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Food drive

Haskell mail carriers will conduct a local food drive Sat., May 13. Postal patrons may leave a can or cans near their mail box and a carrier will pick up the items. Food collected will be given to the local Noah project food bank. A hamper will be placed inside the post office lobby Thurs., May 11 through Sat., May 13 for anyone who wishes to donate food items.

Class reunion

The 1960 class of Haskell High School will hold a 40th reunion at Haskell on June 10. Contact Shirley (Atchison) Reed for information at 940-864-3015.

Calf roping

The third annual John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping will be held Sun., May 28 at 5 p.m. at the Haskell County Arena. 3 head for \$250. Top 12 qualify for short round. Tod Stone saddle to winner of the average. \$500 match roping for two ropers drawn from the short round to rope a 6 head match for \$500 added money. Limited to 50 entries. For more information call Carl Hopkins 940-849-3257 or Fred Hernandez 940-864-2493.

Bake sale

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will hold a bake sale Sat., May 13 in front of The Drug Store. Proceeds will raise funds for the society.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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VISITS HOMETOWN—Dr. Frank Spencer of New York University Medical Center, known worldwide for his developing of the procedure of by-pass heart surgery, recently visited in Haskell while in Texas to accept an honor from North Texas State University.

Dr. Frank Spencer visits hometown

by Mary Kaigler

Dr. Frank Spencer of New York City, one of the preeminent surgeons in the field of cardiac medical research, and a pioneer in developing the procedure of heart by-pass surgery, says he is fortunate to have received his early education in life in the environment of West Texas and the rural Haskell County school of Gilliam.

In an interview last week while in town as a guest of Dr. Bill Kemp and wife, Billie Jean, during a trip to Texas to accept an honor bestowed him by North Texas State University, he spoke of his early beginning and of the value he places on it.

Born in 1926 on a farm just north of Haskell, he said his young mother, who had grown up an orphan and had only a high school education, somehow became aware that her young child very much wanted to read and multiply numbers. He soon learned to do both. One of his earliest memories is of sitting on the front of an automobile on Saturday, at age three, spelling out words like a professor at a spelling bee.

Entering him in Gilliam school at age six, his young parents, Frank and Lillian Cole Spencer, timidly suggested to the teacher that since he could already read well, do math and write, they might start him in the second grade. The suggestion was met with no enthusiasm. "That usually doesn't work," the teacher said. After a week, he was put in the third grade.

"And that bolted the structure of my whole career," Dr. Spencer said. "I'm grateful for the circumstances and my mother's insight. I consider myself very fortunate for my educational beginning. If you have good fortune in your life, these breaks are not something you have earned. You're just lucky as heck to get them."

In addition to his mother's perceptive insight, he attributes

growing up on the farm as affecting his learning environment. With the nearest house a half mile away, and the view of flat land broken only by a huge mesquite tree about 100 yards from the house, he said the value and the beauty of that circumstance was that you eventually learned to solve your own problems in order to survive. "If you have problems you learn that you'd better get to work on it, because no one else is there and no one is coming to do it for you. There were no lectures about this, it's just the way it evolved. But, you learned self-reliance at a very early age. Environmental knowledge."

"Also, in those times, there was a great emphasis on hard work and a strong work ethic. Every nine-year-old boy had a job. It was not considered oppression. It was a sign of manhood. Chopping cotton or whatever, you wanted to do as good a job as the men did."

Entering school in Haskell at age eleven, he graduated in 1941, at the age of fifteen, and entered North Texas State University.

Dr. Spencer remembers that one of the darkest moments of his life came at the age of seventeen, just after he graduated from North Texas in the spring of 1943, when he received letters of rejection from both of the medical schools in Texas. "Your grades are good," they wrote, "but we think seventeen is too young. Come back in a year."

Teen-aged and scared, he heard of a place called Vanderbilt, that a chemistry classmate assured him was a good school. Obtaining an application, he sent it off, and three weeks later, "with no interview, no nothing," he got a letter of acceptance, making no mention of his age. That turn of events changed the whole direction of his career, he said. "And the good fortune of circumstance has worked all the way up, beginning with my mother's insight about the teaching business."

After interning at Vanderbilt

University Hospital he went to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland. While there, in a fifteen minute turn of events which set his career, he transferred to New York University-Bellevue Medical Center, where he has spent years doing heart surgery, researching new techniques of procedure, teaching and building on the potential offered by that prestigious facility.

It was there he made history, pioneering the research on mammary artery surgery and developing the procedure of open heart bypass surgery. In 1956 the first such surgery in the world was performed in the New York University Hospital. Acclaimed for his research by the medical profession, Dr. Spencer traveled to medical centers throughout the world, teaching the procedure.

Now retired a year and a half from doing surgery, Dr. Spencer continues to see patients, consulting and putting them in touch with the best surgeon for their needs. Still residing in New York, he and his wife have two daughters and a granddaughter.

As department chairman and professor at New York University Medical School, he serves as a bridge to Mt. Sinai Hospital. Cutting back to "only" 80 hours a week, he admits to being a workaholic, but says that, probably due to the good luck of having hardy West Texas genes, he has the health of a thirty-year-old, and still has enthusiasm for work.

The most personally satisfying and rewarding thing about his career he says, is the powerful force of knowing that someone has got better because of something you have been able to do for them. "If helping someone requires a sacrifice on your part, it is instinctive for you to do it. And you can't be a social judge of who you will try to help. Regardless of their status or circumstances, you try to help them because they are a human being who needs it."

Away from his work, Dr.

Spencer says he is a completely irrational bass fisherman, with a
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Heather Hobbs earns trip to national conference

Heather Hobbs, Paint Creek senior and Future Homemakers of America member, was ranked number one in Job Interview at the 2000 State Leadership Conference held at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth April 27-29.

One thousand high school students competed in leadership

contests over the weekend. Hobbs' top placing qualified her for participation in the National Leadership Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida July 9-13.

Other participants placing in the competition were Cassie Lamb, Hattie Walton and Lesli Isbell in the Focus on Children event.



NUMBER ONE—Paint Creek student, Heather Hobbs holds the trophy she won for ranking number one in Job Interview at the 2000 Leadership Conference held in Fort Worth.

Elections see light turnouts

In a light voter turnout, the two at-large Haskell city council seats were won by Dan Hoover with 107, and incumbent Don Kretschmer with 88 votes. Incumbent Ruby Turner received 76 votes.

In the Rochester school board election for three at-large seats, winners were incumbent Tommy English with 94 votes, incumbent Chad Glover with 88, and Mark Easterling, with 72 votes. Glenna Hamilton received 39 votes.

In the Rule school board election, the two at-large seats were won by Larry Lefevre with 88, and incumbent Rod Petty with 134. Incumbent Clayton Stegemoeller received 69 votes. Robin Raynes received 24 votes.

In the Weinert election for three at-large city council seats, sixteen votes were cast. Incumbents Dan Griffis, W. R. Hager, and Jerry Walker were returned to office.

Rule plans clean-up days

The months of May and June have been designated by the City of Rule and Rule Chamber of Commerce as Clean Up Days.

During that time, everyone is being encouraged to take part in the effort to clean-up the city.

Information about disposing of trash can be obtained at City Hall.

Anyone interested in adopting a lot, spot or plot to be responsible for in seeing to its care, should call or go by the City Hall for information.

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Spencer

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fishing cabin and bass boat in Maine. "I could write a book about bass fishing," he said about his hobby. Carefully keeping a complete record of each catch, he meticulously logs data about its weight, the depth it was caught in, and the weather conditions. Laughing, he said his secretary records it later into the computer under Marine Biology Research. "A hobby is like a fingerprint; it has no logic to it. Just enjoy it and don't try to analyze it," he said.

During his career, Dr. Spencer has received innumerable honors and has been recognized as a leader in many groups and has served as chairman of many medical organizations. Having come to the top of his profession from his beginning in a rural public education system, this grandson of an early-day horse-and-buggy doctor admits that his life reads like a Horatio Alger story.

"I'm a great booster for the American way of life. No other

country in the world has the advancements and culture to match it. This is the only country in the world in which public education is widely available; not uniform, but available. And it's virtually a classless society. If you get an education and work hard you can't imagine the opportunities that are yours."

His advice to students is, "Do the best you can. Life turns on unpredictable circumstances. Opportunities will appear as you get older. Be prepared for them."

"The majority of the education one gets depends on the efforts of the individual," Dr. Spencer said. "I consider that my early background in education at Gilliam school, with its no frills reading, writing and math, was as good as anyone's."

In reflection about his life, Dr. Frank Spencer says he has observed that too many people with good fortune become pompous about what they have done. This modest man who has achieved such success

in his chosen field of medicine, says simply, "I see myself as unbelievably lucky."

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 931 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., May 6, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Demand good on all cattle; stocker cattle 2-3 lower. Feeder cattle steady; packer cattle steady to 2 lower.

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

Cows: fat, .34-.38; cutters, .36-.41; canners, .25-.32.

Bulls: bologna, .45-.49; feeder, .68-.75; utility, .40-.45.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.40; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.25; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.15; 500-600 lbs., .85-1.08; 600-700 lbs., .82-.95; 700-800 lbs., .80-.88; 800-up lbs., .65-.82.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.20; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .85-.95; 500-600 lbs., .80-.94; 600-up lbs., .58-.84.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 400-575.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 575-680; aged or small, 525-600.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 725-850; aged or small, 650-750.

Obituaries

Bernice Pickering Mathison

Funeral services for Bernice Pickering Mathison, 75, of Haskell were held Wed., May 3 at First Baptist Church in Weinert with Rev. Chad King officiating. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Mathison died Mon., May 1 at a local hospital. Born Dec. 15, 1924 in Weinert, she married Raymond Alton Mathison Feb. 13, 1943. He preceded her in death Aug. 10, 1989. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Weinert.

Survivors include one daughter, Sandra Rhea Earle

of Weinert; one grandson, Walker Leonard 'T' Nichols III of Weinert; two sisters, Elva Rich of Waxahachie and Lucille Wickson of Brownwood; one niece; two nephews; and many friends.

Pallbearers were Hal Guess, Heath Guess, Larry Brueggeman, Melvin Brueggeman, Dan Green, Jerry Walker, Jerry Hester and John Brueggeman.

Memorials may be made to Weinert Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 188, Weinert, Texas 76388.

PD. NOTICE

Donald Bockmon

Funeral services for Donald Bockmon, 69, of Haskell were held Wed., May 3 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Howard Cemetery in Paint Creek under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bockmon died Mon., May 1 at his Lake Stamford residence.

Born Sept. 28, 1930 in Hawley, he married Martha Lou Mitchell June 6, 1951 in Anson. He worked for Continental Oil Co. for 40 years. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lemmie Lou

Bockmon Hinkle.

Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Donald H. Bockmon, Jr. of Douglas, Wyoming; two daughters, Sharon J. Bockmon of Haskell and Gayla D. Engle of Rochester; his mother, Lula Blanch Hollis Bockmon of Anson; four grandchildren, Julie Lynn Bockmon Della Croce, Brandie Kaye Bockmon, Joshua Cody Byrd and Tiffany Belle Byrd.

Pallbearers were Joshua Cody Byrd, Eddie Freeby, Cole Earles, Aaron Earles, Jason Trammell and Mitchel Payne.

PD. NOTICE

Palacios receives HACU internship

Sul Ross State University student Aracely Palacios of Haskell, has been accepted into the Summer 2000 National Internship Program of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) in Washington, D. C.

Palacios will serve an internship with the U. S. Department of Agriculture working with the FSA chief field services supervisor.

Palacios, the daughter of Conrad and Eva Palacios, is a junior communication major.

"I had visited Washington, D. C. and wanted to go back," she

said. "This internship seemed to be the perfect way to go, as well as to expand myself, my knowledge and my education. I look forward to the opportunity and the chance to meet new people."

Palacios plans to earn a master's degree after graduation from Sul Ross, then pursue a career in the public relations field. While at Sul Ross, she has been selected to the Dean's List, has served as secretary of both the Newman Club and Spanish Club, assisted in the Upward Bound program, was a volunteer in Relay for Life and was a member of the Freshman Leadership Program.

The HACU National Internship

Program works with federal agencies to recruit well-qualified and motivated students, primarily Hispanic, who might consider federal service as a career choice. Students selected are undergraduate and graduate students with a minimum 3.0 grade point average who are active in the community and campus activities.

Internships are designed to provide students with a professional experience that will enable them to make more educated career choices and to expose students to research, development, technology and administrative career opportunities in the federal government.

Baitz places 5th at state

Kami Baitz, a sophomore at Rule High School, placed 5th in Computer Applications at the UIL state competition in Austin May 6. This was Baitz's first year to compete in the 30-minute contest, which tested the students on their

ability to complete a spreadsheet and memo with an embedded chart at the state level.

Baitz, along with Nora Hatley, qualified for the state contest by placing in the top three at the regional competition in April.



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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Faye Gray visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hicks, in Abilene.

Bernice Hilliard and Gussea Monroe attended the TRTA District 14 spring leadership conference in Abilene on Thursday.

Christopher and Melissa Tatum accompanied her mother, Linda Chapman, to Durant, Okla. to be with Linda's mother in the loss of her mother Cuba Pena, which is Linda's grandmother and Melissa's great grandmother on Monday.

Darlene Conn and children Daniel and Mr. and Mrs. David Conn and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Cody Cochran and little daughter

Audree of Lubbock spent the weekend in Abilene where they met the children's dad, John Conn, and had a weekend of fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins visited his mom Joyce on Friday.

Friday afternoon James and Shirley Hawkins of Wichita Falls came by for a short visit with Joyce and Clayton. They were on their way to Abilene to visit their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hawkins.

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ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ - CINDY ESQUIVEL

Esquivel, Rodriguez to be married May 20

Cindy Esquivel of Winters and Alfredo Rodriguez of McCamey have announced their engagement to be married, May 20, at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Abilene.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ozuna of Tuscola, and Raul Esquivel of Abilene. She is a 1991 graduate of

Winters High School, and is attending Stenograph Institute of Texas, studying to become a court reporter. She is employed by First National Bank.

Parents of the prospective groom are Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Rodriguez of McCamey. A 1992 graduate of McCamey, he is employed by Your Ideas Screen Printing Company.

Haskell School Menu

May 15-19

Breakfast

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

Monday: Buttered toast

Tuesday: Biscuit & sausage

Wednesday: Pop tarts

Thursday: Sausage & cheddar in a blanket

Friday: Breakfast burrito

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 fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, Texas toast, sliced pears

Tuesday: Enchilidas, pinto beans, chips/hot sauce, tossed salad, applesauce

Wednesday: Sliced turkey/gravy, creamed potatoes, fried okra, hot rolls, sliced peaches

Thursday: Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, fruit cocktail

Friday: Hamburger, French fries, hamburger trimmings, ice cream

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, May 15

9:30 a.m. Miracle Ear
Lunch-German sausage, potato salad, English peas, chocolate bread pudding, bread, milk, tea or coffee

1:00 p.m. China painting

Wednesday, May 17

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Service blood pressure check

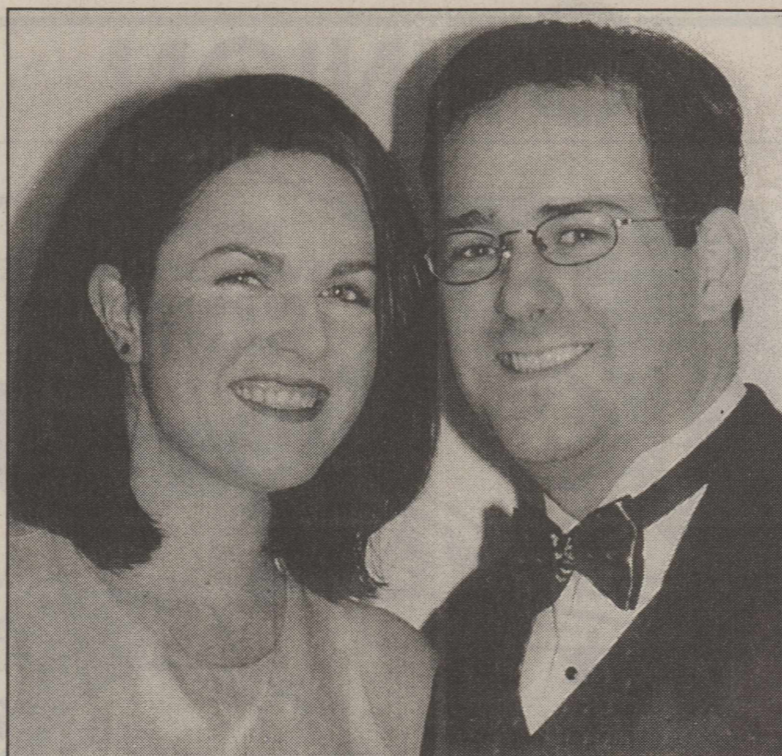
Lunch-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tator tots, pinto beans, fruit cobbler, milk, tea or coffee

Friday, May 19

11:00 a.m. Texas State Hearing Lunch-Ham, potatoes, carrots, beet salad, brownies, 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.



TRE' ANN KITTLEY - MATT KRUPNICK

Kittley, Krupnick announce engagement

Tre' Ann Kittley and Matt Krupnick, both of Dallas, have announced their engagement to be married, April 21, 2001, at St. Paul Methodist Church, Amarillo.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dave Kittley of Rule and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Krupnick of Amarillo.

A graduate of Piedmont High School, Oklahoma, the bride-elect received a BBA degree in marketing

from the University of Oklahoma in 1996. She is employed by Prescott Realty Group of Dallas.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Amarillo High School. He received a BBA degree in Finance from Texas Tech University in 1995, and a JD from Harvard Law School in 1998. He is employed at Jones, Day, Revis, and Pogue Law Firm in Dallas.

Society hears students

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society held a meeting May 1 at the First National Bank Community Room.

Students from Darlene Bellinghausen's class presented the program. Jeff Blanks told about what life was like for his grandmother, Mary Lou Gilleland, while attending Paint Creek School. Ross Pittman talked about his grandparents, Roy and Jewel

Pittman, including Roy's experiences during World War II. This was followed by Mrs. Bellinghausen reading a paper written by John Roy Rivera about Robert Edison Speer who also served in World War II.

Attending were Johnny Scoggins, Wanda Ham, Lowell and Eula Peters, Jack and Margaret Kittley, Dolin and Carolyn Hughes, Jerri Buerger, Kenneth and Martha Jarred, Darlene Bellinghausen, Ernestine Herren, Caleb and Donita Hudgens, June White, Pete Kittley, Patsy Pate Cobb, Mattie Muriel English, Frances Lane, Jeff Blanks and Ross Pittman.

Art Club elects officers

Brazos West Art Club met Mon. night, May 1, at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Carolyn Everett conducted the installation of new officers. A salad supper was served.

The new officers are: Peggy Middlebrook, president; Jenny Lyckman, 1st vice president; Betty Berry, 2nd vice president; Denia Cunningham, secretary; Ruth Ann Klose, treasurer; and Gladys O'Neal, reporter, historian.

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OPINION



State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Automatic promotion of elementary school students soon will disappear.

This year's kindergarten class, when it reaches third grade in the 2002-2003 school year, will have to pass a state reading test to be promoted.

School superintendents, at the direction of Texas Education Commissioner Jim Nelson, are sending parents a brochure outlining new promotion standards.

The brochure also lists steps parents can take to help their children:

- Reduce the child's television time and plan family learning activities that support learning;
- Spend as much time as possible with the child reading a wide variety of books and other kinds of text;
- Ask questions about what they have read, discussing the meanings of new words and comparing one story with another; and
- Keep in regular touch with teachers and school officials.

Arson Hotline Announced

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor and State Fire Marshal G. Mike Davis last week announced the creation of an arson hotline number that residents anywhere in Texas can call to report a suspicious fire.

The new toll-free hotline number is 1-877-4-FIRE-45 or 1-877-434-7345. Fire departments also may call this number for assistance.

"Arsonists are responsible for more than 10,000 fires every year in Texas," said Montemayor.

"These fires take lives and destroy millions of dollars in property. We want to stop these people before they do any more harm."

UT Turns Away Applicants

The University of Texas last week announced a moratorium on admissions, due to overcrowding, and stopped its online application service.

It's too late for first-time and transfer students and perhaps 1,000 third- and fourth-year students who had planned to enroll next spring.

"I don't think anyone was expecting us to shut off spring admissions," Bruce Walker, director of admissions, told the *Austin American-Statesman*. "We realize this is a stopgap measure."

UT anticipates a record entering freshman class of 7,500 this fall. Last fall, the entering freshman class was 7,040.

Austin Gives Gun Locks

Austin is the first Texas city to take advantage of a private program to distribute the free gun locks.

Project HomeSafe, a firearm-awareness program funded by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, is providing the locks, which retail for about \$10 each, and paying administrative costs of the program.

The city announced plans to give away 2,500 locks on May 7.

Study: Inmates More Violent

Texas prison inmates are more violent and less likely to be granted parole.

According to a study released May 4 by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, violent offenders now make up 45 percent of the prison population, an increase from 38 percent from 1994.

"There's a very definite correlation to show the system has hardened," said agency spokesman Glen Castlebury.

"We've got to assume the system will continue to harden, and that makes these jobs more dangerous and stressful."

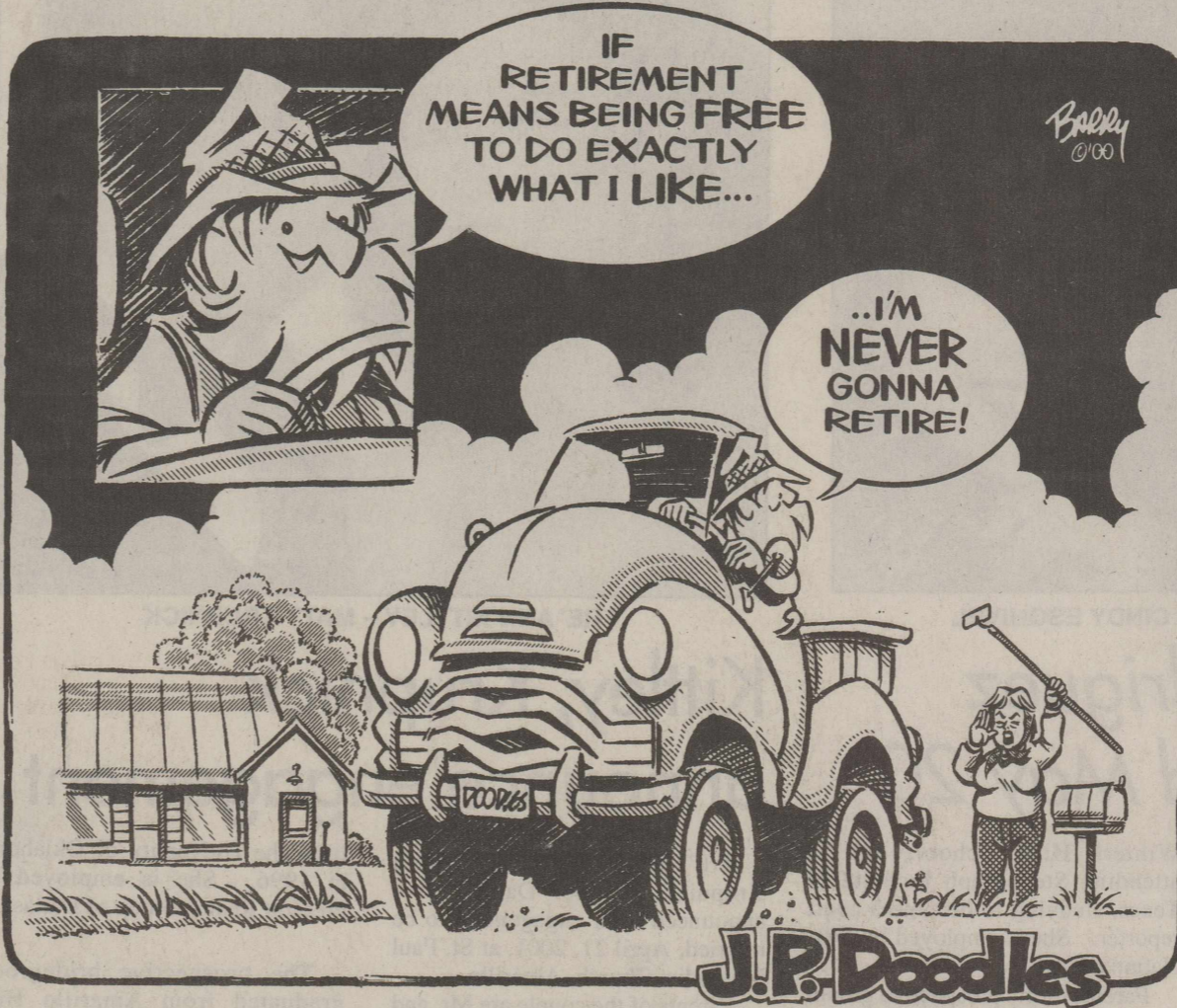
Castlebury attributed fewer paroles to increased violence against guards, who have been calling for higher salaries and more help. He said assaults on guards rose from 700 in 1994 to 2,000 last year.

The study also showed that the racial makeup of Texas prisons has changed little since 1994. The inmate population currently is 44.2 percent black, 30.1 percent white and 25.2 percent Hispanic. Five years ago it was 47.1 percent black, 27.4 percent white and 25.1 percent Hispanic. The average inmate still has only a seventh-grade educational achievement score, the study stated.

And, study showed inmates released last year had served an average of 3.8 years, a year longer than the average 2.8 years figured in 1994. Lower parole rates and more prison space have helped bump the average age of Texas inmates from 33 years old in 1994 to 35.4 years old in 1999.

Other Highlights

• Honda Motor Co. last week was honored with a Texas Environmental Excellence Award for its low-emission vehicles. The award was given by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. The city of Dallas recently ordered 182 of Honda's natural-gas powered Civic GX.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

How we feel about ourselves at any age often depends on how we see ourselves. And, as we go through different stages of our life, our perceptions of how we see ourselves change as we discover who we really are. Old myths and notions we've believed about how we *should* look, and hang-ups we've had over how we *do* look, become less inhibiting as we grow older.

This can be a free-ing time of life, and is one of the best compensations for having reached "a certain age."

As one who has gone through a good many stages of life, I can readily identify with the following humorous, yet very apt description of how we females see ourselves at any given age. While I don't know who wrote it, I feel perfectly safe in saying it wasn't a man. (However, I'm sure they could come up with their own version, if they were as prone to analyze themselves as we are.)

The Ages of Women

- Age 8: Looks at herself and sees: Cinderella/Sleeping Beauty.
- Age 15: Looks at herself and sees: Cinderella/Sleeping Beauty/Cheerleader, or if she is PMS'ing: sees Pimples/UGLY, ("Mom, I can't go to school looking like this!")
- Age 20: Looks at herself and sees: "Too fat/too thin, too short/too tall, too straight/too curly"--but decides she's going out anyway.
- Age 30: Looks at herself and sees: "Too fat/too thin, too short/too tall, too straight/too curly"--but decides she doesn't have time to fix it, so she's going to go out anyway.
- Age 40: Looks at herself and sees: "Too fat/too thin, too short/too tall, too straight/too curly,"--but says, "At least I'm clean," and goes out anyway.
- Age 50: Looks at herself and sees: "I am" - and goes wherever she wants to.
- Age 60: Looks at herself and reminds herself of all the people who can't even see themselves in the mirror anymore. Goes out and conquers the world!
- Age 70: Looks at herself and sees: wisdom, laughter and ability --goes out and enjoys life.
- Age 80: Doesn't bother to look. Just puts on a red hat and goes out to participate in the world.
- Age 90: Can't see and doesn't worry about it!

Having lived through so many wonderful ages of being a woman, and now being in the middle of the stage of "goes out and enjoys life," I'm already looking forward to the red hat I'm going to buy and wear as I "go out and participate in the world," in the next stage.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

May 10, 1990

Kim Gilly of the Haskell FFA was first-place winner in public speaking at the Double Mountain contest held in Aspermont.

Emily Cox graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy on April 28. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cox, Jr. of Haskell, attended the graduation ceremonies.

The Haskell Young Homemakers' "Help Save Our Library" campaign came to a close last week with \$1,326.72 raised.

20 Years Ago

May 8, 1980

Haskell High School's cheerleaders elected for the 1980-81 school year are Terri Welch, Cindy Everett, Janet Wallace, Kim Lane, Lori Johnson and D'Anne Burris.

The Haskell County Extension Homemakers Council met in the kitchen of the Extension Office. There were eleven members present. Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent, reported that Janette Holmes from Rochester and James Cloud from Rule will be the

Acknowledgement

The Haskell Free Press would like to acknowledge and credit Bobbie Johnson of KIS Photo for the photo of Cassie Lamb that appeared in last week's Haskell Free Press.

county's delegates to 4-H Congress.

Richard Vincent received first place and a gold medal last week in Austin at State UIL Competition; he won the medal for his performance in persuasive speaking. Cindy Everett received a silver medal for second place in shorthand competition at the state meet.

30 Years Ago

May 7, 1970

Gary Druessedow, student at Midwestern University and Joseph Thigpen, student at Abilene Christian College, will participate in the Rice Springs Rodeo. Thigpen will enter the roping events and Druessedow, bull riding and broc riding.

Dale Lawrence was elected president of the Haskell Jaycees. Other officers are Frank Jenkins, first vice president; Sammy Larned, second vice president; Doyle High, secretary; and Albert Roberts, treasurer.

The Josselet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Mildred Robertson. Joan Caddell presented the program, "A Junior 4-H Girl in Public Speaking" and spoke about the "Generation Gap."

Lane-Felker's Pearl Anniversary Fashion Show which was held at the Texas Theatre brought in \$600 for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Abilene.

40 Years Ago

May 12, 1960

Sammie Williams, Rochester junior, has earned the State Homemaker Degree of Achievement. She was awarded a certificate and gold torch at the State FHA meeting held in Austin. Mrs. J. U. Fields and Mrs.

R. W. Herren of Haskell and Mrs. Fred Monke of Weinert attended the convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in Austin.

Carolyn Connally with a four-year average of 93.88 is the valedictorian of Haskell High School. Betty Sue Larned, salutatorian, has a four-year average of 93.24. Highest ranking boy in the senior class, with a four-year average of 91.63, is Tommy Coston.

50 Years Ago

May 11, 1950

Mary Beth Payne, Haskell High School band senior, received the Arion National Foundation Medal for outstanding service in the band. Payne is drum major of the school band.

Mrs. W. E. Johnson entertained the Rainbow Sewing Club members and their husbands with an 84 and 42 party in her home.

The Haskell District Scoutmaster's Roundtable was held at Weinert. Gene Overton, district Scout commissioner, presided at the session. Attending from Haskell were Joe Tyson and Mr. Firhman of the First Methodist Scout Troop 36.

90 Years Ago

May 14, 1910

The Haskell Power Company has announced that the current will be on during daytime each Thurs. until further notice for the benefit of those using electric irons.

C. D. Grissom has returned from an extended visit to Old Mexico.

The building for the new creamery is about completed. Machinery has been shipped and the creamery is expected to be placed in operation within a month.

Rabies cases increase

According to the Texas Department of Health, the number of diagnosed cases of rabies in animals increased in Texas from 303 cases in 1998 to 400 in 1999 a 32 percent rise. Already this year, about 213 cases were seen during the first three months.

Most rabies occurs in skunks and bats, but the number of cases in dogs and cats rose from 23 in 1998 to 34 last year.

The increase of rabies in pets points to pet owners not getting their animals vaccinated annually against rabies as required by state law. Often, pet owners think that if everyone else gets their pet vaccinated, there's not a problem for their own pet. Or, they may think that because their cat never leaves their yard, the animal really doesn't need a rabies shot every year.

Rabies is a killer disease that attacks the nervous system, resulting in paralysis and almost certain death once the symptoms appear. The rabies virus is present in the saliva of the rabid animal. The most common way the disease is spread is by a bite from an infected animal.

Prompt appropriate treatment after being bitten and before the disease develops can stop the infection and prevent the disease in people.

Symptoms of rabies usually develop within two to eight weeks after a person is bitten by a rabid animal. An annual rabies vaccination for each dog and cat is very inexpensive life insurance for the pet and the owners. Horses and livestock in close contact with people, such as 4-H animals, also should be vaccinated against rabies.

If bitten by a wild or domestic animal, don't panic. Immediately wash the wound with lots of soap and running water. Immediately go to the family doctor or nearest emergency room for medical treatment. If your pet has been bitten immediately consult your veterinarian.

To help control rabies:

*Have your veterinarian vaccinate your cats, dogs or ferrets. Keep the vaccinations up to date.

*Reduce the possibility of exposure to rabies by keeping your animals on your property. Don't let pets roam free. Don't leave garbage or pet food outside because it may attract wild or stray animals. Wild animals should not be kept as pets. A rabid wild animal may eat tame, but don't go near it.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that attended the meeting for the purpose of organizing a Friends of the Library group. Also, I would like to thank everyone for their input on the subject of the possibility of a new library.

Our library is a very important part of our community. Many people look at the library as a consideration in their decision to move to a community. We hope to make our library bigger and better with the organization of the new Friends Group. Decisions will be made as to membership, etc. on May 15 by the new board. This information will be available at the library soon.

Again thank you for attending and showing your interest and support of your library.

Joan Strickland
Librarian
Haskell County Library

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Green Thumb searches for Outstanding Older Worker

Green Thumb, Inc., the country's oldest and largest provider of mature worker training and employment, recently launched its statewide search for Texas' Outstanding Older Worker for Year 2000.

To celebrate the ongoing accomplishments of older workers, Texas employers are urged to join this initiative by nominating their outstanding older employees. Nominees must be at least sixty-five years old, a Texas resident, and work 20 or more hours a week for pay. Last year's honoree, Houstonian Albert Stuchly, retired from Coca-Cola's Food Division at age sixty-five and not long afterward began a second career with Gulf South Supply. Twenty-three years later, Stuchly is the senior member of the service and repair department and is extolled as Gulf South's "best technician."

To nominate, a supervisor or co-worker must provide a brief narrative covering the older worker's overall contribution to their employer, a description of new/additional skills the nominee has learned since beginning employment, any disabilities the nominee has overcome to perform his/her job and a description of other community involvement. Nominees may be from any occupation.

Nominations will be evaluated by a state-wide selection committee and the winner announced mid July. During October, the winner will attend the national *Prime Time Awards* in Washington, D. C., in conjunction with the Presidentially-proclaimed *Employ the Older Worker Week*. Their visit will include an evening tour of the city's landmarks, meetings with

Congressional representatives, a tour of the White House and a gala awards dinner at historic Union Station. To learn more about Green Thumb's search for Texas' Outstanding Older Worker for Year 2000 and to obtain nomination forms call Green Thumb at 1-800-880-5292. The deadline for nominations is June 15.

In addition, the challenge to find this year's Oldest Worker was issued by Prime Time's first winner—104-year-old Milton Ward Garland of Waynesboro, Penn. A refrigeration pioneer and engineer, Garland still goes to his office everyday at the Frick Company, the same firm that offered him his first job in 1920.

The only criteria is that the applicant must be employed a

minimum of 20 hours a week. The one who has the earliest birth date wins. Workers who wish to enter should provide the following information: name, birthdate (month, day and year), home phone and address, employer name and address, position or title, business telephone number, name of supervisor and the number of hours worked each week. Send a post card or note to Oldest Worker, Green Thumb, Inc., 2000 North 14th Street, Suite 800, Arlington, Virginia 22201, or enter the information directly on Green Thumb's website at <http://www.greenthumb.org/oldestworker>. Deadline for entries is July 15. Workers may enter themselves or be nominated by employer, family, or friends.



JUDGING TEAM— Students from Haskell High School placed third in Area II Range and Pasture Judging competition at Tarleton State University. Members of the team included fourth high individual, Justin Teague, on the left, and Ross Bullinger. Pictured with them is Tarleton faculty member, Dr. Randy Rossiere. Not pictured are team members Kristi Christian and Ryan Burgess.

Stenholm announces CRP emergency grazing extended

Congressman Charlie Stenholm announced that the U. S. Department of Agriculture has extended the emergency grazing of certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage in Callahan, Coke, Concho, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Sterling, Stonewall, Taylor and Young Counties.

Emergency grazing was authorized Feb. 4 and has now been extended through June 30, 2000. The required payment reduction is 10 percent of the per acre annual rental payment times the number of acres totally grazed in FY 2000. "Given the drought, low price and all the other problems facing producers these days, I am pleased the Department has taken this additional action and I am hopeful this will bring some relief to the

folks who are struggling to hang on until conditions improve," said Stenholm.

Emergency grazing shall be confined to the acreage physically located within an approved county regardless of where the headquarters for the farm is located. An entire CRP field, which is partially located in an approved county and

partially located in another county, may be grazed.

CRP participants must either leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous fields ungrazed for wildlife, or graze all of the acreage at no more than 75 percent of the stocking rate, as determined by the Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS).

Students in the News

McMurry University seniors received their degrees at Spring Commencement ceremonies Sat., May 6, in Radford Auditorium.

Texas Sen. David Cain, a McMurry University alumnus and Pampa native, delivered the Commencement address Saturday. Friday's Baccalaureate service was

delivered by Rev. Ava Burdine Berry, pastor of the Throckmorton/Elbert circuit of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Spring 2000 graduates include: Patrick R. Middleton, Haskell and Angela B. Adkins, Rochester.

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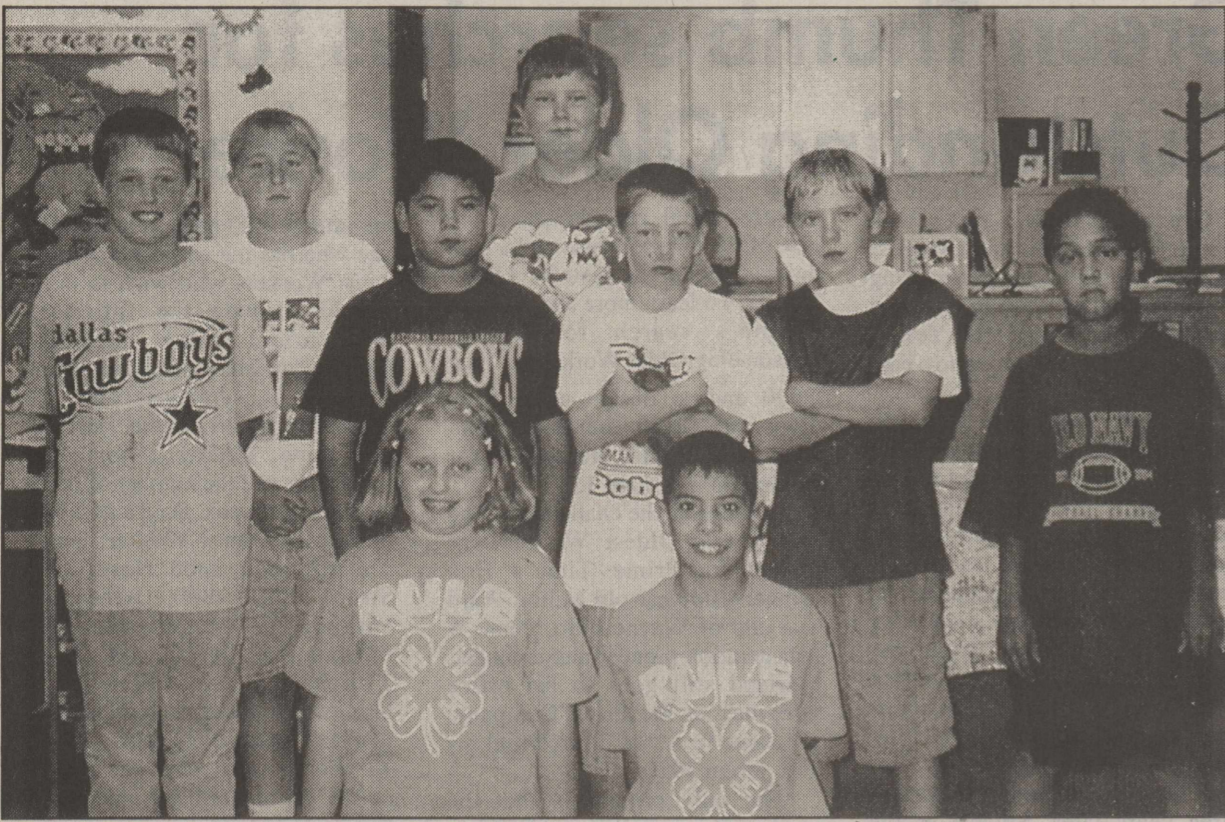
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RECEIVE AWARD—Fifth grade students at Rule who received a Bluebonnet award for their last three years participation in the Bluebonnet Program, were; standing, l-r, Sam Long, Mathew Turner, Julian Menchaca, A. J. Rogers, Kade Kittley, Adam Walker, Austin Flores. Kneeling, Kortney Kupatt and Cory Flores.



BLUEBONNET WINNERS—Rule third graders receiving awards during the Annual Bluebonnet Award program at the Rule library media center, were: back row, l-r, Kelsie Miller, Brittany Barnett, Rance Sorely, Lee Jones, Andrew Hertel. Front, Lacey Stephens, Molly Dudensing, Kristy Judd.



RECEIVE CERTIFICATES—Rule fourth grade students were awarded Bluebonnet certificates during the annual Bluebonnet Award Program. Back row, l-r, teacher Beth Kittley, Kiel Rowan, Joey Williams, Jessie Magallon, Stephanie Stowell and Story Trussell. Front, Dina Wincomplex, Ronny Cooper, Adam Vasquez, Kyle Simpson. Kneeling, Kyna Scheets.



PRESENT PROGRAM—During a program in celebration of National Poetry Week, the Rule fifth grade class did a choral reading of "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Thayer. Back row, l-r, are Mathew Turner, Taylor Falkner, Hays Ottaway, Mason Bishop, Brady Baitz, A. J. Rogers. Middle row, Sam Long, Keith Wilcox, Julian Menchaca, Kade Kittley, Adam Walker, Paul Griffin, Will Kittley, Heath Trussell. Kneeling, Rose Cooper, Kortney Kupatt, Austin Flores, Cory Flores, Joshua Perez, Kendra Scheets, Cassidy Cooper. These students were presented Bluebonnet awards during the program.

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Isbell, Hobbs qualify for Area meet

At the District qualifiers meet in Crowell, Paint Creek's Lesli Isbell took 2nd place in the 100m hurdles, 6th place in the 100m dash and 5th place in the long jump.
 Eric Hobbs took 4th place in the discus event.

Others who participated were: Jason Biba, shot put; Diana Gonzales, 200 dash; Heidi Hope in 100 dash and long jump; Skeet Hope in 3200m run.

At the Area qualifiers meet in Graham, Lesli Isbell qualified to advance to Regionals by placing 4th in 100m hurdles. Eric Hobbs placed 5th in the Area discus event.

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Rule boys compete at McMurry

Competing in the state qualifiers track meet at McMurry's Indian Stadium Fri., May 5, Rule boys placed in several events.

Grant Hisey placed 5th in the 3,200 with a time of 10:55.17.
 The relay team took 3rd place in the 1,600 relay with a time of 3:31.94
 Jody Harvey took 5th place in the 300 hurdles with a time of 40.42.

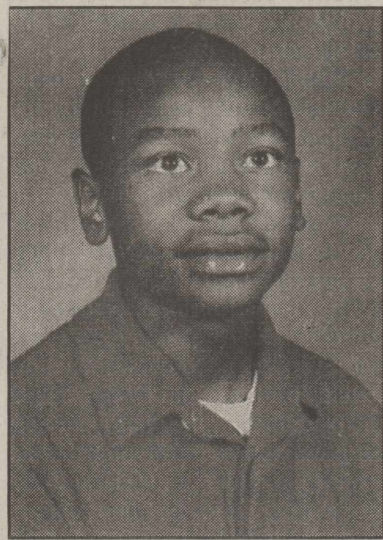
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Haskell students earn national achievement awards



LEON GOUDEAU

The United States Achievement Academy has announced the following United States National Award Winners.

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These students were nominated for this national award by Kristi Stewart, a math teacher at Haskell High School.

Leon Goudeau has been named an award winner in mathematics. He is the son of Birdie Mae Goudeau. His grandparents are Mae Lou Yeldell of Haskell and the late Robert Yeldell. Great grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Major Lewis of Haskell.

Chase Seelke is a United States

National Award winner in mathematics and All-American scholar at Large division. He is the son of Billy and Suzie Seelke of Haskell.

Keli Jo McCarty has been named an award winner in mathematics. She is the daughter of Vickie McCarty of Haskell. Grandparents are Jean Guisinger of South Bend, Ind. and the late John Guisinger of South Bend, Ind.

These students will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the

Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

FLBA holds annual meeting

The Federal Land Bank Association of Texas recently held area stockholder meetings in Brownwood, Coleman, Haskell and San Angelo. Voting stockholders of the Association re-elected two directors to serve three-year terms. They were Andrew Lange of Rowena and Bruce Williams of Baird. Also serving on the board are Don Johnson, Paul Jansa, Chris West, Leroy Williams, Lavon Beakley, Milton "Mackey" Spurgin and Jerry Richardson. Elected to the 2001 Association nominating committee were Jerry Gore, Andrew M. Young, Lowell L. White and Alvin W. Niehues.

James Isephower, CEO, informed the local stockholders of the association's financial condition as well as the recent patronage distribution of \$1,000,000 returned to its customers. In the past 3 years the association has returned over \$3,000,000 to borrowers in the form of patronage refunds.

The Federal Land Bank Association of Texas consists of branches in Coleman, Brownwood, Haskell and San Angelo and serves approximately 2,200 customers in 16 West and Central Texas counties.

Water: What would you do without it?

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Frowning kids sit on a raft at the bottom of an empty swimming pool. A man appears desperate in front of a row of "out of order" restroom stalls. A pathetic woman looks at a pile of dirty dishes. The pictures reinforces an important question: What would we do without water?

According to Extension agricultural engineering specialist Bruce Lesikar, we will not run out of water in Texas, but water is going to get more expensive and harder to come by. He says we will eventually use our fresh water supplies and start using wastewater and saltwater to meet our demands.

A few ways water demands can be reduced are using water efficient appliances, installing low-flow toilets and shower heads and planting water efficient landscapes. Look for information at a new Web site at <http://savetexaswater.tamu.edu>.

Warm climate is perfect for fire ants

The moist and warm climate that nourishes the soil during spring also provides the perfect environment for fire ants. A single fire ant can inflict seven to eight stings, each containing a high concentration of toxins that cause a burning sensation.

"Most people who are stung by fire ants usually develop an itchy bump that develops into a pustule within 12 to 24 hours," says Dr. David Khan, an allergist and assistant professor of internal

medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Clean the area with soap and water. It will heal by itself but easily can become infected by scratching, so the most important thing to do is leave it alone."

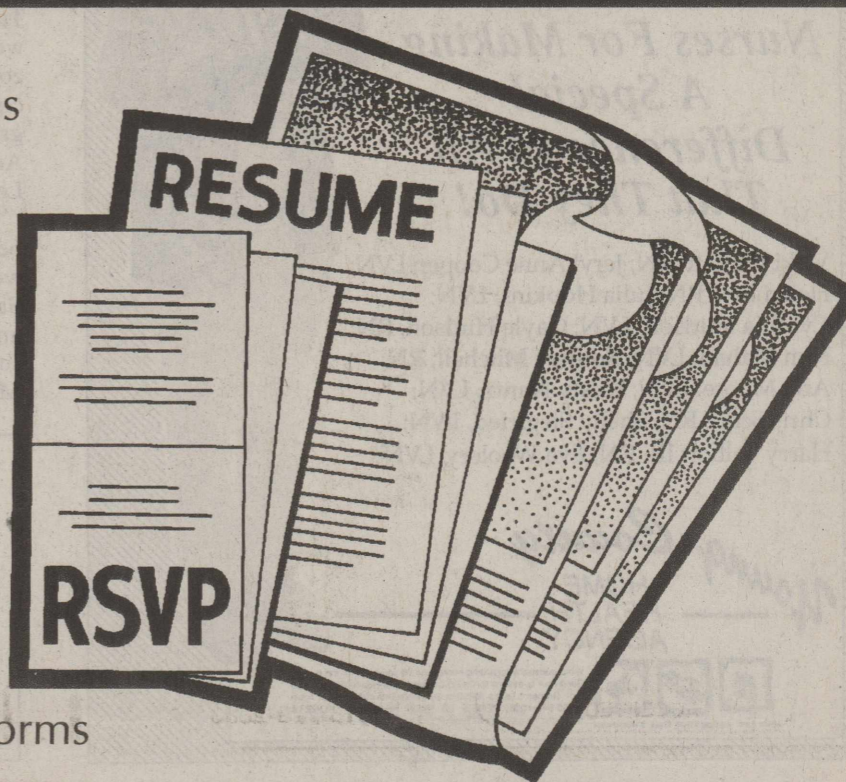
However, for those who are allergic to fire ants, a sting can cause a life-threatening allergic reaction. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include flushing, hives, swelling of the face, eyes or throat, difficulty breathing or loss of

consciousness. A person who experiences any of these symptoms should be taken to a hospital immediately, Khan says.

Immunotherapy - i.e. allergy shots - is an effective treatment for people with this sensitivity and markedly decreases the risk of allergic reactions and helps to alleviate anxiety. For more information, call the Texas Allergy and Immunology Society at 1-888-451-9752.

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A windbreak provides nesting habitat for a wide variety of birds. At least 57 kinds of birds have been recorded using windbreaks in the United States during the breeding season. Windbreaks also provide food and foraging sites for wildlife, as well as shelter from predators and the weather.

In choosing what to plant, think about what factors make a windbreak attractive to wildlife. Choice of specific plant types will

vary among locations because of climate, soil and other factors. Think about selection because some plant species provide more wildlife benefits than others and a variety of species is necessary to provide the range of habitat needs of most wildlife.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service office in your county can help you with the design and installation of a windbreak.

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Whew!! Summer has arrived! As this article is being written on Sunday afternoon, it is hot, hot, hot and we are certainly staying inside and close to the air conditioner. Some clouds are forming and we are hopeful that they will make up and produce a shower or two for the area.

Joe and I saw lush green fields of wheat, oats and grazer this weekend as we traveled to Valley View to visit with our children, Patsy and Don Bivins. Farmers there had baled much of the grain and fields were covered with big round bales of hay; gardens were flourishing and yards were filled with beautiful flowers of every kind.

Ray and Nancy Clark of Stamford and Emmalee Bivins of Haskell accompanied the Joe Clarks to Valley View for the birthday party honoring Emmalee on Friday. Saturday was spent at Bowie visiting their 100th "First Monday" Trades Day which is a mini Canton. Joe and Ray traveled to Blue Grove for a fiddlers contest where Kyle Aaron of Wichita Falls was competing. Kyle has played with groups in this area and is a good friend of the younger Clarks.

Kami Baitz, daughter of Fred and Tami, was in Austin this past weekend for the State U.I.L. competition and won 5th place in computer application. She is the granddaughter of Melvin and Annella Baitz and Roy and Mary Letz of Rule.

The Rule Bobcat track team will be going to Austin this coming weekend for the State meet. Sagerton's Brian Lehmann will be among the students competing. Josh Smith, who is the grandson of Minnie Monse of Sagerton, is also

a member of the team.

The regular monthly community supper and meeting was held at the center last Monday night with J. D. and Meta Kupatt, David and Leona Letz and Joe and Dorothy Clark hosting the meal. Neighbors enjoying the time together included John and Sue Guinn, Clancy and Helen Lehmann, M'Lynn Lehmann, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Cade Brown, Pastor Tommy Wilson, Mary Neinast, J. B. and Dorothy Toney, Corene Lowack, J. J. Gellner, Jack and Peggy Tabor, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Yolanda Rodriguez, Jeremy Hertel, Jessica and Lillia Puebla, Lynn, Renee, Emery, Jenny and Molly Dudensing, Kinsley Brown, Danny and Brittany Lammert, Wilma Teichelman, Frances Clark, Alvin and Alice Bredthauer and Odene Dudensing. This was the last meeting for the summer. The next supper will be held in August with Charles and Dorothy Clark, Jack and Peggy Tabor and J. C. and Margaret Wendeborn hosting a watermelon supper.

Leon and Mae Stegemoeller, Clayton, Paula and Michelle Stegemoeller of Sagerton; Clifford, Teresa, Brannon and Bailey Stegemoeller of Hamlin; Earlene Townsend of Rochester; and Rod and Velvet Townsend and their two daughters of Hico all met at the home of Calvin and Cheri Lynn Stegemoeller of Hewitt during the

past weekend for the confirmation service for Christi Stegemoeller that was held at Peace Lutheran Church Sunday morning. Christi's brother, Eric from Texas Tech, came home for the special occasion. A family supper was held in the Stegemoeller home Saturday night.

Harvey and Marion Stegemoeller of Evanston, Ill. spent the weekend visiting in the home of Delbert and Joyce LeFevre. Joining them for dinner on Sunday were Marvin and Verlene Stegemoeller and J. B. and Dorothy Toney. Leon and Mae Stegemoeller visited with them Sunday night.

Margie Hertel is to be congratulated on her results at the recent flower show in Stamford. She won a blue ribbon in the Design Division, was second in the Horticulture Division which includes the "Arboreal Award." This award is the highest award in horticulture. She had ten blue ribbons in this division. She stated that nine of the blue ribbons were on Billy's roses. Margie is a member of the Stamford Garden Club.

All citizens are reminded of the city-wide cleanup day to be held May 20 in preparation for the homecoming to be held the following weekend. Everyone is encouraged to have their places spic and span for the visitors that will be coming back to their hometown during the Memorial Day weekend.

Jackpot Roping Results

Results of Haskell Roping Club roping held Sun., May 7 are:

B-Roping: Round 1: 1. Shi Flow 10.9; 2. Kenny Spitzer 11.6; 3. Jim Pope 12.5

Round 2: 1. Danny Collett 10.4; 2. Eddie McLwain 11.2; 3. Roman Morgan 11.4

Round 3: 1. Shi Flow 10.1; 2. Rex Bland 10.2; 3. Danny Collett 11.3

Average winners were: 1. Shi Flow 33.6; 2. Eddie McLwain 36.5; 3. Rex Bland 37.1

Open Roping: Round 1: 1. Joe Ross Jameson 9.5; 2. Tyke Salazar 9.6; 3. Fred Hernandez 10.6

Round 2: 1. Carl Hopkins 9.0; 2. Tim Layman 9.4; 3. Joe Ross Jameson 10.4

Round 3: 1. Kody 7.9; 2. tie Brand Cude 9.3 and Carl Hopkins 9.3

Average winners were: 1. Carl Hopkins 30.9; 2. Brand Cude 32.8; 3. Tim Layman 35.6; 4. Billy Morrow 39.5

The next roping will be the John Wallace Memorial Roping Sun., May 28 at 5 p.m. For more information contact Fred Hernandez at 940-864-2493 or Carl Hopkins at 940-864-5299.

Conservation buffer strips

Conservation buffer strips are areas or strips of land maintained in permanent vegetation, designed to intercept pollutants. They enhance wildlife habitat, improve water quality and enrich aesthetics on farmland.

The five types of buffer strips currently being used locally are grassed waterways, field boarders, filter strips, windbreaks, and contour buffer strips.

Grassed waterways are strips of grass on areas where water concentrates as it runs off the field. While they are primarily used to prevent gully erosion, waterways can be designed or combined with filter strips to help filter contaminants. They are currently eligible under CRP continuous sign up to pay for construction, vegetation, and 15 year lease if they meet all other requirements for CRP.

Field borders are strips of perennial vegetation planted at the edge of a field. They can be used as turnrows or field roads for farm machinery. They are eligible for cost share and may greatly enhance the chances of a contract being accepted under EQIP.

Filter strips are strips of grass or other vegetation used to intercept or trap sediments and other pollutants before they reach a water body such as a stream or wetland. They are eligible for CRP continuous sign up and would also enhance an EQIP contract offer.

Windbreaks consist of a row or rows of trees or shrubs used to reduce wind erosion and protect young crops. Many times they are used to shield farmsteads or livestock from cold wind during the winter months.

Strips of perennial vegetation alternated with wider cropland strips which are farmed on the contour are called contour buffers. They can reduce sheet erosion and reduce movement of sediment, nutrients and pesticides. They are eligible for CRP continuous sign up as well as enhance an EQIP contract offer.

For more information about Conservation buffer strips, call the NRCS at 940-864-8516.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership or property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review: Taxpayers are encouraged to make an appointment with an appraiser to discuss their property value. This may be done by calling (940) 864-3805. They should bring information to substantiate why they feel that their property value is incorrect. The appraiser will discuss their property and may recommend an adjustment to the Appraisal Review Board. If the taxpayer is satisfied with the adjustment, he does not have to appear before the ARB.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board: If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that review problems with appraisals and other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 604 North First, Haskell, Texas.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked

about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court: After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment: If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More information: You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

Haskell County Appraisal District
604 North First • P.O. Box 467
Haskell, Texas 79521
(940) 864-3805

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division, P. O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for filing protests with the ARB*

Usual deadline
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

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Cody Campbell signs with Texas Tech

by Mary Kaigler

Cody Campbell of Canyon High School remembers seeing the picture of his dad, former Haskell High School athlete, Clifford Campbell, signing a letter of intent to play football for Texas Tech. He always admired that, and signing with a college is something he says he has always worked hard at to achieve.

On NCAA national signing day, Wed., Feb. 2, Cody followed in his father's path, continuing a family tradition. He will be a third generation player for Tech, joining his dad and his great-grandfather, Boyd Vick.

Clifford Campbell is the son of Jimmy and Lois Campbell. He graduated from Haskell High School in 1971.

Young Campbell, a 6-foot-4, 280 pound offensive lineman, who has squatted 510 pounds in the weight room, is projected to play in the interior offensive line for the Raiders.

In 1999 he keyed a line that drove the Canyon Eagles to an 11-3 record and a trip to the Class 4A Division II quarterfinals. The Eagles averaged 314 yards a game on the ground, with much of that total coming in Campbell's wake. He was a second-team pick on the Associated Press Sports Editors all-state 4A team.

A top student and National

Merit Scholarship semi-finalist, Campbell was recruited by several Ivy League schools, as well as Stanford and Texas Christian. Although he liked the academic atmosphere of Stanford, he said he decided to go where he felt the most comfortable with the athletic program. "I was impressed with everything (at Tech) from Coach Leach to the facilities and the commitment they have made to winning," he said.

Of his decision he said, "I think I'd be lying to you if there wasn't a little pressure from my family (to sign with Tech). But, really and truly, they let me make my own decision, and I really do appreciate it."

Campbell plans to study business as an undergraduate and eventually attend law school. He hopes to become a corporate lawyer.



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AG STUDENTS AND AWARDS—Haskell High School agriculture students display awards they have achieved. Front row, l-r, are Jennifer Ivie, Kristi Christian, Omar Payan, Angel Pena, Loren Cole, Wade Cothron, T. J. Yates. Second row, Wendy Proctor, Sydney Brueggeman, Tonya Hernandez, Brittany Bartley, Jennifer Bryan, Reena Harris, Chase Seelke and agriculture teacher, James Bevel. Third row, Levi Terry, John Mark Hodgkin, Justin Teague, B. J. Opsahl, Brent Watson, Ross Bullinger and Kenny Cockerell. Back row, Josh Ivie, James Green, Rusty Howard, Josh Webb, Justin Trussell and Trent Richardson.

Haskell FFA judging teams win awards

Seven Haskell County FFA judging teams recently competed in the Area II contest at Texas Tech. Five of the teams qualified for state contests to be held later.

In Land Judging, team members

John Mark Hodgkin, Angel Pena, Omar Payan and Justin Trussell, qualified for state competition at Tarleton. They placed third in Area and 3rd in District.

Range and Pasture judging team,

made up of Justin Teague, Kristi Christian and Ross Bullinger, won 1st in the contest at Texas Tech. They qualified for state competition at Tarleton. The team was 3rd in District and 3rd in Area.

The Livestock team consisted of Levi Terry, B. J. Opsahl, Josh Ivie and Rusty Howard.

The Dairy Foods team, Tonya Hernandez, Wendy Proctor, and Sydney Brueggeman, qualified for state in Tarleton. The team was 1st in District and 5th in Area.

The Horse judging team,

Brittany Bartley, Reena Harris, Jennifer Bryan and Jennifer Ivie, qualified for state competition at Texas Tech. They won 1st in District and 4th in Area.

Ag. Mechanics team, members Brent Watson, T. J. Yates, Wade Cothron and James Green, qualified for state competition at A&M. The team was 1st in District and 3rd in Area.

Meats judging team, Loren Cole, Chase Seelke and Josh Webb was 2nd in District and 6th in Area.

Hunt coaches All-Stars

Haskell High School girls basketball coach Melynn Hunt was chosen to be the coach for the Classes A-2A-3A basketball game in San Angelo, May 5, held in conjunction with the Texas

Association of Basketball Coaches clinic.

Her assistant Brad Brunson, and Julie Brunson, the Haskell junior high coach, assisted her with the all-stars.

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By dispelling your fears and removing your tears
When she knew you were feeling forlorn.
Yet the moment you'd grown, she had probably known
You'd begin to ignore her advice.

Now you have to agree, when you went on a spree,
You had ended up paying the price;
But religion has told, when your mother is old,
That it's part of the heavenly plan
That you'll solemnly vow you will honor her now,
And repay all her love while you can.

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David Page, pastor
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600 N. 1st East, Haskell
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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.
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
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Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
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Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
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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
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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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
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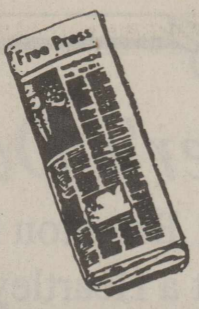
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Contract 0908-22-006 for REPL BRIDGE AND APPROACHES IN HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on June 6, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 410
State Office: Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
District Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 5250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79603. Phone 915-676-6800.
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**NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN
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In accordance with the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, §74.118 (Vernon Supp. 1999) and 4 Tex. Admin. Code §3.73, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (the Foundation) hereby provides notice to growers in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone that they are required to participate in the eradication program established by referendum for the Rolling Plains Central Zone. The Rolling Plains Central Zone consists of: all of Baylor, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton and Young counties; and all land in Archer County south of a line following FM Road 422 commencing at the Baylor County line running east to the intersection of FM Road 210 continuing east to the intersection of State Highway 25 continuing east to the Clay County line; all land in Borden County east of a line seven miles west of the Scurry County line running south from the Garza County line to the Howard County line; all land in Brown County east of a line following State Highway 279 to Brownwood and continuing along US Hwy 377 south to the McCulloch County line; and all land in Taylor County east of US Hwy 83 and the south Taylor County line, north to the town of Bradshaw, thence north of FM Road 1086 as said FM Road proceeds west and north to the intersection of said FM Road 1086 and US Hwy 277 being all that land lying north of said FM Road and west of said US Hwy 277 from that intersection of FM Road 1086 and US Hwy 277 to the point where US Hwy 277 intersects the south boundary line of Taylor County.

Participation includes: (1) reporting to the Foundation of information regarding acreage and location of all commercial and noncommercial cotton and all cotton grown for ornamental, research of any other purposes, not later than the reporting date established for each county by the Farm Service Agency either by certifying acreage with the appropriate FSA office or by filing with the Foundation an acreage report form obtained from the Foundation, in accordance with 4 Tex. Admin. Code §3.72; (2) payment of the assessment established by referendum ending on March 11, 1998 in the amount and manner approved for the Rolling Plains Central Zone; and (3) compliance with any rules or procedures established by the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) or the Foundation for implementation of the eradication program in the Rolling Plains Central Zone. Upon notification by the Foundation of a producer's failure to timely comply with participation requirements stated above, the Department may assess an administrative penalty in accordance with 4 Tex. Admin. Code §3.74, or take other appropriate remedial action as provided by Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D. Any questions regarding the participation requirements may be directed to Matt Brockman, Special Assistant for Producer Relations, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, (512) 463-7593.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code Ann., Section 74.117 (Vernon Supp. 2000), cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Knox, Baylor, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Mitchell, Nolan, Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Comanche, Erath, and a portions of Taylor, Borden, and Archer counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning May 26, 2000. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during early season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 800-687-1212.

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND
INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY PERMIT
PERMIT NO. 00963**

APPLICATION. West Texas Utilities Company, 1616 Woodall Rogers Freeway, N6ENV, Dallas, Texas 75202, which operates a steam electric generating station, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a Texas Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit (TPDES), Permit No. 00963 (EPA ID No. TX0001392) to authorize the change of the temperature discharge limits; the addition of waste streams via Outfall 002; and the increase of the discharge of treated wastewater to a daily average flow not to exceed 170,000 gallons per day via Outfall 002. The facility is located approximately two miles south of the east end of Farm-to-Market Road 2082, on the northeast side of Lake Stamford, Haskell County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to Lake Stamford. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on December 8, 1999. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Haskell County Library, 300 N. Avenue E, Haskell, Texas 79521.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TNRCC will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision.

MAILING LISTS. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below. You may also ask to be on a county-wide mailing list to receive public notices for TNRCC permits in the county.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mailing list for this application. The mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.


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