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State Qualifier Meet
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Calendar

Full service

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. will be offering full service at the pump Sat., May 6 all day at the Modern Way IGA in Haskell. The department will benefit 5¢ per gallon of gasoline sold. Hot dogs and drinks will also be sold to benefit the department.

Awards assembly

The annual award ceremony for Haskell Secondary will be held Thurs., May 11 at the High School auditorium. The Junior High awards ceremony will be at 10 a.m. followed by the high school at 11 a.m. Family members are invited to attend.

ECC cookbooks

'Recipes from Experienced Cooks,' a cookbook by the ECC of Haskell, is available for \$15 at the Experienced Citizens Center or by calling 864-3875. These make great Mother's Day gifts.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., May 7 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The meal will be hamburgers made for the ladies for Mother's Day. Members are to bring a dessert.

Gospel concert

East Side Baptist Church will host Jordan River, a gospel quartet from Abilene, Sun., May 7 at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

All-Sports banquet

The Haskell All-Sports banquet will be held Sat., May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Tickets bought by Tues., May 16 will be \$7.50; after May 16 will be \$8.50. Tickets are available at Haskell National Bank, First National Bank, Sport-About, Haskell High School or Haskell Elementary School.

Band concert

The 6th, 7th, 8th and High School Indian Bands will present an Extravandza 2000 concert Tues., May 9 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Hamburger supper

The Haskell Girls Softball Association will hold a hamburger supper Fri., May 5 at 6 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the game and are \$4. Games begin at 5:45 on the softball field. The meal will include a hamburger and trimmings, chips and a drink. Team pictures will also be made.

Day of prayer

The local observance of the national day of prayer will be held Thurs., May 4 at 12:15 p.m. at the Courthouse gazebo.

Cinco de mayo

St. George Catholic Church will celebrate Cinco de mayo May 6-7. Mexican food will be sold Sat., May 6 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at the American Legion Hall. Admission is \$6 per person, \$10 per couple. On Sun., May 7, games, dance contests, bailables florflorikos, bingo, raffles, food booths and a volleyball tournament will be held beginning at 1 p.m. at the church. For volleyball tournament information call Felix or Terry Rodriguez 864-5502. Entry fee for the tournament is \$40 per team.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at Haskell National Bank to benefit Keith Hamilton who is undergoing treatments for cancer.

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CASSIE LAMB
2000 WILD HORSE PRAIRIE DAYS QUEEN

Cassie Lamb named 2000 WHPD Queen

Cassie Lamb, a freshman at Paint Creek High School, has been crowned as Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen. She is the daughter of Billy and Tina Lamb of Haskell and Craig and Kara Grant of Bronte.

Lamb was one of seventeen girls from around Haskell County who were entered in the competition.

Athletes qualify for state

Several Haskell High School athletes are headed for state competition after wins at the Region II-2A track meet at Tarleton State Memorial Stadium.

Stephanie Hodge was a double winner, qualifying for state by taking first in the girls 100m in 11.75 and the 200m, in 24.61. She set new Regional records in both events.

Casey Riley took first in the triple jump, with 45-13/4, to qualify for state.

Also qualifying for state with 2nd place finishes were Tyrone Billington, in the 200, in the time of 22.28, and the Haskell boys 1,600 relay team, in 3:26.27.

In other standings the Haskell boys team took fifth place with a total of 40 points. Tyrone Billington, took 3rd in 100m with 10.88.

The Haskell girls team took 5th, with 34 points. Melissa Buerger took 3rd in Shot put with 35-3 1/2. The girls relay team consisting of Nikki Wallace, Leslie Grand, Tiffany Lindsey and Brittany Lindsey, took 4th place in the 1,600 relay in 4:10.51.

Area elections slated for Saturday

On election day, Sat., May 6, voters in Haskell will vote at the City Hall.

Mayor Ken Lane (I), is unopposed for re-election.

Running for two at-large council seats are Ruby Turner (I), Don Kretschmer (I), and Dan Hoover.

School election was canceled. No races were contested. In District 1, in a one-year unexpired term, Felix Rodriques; District 4, Joe Yates (I); District 5, Mike Jordan (I); District 7, Tom Hairgrove (I).

Paint Creek
In the Paint Creek school

election, there are two at-large uncontested seats; Keith Medford (I), and Vern Howard.

Rochester

In the Rochester City election, Mayor Bobby O'Neal and two-at large council positions, David Lisle and Alan Reed, are uncontested.

The Rochester school board has three at-large seats; Tommy English (I), Chad Glover (I), Glenna Hamilton, and Mark Easterling.

Voting will be at the fire station/community center.

Rule

In the City election, Mayor Malcolm Hertenberger (I), is uncontested. The at-large council seats of Patrick Pace and Jerry Cannon are uncontested.

Two at-large school board seats are open; Larry LeFevre, Clayton

Stegemoeller (I), Rod Perry (I), and Robin Raynes. The 1-year unexpired term of Kraig Kupatt is uncontested.

Voting will be at the school administration office.

Weinert

City mayor, Wade Raynes (I), is uncontested. Three at-large council seats are sought by Julian Estrada, Dan Griffin (I), W. R. Hager (I), and Jerry Walker (I).

Voting will be at the Weinert school.

City Council receives info on motorcycle rally

During the regular City County meeting, April 24, information was presented by Bob Baker about the possibility of having an annual motorcycle rally at the Fair Grounds.

Approval was given to the appointment of Joey Thomas to the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority.

Property bids were approved from the Appraisal Board.

Approval was given to a proposal to officially close alleys

from the Charlie Myers Grain Company.

A proposal was accepted from Four Seasons to make repairs on City Hall.

Adela Garcia and David Page were re-appointed to the Housing Authority Board, and Bobby Tidwell was appointed to replace Dickie Greenwood.

After a discussion concerning city insurance, and a revised statement of values given, an increase of \$850.00 a year was

suggested and approved.

A special meeting was called to discuss a violation of a clean-up order. Under the order, property owners are given 180 days to clean up the property and make it habitable. A fine of up to \$1000.00 a day may be assessed beyond that time limit.

The party concerned was fined only \$100.00 a day and was given extended time. The fine will not be levied if the work discussed is completed in the allotted time.

Rule boys advance

Qualifying for state competition in Austin, May 12-13, Rule boys team took second place in the Region II-A track meet with a total of 44 points, and relay team took 1st place in the 1,600 with 3:29.32. Relay team members are Jody Harvey, Josh Smith, Grant Hisey and Brian Lehrmann. Hisey qualified for the state meet by

taking 2nd in the 3,200, and Harvey qualified as runner-up in the 300meter hurdles with 39.58.

In other standings were: Brian Lehrmann, with 5th place in the 400 in 51.59; Allen Puebla with 6th in 1,600 in 4:51.69; Jody Harvey with 2nd in the 300 hurdles in 39.58.

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Henry and Pansy Harris
May 4, 1950

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MR. AND MRS. HENRY HARRIS

Couple celebrates anniversary

Henry and Pansy Harris of Haskell were honored on Easter weekend with a family dinner at the Branding Iron to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. A cake made in a double heart, replica of the one at their wedding, was served later at the Harris home.

Henry and Pansy are life long residents of Haskell. They were married May 4, 1950 at the (then new) American Legion Hall in a unique, surprise wedding to

conclude a fashion show by Lane-Felker that was sponsored by the Progressive Study Club.

Hosting the dinner party were the couple's children and grandchildren: Pam and Charles Gibson of Abernathy, Paul Gibson of Lubbock, Chad, Kristi and Chase Gibson of Stamford, Pat and Jim Mickler of Austin, J Mickler of College Station, Josh Mickler of Austin, Peggy and Michael Adams, Paige and Kelsie Adams of Haskell.

Melissa Mayfield is member of award-winning drill team



MELISSA MAYFIELD

Melissa Mayfield of Tyler, granddaughter of Doris and T. J. Brueggeman of Haskell, is a member of the award-winning Chapel Hill Highlighters drill team of Chapel Hill High School in Tyler.

She is the daughter of Forrest and Margaret Mayfield and Tamm Mayfield.

The Highlighters have competed in three competitions and have won a total of fifty awards. Among the awards are two national champion trophies for the team's novelty and pom routines, and two national champion award for the officer's jazz and novelty routines. Along national recognition in these categories, they were awarded Best Overall National Champions as a team and officers from a 4-A high school.

Miss Texas visits students at Rule

When Yanci Yarbrough, Miss Texas 1999, recently spoke to students of Rule Schools, she focused on Partnerships and Prevention as being the keys to a drug-free America.

Yarbrough serves on the Board of Directors of Drug Prevention Resources, Inc. and is involved with TACDA, Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America, Partnership for a Drug-Free Texas and America, D.A.R.E., and the Office of the National Drug Control Policy. She has won numerous

awards for her involvement in these organizations.

She is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Public Relations. Prior to being named Miss Texas, Yarbrough taught business and professional speaking at Tech and worked as marketing director for motivational speaker. She plans a career as a college professor and motivational speaker.

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Obituaries

Cecil Edwin Jones

Funeral services for Cecil Edwin Jones, 76, of Amarillo were held Mon., April 24 at the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Amarillo. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Jones died Fri., April 21 at a V. A. hospital. Born Feb. 6, 1924 in Weinert, he was the son of the late Cecil and Edna Jones.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, LaChrista, in 1978.

Survivors include his wife, Freda; one son, Todd Oberhue and wife, Deanna; one daughter, Peggy and husband, Bill Herron; one grandson, Tim; one sister, Billie Parsons of Haskell; and one brother, Dale, of Houston.

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Coming Events

CHIP applications

The 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 Thurs., May 11 at the Child Protective Service Building from 1 to 3 p.m. Applications and assistance will be available. Applicants should bring their last two months income verification, or a letter from their employer, and verification of day-care expenses. Call 1-800-592-7433 for information.

Auction

The Old Glory Sons of Hermann Lodge #228 will hold an auction to benefit the American Cancer Society Sun., May 7 at 3 p.m. Homemade crafts, baked goods and donated items will be auctioned. Proceeds benefit Stonewall, Haskell and Jones counties.

Storm sirens

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

Calf roping

A calf roping will be held Sun., May 7 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell County Arena. B ropers will rope 3 for \$45 and open ropers will rope 3 for \$60. For more information call Carl Hopkins 940-849-3257 or Fred Hernandez 940-864-2493.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., May 4 at 9:30 a.m.

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LISA ANNE PIAZZA - JOSEPH JAMES PACE

Piazza, Pace plan May 20 wedding

A May 20 wedding is planned for Lisa Anne Piazza and Joseph James Pace at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Houston.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dorothy Piazza and the late Joseph Michael Piazza of Houston. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Patrick and Carmel Pace of Rule and Ted and Brenda Evans of

Abilene.

The bride-elect is an occupational therapist with Transitional Learning Center in Galveston. The prospective bridegroom is an employee of the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Hospital. Both received their Masters Degree from Texas Tech University.

Collins reunion held

The family of Hes Collins is in charge of this reunion. Members of this family prepared and served a bountiful meal. These members are Bobby and Lena Tidwell, Glenn and GERAL DARDEN, Lois and James Miller, Barbara Sells and B. J. and Juanell Ray.

Lois Collins Miller served as master of ceremonies and it was decided that the next meeting place will be in Celeste with James and Donna Blackstock as hosts in June 2001.

The descendants of Jesse and Sarah Isom Collins met for their seventh family reunion Sat., April 15. The reunion was held in the Weinert School Community Center.

Those in attendance were

Charles and Donna Blackstock, Celeste; Rob and Brenda Collins, Dallas; Candice Clark, Wichita Falls; Wayne and Mary Jo Collins, Brownfield; Bill and Winnie Pittman, Rochester; Joe Fletcher, Rochester; Edwin and Frieda Fly, Rochester; Pete and Imo Brockett, Munday; Collene Nance, Munday; Mike and Diane Kirkham, Abilene; Joanie Josselet, Abilene; Annie Peebles, Abilene; Eddie Don Hargrove, Breckenridge; George and Alta Field, Haskell; Lois and Jim Miller, Coppell; Debbie Brantley, Irving; Barbara Sells, Iowa Park; Kevin and Kara Nichols, Karlee and Alivia, Iowa Park; Dana Johnson, Sommer and Tommy, Iowa Park; and Glenn and GERAL DARDEN, Haskell.



MRS. MILAN MATT MATIC

Payne, Matic wed April 29 in Lubbock

Janna Diane Payne of Lubbock and Milan Matt Matic of Austin were married April 29, at Inside the 4 Bar K, of Kershner Ranch in Lubbock. Officiating at the ceremony was Jack Schneider. Organist was Shiela Hibbits of Amarillo.

Parents of the bride are Claude Payne and Janice Payne, both of Haskell. The groom is the son of Matt Matic of Los Angeles, and David Leigh and the late Rose Matic-Leigh of Clemson, South Carolina.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her white gown featured a portrait neckline, re-embroidered lace on the yoke, and lace clusters on a detachable cathedral train. She wore a red garter. For something old and blue, she wore her great grandmother's engagement ring of blue opals and carried her grandmother's white handkerchief. In her shoe she wore a 2000 silver dollar.

The bride carried Star-gazer lilies and Nicole Roses.

Matron of honor was Diane Baker of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Corie Bishop of Wichita,

Kansas, and sisters of the bride, Claudia and Johanna Payne, both of Lubbock.

The bride's attendants wore red formal tank dresses styled with low V back, red gloves and silver accent jewelry. Their flowers were fresh white lilies.

Best man was Chad Campbell of Lubbock. Honor attendants were Ryan Campbell and Danny Mattox, both of Lubbock, and Mitchel Payne of Haskell.

Ushers were Casey Moeller of Haskell, and Mike Nugent, Josh Ball and Austin Crawley, all of Lubbock.

A reception following the ceremony was held at Inside the 4 Bar K, Kershner Ranch.

The bride is a graduate of Haskell High School and Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. She is employed at University Medical Center and the Heart Hospital of Austin.

The groom graduated from Daniel High School in Clemson, South Carolina and Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He is employed by Soletron in Austin.

The couple will reside in Austin.

Homespun Club meets

Lena Tidwell led the opening of the Homespun FCE Club meeting by roll call answered with, "How does rain make you feel?" Most commented on how the lack of rain left them feeling.

Highlights of the business meeting was a reminder of the District Cultural Arts Day to be held in Childress June 20. Information for anyone going or entering creative handiwork must be in by our meeting in May.

Following the business meeting, the program was given by Lennie Ruth Blankenship and Joetta Burnett, entitled "Feed Your Family Without Starving Your Wallet." The question was posed: Are you a shopper or a spender? A

shopper is a consumer that know exactly what to buy and a spender buys on impulse. In order to make ends meet, you need a budget. List your paycheck (income) and deduct expenses to see if there is extra money to buy treats.

On average, \$1031.00 per person per year is spent on groceries. In 1980 the average per person eating out expense was \$318.00 and in 1998 the eating out expense per person had risen to \$721.00.

Some of the pointers taught were: Always shop with a list; keep the list short; check the store sale flyer; sit down and plan meals for the week; and if possible, shop alone.

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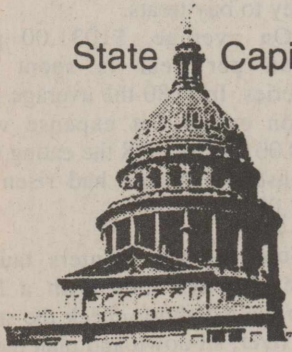
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Two hundred and eighty-eight Texas cities, counties and hospital districts have received checks totaling \$100 million from the Texas tobacco settlement to help offset costs of providing indigent health care.

Checks based on the amount spent on indigent health care not reimbursed in the previous year were mailed last week by the state comptroller's office.

Funding came from the \$2.28 billion Texas tobacco settlement reached in 1998. Those funds are separate from the \$15.3 billion settlement between tobacco companies and the state. An initial \$450 million was set aside for payments in 1999-2001. The 1999 payment totaled \$300 million.

Under terms of the settlement, the comptroller's office will distribute \$50 million in April 2001. The remaining \$1.8 billion has been set aside in an untouchable fund, with interest to be distributed annually beginning next year.

Survivors Can Check Status
Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor last week urged Holocaust survivors and victims' heirs in Texas to take advantage of a new Internet site that could help resolve possible insurance claims.

The International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims has compiled a list of 1,900 names from sources including public archives.

Posted at www.icheic.org, the list may not include all potential claimants. Names on the list do not, however, automatically entitle the individual named or his or her heirs or beneficiaries to payment, Montemayor said.

The policy's value may have been diminished by loans taken out against it, settled previously, paid to beneficiaries or to the insured, or settled through a post-war restitution program, he said.

Survivors can call 1-800-957-3203 to check on the status of their claims.

Survey Details Wages in Texas
A survey conducted by the Texas Workforce Commission shows that 19 percent of all workers in Texas earn less than \$15,000 per year.

Survey data was compiled from interviews with 75,000 employers over the last three years.

According to the survey, 41

percent of the full-time workers in Texas are in jobs that pay less than \$20,000 a year.

The median annual wage is \$22,832. Half of the population makes more than the median; half of the population makes less.

Average wages for all workers in the state came to \$27,375.

Housing Grants Awarded
The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs last week announced the release of 220 grants totaling nearly \$51 million from the 1999-2000 Texas Community Development Program.

Grants mainly address basic needs such as water, sewer and housing for low and moderate income Texas residents who live in cities under 50,000 and counties under 200,000 in population.

A list of grant amounts and recipients can be obtained by calling 512-475-3964.

Cleaning Set for Texas Beaches
All along the Gulf Coast of Texas, local Adopt-A-Beach coordinators prepared last week for the annual spring cleanup on Saturday, April 29.

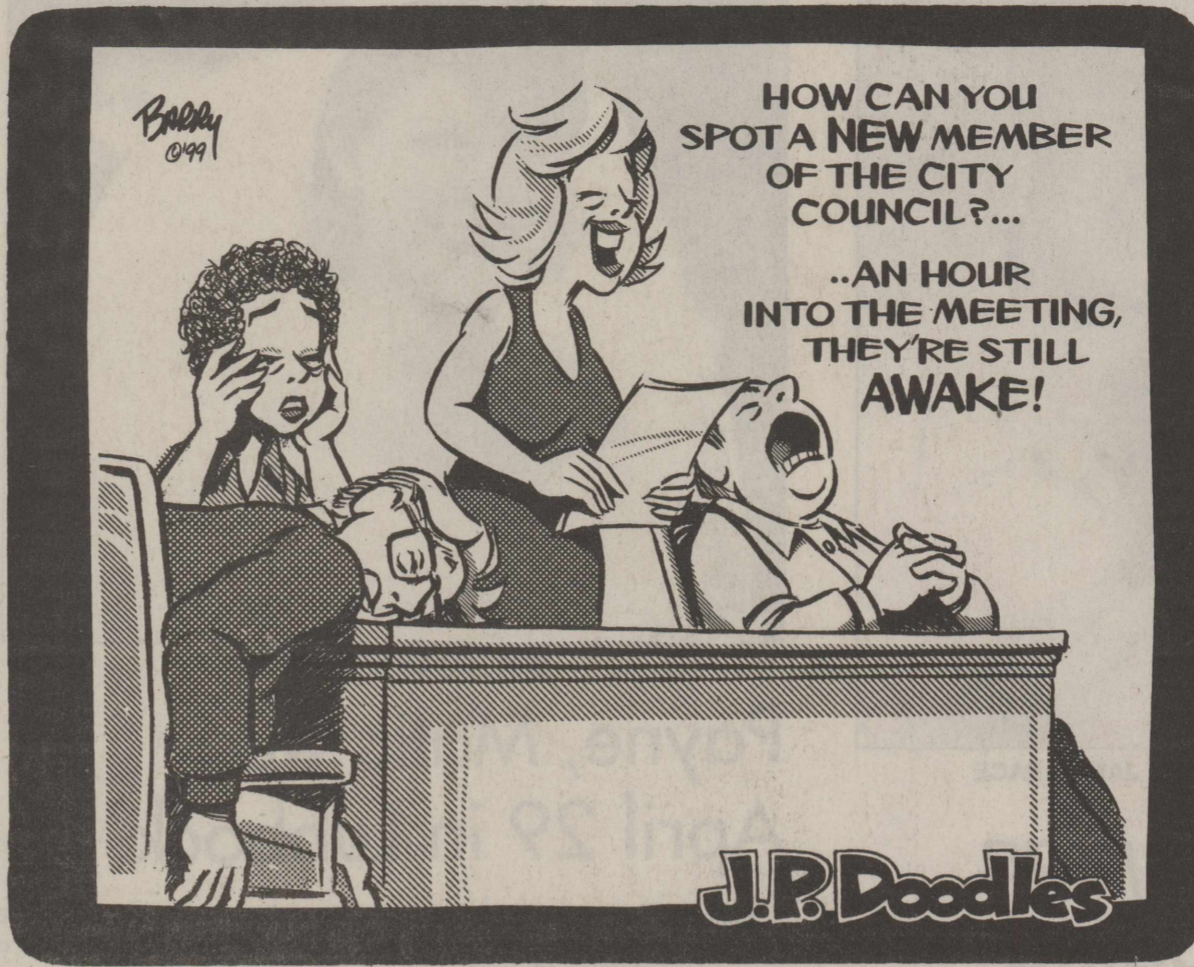
Volunteers received gloves, trash bags and data cards to record what they find.

The Texas General Land Office has sponsored semiannual beach cleanups since 1986, when Texas became the first state in the nation to organize regular coastal and bay cleanups.

Other Highlights
■ April 26 was Austin's first Ozone Action Day of 2000, eclipsing the previous early record of May 6, 1999. Ground-level ozone smog irritates eyes, sinuses and lungs. Most ozone emissions have been traced to internal combustion engine exhaust.

■ Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander on April 25 invited Texas elementary school and middle/junior high school students to send her a drawing of their dream career for a chance to win Texas Tomorrow Fund college scholarships sponsored by Intel Corporation, Farmers Insurance Group and Fannie Mae. Contest participants must submit a drawing depicting "What I Hope to Be After College." Deadline for entries is May 10.

■ Texas Workforce Commission executive director Mike Sheridan, after 30 years with the agency, announced his retirement effective June 30.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

May 3, 1990

Yvonne Trussell, a graduate of Haskell High School and an honor student from McMurry College, is recipient of the Golden Apple award for her devotion and unusual teaching method to her pupils. Yvonne is married to Troy Trussell and is the daughter of Jerrell and Betty LeFevre of Haskell.

Dala Harris of Haskell was the leading rebounder on the McMurry Lady Indians' basketball team and received a plaque at the all-sports banquet at McMurry College.

Rule High School science teacher, R. W. Callan and junior student Rusty White, have been chosen to attend the 30th Annual Energy Science Symposium to be held at the University of Texas in Austin.

20 Years Ago

May 1, 1980

Two members of the Haskell High School Track team qualified for State competition last weekend at the Regional track meet in Odessa. Joseph Browning finished first in the 110 meter high hurdles and second in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles. Jim Harris finished second in the pole vault.

FHA members and their mothers were treated to a style show at the homemaking cottage. The girls modeled clothes from the Hayloft.

Sharon Gray, one of the six white horse riders from Hardin-Simmons University, participated

in a giant four hour long parade last Fri. in San Antonio. Gray is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gray of Haskell.

30 Years Ago

April 30, 1970

Weinert students who will attend the State Interscholastic League meet in Austin are Lorenia Caddell and Debbie Campbell. At the Regional contest Caddell won first in prose reading and Campbell won first in poetry interpretation.

Rhonda Woodard, Haskell High School senior, was first place winner in shorthand competition at the University Interscholastic League Regional contests held in Lubbock.

Beverly Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Owens of Haskell, has been chosen as Sweetheart of Tau Kappa Epsilon Social Fraternity on the Midwestern campus, Wichita Falls.

The Rochester Livestock Judging team composed of Mike Newberry, Buddy Mullino and Randy Hines competed in the area livestock judging at Texas Tech and placed sixth out of 120 teams.

40 Years Ago

May 5, 1960

Mrs. George Turner of Haskell was the winner of the 1960 Plymouth which was given away by Bill Wilson Motor Company.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Kemp and Mrs. Opal Smith attended the 20th annual convention of Texas Dentists Association and Dental Assistants Association held in Fort Worth.

An estimated 800 voters turned out for a political rally sponsored by Haskell Jaycees. County and precinct candidates asked for support at the coming Democratic Primary. Abe Turner, Haskell Jaycee, served as master of ceremonies and introduced the speakers.

50 Years Ago

May 4, 1950

Mrs. Floyd Cook was installed as the new president of the Harmony Club.

Mrs. Frances Arend is the new owner of the Criterion Beauty Shop. She purchased the business from Mrs. Della Medford.

Work was started this week on construction of three grain storage warehouses having a combined total capacity of more than 300,000 bushels to be built by the Market Poultry and Egg Company.

90 Years Ago

April 30, 1910

May Fields, who has been teaching at Iowa Park, has finished her school term and is now at home.

Mr. Archer has purchased a large telescope, which he intends to have mounted for the use of the public at a nominal fee in observing the approaching Haley's Comet.

Mrs. S. W. Scott, Mrs. J. W. Meadors, Mrs. John B. Baker and Mrs. J. S. Rives, representing the various women's clubs, are attending a meeting of the First District Federated Clubs at Big Spring.

Hospital to receive tobacco fund check

The Haskell Memorial Hospital District is one of 288 Texas cities, counties and hospitals districts receiving a check as a part of the Texas tobacco settlement. Under the policy, the Hospital District will receive \$60,782.74.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander is sending \$100 million from the settlement to help offset costs of providing indigent health care.

The individual check amounts were determined by a formula, established by the Texas Department of Health, based on the amount spent on un-reimbursed indigent health care in the previous year.

The funds are from the \$2.28 billion Texas tobacco settlement reached in 1998, and are separate from the \$15.3 billion settlement between tobacco companies and the state. An initial \$450 million was set aside for payments in 1999-2000. The 1999 payment totaled \$300 million.

Under the terms of the settlement, the Comptroller's office will distribute \$50 million in April 2001. The remaining \$1.8 billion was set aside in an untouchable fund, with interest to be distributed annually beginning next year.

Students in the News

Lane Taylor Murphy, Jessica Diane Comedy and Amber J'Nae Reed have been selected to receive the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation scholarship for the 2000-2001 school year.

Murphy is a student at Munday High School and will be attending Baylor University this fall.

Comedy is a student at West Texas A&M University.

Reed is a student at Munday High School and will be attending Texas Tech University this fall.

The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation will hold its 46th Grand Annual Banquet at the Masonic Temple in downtown Fort Worth Wed., May 24. During the banquet the 2000-2001 scholarships will be awarded to 60 students from Tarrant and 34 surrounding counties in the North Texas area.

The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Bodies is an appendant Masonic organization (Masons Helping People) serving 35 North Texas counties.

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

May is Older American Month. I would like to take this opportunity to educate the public about services available to senior Texans through the Office of the Attorney General.

Protecting the health, safety and well being of our state's most vulnerable citizens, especially children and seniors, is a top priority for my administration. Several divisions in the Office of the Attorney General focus specifically on helping seniors.

Protecting Senior Consumers
The Consumer Protection Division works to identify and aggressively prosecute those who cheat or deceive Texas seniors. The Division files lawsuits under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act and offers a dispute resolution service for consumers.

In order to assist seniors, the

division works to halt business practices that directly affect them. Recently, my office has taken aim at sweepstakes companies that target seniors in their advertising practices.

In April, 47 other attorneys general and I reached a \$35 million settlement with United States Purchasing Exchange (USPE) to end misleading advertising practices. USPE will now have to include a fact sheet with every mailing and provide reimbursement to consumers who spent more than \$1,870 on entries in the past three years. Approximately 4,000 Texas consumers will be eligible for restitution.

In April, my Insurance Practices Section sued Seniors Security Services, a company that sent mailers designed to look like official government notices concerning Social Security or Medicare to senior citizens around the state. Instead, these mailers were merely a ruse to solicit leads for insurance salesmen.

Triads
The Office of the Attorney General actively participates in one of the nation's best community policing programs for preventing crime against seniors. Triads unite seniors with local law enforcement agencies to work together for safety.

There are currently 103 Triads in Texas, and we are working to double that number.

Elder Law
The Elder Law and Public Health Division works to protect senior Texans and other health-care service consumers. The Division's primary focus is ensuring quality treatment for patients in nursing homes, personal care homes and psychiatric facilities.

The Division also works to promote my policy of protecting senior Texans by conducting Senior Fraud Conferences and speaking to senior service organizations across the state.

The Texas Department of Human Services inspects nursing homes and investigates alleged violations of state and federal nursing home standards. When that agency refers a case to us, we take legal action to enforce the law and put an end to violations.

Fighting Medicaid Fraud
The Medicaid Fraud Control Division investigates allegations of criminal abuse and neglect in facilities that serve Medicaid patients and in non-Medicaid board and care facilities. The Division can refer cases to prosecutors for legal action. The Division's investigators also

conduct in-service training to nursing home staff and administrators.

For More Information
The Office of the Attorney General also has a number of publications that address senior issues. Our centerpiece is *Elder Alert*, a quarterly newsletter that provides information on consumer, health and fraud issues. Brochures on the rights of seniors and nursing home selection are also available. All publications are posted on the Office of the Attorney General Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us and are available by calling (512) 475-4413.

Seniors with a consumer complaint can request a complaint form by calling (800) 621-0508. Complaints can also be filed on line through the agency's Web site.

To file a complaint against a nursing home, assisted living facility or psychiatric facility, call the Texas Department of Human Services at (800) 458-9858. To report suspected Medicaid provider fraud or abuse by a provider, contact the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit at (512) 463-2011.

For information on Triad programs, contact Nancy Gresham in Elder Law and Public Health at (512) 936-1317 or by e-mail at nsg@oag.state.tx.us.

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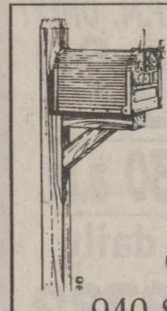
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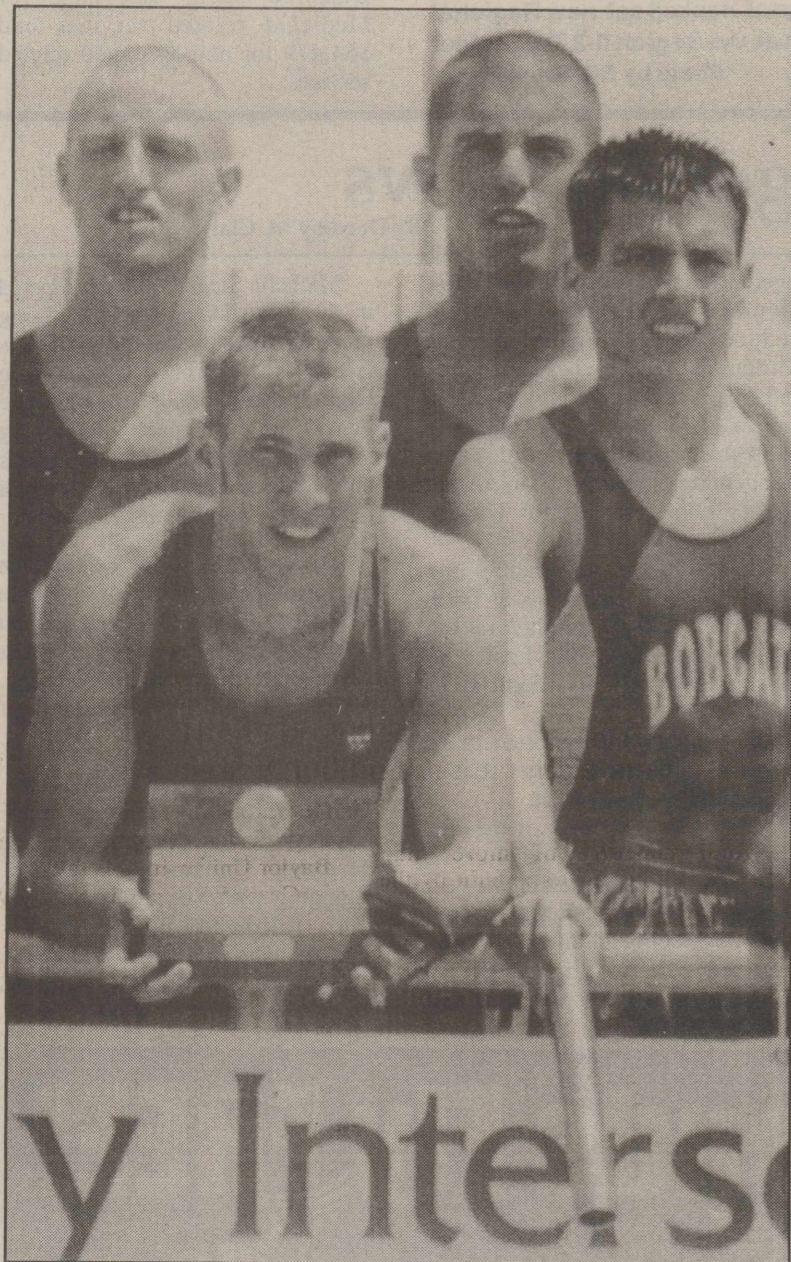
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BOCBATS BOUND FOR STATE—Rule tracksters who will be competing in Austin are, l-r, Coach Cody Levrets, Jody Harvey, Josh Smith, Brian Lehrmann, Grant Hisey, Coach Paul Page. Front, Allen Puebla. Not pictured is Mike Casey.



FIRST IN REGION—The Rule boys team will be going to state competition after winning 1st in the Regional 1600m relay. Front, l-r. are Jody Harvey and Brian Lehrmann. Back, Grant Hisey and Josh Smith.

Sagerton Homecoming set May 27-28

The Sagerton Homecoming has been set for May 27-28 at the Sagerton Community Center.

Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. Sat., May 27. This is the thirteenth homecoming since the original one, which was held July 4, 1954. The last homecoming was in 1997.

Jack Tabor is chairman for this year's homecoming. Others on the steering committee are Clancy Lehrmann, vice chairman; Mrs. Charles Clark, secretary-treasurer; Charles Clark, finance chairman; Delbert LeFevre, program chairman; Joyce LeFevre, publicity chairman; and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Toney, food chairpersons.

A homecoming queen will be announced during the program. Classes of 1948 and 1949 will be recognized.

Since no tickets are sold for Sunday lunch, registration is necessary, but donations will be needed to defray expenses. Contact Mrs. Charles Clark, (940-997-2680) for reservations. Registration cards have been sent to those who live outside a 50-mile radius of Sagerton.

Activities have been planned by the Homecoming Committee. For those who would like to see the "old" and "new" places in the Sagerton Community, there will be bus tours on Saturday beginning at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Registration will be at 9:00 a.m. Sun., May 28. Lunch will be served at noon. A short program will be held in the auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

Plants make your home look inviting inside and out, but beware of the danger of some; they can be poisonous to your pets and children.

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Monthly Calendar of Events

MAY 2000

Haskell Independent School District

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Elementary Achievement Tests May 1-5	1 Sr. Supper East Side Baptist	2 TAAS Exit Writing Dr. Rathbun Concert	3 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Student Council Elections	4 Sr. Lunch Lutheran Church Nat'l Land, Range and Pasture, Okla. City Dr. Rathbun Concert	5 Pre-Kindergarten Registration 8:30-10:30 UIL State at Austin State Track Qualifiers TBA	6
7 Teacher Appreciation Week May 8-12 Sr. Supper Methodist Church	8 FFA Banquet Haskell	9 6th Grade Registration 1:15 Elem. Site Based Committee Meeting Extravabandza 2000 First Baptist Church 7 p.m. 6, 7, 8, HS Band Concert	10 Elementary Field Day	11 Awards Program 10 a.m. J.H. 11 a.m. H.S. 12 noon School out Elem. out 12:10 12:15 Buses run	12 Bad Weather Day State Track	13
14 Elementary Awards Programs May 15-19	15 NHS Trip	16	17	18 7th Grade Career Breakfast	19 Student Council Trip to Lubbock Area II Degree Check San Angelo Area II Convention San Angelo	20 All Sports Banquet
21 Sr. Roast Elementary Park Days May 22-26	22 Spring Fling Haskell CISD Faculty & Staff	23	24	25	26 Elementary Early Out 12:10 Graduation	27
28	29	30	31			

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GOING TO STATE—Haskell athletes who will be participating in track events in Austin are, l-r. Bucky Howeth, alternate; Kevin Patton; Evan Everett; Melvin Garcia, alternate; Jesse Martinez; Casey Riley and Tyrone Billington. Photo by Bill Blankenship



RECORD SETTER—Stephanie Hodge of Haskell set new Regional records in both the 100m and 200m at the Region II-2 Track Meet at Tarleton, qualifying her for state. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Expenditures listed for Haskell Co. welfare programs

The state spent a total of \$2,612,145 last year for major welfare programs in Haskell County, according to Barbara Evans, Regional Administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

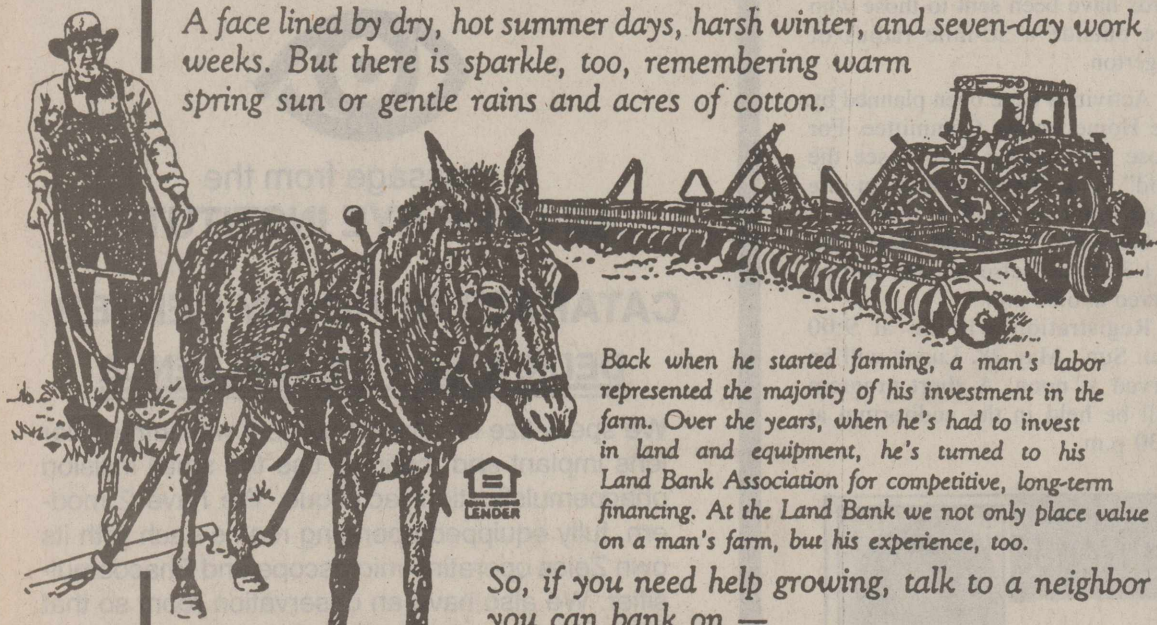
Food stamps worth \$559,093 were issued for the fiscal year which ended Aug. 31, while Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) totaled \$116,566. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of potential clients and non-clients and issues the Lone Star Card.

The state and federal governments share in the cost of TANF to families where needy children are deprived of support because of the absence or disability of one or both parents.

Nursing home costs of approximately \$1,337,503 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent \$544,504 for Medicaid related services and \$54,479 for non-Medicaid related services.

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

A vicious cloud brought rain to some parts of our community Saturday night, varying from a trace, to nearly one inch. We are thankful for the much needed moisture and lack of hail damage that was experienced in other parts of our area.

Making the news again this week is the Rule Bobcat track team who took second place overall at the Regional meet in Abilene on Friday and Saturday. Sagerton's Brian Lehrmann is on the 1600 relay team that placed first and will be going to the State meet in Austin next week.

Bruce, Michelle, Tarah and Clay Toney of Ft. Worth and John, Renee, Josh and Megan McAden of Abilene were recent visitors in the home of their parents, J. B. and Dorothy Toney.

Members of the Sagerton Methodist Church met last Wednesday night for their regular monthly social with Delbert and

Joyce LeFevre hosting the meal. Members and guests present included the following: Andrea Kitley, Wilma Teichelman, Jacky and Peggy Tabor, Johnny and Sue Guinn, Frances Perez and her daughter, Connie and two grandchildren, Frances Clark, Alvin and Ev Ulmer and Pastor Tommy Wilson.

Dean Quade conducted the morning worship services at Faith Lutheran Church Sunday in the absence of Pastor Stan Leaf who was attending the Synodical Assembly.

Charles Clark is reported to be progressing from his recent hospitalization in Abilene.

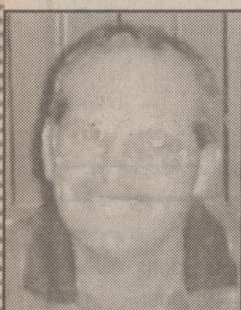
Many area members of the Big Country Electric Cooperative attended the annual meeting held in Stamford Saturday. Local people who were recipients of door prizes included F. A. Ulmer, J. C. Wendeborn, James Gellner and Wayne Huggins.

Michelle Stegemoeller competed in the State Dairy Cattle Judging meet this past weekend at Texas A&M as a member of the Rule High School team. The team came in with an 11th place win among 50 teams participating. Michelle's individual score was a 17 from a field of 200 contestants.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Teichelman attended the wedding of Amanda Teichelman and Chris Weatherman of Abilene at the First Baptist Church in Buffalo Gap on Saturday. Amanda is the granddaughter of Gene.

All friends of Adela Teichelman are invited to her 80th birthday party Sat., May 13 at the Sons of Hermann Hall at Old Glory, beginning with a reception at 7:00 p.m. followed by a dance. Refreshments will be served later in the evening. The honoree requests that there be no gifts, please.

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East Side Baptist Church youth advance to Bible drill contest

Ten Haskell children from East Side Baptist Church advanced to the Texas Children's State Bible Drill competition held April 15 at First Baptist Church in Abilene. After completing their training under Karla Page this past year, these 4th-6th graders qualified for the state contest at the Haskell/Knox Associational Bible Drill Competition March 26, hosted by ESBC. Both contests consisted of 10-second drills in finding books of the Bible, finding specific scripture verses in the Bible, locating key passages on given topics of theology in the Bible and memorization of specific

verses. Participants received recognition and certificates at the awards ceremony at the state competition. Bethany Elmore earned a State Winner Perfect score and was awarded her drill Bible. Earning a Superior rating were Jennifer Farber, Lauren McCormick and Hannah Page. An Excellent score were to Matthew Bowers, Chelsea Bullard, Jodi Langford and Kellye Tidrow received a Good rating. Paige Wheatley earned Honorable Mention. Also qualifying for the state competition but unable to attend was Maggie Teague.

afternoon of skating. The state drill was made possible by the Cooperative Program, the Baptist General Convention of Texas the State Missions Commission. The associational drill, as well as ESBC's drill class, was organized by Mrs. Page and run with the help of church members. This was the church's 4th year to hold the Bible drills, the largest group ever. Page encourages other area churches interested in conducting drill classes and competing next year to contact her through ESBC for more information, as leadership training will be available through the association. Material is also available for 7th-12th grade level competitions.

Following the competitions, ESBC's drillers were treated to pizza lunch and games and an

Prekindergarten registration set Fri., May 5

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for 1/2 day prekindergarten classes for the 2000-2001 school year Friday, May 5. Registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

To attend prekindergarten, a child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2000, qualify for free or reduced lunches and/or be of limited English-speaking ability.

However, prekindergarten is hoped to be offered for all four year olds. If you are interested in this program, please register on Friday, May 5.

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

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,059 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., April 29, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Demand good all classes; stocker feeder cattle steady. Stocker cows steady \$10 less; packer cattle steady to 1-2 lower.

Longhorns, Jerseys, Holsteins, out cattle, cripples and goons \$5-30/100# less than figures quoted.

Cows: fat, .35-.40; cutters, .38-.43; canners, .25-.34.

Bulls: bologna, .45-.50; feeder, .68-.75; utility, .42-.46.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.35; 400-500 lbs., 1.00-1.20; 500-600 lbs., .88-1.00; 600-700 lbs., .82-.95; 700-800 lbs., .78-.88; 800-up lbs., .70-.85.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.25; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .85-1.00; 500-600 lbs., .80-.95; 600-up lbs., .60-.85.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 550-650.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-770; aged or small, 600-700.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 675-875; aged or small, 625-750.

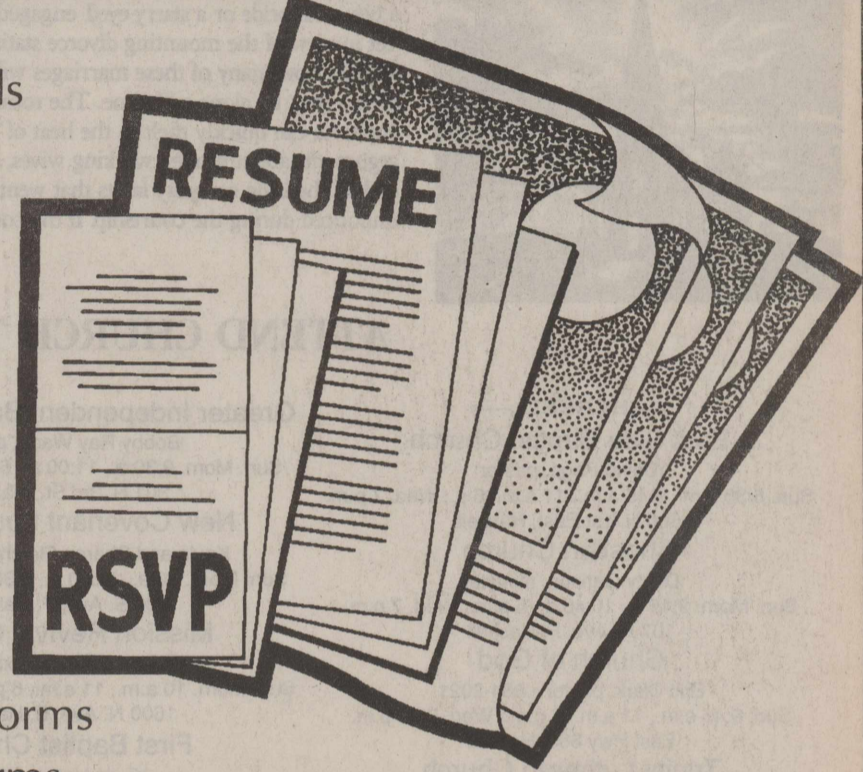
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ADVANCE TO STATE—Students from Haskell High School placed third in the Area II land judging competition at Tarleton. Holding their awards are, l-r, Justin Trussell and John Mark Hodgkin. Not pictured are team members Angel Pena (top high individual), and Omar Payan. Tarleton faculty members, Dr. Rob Rhykerd, left, and Kevin Kenworthy, far right, served as contest directors.

And Human Sciences

ECC Menu and Calendar

Monday, May 8
Lunch—Swiss steak, potatoes, greens, cabbage slaw, fruit, bread, milk, tea or coffee
1:00 p.m. China painting

Wednesday, May 10
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch—Chicken pot pie, green lima beans, tossed salad, jellied applesauce, ranger cookies, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Friday, May 12
Lunch—Roast beef, brown gravy, potatoes, green beans, carrot salad, fruit cobbler, 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.

Haskell School Menu

May 8-12 Breakfast
Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Cereal offered daily.
Monday: Buttered toast/jelly
Tuesday: Eggs, sausage, buttered toast
Wednesday: Blueberry muffins
Thursday: Sausage & pancake on a stick
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: Steak fingers/gravy, creamed potatoes, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, sliced pears
Tuesday: Chicken & spaghetti, seasoned green beans, garlic bread, mixed fruit

Wednesday: Submarine sandwich, assorted chips, vegetable sticks, apple
Thursday: Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, Shape up
Friday: No School

Paint Creek School Menu

May 8-12 Breakfast
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy, eggs
Wednesday: Peach cups, cereal
Thursday: Cinnamon toast
Friday: Donuts

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Bar-be-que on bun, chips, salad, cheese stix, brownies

Tuesday: Mexican chicken casserole, pinto beans, salad, crackers, peaches
Wednesday: Spaghetti w/meat, garlic toast, salad, green beans, vanilla pudding
Thursday: Corn dogs, fries, corn, salad, pears
Friday: Hamburgers with trimmings, macaroni salad, chips, ice cream

This Week's Devotional Message:



A common sight in any newspaper is a picture of a beautiful bride or a starry-eyed engaged couple. Yet in view of the mounting divorce statistics, we wonder how many of these marriages will last even a year, let alone a lifetime. The romantic euphoria can quickly melt in the heat of arguments about money, working wives, children and all the little everyday faults that went unnoticed during the courtship. If the couple

would resume the good manners and good nature that united them in the first place, work out some areas of compromise and ignore minor irritations, they might have a chance. Above all, they should attend their House of Worship and be reminded of what love means. It is quite likely that their marital problems could be solved at the very altar where they exchanged their vows. It is certainly worth a try.

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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Trinity Lutheran Church
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Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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First Baptist Church
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First United Methodist Church
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Here's a quick review of recent tax news.

•On April 7, President Clinton signed legislation that repeals the earnings limit for social security beneficiaries aged 65 through 69. Now, workers in this age group will not have their social security benefits reduced \$1 for every \$3 they earn above \$17,000. Younger retirees collecting social security still have an earnings limit of \$10,080, while those 70 and older continue to have no earnings limit. The new law is retroactive to January 1, 2000, so refunds will be made to those whose benefits have already been reduced for 2000.

•The IRS raised its interest rates on overdue taxes and refunds for the second quarter (April through June 2000). The rate for individual tax overpayments and underpayments will be 9%. The rate for corporate overpayments is 8% (6.5% on large overpayments), and the rate for corporate underpayments will be 9% (11% on large underpayments).

•Employee benefit plans must file annual returns using the Form 5500 series. Because these forms have been completely revised to utilize computer scanning and electronic filing technologies, a two-and-a-half month extension for filing the 1999 reports has been granted for certain filers. If Form 5500 would be due on or before July 31, 2000, the due date for filing has been extended to October 16, 2000. Filers whose regular due date is after July 31 must file Form 5558 in order to obtain an extension to file.

•A 1999 tax change eliminated installment sale reporting for accrual taxpayers. The business community has been agitating for repeal of this tax provision because it forces the seller of a business to pay the tax on an installment sale in the year of sale rather than as payments are collected. To provide some immediate relief, the Treasury indicates it will issue regulations allowing qualified businesses with average annual gross receipts of \$1 million or less to use the cash method of accounting, which also would allow them to report sales on the installment method.

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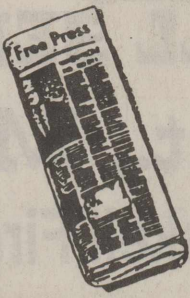
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Qualifiers include: Nora Hatley, 2nd place and Kami Baitz, 3rd place in computer applications.

The students qualified for the state meet by placing first, second or third individually or placing first on a team at the UIL Academic Regional Meet, held Sat., April 15 at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

"Students who participate in UIL academics are as competitive

and dedicated as any athlete or musician," said Bobby Hawthorne, UIL Academic Director. "They devote untold hours to practice and invitational meet competition, and for many, these hours will be among the most important they spend during their high school careers. Over the years, we've heard from hundreds of students who claim that these contests were the most fulfilling and rewarding activities of their entire high school careers."

The purpose of these contests, Hawthorne said, is to teach thinking and problem-solving skills.

Through participation at the State Meet, students qualify for the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided \$13.2 million to approximately 11,600 Texas high school students. This year, the TILF expects to award an estimated

630 new and renewed grants, valued at over \$1 million. Grants and donations from foundations and individuals have funded these academic scholarships. Each dollar that the TILF receives goes directly for scholarships and no administrative or other overhead expenses are deducted.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

We, here in Haskell, are thankful for the good rain that God sent our way over the weekend even though the hail was not good.

On Sat. morning Joyce's brother and wife Dolan and Karon Vaughn of Panhandle came by for a good visit. They had been to the Dallas area for a car swap show, then to Abilene to the track meet where Panhandle school was participating.

Vivian Roberson had her great grandson Chase Drinnon of Brownwood visit her on Sun. afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy O'Neal of Amarillo and Dr. Barry O'Neal and family of Irving spent the weekend

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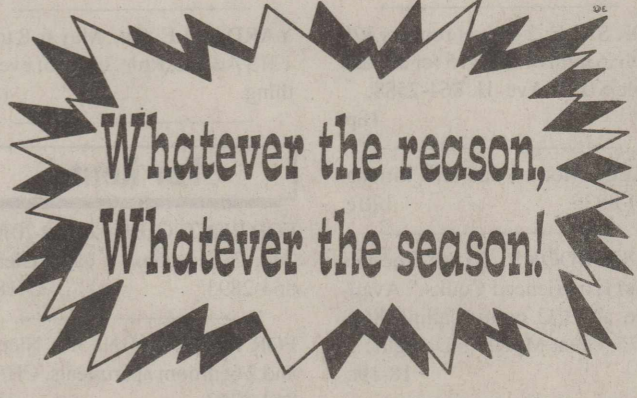
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