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Methodist church welcomes new pastor

Rev. Allen Brooks, who arrived in Haskell Wed., June 19, will begin his work as pastor of the First United Methodist Church on Sun., June 23.

Coming to the local church from the Highland Heights United Methodist Church in Sweetwater, where he served two years, he also served three years in ministry at Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church in Trent.

Retired from the military, Brooks holds the rank of Lt. Colonel in the United States Army Reserve. Serving in the Reserve for twenty-six years, he has two years left before his retirement.

Prior to going into the ministry five years ago, he was an elementary teacher in Abilene, his original hometown. He attended Hardin-Simmons University and is working on the third year of a five year theological seminary course of study. His hobbies are computers, woodworking and jogging.

Brooks and his wife, Susan, a second grade teacher in the Sweetwater school system, have a grown son and daughter.

Members of the Haskell First United Methodist Church invite everyone to join them in welcoming this new family to the community.

Calendar

Early deadline

The deadline for the July 4 edition of The Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., June 27 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Thurs., July 4.

City pool number

The new phone number for the Haskell City Pool is 673-8003.

Steer validation tags

All county steer projects for 4-H or FFA must have steer(s) validated for the 2002-03 stock shows. Validation will be held Wed., June 26 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Haskell Veterinary Clinic. All 4-H'ers who have steer projects should bring their steers and a parent/guardian to help get the steers in and out of the chute and trailers and to sign validation forms. For more information, call Brandon Anderson, Co. Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658.

Revival

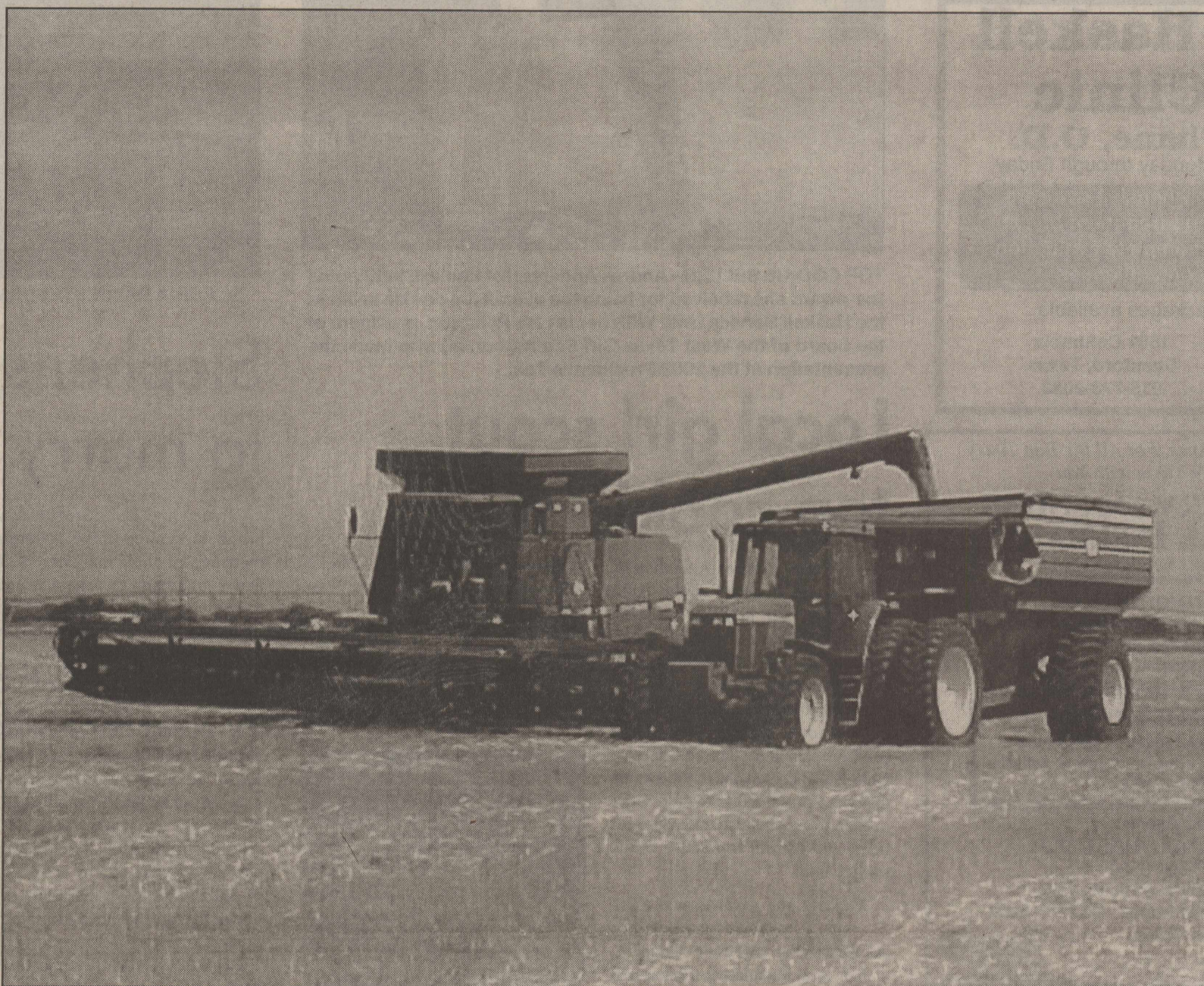
A revival is scheduled at June 23-28 at the Haskell Church of God, 714 N. First East. Sunday evening services will start at 6 p.m. Week night services will begin at 7 p.m. Bob Jones will be the evangelist. For more information, call 864-5438.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., June 22 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand in Texas will open at 5:30 and the music will start at 6 p.m. No admission is charged. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

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WHEAT HARVEST-County farmers have been busy in the fields this week with a variety of chores. Recent rains have delayed

the wheat harvest and caused problems for cotton farmers who struggle to get the cotton planted before the deadline.

New group unites area women

By Mary Kaiger

Breaking new ground for women in the Big Country, the new ecumenical movement launched this spring in Haskell, has been met with great acceptance and success in its initial events.

Laying a positive foundation for the future of the diversified Friends of Faith group, on May 17, between 150 and 200 women, representative of every Christian organization and ethnic group in Haskell, and including those from 13 or 14 other communities, met together for the first time.

Coming close to overflowing the High School Auditorium, the turnout surpassed even the enthusiastic expectation of the local women who first dreamed of seeing such a group develop here, and who became committed to the dream.

The concept for the movement began with a seed of intuitive thought, guided by vision, nourished by an unflagging faith, followed through and acted upon by Earlene Griffith of Paint Creek.

A first, formative meeting of the Friends of Faith was announced and publicized for April 7. It was attended by about 50 women from across all Christian affiliations, giving endorsement for establishing a united group for women of faith, based on the wish for an opportunity for sharing worship, praise and fellowship.

With the premise striking a chord of harmony, based on celebrating and finding unity in common bonds of faith, an informal group was formed.

A board was named from among those present for formulating a statement of purpose and plans for future meetings and events. The first full event was planned for May 17, to include guest speakers and special music.

With confidence in the outcome, even before approaching the leaders of her home congregation about sponsoring the May 17 event,

Griffith mailed off flyers inviting all area women to attend. Following through by serving on various committees, numbers of area women helped to bring about the May 17 event.

Sponsored by Haskell First Baptist Church, with donations from Trinity Baptist, First United Methodist, and a host of friends of faith, the program was planned, featuring guest speakers and special music from Beltway Park Church, Abilene.

The theme for the event was "The Brides of Christ," based on the words of Rev. 19:7, "Let us rejoice and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready."

The evening began with a welcome by Billie McKeever, prayer led by Tessa Hall and introduction to the program by Earlene Griffith. A time of praise and worship and special music was brought by the Beltway Park Praise and Worship Team.

Guest speaker, DeAnna Fields, Women's Director, Beltway Park Church, presented "Seven Steps of a Jewish Wedding," and "The Engagement."

Carrying out the "wedding"

City seeks grant for water lines

At the June 10 meeting, the Haskell City Council approved a letter of support for the proposed Seymour Flour Mill Project, which will process Karnal Bunt wheat for safe use.

Approval was given for the Appraisal Board's bids for sale of property at 607 South 9th and 1008 N. Ave. E.

Looking at the replacement of old water lines in the city, the Council voted to proceed with trying to obtain a Rural Development Grant to help with the extensive project.

theme, each one attending was presented with a handmade flower corsage. During a break, wedding reception-style refreshments were served from a flower-decorated table.

Following the reception, a video was shown, based on "The Warring Bride," by Christian writer and speaker, Lisa Bevere.

Closing the meeting were Friends of Faith praise and worship leaders, Jennifer Burgess, Peggy Darden, Kathy Garison, Teresa Gressett, Sheila Griffin, Dalyn Griffith, Carolyn Herring, Debbie Miller, Ellen Rieger and Mynea Short.

The grand finale for the evening described by some attending as "an event of a lifetime," was a moving moment when "Blest be the Tie That Binds," was sung acappella by the entire group.

In a Friends of Faith board meeting, May 31, officers named to work with the board were Earlene

Griffith, moderator; Lisa Teague and Rosemary Brown, recording secretaries; Billie McKeever, Cathy Bartley and Birdie Goudeau, trustees. Team members named to communicate with others through their church or town were: Rosemary Brown, East Side Baptist; Carolyn Herring, Assembly of God; Renee Glass, Four Square Church; Kathy Garison, First Christian Church; Marijane Cunningham, First United Methodist Church; Mynea Short, First Baptist Church; Betty Sue Enriquez, Calvary Baptist Church; Marilyn Griffith, Paint Creek and Library; Carmel Pace, Rule and Caron Yates, Weinert.

With the chosen mission statement, "With God as our strength, let us work together as His servants for others," the Friends of Faith group plans to have future events later in the year, open to all women of the Big Country.



A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT-Local and area women joining in singing praises at the Friends of Faith meeting, May 17, were: l-r, Sheila Griffin, Peggy Darden, Jennifer Burgess, Mynea Short, Dalyn Griffith and Debbie Miller. From 150 to 200 women attended the event at the Haskell High School Auditorium.

Boat trip turns tragic

A late night fishing trip turned into a tragic boating accident at Lake Stamford early Sunday morning during a severe thunderstorm, according to Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden Steve Barbour was notified at his home at approximately 11 p.m. by a lake resident that a boat with five aboard was long overdue on Lake Stamford. Barbour went to the lake accompanied by his 27 year-old son, Shawn of Silverton.

The two arrived at the lake during very severe weather. High winds, poor visibility and cloud to ground lightning strikes made a search at that time impossible without endangering the lives of rescuers. Barbour monitored the lake for signals or other sightings hoping that the five missing boaters had pulled up on the shoreline to wait out the storm.

After swimming to the shore, Ethan Beeson, age 17, of Abernathy made an emergency phone call from the power plant at Lake Stamford. The time of the call was 2:05 a.m. He advised that his father, William Beeson, age 46, had drowned and that three other people were clinging to a capsized boat near the power plant.

The Barbours responded immediately proceeding through the storm to the power plant. With visibility poor, the three boaters were located by calling out during a time when the Game Warden had turned off his motor to listen for sounds. The three were found clinging to an aluminum 14 ft. v-bottom boat that was almost completely submerged. All three were taken to the power plant where ambulance personnel checked them for injuries and hypothermia.

Amanda Beeson, 18, Nathan Beeson, 13 and Jeremy Grady, 19, all of Abernathy were shaken but otherwise in good condition.

The body of William Beeson was recovered at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Monday afternoon.

Investigators believe that the 14 ft. aluminum boat was overloaded and not capable of navigating the rough waters encountered during the storm.

The group had been visiting relatives at the lake.

Assisting in the search was Haskell Co. Sheriff's officers, area Texas Parks and Wildlife officers, Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, Paint Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Stamford Volunteer Fire Department and Joe Yates and his search dog.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 864-2686

Sign-up period extended for conservation practices

With the passage of the 2002 Farm Bill the sign-up period in applying for assistance with conservation practices has been lengthened. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) has extended the sign-up window through June 28, 2002.

Conservation practices such as terrace systems, irrigation pipeline, waterways, brush control, pasture and range seeding, livestock cross

fencing, and water developments are eligible for cost share of 75%.

Interested persons have to apply by June 28, 2002 to be considered for a contract this year. The length of the contract period is from 1 to 10 years.

For additional information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service at (940) 864-8516 extension 3 or come by the USDA Service at 607 North 1st Street East in Haskell.

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TOP COOKIE SELLER— Andrea Anderson of Haskell, left, holds the award she received for being the overall top cookie seller in the Haskell Service Unit. With her is Lisa Peterson, president of the board of the West Texas Girl Scout Council, who made the presentation at the 2002 President's Tea.

Local girl scout top cookie seller

Girl Scout Andrea Anderson of Haskell was honored at the 2002 President's Tea, held June 1 at the "Tara on the Square" in Sweetwater, to honor the top cookie sellers in the Girl Scout Service Units.

Andrea was the top cookie seller in her troop and the overall top cookie seller in the Haskell Service Unit. She received one of the awards that were presented to the top seller in each troop and also the award for being the overall top seller in the service unit.

Making the awards was Lisa Peterson, President of the Board of the West Texas Girl Scout Council. Not in attendance at the tea, top

sellers from their troops from Haskell were Jasmine Klose and Sara Weise.



ADRIA DAWN STEPHENS — JOSEPH COOTER PAYNE

Stephens, Payne to marry July 13

Daniel and Leta Stephens are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Adria Dawn Stephens to Joseph Cooter Payne, son of Robert and Patricia

Payne.

The couple plans to be married July 13 at Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell.

Obituaries

Larry Neal Richardson



LARRY RICHARDSON

Funeral services for Larry Neal Richardson, 49, of Rule were held Sat., June 15 at First Methodist Church in Rule with Rev. Shane Brue and J. R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Richardson died Mon., June 10 in San Antonio.

Born Nov. 25, 1952 in Haskell, he loved his grandparents Morris and Verna Neal or as he called them "Moss" and "Ninnie." He was a good student and attended elementary school in Rule; middle school in Ferriday, Louisiana; high school in

Palestine; and college at the University of Texas at Austin. He worked as a petroleum land man/oil and gas broker for 27 years for Charlie Hudson in Houston. He loved his work and it was said by Greg Kane of SKH of Houston that Larry was one of the most talented land men in the industry. He was working for Kane and SKH at the time of his death. He truly loved his job and was a workaholic.

A huge fan of all sports especially the Texas Longhorns, he loved hunting, playing golf, shopping and nice clothes.

He was introduced to Joanie by her brother, Ricki and his wife, Shannon in 1996 and it was truly love at first sight. They were married in Abilene on July 2, 1997, the day which Larry's grandparents would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary had Morris been living.

Larry loved Joanie so very much. He was a wonderful husband. Joanie says a more honorable, kind, loving, caring man never existed. He was a beautiful human being. Larry was so full of life and everybody who knew him loved him. Joanie's family fell in love with Larry and he loved them too. He enjoyed going to all of his new nieces and nephews sporting events.

Melodie Steed

Funeral services for Melodie Steed, 46, of Rule were held Wed., June 19 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Josh Stowe officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Steed died Sun., June 16 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born April 23, 1956, she married Kenneth Steed. She was a housewife.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Steed of Rule; one daughter, Lunden Yeaman of Rule; one son, Kyle Steed of Rule; two sisters, Lori Poietta of Norco, California and Tammie Brown of LaQuinta, California; her father, Marlow Fisher of Palm Desert, California; her mother, Faye Fisher Stakee of LaQuinta, California; her grandmother, Dusty Griffin of Norco, California; and cousins, Ada Pope of Haskell and Jim and Juanita Beauchamp of Rochester.

Notice of Public Hearing on Haskell County Appraisal District's 2003 Budget

The Haskell County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2003 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 11, 2002 at 7:30 a.m. at the Appraisal District office, 604 North First Street, Haskell, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$261,520
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 13,930
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	5 (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	5 (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

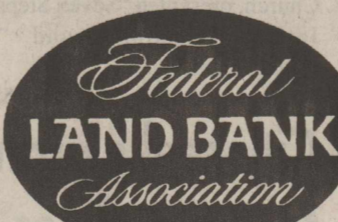
If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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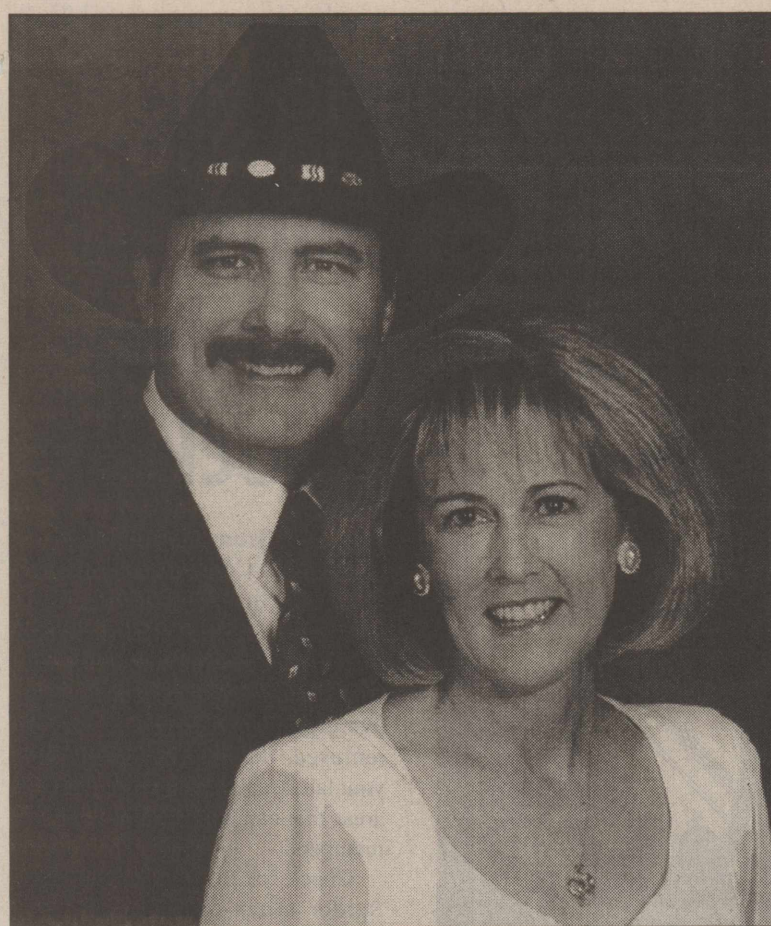
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MR. AND MRS. JIMMY ROBERTS

Trammell, Roberts united in marriage

Jimmy Roberts and JoNell Trammell are pleased to announce their marriage on Friday, May 10, at 6:30 in the evening. JoNell is the daughter of the late Eldon and Edna Anderson. Jimmy is the son of Bobby and Barbara Roberts.

The double ring ceremony was performed at the groom's home in Haskell with Rev. Kevin Hall officiating. Tessa Hall sang "This

Day" and read two poems selected by the couple. Vows were repeated in front of a candlelit mantel, columns adorned with Boston fern, and an angel water fountain.

Following the ceremony, a delicious meal and beautiful wedding cake, made by Darlene Walton, were served. Family members and close friends participated in the wedding celebration.

Society learns the history of Fandangle

The Haskell County Historical & Geneological Society met Mon., June 3 at Haskell City Hall.

Robert Echols from Albany spoke to the group about the Fort Griffin Fandangle. The Fandangle is an annual outdoor musical that tells the story of the settling of the Albany and Fort Griffin area through music, dance and narration.

The Fandangle has not always been what it is today. In 1938, Robert Nail, an Albany native and Princeton graduate, wrote the original 40 minute play at the request of Albany High School. Nail's original play was named *Dr. Shackelford's Paradise* and performed as a senior play. Nail was asked if he could make the play longer; he agreed to lengthen the play and add more music.

At this time Nail originated the word Fandangle because the very

sound of the word suggested good times, laughter, dancing, singing and showing off, western style.

For many years the play was performed on the high school football field, but it became too big for the field and horses, cattle, and wagons were messing up the football field.

Starting in 1965 the Fandangle has been performed at a natural amphitheater a few miles from Albany.

A short business meeting was held. More donations have been received for the purchase of a microfilm reader/printer.

Present were June White, Maxine Miller, Eula Peters, Lowell Peters, Johnny Scoggins, Wanda Ham, Roland Dendy, Mae Lou Yeldell, Marilyn Griffith and the speaker, Robert Echols.

Kretschmer reunion set

The Kretschmer families of Gus, Herman, Richard Kretschmer and Bertha Opitz will hold their fourteenth family reunion Sat., June 29 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room at 600 S. 1st in Haskell.

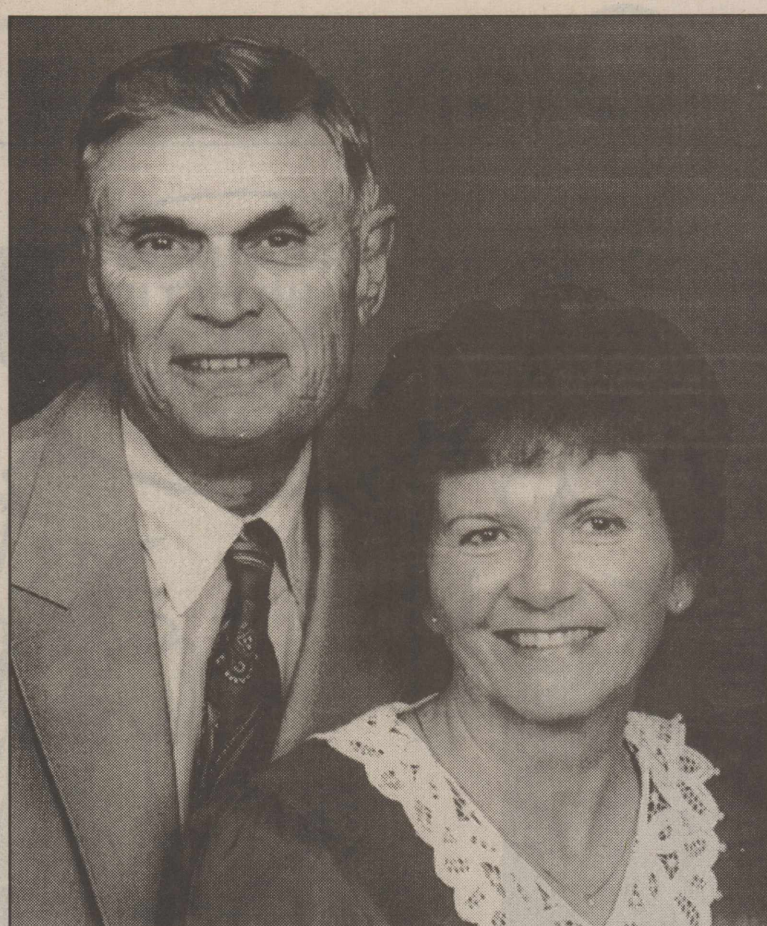
Registration for the reunion will begin at 2 p.m. following by a meet-

ing at 3:30. An auction will follow the meeting.

The evening meal will be at 5:30 p.m. This year's meal will be sandwiches, chips, dips and desserts.

Family members are reminded to bring their picnic basket and items for the auction.

All family and friends are invited to attend.



MR. AND MRS. ROY AMONETT

Amonetts celebrate 50th anniversary

Roy and Omitene Amonett of Haskell celebrated their golden wedding anniversary June 6. The couple were surprised by their children with a two night get-a-way at the Woodrow House Bed and Breakfast in Lubbock. A special dinner was held Saturday night. An anniversary reception was held during the Amonett reunion where cake and punch was served. Approximately 80 guests attended.

A dinner was held in the couple's honor at Garski's Loft hosted by their children and spouses, Rodney and Pam Amonett and Keith and Derinda Hannsz. Also attending were grandchildren, Aaron Amonett, Dennise Amonett Hoover and Jeremy and Denise Gentry; and great grandchildren Payton Bailey Amonett and Felicity Dawn Gentry.

Roy and Omitene were married June 6, 1952 at the First Baptist Church Annex Building in Haskell. They owned and operated Amonett TV and Electronics for ten years. Roy

worked for West Texas Utilities for 35 years. He retired in 1990 as a shift supervisor.

They are members of First Baptist Church in Haskell and have lived in Haskell for fifty years.

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Attending were Jerry and Peggy Pearsey of Paramount, California; Frances Stamford, Elmer Lee and Betty Criswell, all of Plainville; Oleta Wilson of Floydada; Willie McDonald, Barry and Phylliss McDonald, all of Cannon City, Colorado; Wayne and Eva Dunnam, B. J. and Juanell Ray, all of Haskell; John and Jackie Payne and Joy and Phil McDonald, all of Colorado Springs, Colorado; LeArval and Anna Ray of Stephenville; Annabelle and Bill

Funk of Santa Rosa, California; Charlie and Betty Viney, Dane, Gail and Landon King, all of Lubbock; Philip and Darla McDonald of Florence, Colorado; and Johnny and Sue Wilson of Crosbyton.

An aunt, Willie J. Viney of Lubbock, also attended.

The 2004 reunion will be held in Colorado.

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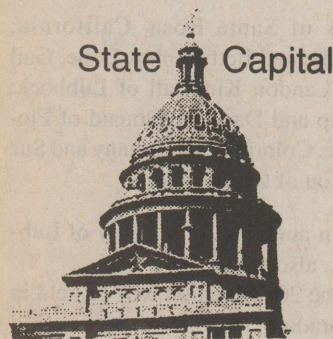
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OPINION



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — The next legislative session is still six months away, with a general election before then, but a lot of thinking is going on in Austin and elsewhere. Much of that cerebral activity involves revenue, or a worrisome lack thereof.

As reported last week, state Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo) has proposed a \$1-a-pack tax increase on cigarettes.

Now another Democrat, Sen. Eddie Lucio of Brownsville, has suggested a \$2 a gallon tax on the syrup used to make soft drinks and a 21-cent a gallon tax on soft drinks in bottles.

Under his plan, taxing the syrup from which soft drinks are made could raise \$180 million in revenue annually. The money would go to the fund that helps pay for free breakfasts and lunches for Texas public school children.

While the tax would affect wholesalers directly, the additional cost would quickly be passed on to consumers. Lucio's plan is similar to one being proposed in California.

The cigarette tax increase and the soda tax are being touted by Democrats not facing Republican candidates in November. Candidates of either party in contested races don't like the T-word being tossed around prior to an election.

A Republican party spokesman summed it up nicely: "They (Zaffirini and Lucio) have the freedom to speak what's on the minds of most Democrats. (Tony Sanchez and John Sharp) run as if they were Republicans, especially on the issue of taxes."

Both tax proposals could either go up in smoke or fizzle out when

lawmakers convene in January, but the budget problem is there.

Nachos in the news...
As if the two mainstream political parties don't have enough to argue about, nachos are in the news in El Paso.

Last week state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh (D-El Paso) invited his fellow Democrats to a post-state convention party at a restaurant known for its nachos and other Tex-Mex foods. The eatery, owned by one Nacho Padilla, is near the Tigua Indian reservation in the Ysleta area.

While no one complained about the nachos, those spicy cholesterol raisers on a chip, some of the invitees did find something distasteful: Padilla supported Republican George W. Bush in his presidential campaign.

Despite that, Padilla says he's still a Democrat.

"I'm a Democrat, but I'm also an American citizen with a free choice and a right to choose," Padilla said of the restaurant-party loyalty flap.

High-lites...

That crashing sound you heard was the tumbling value of six of Texas' nine major investment funds. A report released by the Legislative Budget Board said the nine funds have a market value of \$127.2 billion compared with \$142.2 billion in August 2000...

Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Don Gilbert will be stepping down in January. Gilbert was appointed in 1998 by then Governor Bush.

The replacement that Gov. Rick Perry appoints will have no shortage of problems. Estimates are that health care costs will grow about 12 percent a year for the next decade....



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

June 18, 1992

Mary Jane Short, 11, of Rochester attended "Shake Hands With Your Future" on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Bo and Trina Watson, seniors at Angelo State University, were named to the dean's list for the spring 1992 semester. Bo is the son of Kenny and Doris May Watson of Haskell and Trina is the daughter of Keith and Sandra Fry of Rochester.

Kelly Wallace Reid, junior at West Texas State University, has been named to the dean's list for the 1992 spring semester.

20 Years Ago

June 24, 1982

Haskell Jr. High students Kelli Gilliam, Kim Short and Shanna Mueller attended the Big Country Front Line Camp for baton twirlers, flag corps and drum majors held at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene.

Listed on the B honor roll at Tarleton State University is Gil B. Richardson of Haskell.

The Haskell Fire Department pumper team placed sixth at the State Fire Convention pumper races in Abilene. Team members are Sam Watson, John Andrada, Phillip Stocks, Phillip Cockerell, Kenny Watson and Jerry Stocks.

30 Years Ago

June 22, 1972

Jill Druesedow has accepted a position on the news staff with KFDX-TV in Wichita Falls. She is a recent graduate of Midwestern University.

Caron Cloud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Cloud of Rule, has qualified for the Dean's Honor List for the 1972 spring semester. Cloud is a student at Texas Tech.

David N. Fischer and Jack B. Melton, both of Haskell, and Robert Whitaker of Sagerton were recognized for their high academic achievement in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Texas Tech.

40 Years Ago

June 21, 1962

Jan Herren, sophomore student from Haskell, is on the Dean's List for the spring semester at Abilene Christian College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Herren of Haskell.

Sandra Letz, Lowell Wallace and Joanie Frazier, all of Haskell, attended the American Legion Auxiliary's Bluebonnet Girls State in Austin.

Tom Bill Holden, outstanding Haskell High School student and a member of the Spanish Club, gave a talk to the Business and Professional

Women's Club on the trip the Spanish Club made to Monterrey, Mexico.

50 Years Ago

June 19, 1952

J. M. Crawford and Mayor Courtney Hunt are on an automobile trip to Mexico City, where they will attend the annual convention of Lions International.

Nolan Lees of Haskell has entered a model "Skywriting" plane in the third annual Model Air Show at Stamford June 22. The trim model built by Lees is an exact replica of planes used in skywriting.

Eulice Booe, Albert Andress and Steve Young will be ordained as deacons at East Side Baptist Church.

90 Years Ago

June 22, 1912

T. L. Montgomery, president of the Farmers National Bank, left this week for Colorado Springs, where he will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Baldwin have returned from Fort Worth where they attended commencement exercises at T. C. U.

A steady rain which began Monday afternoon and continued for several hours fell over all parts of Haskell County and boosted hopes of farmers for a bumper cotton, kaffir and maize crop. Judge Sanders reported the rain amounted to 1.89 inches on his government gauge.

June garden checklist

By Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Take a critical look at your landscape at the height of summer development. Make notes of any plants that need replacement, overgrown plants that need to be removed, better arrangements for your landscape, and possible activity areas that can be enjoyed by family members.

Check for insects and diseases. Spider mites can be especially troublesome at this time.

During the summer, water or soil moisture is essential for good plant production. Because continual watering is often costly and time consuming, it pays to conserve moisture around plants.

The best way to conserve garden moisture is mulching. A good mulch not only retains valuable moisture needed for plant growth, but also improves overall gardening success.

Mulches are usually applied 2-6 inches deep, depending on the material used. In general, the coarser the material, the deeper the mulch. For example, a 2 inch layer of cotton seed hulls will have about the same mulching effect as 6 inches of oat straw or 4 inches of coastal bermuda hay.

Removing faded flowers from the plant before they set seed will keep them growing and producing more flowers. A light application of fertilizer every four to six weeks will also be helpful.

Houseplants can be moved outside this month. Sink the pots in a cool, shaded garden bed to prevent them from drying out too quickly. Water pots, container plants and hanging baskets often. Monthly feeding with a balanced water soluble fertilizer encourages continued growth.

Now is time to plan for next spring. Consider digging and dividing any crowded spring bulbs. Once bulbs have matured and the foliage has turned brown, it is time to spade them up and thin out the stand. Crowded bulbs produce fewer and smaller blooms. They usually need thinning every three to four years. Replant immediately in prepared soils.

June is the month to select day lily varieties as they reach their peak bloom.

Fertilize rose beds every four to six weeks. Apply small amounts of fertilizer high in nitrogen immediately after a flush of bloom or every four to six weeks.

There is still time to plant some of the colorful, heat-tolerant summer annuals. You can direct-seed zinnias, and portulaca, and purchase periwinkle, salvia, marigold and purslane plants for transplanting. Be sure to water transplants adequately until roots become established.

Pinch back chrysanthemums, Mexican marigold mint, marigold, autumn asters, salvias and other late summer and fall blooming annuals to prevent the necessity for staking.

Mold causes insurance to rise

By Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Many homeowners are worried about the rising cost of insurance due to mold. Mold spores spread through the air and are known to cause allergies. In order to grow, mold needs a food source, moisture, and mild to warm temperatures.

Mold thrives on organic materials such as dust, paper and paper products, and soap scum. The best way to fight mold is to thoroughly clean areas where it might grow. After cleaning a site where mold has been found, use a disinfectant to prevent it from growing back.

Experts suggest controlling moisture by maintaining and repairing the plumbing system, air conditioning, and roof.

Students in the News

Kevin McSmith, son of Dr. Bill and Mrs. McSmith of Haskell, was named to the Dean's List at Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, Missouri.

To qualify for the Dean's List, the student must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a minimum class load of 12 hours.

Jodi Thigpen of Haskell was named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University. To qualify for the dean's list students must carry 12 or more qualifying hours and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

Thigpen is a junior student with a

multidisciplinary studies major. She is the daughter of Pam and Joseph Thigpen of Haskell.

Commencement exercises for graduating Texas Tech university students were held Sat., May 11. Graduating were:

Jennifer Andress, Cum Laude, with a bachelor of science degree in multidisciplinary studies.

Andrea Callaway with a bachelor of arts degree in geography.

Kelly McCulloch with a master of arts degree in communications studies.

Paul McGuire with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and applied economics.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor:

We recently had an occasion to pass through your city. I must say that the reception by all the citizens we encountered was exceptional.

We are a retired couple and were traveling through your city on vacation. When we reached Old Glory, our vehicle broke down. Much to our sorrow, it was on Sunday before Memorial Day. The gentleman from Hanson Paint and

Body shop took time out from their busy holiday to retrieve our van and camp trailer. They took us to your local park and told us we could camp over night free the first night. Since it was a holiday, we had to stay two nights and they came out to make sure we were alright. We were very impressed with their kindness. When we went to pay for the second night at City Hall, the nice lady that took our money was exceptionally

friendly. The manager at Dairy Queen let us use the phone to make some very necessary phone calls.

Tuesday morning, we took our van to the Bailey Toliver Chevrolet house and they told us what was wrong and how long it would take to get it repaired. They had one of their employees take us to Abilene to rent another truck while our van was being repaired at no charge. They even told us where we could get a trailer hitch for the rental truck! Cats Welding manufactured a special built trailer hitch for us. We told Trey Burson that our van wasn't under warranty, but he looked it up anyway and saved us a lot of money of which we were so grateful since we live on a very limited income.

We were so thankful, that we had to write and tell you what a nice reception we got from everyone in your city. It isn't often that you find people that are so kind to strangers as these people were. We were in dire need and your citizens came to our rescue.

Thank you Haskell!!
Paul & Essie Pruitt
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Tobacco Compliance Grants for Local Law Enforcement Agencies

The Comptroller will make block grants to counties and municipalities to be used by local law enforcement agencies to enforce tobacco laws as they apply to persons under the age of 18.

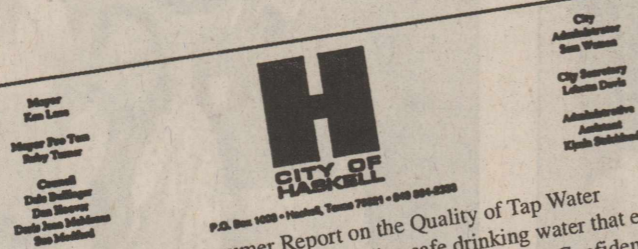
The application deadline is June 24, 2002.

Grants range from \$3,000 to \$25,000, and must be used for compliance-related activities such as "sting" operations; random, unannounced inspections; education programs; and compliance reporting.

For more information about the grants or about the application, call toll-free 1-888-783-7123 or go to <http://www.window.state.tx.us/lga/tcg/leo/>.

Source: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us).

NOTICE TO CITY OF HASKELL WATER CONSUMERS



2002 Annual Consumer Report on the Quality of Tap Water

Our goal at the City of Haskell is to provide you with high-quality, safe drinking water that exceeds every federal and state standard. As mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), this "Consumer Confidence Report" (CCR) details our water sources, the results of our water tests, and other information. For quality tap water, you can count on the City of Haskell to provide its citizens with only the best. Our records and tests results show that there were no violations of water quality regulations.

We are glad to report that the water provided by the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority (NCTMWA), water treatment plant meets or exceeds water quality standards.

Overview

The City of Haskell receives its water supply from the Miller Creek Reservoir located in Baylor and Throckmorton Counties on FM 1608 approximately 10 miles southeast of Goree.

This CCR is based upon tests conducted in the year 2001 by the City of Haskell. The City of Haskell collects four samples a month, 48 per year. These samples are to ensure that the City of Haskell is providing a safe drinking water to our customers. We are checking for microbiological contamination. The City performed a test on lead and copper in July, 2001. Three samples exceeded the action level. These samples were thought to be old samples and have been corrected. Lead and copper tests are conducted every three years.

Additional Health Information

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes limits on the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contamination does not necessarily indicate that hot water poses a health risk. More information about contamination and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

The City of Haskell along with North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority is proud to announce that we do have "A Safe Water for Drinking". This CCR was developed in accordance with 40 CFR parts 141 and 142, National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Consumer Confidence Reports. This CCR document was prepared as requested by the City of Haskell.

Terms used in Water Quality Table and in other parts of this CCR are defined as follows:

- Maximum Containment Level or MCL:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best-available treatment technology.
- Maximum Containment Level Goal or MCLG:** The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG allow for a margin of safety.
- Action Level or AL:** The concentration of copper and/or lead which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Sam Watson
City Administrator Sam Watson

Tommy Rodriguez
Assistant Director Public Works

135 N. Munday Ave.
Munday, Texas 76771

North Central Texas
Municipal Water Authority

P. O. Box 36
Phone (840) 422-4051

March 29, 2002

Re: 2001 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

Dear Official:

Relative to water purchased from North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority during the 2001 calendar year we are enclosing herewith information you will need in producing your Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report - CCR).

If you have any questions please call.

Sincerely,

Dolan Moore
Dolan Moore
General Manager
North Central Texas
Municipal Water Authority

2001 Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report) City of Haskell

Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Our Drinking Water Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

En Espanol

Este reporte incluye informacion importante sobre el agua para tomar. Si tiene preguntas o discusiones sobre este reporte en espanol, favor de llamar al tel. () - - - - - par hablar con una persona bilingue en espanol.

Where do we get our drinking water? Our drinking water is obtained from Ground and Surface water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: MILLER CRK RES. TNRCC will be reviewing all of Texas' drinking water sources. The source water assessment process will be completed within three years. It is important to protect your drinking water by protecting your water source.

ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

About The Following Pages

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored constituents which have been found in your drinking water. U.S. EPA requires water systems to test up to 97 constituents

Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concerns. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)
The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety

Treatment Technique (TT)

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level (AL)

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units
MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

pCi/l picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

Public Participation Opportunities

Date: July 1st - 31st, 2002
Time: Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 P.M.
Location: City Hall, 301 South 1st, Haskell, Texas
Phone No.: 940-864-2333 or 940-864-2355

Year	Constituent	Highest Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2001	Arsenic	2.3	2.3000-2.3000	50	0	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
2001	Barium	0.185	0.1850-0.1850	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
2001	Fluoride	0.3	0.3000-0.3000	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2001	Nitrate	0.21	0.2100-0.2100	10	10	ppm	Run-off from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
2001	Selenium	4.3	4.3000-4.3000	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
2001	Sodium	55.7	55.7000-55.7000	NA	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; By-product of oil field activity.

NA = MCL not applicable - not regulated. Special Monitoring Requirement.

Organics NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

Disinfection By-Products NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

Unregulated Contaminants

Year	Constituent	Average of All Sampling Points	Range of Detected Levels	Unit of Measure	Reason for Monitoring
2001-2001	Chloroform	35	35.0000-35.0000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants
2001-2001	Bromoform	7.1	7.1000-7.1000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants

2001-2001	Bromodichloromethane	59	59.0000-59.0000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants
2001-2001	Chlorodibromomethane	50	50.0000-50.0000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants

Turbidity

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Year	Constituent	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Limits	Turbidity Limits	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2001	Turbidity	0.50	100.00	0.5	NTU	Soil runoff.

Lead and Copper

Year	Constituent	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2001	Copper	1.0300	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
2001	Lead	12.6000	1	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Total Coliform NOT DETECTED

Fecal Coliform NOT DETECTED

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Year	Constituent	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Limits	Turbidity Limits	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2001	Turbidity	0.50	100.00	0.5	NTU	Soil runoff.

Lead and Copper Not tested for or not detected.

Coliforms

What are Coliforms?

Coliform bacteria are used as indicators of microbial contamination of drinking water because they are easily detected and found in the digestive tract of warm blooded animals. While not themselves disease producers, they are often found in association with other microbes that are capable of causing disease. Coliform bacteria are more hardy than many disease-causing organisms; therefore their absence from water is a good indication that the water is bacteriologically safe for human consumption.

Fecal coliform (mostly E-coli), is a portion of the coliform bacteria group originating in the intestinal tract of warm-blooded animals that passes into the environment as feces. Coliform bacteria is often used as an indicator of the fecal contamination of domestic water supply.

Total Coliform

Year	Constituent	Highest Monthly Number of Positive Samples	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2001	Total Coliform Bacteria	0	0	Presence	Naturally present in the environment.

* Two or more coliform found samples in any single month.

Fecal Coliform Not detected

Organics Not tested for or not detected.

THM Not tested for or not detected.

Unregulated Contaminants

Year	Constituent	Average of All Sampling Points	Range of Detected Levels	Reason for Monitoring
2001	Chloroform	75.5	35.0000-118.0000	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.
2001	Bromoform	6.05	5.0000-7.1000	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.
2001	Bromodichloromethane	79.5	59.0000-100.0000	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.
2001	Chlorodibromomethane	50	50.0000-50.0000	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Water Quality Table

Contaminant	Year	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Range of Detected Levels	Highest Detected Level	Major Sources
Inorganic Contaminants							
Arsenic	2001	ppb	50	0	2.3000-2.3000	2.300	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	2001	ppm	2	2	0.1850-0.1850	0.185	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2001	ppm	4	4	0.3000-0.3000	0.300	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	2001	ppm	10	10	0.2100-0.2100	0.210	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	2001	ppb	50	0	4.3000-4.3000	4.300	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
Gross beta emitters	1999	pCi/l	50	0	14.5000-14.5000	14.500	Decay of natural and manmade deposits.



BIKE WINNERS—Haskell Elementary first graders winning bikes in the Accelerated Readers Program were left, Cailey Foster and Allison Rodriguez. With them are teachers Trish Johnson and Doris Watson.



WINNERS—Trying out their new bikes won in the Accelerated Reading Program were second graders, l-r, Koby Foster and Carley Calhoun. With them are teachers Rhonda Hanson, left, and Michelle Dunnam.



AWARD WINNERS—Haskell third graders, l-r, Dawn Skinner and Ross Wittenborn, pose with one of the bikes they won in the Accelerated Readers Program. With them are teachers, l-r, Donna Waggoner and Melodee Christian.



READY TO ROLL—Fourth graders, l-r, Joseph Rowland and Cody Campbell display new bikes they won as Accelerated Readers at Haskell Elementary. With them is teacher Judith Chapman.

Farm bill makes LDP available

Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Haskell announced a special provision in the new farm bill which has removed the requirement prohibiting producers from receiving a Loan Deficiency Program (LDP) payment if they are not enrolled in the Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) program.

Farmers who grew eligible commodities during the 2001 crop

year on non-participating farms can now apply for LDPs at their local FSA field office. This exception also applies to farms that sold or fed crops produced on participating and non-participating farms before requesting an LDP or those who have farm-stored or warehouse stored quantities in excess of the amount originally requested.

"Literally, hundreds of farmers will benefit from these LDP

changes," said Brzozowski. "Stagnant prices over the past few years have splashed a lot of red ink over farm balance sheets. Opening up the LDP program is another example of how this farm bill is extending a safety net to all producers," he stated.

As a result of low prices, the contract participation requirement was lifted once before in June 2000. During the 2000-crop year, Texas

county offices processed 84,629 LDP applications for approximately \$205,864,230. With the restriction in place for 2001, the offices paid just 34,952 applications for \$186,045,134.

LDPs provide a price-floor for farmers during times of low market prices. Payments are issued when market rates fall below government established price levels for certain commodities. Payments to eligible producers under new provisions will be made as soon as national procedures are issued.

According to Brzozowski, "a producer will be allowed to receive an LDP for commodities harvested during the 2001-crop year, even though the grower has already sold or fed the commodity."

LDP payments will be based on the date the producer marketed, fed or used the commodity for seed. Farmers who retain control of the harvested 2001-crop will be given the rate in effect on the day the request is received at an FSA office.

Brzozowski emphasized, farmers must submit acceptable production evidence, such as sales receipts, that indicate when the crop was sold. If the commodity was fed, documentation must indicate the amount and the days it was fed out.

The final date for submitting 2001-crop LDP applications has not yet been announced. Farmers should contact their local FSA office for more details or visit the national FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Additional conservation funds approved

John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced a second sign-up period for conservation funding under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that will run through June 28, 2002. The 2002 Farm Bill signed into law on May 13, further extends USDA's allocation of monies targeted for conservation practice application on private lands.

"Interested producers are encouraged to act quickly if they wish to make application during this 'second chance' opportunity for federal financial and technical assistance provided through EQIP," said Fuston.

EQIP was established under the

1996 Farm Bill to address significant agricultural natural resource concerns through the application of select practices that were determined to be beneficial to the overall protection of the tract of land being treated. Participants entered into long-term contracts and agreed to treat all conservation issues identified by using a "whole farm" approach to planning.

According to Fuston, "EQIP now has a more flexible approach. Producers can treat specific resource concerns without locking their entire farm into a long-term contract. This gives them options to address new or unforeseen conservation problems as they arise."

EQIP remains a voluntary, competitive program. The new Farm Bill outlines significant changes in program provisions pertaining to length of contract and payment limitations. The Bill eliminates Geographic Priority Areas (GPAs) and the "bid-down" option that

enabled producers to make their applications more competitive by shouldering a higher percentage of the total cost of practice implementation. For Texas, cost-share is set at 75 percent.

"To date, Texas FSA has allocated \$60.2-million in cost-share assistance and incentive payments. Proactive producers statewide used these funds to treat the most environmentally sensitive farm and ranchland, voluntarily reducing soil erosion, improving water quality and quantity, preserving wildlife habitat and insuring the sustainability of Texas agriculture," stated Fuston. For more information regarding the EQIP application process, conservation practices and eligibility requirements, please contact the Haskell County Service Center located at 607 N. 1st East Haskell or call 940-864-8516 or 940-864-2617. Information can also be found on FSA's website: <http://www/fsa.usda.gov>.

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STEREO WINNER—Haskell Elementary fifth grade student Shalea Trevino won a new stereo in the Accelerated Reader program. She poses with her teacher, Paula Everitt.



STEREO WINNER—Haskell sixth grader, Ashley Belcher proudly poses with her teacher Debbie Earles and the prize she won as a participant in the Accelerated Reading Program.

Bassett and Baby Joe compete at dog show

By Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Dogs and their 4-H owners arrived at the 2002 District III Invitational 4-H Dog Show held June 8 at the Young County Arena in

Graham. 4-H members from Haskell, Hood, Palo Pinto, Parker and Young met to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in dog obedience and training.

4-H members presented their

dogs in conformation, showmanship, obedience, costume, and trick classes. Judges from Vernon and Wichita Falls were helpful to the 4-H'ers advising them on how to improve their performances. 4-H'ers

demonstrated basic commands and proper techniques for giving them in order to seek the correct response from their dog.

Aubrey Bassett, daughter of Tom and Kim Bassett of Haskell, entered her dog "Baby Joe" in the Conformation Class and received 2nd place in the Non-Purebred Under 25 lbs.; and in the Obedience Class receiving a 5th place in the Sub-Junior/Sub-Novice A division; and a 1st place in the Costume Class (dressing as a fisherman & fish).

The dog project is an excellent project for any child. It teaches not only responsibility but patience and citizenship. Participation in the dog care and training project is one project that is easily done by any 4-H'er with a pet dog. A dog of any age and breed can be trained.

Each participant had to complete basic training courses in their home county before competing at the district level. Many of these young people will now advance to state competition held at the Triple Crown Dog Academy in Hutto.

The dog project is one of many projects that the Haskell County 4-H program has to offer. It is one method of teaching youth self esteem and self confidence. 4-H is one of the programs offered by Texas Cooperative Extension. To find out more about the 4-H program and how you can be a part, contact Brandon Anderson, County Extension Agent-Ag at (940) 864-2658 or stop by the County Extension Office located at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell.

Put addiction in ash tray for good

Stopping smoking isn't easy. But no matter what your age, doing so reduces your risk of many life-threatening diseases and may improve your quality of life. Fortunately, more smoking cessation aids are available now than ever before.

No matter what method you choose, Mayo Clinic doctors say that you have the best chance of success if you get help. People in formal stop-smoking programs have a far higher success rate than those who try to do it alone. Contact the American Cancer Society at 800-227-2345 to find a stop-smoking program near you or ask your doctor.

Keep trying. It's common for

people to make more than one attempt at stopping before succeeding. Patience and persistence are needed and often rewarded.

One reason it's so hard to stop smoking is that cigarettes contain nicotine, which is highly addictive. Research shows that the brain reacts to nicotine in ways similar to cocaine, morphine, amphetamines and other addictive drugs.

Although nicotine itself doesn't cause cancer, thousands of cancer-causing agents exist in tobacco products. When you smoke, your body absorbs the carcinogens that come along with nicotine.

In general, stop-smoking aids fall

into one of two categories; those that decrease your body's need for nicotine and those that provide an alternative source of nicotine. Products from both categories have been proved safe and effective at helping people withdraw from nicotine and stop smoking. Talk with your doctor about which treatment best suits you.

Stopping smoking for good may require more than just willpower and medications. Consider these steps to improve your chances of staying smoke-free.

*Manage stress—Often, people smoke because of high stress in their lives. If you learn alternative effective ways to manage stress, you're more likely to stay smoke-free.

*Avoid triggers—Talking on the phone or drinking alcohol may trigger a desire to smoke.

*Make your home smoke-free. If other people in your house smoke, you're more likely to start smoking again. Talk with them and agree that certain places, such as the car and home, are smoke-free. Choosing smoke-free restaurants also can help.

Quick draw event set

The "Quick Draw" event at the Preview Party for the Stamford Art Foundation Show will feature thirteen artists. In this event, the artists participating are given one hour to complete a painting from scratch and then the painting is auctioned with all proceeds benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Those attending the Preview Party can watch the artists as they are painting. People talking and looking over their shoulder, wind, dust, or rain will not deter the artists. They just keep on painting for an hour will have a beautiful piece of artwork ready to be auctioned.

Artists participating in the "Quick Draw" event are: Bill Barrick, George Boutwell, R. Russell Brown, Hugh Campbell, Jean Dexter, Paul Friske, Steve Grey, Daniel

Maldonado, Steve Napper, Tom Paulson, Theda Rhea, Paul Cameron Smith, Gary Ward, and Jim Ward.

The Preview Party will be Tues., July 2 at the John Selmon Memorial Gallery. Besides the "Quick Draw" event there will be a steak dinner served, and music by the Billy Bob Band. The art for the 2002 show will be viewed for the first time and those attending will have the opportunity to visit with the artists. Thirty-two artists are participating.

Tickets for the Preview Party are \$30.00 each. For more information about the tickets telephone the office of Kris Fouts at 915-773-5777.

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Loan officers to be in Abilene

Loan officers with the U.S. Small Business Administration from the Lubbock District Office will be in Abilene Wed., June 26 and Thurs., June 27, at the Texas Tech University Small Business Development Center at Abilene, 500 Chestnut, Suite 601, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Small business owners in Abilene and the surrounding communities looking for financial assistance through one of the guaranty programs from SBA can get help on this day.

This is a great opportunity for small business owners, prospective business owners and area bankers in Abilene and surrounding communities to visit with SBA on any small business subject matter. Staff members will be available to

answer questions on what a business owner should have in a business plan. Appointments are recommended. For more information or appointment times, call Betty Anderson at 915-670-0300.

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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 rate identified as the "Integrity and Safety Assessment" (ISA) to track and recover costs of implementing its Pipeline Integrity Assessment and Management Plan and costs of system modification required by class location changes. The Pipeline Integrity Assessment and Management Plan is required by the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) pursuant to its Pipeline Safety Regulations, Rule § 8.101, which class location changes are necessary to comply with the Federal Minimum Pipeline Safety Regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 192, adopted by the Commission.

The proposed initial rate for the ISA is 2.05 cents per MMBtu, and is proposed to take effect as of July 1, 2002. The rate will be adjusted each year to reflect the change in costs necessitated by the pipeline safety regulations, with an opportunity for those costs to be reviewed by the Commission. The ISA will remain in effect for ten years from its initial effective date. The ISA constitutes a major change as that term is defined in Sec. 104.101, Texas Utilities Code. The proposed rate will increase the total revenues of TXU LSP by 3.7%, representing \$4.1 million of additional revenues.

The ISA will apply to the following classes of customers: 1) TXU LSP's customers with gas consuming equipment at an end-use location physically attached to TXU LSP's pipeline system or to the system of a local distribution company physically attached to TXU LSP's pipeline system; 2) entities selling gas to such customers; and 3) local distribution companies served by TXU LSP's pipeline system. The ISA will indirectly affect all residential and commercial customers served by such local distribution companies, including TXU Gas Distribution. At the proposed initial rate of 2.05 cents per MMBtu, the bill of an average residential customer (6 mcf of gas consumption per month) will increase approximately 12 cents per month.

A Statement of Intent to implement the ISA has been filed with the Commission in GUD Docket No. 9304 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. 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 July 26, 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 deadline for intervention in this case shall be July 26, 2002.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., June 24
Lunch—Ham and beans, fresh lettuce salad, yellow hominy, greens/ bacon seasoned, cornbread, lemon ref. dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., June 26
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch—Mesquite broiled chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, buttered

corn, bean salad, yeast rolls, dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., June 28
Lunch—Hamburgers, pork and beans, potato salad, tomatoes/mayo/ mustard, lettuce/onion/pickles, dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

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

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting with Lavid and Geneva Robertson were Brad, Sonja and Danny Koons of Natalie, and grandson Marine Blake Elliott Robertson stationed in Palm Springs, California. Blake is the son of Chad and Jeri Robertson.

Cam King and daughter, Tyler, of Stephenville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Klose over the weekend. They also visited with Cam's grandmother, Delma Matthews.

Darlene Conn and son, Daniel, returned to Burnet on Thursday. They

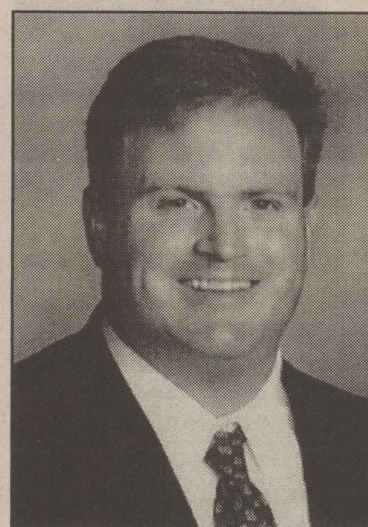
had been in Haskell helping David and Denise Conn move.

Jimmy Boyd of Abilene came by on Monday to visit with Joyce Hawkins.

Jean and Cody Blair visited with Eric Blair in Plainview on Saturday.

Faye Gray had her cousin, Garry Swanes and wife and sister-in-law from Arlington drop by for a visit. Jean Palmer and Johnnie Alanchard visited on Saturday.

Jessie Scheets of Abilene visited with his mom, Minnie, and brother, Bobby, on Sunday.



JASON MARTIN



AIMEE MARTIN

Martins to minister in Merida, Spain

Jason and Aimee Wood Martin have joined more than 5,000 Southern Baptist International Mission Board workers sharing Christ in 185 countries and among 1,125 ethnic people groups.

The Martins were appointed May 21 by the International Mission Board during a service at its Missionary Learning Center in Rockville, Va. The new missionaries will fill diverse job assignments that range from starting churches to using sports, education and music as tools of ministry.

The Martins will work with youth in Merida, Spain. They will evangelize and disciple young people, with the ultimate goal being to start a church-planting movement. Mrs. Martin also will conduct outreach through church and home.

The Martins recently completed a term of service in Spain with the International Service Corps, a short-term missions program through the International Mission Board. Martin previously served as pastor for Paint Creek Church in Paint Creek. Since

1995, Mrs. Martin has taught in Texas public schools.

The Martins live in Arlington and are members of Lake Arlington Baptist Church.

Martin was born in Port Lavaca and received the bachelor of arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Aimee Martin was born in Arlington. She comes from a rich heritage of Southern Baptist work among her grandparents, some of whom were missionaries and others who served as pastors. She received the bachelor of business science degree from Hardin-Simmons University.

Martin first felt God leading him to commit to missions in 1988. At the time, he knew God wanted him to serve in a Spanish-speaking country, but did not know where specifically. Mrs. Martin was a freshman in college when she felt God reveal to her that He wanted her to serve as a missionary.

During an International Service Corps conference, both the Martins

This Week's Devotional Message:



SUMMER BRINGS US CLOSER TO GOD'S CREATION

The sun has reached the zenith in the sky,
And casts no noonday shadow from up high;
But warms with gentle breezes through the air
A world of life that's teeming everywhere.
The grass and trees attain their deepest green.
While lazy streams reflect the summer scene:

A season meant for living out of doors;
And time to take a holiday from chores,
But never from your faith; for on vacation,
You'll learn first hand the beauty of Creation.
So, in the Church to which your faith has bound you,
Give thanks to God, who made this world around you.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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East Side Baptist Church
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
Dusty Garison, 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
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church
Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

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First Baptist Church
Chris Powell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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Church of Christ
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
Jackie Brem, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

FAITH CHAPEL OF ROCHESTER
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

SAGERTON

Sagerton Methodist Church
Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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Faith Lutheran Church
Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

RULE

First Baptist Church
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Artuo Jr. Flores
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

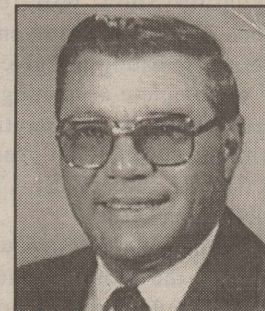
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Friday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato slices, assorted chips, apple

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Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA



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Before you sign a lease contract for a new car, it's a good idea to get answers to the following questions:

- Does the warranty cover the entire lease term?
- What is the annual mileage limit, and what is the charge for excess miles? Leases typically limit the number of miles you can drive per year and charge a fee for additional miles.
- Can I terminate the lease early? If so, what penalties are involved?
- Are there any additional costs for excessive wear and tear?
- How much is the administrative or lease acquisition fee, and how does it compare to the fee charged by the other leasing companies?
- Does the contract establish the vehicle's value at the end of the lease? Such a contract is called a "closed-end lease." An "open-end lease," on the other hand, leaves the value at the end of the lease "to be determined" and generally requires that you pay any shortfall.

Before you sign a lease, it's a good idea to shop around. Lease terms offered by different dealers or leasing companies vary. Also make sure the leasing firm you choose has an established reputation for good customer service and fair dealing. Talk to folks who have leased from the company, and check with your local Better Business Bureau.

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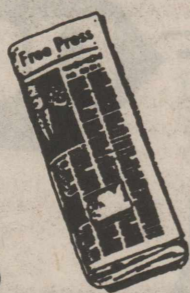
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DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS
PUBLISHED NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RICHARD T. NOLEN, Deceased, were issued on February 11, 2002. Docket Number 4135, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to OLETA BAIRD.

The residents of the Independent Executrix is in Haskell, Texas, and you are hereby required to present any claim you may have to the following mailing address:

Estate of Richard T. Nolen, Deceased, c/o Oleta Baird, Rt. 2, Box 27, Rule, Texas 79547 or John Fouts, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 995, Haskell, Texas 79521.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 18th day of June, 2002.

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ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE
OR RICHARD T. NOLEN,
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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

On June 20, 2002 the Paint Creek ISD School Board announced the three finalists for the Superintendent position for the 2002-2003 school year. The finalists are Phil Mitchell, Glen Nix and Bret Starkweather. A school board meeting will be held on June 28, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at the Paint Creek School Library to make the final decision and offer a contract for the position. 25-26c

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10:00 A.M. JUNE 27, 2002
SOUTH DOOR HASKELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Order of Sale to satisfy delinquent tax lien dated June 6th, 2002 in the case styled as follows:
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Abilene
Contract 6085-54-001 for ROUTINE STREET SWEEPING in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on July 16, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$147,240.00.

Contract 6085-56-001 for "ONDEMAND" MBGT in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on July 16, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$180,012.50.

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 from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 6665
State Office: Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.

District Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79601. Phone 915-676-6800.

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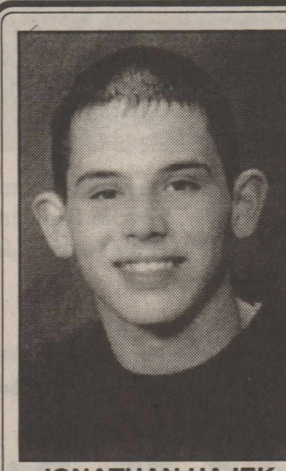
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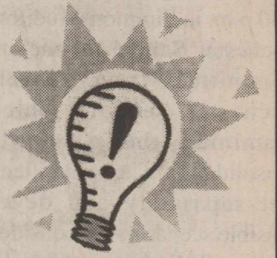
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We would like to thank our many friends who prayed for Jonathan, sent cards, called and prepared food for us or helped in any way during his critical time in United Regional in Wichita Falls and later in Baylor Medical Center for rehabilitation. Jonathan continues to improve daily, but will remain there through this month. God bless each one of you.
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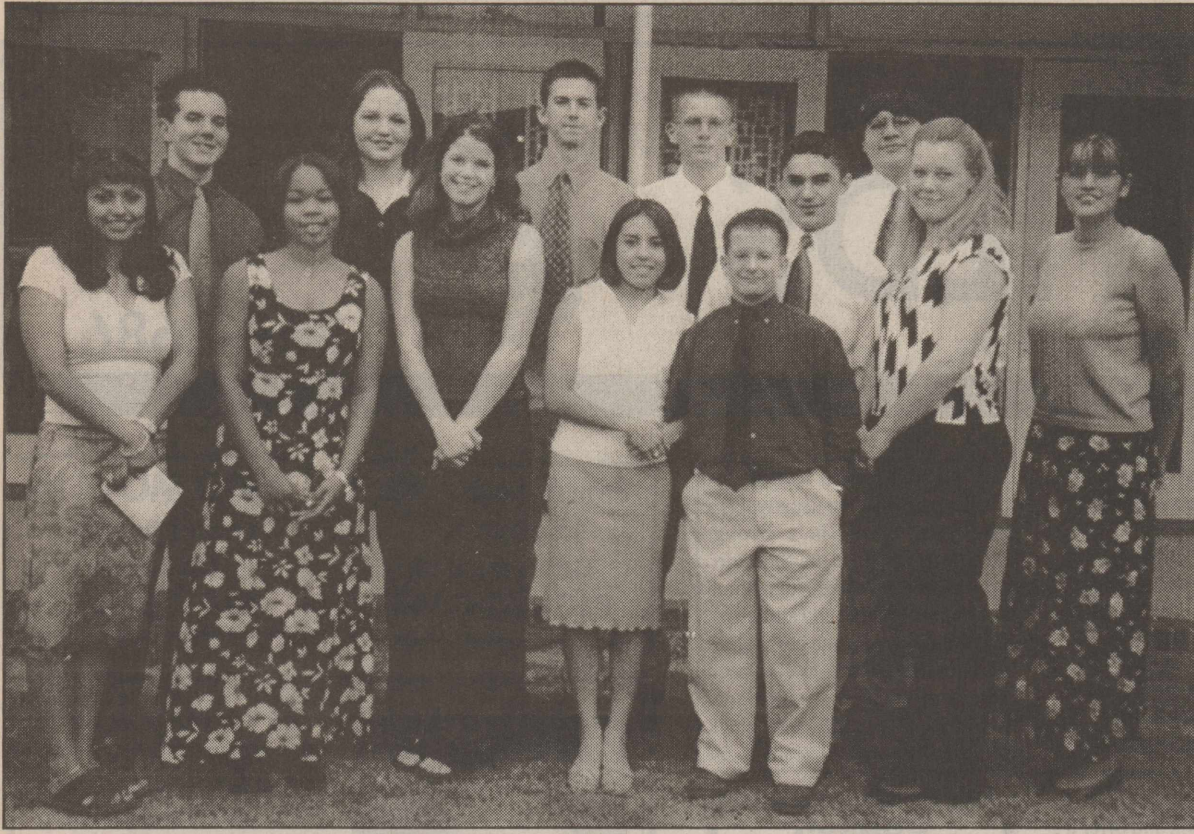
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School consolidation steering committees to meet June 24

The public is invited to attend a joint meeting Monday, June 24 at 5:30 p.m. in Simmons Auditorium at Rochester School, of the steering Committees from Haskell and Rochester schools which are examining the possibility of consolidation. The committees have met separately and developed possible scenarios for consideration. They will discuss options, barriers and other information at the meeting. Time will be allocated for public input, comment and suggestions.

The committees met jointly on June 3 to examine data on declining school enrollment, projections for future enrollment and funding trends for the schools. At that time meetings were scheduled in Haskell and

Rochester, as well as joint meetings to discuss the results of the separate meetings.

The Haskell committee met on June 10 and the Rochester committee met on June 12. Issues pertaining to consolidation were discussed and reviewed. The student enrollment at Rochester has decreased by 25% over the last four years. Haskell has lost over 100 students over the last four years. This is a trend for all of West Texas. As the agriculture economy struggles and the oil industry falters, families must leave the area to survive.

Both committees feel that it is the responsibility of all concerned citizens to be informed on the issues facing our schools and communities.

While the education of the children is the main concern, we must also think of and discuss way to keep our communities viable and productive for as long as possible. Many communities and schools have suffered by keeping their schools at all costs.

If you have a concern, an idea or a comment, please contact a steering committee member and plan on attending the meeting Monday night. Committee members in Rochester are Dolan Brinson, Melissa Glover, Rich Trueblood, Teresa Scoggins and Nancy Stewart. In Haskell the members are Alberto Alvarez, Sylvia Bingham, Bobbie Johnson, Sam Toliver and Mark Wallace.



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Vahlenkamp recognized as top agent

Beunice Vahlenkamp of Old Glory, has been recognized as a top agent for the Hermann Sons fraternal insurance program.

Representing the Old Glory Sons of Hermann Lodge No. 228, Vahlenkamp was recognized for her work by Robert Buffington, grand vice president-marketing, during the 11th annual Agent's Award Banquet held at Westin Oaks Hotel and Resort in the Galleria, Houston. She received a plaque and briefcase. This is the fourth year she has qualified for the Executive Club.

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Schools receive E-rate funding

Congressman Charlie Stenholm announced that schools in Haskell County have received E-rate funding from the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). This money will be used to help the school districts in the county develop telecommunications

services and Internet access.

In Haskell County, the school districts received the following funding: Haskell ISD \$34,858, Paint Creek ISD \$15,925, and Rochester ISD \$12,273.

"I support programs like the E-rate that result in direct services to rural areas," Congressman Stenholm

said. "By helping rural and under-funded school districts provide current technology for their students, the E-rate is helping to ensure that equal educational opportunities are available to students across the nation, regardless of location or income."

The E-rate program was created as a part of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to ensure that all eligible schools and libraries in the United States have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services. Application is open to all public and private K-12 schools and public libraries. Discount funding is calculated according to a school's level of economic disadvantage (based on percentage of students eligible for the national school lunch program) and their location, rural or urban.

Commissioners' Court report

At the June 10 regular meeting of the Haskell County Commissioners' Court, a motion was approved to leave the county retirement system rate as is for 2002-2003.

Judge David Davis will contact BFI about getting a large, open dumpster at the Anchor.

No action was taken on selling the

jail door to Stonewall County.

A motion was approved to donate the overhead lights from the Sheriff's old car to the Fire Department, if they need them.

The commissioners rejected the resolution for sales tax on fuel for County road maintenance funding. A copy of the resolution is on file at the Courthouse.

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