

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for the May 30th edition of The Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 23 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center will hold a blood drive Tues., May 21 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Salad luncheon

The Indian Band Boosters will host a salad luncheon Sun., May 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Haskell Elementary School cafeteria. Tickets are available from band students, The Personality-Slipper Shoppe, Sport-About or Kis Photo. Tickets for adults are \$5. Children's tickets are \$3.

Hamburger supper

The Haskell Girls Softball Association will host their annual hamburger supper May 17 at 6 p.m. at the girls' softball field. Plates will be \$5 each and will include a hamburger, chips, drink and dessert. Team pictures will also be made.

Talent show

Haskell High School will present a talent show Thurs., May 16 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. The Cross-X debate team will be raising money for summer camp trips. High school talent competitors will participate for prizes to be awarded for the top three. Admission is by donation.

Rule Booster Club

The Rule Booster Club will meet Mon., May 20 at 7 p.m. in the school library. Plans for next year's midnight madness football practice will be discussed.

Rule awards banquet

The Rule High School Recognition Banquet will be held Fri., May 17 at 7 p.m. Academic, athletic, fine arts and FFA activities of students will be addressed. The Booster Club will serve spaghetti. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Band concerts

The Haskell High School band will present a concert Mon., May 20 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade band will be in concert Tues., May 21 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

ADHD class set

A six-week class offering education and support to parents and caregivers of children with ADHD will begin May 20 at First Baptist Church in Haskell. The group will meet from Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Classes will end July 1. A group for children with ADHD whose caregivers are attending the adult group will be held. Childcare for other children will not be provided. Call Helen at 864-5188 or 256-0537 to register or for more information.

Jr. 4-H meeting

Haskell Jr. 4-H Club will hold their last meeting for the year on Mon., May 20 at 5 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. A hot dog supper will be held. A special guest speaker will be on hand.

Sr. 4-H meeting

Haskell Sr. 4-H Club will hold their last meeting of the year on Sun., May 19 at 3 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon each Friday, weather permitting.

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Young bootmaker opens shop in Haskell

By Mary Kaigler

Nineteen-year-old Candace Everhart, the newest member of Haskell's business community, made up her mind to be a bootmaker when she was in the 8th grade at Paint Creek School, after attending a Spur Show in O'Brien.

Fascinated by what she saw and liking the people at that show, she

decided that was what she wanted to do with her life. And, not just 'booting' the idea around in her mind during the few years since that time, she has determinedly followed her dream, making it a reality.

Demonstrating great confidence in herself, her ability and her place in the future of western footwear, the young entrepreneur opened a

bootmaking shop in April in one of the empty buildings just off the square in downtown Haskell.

In a no-frills setting at 501 North 1st Street, several rooms are filled with tools of the trade; heavy sewing machines, finishers, buffers and polishers, necessary for bootmaking and boot and shoe repairs, among which the diminutive young business

woman is well at ease.

Last week, as she worked on the shank of a pair of boots with striking pink leather 21 inch tops she is making for a 6 foot 8 inch "long, tall Kansan," with whom she went to school at Clarendon College, she spoke of her journey to becoming a bootmaker.

It's a path that seems relatively

short by most standards of realizing one's life's calling and in reaching one's goal.

After finishing high school at Paint Creek, the daughter of Linda Rumpel and Nati Escobedo attended an intensive, two-week bootmaking seminar in St. Joe, studying the art twelve hours a day under the tutelage of Carl Chapple. She then attended Clarendon College before transferring to West Texas State University in Canyon. While in school there, she also began working at a bootshop, doing repairs. Last October, when the shop owner decided to retire, she bought out the business and opened her first bootmaking shop at the age of eighteen.

Sometime later, wanting to come back to this area, closer to home, she engaged the help of her mother in finding a suitable building to rent in Haskell, and began the daunting process of getting all of the heavy equipment moved here. Her dad and grandfather finally moved the two biggest machines, she said.

Following the extensive move, Everhart injured a wrist, which cut back on her bootmaking work for a while. During several weeks she worked full time at the Haskell Veterinary Clinic to supplement her income. Now recovered, she continues to work at the clinic from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 each day, opening her shop for business from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Everhart said she never dreamed there is so much involved in making boots. "It's pretty neat," she said, with enthusiasm.

When a customer approaches her for a pair of the custom-made boots, she carefully measures their feet (from the key bone to the metatarsal bone), checking for any previously broken bones and taking note of any knot or bad corn on the "pinkie" toe. She then crafts a foot-shaped wooden last molded to reflect each of these variations, and builds the boot to each individual's foot measurements.

"The fun part comes when they just pick out the leather and colors they want and decide how heavy or light they want them to be."

"It's exciting work," she said, while hammering some wooden pegs into the leather covering over the metal shank on a pair of boots in progress. "I really like it," she added convincingly.

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MAKING TRACKS AND MAKING BOOTS—Candace Everhart works to put the finishing stitches on a pair of custom-made

boots in a workroom at the new boot shop the young entrepreneur recently opened in downtown Haskell.

Nikki Wallace to play for Wayland Baptist

Nikki Wallace, daughter of Mark and Tammie Wallace of Haskell, has signed a letter of intent to play women's basketball at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Wayland Coach, Johnna Pointer attended the signing at the Haskell High School Gym, Thurs., May 9.

The four-year letterman with the Haskell Maidens was coached for three years by Melynn Hunt and during her senior year by David Middleton. Receiving various awards throughout her high school career, Wallace was named to 1st

Team All-District as a freshman and named Defensive Player of the year as a sophomore. In her junior year she was named co-MVP in District 8-2A, to 1st team All-Region, and to 2nd team All-State by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. As a senior she received co-MVP in District 8-2A, 1st team All-Region, and 3rd team All-State by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Attending Wayland Baptist University this fall, she will be a member of the school's Flying Queens.

Early Childhood to register

Early Childhood screening and registration for the 2002-2003 school year will be Thurs., May 16 at Haskell Elementary School.

To be eligible for the class, your child must be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2002.

The screening identifies children ages 3-5 that may be developmentally delayed in any way. If you feel your child may be delayed in learning, speech and/or emotional skills, please call the elementary office at 864-2654 to set up a time for your child to be screened.



SIGNING DAY—Signing a letter of intent, Haskell High School senior Nikki Wallace will join the Wayland Baptist University basketball team this fall. Pictured at the signing are, l-r, her father, Mark Wallace, Nikki, her mother, Tammie Wallace, and Coach Johnna Pointer of Wayland.

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Bootmaker

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Ordinarily, she said she can finish two pairs of boots a month if she can work full time, without stopping for other jobs.

When we talked with the young artisan, she was preparing to travel the next day to the Western Heritage celebration in Abilene, where she would set up a booth displaying some of her finished work. Although she has attended many such shows, this would be her first time as a professional bootmaker to have a booth. Excited to be going, she said she would hand out her business cards and hopefully, come home with some orders for boots.

When this young business woman someday becomes the "bootmaker to the stars" (rodeo stars, that is), it will be exciting for us to know that she is one of our own and that we "knew her when."

Obituaries

Fritz August Steinfath

Funeral services for Fritz August Steinfath, 92, of Haskell were held Mon., May 13 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell with Rev. Gary Bruns officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Steinfath died Sat., May 11 at the Covenant Hospital in Levelland.

Born Feb. 14, 1910 in Throckmorton County, he was the son of the late August and Selma Steinfath. He lived in Throckmorton County where he was a farmer and

rancher. He was an Army veteran serving in World War II. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Survivors include three brothers, Henry Steinfath of Levelland, August Steinfath, Jr. of Lubbock and Albert Steinfath of Plainview; four sisters, Minnie Blair of Plains, Selma Follstaedt of Haskell, Lena Steinfath of Levelland and Alma Zelisko of Waco; and sixteen nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Rev. Billy Eugene 'B. J.' Mitchell Jr.

Funeral services for Rev. Billy Eugene 'B. J.' Mitchell, Jr., 33 of Littlefield were held Mon., May 13 at First Baptist Church in Littlefield with Rev. Tim Ferguson of Trinity Church in Cedar Hill and pastor, Rev. Joe Stewart officiating. Graveside services and burial were in Breckenridge Cemetery in Breckenridge under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Rev. Mitchell died Sat., May 11 as a result of injuries in a bicycle/car accident near Amherst.

Born Dec. 8, 1968 in Breckenridge, he grew up in Haskell and graduated from Haskell High school. He was involved in sports during high school. He attended Dallas Baptist University, graduating in 1993. He married Juliet Jackson Dec. 18, 1993 at Trinity Church in Cedar Hill. After graduation from Dallas Baptist University, he

coached and taught at several Christian Schools. He moved to Littlefield in August of 1999 to serve as Youth Director at First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Juliet of Littlefield; one daughter, Mackenzie Mitchell of the home; his parents, Billy Eugene and Deborah Lynn Mitchell Sr. of Breckenridge; three brothers, Kevin Mitchell, Marty and Penny Mitchell, all of Dallas and Michael Mitchell of Breckenridge; his father and mother-in-law, Keith and Dianne Jackson of Little Rock, Arkansas; niece, Destiny Mitchell of Dallas; and nephew, Daxton Mitchell of Dallas.

Memorials may be made to the Together We Build Building fund of First Baptist Church in Littlefield or the Texas Kidney Foundation. PD. NOTICE

Nathelee Wallace 'Shorty' Caddell

Funeral services for Nathelee Wallace 'Shorty' Caddell, 75, of Haskell were held Mon., May 13 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Robert Slayton and Dr. David Page officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Caddell died Thurs., May 9 at her daughter's home in Stephenville.

Born Feb. 4, 1927 in East Texas, she married Lindon Joyce Caddell Feb. 9, 1947 in Haskell. She was a waitress in Haskell for over 30 years and later worked as a seamstress at the sewing factory in Stamford. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Memorials may be made to East Side Baptist Church, 600 N. 1st, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Lindon Caddell of Haskell; two daughters, Linda Caddell of Rule and Kathy Slayton and husband, Robert of Stephenville; one brother, Bill Swinney and wife, Darlene of Haskell; three sisters, Lena Mae Patterson of Gladewater, Faye Cox of Tyler and Laura Thompson and husband, Carroll of Loveland, Colorado; seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Frank Jenkins, Gary Thomas, Mike New, Bobby Tidwell, Clois Thomas and Frank Slayton.

Honorary pallbearers were Bobby Howard and John Thomas.

Ellie Yvonne England

Graveside services for Ellie Yvonne England, 85, of Haskell were held Wed., May 8 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Kenneth Blair officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. England died Mon., May 6 at a Lubbock care home.

Born in Zavalla, she was the daughter of S. T. Boykin and Bessie Centers Boykin. She married Will England

Sept. 8, 1948 in Houston. They lived in Lubbock from 1949 until 1968 and then moved to Lake Stamford. He preceded her in death April 24, 1971. She was a homemaker and member of Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell and attended Beacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock. She loved fishing and going to church.

Survivors include one daughter, Dorothy Murphy of Lubbock and one grandson, Jack Murphy of Lubbock. PD. NOTICE

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 420 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., May 11, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Jersey, longhorns, holsteins, cripples, bad eyes, knots, \$5-\$25/100# less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .34-.38; cutters, .36-.43; canners, .25-.35.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.58; feeder: 58-68; utility: 40-52.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.35; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .85-.97; 500-600 lbs., .75-.85; 600-700 lbs., .72-.82; 700-800 lbs., .67-.75; 800-up lbs., .60-.71.


Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .88-1.20; 300-400 lbs., .82-.95; 400-500 lbs., .77-.88; 500-600 lbs., .72-.80; 600-up lbs., .58-.75.

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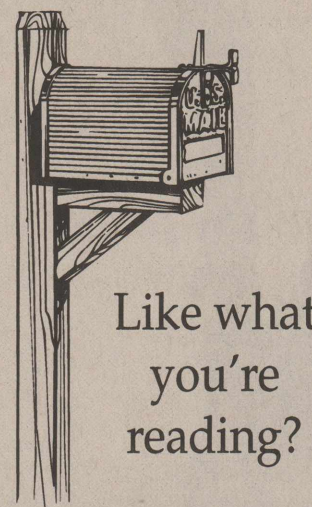
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Haskell Co. Historical & Genealogical Society

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society met Mon., May 6 at Haskell City Hall.

Students of Darlene Bellinghausen presented the program.

Christi Sorrells, daughter of Paul and Tammy Sorrells, read her research paper about her great grandfather, James William Butler. Butler received his driver's license at age 14 and the price was twenty-five cents. He met his future wife at the skating rink in Goree. When they married he was 20 years old and she was 15 years old.

Leslie Grand, daughter of Steven and Pat Grand, presented her paper on Willie Andress, her great grandmother. Andress attended school in Haskell County. She married Oscar Hurley Andress when she was 16 years old and was a widow by the age of 28. She is a charter member of East Side Baptist Church. Melva Andress and Felton Everett were the first couple to be married at East Side Baptist Church. Andress worked at the Haskell School cafeteria for 20 years. At the

age of 50 she got her driver's license and bought a car and enjoyed driving to visit her children.

T.J. Yates, son of Joe and Caron Yates, read his paper about his grandfather and Korean War veteran, H.L. (Lindo) Guess. Guess grew up as the youngest of eleven children. Today he is an accomplished pianist, but he was 16 years old before he played the piano although the family owned a piano in his growing up years. His father was against him playing the piano, but after his father died he took piano lessons. Guess was 21 years old when he was drafted into the army. His wife gave birth to their first child one month before he left for Korea. His pay while in the army was \$90 a month. The trip across the ocean to Korea took 17 days. The men were allowed one fresh water shower a week, but as many salt showers as they wanted. He arrived in Korea in the dead of winter; he remembers it being bitter cold with snow on the ground. Guess served 10 months as a medic in Korea. On his return home he attended college on the GI Bill. He

received a degree in 1951 and was the first teacher and later superintendent at Mattson and Weinert.

A short business meeting was held. The committee to select pictures for the 2003 calendar was chosen. The committee members are Lowell Peters, Eula Peters, Pete Kitley, Maxine Miller, Wanda Ham and Johnny Scoggins.

Attending were Maxine Miller, Martha Jarred, Eula Peters, Lowell Peters, Johnny Scoggins, Wanda Ham, Jerri Buerger, Erma M. Liles, Alice Yates, Toby Yates, Hortense Lees, Patsy Pate Cobb, Pete Kitley, Marilyn Griffith, Willie Andress, Melva Everrett, Ellen Elmore, Christi Sorrells, Leslie Grand and T.J. Yates.

EEA Council meets

Haskell County EEA Council met May 9th with seven members present. They discussed attending Cultural Arts in Weatherford June 20.

The club will be selling birthday calendars again this year. The calendars help with scholarships for 4-H and other community projects.

Ten members of the EEA helped with the Health Fair at the Elementary school April 19th. They helped with the Food Guide Pyramid, snacks and The Fight Bacteria skit.

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MR. AND MRS. RYAN GENTRY

McGuire, Gentry wed

Stephanie Brooke McGuire and Ryan Anthony Gentry, both of Abilene, were married in a double-ring ceremony, Mar. 23, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Abilene. Officiating was Tom Holcomb of East Side Church of Christ, Snyder.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McGuire of Snyder. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Brian Gentry of Groveton. French garden style arrangements of Anna roses, pink larkspur, white hydrangeas, stargazers and white French tulips decorated the church.

Vocalists during the ceremony were L. S. McClain, singing "Love of My Life," and Masharika Wofford, singing "How Beautiful" and "Breathe."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless gown of ivory silk taffeta featuring a bodice enhanced with clear and iridescent bugle beads. The full skirt gathered in the back to form a bustle atop a chapel-length train. Her pearl-enhanced elbow-length veil fell from a rhinestone tiara.

Maid of honor was Misty Williams of Snyder. Bridesmaids were Sara Smith of Bryan and Dallas; Amanda Ward of Waco and Tulsa, Oklahoma; Lauren Long of Fort Worth and McKinney and Deann Morgan of Abilene. Their two piece dresses featured blouses of ivory taffeta with rhinestone buttons and skirts of caramel iridescent satin.

Flower girls were Britni Starr of San Angelo, niece of the bride; Megan Gentry of Ft. Rucker, Alabama, niece of the groom and Maci Fryhover of Boyd, cousin of the bride.

The ring bearer was the groom's nephew, David Gentry of Ft. Rucker.

Best man was the groom's brother, Jeremy Gentry of Ft. Rucker. Groomsmen were Brandon McGuire

of Snyder, brother of the bride; Justin Mays of Abilene; Jason Meshell and Michael McClain, both of Huntsville.

The groom wore a three-button tuxedo with notched jacket. Groomsmen were attired in basic black, one button notched jacket tuxedos, with Windsor ties.

Registering guests were Whitney and Nikki Wallace of Haskell. Programs were handed out by Hannah Wallace of Haskell and David Gentry of Groveton, brother of the groom.

At the reception held at Abilene Country Club, the bride's table was covered with an ivory taffeta cloth with draped edging accented with a pearl trimmed bow. The bride's and bridesmaids' bouquets decorated the table. The three-tier white butter cake with pineapple filling was decorated with fresh Anna roses and pink larkspurs. Serving at the bride's table were Anna Rieger of Abilene, cousin of the bride, and Megan McCormick of Snyder.

The groom's table was covered with a gold-trimmed purple satin cloth, and decorated with gold braid rope. The chocolate tiered cake, with football shaped top layer, was decorated with the groom's HSU #45. Serving at the table were Angela Albus and Nicole Urbanczyk, both of Abilene.

After a honeymoon trip to Fredericksburg, the couple is at home in Abilene.

A graduate of Snyder High School, the bride attends Hardin-Simmons University as a 2003 graduate. She is employed with Betty Hardwick Center.

The groom graduated from Groveton High School and will graduate from Hardin-Simmons University in August. He is employed with Lowe's.



MR. AND MRS. SCOTT HENSHAW

Duncan, Henshaw married in Wyoming

Kelli Duncan and Scott Henshaw were married April 20, at the Petroleum Club in Casper, Wyoming, with Liz Gentile officiating. Music was by Kim Walker.

The bride's mother and step father are Lael and Paul Kamilos of Anchorage, Alaska. The groom's parents are Hyrum and Jean Richards of Haskell, and the late Bobby Henshaw.

The bride, escorted by her step father, wore a long white satin beaded gown. She carried a bouquet of gardenias, orchids, and lilies. Matron of honor, Gerri Martin, of Homer, Alaska and the bridesmaid, Julie Earp of Anchorage, Alaska are the bride's sisters. They both wore black dresses.

The best man was Terrance Davidson of Casper. Groomsman

was the groom's brother, Dan Richards, of Casper.

Mattie Robinson was flower girl. She wore white. She was accompanied down the aisle by the ring bearer, Conner Henshaw, son of the bride and groom. He wore a black tuxedo.

A reception and dance in the Petroleum Club followed the ceremony. Special guest was the bride's aunt, Ele Serpa, from Seattle, Washington. Other guests attending were from Wyoming, Colorado, Washington, Alaska, Nebraska and Texas.

The bride is an account executive at KTWO Television in Casper. The groom is president of Winnelson Casper.

The couple will live in Casper, Wyoming.

Piano students to be in recital May 19

The piano students of Sara Hodgins will be presented in recital Sun., May 19, at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church. A wide variety of music will be presented.

Those participating are Kelsie

Adams, Mason Bishop, Michael Buerger, Monica Buerger, Meredith Harvey, Caleb Hudgens, Lauren McCormick, Tucker McCormick, Mollie McKnight, Hannah Page and Ashlee Short. The public is cordially invited to attend.



TEACHER, MENTOR HONORED—Haskell High School teacher, Jill Druessedow, speaks to a group of students, friends and family members who were on hand at the school auditorium last week, when the Haskell High School yearbook staff dedicated the 2002 Chieftain to her in honor and appreciation of her years of dedicated work with journalism students and War Whoop staffs. Jennifer Smith, yearbook editor, made the presentation.

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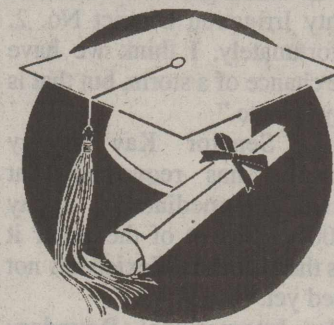
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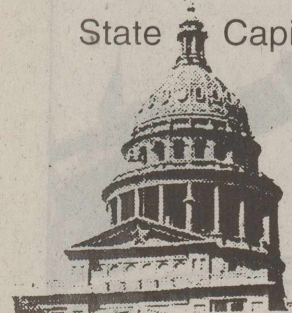
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
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AUSTIN — Republican Attorney General John Cornyn is running for the U.S. Senate, but his office has made a ruling a fellow Republican named George W. Bush probably was not overjoyed at.

Cornyn held that Bush's gubernatorial papers, which Bush gave to his father's presidential library at Texas A&M University, are state property and subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act.

The presidential library is covered by the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and not state open records laws.

Budget storm brews

Consider it a budgetary severe weather watch.

As the TV weather folks say, conditions are favorable for the development of a severe budgetary storm.

This is not a warning, which is given when dangerous conditions already exist, but the figurative skies are getting dark as local governments and state agencies enter their budget making processes.

Bad news "lighting" struck Austin last week when city officials learned that sales tax collections in the city were down 11 percent in March.

That is the worst one month revenue drop since September 2001 when spending dropped precipitously in the wake of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

Even before Sept. 11, sales tax revenues were down in Austin. The same thing is happening all across Texas.

"This is very bad news," Austin City Manager Toby Futrell told city council members shortly after hearing of the latest sales tax figures. "It means we are continuing to trend downwards," she said.

Since the Legislature meets every two years, the fiscal 2003

budget, which begins Sept. 1, already is in place.

But state agencies are already working on their budget proposals to the Legislative Budget Board, the beginning of the funding process that could reach "warning" levels next January.

If you're a city, county or state official, stay tuned for further developments and be prepared to take cover immediately.

Valley water woes continue

Money is not the only scarce item in Texas.

Two irrigation districts in the Rio Grande Valley warned nine cities and a big industrial client last week that they believe they will run out of water within the next two months.

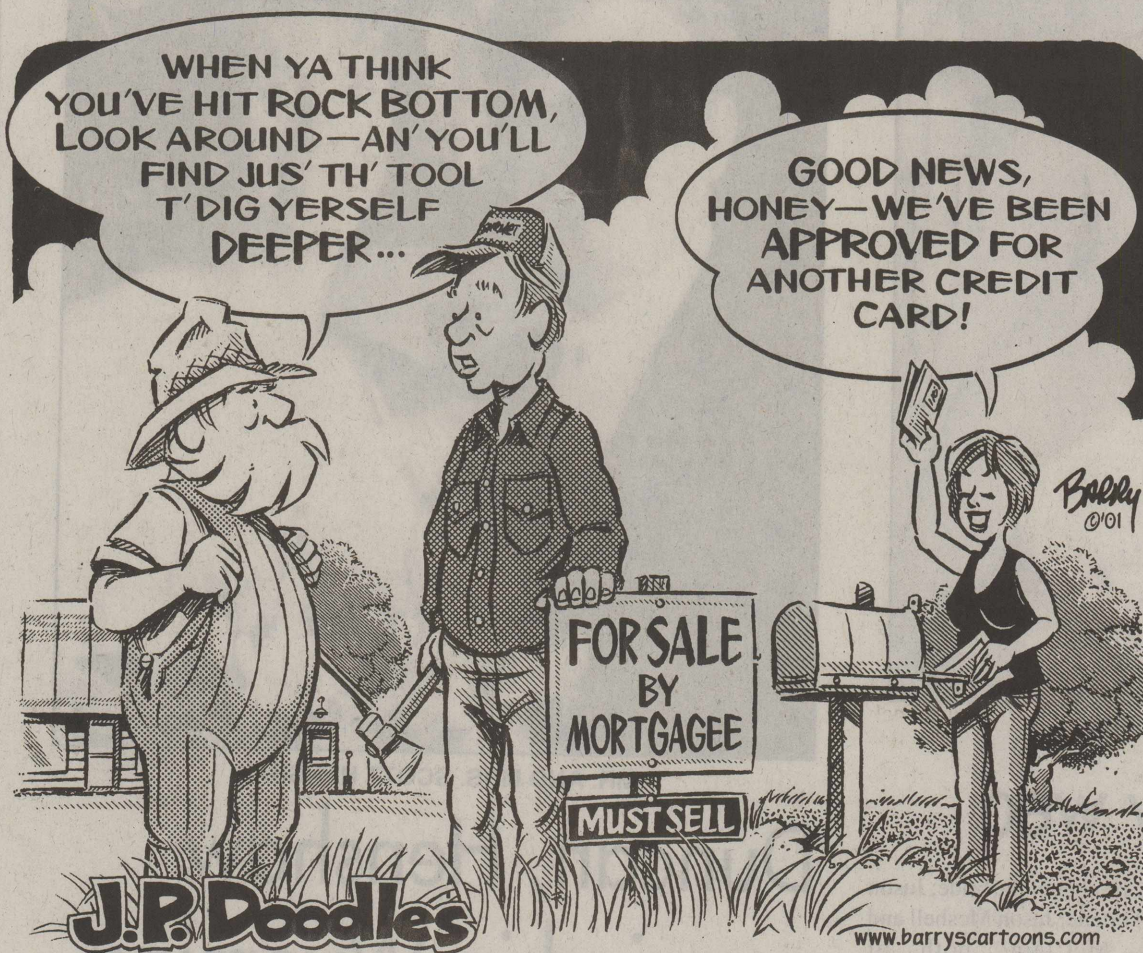
That means a strong possibility of water rationing in some Valley cities, higher costs and less water for agricultural users elsewhere in the Valley.

Receiving warning letters were the cities of Weslaco, Mercedes, Elsa, La Villa, San Benito, Arroyo City, East Rio Hondo and Rio Hondo. Also getting warnings were the North Alamo Water Supply Co. and the Central Power and Light generating plant in San Benito.

"The only thing that will stop us running out of water now is a big storm or Mexico releasing water to us," said Sonia Kaniger, general manager of Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2. "Unfortunately, I think we have more chance of a storm, but that is pretty remote."

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison has requested that Mexico immediately repay 100,000 acre-feet of the water it owes the U.S., but Mexico has not replied yet.

The International Boundary and Water Commission says Mexico is 1.5 million acre-feet of water in arrears to the U.S.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Haskell Economic Development Director, James Elam, who attended the Texas Economic Development Council spring conference in Round Rock, April 24-26, says that an issue facing Texas cities is the misuse by some of the optional sales tax fund allowed for cities' economic development.

Speaking at the meeting, Acting Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff stated that some local governments are abusing the optional economic development sales tax, and that he will work to repeal it if the trend continues.

Ratliff, who authored the law in 1989, allowing cities to vote on an optional half-cent sales tax for economic development, said he was getting reports that some cities have been using the local optional one-half of one percent tax for general municipal purposes and questionable deals, and not for economic development.

It was intended to allow cities to use the revenue to pay for infrastructure upgrades, business incentives for industry, land purchase and job training, Ratliff said. But, many towns have misused the money to cover municipal budget shortfalls and pay for police cars, libraries and roads.

"If my trust was misplaced, I will not only stop defending it, but I will file an amendment to abolish it," said Ratliff, adding that lawmakers could also consider creating state oversight of the tax revenue if the money isn't used appropriately.

Asked his opinion of the situation, Haskell Economic Develop-

ment Corporation Director Elam said "I'm fully in support of the Lt. Governor's effort to make sure it (the sales tax fund) is spent according to the law and that cities and development corporations use that fund properly." He added that, "Lt. Governor Ratliff offered two solution alternatives. To abolish the Economic Development sales tax, or move the oversight of the fund to a state agency, providing a penalty for misuse by Economic Developments or communities. No one wants that."

Elam said the sales tax was offered, whereby local citizens voted to tax themselves that amount to provide funds for economic development to be used, for example, in such efforts as buying the land and building the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center, bringing in 125 job opportunities.

Haskell Mayor Ken Lane said he is extremely proud of the way the local economic development fund has been used by the city, in compliance with the criteria set in place by the law for its use. "We immediately got a lawyer and accountant on the staff," he said, adding that "we found early on that we were one of the few in the state that did."

Saying he has no qualms whatsoever on any matter of legality or law, about the way the local Economic Development Corporation Board has conducted its activities in using the funds, the mayor added that he does not want to lose the local tax to a state agency oversight, and to be able to use it as we see fit in our own com-

munity. "Most communities are doing a fair job of using the money as intended," he said. "However," he added, "a few can ruin it for all of us." And because of that, he foresees trouble down the road for the fund as it is now set up.

"We don't want to see our fund go to Austin. The least amount of regulations and outside oversight we have will help eliminate a lot of red tape and time for us here in gaining access to any of the funds," he said.

Lane added that he feels the local taxpayers have got their money's worth in the way the economic development tax fund has been spent here and is confident they will be able to see the investment come back in revenue later.

And that, of course is the reason for establishing the half of one percent sales tax fund in the first place. It's been a boon to this community. Unfortunately, without the optional sales tax fund, (if it should be repealed), there would be no more economic development money to market the city as a great place to do business.

Yet, it seems that, even though, thanks to the foresight and careful handling of the funds by our local county and city leaders and economic development teams, we here in Haskell are not a part of the problem across the state, we nevertheless may be one of the victims of other's misuse.

Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff's stern warning is a fair, (and serious), warning to everyone. Let's hope everyone gets the message.

VA News

By Jim King and Gene Plunkett
The VA is for all veterans. American Legionnaires took issues to a Washington Legislative Conference, and offered more than criticism of the VA. They offered solutions.

The Legion has been pushing for a "GI Bill of Health" that would guarantee that few, if any, VA facilities will be under used.

Medicare subvention, a major item on the Legion's legislative agenda, would open VA's doors to millions of veterans who otherwise

would not seek treatment at VA facilities. Generally, any person is eligible for Medicare if that person or their spouses worked for at least 10 years, is at least 65 years old and a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Yet, the Veteran's Health Administration, the largest federal health-care system, is not authorized to bill Medicare for its services.

"Medicare is a program that veterans, like all Americans, pay into," said Legion VA & R Commission Chairman, Thomas Cadmus. "We should be able to use

it in the system that was created to serve veterans."

This is only one of the problems that the Legion is trying to get resolved. The Legion can only do this if they are backed by numbers, (that is, members). It seems that only WW I, WW II and Korean War Veterans take these issues seriously and back the Legion for getting benefits for our younger veterans.

We are losing numbers due to the age of these veterans. Every post throughout Texas, especially Post 221 Haskell, needs younger members to pick up the fight for veterans and their families.

Already in February this year, for those who paid co-payments for medical prescriptions, the payments have more than doubled, an increase of \$2.00 to \$7.00 per prescription.

Also, due to age, the monthly attendance at meetings has decreased considerably. Post 221 needs you. With your help, we can continue sending our youth to Boys and Girls State and donate to the community, Scouts and nonprofit organizations. Meetings are held on 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago May 14, 1992

Bruce Tibbits of Rochester was inducted into the University of Texas at Arlington's Maverick Athletic Hall of Honor, in recognition of his brilliant basketball career.

Eight Haskell High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society. New members are Sarah Jo Mullin, Shana McKenzie, Cindy Henry, Susan Jarred, Brooke Baker, Nichole Cothron, Holly Hobgood and Heath McMeans.

Haskell High School student, Emel Kus and science teacher, Gerald McCoy, have been chosen to attend the 32nd annual Energy Science Symposium at the University of Texas in Austin June 9-12.

20 Years Ago May 20, 1982

The Haskell Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted twelve new members. New members include Melinda Blakley, Patsy Butler, Emily Cox, James Davis, Danny Griffith, Casey Hannsz, Shannon Lane, Albert Sherman, Leann Turnbow, April Turner, David Wheatley and Gena Whitaker.

Vonnie Hise, 1979 graduate of Haskell High School, has received his second varsity football letter award at Abilene Christian University.

30 Years Ago May 18, 1972

Marja Beakley is valedictorian and Ricley Lehrmann is salutatorian at Ruck High School.

The 1972-73 cheerleaders were elected at Rochester High School. Cheerleaders are Riva Hitt, Karan Sharp, Cheri Lynn Townsend and Sherry Sloan.

Mildred Bennett, sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club, was named the 1972 Frontier Days Queen. First runnerup was Ruby Turner and second runnerup was Gerre Larned.

Haskell Young Homemakers toured the homes of Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCauley and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis.

40 Years Ago May 17, 1962

Student guest of the Rotary Club for May is Ken McCollum, Haskell High School senior and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McCollum.

Jodie Kennedy is valedictorian of the senior class at Haskell High School. Tommy Hester is salutatorian and Trisha Chrietberg is highest ranking girl.

Four Haskell County students have graduated from North Texas State University. The students are Jerry Duaine McNulty, Haskell; Harley Reeves, Elwood Bruton and Tiffen Mayfield, all of Weinert.

50 Years Ago May 15, 1952

Jack Collins of Haskell had a load of cattle on the Fort Worth market Monday. 35 calves averaged 398 pounds and brought \$33.00, with 10 heifers averaging 500 pounds at \$30.00.

Sgt. Bailey L. Toliver, who is stationed at Camp Wolters Air Force Base, Mineral Wells, visited last week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Toliver, Sr., of Weinert.

Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church met in the banquet room of the R&D Drive In.

Valedictorian at Weinert High School is Wanda Driggers and salutatorian is Maudine Hargrove.

90 Years Ago May 18, 1912

G. A. Wilmuth of Fort Worth was in the city this week. Mr. Wilmuth was a citizen of the old Ample community ten years ago. He now owns a farm in Jones County. While here he visited with an old friend, P. G. Yoe.

Maggie Moore, Mamie Odell, Jack Swope and Fred Alexander attended a baseball game at Stamford Monday afternoon.

Correction

Rodney and Ember Medford of Paint Creek are proud to announce

Hospital

Admissions

Vivian Smith, Haskell
Troy Conner, Haskell
Tom Brueggeman, Fort Worth
Hubert Reeves, Munday
Nancy Peiser, Haskell
Emmett Taylor, Aspermont

Dismissals

Lois Carroll, Nellie Bird

the arrival of their son, Cutter Lynn Medford, born April 10th, at 7:27 a.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. The little cowboy weighed 10 lbs. 7 1/2 oz and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Danny and Vickie Josselet and Burl and Dolores Medford of Haskell. Great grandparents are Vic and Norma Lowry of Knox City, Lois Josselet and Loula Mae Medford all of Haskell.

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Marriage licenses issued in April by Rhonda Moeller, Haskell County Clerk include:

Louis Fernando Castro and Heather Jeanne Serafine, both of Old Glory.

Phillip Ray Wright and Connie Sue Trotter, both of Haskell.
Kevin Clay Caldwell and Marva Holmes Bird, both of Haskell.

Rusty Lee Moon and Terri Ann Scoggins, both of Haskell.

Jimmy Ray Roberts and Jo Nell Anderson Trammell, both of Haskell.

Cotton growers to meet May 21 in Abilene

Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. and the National Cotton Council of America will co-sponsor a farm bill information meeting Tues., May 21, at the Cullen Auditorium located on the Abilene Christian University Campus in Abilene. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Craig Brown, Vice President of Producer Affairs for the National Cotton Council, will review key provisions of the new Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of '02, which was signed into law by President Bush May 13. Following

the presentation, a question and answer session will be held.

All cotton industry members and others involved in agriculture are invited and strongly encouraged to attend this educational meeting which will be aimed at providing the best available information on the new farm bill. Please contact Johnna Oman at the RPCG office in Stamford at (915) 773-2581 if you have questions or need further information.

Tips to keep children safe around water

With warm weather activities and long, summer days just around the corner, it's a good time to consider some precautionary measures to keep children safe around water.

Drowning is the third leading cause of accidental death to children. Most drownings and near-drownings happen when a child accidentally falls into a pool or is left alone in the bathtub. It only takes a few seconds for a drowning to occur. Remembering some key points can prevent any such incident from happening.

To remove potential hazards:
*Empty mop buckets and containers holding water. Toddlers could fall into them.

*Keep toilet lids shut and use child safety latches.

*Pay attention at all times while small children are in bathtubs.

*Don't let children dive into a body of water when the depth is unknown or less than 5 feet.

*Supervise children while they are in the pool.

*Go over water safety rules with your children.

*Enroll children in swimming lessons.

Summer tips for pools:
*Know your child's friends who have home pools.

*Don't leave toys in the water. Toys could lure a child back into the

water when a parent is not present.

*If your child can't swim, make sure he or she wears a life jacket.

*Pool covers should be completely removed when the pool is in use.

*Enclose the pool with fencing which is child proof.

*Take American Red Cross CPR and First Aid classes. Knowing these skills can be important.

*Maintain constant supervision.

*Be prepared for an emergency. Make sure proper safety equipment is located near the pool.

*Encourage safe practices. Don't assume young children will use good judgement and caution around water.

Your child's safety is important when they are in bodies of water such as lakes, rivers and oceans.

*No one should ever swim alone. Always swim with a buddy.

*Know the path and strength of undercurrents in oceans.

*Make sure your child is in deep enough water before they dive.

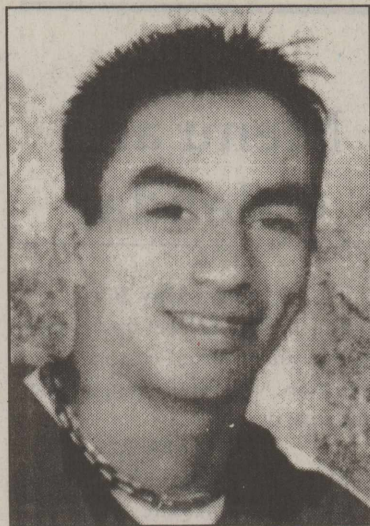
*Ensure that your child stays in the area designated for swimming and does not go past the buoy.

*Don't dive off piers.

*Operate water vehicles responsibly and insist the children wear flotation devices at all times.

*Never swim in a canal.

*Obey all "No Swimming" and other warning signs.



JESSE MARTINEZ
Student visits Rotary Club

Jesse Martinez's caretakers are Ford and Donna Cole of Haskell. He attends the First Baptist Church.

In school he is active in football, golf, land judging and track. Special awards and recognitions he has received are: District Champion, 9th grade, 800m dash; State Qualifier, 10th grade, mile relay; District Champ, 11th grade, 400m dash; Interscholastic League Press, 1st place state editorial cartoon; 5th place Area Individual, Land Judging contest; Champions, Area Land Judging Team Contest.

Among his favorite leisure time activities are sketching, basketball, playing pool and reading the Bible.

After finishing high school, he plans to attend Texas Tech or Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater, and to walk on to a track team college.

Garden checklist for May

By Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Cut off old blossoms on spring flowering annuals, such as pansies, snapdragons, stock and calendulas, to prolong the flowering season.

Continue to fertilize roses every 4-6 weeks with small amounts of a balanced fertilizer.

Allow foliage of spring flowering bulbs to mature and yellow before removing.

Set out plants of hybrid portulaca in sunny areas. Make rooted cuttings of your favorite colors by placing 3-

4 inch stems in moist, sandy soils.

It is not too late to sow directly into the soil seeds of sunflower, zinnia, morning glory, portulaca, marigold, cosmos, periwinkles, and gourds. Achimenes, cannas, dahlias and other summer flowering bulbs can also be planted in May.

Pinch back the terminal growth on newly planted annual and perennial plants. This will result in shorter, more compact, better branched plants with more flowers.

Plant caladium tubers, petunias, impatiens, begonias and torenias in

well prepared shady areas.

Make cuttings of your favorite chrysanthemums and root them in a mixture of sand and peat moss. Cover cutting box with plastic and place in shaded area for 5 to 6 days to prevent wilting.

Replace or replenish mulch materials in flower beds and shrub borders to conserve moisture and reduce weed growth.

Remove or cut back frost-damaged crape myrtle and other ornamentals as soon as the extent of the injury can be determined.

Seatbelt crackdown set May 20-27

For many teens a driver's license is a ticket to freedom. No more embarrassing pick-ups and drop-offs at school. No more dates with chaperones behind the wheel.

But tragically, a license is also a ticket to an early death for too many teens. Caught in a lethal intersection of inexperience, risk taking and low seat belt use, teens are dying at disproportionately high rates.

With a sincere hope to protect teens and young adults from the leading risk they face—traffic crashes, the largest nationwide seat belt enforcement effort ever will kick-off this week as more than 11,000 law enforcement agencies in all 50 states conduct child passenger safety, seat belt and drunk driving checkpoints and other special enforcement activities as part of the *Operation*

ABC Mobilization. The enforcement effort will place special emphasis on protecting teens and young adults this Memorial Day week as new data show more than half of all teens who die in crashes are completely unrestrained.

According to the new data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatal Analysis Reporting Systems, 4,437 teens ages 16-19, died in traffic crashes in 2000. Fatality rates for teens are twice that of older drivers.

The weeklong enforcement wave, which runs from May 20-27, will be supported by more than \$8 million in federal funding for advertising to ensure the message reaches those

least likely to buckle up and most likely to die: teens and young adults.

"I remember thinking that I was invincible when I was their age," said Chuck Hurley, Executive Director of the Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety Campaign. "Messages about the safety benefits of seat belts usually fall on deaf ears, but young drivers need to know that law enforcement officers will be writing plenty of tickets."

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ENGL 2323.027	Survey of British Literature	W	6-10 p.m.
PSYC 2301.027	General Psychology	Th	6-10 p.m.
Summer I - May 28 - July 3			
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH RATES

Pursuant to Section 104.103 of the Texas Utilities Code, TXU Lone Star Pipeline (TXU LSP), a division of TXU Gas Company, hereby gives notice of intent to establish a supplemental firm transportation rate and an interruptible transportation rate designed to recover the costs of constructing and operating a 76.5-mile, 24-inch pipeline extending from the Bridgeport area in Wise County to the junction of Lines W and W7 in Denton County and then in an easterly direction to the junction of Lines D 17-9 and D9 in Collin County, hereinafter called the "Northside Project." The supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate are proposed to be charged upon the initiation of service on the Northside Project. The proposed supplemental firm rate constitutes a major change and will result in an annual increase in the revenues of TXU LSP of approximately \$9.8 million. These revenues will represent an 8% increase in the total revenues of TXU LSP.

The proposed supplemental firm transportation rate will be applicable to all firm transportation customers contracting for capacity on the Northside Project. The only current customer directly affected by the supplemental firm transportation rate will be TXU Gas Distribution. No other customer has agreed to contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project. The supplemental firm rate may, however, indirectly affect all residential and commercial customers served by TXU Gas Distribution in the state of Texas. The supplemental firm rate will be assessed to TXU Gas Distribution for its contracted capacity on the Northside Project in addition to the city gate rate approved in the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) Gas Utilities Docket (GUD) No. 8976. The supplemental firm rate may then be passed on to TXU Gas Distribution's residential and commercial customers. If any other transportation customers contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project, those customers may also pay the supplemental firm transportation rate in addition to any other applicable rates charged such customers.

TXU LSP also proposes an interruptible transportation rate for the use of the Northside Project. To the extent that shippers other than firm transportation customers use the Northside Project, they will be charged this interruptible rate. TXU LSP proposes to reduce the proposed supplemental firm transportation rate charged to firm customers on the Northside Project through an annual revenue crediting mechanism based on revenues from the interruptible rate approved in this proceeding.

Construction of the Northside Project is estimated to be completed in approximately 23 months after approval of this rate application. The proposed supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate will be effective on June 4, 2002, but will not be charged until the initiation of service on the Northside Project and will be charged for an initial seven year period. TXU LSP further proposes to reconcile the projected capital costs with those actually incurred and to adjust the supplemental firm transportation rate and interruptible transportation rate accordingly.

A Statement of Intent to make such change has been filed with the Commission in GUD Docket No. 9292 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress, Austin, Texas, and at the offices of TXU LSP at 301 South Harwood, Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Gas Distribution. Any affected person may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before June 17, 2002. Any person or agency that has a justifiable or administratively cognizable interest in this proceeding who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be June 17, 2002.

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IS THE VERDICT IN?—Members of the Rule 4-H Club sit in the jury box while touring the Haskell County Courthouse during County Government Week in April. Back row, l-r, are Cory Flores, Emery Dudensing, Austin Flores, Cassidy Cooper, Stephanie Stowell, Kyna Scheets and County Judge office secretary, Geri Darden. Front: Lacey Stephens, Kelsie Miller, Molly Dudensing, Zeb Petty, Kayce Wilcox, Jenny Dudensing, Allison Petty, Lee Jones, Stephanie Threet, Andrew Hertel, Cade Brown and Brittany Barnett.

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., May 20

Lunch—Braised beef tips, creamy potato salad, glazed carrots, black eyed peas, yeast roll, plum cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

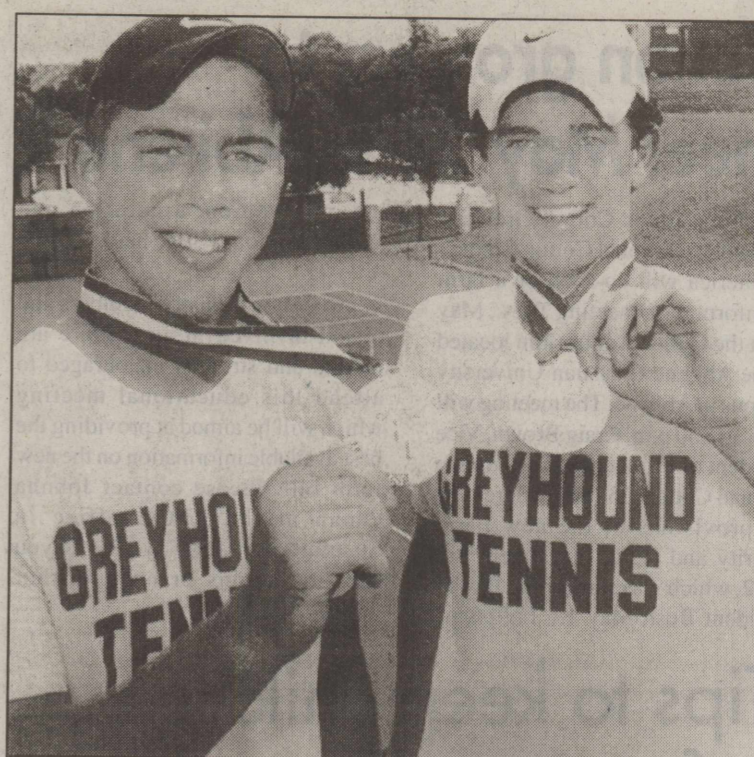
Wed., May 22

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch—Meat loaf, creamy mashed potatoes, English peas, turnip greens, cornbread, lemon cheese dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., May 24

Lunch—Hamburgers, pinto beans, tater tots, pickles/onions/lettuce, tomatoes/mayo and mustard, cookies and pears, milk, tea, or coffee

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



STATE TENNIS CHAMPS—Brad Johnson, right, and Landon Weiershausen of Knox City High School, won the State Championship for Class 1A Tennis doubles. Johnson is the grandson of Loraine and Bobbie Johnson of Haskell.

Brad Johnson on winning team

Knox City High School junior, Brad Johnson, son of Dwayne and Lorie Johnson, and grandson of Loraine and Bobbie Johnson of Haskell, is part of a duo recently becoming the Texas State Champions for Class 1A Tennis Doubles.

Johnson and his partner, Landon Weiershausen, earned their State Championship title after defeating the Thrall team 6-0, 6-4 in the quarter finals, then defeating the Miles team 6-1, 6-0 in the semi-finals and finally defeating the Knippa team 6-3, 6-3 in the finals.

Weiershausen is the son of Adali and Tamie Weiershausen and grandson of John and Peggy Grindstaff of Knox City.

The 17-year-old tennis players from Knox City have been playing together for two years, advancing as semi-finalists last year. Avid sports fans and athletes, they also played football and basketball this year.

Many loyal fans and family supporters were behind the young men as they advanced through the various levels of competition, winning every tournament they entered this year.

This Week's Devotional Message:



It's almost graduation time. Whether you are a young adult just starting out in life or a more mature person who returned to the halls of learning either for pleasure or to acquire new skills, the joy of accomplishment is the same. However, it should be remembered that graduation is not the end of something, but the beginning. Every day of our lives is spent in learning something new, wherever we are, and

we are constantly adding to our store of knowledge; if only by observing the world around us with an open mind during our daily travels. We also learn about life and the Creator who gave us this world in which to live, by our regular attendance at our House of Worship. There is no graduation from this kind of learning, and that is the way it should be, for as long as we live.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
James Rincker, pastor • 864-5438
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

- Samuel Blackwell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
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500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
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Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



STIMULUS LAW GIVES BUSINESSES A NEW TAX BREAK

The new economic stimulus law contains a major tax break for businesses called "bonus" depreciation. Under the new law, businesses can immediately write off 30% of the cost of certain equipment purchases and property improvements.

Generally, companies must deduct the cost of property over a period of years. Depending on the asset, this could take anywhere from three to forty years. Some small businesses qualify for the Section 179 deduction which allows you to deduct up to \$24,000 of equipment purchases for 2002.

What is "bonus" depreciation? Like the Section 179 deduction, bonus depreciation is an up-front deduction. That is, you take this deduction in the year you purchase and use the property in your business. You can take the 30% bonus depreciation deduction above and beyond any Section 179 expense or regular first-year depreciation. You can't deduct more than the total cost of an asset over its lifetime, but bonus depreciation allows you to write off more of an asset's cost in the first year.

What property qualified for "bonus" depreciation? Bonus depreciation only applies to new property purchased and placed in service after September 10, 2001, and before September 11, 2004. The deduction applies to most property with a life of 20 years or less, including furniture and equipment, most software, and certain vehicles. Eligible property also includes certain improvements made to commercial real estate.

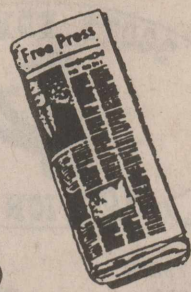
Luxury cars receive a tax break too. There's a first-year depreciation limit for luxury autos (those costing more than \$15,300). For luxury autos purchased after September 10, 2001, the first-year depreciation cap increased from \$3,060 to \$7,660.

Do you need to amend your 2001 income tax return? If your business bought property after September 10, 2001, and you didn't deduct bonus depreciation on your 2001 return, you'll need to amend your return to cash in on this new tax break.

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County Judge 19-20c

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At the present time we are currently looking into ways to correct this problem. If you are pregnant or have an infant under six months including in this public water system as a customer, we have made arrangements with local grocery store in Haskell (Modern Way) so that you may get bottled water at the City of Weinert's expense.

If you have any questions or would like to know if you are currently being served as a customer of this public water system please feel free to call or contact the City Secretary Robert Horan, c/o City of Weinert, Box 248, Weinert, Texas 76388 at 940-673-8223.

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Indian band wins a "1"

The band that received a Division I rating for the music they played at UIL has brought about a fitting closure to a successful year for them and the band directors.

Participating in the annual Greater Southwest Music Festival, Sat., May 4, in Amarillo, the Haskell High School Band played their UIL

Contest selections again and received another Division I rating for the performance.

"As we were being escorted through the backstage area, I felt as if I were in a rock band," said Michael Copeland, band director. "We stepped out onto this massive stage with an orchestra shell. It was

really awesome to be playing in the Amarillo Civic Center."

To share their music with the community, the High School band will perform a public concert at Haskell First Baptist Church, Mon., May 20 at 6:00 p.m. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade bands will perform in concert at 6:00 p.m., Tues., May 21 at the First Baptist Church.

Munday bank to purchase FNB

Lyndle Reeves, President of The First National Bank Munday, has announced that the bank has contracted to buy the Haskell branch of First National Bank in Haskell. The Haskell location will become a part of First National Bank, which has bank locations in Rochester, Stamford and Munday.

With the acquisition, The First National Bank Munday will have assets of \$70 million. The combined assets of the parent company, First Baird Bancshares, Inc., and affiliates

are \$350 million. The affiliates include First National Bank of Baird with branches in Clyde and Abilene, First National Bank of Weatherford, Western American National Bank in Bedford, and First Security Bank of Beaver, Oklahoma. Joe E. Sharp, Chairman, stated that he is pleased to expand the bank's service area in Haskell County. Several of the affiliate banks are in rural areas, and the agricultural expertise is extensive among the management team.

First National Bank Munday has

been a part of the financial community in Knox County since 1932, and the tradition of a well-capitalized community bank will continue. Local personnel, whom the customers know and respect, will be available to handle customer needs.

This transaction will be reviewed by all regulatory agencies based on the financial strength and management team of First National Bank and First Baird Bancshares, Inc.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Friday night Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flannagan of Rudy, Arkansas came to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair. On Sat. morning they accompanied her parents along with Gary and Vickie Hawkins to Wichita Falls where they all attended the graduation exercise of the Midwestern students which Cody Blair was a graduate. After the graduation Jean along with the Flannagans returned back to Haskell and Charles Blair. Gary and Vickie all went on to Reno to a family reunion where there were about 40 family members present.

On Mother's Day Sammy and Peggy Hawkins and children Michael and Britney of Aspermont spent the day with Joyce. Margaret and Creora Tatum with Garret and Zachary Tatum and Aubrie and

Caden Tatum, Glenda Hawkins and Tamera Hearn and children came to visit mom, Joyce. She had calls from James, Yvonne, Johnny and Floradean.

On Sunday afternoon Margaret and Creora Tatum took the grandchildren Aubrie and Caden Tatum to Childress to meet their parents, Jonathan and Candis Tatum, after spending two weeks with grannie Margaret and other relatives.

On Saturday those attending graduation exercises for Melissa Tatum in Abilene were her husband Christopher; and two sons Zachary and Garret Tatum, Margaret and Creora Tatum, Ronnie, Linda and Ronald Chapman and Jack and Joy Chapman.

On Friday Woody and Georgia Turnbow picked up Faye Gray and went to Judy Hick's in Abilene. Faye

stayed until Sun. evening and then Judy brought her home.

Kip and Kay Derrick of Fort Worth came on Sat. to Fannie Mae Bartons. They worked in the yard all week. They set out flowers, trimmed up all shrubery, then took Fannie Mae along with Erma Liles out to eat. On Sun. Kay and Fannie went to Sunday School. Kip came for church at First Baptist.

Kenneth Hilliard from Waco was here to visit his mother Bernice over the weekend and went to church and to eat out.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Castillo spent the day celebrating her birthday and Mother's Day. All of her children except one was there. Alexia's mother came on Saturday took her back to Lewisville after spending three weeks with grandma Isbelle.

Calendar

John Wallace roping

The John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping will be held Sun., May 26 at 5 p.m. at the Haskell Arena. The event is limited to 40 entries. Call Mark Wallace 864-4848 or Carl Hopkins 864-5299 for details.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., June 3 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m. Robert Echols of Albany will present a program about the Fandangle.

Women's ministry

Friends of Faith, an area-wide women's ministry, will hold a retreat "Brides of Christ" Fri., May 17 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell High School Auditorium. Guest speaker will be DeAnna Fields, director at Beltway Park in Abilene. Worship will be lead by Beltway Park Praise and Worship Team. A video "The Warring Bride" will be presented.

Parade entries

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held May 31 at 5 p.m. in downtown Haskell. To enter or for more information call Loutina White at 864-3507.

Gardeners to meet

All you need to know about "Realizing and Fixing Plant Problems" will be presented Mon., May 20 at 6:45 p.m. at Haskell National Bank Community Room by Texas Cooperative Extension Crooked River Master Gardener Association. Emory Boring, Extension Entomologist of Vernon, will present the program.

Immunizations

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