-700.
Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 850-1225; aged or small, 650-800.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., July 31
Lunch—Sausage and kraut, potato salad, blackeyed peas, sliced onions, cornbread, cookies, pears, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., Aug. 2
Lunch—Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, pinto beans, buttered corn, garlic toast, strawberry cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Aug. 4
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.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Of all the miracles of God's creation, there is none more wonderful than a baby. It's a traffic stopper wherever it goes, and a great source of pride to its parents. It demands constant attention, and it's so noisy that we wonder how anything that tiny can produce so many decibels of sound. Moreover, that sound seems to be magnified at the house of worship, where the baby should be baptized or christened, according to the custom of the creed, but otherwise should either sleep through the sermon or be exiled to the nursery. In any case, faith will remind the parents that this cute, noisy little morsel of humanity is the ultimate extension of their own lives, to be molded into one of tomorrow's good citizens in whose hands the future of our nation will one day lie.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL
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, Haskell
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, Haskell
First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E., Haskell
St. George Catholic Church
Father 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
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 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, Haskell
Church in the Wind
C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Steve Willis, minister
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500 Main, Rochester
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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
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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Josh Stowe, pastor
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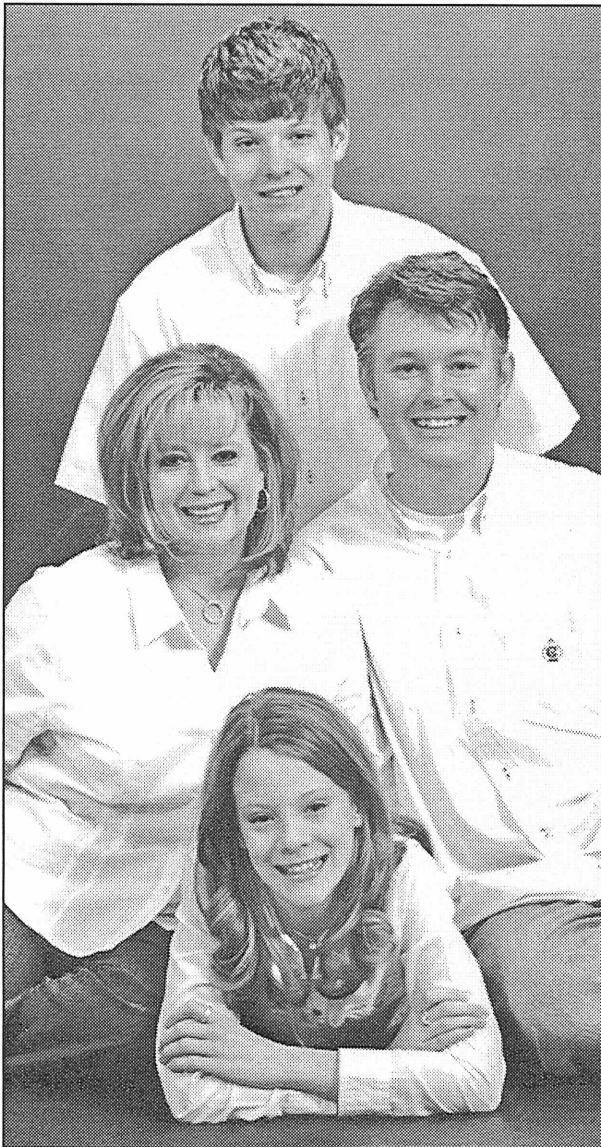
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ATENS FAMILY—Musical ministry family group coming to First Baptist Church Haskell, Sun., July 30, are the Atens, l-r top, Josh, center, Tammy and Sherman, and front, Brooke.

Family to present concert July 30

Sun., July 30, at 6:00 p.m., the Aten Family of Granbury, will be in concert at First Baptist Church in Haskell.

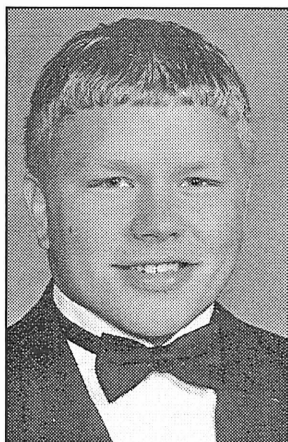
The Atens, Sherman, Tammy, Josh and Brooke, are full time music evangelists. Over the past 16 years, they have spent an average of 40 weeks per year ministering through worship not only in the United States, but internationally as well in Canada, Mexico, Bolivia, Wales, Romania, Russia, Venezuela, and most recently, South America.

The Atens reach churches of many

denominations through their concerts, crusades, family and marriage weekends, as well as involvement in various men's and women's retreats. The focus of their ministry is always to lead the whole body of Christ to worship, not to be entertained.

The concert is free and open to the public. A love offering will be taken during the service.

First Baptist Church is located at 301 N. Ave. E. For more information, contact the church at 864-2581.



EMERY DUDENSING

Dudensing receives awards

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Ten years of hard work and dedication paid off for Haskell County 4-H member, Emery Dudensing, when he was named recipient of two 4-H academic awards. Announcement of the winners was made during the State 4-H Round-Up held June 6 in College Station.

Dudensing was given an award by Dick Wallrath of Champion Ranches in Centerville, who is the largest individual donor to the Texas 4-H academic program.

Texas Extension Education Association makes awards annually to 4-H members across Texas. Dudensing was also a recipient of one of these awards.

Recipient selection was based on 4-H participation and academic achievements. Dudensing was ranked among the top individuals based on his strong leadership and community service through 4-H. Top individuals selected from the applicants participated in an interview process last May in Austin to make the final determination of winners.

Dudensing plans to attend Abilene Christian University in Abilene this fall. He is the son of Lynn Dale and Renee Dudensing of Sagerton.

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Pilots fly for 'bragging rights'

The Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club held a "Hot Dawg" sailplane contest Sat., July 22 at the Haskell Flying Field. It was a contest to determine "Bragging Rights."

Wind gusts of up to 23 miles per hour did not deter the pilots, and no models were damaged during the event.

Following the morning rounds, pilots were treated to a hot dog lunch.

The first event ended in a tie between Rodney Amonett of Clyde and Frank Jarrett of Wichita Falls, with Jim Belyeu of Plainview coming in next.

The second event was a clear victory for Amonett, with Jarrett

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Those helping Kristlan Tatum celebrate her fourth birthday on Saturday were her parents, Christopher and Melissa; brothers, Zachary, Garrett and Taylor; grandparents, Linda Chapman and Margaret Tatum; uncles and aunts, Keith Chapman of Georgetown, Ronald Chapman and Creora Tatum; great grandpa, Jack Chapman; great grandma, Joyce Hawkins; Carson, Tamara, Dakota and Baylee Hearn.

Bobby Scheets and Creora Tatum have returned from a vacation to

Padre Island and San Antonio.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Woody Turnbow of Haskell were their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sorrells of Garland. Faye Gray also visited with them.

Kip and Kaye Derrick of Fort Worth brought their grandchildren to see great grandma Fannie Mae Barton on Thursday. The children are Rachel, Austin and Hollie Walkman of San Antonio. They also brought Erma Liles of Weinert for a day's visit with them.

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AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for over 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we no longer sell electricity or send out monthly electric bills, we recognize this is going to be a long, hot summer.

Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

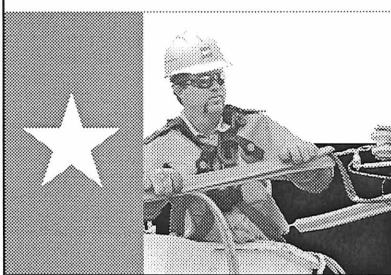
Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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