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Calendar

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters will meet Tues., Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Band Hall. Parents of band students in grades 6-12 are invited to attend this special meeting.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Aug. 1 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The meal will be sandwiches and ice cream.

ECC dinner

A turkey and dressing dinner to benefit the Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will be held Sun., Aug. 8 at the Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Advance tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 12 and under. Tickets at the door are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

Quilt raffle

A quilt raffle to benefit the Haskell Co. Library has been extended. A quilt called 'Sticks and Stones,' pieced by Wanda Ham and quilted by the Haskell ECC will be displayed at area banks and at the library prior to the Aug. 30 drawing. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Call Joan Strickland 864-2747 for more information.

ECC garage/bake sale

The Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. 1st, will hold a garage sale and bake sale Sat., July 31.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Aug. 2 at the First National Bank Community Room at 7 p.m. John Rike will present history of the Texas Cowboy Reunion.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Aug. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Poster on sale

The Haskell Indian Booster Club is selling ads for the 1999-2000 football/basketball poster. "Merchants, please be aware that only booster club members will contact you and process your order," said member Bob Earles. By making this announcement, it is hoped that no merchant will be taken advantage of by unauthorized advertising agencies.

Paint Creek School to register Aug. 4

Paint Creek ISD school registration will be held Wed., Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon in the school cafeteria. Students need to bring last year's report card and shot record.

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Fire Station was built twenty years ago by citizens

by Mary Kaigler

Next Monday, August 2, will mark a historic anniversary in the 93 year history of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department.

On that date, twenty years ago, the Fire Department Secretary,

John Watson and Fire Chief Tom Watson were pictured in the August 2, 1979 *Haskell Free Press* presenting a check for the first payment to contractor David Jim Strickland, for work on the foundation slab and building of a

new fire station. The much-needed station, which is still in use today, was the culmination of a phenomenal demonstration of people coming together in positive, community-wide involvement for progress.

Ironically, it was a community disaster that was the catalyst giving impetus to the idea that such an undertaking could be accomplished.

When Spring Branch (Rice Springs) was inundated by the massive flooding of August 3-4,

1978, the Haskell County Jaycees agreed in February 1979, to remove the debris from the creek and donate all money received from the project to the Volunteer Fire Department to start a building fund. With assistance from Fire Department members and many other groups and individuals, the creek clean-up project was completed and a month later the promise of the money from the Jaycees became the nucleus of the Fire Station building fund.

At a City Council meeting March 15, 1979, Fire Chief Tom Watson presented the proposals and tentative plans for the 50 X 100 feet facility, saying that the Volunteer Fire Department intended to raise the funds necessary for such a building without raising taxes. He estimated that the entire project would cost approximately \$75,000.00 and added that the Haskell County Jaycees had already pledged the money they expected to receive upon the successful completion of cleaning up the Rice Springs Creek.

Two days later, March 15, an article in the *Free Press* headlined, "New Station is Needed," written by Don Comedy, stated, "Fifty-three years ago, (1926), the equipment of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department was moved into a new fire station. ...During the past fifty years the Department has grown both in membership and equipment. With advances in fire-fighting technology, more sophisticated equipment became necessary and as a result, the equipment needs of the department also grew." He added that, "The current station is no longer adequate to contain the existing equipment."

Pointing out that throughout their history, the local firemen have been volunteers, he said, "As such, their dedication to the community has been dual. The department members have maintained a top quality department on a fraction of the budgets of other comparable cities...Still concerned about the rising costs of taxes, department members have set as their goal, raising as much of the necessary funds as possible through voluntary donations and other fund-raising activities."

Comedy, who was also a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, ended with, "It is our sincere belief that no other group of community servants is as worthy of your moral and financial support."

And so, the idea of building a new fire station in Haskell caught fire and the drive was off and running. Individuals, organizations

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SERVING THE COMMUNITY—Ready to respond to the needs of the community, Haskell Volunteer Fire Department vehicles stand

in the Fire Station built twenty years ago with funds donated by several hundred appreciative citizens and local groups.

Indian football season to begin Aug. 4

Practice for the 1999 football season gets underway Aug. 4. Practice sessions will be conducted at 8:00 a.m. and again at 4:00 p.m. Aug. 4, 5, 6 and 7. The first four days athletes will suit up in shorts for conditioning and preparation for work in pads beginning Mon., Aug. 9.

Each student athlete must have a current physical examination before being allowed to practice.

The only scrimmage session for the Indians this year is a three way scrimmage involving Bangs, Lubbock-Roosevelt and Haskell to be held at Indian Stadium Sat., Aug. 21 at 2:00 p.m. The Indians first game is against Cisco Aug. 27 at 8:00 p.m. at Cisco.

Athletes participating in football in grades 9-12 pick up shoes and socks before Aug. 4 by coming to the weight room between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Haskell CISD Athletic Director Head Coach, Don Flippin has announced the following schedules for the 1999 Haskell Indian Football season.

Varsity Football Schedule:
Aug. 21, Bangs-Lubbock Roosevelt, Varsity only, here, at 2:00 p.m.
Aug. 27, Cisco, at Cisco, 8:00 p.m.
Sept. 3, Munday, at Munday, 8:00 p.m.
Sept. 10, Anson, at Anson, 8:00 p.m.
Sept. 17, Stamford, here, at 8:00 p.m.
Sept. 24, Aspermont, at Aspermont, 8:00 p.m.
Oct. 1, open.
Oct. 8,* Olney, here, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15,* Archer City, at Archer City, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22,* Seymour, here, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29,* Holliday, here, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 5, Electra, at Electra, 7:30 p.m.

7th, 8th, and Junior Varsity Football Schedule.
Aug. 26, Cisco, 9th, JV, here, 5:00 and 6:30, p.m.
Sept. 2, Munday, JV only, here, 5:00 p.m.

Sept. 9, Anson, 7th, 8th, JV, here, 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 16, Stamford, 7th, 8th, here, 5:00 p.m. Stamford, 9th, JV, at Stamford, 5:00 p.m.
Sept. 23, Aspermont, 8th, Stamford, 7th, here, 5:00 p.m. JV, Open need game.
Sept. 30, Cisco, 7th, 8th, at Cisco, 5:00 p.m. Cisco, 9th, JV, here, 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 7, * Olney, 7th, 8th, JV, at Olney, 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 14,* Archer City, 7th, 8th, JV, here, 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 21,* Seymour, 7th, 8th, JV, at Seymour, 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 28, * Holliday, 7th, 8th, JV, at Holliday, 4:00 p.m.
Nov. 4, * Electra, 7th, 8th, JV, here, 4:00 p.m.
*Denotes District games.

Elementary registration set

Registration for all Haskell Elementary students will be Wed., Aug. 11 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 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 in the following locations Tues., Aug. 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Early Childhood and Prekindergarten - North doors of

the new building
Kindergarten, First and Second Grades - Homeroom doors

Third Grade - North doors of the main building
Fourth Grade - East doors of the main building

Fifth Grade - South doors of the main building
Sixth Grade - South doors of the new building.

School begins Thurs., Aug. 12.

Rick Hardcastle plans 'Office for a Day'



REP. RICK HARDCASTLE

Rick Hardcastle, House District 68 State Representative, will hold an "Office for a Day" Aug. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room, 600 South First Street. Following the office hours, Hardcastle will speak at a joint meeting of the Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary Clubs at 12:30 p.m.

Constituents are encouraged to come by at any time during the office hour period to meet with Hardcastle and discuss any state government issues or concerns. The public is also invited to hear the state representative address the joint civic club meeting during the noon hour.



SHOOTING VICTIM—Responding to a call to the Fieldan Motel at 1:32 p.m., Thurs. July 22, the Haskell County EMS ambulance moved Buddy Tibbets, victim of an accidental, self-inflicted 22 pistol gunshot wound to the chest. He was later flown by helicopter to Hendrick Medical Center, where he still remained Monday morning.

Fire station

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and businesses began to give to the fund. Weekly headlines, pictures and lists of the donors were printed in the paper and kept the momentum going as the fund grew. Beginning on April 5, with \$6,965.00, by April 26, it had grown to \$15,439.00.

By Thursday, May 17, the fund has reached \$25,694.00 and Fire Chief Tom Watson was pictured in the paper as he signed on the dotted line to order the new fire station. On June 7 Jaycees Bo Owen and Charles Andress presented Chief Tom Watson with a deposit slip for \$13,746, to bring the total to over \$43,000.00.

July 12, just a little over three months since the fund drive began,

officials gathered for the official ground-breaking ceremonies on the new fire station. Pictured standing in front of the giant "thermometer" showing almost \$46,000.00 raised on the project goal, were Dave Strickland, building contractor/advisor; Fire Chief Tom Watson; Mayor Royce Williams; city Secretary Desmond Dulaney; Fire Commissioner Joe Cortez; and Fire Department Supervisor, Satch Lusk. Immediately after the ceremonies, work began on the foundation.

Donations and construction both progressed at a steady pace and by December 13, 1979, funds had reached \$52,632.80 and construction was almost completed.

In the January 10 edition of the paper, Don Comedy wrote, "After almost a full year, the largest project ever undertaken by the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department is completed. The construction of a new fire station has been finished."

In addition to pledges and donations of over \$50,000.00, the department received donations of materials for the station and also donations of labor from several individuals.

Comedy wrote, "The dedication of the new facility marks completion of what is possibly the largest community project ever undertaken in Haskell. Throughout the building program, department members were overwhelmed with the response of the people in

supporting this project."

On the 13th day of January, 1980, just five months since the first payment was made on it twenty years ago next Monday, the firemen of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department officially dedicated the new fire station facilities to "the firemen who have served before us, both living and departed; the individuals, organizations and businesses who gave generously of their money; the individuals who gave of their talents and labor; and to the City of Haskell and all its citizens who have made this possible. We pledge to continue to serve all to the best of our ability in saving of lives and protection of property from fire."

To all of those who serve and have served this community as unpaid volunteers in that demanding, dangerous capacity and to the community that came together twenty years ago to fill the need for the fire station we still benefit from today, we owe our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks for a job well done.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID MAYFIELD

Bowers, Mayfield exchange vows

Robyn Lynn Bowers of Waco and David Edward Mayfield of Waco exchanged wedding vows Sat., June 12 at 4 p.m. in First United Methodist Church in Clifton with the Rev. Marvin Moore officiating the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Phill and Lynn Bowers of Clifton and the granddaughter of Murtle Thompson of Clifton and Oleta Bowers of Haskell.

Parents of the groom are Bruce and Virginia Mayfield of Laguna Park and the grandson of Hay and Rose Mayfield of Bastrop.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a satin gown with a scalloped neckline, empire bodice and long satin train accented with seed pearls, lace and satin roses. For something old and borrowed, she wore her mother's bridal veil, which consisted of a double layer of silk illusion cascading from a pearl and crystal beaded band. The bride carried a bouquet of white roses, lace and ribbon accented with dusty rose and wine flowers and greenery.

The bride's honor attendants were April Paslay, friend of the

bride, maid-of-honor; Sarah Meador, friend of the bride; and Erin Petterson, cousin of the bride.

Flower girl was Heather Wells, niece of the groom.

Serving as best man was Joe Mayfield, brother of the groom and groomsmen were Stephen Mayfield, brother of the groom and Matt Holloway, friend of the groom.

Ring bearer was Colton Bowers, nephew of the bride.

Ushers were Armando Ruiz and Gerry Russell, friends of the bride. Stella Weaver was the organist.

A reception in the church fellowship hall followed the wedding. The bride's cake, three tiers with western accents, was served by Audrie Bowers and Denell O'Donald. The groom's cake, two layers with fishing theme, was served by Nancy Wells. Charlene Meador made the cakes.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Clifton High School and is employed at Hillcrest Hospital. The groom is a graduate of Bastrop High School and is employed by Heartland Communications.

The couple will reside in Waco.

Obituaries

Alphal Leclaire

Funeral services for Alphal Leclaire, 86, of Lewisville, were held Sun., July 25 at Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home in Lewisville with Rev. John Dickey officiating. Graveside services were held Mon., July 26 in Willow Cemetery in Haskell.

Ms. Leclaire died Thurs., July 22, at Medical Center in Lewisville.

Born April 6, 1913 in Seminole, she was the daughter of R. L. and Ollie Annie Clark Leclaire. She attended

Graveside services for Orby Columbus "O.C." Ledbetter, 96, of Haskell were held Wed., July 28 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Pastor David Page officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ledbetter died Mon., July 26 at an Abilene hospital.

Born March 28, 1903 in Gunsight near Breckenridge, he married Grace Mae Mitchell in Aug. of 1945 in

Johnny Lackey of Lubbock died Mon., July 26 at Lubbock Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Services were held Wed., July 28 at Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock.

North Texas State University and graduated from the Stamford School of Nursing. She worked as a registered nurse and was a member of the Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Leclaire and by one sister, Anna Myrl.

Survivors include one brother, Homer Leclaire of Flower Mound; one sister-in-law, Ruby Leclaire of Farmington, N.M.; several nieces and nephews.

Orby Columbus Ledbetter

Abilene. She preceded him in death June 3, 1990. He was an oilfield worker and a Mason.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elen Frances Christison.

Survivors include two sons, Orby Ledbetter, Jr. of Victoria and Jerald Dale Ledbetter of Breckenridge; one daughter, Mary Ann Haley of Abilene; one sister, Delphia Jones of Breckenridge; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Johnny Lackey

He is the son of Quillie Lackey and the late Cecil Lackey of Haskell.

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Booster Club plans upcoming activities

The Haskell Indian Booster Club met Thurs., July 15, in the high school auditorium. Many parents of athletes along with head coach, Don Flippin, attended.

Officers for the 1999-2000 school year are: President - Bob Earles; 1st Vice President - Bill Steele; 2nd Vice President - Jerry Don Hudgens; Treasurer - Billie Lindsey; Reporter - JoNell Trammell; Freshman Rep. - Jennifer Burgess; 8th Grade Rep. -

Karen Ratliff; 7th Grade Rep. Karen Mitchell.

Activities and fund raisers for the coming year were discussed. One project currently underway is the selling of ads to merchants for the football/basketball poster and the football program.

It was also decided to sponsor the high school and junior high basketball tournaments in the winter and two track meets in the spring.

Fri. night, Aug. 20, the booster club will host a new event on the east side of the square. All high school athletes (boys and girls) and merchants who support them will be recognized. More details about this event will be given at a later date.

"By this report, everyone can see that many activities are planned. We want to encourage all parents and interested fans to join the Haskell Booster Club and come be a part of this year's activities," said President Bob Earles.

Hospital

Admissions
Jessie Davis, Stamford
Lucy Hunt, Haskell
Thelma Henson, Haskell
Birdie Benford, Haskell

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MR. AND MRS. JASON SHACKELFORD

Ford, Shackelford wed

Elisha Beth Ford and Jason Kyle Shackelford were united in marriage Sat., July 17, at First Baptist Church, Cotton Center. Bro. Wayne Williams of Lubbock performed the double ring ceremony. Organist was Sara Rozean of Lubbock.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Tara Ford of New Deal and the granddaughter of Harry and June Ford of New Deal. Mrs. Hazel Ford, of Tahoka, is the bride's great grandmother.

The groom is the son of Larry and Martha Shackelford of Paint Creek and the grandson of Paul and Naomi Robertson of Cotton Center and Hilda Shackelford of Olton.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted to the altar by her father, she wore a gown of white satin with a Basque waist accented with pearls accented with pastel yellow, lavender, peach and pink cording. The full skirt and chapel length train was decorated with pearl appliques and trimmed with matching cording. Her fingertip veil was held in place by a circle of pearls and white roses. She carried a bouquet of mauve roses and white lily of the valley, accented with black and white chiffon ribbon.

Maid of Honor was Jana Luskford of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Tricia Wiley and Amy Shackelford, sister of the groom, both of Lubbock. Each attendant wore a floor length empire waist dress of white satin with an a-line skirt of black satin and carried bouquets of white roses with black and white ribbons.

The groom wore a traditional tuxedo with a white shirt, black and gray vest and a black bow tie. His boutonniere was a mauve rose, matching the bride's bouquet. Adrian Moreno of Stamford served the groom as best man. Groomsmen were Johnny Martinez of Paint Creek and Trey Dancer of Stamford. They wore traditional tuxedos with white shirts and black cummerbunds and black bow ties. Their boutonnières were white roses.

Taylor Ford, cousin of the bride, was flower girl and Austin Taylor, brother of the bride, was ring bearer. Taylor wore a floor length white satin dress trimmed with pearls and sequins and carried a

lavender and white basket filled with white rose petals. Austin wore a black tuxedo matching the groomsmen's and carried a white satin pillow with lace, western charms and ribbon trim.

Candle lighters were Heather Misholeney and Amy Hendrix, both of Lubbock. They wore matching floor length black and white floral dresses.

Ushers were Leslie Ford, brother of the bride, of New Deal and Tobin Davis of Lubbock, cousin of the groom. They wore black tuxedos matching the groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church fellowship hall. The bride's table was covered with a white cloth, swaged to show the underlying black cloth. A three-tiered wedding cake decorated with black and white roses and tiny black and white ribbons was served with mauve punch, mints and nuts in crystal appointments. Serving at the bride's table were friends of the bride, Sherry Misholeney and Lajuan Hendrix, both of Lubbock.

The groom's table was covered with a black cloth, swaged to show the underlying white cloth. A four layered chocolate cake, drizzled with chocolate, topped with a cluster of chocolate covered strawberries and surrounded by plumosus fern and additional chocolate covered strawberries was served with nuts and coffee from brass appointments. Serving at the groom's table were friends of the groom, Jo Fischer of Paint Creek and Leigh Anne Holden of Abilene and the groom's aunt of Lubbock, Patti Mattison.

The bride is a graduate of New Deal High School and attends South Plains College. She is employed by Sears and San Francisco Music Box in the South Plains Mall.

The groom is a graduate of Paint Creek High School and attended Texas Tech. He will attend South Plains College in the fall and is employed by Wal-Mart Supercenter of Lubbock.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was held at The County Line Restaurant in Lubbock.

After a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will be at home in Lubbock.



TAMERA HAWKINS - BRIAN HEARN

Hawkins, Hearn to marry September 4

Charlene Hawkins of Irving and Glendon Hawkins of Haskell are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Tamera, to Brian Hearn of Rochester.

They plan to be married Sept. 4 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

Parents of the groom are Jim and Cindy Hearn of Rochester.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walters and Joyce Hawkins, all of Haskell.

The groom's grandparents are Marguerite Gauntt and the late Clarence Gauntt and Herman and Betty Hearn, all of Rochester. The groom's great grandmother is Mrs. M. M. Hearn of Rochester.

Tamera is a 1993 graduate of Haskell High School and is employed by Rishon of Irving.

Brian is a 1997 graduate of Rochester High School and is employed by G. L. F. Construction in Dallas.

85 attend Harrell family reunion

The annual Harrell reunion was held July 23 and 24. Descendants of the late Ike, Will, Charlie and Nathan Harrell had 85 in attendance at the noon meal Sat. at the Haskell National Bank building. Viola Harrell Tidwell was the oldest in attendance and Jamie Lou Kendall, granddaughter of Daisy Lou Harrell Smith, was the youngest. Traveling the longest distance to attend the reunion was Melissa Harden, granddaughter of Frances Harrell Bowen, from Chico, Calif.

Auction items were sold after

lunch. It was voted to donate \$500 to the Willow Cemetery Water Well Fund from the proceeds of the auction.

Fri. night hamburgers and hot dogs were served to 55 in the backyard of Mike and Julia Harrell.

Special guests attending the reunion were friends of the family from Rochester were Claudia Reid, Dorothy Haliburton and Doyle Strickland from Haskell, Doll Williams, Marie Culberth, Charles and Flossie Bates, Elizabeth Cofield Corum and daughter Juanita.

Haskell Horse Club

Results of the Haskell Horse Club Playnight held Sat., July 24 are as follows:

- Barrels
8 and under Novice: 1. River McTasney 2. Luke Terry
8 and under: 1. Ashton Rutkowski 2. Kristina Bitner 3. Griffin Brown
9-12: 1. Chris Hise 2. Brittany Rutkowski 3. Misty Hise
13-15: 1. Morgan Cox
16-19: 1. Roni Morrow
Flags
8 and under Novice: 1. Luke Terry 2. River McTasney

- 8 and under: 1. Ashton Rutkowski 2. Griffin Brown 3. Cannon Edwards
9-12: 1. Chris Hise 2. Amy Brown 3. Brittany Rutkowski
13-15: 1. Morgan Cox
Poles
8 and under novice: 1. Luke Terry 2. River McTasney
8 and under: 1. Kristina Bitner 2. Ashton Rutkowski 3. Griffin Brown
9-12: 1. Brittany Rutkowski 2. Amy Brown 3. Misty Hise
13-15: 1. Morgan Cox
16-19: 1. Roni Morrow

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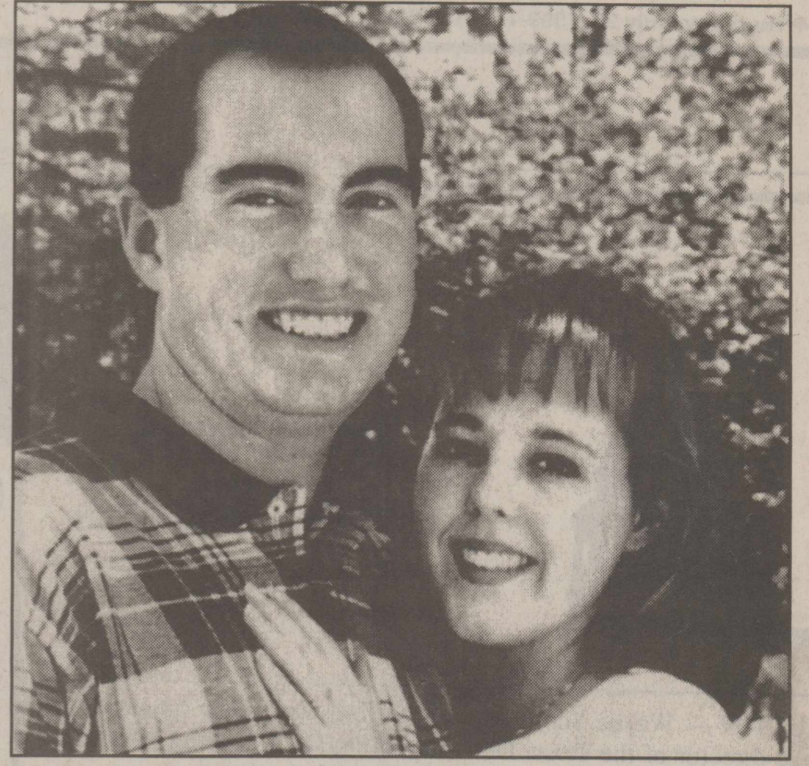
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McSMITH, BAILEY TO WED—Dr. and Mrs. William D. McSmith of Haskell announce the engagement of their daughter, Marci, to Bob Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey of Macon, Missouri. The couple plans an August wedding. Pd. Adv.

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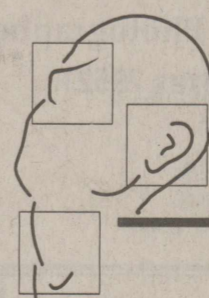
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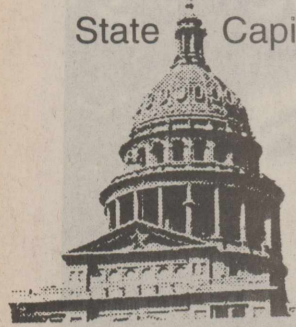
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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Wayne Scott, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice since 1996, has been approved to receive a \$23,000 increase to his \$127,000 annual salary.

The new state budget, which takes effect Sept. 1, allows Scott and other agency chiefs to be paid as much as \$150,000 a year.

Allan Polunsky, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice which oversees the criminal justice agency, said he will recommend the raise for Scott.

As head of the agency, Scott is responsible for a \$2 billion a year budget, 40,000 employees and 145,000 inmates.

Also approved by the state Legislature were raises for other agency chiefs, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week, including:

- The commissioner of the Texas Department of Human Services, from \$105,000 to \$150,000;

- The commissioner of Texas Health and Human Services Commission, from \$125,106 to \$150,000;

- The commissioner of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, from \$135,000 to \$140,000;

- The director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, from \$90,000 to \$102,000; and

- The executive director of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, from \$90,000 to \$115,000.

This year, the Legislature also approved a \$100 a month pay raise for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's 23,755 guards.

The starting salary for a prison guard is \$17,000, and low pay is one reason the agency has more than 1,000 job openings in its system of 112 prisons and jails.

Education Chief Applies at Tech
Texas Education Commissioner Dr. Mike Moses has applied for the position of deputy chancellor for external affairs at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Moses, who has served as commissioner of education since 1995, submitted his application at the urging of Tech Chancellor John Montford, according to Debbie Graves Ratcliffe, senior director of the Texas Education Agency's division of communications and public information.

Moses and Montford's friendship goes back to Moses' term as superintendent of Lubbock Independent School District. Then,

Montford was a state senator representing Texas Senate District 28, which includes Lubbock.

School Violence Topic of Meeting
Texas Attorney General John Cornyn and Texas Education Commissioner Moses were in San Antonio July 15 for the first meeting of the Attorney General's School Violence Task Force.

One of the goals of the task force is to ensure that every school district has a crisis management plan.

Moses, co-chairman of the task force, said the effort brings parents, community leaders, teachers and principals together in a forum in which they can share ideas for solutions to campus violence.

"It also gives them the resources available to prepare for the possibility that students today may act in a violent manner," Moses added.

"As the father of two public high school students, I'm encouraged by what I've heard today," Cornyn said. "The practical advice of these experts will give our schools the programs and strategies to make our schools safe."

Future meetings of the task force have been set for Sept. 7 in Lubbock, Nov. 8 in Houston and Feb. 3, 2000 in Dallas.

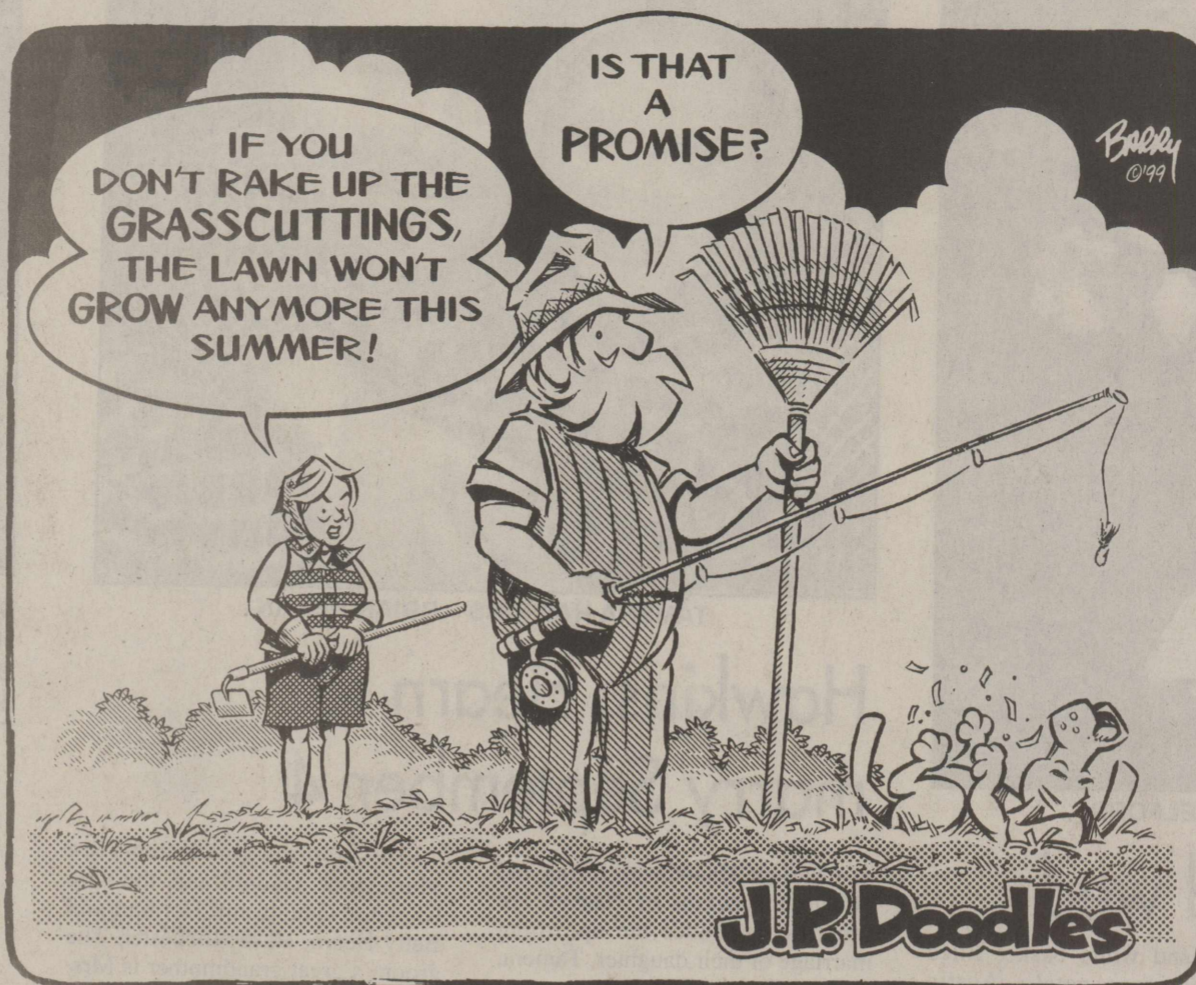
According to Texas Education Agency statistics, there were 200,000 assaults against students and 18,000 assaults against teachers reported in the last four academic years.

In the same period, more than 31,000 weapons were confiscated in schools and 85,000 acts of vandalism or criminal mischief against schools or student property were reported.

Other Highlights

- Nearly 90,000 items from abandoned safe deposit boxes will be sold to the highest bidder on Oct. 2, at the state's next unclaimed property auction in Austin. Jewelry, coins and currency, stamps, historical documents, and other collectibles and curiosities will go on the auction block, state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced last week.

- Retailers and shoppers can get details about the Aug. 6-8 sales tax holiday from the Texas comptroller's easily accessible web site, www.window.state.tx.us. Items listed — primarily school attire and supplies — will be exempt from state, city and county sales taxes.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Thanks to a wonderful scrapbook meticulously kept by the late Betty Watson chronicling the activities of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department of twenty years ago, I recently got a great view of a community in action and positive commitment to a common cause for progress.

Reading through the many hundreds of names of individuals, businesses and groups who made donations, both large and small, which she so carefully notated, could not help but make one aware of what power there is in the united effort of people who have "a mind to work" and a dream of what they can do.

The history of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department goes back 93 years, way before that time in 1979 when they led the community in the project of building a new fire station to replace the previous new one built in 1926. Throughout that time many local men have volunteered and faithfully served the community in this very important aspect of protective services we often take for granted as just something that is going to be there for us. Today, under Fire Chief Bill Steele, the men of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department do a great job for this community.

The stories of fires, emergencies and crises witnessed and responded to by these conscientious public

servants are perhaps only chronicled in the hearts and memories of those they helped in time of need. But if recounted, they would fill many of the pages of Haskell's long history.

I have found that not all of the stories are sad and dire in the memories of "old timers" who grew up here, (although they probably wouldn't appreciate being labeled "old timers").

In the early 1930s, with no radios or means means of quick communication, when a fire alert came in, the fire chief would jump in the truck and circle the square with siren going. Whatever the volunteer firemen were doing at the time, they would drop it and run to grab on to the fire truck. My Tom remembers seeing Arthur Hayes run out of the barber shop where he was getting a shave, with soap suds still on his face, tearing off the barber's cape as he ran to jump on the back-end of the truck.

When the loud fire alarm sounded from the top of the station, the town's people would hurry out to follow the truck to the fire in whatever means of transportation they had at hand. Whether a help or a hindrance, they wanted to be there.

All of the emergency uses the fire truck was called on to fill were not so tragic and serious. One hilarious time recalled by Tom and buddy George Fouts, occurred one

day in the mid 1930s when certain parents in town heard a rumor that certain sons were planning to play hooky from school that afternoon.

Reacting to that no-no of student behavior, Fire Chief Carl Maples, having no other means of quick transportation on hand, jumped in the fire truck, circled by Fouts Dry Goods to pick up Mr. John Fouts, then by the First Baptist Church parsonage to pick up Reverend H. R. Whatley and the three roared up to the High School building with siren going full blast, to "save" those errant boys (namely John E. Fouts, Howard Whatley and "Sleepy" Maples), from doing the deed.

With all the windows on the front of the school open in the hot weather, students heard the sirens going and naturally thinking the school was on fire, piled out to watch the excitement. Although it took considerable amount of effort to gain some kind of order, afternoon classes finally resumed, spoiling a lot of little scholars hopes for a break. (For the record, all of the boys grew up to be right good citizens. There's no record of what they attributed it to.)

Back then, it seems, parents didn't fool around in making their point with direct, "hands-on" parental response to any form of "playing-off" on the part of their kids, even if it took the help of the fire department to do it.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
July 27, 1989

Five members of the Haskell FFA Chapter received the Lone Star Farm Degree at the State FFA convention in Houston. Receiving awards were Pete Torres, Chris Howeth, Marty Trussell, Missy Davis and Stony Trussell. Dalyn Gilly, member of the Haskell chapter, placed fifth in the State Public Speaking contest at the convention.

Wayne Hester of Rochester has been awarded a scholarship to attend East Texas State University.

James Bevel, agriculture teacher at Haskell High School, participated in a two-day Land, Range and Pasture Seminar at Tarleton State University.

20 Years Ago
July 26, 1979

Bonnie Woods of Rule has been named to receive a Presidential Scholarship at McMurry College. Woods is a 1979 graduate of Rule

High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Woods.

James McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McCoy, received the bachelor of science degree from Abilene Christian University.

The Texas School Assessors Association has announced that Mrs. Charlene Brothers of O'Brien, has completed the education and advanced training required and has been awarded the highest Achievement Certificate available to any tax office personnel.

30 Years Ago
July 24, 1969

Abe M. Turner, vice-president of the Haskell National Bank, was one of 127 bank executives from 32 states who successfully completed the tenth annual seminar for senior bank officers.

Debbie Campbell was crowned Haskell County Cotton Queen; Paula Mayfield was first runner-up and Mary Alexander, second runner-up.

Dr. Wm. J. Kemp successfully passed the State Dental Board of New Mexico.

40 Years Ago
July 23, 1959

Floyd (Satch) Lusk, city paid fireman, is in College Station where he is attending the annual short course in firefighting, held at A&M College.

Christy Royall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Royall, is

attending a speech and drama workshop at Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos.

A 3 pound can of Crisco is 79 cents at Gholson Grocery on the north side of the square.

50 Years Ago
July 28, 1949

Office of the L. T. Florence Insurance Agency was moved this week from the second floor of the Oates Building to new quarters in the Tonkawa Hotel Building at 104 South Ave. E.

Burton-Dotson Chevrolet Company have completed a substantial improvement project on their used car lot, adjoining their building on North 1st Street one block west of the square.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wheatley and sons, Keith, Jerry and Bobby, left on a vacation trip to Yellowstone National Park and other points in Wyoming.

90 Years Ago
July 24, 1909

H. Weinert and J. E. Robertson of the thriving little city of Weinert were business visitors here.

Postmaster John B. Baker made a business trip to Ovalo the first of the week.

J. U. Fields, accompanied by Misses May and Annie Fields, left Sat. to visit the Seattle Exposition. They will also visit Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

Our library reading program has ended at the library. I would like to take this space to thank everyone who helped to make our program a success.

Rhonda Hanson, Michelle Dunnam and Julie Kretschmer were the ladies that put our program together this year. They read stories, played games, sang songs and did crafts with as many as 64 youngsters at one program. We were very crowded but everyone had a wonderful time.

The prizes for this year's program were provided by KTXS channel-12, Abilene, who donated a family vacation to Schlitterbaun; Wal-Mart, Stamford, who donated a bicycle; Haskell National Bank who donated a \$50 savings bond and a Silver Eagle silver dollar; First National Bank and First American Bank who both donated \$50 savings bond; Ernestine Herren who donated \$50 in memory of Sam Herren to buy prizes for the children; Dairy Queen who donated tokens for sundaes and ice cream treats; Modern Way Food Store who donated pizzas and Video Mania who donated free movie rentals.

Our refreshments were provided by Tammy Parham, Christine Greene and Joan Strickland.

Thank you all for making this summer's reading program a success. Our children are our future and we must continue to encourage, teach and work with them in every way possible.

Joan Strickland
Librarian
Haskell County Library

Dear Editor:

What a joy! Last Friday night the blended voices of children, youth and adults in songs of love, adoration and praise to our Lord and Savior were a special blessing to hear.

The Church of Christ was gracious to share the Singing School Program with all citizens of Haskell.

Sincerely,
Frank and Billie Cadenhead
Haskell

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn,
Attorney General

Q: My employer was late getting our checks to us. I refused to work until I was paid. They finally gave me my check but then fired me because they wanted someone more accommodating. Can they do this?

A: Texas is an at-will employment state. This means that an employee can be let go at any time with no reason given.

If you feel that you were let go for reasons of discrimination, you can report this to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The EEOC investigates matters of discrimination in the work place. They can be reached at 214-655-3355.

Texas Payday Laws require that employees be paid for work performed. If your employer still owes you for work that you have done, you can contact the Texas Workforce Commission, Payday Law Division at 800-832-2222.

If you have further questions about your situation, you may wish to contact a private attorney. Texas law does not allow the Attorney General to represent or counsel private individuals. A private attorney would be best positioned to advise you on the legal merits of your particular situation. The Texas State Bar offers a legal referral hotline at 800-252-9690. The Hotline can help you find an attorney in your area who handles this type of case.

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Week of July 22

The weather report for the week is "continued hot and dry" as we swelter in the typical July weather. As we look around the countryside, we see fields of baled hay and beautiful cotton. The farmers have been very busy with their crops and the hard work is showing.

We have another set of new grandparents and great grandparents in the community after the birth of Cecelia Grace Baitz in Waco June 12. She is the daughter of Kacy and Jessica and the first great grandchild of Melvin and Annella. Little Cecelia arrived at 4:55 p.m. and weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces.

Mary Neinst attended the Brown family reunion last weekend at Lago Vista. Over thirty cousins, descendants of the late John Wesley Brown, attended from Austin, Lubbock, Dallas, Sunset City, Anson, Emory and Sagerton and one family from Kansas.

The ladies breakfast was held at the community center last Wednesday morning with Dorothy Toney, Joyce LeFevre, Jill Brown and Leona Letz preparing the meal. Ladies who came included Anita Dozier and Berniece White of Old Glory, Doris Lehmann of Rule, Betty Lackey, Isabel Mrazek and Laura Spray of Aspermont and Sagerton ladies, Helen Lehmann, Mary Neinst, Frances Clark, Odene Dudensing and Yvonne Swofford.

Faith Circle met at Faith Lutheran Church Tuesday afternoon for a Bible study from Micah led by Pastor Jeff Zell. Isabel Mrazek served refreshments to Mary Neinst, Dorothy Toney, Barbara Nauert, Marie and Thomas Zell.

Megan Toney was the honoree for a birthday party Wed. at the home of her grandparents, J. B. and Dorothy Toney. Little 2 year-old Megan enjoyed the cookout, cake and all the attention of the following guests who attended the party which featured a Pooh Bear theme: Pastor Jeff, Marie and Thomas Zell, Jon, Josh, Lauren and Renea McAden and Becky Alexander of Abilene, Cheryl Smallback of Kansas and her family, Michelle, Clay and Tarah Toney.

The Friendship Club met at Faith Lutheran on Thurs. noon for its regular monthly fellowship. The Happy Birthday song was sung for Cade Brown, Megan Toney and Dorothy Clark and the anniversary song was dedicated to Delbert and Joyce LeFevre. Enjoying the time together were Minnie Monse, Isabell Mrazek, Doris Lehmann, Joe and Dorothy Clark, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, J. B. and Dorothy Toney, Mary Neinst, Esther Kinman, Pastor Jeff, Marie and Thomas Zell, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Frances Clark, Larry LeFevre, Michelle, Clay and Megan Toney, Tully and Cade Brown.

Marchel Nauert of Aspermont was the chief cook and bottle washer for the men's breakfast held at Faith Lutheran Church Fri. morning, attended by Joe Clark, Carl Lunn, Gene Teichelman, Alvin Bredthauer and Anton Teichelman. Pastor Jeff Zell led a short devotion.

Bill and Margie Hertel and the Mike Hertel family were in Lubbock during the weekend for the All-Star basketball game of which Michael Hertel was a player. The play-off game was held at Monterrey High School in Lubbock.

Joe and Dorothy Clark were in

Lubbock Sun. afternoon for the 50th wedding anniversary reception for Herman and Mary Raphael held at the atrium of the Holiday Inn. Herman and Mary were married July 16, 1949 at Ralls and are now retired in Lubbock after combined teaching careers of over 70 years. Herman grew up in the Sagerton community and was a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University where he played on the football team. After his colorful career at Hardin-Simmons, he was offered a contract to play with the Pittsburgh Steelers, but declined to begin teaching and coaching high school football. He and Mary taught in Morton, Post and Lubbock and he also served as high school principal. Many of their former students attended the reception including a "fourth-grader" who was the emcee for the program that highlighted their lives. They traveled extensively all over the United States and points of interest all over the world. At one point in their lives they led overseas tours in which some of their Sagerton friends and relatives enjoyed with them. Herman is the son of the late Herman and Alvina Raphael and Mary is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bledsoe of Ralls. They had no children of their own, but as the emcee so aptly stated in his presentation, they were Mom and Dad to many, many kids all over the state. Other relatives and friends attending included J. B. and Dorothy Toney, Barbara and Marchel Nauert of Aspermont and Garland, Debbie, Andrew and Katy Raphael of Arlington.

Dorothy Clark was the honoree for a birthday supper in Haskell Fri. hosted by her granddaughter, Emmalee Bivins. Other guests included Joe Clark, Rick Phemister and Rick's grandmother.

week of July 29

More hot weather reminds us that we are in the month of July and the date on the paper reminds us that we are looking forward to August real soon.

The regular monthly community suppers begin next Tues. night at 6:30 August 3 at the community center. On the menu for the night will be sandwiches and watermelons. All the food will be furnished by the community fund and everyone is urged to attend and enjoy the company of our neighbors...some of whom we may have not been visiting with for a couple of months. See you there, Tues., August 3.

We are glad to have G. W. and Ophelia back home, safe and sound, after a weekend of traveling in their trailer. The LeFevres travel all over the state in their travel trailer and it's always good to know that they have made one more safe trip. The past weekend was spent at Glen Rose where they attended a family reunion of the late Ira and Liz LeFevre. Over 60 members of the family enjoyed the weekend together. Other visits the LeFevres have made during the summer included one to his brother, Tince LeFevre of Center, Ophelia's cousin, C. W. and Marie Scott, relatives in Eddy and Waco, plus two fishing trips to Lake Whitney and Lake Proctor.

Charles and Dorothy Clark were in Lubbock last weekend for the wedding of their grandson, Judson Clark. The ceremony was held at Melanic Park Baptist Church in Lubbock on Sat. Judson was married to Laura Elizabeth Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark

Wood, Jr. Judson's parents are Bob and Tommy Jo Clark of Harlingen. Congratulations to the young couple.

Joe and Dorothy Clark spent the weekend in Valley View visiting with their daughter and son-in-law, Patsy and Don Bivins. The Clarks made a little side trip to Tioga to visit the famous restaurant that was featured recently in Texas Highways magazine. The place just happened to be named Clark's Outpost and is well known all over Texas for its chicken fried steak. They claim to have the best chicken fried steak in Texas. It was an interesting experience for the Clarks with the unique "atmosphere."

Delbert and Joyce LeFevre have been cooling off at Ruidoso this week.

Lisa Macias, daughter of Cato, Jr. and Sallie Macias and the bride-elect of Jody Lopez was honored with a bridal shower at the community center Sat. afternoon. The bride-elect's chosen colors of hunter green and silver were used in decorations throughout the party room. Cake and punch was served from a lace over green table with a centerpiece of candles and greenery.

Hostesses for the party were: Kathy Teichelman, Joyce LeFevre, Susie Wilson, Tami Baitz, Jill Brown, Donna Saffel, Jana Manske, Melinda Hisey, Renee Dudensing, Mozelle Manske, Julie Saffel, Susan Saffel, Paula Stegemoeller and Elaine Gomillion.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Teichelman and Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Greenwood, Adam and Shannon returned home Fri. after spending several days in Kingsport, Tenn. visiting with Tommy and Joy Cook. While there they toured the Smokey Mountains, spent a day at Dollywood, plus shopping at antique and arts and crafts malls. They saw several shows and drove around in the mountains admiring the beautiful scenery. They especially enjoyed visiting with the Cooks.

Alvin and Alice Bredthauer attended a school reunion last weekend at Caldwell; their reunion was held at the Cooks Point community center. Alvin began school at Liberty in 1921 and in 1923 was a student at Union School. The two schools combined their reunion for students who formerly attended either of the schools. In 1937 both schools consolidated with Caldwell High School. Over forty ex-students enjoyed the weekend together, reminiscing and exchanging stories of their school days together.

We hope to see all residents Tues. night at the watermelon feed!!

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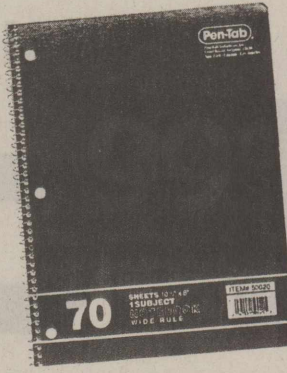
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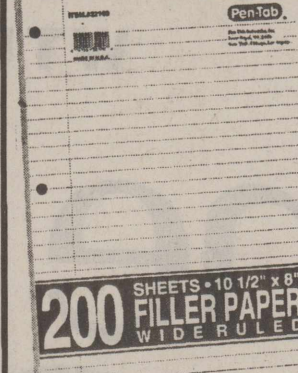
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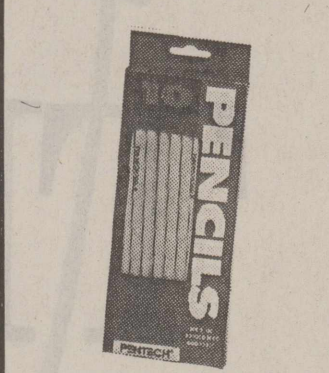
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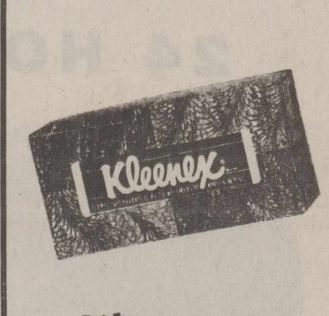


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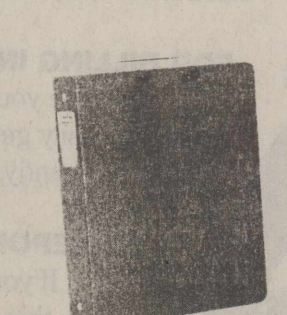
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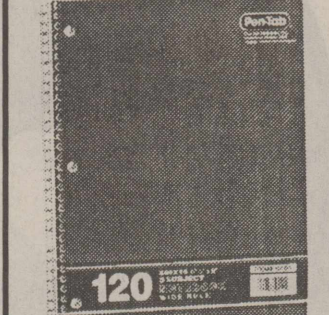
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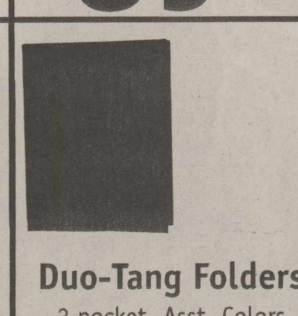
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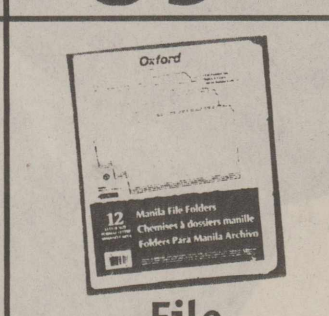
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VRJC to offer classes in Haskell this fall

Vernon Regional Junior College (VRJC) has scheduled four classes at Haskell High School this fall: Composition and Grammar, Principles of Word Processing,

Beginning Spanish and College Algebra. Classes will begin the week of Aug. 23. Registration will be held at Haskell High School Aug. 18.

For the first time, VRJC will offer a class using the Interactive television classroom at Haskell High School. College Algebra will be offered using this technology on Thurs. night from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. VRJC instructor Jean Byars will teach this class.

Composition and Grammar, Principles of Word Processing and Beginning Spanish will be taught on site at Haskell High School. Jill Druessedow will teach Composition and Grammar from 10 - 11 a.m., Mon. through Fri. The Composition and Grammar class is limited to high school students only. Alice Jones will teach Principles of Word Processing on Mon. night from 6 - 10 p.m. and Cindy McCulloch will teach Beginning Spanish on Wed. nights from 6 - 9 p.m.

VRJC will also offer 21 Internet and 4 video tape courses for students separated by time and distance from a faculty member and

the Vernon campus. Instead of attending regular classes, students taking Internet courses will access weekly assignments through the Internet, mail in assignments and take tests on the Vernon campus. Students must have access to an IBM compatible computer with a modem and an Internet provider. Most courses require students to purchase and install software on their computers. Course offerings are listed on the VRJC Web Site at www.vrjc.cc.tx.us/dslrn.

Students interested in enrolling in transfer courses must meet the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) requirements. QuickTASP/TASP will be given at Haskell High School July 31. Other dates on the Vernon campus are July 26 at 1:00 p.m., Aug. 7 at 8:00 a.m. and Aug. 12 at 1:00 p.m. For information on TASP testing call the VRJC counseling office at (940) 552-6291, ext. 2253.



JODY LOPEZ - LISA MACIAS

Macias, Lopez to wed Aug. 7

Lisa Yvonne Macias and Celestino Jose Lopez, both of Abilene, have announced their engagement.

Parents of the bride-elect are Mrs. and Mrs. Catarino Macias, Jr. of Haskell.

Mr. and Mr. Julian Guzman are parents of the prospective bridegroom.

The couple plans to be married August 7, in St. Ann's Catholic Church in Stamford.

Macias is a graduate of Rule High School. She attends Hardin-Simmons University and is employed by the YWCA in Abilene.

A graduate of Stamford High School, Lopez is employed by Abilene Ag Service.

Births

Brenley Waters is proud to announce the arrival of her new baby sister, Bergen Lynne Waters. She arrived July 14 at 11:52 a.m. at United Regional Health Care Systems in Wichita Falls. She weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Shannon and Heather Waters. Grandparents are Hal and Cindy Guess of Weinert, Bud and Carol Moorefield of Stamford and Don Waters of Albany.

Great grandparents are H. L. and Sarah Guess of Weinert, Gene and Dorothy Brown of Munday, Jack and Joyce Hill of Stamford, C. E. and Martha Nixon of Albany and Jim and Bonnie Moorefield of Hamlin.

Daniel Contreras would like to announce the arrival of his new baby sister, Natalie Renae Contreras. Natalie was born to Joe and Ovilida Contreras of Haskell on Fri., July 23 at 11:58 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Daniel and Lupe Guadalcazar of Haskell and Joe and Estella Contreras of Mexico.

Doug and Jill Hall of Dallas have announced the birth of their daughter, Juliann Louise, on June 28, 1999.

She weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents of the baby are Ted and Mary Jennings of Haskell. Great-grandparents are T. W. and Juanita Jennings of Paint Creek.

Student in the news

Brandon McFadden was named to the National Dean's List at Texas Tech University for 1998-99.

McFadden graduated from Texas Tech in Aug. 1998 with a degree in Exercise and Sports Science and completed 12 hours of graduate classes in the spring of 1999.

He is the son of Arvil and Mary Ann McFadden of Haskell.

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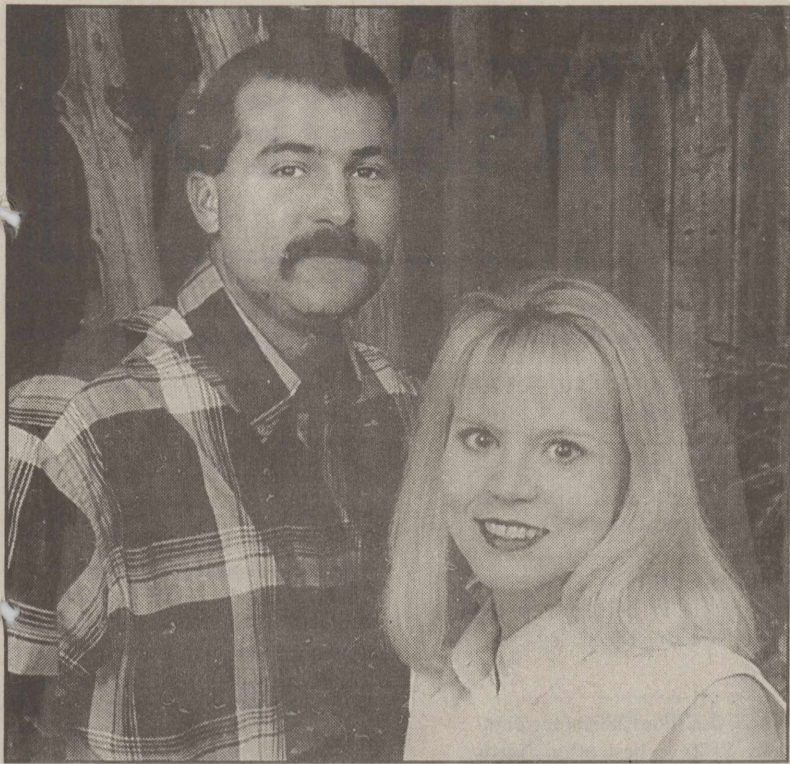
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BRIAN MANSKE - JONI PENMAN

Penman, Manske plan September wedding

Bill Penman and Cathy Penman of Rochester and Tommy and Kathy Manske of Sagerton wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Joni Ann Penman to

Brian Lee Manske.

The prospective bride is a 1994 graduate of Rochester High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed at Paint Creek ISD.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1994 graduate of Rule High School and is employed by Blackwell Farms.

The couple plan to exchange vows Sat., Sept. 4 at Paint Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Truett Kuenstler officiating.

Joyce made it home on Sat. night after spending a week in Lewisville with son Bobby and wife Darlene. They brought me as far as Jacksboro and grandson Christopher and Melissa Tatum meet us there and brought me on home. On Wed. Bobby took me to Ft. Worth to eye doctor for a check up and got a good report. I had a good time, but is good to be back home.

Judy Anderson is back home after a two weeks visit with her son and family David Anderson in Ulysses, Kansas. While there she attended two basketball games that the grandchildren, Aleshia Kay and Zachery Anderson, played in.

On Fri. Frankie Don White of Jacksboro came and took her dad Frank White to San Angelo where they took care of some business.

T. Bo Holley of Vernon visited his mother Dora Holley on Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gannaway and family of Roswell, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs. John Gannaway and family of Lubbock and Chris Smith of Plano visited Lucille Gannaway over the weekend.

Visiting with George and Faye Gray last weekend were his sister and husband Harrell and Eva Sterring of Crowley and another sister and husband Bill and Orvetta Muse of Tulsa, Okla. Also their daughter and husband Woody and Georgia Turnbow of Weinert.

Bill Ratliff of Hamlin spent Fri. afternoon with his mother Margaret Ratliff.

Bernice Hilliard and Linda and Mary Jane Short flew to Kansas City, Missouri on Fri. to attend the wedding for nephew of Bernice's and Linda's and Mary

Jane's cousin, John Kolasa, who married Donice Dove. It was held at the Beaumont Club at 2:00 p.m. Sat. A Grub 'N Hoedown followed the wedding.

Greater Independent Baptist Church pastor and members want to thank all the former pastors, former members, guests and friends for helping make our homecoming program one of the best. Rev. Danny Brown, First Baptist, Eastland, led the morning service. Rev. Brown's message was from Matthew 5:13-16. The homecoming choir was directed by Rev. Don Burton. The evening service message was by Rev. J. W. Hanson, Rose of Sharon, Odessa. The scripture was from Luke 19:1-5; the message was entitled A Recipe for Our Lives.

Other guests attending were St. Paul Baptist Church, Wichita

Falls; Step of Faith COGIC, Dallas; Rev. Charles Taylor, New Fellowship, Abilene; Rev. Webb Sims Chapel, Stamford; Rev. Yarbrough, Mt. Olive, Stamford; Rev. Hooper, Solomon Temple, Stamford; Hopewell, Haskell, Rev. Lewis and many others.

People attended from Huntsville, Breckenridge, Longview, Oklahoma City, Irving, Knox City, Monongahela, Penn., Sweetwater, Ft. Worth, Midland, West Beulah, Munday, Rev. Robinson, College Station.

A barbeque dinner with all the trimmings was served.

On Sat., July 17 Greater Independent Baptist Church held their homecoming in the park. Hot dogs, fried chicken and drinks were served and games were played.

Groups from Knox City, Odessa, Abilene, Longview, Oklahoma

City, Irving, Dallas, Breckenridge, Sweetwater and Monongahela, Penn. attended. A musical was held at the church and a watermelon feast was enjoyed. Thanks to Birdie Goudeau for all her hard work.

Visiting Lavid and Geneva Robertson from Franklin, Tenn. were John and Kay Rush. John is the first vice president of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home.

An evening was enjoyed by John, Kay, Lavid, Geneva, Doris J. in the beautiful backyard for a steak dinner, with Mike and Julia Harrell.

Lewis and Joyce Thomas attended their annual Reding Family Reunion in Killeen on Sat.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday

All-Stars end exciting season

During the All Star Baseball Tournament held in Haskell July 19-21, fans were treated to close games between evenly matched teams.

Beginning at 4:00 p.m., the first game on the first night matched the Hawley and Jim Ned All Stars, with Jim Ned coming out on top. The Haskell All Stars came away winners in the second game against Anson. Winners of those two games were matched in the third game of the night, which was tied at the end of six regulation innings.

Keeping the game going until 12:45 a.m., both Haskell and Jim Ned matched tying runs until Jim Ned pulled ahead in the eleventh inning to win by two points.

The second night of action was set with a double-header between the Hawley and Anson All Stars, the winner of which would play the Haskell All Stars. Anson won the game with Hawley and then lost to Haskell in the match up game.

The final night of the tournament again matched together the Haskell and Jim Ned All Stars. Since Jim Ned had to be beat twice due to having no losses, Haskell had to be up to the challenge of a very long night.

Tied at the end of six innings, the game went into extra innings, with each team scoring tying runs to keep it tied. At the beginning of the ninth inning, with one out on the Haskell All Stars, the lights went out at the stadium, postponing the game for 45 minutes.

When play was resumed, Haskell couldn't get runs in and Jim Ned came up to bat with the score tied. With two outs and a full count on the batter, he blasted a home run to end the game.

The Haskell All Stars were coached by Jerry Coker, Terry Blanks, and Ronnie Jack Chapman.

Members of the 1999 Haskell All Stars team were: Brad Blanks, Austin Coker, Ronald Chapman, Kendall Mitchell, Josh Tidrow, Weston Rutkowski, Bubba Mayes, Bert Diaz, Brandon McClatchey, Riley Tatum, Aquarius Carreon, and Brandon Isbell.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Sagerton Gin has made application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for Air Quality Permit No. 41520 to expand an existing Cotton Gin near Stamford, Haskell County, Texas. The location of the existing facility is 1/2 mile east of FM 1661 on Highway 283. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper. This notice is to be published on July 22, 1999 and July 29, 1999.

VERNON REGIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE FALL '99 SEMESTER SCHEDULE

Classes Held in Haskell

Registration August 18

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Classes begin week of August 23

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ENGL 1301 Composition and Grammar
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OFFT 1414 Principles of Word Processing
Mon., 6 - 10 p.m.
SPAN 1411 Beginning Spanish
Wed., 6 - 9 p.m. Lab TBA

Interactive Video Class
held in Interactive Video Classroom
MATH 1314 College Algebra
Thur., 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Classes Held in Vernon

Early Registration August 3

Regular Registration August 19

Classes begin week of August 23

Pick up a fall '99 schedule at your local library or visit the VRJC website - www.vrjc.cc.tx.us to see complete schedule of classes. Call 552-6291 ext 2230 for information on all classes.

INTERNET COURSES

Internet and Video Tape Course Orientation: August 26

BIOLOGY
BIOL 1322.19 Nutrition TBA

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CJSA 1312.19 Crime in America TBA

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS
COSC 1301.19 Introduction to Computers with lab TBA

COMPUTER-ASSISTING DRAFTING & DESIGN
DFTG 1409.19 Basic Computer-Aided Drafting TBA
DFTG 1417.19 Architectural Drafting - Residential TBA
DFTG 1452.19 Intermediate Computer-Aided Drafting TBA
DFTG 2432.19 Advanced Computer-Aided Drafting TBA
Above drafting & design classes have a required lab except 1417.19

ECONOMICS
ECON 2301.19 Principles of Economics I TBA

ENGLISH
ENGL 1301.19 Composition and Grammar TBA
ENGL 1302.19 Composition and Literature TBA

ENGLISH (cont.)
ENGL 2322.19 Survey of British Literature TBA
ENGL 2323.19 Survey of British Literature TBA

GRAPHICS
GRPH 1422.19 Electronic Publishing I with a lab TBA

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MCOT 1104.19 Introduction to Internet TBA
MCOT 1105.19 Intermediate Internet TBA
MCOT 2312.19 Principles of Spreadsheets with a lab TBA
MCOT 2412.19 Principles of Database with a lab TBA

NURSING
NURS 1350 Medical Terminology TBA

OFFICE TECHNOLOGY
OFFT 1414.19 Principles of Word Processing TBA
OFFT 2418.19 Adv. Word Processing/Desktop Publishing TBA

VIDEO TAPE COURSES

ACCOUNTING
ACCT 2401.13 Principles of Accounting I TBA

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (Transfer Courses)
BUSI 1301.13 Introduction to Business TBA

ECONOMICS
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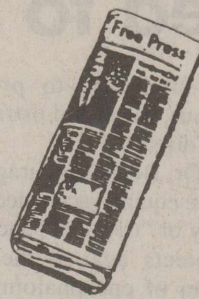
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For more information, please contact: Aspermont Small Business Center, Inc., Telephone 940-989-2239. 30c

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION TO MERGE

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency, Southwestern District, 1600 Lincoln Plaza, 500 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-3394, by Hamlin National Bank, 231 S. Central Ave., Hamlin, Texas 79520 for written consent to merge with The Farmers National Bank of Rule, Texas, 5th & Union Streets, Rule, Texas 79547. It is contemplated that the main offices and branch offices of the above-named banks will continue to operate.

This notice is being published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. This notice will appear three times at approximately two-week intervals over a 30-day period beginning July 1, 1999, and ending July 29, 1999.

Any person desiring to comment on the application to purchase and assume may do so by submitting written comments within 30 days of the date of first publication of this notice to: Licensing Manager, Comptroller of the Currency, Southwestern District, 1600 Lincoln Plaza, 500 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-30c

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July 29, 1999
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Sagerton Gin has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 41520 to authorize expansion of a Cotton Gin located 1/2 mile east of FM 1661 on Highway 283 near Stamford, Haskell County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminant: particulate matter. A person who may be affected by air contaminants emitted from the facility may request a hearing.

If the applicant demonstrates the facility will comply with all applicable air quality requirements, the applicant will qualify for issuance of a permit. The subject of a hearing would be limited to applicable air quality requirements, which do not include issues such as water quality, noise, traffic safety, or zoning. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief, specific statement of how and why emissions from the facility would adversely affect you in a way not common to members of the general public; and (5) the location of your property relative to the facility.

Hearing requests or comments on the application must be received in writing at the Chief Clerk's Office, MC-105, TNRCC, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, within 30 days after the second publication of this notice. This notice is to be published on July 22, 1999 and July 29, 1999.

The application and the TNRCC's preliminary analysis are available for review and reproduction at the TNRCC Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Building C, Austin, Texas 78753.

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D-3048

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To: ANGEL RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ, Respondent.
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"The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property that will be binding on you."

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Penny Young
Clerk of the 39th District Court
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Owners urged to have horses vaccinated

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Dr. Terry Beals, Texas state veterinarian, is advising owners to have equine vaccinated against encephalomyelitis, or "sleeping sickness," a mosquito-transmitted disease that can cause serious illness or death among affected horses, donkeys, mules or ponies. Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis (EEE) has been diagnosed in several horses and emus in East and Southeast Texas and Louisiana. The disease should not be confused with Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), an equine virus for which there is no vaccine or cure.

"A vaccine is readily available to protect equine against both the Eastern and Western forms of encephalomyelitis. The vaccine is administered by private practicing veterinarians and requires two injections, 30 days apart. A booster shot is then needed annually or biannually," said Dr. Beals, who heads the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock health regulatory agency. He said some veterinarians also employ the encephalomyelitis vaccine in an

off-label use to protect raites (emus, rheas and ostriches) against the disease.

Dr. Beals encouraged owners to have equine vaccinated with a three-way or "trivalent" vaccine that also protects against the Venezuelan form of encephalomyelitis, if the animals travel or reside south of Highway 90, which crosses from Del Rio, east through San Antonio, Houston and Beaumont. "Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis (VEE) has not been diagnosed in the U. S. since the 1970's, but cases in Mexico have been reported occasionally and equine near the border should have the added protection, unless they're to be shipped internationally," he said. Equine traveling to other countries often are required to have a negative VEE test and VEE-vaccinated animals may be rejected, due to "false-positive" test results.

EEE has been isolated from 27 different types of mosquitoes in the U. S. The mosquitoes feed on infected birds and then transmit the encephalomyelitis viruses. Signs of infection in equine may include

aimless wandering, fever, circling, convulsions and paralysis. Because rabies and "sleeping sickness" can mimic each other, the sick animal should be tested to confirm a diagnosis and thereby, protect the health of the owner or caretaker.

"Besides having the animals

vaccinated for the encephalomyelitis virus, owners should destroy mosquito breeding grounds. Drain containers that hold stagnant water, put fresh water in troughs and birdbaths and wipe down equine with an insect repellent," said Dr. Beals.

Early Childhood registration and screening set Aug. 13

Early Childhood screening and registration for the 1999-2000 school year will be Fri., Aug. 13 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Haskell Elementary School.

To be eligible for the class, children must be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1999.

The screening identifies children ages 3-5 who may be developmentally delayed in any way. If you feel your child may be delayed in learning, speech and/or

emotional skills, call the elementary office at 864-2654 to set up a time for your child to be screened.

Bring your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record to the screening and registration.

If your child turns 3 years old during the 1999-2000 school year, call the elementary office for more information about Early Childhood.

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Band announces summer schedule

Band Director, Michael Copeland has announced that Haskell High School Indian Band will begin summer practice on Mon., Aug. 3. The schedule is as follows:

Sunday, Aug. 1
Band Hall Open: 2-4:30 p.m.
Seniors and Juniors come to get fitted for uniforms.

Monday, Aug. 2
Woodwinds: 9-10:30 a.m.
Brass: 10:30-12:00 (noon)
Percussion: 2-4 p.m.
Full Band: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 3
Woodwinds: 9-10:30 a.m.
Brass: 10:30-12:00 (noon)
Percussion: 2-4:00 p.m.
Full Band 6-9 p.m.
School registration will also be held.

Wednesday, Aug. 4
Woodwinds: 9-10:30 a.m.
Brass: 10-12:30 (noon)
Percussion: 2-3 p.m.
Full Band: 3-5 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 5
Woodwinds: 9-10:30 a.m.
Brass: 10:30-12:00 (noon)
Percussion: 2-3:30 p.m.
Full Band: 6-9:00 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 6
Woodwinds: 9-10:30
Brass: 10:30-12:00 (noon)
Percussion 2-3:30 p.m.
Full Band: 6-8:00 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 9
Woodwinds/Brass: 10-12:00 (noon)
Full Band: 2-4:00 p.m.
Full Band: 6-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 10
Woodwinds/Brass: 10-12:00 (noon).
Full Band: 2-4:00 p.m.
Full Band: 6-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 11.
Percussion: 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Full Band: 3-5:00 p.m.
Any new students to Haskell High School who have questions about High School Band should call Michael Copeland at 864-3666.

City to obtain housing loan for apartments

During the Monday morning meeting of the Haskell City Council, approval was given for the hiring of Bud Leslie of Plainview and Vernon to facilitate the City's application for obtaining a housing loan from the U. S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Authority, to repair the apartments located near the park in South Haskell.

After an architect goes through the complex and makes a final assessment of everything that needs to be done, Leslie will apply for the loan. If he is able to obtain a loan for Haskell, he will be paid 1% of

the total amount of the loan.

It is expected that the architect will finish the assessment and recommendation by Oct. 1. The amount to be applied for will not be known until that time.

In other business the Council approved the request presented by Haskell coach Rob McClellan to change the outfield fence at the softball park to comply with the Title 9 Federal regulations. The fence will be moved in 50 feet and will be six feet high.

No further action was taken by the Council.

New students to register

Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students to the district Thurs., Aug. 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the elementary library (located on the

west side of the campus on South Ave. H). This registration is also for any students that did not pre-register in the spring for prekindergarten of kindergarten.

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

Pre-K will be available to all children who are at least 4 years old on or before Sept. 1.

Home break-in and burglary reported

Following the break-in and burglary of a Haskell residence sometime between July 22 and 23, a reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the suspect.

Due to the investigation which is underway, no further details about the case is being released at this time.

Anyone with knowledge about this crime is asked to contact Haskell Police Chief Tom Bassett.

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