



Baseball games

Haskell V vs Olney
Fri., April 14, 5 p.m.
at Olney
Haskell V vs Electra
Mon., April 17, 5 p.m.
at Electra

Golf

Regional Qualifiers
Jayton Golf Course
Thurs., April 20, 9 a.m.

Track

District Track Meet Seymour
Tues., April 18

Calendar

Sr. Citizens banquet

The Haskell Senior Citizens Banquet will be held Sun., April 16 at the Civic Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those over 60 can receive a free ticket. Other tickets are \$5 each. Tickets may be obtained from the commissioners, county judge, school administration office, The Drug Store or the Experienced Citizens Center.

Rule report card day

Rule ISD will hold report card day Thurs., April 13 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Parents with students in grades K-12 need to come by and pick up their student's report card and visit with their teachers.

Youth baseball

Haskell Youth Baseball, open to all Haskell County youth ages 4-12, will hold try-outs Sat., April 15 at 1 p.m. Boys ages 9-12 and not already a member of a major league team must try-out. Boys ages 6 to 8 and not already a member of a minor league team will try-out after the 9-12 year olds. All applications are due at 1 p.m. April 15. For more information call Nathan Frierson 864-2894 or Sammy Bitner 864-6120 days or 864-2186 nights.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., April 14 at noon.

Study Club to meet

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., April 13 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a program on Texas Heritage. Carolyn Pippen will give a book review.

CHIP program

The new Children's Health Insurance Program, designed to provide medical coverage for children whose parents can't afford private insurance, will have a representative in Haskell April 17 at Child Protective Services, 420 N. 1st from 1 to 4 p.m. Applications and assistance will be available. Applicants will need verification of income for the past two months and verification of child care expenses. For information call 1-800-592-7433.

Benefit supper

The Haskell Lions Club will hold a baked potato supper to benefit the Haskell County Library Fund Fri., April 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$4.50 each and are available from any Lions Club member.

Storm sirens

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

District Track meet April 18

The District 9-AA track meet will be Tues., April 18 at Seymour.

The running prelims begin at 9:00 a.m.; field events at 12 noon and the running finals will begin at 4:30 p.m.

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Library Fund receives major donations

By Mary Kaigler

In making a \$5,000.00 donation to the Haskell County Library building fund, the Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society has helped to bring the dream of building a new, modern county library closer to reality.

In accepting the check along with Librarian Joan Strickland, during the Society's regular meeting, April 3, Haskell County Judge David Davis said the generous amount was going to make a major difference in reaching the goal needed to meet the matching grant proposal offered by an anonymous Haskell native who now lives in Houston.

That proposal granted \$25,000.00 to the building of a new library if the County and the public each matched it with \$25,000.00.

The County has committed to its part of the grant proposal.

Receiving the check for the Friends of the Library fund, Librarian Joan Strickland said the fund is well on its way to reaching the goal to match the grant.

With the Society's \$5,000.00 gift added to the \$5,000.00 gift given last week by Erma Liles of Weinert, and numerous donations by other individuals and groups, the Friends of the Library fund has now reached \$20,522.00 for the public's part in matching the proposed grant for starting the building fund.

"This gift is wonderful," Strickland said in appreciation. While acknowledging that it will make a major difference in the timing, she added that every dollar, nickel and penny received for the fund has been helpful, and shows that the people are interested in the future of their community.

Strickland cited the heartwarming event of having a

young mother come into the library recently with a check for \$100.00. "I'm doing this for my son," the young woman said. "I just want to know that he will grow up having a good public library to use and enjoy."

The eventual cost of the new library will be around \$350,000.00. Judge Davis said the county is continuing the work of making it happen. Although tentative plans have been made for the physical layout of the new library, an architect has now been hired to draw up actual plans. These will be posted so that citizens can see what is proposed.

A Friends of the Library fund "thermometer" has been located on the lawn in front of the present library building to monitor the progress made toward reaching the final goal. With the fever pitch raised by the last two week's activity, many individuals and groups in the community of Haskell County could very well catch a good case of "new library fever." Lets hope it's highly contagious, and that we who still live here will be as concerned about our Haskell County Library as is the generous benefactor from Houston.

School Board election cancelled

Since no candidates for the Haskell CISD school board election drew opponents in the race, the election is being cancelled.

Incumbent board members Mike Jordan, Dr. Tom Hairgrove and Joe Yates will retain their seats. Felix Rodriguez will fill the one year unexpired term for single member District 1.



LIBRARY DONATION-Haskell County Judge David Davis and Librarian Joan Strickland accept a \$5,000.00 check given by members of the Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society, for the Friends of the Library fund. Society president, Johnny Scoggins, left, made the presentation during the group's regular meeting, Mon., April 8, at the First National Bank. Photo by Kis

Rule wins district track meet

Rule captured the boys team title Fri., April 7, in the District 13-A track meet held at Crowell.

The Rule boys won the 400 relay and 1,600 relay and Mike Casey won both the shot put and the discus.

Boys

Team totals - 1. Rule 170; 4. Rochester 63.5
3,200 - 1. Hisey, Rule, 10:13.1; 2. Puebla, Rule, 10:52
400 relay - 1. Rule 46.36

800 - 2. Kittley, Rule, 2:20.48; 3. Sanchez, Rochester, 2:21.07; 4. Falkner, Rule, 2:21.65

110 hurdles - 2. Sotelo, Rule, 17.97; 3. Parks, Rochester, 18.02
100 - 2. Rodriguez, Rochester, 12.49; 4. Gonzales, Rochester, 12.56

400 - 1. Lehrmann, Rule, 53.18; 4. Coker, Rule, 58.46
300 hurdles - 1. Harvey, Rule, 40.25; 2. Custer, Rule, 48.04

High jump - 3. Lehrmann, Rule, 5-8
Long jump - 3. Gonzales, Rochester, 18-7; 4. Harvey, Rule, 18-2 1/2

Shot put - 1. Casey, Rule, 47-0 1/2; 3. Hernandez, Rochester, 36-6 3/4; 4. Herode, Rochester, 36-5

Triple jump - 2. Gonzales, Rochester, 38-8 1/2; 3. Harvey, Rule, 38-0 1/2

200 - 2. Gonzales, Rochester, 25.07; 3. Smith, Rule, 25.30

1,600 - 2. Hisey, Rule, 5:02.64; 3. Puebla, Rule, 5:09.07

1,600 relay - 1. Rule 3:42.07
Discus - 1. Casey, Rule, 139-3 1/2; 2. Smith, Rule, 107-4 1/2; 3. Herode, Rochester, 106-2; 4. Hobbs, Paint Creek, 106-1

Girls

Team totals - 4. Rule 69; 6. Rochester 63

3,200 - 2. Garcia, Rochester, 13.53
400 relay - 2. Rochester 56.44; 4. Rule 60.48

100 hurdles - 2. Isbell, Paint Creek, 18.26
100 - 3. Caldera, Rochester, 15.03

400 - 4. McDuff, Rule, 74.04
300 hurdles - 1. Stegemoeller, Rule, 53.56; 2. Penman, Rochester, 53.66

200 - 4. Caldera, Rochester, 29.93
1,600 - 2. Garcia, Rochester, 6:21.91; 3. Lisle, Rule, 6:42.63

1,600 relay - 3. Rule 5:04.50
High jump - 4. Lisle, Rule, 4-10

Long jump - 1. Trussell, Rule, 15-2 3/4; 2. Lisle, Rule, 14-11; 4. Williams, Rochester, 14-1

Triple jump - 3. Williams, Rochester, 30-1

Cassie Lamb qualifies for rodeo state finals



CASSIE LAMB

Competing in Fort Worth last week in the Texas High School Rodeo Association Region III events, Cassie Lamb, freshman student at Paint Creek, qualified for the Texas High School Rodeo Association state finals in barrel racing and pole bending. The state finals will be held in Abilene, June 4-11.

After winning in Region III, she will compete with the top ten regional winners in the state.

As the Queen of Region III, Lamb will also be competing for the State Queen title.

She is the daughter of Billy and Tina Lamb of Haskell and Craig and Kara Grant of Bronte.

City-wide Clean-up April 17-22

A city-wide clean-up for Haskell has been announced for April 17-22.

Available for use is a brush trailer, which can be obtained by calling City Hall.

The Recycling Center, located South of the City Warehouse on Ave. A and South 1st Street, will

be open all six days of the clean-up.

Haskell citizens will be able to dump free at the landfill, but must bring a water bill for identification. Hours will be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

More information may be obtained by calling City Hall at 864-2333.

Head Start registration set April 27

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for Head Start classes for the 2000-2001 school year Thurs., April 27. Registration will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

To attend Head Start, a child must be 3 to 5 years of age.

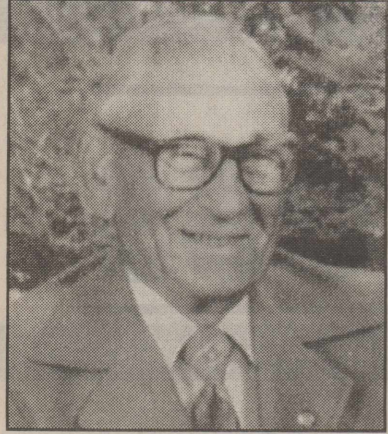
Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and income verification to registration. It is not necessary for your child to attend registration. Call 864-2654 for additional information.



DISTRICT WINNER-Mike Casey of Rule High School won both the shot put and the discus events at the Dist. 13-A track meet in Crowell. The Rule boys won the team title with a total of 170.

OBITUARIES

Felix Alfred Klose



FELIX KLOSE

Funeral services for Felix Alfred Klose, 92, lifelong Haskell County resident, were held Tues., April 11 at Trinity Lutheran Church in

Haskell with Rev. Gary Bruns officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Klose died Sun., April 9 at a local hospital.

Born Feb. 22, 1908 in Haskell, he married Lydia Moeller Feb. 20, 1939. He was a member of the Sons of Hermann Lodge and a former member of the Mattson School Board. He had been a director of both the Texas Farm Bureau and the Haskell Co-Op Gin. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where he had served as treasurer.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Shirley DiLorenzo, and seven siblings.

Survivors include his wife, Lydia, of the home; two sons, Loyd Klose

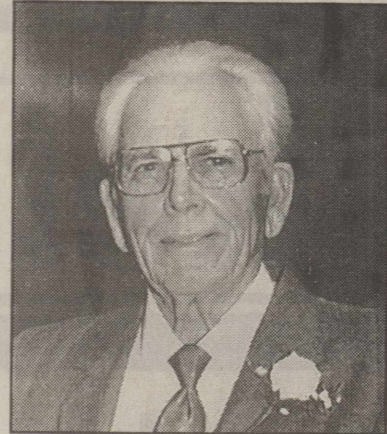
and wife, Janis, of Abilene and Jerry Don Klose and wife, Phyllis, of Haskell; one daughter, Linda Carpenter and husband, Gary, of Abilene; one son-in-law, John DiLorenzo; 9 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandchildren: Doug and Jamie (Klose) Smith, George and Felecia (Klose) Sanchez, Jeff and Kelly (Klose) Reese, Lonnie & Shelia (Klose) Hise, Steven and Jennifer Klose, Phillip and Melinda Carpenter, Chris and Kyla (Carpenter) Zett, Bert and Shannon (DiLorenzo) Rayburn, Jennifer DiLorenzo.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Rt. 1 Box 310, Haskell, Texas 79521.

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Roy Woodrow Herricks



ROY HERRICKS

Funeral services for Roy Woodrow Herricks were held Sat., April 8 at Weinert Foursquare Church in Weinert with Bro. Paul Chambers and Pastor Rob Harrison officiating. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Herricks died Thurs., April 6 at The Grand Court in Abilene.

Born Nov. 26, 1913 in Hico, he was the son of Jim Henry and Ollie Bell Herricks. He married Oma Mae (Bunt) Turnbow Dec. 25, 1933. She preceded him in death Aug. 26, 1989. He married Sally (Billie) Sparks April 7, 1990. He worked most of his life as a farmer and carpenter in the Weinert area. He was the first mayor of the city of Weinert. In 1990, he

was named Weinert Citizen of the Year. He was a life time member of the Weinert Foursquare Church where he taught Sunday School. He was pastor of the Foursquare Church in Haskell for several years.

He was preceded in death by one son, Rex Herricks; one great-granddaughter, Brittany Dawn Hudgens; two sisters, Mammie Kathryn Jamison and Estelle Morris; one twin brother, Ray Herricks.

Survivors include his wife, Sally Sparks Herricks of Abilene; one daughter, Shirley Ann Hudgens of Rochester; one step-daughter, Jeanette and J. B. Dorsett of Kerrville; and two step-sons, Dale and Peggy Sparks of Boyd, and Dwayne and Edie Sparks of Sugarland; two sisters, Pearlle Covington of Hobbs, N.M. and Mary Ellen Craighead of Lakeside, California; three brothers, Robert Herricks of Norwalk, California, Herman Herricks of Azle, and Noble Herricks of San Diego, California.

He was affectionately called

Granddad by his grandchildren Jerry Don and Donita Hudgens, Paula and Randy Hise and Tina and David Adams, all of Haskell; Tammy and Bernie Kimmel and Todd and Bobbi Herricks, all of Weinert. Step-grandchildren Arron and LuAnn Stephens of Charlotte, N.C., Judy and Mike Carpenter of Kerrville, Richard and Teri Sparks of Arlington, Angie and Kevin Howell of Abilene and Susan and Jason Johnson of Austin.

Great-grandchildren: Bryce Hudgens, Caleb Hudgens, Tiffany and Dennis Stiewert, Joshua Kimmel, Colton Kimmel, Jacob Herricks, Ashley Adams and Kylie Adams. Step-great-grandchildren, Shawn Duncan, Sara Duncan, Christy Carpenter, Michael Carpenter, McKenzie Sparks, Jeremy Sparks, Megan Sparks, John Howell and Justin Howell.

Memorials may be made to the Roy Herricks Memorial Fund, c/o Weinert Foursquare Church, P. O. Box 56, Weinert, Texas 76388.

PD. NOTICE

Eugene Britt Moon



BRITT MOON

Funeral services for Eugene Britt Moon, 93, of Haskell were held Mon., April 10 at First Assembly of God Church in Haskell with Rev. Eric Clark officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Moon died Sat., April 8 at an Abilene hospital.

Born March 26, 1907 in Leon County, he was the son of Ben and Euna Moon. He married Ileta Beasley Aug. 20, 1942. She preceded him in death May 23, 1997. He worked as a heavy equipment opera-

tor for Haskell County for many years. He was a member of the Church of God.

He was preceded in death by one son, Cecil Ray Epley.

Survivors include two sons, Bobby Glen Moon of Dickson, Tenn., and Kenneth Dow Moon of Aledo; two daughters, Cecelia Elaine Bridges of Abilene and Dixie Rae Pierce of Lago Vista; 12 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Glen Moon, Michael Epley, Gary Pierce, James McFadden, Shane Stout and Dieter Hutchison.

PD. NOTICE

Thelma J. Simpkins

Graveside services for Thelma J. Simpkins, 84, of Sweetwater were held Fri., April 7 at Rule Cemetery with Rev. Vergil Smith officiating. Services were under the direction of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home.

Mrs. Simpkins died Thurs., April 6 at the Holiday Retirement Center.

Born Jan. 14, 1916 in Rule, she married Aubrey Simpkins Oct. 31, 1936 in Rule. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of

Sweetwater. She was church secretary and Sunday school teacher at the First Baptist Church in Rule before retiring. Her hobby was quilting.

She was preceded in death by one brother.

Survivors include her husband, Aubrey Simpkins of Sweetwater; one brother and sister-in-law, Vergil and Vera Smith of Haskell; and several nieces and nephews.

PD. NOTICE

Minnie Arlene Adams

Funeral services for Minnie Arlene Adams, 82, of Haskell were held Mon., April 10 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with David Page, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Adams died Sat., April 8 at an Abilene hospital.

Born May 5, 1917 in Mills County, she married Rucker Adams in 1944. He preceded her in death in

1990. She had lived in Haskell for 3 years. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include one son, Jimmie Don Adams of Garland; three daughters, Jo Ann White of Canton, Janice Honea and Lela Gilleland, both of Rockwall; two sisters, Dorothy Mason of Hobbs, N.M. and Ruby Dee Featherstone of Goldthwaite; and numerous grandchildren.

PD. NOTICE

Jean Ulmer Bennett

Funeral services for Jean Ulmer Bennett, 59, of Snyder were held Fri., April 7 in First Baptist Church in Snyder with Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bennett died Wed., April 5, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital,

Snyder, after a brief illness.

Born May 11, 1940 in Stamford she married Roy Bennett Dec. 3, 1955 in Rotan. She had lived in Snyder from 1963-75 before moving to Kermit. She returned to Snyder in 1977 and had been employed by ASAP Answering Service the past 20 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Bennett, Jan. 13, 1995.


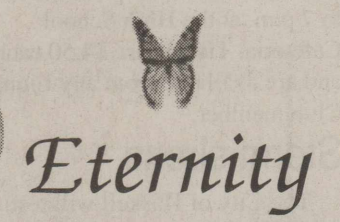
Survivors include her husband Roy Bennett, of Snyder; one daughter, Tonya Herrera of Snyder; two sons, Roy Bennett Jr. of Jayton and Donald Bennett of Salado; three sisters, Stella Huffstutler of Mineral Wells, Carol Newton of Leesburg and Bertha Shepherd of Fort Pierce, Florida; four brothers, Yuel Ulmer of Hobbs, N.M., Macon Ulmer of Lockney, Alvin Ulmer of Sagerton and Ray Ulmer of Hamlin; a great-aunt, Erna Hanson of Stamford; and six grandchildren, Rebecca, Melissa Nicole and Kailey Bennett, Chris Richards and Savannah Herrera.

Memorials may be made to the Texas Church Builders Fund at the First Baptist Church, the Gideon International, Box 534, Snyder, Texas and West Texas Rehab Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605-9989.


PD. NOTICE

The children and grandchildren of
Oleta Williams
invite all her friends and neighbors to help celebrate her
90th birthday
Sat., April 15
at
Trinity Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

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HONORED EMPLOYEES—Three Haskell county maintenance employees show off the five-year service certificates they recently received in Abilene. From the left are Chris Medford, maintenance technician, Erlinda Mayfield, section office manager, and Clarence Walker, maintenance technician. Standing with them is Abilene district engineer, Bill Hale, who presented the awards.

Ruth Jackson paints for Art Club

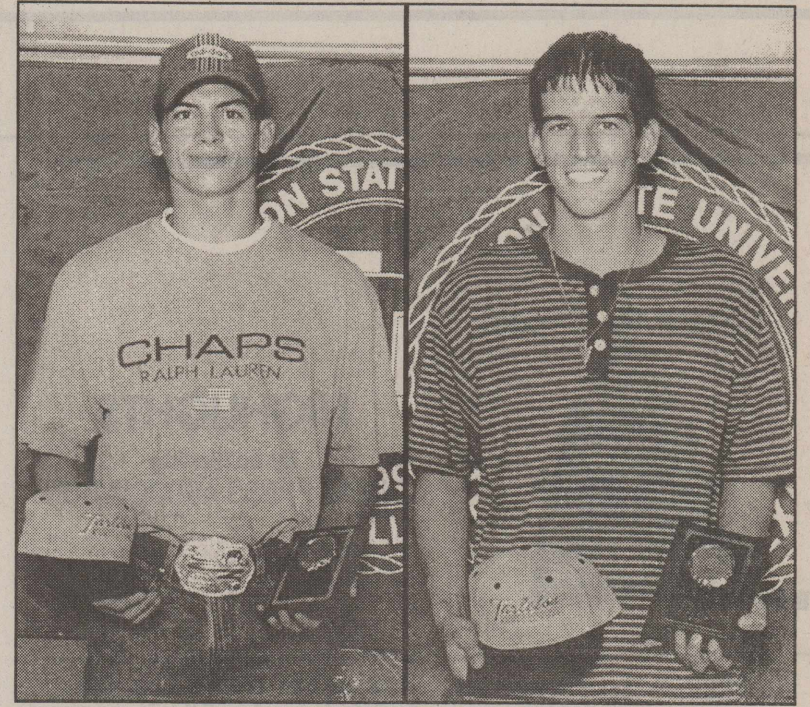
The Brazos West Art Association met April 3 at the Community Bank Room for the monthly meeting.

Betty Berry introduced the guest artist, Ruth Jackson. She painted a lovely landscape with acrylic paints. Her work is professional; she is a renowned artist from Abilene.

Refreshments were served to 11 members and two guests.

Martha Spitzer opened the business meeting. Ruth Ann Klose gave the treasurer's report and Denia Cunningham gave the secretary's report.

The next meeting will be installation of officers.



CATTLE JUDGES—Rule High School students Brian Lehmann, left, and Jeffrey Murray were among 5000 students from across Texas participating in the Statewide Invitational FFA Career Development Event at Tarleton University. Murray was the fourth high individual, and Lehmann was 13th high from among 650 entries in the Dairy Cattle Judging contest.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Our holiest events occur
At different times within the spring;
According to the calendar,
Which marks this yearly happening.
Now this year they will coincide;
In others, they're on different dates.
In either case, they will provide
The supper that commemorates

The Savior being crucified
And then arising from the grave,
Or else, with Moses as the guide,
The exit of each Hebrew slave.
Whatever be our chosen creed,
Our worship service will abound
With joyful messages to heed,
That will be heard the world around.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church

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

107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God

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

East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church

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

Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

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

607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church

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

201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God

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

1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church

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

901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ

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

510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church

Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church

Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.

401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church

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

908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Bobby Ray Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.

301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Kevin and Sharon Fletcher, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

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

1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

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

301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

Gazebo or Pavillion

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

Paint Creek

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

Joel Rister, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

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Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Ed Buerkle, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.

500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Stan Leaf, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

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

Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

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

811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

New Life Baptist Mission

Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Elm Street Hwy 380 E, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

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

Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

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

300 Sunny Ave., Rule

Haskell School Menu

April 17-21

Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Cereal offered daily.

Monday: Buttered toast/jelly

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito

Wednesday: Cinnamon roll, toast/jelly

Thursday: Biscuit/gravy, sausage

Friday: No School

Lunch

A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the High School.

Ala-carte line offered daily

Secondary only. Snack bar

Wednesday only—Secondary. Milk and assorted drinks are served daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Chicken nuggets/gravy, creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, peaches

Tuesday: Pizza, tossed salad, seasoned corn, cookies

Wednesday: Sliced turkey/gravy, creamed potatoes, fried okra, hot rolls, pineapple tidbits

Thursday: Hamburgers, tater tots, hamburger trimmings, ice cream

Friday: No School

Paint Creek School Menu

April 17-21

Breakfast

Milk and juice are served daily.

Monday: Cereal

Tuesday: Pancakes

Wednesday: Biscuits & gravy

Thursday: Cinnamon toast

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Bar-B-Q on bun, fries,

salad, cheese stix, pears

Tuesday: Soft tacos, pinto beans, salad, peaches

Wednesday: Turkey roast, creamed potatoes, gravy, salad, green beans, rolls

Thursday: Hoagie sandwiches, chips, carrot stix, cookies

Friday: Hamburgers with trimmings, fries, pork-n-beans, ice cream

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, April 17

9:30 a.m. Miracle Ear Hearing
Lunch-Beef & noodles, lima beans, carrots, cookies, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Wednesday, April 19

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch-Stew, cabbage slaw, pudding, cornbread, milk, tea or coffee

Friday, April 21

Lunch-Turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, bread, milk, tea or coffee

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

All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

First Family Spring Revival

at First Baptist Church, Haskell

April 16-19

Dr. Presnall Wood
Tim Lyles

Evening Services

Sunday 6 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday 7 p.m.

Noon Services

Mon.-Wed. 12-1 p.m.

Sunday at 5 p.m.
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7th-12 graders

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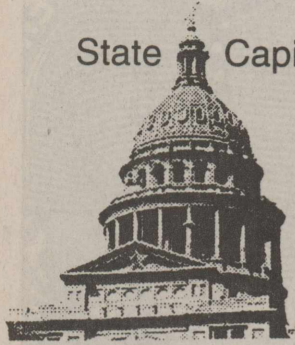
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texans who buy credit insurance when they borrow money to purchase cars and other big-ticket items are paying less for coverage.

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor's order reducing credit life insurance rates by an average of 21 percent and credit disability insurance rates by an average of 18 percent took effect April 1. The rate cuts are the first since 1992.

Credit life insurance pays off a loan if the borrower dies. Credit disability insurance keeps up a borrower's monthly payments if he or she can't work because of sickness or injury.

About 75 insurance companies sell credit insurance in Texas. In 1998, Texans paid a total of \$398 million in credit life and disability premiums.

"Texas consumers who elect to purchase credit insurance have been paying too much," Montemayor said.

"These reductions will save tens of millions of dollars for people who borrow money and insure their loans."

The cost of the most common type of credit life insurance (single premium, reducing balance, on one life) dropped from \$288 to \$220 on a four-year automobile note with a total debt of \$20,000.

The rate for the most common type of disability coverage on credit card balances was reduced from \$1.70 to \$1.48 per month on an outstanding balance of \$1,000.

Montemayor offered these credit insurance tips to consumers:

- Lenders seldom require credit insurance. When they do, Texas law prohibits them from requiring a borrower to buy the coverage from them or from a particular insurer.

- If you are told that credit insurance is required, ask to see the truth-in-lending statement on your loan agreement. If it says insurance is not required, ignore claims to the contrary.

We're Slow to Answer Census
Texas is behind the nation in filling out and mailing in the U.S. Census 2000 questionnaires.

Last week, Census officials said the Texas response rate was 51 percent. Nationwide, the rate was 55 percent.

Broadcast advertisements will

run in low-responding areas to remind people of the importance of the census, said Census director Kenneth Prewitt.

A low response rate can affect whether a city or state gets its fair share of federal dollars and programs.

Suit Challenges Election System
Public Citizen Inc. and the Gray Panthers Project Fund are plaintiffs in a lawsuit filed last week alleging the system of electing Texas judges violates the U.S. Constitution.

The suit seeks to undo a system that allows judges to preside over cases involving contributors to their political campaigns.

Gov. George W. Bush, who supports electing rather than appointing judges, said he would be open to changing the campaign-finance system for state judges.

Chuck McDonald, spokesman for Texans for Lawsuit Reform, told *The Dallas Morning News* the issue is one for the Legislature to decide, not the courts.

The lawsuit asks that the current system be suspended for all state courts, including district trial courts, midlevel appeals courts, the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

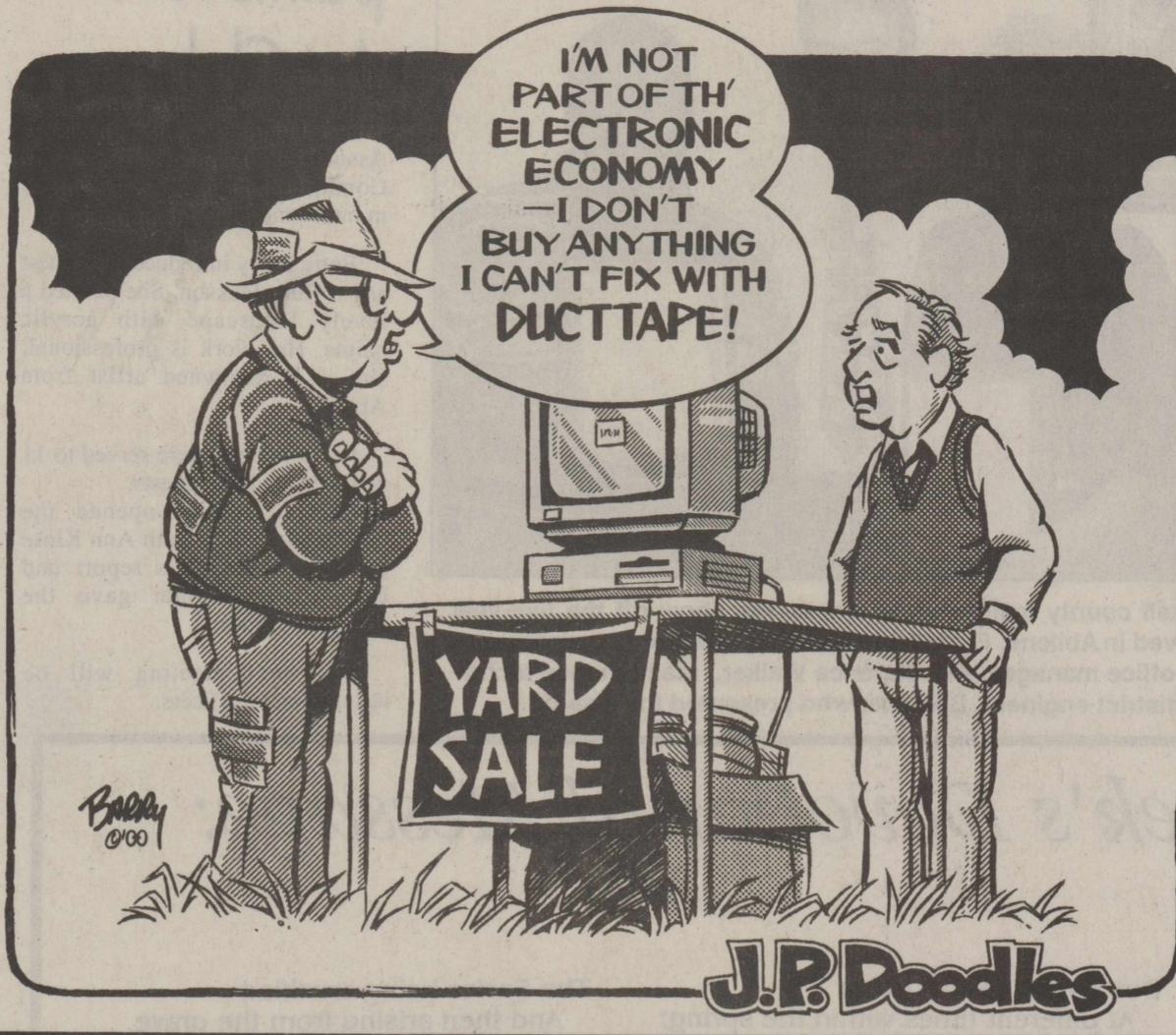
Other Highlights

- Consumers seeking information to help them choose or locate insurance companies and HMOs can get what they need, including complaint comparisons, from the Texas Department of Insurance's Web site, www.tdi.state.tx.us.

- The state-sponsored Children's Health Insurance Program, will begin May 1 for families earning up to 200 percent of the poverty level (\$34,100 for a family of four) and Texas Healthy Kids insurance, which is open to families at all income levels.

- Under a proposal by Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza, oil producers would be allowed only one more year to plug inactive wells. Presently, a producer can keep a well open indefinitely by paying \$100 a year. Garza said the policy, in effect since 1988, threatens the environment.

- The Texas Water Development Board is considering a proposal to build a desalination plant on Matagorda Bay. The plant, pumping heated sea water through membranes to remove the salt, would produce about 3 billion gallons of fresh water a day.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
April 12, 1990

Haskell winners in the math and science tournament at Azle were Aaron Earles, Katy Martin, Jill Mullen, Amy Cunningham and Lyle Fouts.

The Haskell Horse Club elected officers for the upcoming year. They are Bob Aycock, president; Howard Hopkins, vice president; Susan Cox, secretary; and Debra Bartley, treasurer.

Wendi Watson was elected president of the Haskell FHA chapter at the monthly meeting.

Mary Dewey received special recognition as Scouter of the Year at the Northern District of the Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America annual leader appreciation banquet in Hamlin. She has served as a den leader, pack committee member and secretary-treasurer for the pack.

20 Years Ago
April 10, 1980

The Naomi Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met at the Haskell Steak House for their Easter Breakfast. Billie Cadenhead, teacher of the class, led the opening prayer.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Haskell Fire Department met in the home of Lisa Watson for their monthly meeting. Plans were discussed to attend the April Fire Convention in Roby.

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department fought

a grass fire near the railroad right of way at Country Club Road. The fire was apparently caused by sparks from a passing train.

30 Years Ago
April 9, 1970

The Haskell Indians Track Team won 5th place in the Blizzard Relays at Winters. The Indians were led by Roy Pitman who won Haskell's only first place by winning the 300 yard hurdles.

County Judge B. O. Roberson spoke to members and guests of the Rotary Club. Haskell Stone was program chairman for the day and introduced the speaker. Roberson gave an educational talk about the tax structure of the county.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Williams was the setting for a joint spring luncheon of the Haskell and Albany Garden Clubs.

40 Years Ago
April 14, 1960

Diane Hester, talented 5th grade student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hester, won first place in the Junior Division of the Parent Club Talent Show.

The Business and Professional Women's Club honored Madalin Hunt as "Woman of the Year."

Jean Duncan, Haskell student at Austin College in Sherman, has been elected senior princess. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Belton Duncan.

50 Years Ago
April 13, 1950

Hallie E. Chapman, former implement dealer and prominent Haskell businessman, purchased the business property on the southwest corner of the square, known as the Alexander Building, owned by Courtney Hunt. The building is occupied by the Modern Way Grocery, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Morrell Dick and the store will continue occupancy of the building.

Chester and Lavoid Robertson have purchased the Haskell Motor Company. Name of the business has been changed to Robertson Pontiac Company.

The Veterans Wives H. D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Shelby Bell with 12 members present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. W. G. May.

90 Years Ago
April 9, 1910

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bowman of the west side were in town Mon. and Mr. Bowman reports the farmers in his community are putting out lamps at night and catching the millers that produce the cotton bollworm.

Mr. Pitchford has suffered an attack of Roseola which will prevent his running the street sprinkler for a day or two.

W. P. McCarty of the west side was in town and reported that there was a light shower at his place Sat. and that wheat and oats were in good condition.

Commander says: 'Senate flag vote signals imbalance of powers'

American Legion National Commander Alan G. Lance, Sr., issued the following statement after the U. S. Senate defeated Senate Joint Res. 14, a flag-protection constitutional amendment, by a vote of 63-37, four votes short of the required two-thirds majority. The amendment — "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States" — passed in the U. S. House of Representatives June 24, 1999, by a vote of 305-124.

After 11 years and countless resolutions and bills, letters, phone calls, meetings, rallies and speeches, it is with deep disappointment that we stand here today and witness the defeat of Senate Joint Resolution 14, the Flag Protection Amendment.

This vote represents a quantum shift in the balance of power that makes our democracy the envy of the world. The individual flag-burner is not nearly as much of a threat to our democracy as the belief, held by a minority of senators, that an amendment supported by 49 states and a poll-validated super-majority of the American people is somehow invalid.

What some senators fear, more than an amendment to protect the flag from acts of physical desecration, is that the American people will take control of their government. Such resistance to the

will of the people will leave the people no other alternative but to convene a constitutional convention, which The American Legion would not advocate.

For 11 years, we have come to this place. We have told our stories about the Flag — how it led us into battle, how it comforted us in faraway lands, how it embraced our fallen brothers and sisters, how it marked the resting place of heroes, how it led us home with parades and pageantry, how it represents more than cloth and colors.

For 11 years, we have represented tens of millions of Americans, serving as a megaphone for a simple, sweeping and united call to protect the Flag.

For 11 years, we have tried to break the stranglehold of a minority that has flouted the will of an entire nation, its states and their people.

Today, we have lost this battle and I must admit that I fear we are losing much more. Could it be that "we the people" and the states are losing control of our democratic republic?

The very idea of representative democracy presupposes that elected officials follow the will of the people. Senators have told us that calls, letters and e-mails poured into their offices in support of this amendment. I was even told that calls were 100% in favor of the amendment in some offices.

If the Senate refuses to follow the will of the people on an issue so clear-cut, so broadly supported as the Flag Protection Amendment, then is this really a republic? Is this really our government?

In the aftermath of this vote, I am not sure how to answer those questions. It is little wonder why so many people are flocking to third parties or opting out of the political process altogether.

In spite of all of this, I have not lost all hope. A new day and a new Congress await us in the not-too-distant future. And people like Senator Hatch and Senator Cleland and many others will continue to stand with us. They have my deepest appreciation and respect for their steadfast support and brave bipartisan leadership on this issue.

Perhaps this defeat will serve as a wake-up call for America. Perhaps it will inspire us to fight harder. Perhaps it will prompt us to remind our senators — in a not-so subtle way — that they work for us, not us for them.

I refuse to believe that fighting this battle was in vain. We have learned; we have grown; we have rallied a nation. And so, we will not stand down. We will not go away. We will not surrender. We will continue this struggle until our federal government is put back into balance and the people's prerogative honored.

Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

Since summer is just about here in its glory, I want to write how we can make our summer nice and at the same time not to do a lot of hard work.

I have been asked if the soap and ammonia is harmful to the birds. I have healthy happy birds come year after year so the answer is no.

If you buy liquid fertilizer in the fall when it's on clearance, it is effective the next year as long as you keep it from freezing. Keep it sealed tightly and out of the bright sunlight and it can be used.

I have been asked about tumbleweeds taking your yard and even the pastures. To kill them, use pre-emerge weed control in early spring that contains Team; I won't guarantee that it will work, but use pre-emerge weed control in early spring about now and I think you will be pleased.

To keep cats out of flowers, crush moth crystals into a powder and spread them on the ground under foot. Then add 2 tablespoons black pepper and two tablespoons cayenne pepper to the area.

Mulching the soil around your plants will save you time and effort in the garden and reward you with healthier plants; also you will discourage weed growth. Mulch protects roots from extreme temperature changes and helps retain soil moisture, cutting down on the time you must spend watering.

Remove any weeds from around the plant making sure to get their roots covered and level the surrounding soil. Take from 1 to 2 inches from the plants base, use a trowel to spread a fresh layer of mulch around the plant. Extend the mulch layer as far as the plant's outermost foliage.

One sure way to make your plants flourish is to enrich the soil with compost, the soil that results from the decayed humus of organic matter.

All plants need water to survive. The amount of water available to plants depends in part on the soil's structure. Sandy land takes more water.

Good luck for your spring planting and growing.

Quote: People with tact have less to retract.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
The Elementary Book Fair came to an end on Fri., March 31. The weeklong "Book Fair Safari" was a big success again this year, judging from the number of visitors, the repeat visits and the many books sold. We hope that everyone had a great time at the fair and owe many thanks to the faculty and staff at Haskell Elementary for again making it possible to have this annual event, which celebrates books and reading.

We are also very grateful to the ladies from the community who volunteered their time and energy at the book fair, helping in many different ways. These volunteers are a tremendous help in running the book fair.

Thanks also to our faithful sixth grade helpers. A final thanks goes to all the students, parents and those from the community who came in and supported the book fair.

Hope to see you again next year.
Betsy McMananon
Haskell

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued in March by Rhonda Moeller, Haskell Co. Clerk include:

Cody Roy Levrets of Rule and Tangie Rene Phillips of Clyde
Bobby Wayne Short and Crystal Rose Perez, both of Sagerton
Floyd Edward Pagel and Katrine Allred King, both of Killen
John William Gardner, Jr. and Anita Faye Gardner, both of Haskell

Leonard Dell Fletcher of Tye and Berdie Bowers Payne of Haskell

Jimmy Lee Marshall of Rochester and Karen Whittemore Smith of Knox City

Ricky Henry Rojas and Michelle Rebecca Espinoza, both of Denton

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

I thought that this was the month of April, but Friday made me wonder if I was mistaken since we seemed to be having a terrific March wind! An old lady would be doubly tired at the end of such a day from walking and bracing herself against the gusts of wind that seemed to be coming from all directions. Yes, we truly live in west Texas...no where else but here would we have a wind and sandstorm so terrible one day and have such a beautiful day following like we did on Saturday.

The monthly meeting and community supper was held at the center last Tuesday night with Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Bill and Margie Hertel and Steven and Karen Lehrmann hosting. A short business meeting followed the meal and the group voted to proceed with the repair to the pool room and award scholarships to Sagerton's graduating seniors. Those present for the supper included Pastor Tommy Wilson, Jack and Peggy Tabor, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, J. B. and Dorothy Toney, Joe and Dorothy Clark, Mary Neinst, James Gellner, John and Sue Guinn, Odene Dudensing, Clancy and Helen Lehrmann, Ken and Cade Brown, Mike and Andrew Hertel, G.W. and Ophelia LeFevre, Lynn, Renee, Abby, Emery, Molly and Jenny Dudensing, Pastor Stan and Norma Leaf, Alvin and Alice Bredthauer, Jeremy Hertel, Yolanda

Rodriguez, Brian and M'Lynn Lehrmann and Frances Clark. The next meeting will be held the first Monday night in May at 6:30 and will be the last one until we resume in August. We urge everyone to come out and enjoy "eating out" for a night and visiting with your neighbors.

The Rule Bobcats captured the boys team title at the District 13-A track meet held in Crowell and the girls team placed 4th overall. Brian Lehrmann from Sagerton was on the 400 relay team that won first place, on the 1600 relay team that won first and he came in first in the 400 with a time of 53.18 and won third place in the high jump with a 5-8. Michelle Stegemoeller won first place in the 300 hurdles, 5th in high jump and was on the mile relay team that won 3rd place.

The Rule Dairy Cattle Judging team attended a competition at Texas Tech this past weekend and brought back a first place. Michelle Stegemoeller won the second place overall individual award. Brian Lehrmann and Michelle represent Sagerton on the team and will be going to the State competition at A&M in about three weeks.

Eric Stegemoeller from Hewitt and a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock spent the weekend studying and visiting in the home of his grandparents, Leon and Mae Stegemoeller. We bet he also enjoyed some of Memaw's cooking

and possibly her laundry room. From past experiences we remember what college students do on a visit back home during the weekend. It always makes grandparents feel good when kids come home to visit. Also visiting in the home of the Stegemoellers was their son and family, Clifford, Teresa, Brannon and Bailey of Hamlin.

Some 145 people enjoyed the delicious dinner served by the Rule seniors Sunday.

A date has been set for the Vacation Bible School to be held at Faith Lutheran Church. Brenda Turner, Sunday School superintendent, announced that it will be held June 26-29. She asks those planning to attend to notify her by April 30 so that materials can be ordered. The school will be held in the evening as it was last year and a swim party will be held June 25.

All members of Faith Lutheran Church are reminded of the general cleanup day to be held at the church Sat., April 15 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Every able-bodied member should be there to help with the general sprucing up of the grounds and buildings and enjoy a day of working with fellow members for the welfare of the congregation. Bring mowers, hand tools, cleaning supplies and plenty of energy and elbow grease!



STEVE MUNDAY

Munday elected VP of TSCRA

Steve Munday of Fort Worth, was elected executive vice president of the 13,500-member Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Mar. 15 during the group's 123rd annual convention in Houston. A native of Haskell, Munday has served in the position of executive vice president since being appointed to the new post in 1995.

As executive vice president he is in charge of daily management of the 123-year-old livestock trade association, headquartered in Fort Worth.

Munday began his career with the TSCRA in 1972 as field editor of *The Cattleman*. In 1976 he became editorial director, and the Association's news director in 1978. As executive editor of *The Cattleman* and *TSCRA News Update*, Munday has served as the group's administrative assistant for media and government relations since 1981.

He also serves as assistant secretary of the TSCRA Foundation, treasurer of the association's political action committee, and secretary treasurer of TSCRA Legal Defense Fund.

Gilly attends ag teachers' meeting

Duane Gilly, agricultural science and technology teacher from Haskell, attended the Vocational Teachers Association of Texas Board of Directors annual meeting April 9-10. Gilly has been teaching agriculture for 29 years and is currently on the board of directors.

Board members who attend the annual meeting will decide the direction, policy and budget for the Association's upcoming fiscal year. They will also meet with other agency and organization officials to discuss the changing needs of agricultural science and technology students in the future.

Ray Rabroker, president of the association, state, "Agriculture science and technology programs offer high school students a wide range of academic and leadership activities and skills that will benefit them for a lifetime both in the classroom and in the workforce."



LIVESTOCK WINNER—Kortney Kupatt of Rule placed 3rd in the Heavy Medium Crossbred Swine division at the Houston Livestock Show. Keith Rowan is her Agriculture teacher.

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Beef cattle SPA workshop set May 9-10 in Vernon

by Brandon Anderson
 Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 With the current situation in the cattle industry, it is imperative that cow-calf operators know how their operation is performing from both a production and financial standpoint. To assist ranchers in completing this analysis, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is offering a Cow-calf Standardized Performance Analysis (SPA) Workshop to be held at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center located south of Vernon. The course will be May 9-10 and will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. This will be a working

workshop where the ranchers will be assisted in completing their own analysis. SPA provides ranchers an opportunity to analyze their ranch operation from both a production and financial side. SPA facilitates the comparison of an operation's performance between years, producers, production regions, and production systems. SPA is intended to be used as an annual tool by the cow-calf producer.

This is an intensive workshop with the intent being ranchers completing the analysis for the 1999 calf crop. Registered operators will be sent forms to organize data before the conference.

Confidentiality of the producers' data will be maintained. Individual conferences will be held with producers. Each ranch will be provided an assistant and a computer. It is important to register early so you can be advised on how to organize your data for the SPA analysis.

The registration fee includes the software, educational materials, meals and refreshments. Interested persons can obtain additional information or register by contacting Stan Bevers, Extension Economist, at the Texas A&M University Center in Vernon at (940) 552-9941.

Pork quality assurance training set May 13

by Brandon Anderson
 Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 As we venture into the 21st century, the hog industry faces many dilemmas. With a depressed market and many small producers going out of business, it seems that more and more of the swine industry is headed towards large corporation controlling the future of hog production. Also, the FDA and EPA are becoming more involved and aware. You are probably asking yourself how that affects you as a 4-H swine feeder. Believe it or not, you are a hog producer and this directly affects you. How you ask? With the trend toward large pork farms, the trend also is headed towards the firms controlling the packing houses. Most of these large packing houses require that the pork they process must come from producers who are certified in Pork Quality Assurance (PQA). This is a three-step

educational process that producers go through to learn about withdrawal periods from medications and also in medicated feeds. They learn the importance of abiding by these time periods and the consequences enforced by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). Producers also learn to form a working relationship with their veterinarian and to utilize their vet as an information outlet.

You may still wonder why you should be concerned. As a hog producer, there may be a good chance that you may have to be PQA certified to participate in youth swine projects if you expect these packers to buy your product.

District 3 will host a training

for swine project leaders, Ag teachers and County Agents to attend and become qualified to teach these certification courses. This program is implemented by the National Pork Producers Council and the Texas Pork Producers Council. Giving the training will be Jodi Sterle, State Extension Swine Specialist from Texas A&M.

The training is set for Sat., May 13 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Archer County Activity Building and Show Grounds in Archer City.

Contact Haskell County Extension Agent, Brandon Anderson at (940) 864-2658 for more information or if you plan to attend.

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

A couple of weeks ago the children of Paris and Fannie Mae Barton, Kip and Kay Derrick of Ft. Worth, came for the weekend and moved them back home from the care home. They are proud to be home and would like for anyone who can to come by for a visit.

Bernice Hilliard spent the weekend in Abilene with Ellen Hilliard and Jean Bullard. She went square dancing at the Country Cousins where Leon Ivey did the calling.

Paula Garcia had her brother Florentino Salas of Olney visit her over the weekend.

Pauline Norman has gone to Ft.

Worth to visit her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coston, and has a doctor's appointment while there.

Faye Gray had her daughter Judy Hicks of Abilene and her daughter-in-law Jennifer and son Kyle and sister Tina visit over the weekend. Faye's sister, Pauline of Weatherford, has been with her since George passed away. On Sun. they attended church at Gillespie where the girls grew up. On Mon. Faye, Pauline and a friend, Gladys Darnell, went to Knox City; they spent the afternoon visiting with another friend, Lillian Ray Vehalan.

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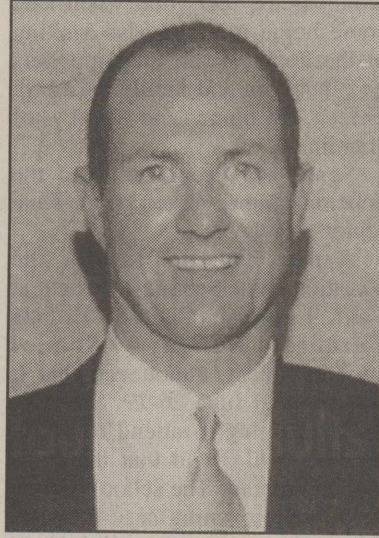
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Haskell CISD receives Diamond Award for safety programs

Haskell CISD, represented by Eddie Bland, Assistant Superintendent, was recognized by the Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs geared toward preventing injuries in the workplace. The award was presented at the recent Annual Appreciation Luncheon in Austin. Haskell CISD, one of more than 340 participating schools, has saved \$277,845 since joining the program in June-92. Designed and administered by Claims Administrative Services, Inc. (CAS), the program specializes in safety procedures designed to prevent and reduce workplace injuries. Claims Administrative Services, Inc. provides more than 30% of Texas school districts with workers' compensation insurance and have amassed a combined savings of over \$49 million. Every year, since startup in 1991, savings to districts have totaled over \$129 million dollars with reduction of claims reduced 5% and on the job injuries down no less than 28% over the previous year.

Haskell CISD received the Diamond Award for savings to the district of \$55,987 and 10% or less, of the funds reserved for possible claims expenses during the 1998/1999 year. Wesley Slade, Senior Vice President of CAS, describing the program, explained, "Taxpayers will be gratified to know results of participating in the CAS safety program, reduction of



EDDIE BLAND

injuries and money saved, has raised the bar for all Texas schools for reduction of work related injuries. At CAS, our number one priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum."

Extolling the advantages of district participation, Barry Jones explained, "Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the greatest potential for savings for Texas school districts, thus saving tax dollars while providing safer work environment for employees. Regular visits from our team of safety professionals assist each district in implementing strict safety policies and procedures."

Kindergarten registration set Friday, April 14

Haskell Elementary School will have Kindergarten registration and screening Fri., April 14 in the elementary cafeteria.

To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2000.

Students whose last names begin with letters A through F will register at 9:00 a.m. Those with last names beginning with letters G through L will register at 10:00 a.m. Those with last names beginning with letters M through R will register at 1:00 p.m. and those with last names beginning with letters S through Z will register at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your child to the elementary cafeteria. Students who are currently enrolled in prekindergarten are still required to come to registration.

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registration. Immunization requirements which must be met before the first day of Kindergarten are: three doses polio vaccine including one received on or after the 4th birthday, four doses DTP/DtaP vaccine including one received on or after the 4th birthday, two doses MMR vaccine (or one dose MMR and one dose measles vaccine) and three doses hepatitis B vaccine.

Head Start, Early Childhood, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten classes will not be held Fri., April 14.

Haskell girls district golf tourney results

Results of the District 9-2A girls tournament at the 5,039-yard, par-71 River Creek Golf Club in Burk Burnett.

Team totals - 4. Haskell 475
Medalists - 3. Jodi Thigpen, Haskell, 99

Haskell - Jodi Thigpen 99;
Tracy Mathis 112; Amanda Perry 124; Paige Hagadone 140; Megan Bird 142

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Margaret Duffie, Haskell
Julia Garcia, O'Brien
Ala Myers, Munday
J. D. Hicks, Munday

Dismissals
Oris Gibson, Bonnie Mason,
Karen Brooks, Betty Isbell

Young, Moeller attend clerks' seminar in College Station

Penny Young, Haskell County District Clerk and Rhonda Moeller, Haskell County Clerk, joined 400 county clerks, district clerks and combination clerks for the 28th Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the College Station Hilton Conference Center March 28-30.

The annual continuing education seminar at College Station is sponsored by the V. G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. The Institute provides information, education and technical assistance to elected county officials to help them complete their state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements.

The theme of this year's

Stenholm announces 2001 academy cycle

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2001 United States Academy cycle. At this time, information is being forwarded to all area high schools and those individuals who have expressed interest in applying for a nomination to the U. S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

Congressman Stenholm, along with Congressmen Lamar Smith and Henry Bonilla, will sponsor an Academy Day orientation for all high school students interested in learning about their opportunities to acquire an education at one of the academies.

The Academy Day will be held Sun., April 9 from 2-4 p.m. at the Math-Computer Science Building on the Angelo State University campus in San Angelo. Parents, counselors and friends of students are welcome.

The Academy Day program will include an introduction of Congressional staffers and academy representatives who will be working with the students during the nomination process, an explanation of nomination procedures and a videotape of life at each academy. There will also be opportunities for students and

parents to visit with academy and ROTC representatives. To be eligible to attend an academy, an applicant must be between 17 and 22 years of age, unmarried with no dependents and a U. S. citizen. Congressional nominations can be obtained through the U. S. Representative in whose district the applicant resides, from each of the two U. S. Senators from Texas and from the Vice President of the United States. Congressional nominations account for about 80 percent of all nominations awarded annually.

Selections are made in mid-December, using a formula based on the candidate's high school record, class standing, SAT and/or ACT scores. Involvement in athletics and school and community extracurricular activities are important factors in determining the individual's ability to effectively function under pressure. Evaluations by school officials and other individuals who are familiar with the candidate are also used in the decision-making process.

Motivated, self-starting individuals who like to be challenged are strongly encouraged to contact Congressman Charles Stenholm, 1211 Longworth HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515 for further information.

Easter eggs can be fun

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
A few minutes selecting the right eggs and cooking them properly will ensure your Easter holiday is safe.

Dr. Sarah Birkhold, poultry specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said, "Easter egg hunt is a time-honored tradition in many families and children look forward to it with approaching excitement."

"Eggs also have been used to celebrate spring festivals for centuries and they represent rebirth and renewal of life to many people."

When using real eggs for decorating and hiding, Grade A eggs should be purchased 7 to 10 days in advance. Eggs should be stored in the refrigerator and in their original carton until ready to cook. This will help them to peel

easily. Eggs should also be inspected before purchase to make sure they are not dirty or cracked. Bacteria can enter an egg through a crack in the shell.

Eggs must be hard-cooked before decorating. When using a dyeing kit to decorate eggs, be sure to use the manufacturer's directions. After decorating, return eggs to the refrigerator until time for the hunt.

Do not hide eggs where they may come in contact with pets, wild animals, birds, reptiles or insects. Also, be careful when planning April applications of lawn chemicals so that eggs do not come in contact with fertilizers or pesticides. Never allow eggs to remain hidden for more than two hours. After the hunt, eggs should be inspected and cracked eggs discarded.

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AT LIVESTOCK SHOW—Area students attending the Livestock Show in Houston, were, l-r, Matthew Pierce, Kortney Kupatt, M'Lyn Lehmann, Morgan Lisle, Kara Pierce, Michelle Stegemoeller, Kiel Rowan, Tara Lisle, Kymbre Kupatt, Lacey Williams, Ashley Lisle and Jonathan Hisey.

Local land bank leader attends meeting

Leaders of the Federal Land Bank Association of Texas were among more than 500 people attending the Tenth Farm Credit District's 82nd annual stockholders' meeting held March 29-31 at the Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio.

Local FLBA of Texas board member who participated in the meeting included Lavon Beakley of Rule.

The Farm Credit leaders heard reports on the district's operating results in 1999 and discussed plans for how best to serve the agricultural community in the coming years. Lowell Catlett, Ph.D., a full-time professor at New Mexico State University renowned for his knowledge of agricultural technology, gave the keynote address. U. S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage spoke on private property rights while Dr. Mark Keenum, chief of staff for U. S. Sen. Thad Cochran and Lance Kotschwar, chief majority counsel, U. S. House Agriculture Committee, addressed agricultural legislation.

The FLBA of Texas has \$155 million in real estate mortgage loans outstanding to 2,200 customers in 15 West and Central Texas counties. Offices are located in Coleman, San Angelo, Haskell and Brownwood.

With nearly \$5.4 billion in assets and nearly 55,000 loans outstanding to rural residents, agricultural producers and agribusinesses, the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas, eight FLBAs, eight FLCAs and 12 Production Credit Association (PCAs) together comprise the largest agricultural lending network in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.



LADIES PUMPER RACE—Members of the Haskell ladies team won 3rd place in the ladies pumper races during the Firemen's Convention, Apr. 8. From the left on the curb are Jill Watson and Jo Ann Watson. In the street are Lola Thomas and Kim Hammes. Not pictured are team members Terry Klose and Jo Ann Williams.

Library Notes

By Joan Strickland

Our new yard decoration at the library is a sign with a big thermometer. Several people have asked just what it is suppose to represent. So let me elaborate on this subject. Our goal is to build a new facility. We are in a position that in order to buy new books and have a place to put them, we have to pull other books off the shelf to make room for the new material. We now have one computer on the Internet and often times one to three people are waiting to use that one computer. On a number of days the librarian can't even access the information and get the mail that has been sent to the library.

We are planning to build another building behind the existing building. The Haskell County Genealogical and Historical Society will use the present building for their genealogy library and displays of a historical nature.

The new building would give us much needed shelf space and we will also have a number of computers available to the public. If enough funds become available we hope to also have a large meeting room available to the public and civic clubs and plan to extend the hours the library is open to the public.

We hope to have several programs when we get this new

facility. One program would be a mother and toddler time, another would be a weekly story time for pre-school and an after school "homework central." (This program would be for kids to have someone listen to them read, give out spelling words or multiplication tables, etc. - this helps the kids and mom too, since there would be less homework.)

Of course, we can't do this all alone. Hence the thermometer in the yard. We need a sizeable amount of money in order to apply for matching grants from different foundations. This sizeable amount that would be nice is at least \$100,000.00 or more. We now have \$72,000.00. (This amount includes the county's commitment and the challenge donor's commitment.)

This new library will be a real plus for the entire county of Haskell. We need this new facility to serve the county in information technology and for the sheer enjoyment of books. Our community will be proud beyond measure when this project comes to pass, I can guarantee! Come and visit us at the library and see for yourself why this project needs to come to pass.

This week we have received donations as follows:

Ben Ruiz/1 memorial donation; Jimmy Crawford/1 memorial donation; Lorene Harris/2 memorial donations; Allen Overton/2 memorial donations; Margaret Simmons/1 memorial donation; Gayla and Don Nanny/donation in honor of 50th anniversary; Nathan Meredith/donation in his honor.

If you would like to donate to the Friends of the Haskell County Library Building Fund, you may do so at account No. 18-348-2, Haskell National Bank. An acknowledgement will be sent to the family or the person in whose name the donation is given.

The summer reading program this year is "Invent the Future! Read!" Watch for the time and dates for this good time at the library this summer.

See you at the library!

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,322 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., April 8, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Demand good on all classes. Stocker cows and pairs 10-15 higher; stocker feeder cattle steady, packer cattle 1-3 higher.

Longhorns, Jerseys, Holsteins, out cattle and goons \$5-25/100# less than figures quoted.

Cows: fat, .38-.44; cutters, 40-.48; canners, .25-.35.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.58; feeder, .68-.75; utility 42-47.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.28; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.18; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.05; 600-700 lbs., .84-.95; 700-800 lbs., .80-.88; 800-up lbs., .75-.84.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.25; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .85-.96; 600-up lbs., .55-.87.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 550-675.

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Maidens compete at Vernon track meet

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100 hurdles: 5. Deshea Phemister, Haskell, 18.94

100 dash: 1. Stephanie Hodge, Haskell, 11.96; 4. Tanisha Riley, Haskell, 13.84

400 dash: 1. Brittany Lindsey, Haskell, 65.63; 2. Tiffany Lindsey, Haskell, 66.60

800 relay: 2. Haskell, 1:49.96

300 hurdles: 3. Morgan Cox, Haskell, 55.64; 4. Deshea Phemister, Haskell, 56.56

200 dash: 1. Stephanie Hodge, Haskell, 25.36; 3. Tanisha Riley,

Haskell, 28.73

1600 run: 2. Deshea Phemister, Haskell, 7:03.34

1600 relay: 1. Haskell, 4:28.36

Shot: 1. Melissa Buerger, Haskell, 35-0 1/2; 2. Judith

Andress, Haskell, 33-1

Discus: 1. Melissa Buerger, Haskell, 95-3

High jump: 1. Brittany Lindsey, Haskell, 4-10; 2. Deshea

Phemister, Haskell, 4-8

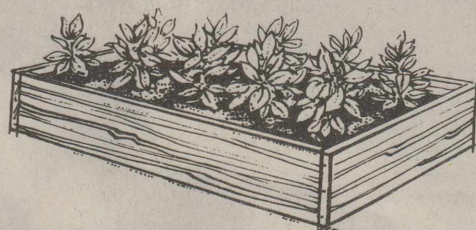
Long jump: 4. Leslie Grand, Haskell, 14-5 1/2

Triple jump: 3. Leslie Grand, Haskell, 29-4 1/2; 4. Katy

McDaniel, Haskell, 28-4

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Lee, Ratheal repeat vows in Stamford

Gwendolyn Annette Lee of Stamford and Scott Walter Ratheal of Weatherford were united in marriage Sat., March 18 at the First Baptist Church, Stamford, with Jay Abernathy officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Coy and Sherry Lee of Stamford. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Lee of Stamford and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Caldwell of Rochester. The groom is the son of Max and Gay Ratheal of Weatherford. He is the grandson of Mrs. Charlsie Ratheal of Crosbyton and the late Alvie Ratheal and the late Fabian and Jean Lemley.

The bride was escorted by her father and her daughter, Breanna. She wore a floor-length white satin and Venice lace gown with a heart-shaped neckline. The fitted bodice featured lace, pearls and crystal icicles with short puffed sleeves. From the dropped vee waistline fell a full graceful skirt, trimmed with scalloped bridal lace sweeping in an oval cathedral-length train. The bride carried a bouquet of red and

Watson, Dowd to wed July 4

Kenny and Doris May Watson are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendi, to Brad Dowd, son of John and Kristi Dowd of Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a graduate of McMurry University and is employed by Eula ISD. The prospective bridegroom graduated from West Texas A&M. He is employed by Cumulus Broadcasting of Abilene.

The couple plan to exchange vows on the fourth of July at First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

Rule 4-H Club hosts County Fashion Show

Under the direction of the Rule 4-H Club managers, Renee Dudensing and Martha Wolsch, the annual Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show was hosted by the Rule 4-H Club March 27. Abby Dudensing served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Other Rule 4-H members helping with the evening's activities were Jacob Manske, Sam Kittley, Holly Wolsch, Miranda Robertson, Laci Standefer, Molly Dudensing, M'Lynn Lehrmann, Tara Lisle and Breanna Marquis.

Seventeen clothing project participants competed for top honors in the county contest to be able to advance to the District Fashion Show to be held in Jayton April 15.

First place honors went to Mykel McGhee, Shana Nicholson and Kerri Newton from Rochester; Molly Dudensing and Miranda Robertson from Rule; and to Candace Brister, Robbyn Tribbey and Ross Bullinger from Haskell. These 4-H'ers will represent Haskell County in the District 4-H Fashion Show. Mykel McGhee, Candace Brister, Miranda Robertson and Ross Bullinger will be Haskell County's participants in

the cotton award judging during the District event.

Recognized with second place awards were Kyla Jones and Stephanie Grand from Haskell and MacKenzie Miller and Emery Dudensing from Rule. Third place honors went to Teddye Sue Harris and Tiffany Rios from Rochester and to Kelsie Miller from Rule. Recognized as fourth place winners were Lauren Newton from Rochester and Laura Bowers from Haskell.

Award medals and a sewing notion for each participant were compliments of the Haskell County Family and Community Organization.

Serving as judges for the contest were Betty Dodson, Jane Smith and Lena Tidwell, all of Haskell.

Volunteer clothing leaders were recognized. They were Imogene Aycock, Janet Bowers, Debbie Brister, Greg Brister, Valiene Bullinger, Pat Grand, Cara Thomasson and Lynette Tribbey, all from Haskell; Ann Brumley, Renee Dudensing and Tonya Miller from Rule; Ruby Cockerell, Fonda Newton, Reida Penman and Norma Rios from Rochester; and Kathy Hughes from Shallowater.

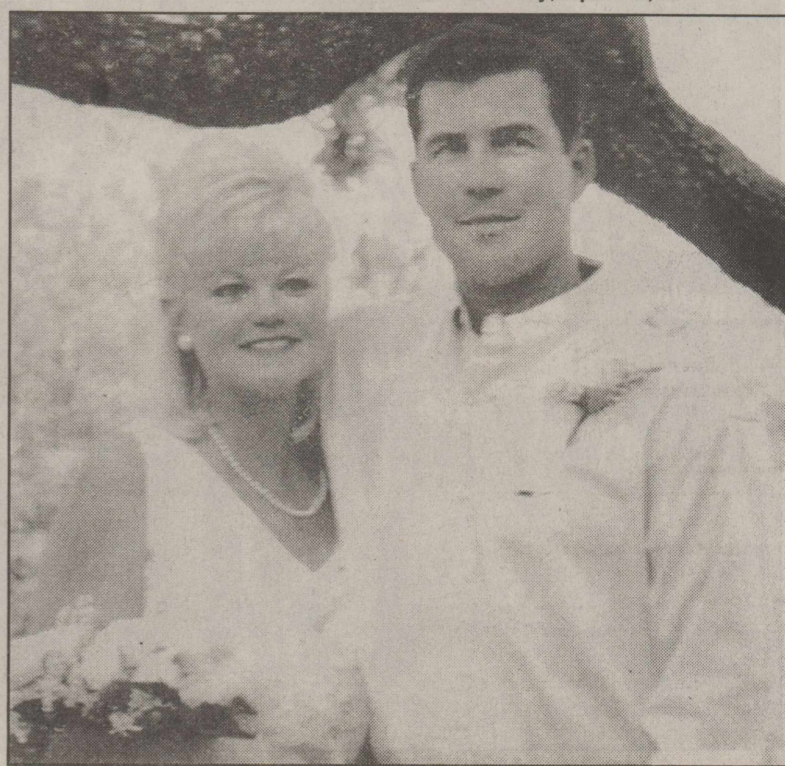
Historical Society meets

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society held a meeting April 3 at the First National Bank Community Room. Students from Darlene Bellinghausen's class presented the program. Both Amanda Perry and Paige Hagadone spoke about the life and times of their grandmothers. This included the times around the great depression and their husbands going into World War II.

Judge David Davis was present and was presented with a check

from the society toward payment for a new library.

Attending the meeting were Johnny and Teresa Scoggins, David and Louetta Davis, Wanda Ham, Son and Eula Peters, Jack and Margaret Kittley, Dolin and Carolyn Hughes, Jerri Buerger, Maxine Miller, Martha Jarred, Darlene Bellinghausen, Ernestine C. Herren, Sue Medford, Rozelle Wilkinson, Joan Strickland, Thula Perry, Mary Kaigler, Kenny Thompson, Paige Hagadone, Amanda Perry, Kay Perry and Dan R. Griffith.



MR. AND MRS. MIKE NORMAN

Ward, Norman wed at Horseshoe Bay

In an outdoor ceremony, Mike Norman of Fort Worth and Sandy Ward of Marble Falls were married Mar. 18, under an aged oak tree amid the wild flowers at the home of the bride's aunt, Sarah Josselet, of Horseshoe Bay.

Performing the ceremony was Judge Peggy Sammons.

Parents of the bride are Charles and Betty Koontz of Horseshoe Bay.

The groom is the son of Carolyn Norman of Fort Worth and the late James Norman. He is the grandson of Pauline Norman of Haskell.

Attendants for the bride were her 3-year-old daughter, Emily Ward, and Matron of honor, Keri Cauthorn, sister of the groom.

Best Man was Dwayne Gundy. Following the late afternoon ceremony, a barbecue dinner was served from tables spread with red and white checked cloths and decorated with red geraniums.

The bride is a teacher in the Burnet school system. The groom is employed in building construction.

The couple will reside in Fort Worth.

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NOTICE OF ESTRAY
Date: April 5, 2000
PERSON REPORTING ESTRAY: Chris Grand, 1301 N. Ave. I, Haskell, Texas 79521.

LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHEN FOUND: 3 miles S.E. of Haskell on Mule Creek Rd.

DESCRIPTION OF ESTRAY: Kind of animal, cow; Breed, mixed; Color, red; Sex, female; Age, 3 years; Size, 900 pounds; Brands, mark, identifying characters: none, horned.

On the 5th day of April, 2000, I impounded the above described estray, and on the 5th day of April, 2000, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Haskell County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Haskell County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 22nd day of April, 2000, said estray will be sold at public auction at Haskell Livestock Barn.

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Contract 0908-22-006 for REPL BRIDGE AND APPROACHES in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on May 3, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.
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State Office: Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 14-15c

I wish to thank everyone for their sympathy and love shown to me and my family in the loss of our loved one, George Gray; also for the nurses at Haskell Healthcare Center, the nurses at Haskell hospital, and to Dr. Wayne for his care. May God richly bless you all.
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CUBS AND SCOUTS—At the Feb. 26 Blue and Gold Banquet, Cub Scouts, front row, l-r, Jared Webb, and Rylie Tatum, recipients of Cub Scouting's Arrow of Light award, and Josh Burke, joined the Boy Scouts. Welcoming them were Boy Scouts, back row, Leon Goudeau, Ross Bullinger, Cameron Short, and not pictured, Cody Kretschmer. Standing with them is Scoutmaster Kenneth Patton.

Cub Scout Pack holds Blue and Gold Banquet

Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136 held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet Feb. 26 in the American Legion Hall.

After the welcome by Ronnie Webb, assistant Cubmaster, Brett Anderson of the Haskell Church of Christ, gave the invocation.

The flag ceremony and opening entitle "I Am An American" was presented by the entire pack.

Don Kretschmer, Cubmaster, introduced special-guests. Guest speaker, Bill Perry, Pack 136 Commissioner, spoke on "I Don't Have Time." He and his wife, Kay,

presented a slide show of past scouting events.

Following the Council Moment, Cubmaster Kretschmer awarded Adult Service Pins to den leaders. Ronnie Webb received special recognition for 9 years of service. Julie Kretschmer presented medals to Eric Markunas, Chad Kretschmer and Rylie Tatum for wreath sales. Bonita Tatum presented trophies to Rylie Tatum, Chad Kretschmer and James Williams for popcorn sales. Den leaders presented awards of rank to scouts.

During the Arrow of Light ceremony, Scoutmaster Kenneth Patton recognized Den 5 Webelos II, Jared Webb and Rylie Tatum.

The audience participated in a Parent's Prayer.

Den 1 Wolf and Bear Den leader is Julie Kretschmer. Den Chief is Cody Kretschmer. Den members are Quentin Berry, Ethan Frierson, Chad Kretschmer, Austin Marshall, Brennan Medford, Callen Pittman, Scott Rodriguez, James Williams and Jacob Rodriguez.

Den 3 Tiger coaches are Fritz and Jerri Buerger. Den members are Michael Buerger, Tucker McCormick, Nathan Meredith, Simon Rodriguez, Blake Thomasson and Daren Wilson.

Den 4 Webelos I leader is Bill Markunas. Den members are Justin Amaro, Eric Markunas and D. J. Rodriguez.

Den 5 Webelos II leader is Bonita Tatum. Den members are Joshua Burke, Vicente Castillo, Codye Perry, Rylie Tatum and Jared Webb.

Rule, 108; 10. Wes Herode, Rochester, 109

Girls

Team standings - 1. Paint Creek 502

Medalists - 1. Stefanie Isbell, Paint Creek, 103; 6. Jessica Guerrero, Paint Creek, 125; 10. Brandy Gardner, Paint Creek, 132

Boys

Team standings - 4. Paint Creek

Medalists - 5. Ryan Mueller, Paint Creek, 98; 9. Josh Smith,

Isbell wins golf tournament

The results of the District 13-A golf tournament held Tues., April 4 at the Kent County Country Club in Jayton are:

Team standings - 4. Paint Creek

Medalists - 5. Ryan Mueller, Paint Creek, 98; 9. Josh Smith,



MENS PUMPER RACE—Haskell Volunteer Firemen, from the left, Coy Scoggins, and Cody Ivy work to make connection assisted by Greg Williams, stepping off the curb, Louis Enriquez, at far end of the street, and Cody Stocks at the truck. Not pictured is team member Shane Buchanan.



6-MAN HOSE LAY RACE—Haskell Volunteer Firemen Randy Shaw, standing left, and Bill Steele work to connect hose during the Firemen's Convention races, while in the street, Sam Watson and Danny Stocks make the hose connections. Not pictured are team members Josh Stocks and Jerry Stocks.

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