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Boys Summer League
-Junior High-
Mon., June 23 at Haskell
Throckmorton vs Haskell 4 p.m.
Aspermont vs Rule 5 p.m.
Newcastle vs Haskell 6 p.m.
-Varsity and JV-
Thurs., June 19 at Haskell
Rule vs Haskell V 6 p.m.
Rule vs JV 7 p.m.
Rule vs Haskell V 8 p.m.
Tues., June 24 at Haskell
Newcastle vs Haskell V 6 p.m.
Throckmorton vs Haskell JV 7 p.m.
Throckmorton vs Haskell V 8 p.m.

Calendar

Variety show

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center is planning a variety show tentatively set for Sat., July 19. Individuals or groups wishing to perform should call Jennabeth Kimbrough at 864-3703 or 864-3875.

Office to be closed June 26

The office of the Haskell Free Press will be closed Thurs., June 26. Regular hours will resume Mon., June 30.

Sheriff's Posse

The Stamford Junior Sheriff's Posse will practice for pivots Fri., June 20 at 6 p.m. at the Stamford Arena.

Soft taco lunch

The Calvary Baptist Church, 600 S. 7th, will serve soft tacos, chips and sauce Sun., June 29 from 11:30 to 2 p.m. Cost for adults is \$5 and children is \$3.

Yard of the month

The June yard of the month winner in Rule was James Marquis. The contest is sponsored by the Rule Chamber of Commerce.

HCCN Lab

Haskell Elementary School will open the HCCN Lab Mondays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:45. Internet, Email and basic computer skills will be available.

Food distribution in new location

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., June 21 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at their new location at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

ECC cobblers

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will have peach and apricot cobblers available Thurs., June 19. Cost per cobbler is \$15. Call 864-3875 to order. Cobblers will be pickup up after 3 p.m. Thurs., June 19 at 1404 S. First.

Summer meals

Haskell CISD will sponsor a summer food program at Haskell Elementary, 306 S. Ave. G, Mon.-Fri., through July 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All ages from age 1 through 18 years of age will be served.

Summer reading

The Haskell Co. Library summer reading program is underway. Story time will be held June 19 and June 26 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Children ages Pre-K through 4th grade are welcome. For more information visit the library at 412 N. First or call 864-2747.

Rule cleanup

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a citywide cleanup Sat., June 21. Volunteers are needed and welcome. Check in at City Hall Saturday morning.

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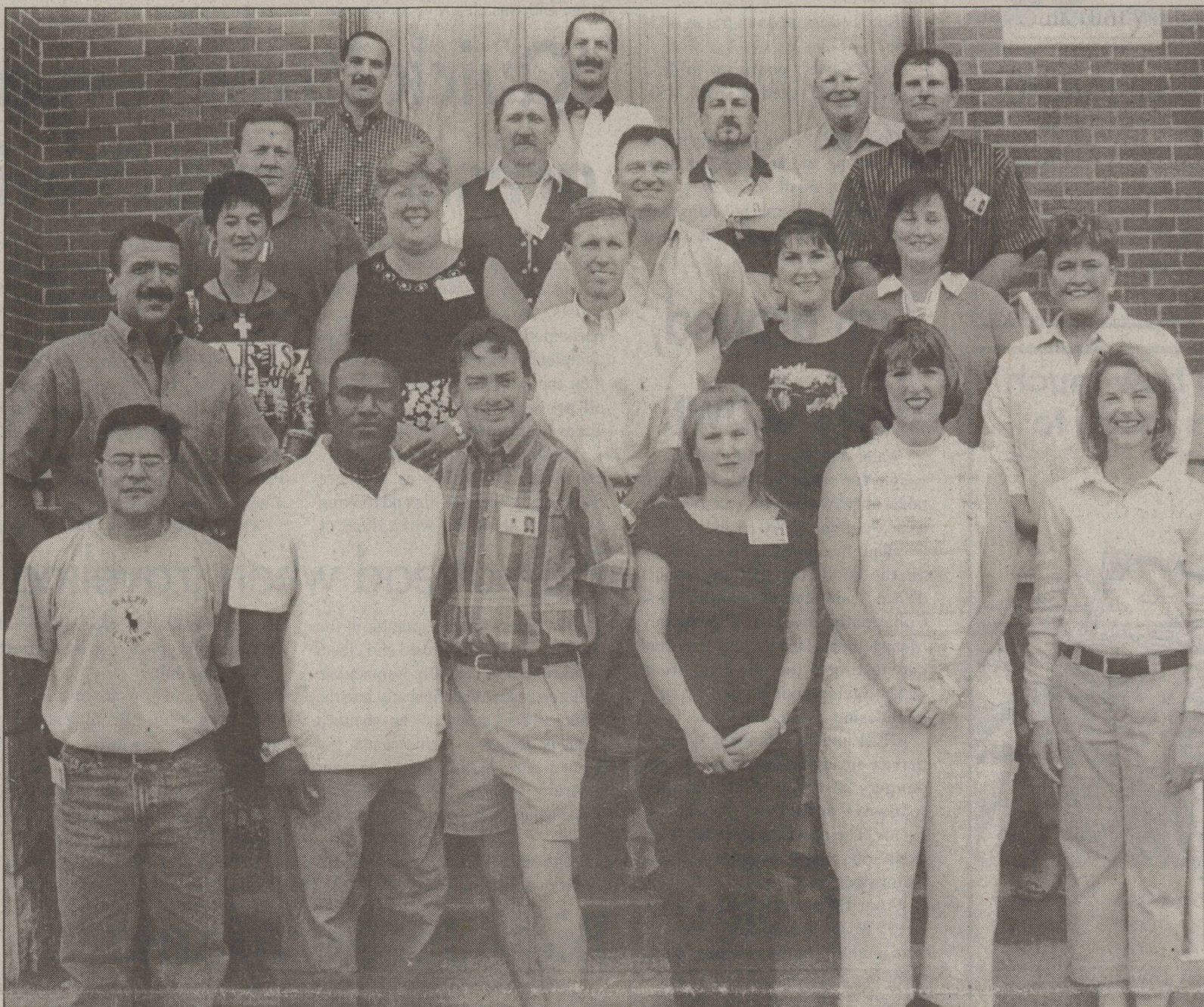
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CLASS OF '83-Members of the Haskell High School Class of 1983 held their 20th reunion in Haskell, Sat., June 7. Front row: L-r, Toby Villa, Clovis Dever, Walter McBroom, Christi Whitfield Godfrey, Cheryl Weise Hutchinson, Shannon Lane Williams. Second row: Danny Griffith, Tina Morris Lamb, Melinda Blakley

Busby, Albert Sherman, Molly Grimes Van Story, Jacklyn Becker Wheatley, Karen Campbell Mitchell. Third row: Joseph Toliver, Jamey Davis, Barry Tidrow, Steven Bird, Mark Bailey. Back row, Jerry Snelling, Terry Snelling, Lee Lane. Not pictured: Renae Kretschmer Acosta, Eric Wilson and Clifton Brister.

Haskell Memorial Hospital certified for extended care of patients

By Mary Kaigler

After passing extensive reviews and inspection surveys of all departments of the facility by Medicare and the Texas Department of Health, Haskell Memorial Hospital was officially certified by Medicare on June 1 as a Skilled Facility, as well as an Acute Care Hospital, under the Critical Access Hospital Program.

According to Bill Nemir, Hospital Administrator, the new status change will not affect the services already provided by the hospital, but will allow patients who are not well after 96 hours (3 days) of treatment to remain in the hospital, under Medicare guidelines, for extended treatment.

The new program offers greater Medicare reimbursement to eligible rural hospitals, which are seeing heavy yearly deficits due to rising costs of providing services to a predominate percentage of older patients. The program is anticipated to add an additional \$450,000 per year to the local hospital. "That's a lot of money for a rural hospital," Nemir said, citing the fact that the hospital experienced a loss of approximately \$200,000 in 2001. "Changing the status of the hospital to produce an increase in revenue is a much better alternative than raising the district's tax rate," he said.

"This will make a difference for the hospital financially, and will be a better service for the patients. We can extend patient care 20 more days without the high costs of acute care."

Under the new status, Haskell Memorial Hospital now has a maximum licensed capacity of 25 beds for use in the new program; 15

for Acute Care and 10 Skilled Nursing beds, also known as "Swing Beds." The swing beds will be for those patients who still need a high level of nursing care, but not to the same degree that is required for acute care patients.

As a Medicare patient, a person may be eligible for skilled nursing care in the hospital after a stay of at least three days, if they enter the skilled nursing care program within thirty days after discharge from the hospital. This can be from any hospital; Abilene, Wichita Falls, etc. They can enter the local skilled nursing program only upon the order of a physician who is an active member of the medical staff of the local hospital. Most Abilene doctors are on the "courtesy medical staff," of the local hospital.

"This will be like a Medicare wing of a nursing home, except that it's in the hospital setting," Nemir said, adding that it may be easier for patients to stay in the hospital rather than transferring to a nursing home for the week or two or month they may need for further treatment. "People need only to have been in a hospital three days and then be admitted by order of a physician or medical staff for an easy transition to the swing bed or acute bed required by their condition."

The daily room charge for skilled nursing care is \$235.00 per day. This charge includes payment for nursing care, daily linens, regular diet trays service and nourishment between meals, housekeeping, heating, air conditioning, lights and fire safety, plus phone for local calls and a TV in every room.

If you are a Medicare patient, and

your medical condition continues to require skilled care, Medicare will pay for your daily room charge during the first 20 days of care. In addition, Medicare will pay for all of your ancillary services such as physical therapy, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, laboratory, radiology and medical supplies as ordered by your physician during the first 20 days of care. After 20 days through 100 days, charges are subject to a Medicare deductible of \$105.00 per day, or actual daily charges, whichever is less.

Within 72 hours of a patient's admission to the swing bed program, a social services director will visit them to do a social service assessment. They will also have an occupational therapy assessment and a planned activity assessment. Participation in the activities is not required, but they are available, designed on an individual basis.

With the new certification only into its second week, one patient has already been admitted to the hospital's Swing Bed Program.

Income from the new program will be approximately 45 days in getting started for the hospital. However, Nemir said they had planned ahead and would be able to take care of it without any shortfall. The new program will be staffed by regular hospital personnel.

"I'm real pleased to have passed our surveys with no problems," Nemir said. "We've had good support from the community and our medical staff. We're excited about this. It will extend the health care available locally."

More information about the various aspects and services of the Swing Bed and Acute Care Programs may be obtained at the offices of Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Thomas cheers at FCA All-Star Classic

During the week of June 3-7, 2003 graduate of Haskell High School, Jillian Thomas of Haskell, participated as a cheerleader in the 4th Annual Big Country/Concho Valley Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) All-Star Classic held in Abilene.

Activities began on Tues., June 3, with a meeting of all the players and cheerleaders at Wylie High School. Each participant was invited into a host home for the duration of the week's activities, which included practicing each day, dining at various restaurants, attending church, playing putt-putt golf and other activities for fun and fellowship. All activities culminated on Sat., June 7 with the FCA All-Star football game held at Shotwell Stadium, and the cheerleaders performing at halftime.

In order to be a part of this annual event, each person must be a graduated senior and be nominated by their sponsor or coach. At the event, there were about 20 cheerleaders and two cheerleader coaches, as well as about 80 football players and 21 coaches from the surrounding school districts. Those attending reported that many new friendships were cultivated with everyone involved changed in a special way.

History of state track champs being written

In *Texas High School Track Champions, 1905-2004*, a book in progress by Dr. Billy Wilbanks of Georgetown, several Haskell High School athletes are named to the ranks of winners.

Wilbanks is seeking further information on the following local state champion athletes, as to what colleges or universities they may have gone on to attend and/or sports played after graduation.

Haskell High School Boys State Track Champions 1905-2003:

Johnny Billington, 1991; 2A 100 meter in 10.40. Also in 1991, the 200 meter in 21.60

Stephon Brockington, 1988; 2A 200 meter, in 21.70

Derrell Davis, 1968; 2A 440 yard in 49.40

Eldon Amonett, 1952; 1A 180 yard low hurdles, in 20.00

Joseph Browning, 1981; 2A 300 meter hurdles, in 38.50

Mark Young, 1987; 2A 800 meter, in 01:54.3

Mark Young, 1988; 2A 800 meter, in 01:55.9

Tommy Davis, 1943; HS long jump, 22' 07"

2A Team Champion, Haskell, 1988; total 52. Stephon Brockington and Mark Young

Haskell High School Girls State Track Champions, 1905-2003:

Debbie Young, 1975; 1A 60-yard dash in 7.1

Joy McKeever, 1989; 2A 100-m high hurdle at 14.3, 3rd best in U. S.

Anyone having further information on any of these former state winners may write Dr. Billy Wilbanks at 2005 East 18th St., Georgetown, TX 78626, or call 512-864-4756.

The largest interdenominational, school-based Christian sports organization in America, since 1954, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been committed to helping young men and women and coaches find a relationship with God through Christ, with the vision of impacting the world for Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches.

Jillian Thomas is the daughter of Reda and Gary Thomas, and granddaughter of Clois and Donna Thomas and Eureda Campbell and the late Charlie Campbell, all of Haskell.



JILLIAN THOMAS

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Cattle Market report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 559 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., June 16, according to Gary Tate,

reporter. 71 sellers and 45 buyers were present. Packers \$1 to \$2 higher, stockers \$1 to \$3 higher, feeders steady to \$1

higher.

Cows: fat, .35-.43; cutters, .38-.44; canners, .24-.32.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.57; feeders, .65-.78; utility, .44-.52.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.15-1.48; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.17; 400-500 lbs., .98-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .85-.95; 600-700 lbs., .78-.88; 700-800 lbs., .72-.84; 800-up lbs., .65-.76.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.35; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .85-.95; 500-600 lbs., .75-.83; 600-up lbs., .64-.77.

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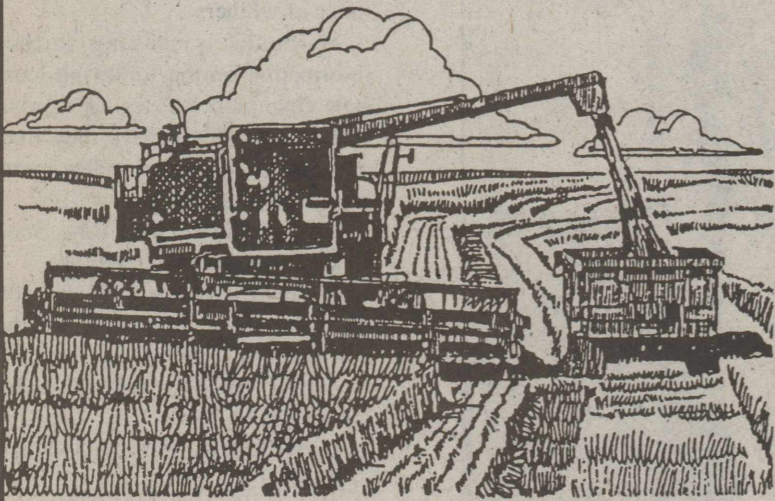
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Obituaries

Dorothy Cobb

Funeral services for Dorothy Cobb, 79, of Hobbs, N.M. were held Mon., June 16 at First Baptist Church in Hobbs, New Mexico with Bruce McBee and Jeff Wash officiating. Graveside services were held at Willow Cemetery Tues., June 17 in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cobb died Thurs., June 12 in Haskell.

Born July 10, 1923 in Stamford, she graduated from Stamford High School and attended nursing training in Stamford. She married S. G. Cobb Jan. 18, 1943 in Lawton, Oklahoma. After World War II, they started a farm and ranch enterprise in Haskell. They moved to Hobbs in 1959. She was a member of the Hobbs Woman's Civic Club, Garden Club and the Fashion Arts. She was a member of the Eastern Star. She served as an election judge and was an active member of the Lea County and

State Democratic Party. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church for 43 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Warren Dale Black.

Survivors include her husband, S. G. Cobb of the home; one son, Sam D. Cobb of Hobbs, N.M.; one daughter, Linda Joanne Keeney Gipson of Lake Kiowa; two sisters, Jenita Wayne 'Tillie' Nanny of Lubbock and Wanda Kay Wash of Odessa; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 1280 S. Parker Road, Denver, Colorado 80231-2100 or the College of the Southwest, 6610 Lovington Highway, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240.

PD. NOTICE

'Quick Draw' event features artists during Preview Party

The "Quick Draw" event at the Preview Party for the Stamford Art Foundation Show will feature twelve 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 and then will have a beautiful piece of artwork ready to be auctioned.

Those artists participating in the "Quick Draw" event are: Victor Armstrong, Bill Barrick, George Boutwell, R. Russell Brown, Hugh Campbell, Paula Vaden Carlton, Robert DeLeon, Steve Grey, Tom Paulson, Paul Cameron Smith, Kathy Tate and Gary Ward.

The Preview Party for the 30th

annual Stamford Art Foundation Show will be Tues., July 1 at the John Selmon Memorial Gallery. Besides the "Quick Draw" event there will be a steak dinner served with music by the Billy Bob Band. The art for the 2003 show will be viewed for the first time and those attending will have the opportunity to visit with the forty-three participating artists.

For more information about the tickets telephone the office of Kris Fouts at 325-773-5777.

Plan ahead when traveling with children

It's always more romantic in the movies. The car is waxed and clean, inside and out... equally immaculate-children and parents fit neatly into the front and back seats. It is not so much what is depicted in this scene, but what isn't. Where is the temper tantrum, the fight over the video games, the runny nose and the crying child?

Although it still won't rival a scene out of the movies, with a little

preparation, the car can be a safer and more creative place for the kids as well as the adults.

- Bring a box of safe toys.
- Bring food. Bring along dry snacks that are easy to clean up, such as Cheerios.
- Talk to your child ... just do it without looking in the rearview mirror.
- Focus on the road ahead. Eliminate potential distractions, like

talking on a cell phone or tuning the radio.

• Let your child be a back seat driver. Give your child a play steering wheel that fits with their safety seat and let them literally be your back seat driver.

• Clear your view. Before starting up the engine, make sure that your view is not obstructed in any window.

Bicycle accidents rise during summer

Pediatric trauma doctors can always tell when school lets out for the summer. The number of kids on bicycles struck by cars rises sharply.

"Children are out more and people drive faster in school zones and crossings during summer," says Dr. Todd Maxson, assistant professor of surgery who heads up the pediatric trauma program at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Dr. Maxson offers these tips to avoid accidents:

- Don't ride at dusk, in the dark or at any other time outdoor lighting is poor.
 - Wear brightly colored clothes and helmets-this goes for adult riders, too.
 - Avoid parking lots unless they are empty, because traffic can be unpredictable.
- If someone is struck, Dr. Maxson says to keep the injured still until rescuers arrive-only move the victim if he or she is likely to be hit again. Also, be calm and reassuring.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued during the month of May by Rhonda Moeller, Haskell County Clerk include:

Roger Dale Messenger of Rule and Lisa Kaye Beyer of Archer City.
Roy Lynn Trahan of Haskell and Barbara Gooch Decker of Hamlin.
Lonnie Dale Carnes Jr. and Michelle Rebecca Espinoza, both of Haskell.

Doyle Keaton Jetton of Thornton, Colorado and Marilynn Smith Earp of Weinert.

David James Foreman and Bridgett Lee Foreman, both of Haskell.

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MR. AND MRS. KENNETH CAMPBELL

Campbells celebrate 40th anniversary

Kenneth and Elaine Campbell of Haskell will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary, Sat., June 21, with a party at 7:00 p.m., at the Circle S Ranch, hosted by Jacky and Sandra Sanders.

The couple was married in 1963 at the Foursquare Church in Haskell, with Rev. Kathryn Byrd officiating. They are the parents of a daughter,

Karen Mitchell of Haskell, and have two grandchildren, Kendall and Allison Mitchell.

Kenneth Campbell has been employed with Haskell Tire and Appliance Co. for forty years. Elaine Campbell is employed at Wal-Mart Pharmacy in Stamford. She is the daughter of Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell.



MR. AND MRS. DON COLLINS

Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

Don and Bobbye Collins of Haskell recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, during a trip which was a gift from their children.

The couple was married in Gulfport, Mississippi, May 22, 1953, while Don was stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi, with the U. S. Air Force. After living in Biloxi for seven months, they lived in San Antonio and Don was sent to Korea.

A native of Breckenridge, Don graduated from Haskell High School in 1951. Bobbye was born in Munday and graduated high school there.

In Jan. 1957, Don Collins went to the D.P.S. Academy and started his highway patrol career in Memphis. They moved to Lampasas and then to Haskell where he retired in 1993 after 37 years with the Department of Public Safety.

Bobbye Collins worked in county tax offices in all of those places and has been Haskell County Tax Assessor-Collector since 1981.

The couple's children are David Collins of Haskell and Lindy Barefoot and husband, James Barefoot of Abilene. They have three grandchildren, Zach Collins, Ashley and Collin Barefoot.



DANIELA GUADALCAZAR - KENNETH LLEWELLYN

Guadalcazar, Llewellyn plan August wedding

Daniela Guadalcazar and Kenneth Llewellyn, both of Haskell announce their upcoming marriage planned for Sat., Aug. 9 at St. George's Catholic Church in Haskell.

Guadalcazar is the daughter of

Daniel and Lupe Guadalcazar of Haskell.

Llewellyn is the son of Kenneth Llewellyn Sr. of Greenburgh, N.Y. and the late Barbara Llewellyn of White Plains, N.Y.

Around Town By Joyce Hawkins

Greater Independent Baptist Church will host their annual women's day service Sun., June 22 beginning at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School. Morning worship services begin at 11 a.m. with Rev. Paul Lewis bringing the sermon. Speaking at 3 p.m. will be Missionary Ardel Delaney of Balch with the topic 'Not One Step without God' from Exodus 33:12-13.

On July 19-20, the Greater Independent Baptist Church will hold their homecoming and memorial service. Morning speaker will be Rev. Danny Brown of Breckenridge speaking on 'Let Go and Let God' from Psalm 37, 2 Chronicles 7-14 and John 2-15. Rev. V. Coffield will be the evening speaker.

On June 29, West Bethel Baptist Church in Rule will host a program with Rev. Jean Ward speaking during the morning services. Pastor Clovis Dever will bring the evening service with the theme 'God is the Answer

to the World's Disorder from John 3:16, 4: 4-11.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins of Stamford visited his mom, Joyce Hawkins, Tuesday.

Nedra McCauley and daughters, Marilou and Melisa were in town finishing up details on the sale of the McCauley home here. Nedra has moved to Louisiana.

Sixty family members and friends help Irene Muse celebrate her 102nd birthday Sat., June 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flanary and children Ashley and Ryan of Mountain Bug, Arkansas, Michelle and Britney Pannell, Cody and Abbie Blair of Megargel all visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair. Charles was recognized for having the most children present at Trinity Baptist Church on Sunday.

Elexia Castillo of Lewisville visited with Grandma Isabelle on Monday.



The Carousel Bridal Registry

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Kristen Rodela and Gavino Ortiz

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Bridal Selections

Jennifer Landreth <small>Bride-elect of Wade Mize</small>	Kristen Rodela <small>Bride-elect of Gavino Ortiz</small>
Brandi Lee <small>Bride-elect of Arron Duniven</small>	Lesli Isbell <small>Bride-elect of Tony Wharry</small>
Jennifer Vacek <small>Bride-elect of Pidi Castaneda</small>	Spivey (Jones) and Joe Sikorseky



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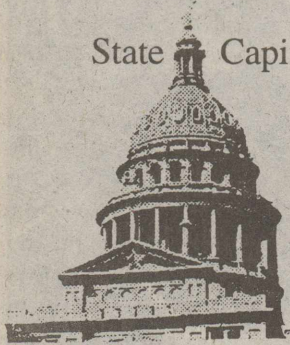
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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Bills await June 22 signature deadline

AUSTIN—The legislative process in Texas has gone from sine die to sign or die.

When the Legislature adjourns sine die, the governor has 20 days to sign or veto bills. Facing that June 22 deadline, Gov. Rick Perry had signed 202 bills as of June 10.

Three of the bills Perry put his name on will have a big impact on homeowners, but not as much of an impact as some had hoped.

The biggest of the three was Senate Bill 14, which effective on its signing date placed all insurance companies doing business in Texas under state regulation. Under the new law, the insurance commissioner has the authority to review and approve or reject rates for homeowners.

Affected insurance companies have a little less than three weeks to file their current rates with Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor, who then has three months to approve the rates. That means the cost of new policies or renewals could begin going down by July, in some cases by as much as 25 percent.

That's the good news. The bad news from the consumer perspective is that this new, tough control only holds until December 2003. After that, insurance companies will be able to return to setting the rates they want.

The state will only be empowered to meddle with those rates if it believes they are too high, inequitable or discriminatory.

Consumer groups also were disappointed that the Legislature did not approve an across-the-board rollback of rates to January 2001 figures.

Also signed into law was House Bill 329, which sets up a licensing program for mold remediators and assessors—a previously unregulated industry. This law goes on the books effective Sept. 1.

A third insurance-related measure, Senate Bill 127, requires insurers to move more quickly on water damage claims. The idea behind this bill is to get water damage taken care of before mold has time to grow.

Cuts won't be healthy for some... Another piece of legislation signed by Perry leaves a lot of state workers wondering whether they

will be able to make their mortgage payments, much less their insurance fees.

House Bill 2292, which the governor transformed into law with the stroke of his pen, consolidates a dozen health-related agencies into four components under a new umbrella agency to be known as the Department of Health and Human Services.

Though the reorganization will save an estimated \$1 billion in tax dollars, it also will eliminate at least 2,162 jobs. Opponents of the legislation argued that the real loss could go as high as 5,000. Many of the lost positions exist only on paper or can be realized through retirements or attrition, but some proverbial pink slips will be in the offing.

History crisis...

Still up in the air is whether the 107-year-old Texas State Historical Association will suffer a 100 percent budget cut in its state funding. The association has been headquartered on the University of Texas campus since William Prather was the school's president in the early 1900s.

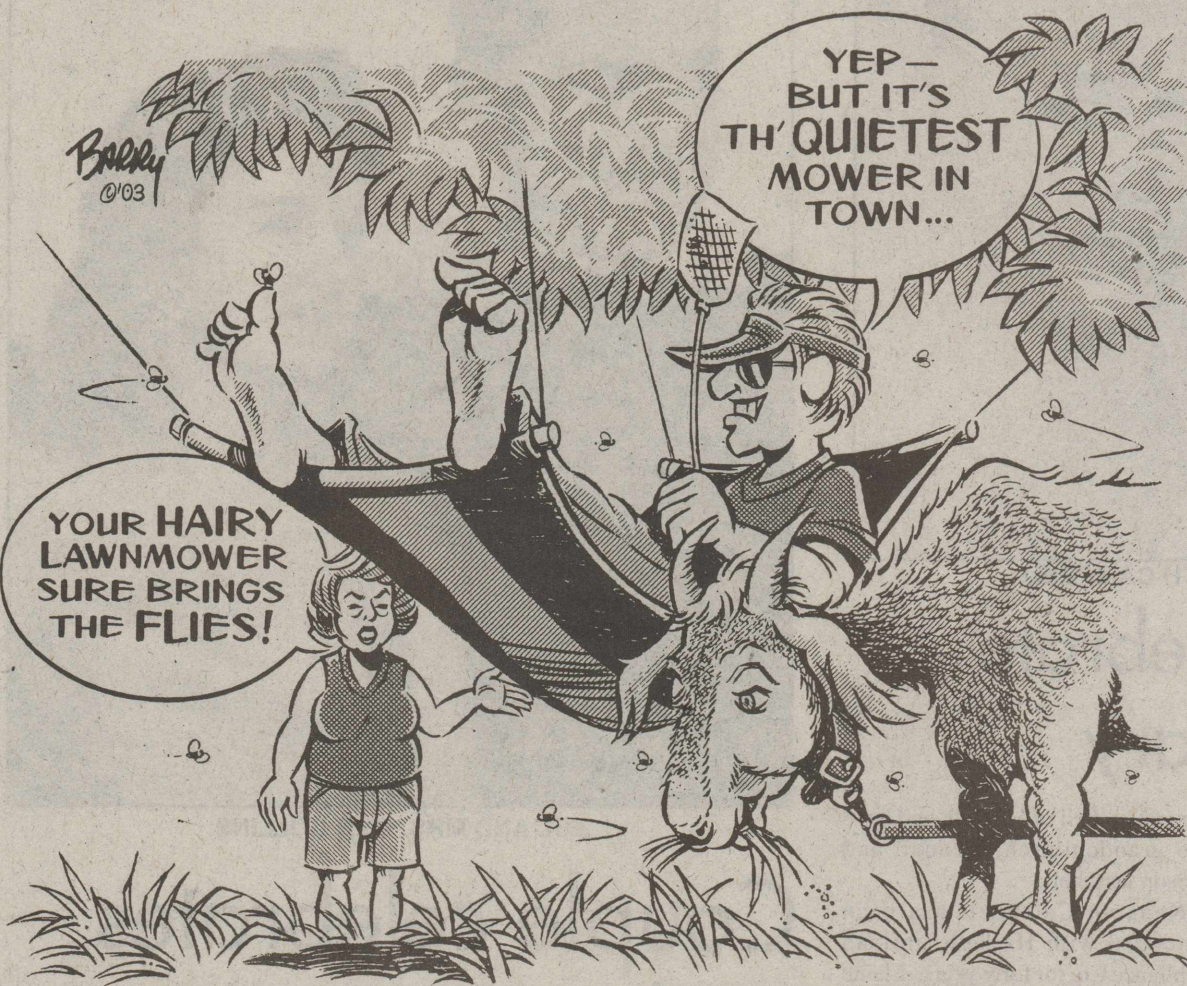
In modern times, the association has been receiving funds through the UT College of Liberal Arts, which is currently considering elimination of the Center for Studies in Texas History, which includes the TSHA.

The association publishes the Southwestern Historical Quarterly and the New Handbook of Texas, which is available free online and receives more than 1 million hits monthly.

Play Ball!

Politics is all about playing ball. So, of course, is baseball. The Texas State History Museum has opened a new temporary exhibit on the history of baseball in the Lone Star State. More than 100 Texas towns, from Ballinger to Frisco, have had minor league baseball teams since 1888, when the Texas League was established. And Houston and Dallas have had and do have big league teams.

In addition to the exhibit, which runs through the rest of the year, this summer the museum will feature a one-man show on Texas black baseball great Willie Wells, who grew up in Austin. For more information on the new exhibit and show, check the museum's Web site, www.TheStoryofTexas.com.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in Haskell. I have been married almost 50 years and have one son.

I attended school in Haskell (all 12 grades), have a bachelors degree from Hardin-Simmons, and a masters and doctorate obtained while working.

No one knows that I once sold Bibles and cookbooks in Pennsylvania and West Virginia the summer between my sophomore and junior years of high school.

My favorite TV show is "60 Minutes."

My favorite types of music are contemporary oldies, Billie Holiday type blues and Willie Nelson type country. My favorite song is "Whiskey River" and my favorite music is "Clair de Lune."

I like to work in the yard, hunt and fish.

The last book I read was *The Summons* by John Grisham. I am now reading *Book of Lies* by Iris Johansen.

My favorite place in Texas is Haskell. I love the Texas Hill Country, but really, my favorite vacation spot in the world is somewhere new that I haven't yet been.

My best quality is knowing how

to work. My worst quality is having a lack of patience.

I hate it when people do not meet their commitments, verbal or otherwise.

My greatest personal accomplishment is my family.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is the people; no question about it. That is why we live here.

Watch for the identity of this Mystery Reader next week.

Update

The Mystery Reader in the June 5 edition was Lorene Nichols of Haskell, who recently enjoyed helping with her daughter Patsy's project to make Braille Bibles, and who once did volunteer work at the Haskell County Library, helping her Aunt Elsie McGehee.

Born in Young County, Lorene attended school in both Haskell and Paducah, and at a young age she married and she and her husband moved to South Texas, where they had four children. As a young widow after his death, she attended Beauty School in Corpus Christi and got her beauty license. She also worked at the telephone office back when the operators said, "Number please."

Ten years after her husband died she married James 'Pete' Nichols and

they lived together in Haskell until his death nine years ago. Still enjoying living in Haskell, she has two sisters here, Marie Marr and Oleta Bowers.

Lorene's children are daughters Patsy Adress of Corpus Christi, Faye Marie White of Mount Pleasant, Lydia Gale Smith of Abilene and son, Archie Dwayne Carter of Fort Worth. She has five grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, all of whom she says are precious to her.

Last year she enjoyed flying to Corpus Christi to visit her daughter, see a granddaughter and the dolphins. She is also known for liking to shop at Wal-Mart, wherever she is.

She attends East Side Baptist Church in Haskell, and loves the music there.

This summer she is looking forward to having her family here during the Oliphant and Ammons family reunion.

A Thought for the Week

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For indeed, that's all who ever have."

—Margaret Meade

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

June 17, 1993

Kacye Nemir of Bryan negotiated a five-year contract with manager/producer Tommy Dee Donaldson, owner of TNT Promotions, which includes five independent record labels.

Haskell native Jim Brock was named 'Wrestling USA' magazine's 1993 "Man of the Year" for Texas.

Lon Dennis McMillin Jr. was conferred a bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Services and Development at Tarleton State University.

The Texas Farm Bureau honored four youngsters including Grant Hisey, Charlie Parks, Amanda Crawford and Kevin Grand.

20 Years Ago

June 16, 1983

Thirty-one barrel racers participated in a three day clinic conducted by world champion barrel racer Lynn McKenzie. Lisa Adair was named most improved, and Brenda Carson won a saddle for the best average.

Jerry Davis placed third in the Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University with his entomology demonstration.

A Haskell youth, Andy Griffith, was one of ten Big Country youths who took part in Hardin-Simmons University's Computer Camp.

Two students from Haskell Junior High were participants in the Big

Country Front Line Camp for baton twirlers, flag corps, drum majors and rifles held on the campus of the Hardin-Simmons University. They were Kim Short and Shanna Mueller.

30 Years Ago

June 21, 1973

Four young men from Haskell County, Robert Gates Colbert, Keith Ronn Hannsz, James Winter McCoy, and James Clint Melton participated in the 33rd annual American Legion Boys State.

The First Baptist Church of Haskell proudly honored two of its own, who have done much in the field of religious education and guidance in their lifetime. Honored were May Belle Taylor and Robert Barnett.

Sammy Larned of Haskell was one of four Texas National Guardsmen promoted to platoon sergeant.

40 Years Ago

June 20, 1963

Mrs. J. T. Hester took her first airplane ride at the age of 82. She was the first person to make a contribution to a cash fund to establish and develop an airstrip for Haskell.

Four area boys left for a week's camp at the Salvation Army's Camp Hoblitzelle near Dallas. They were Newt and Joe Owens of Rule, Jerry Miller and Larry Warner of Haskell.

Haskell Business and Professional Women's Club recognized the

Weaver sisters: Opal Adkins, Veta Furrh, Artie May Burkett and Clara Biard for over 113 years of community service.

50 Years Ago

June 18, 1953

Mrs. Keith Wheatley won the Saddle Tramps sponsor's contest by riding the clover leaf pattern barrel race course three times in 61.1 seconds.

Capt. James Frank Cadenhead, Jr., practicing physician here was recalled to active military service. He assumed command of the 3500th Medical Group at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock.

Sizzling temperatures of 100 degrees and above were forgotten by four Haskell couples who vacationed in the mountains of Northern New Mexico. They were the Herrens, the Hesters, the Middletons and the Lanes.

100 Years Ago

June 20, 1903

Two enterprising Haskell boys, Dick and Gurley Carney have gone into business for themselves. They have pigeons, rabbits, bantam and game chickens for sale.

Our old townsman, A. W. Springer, now at Stamford with Baker-Bryant Company, was here. He had just returned from a trip through Stonewall, Kent and Dickens Counties and reported farming operations very backward in that section.

New project helps caregivers

Most people describe themselves as someone's mother, daughter, brother, parent or spouse. But have you ever thought of yourself as a caregiver?

Dr. Patti J. Patterson, vice president of rural and community health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, says that if your mother has Alzheimer's and you stop by every morning to make sure she gets up and has her breakfast, or your brother has cancer, and so you run his errands and cut his grass once a week, or your father has severe arthritis and you help him with his laundry and shopping every Saturday, you are a caregiver.

Because of the growing number of caregivers, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Institute for Healthy Aging, and six West Texas Area Agencies on Aging have launched an innovative project called West Texas Cares. It is a program designed to provide education and outreach to caregivers, especially those in rural communities, and to direct them to services provided by their local Area Agency on Aging, such as respite care, counseling, education, home modifications, etc.

Being a caregiver means a new existence for some. It frequently means putting the needs of another before your own on a regular basis. It means giving up freedom to do the things that you want to do in favor of things you have to do. It means looking at a future that does not resemble what you thought it would.

Caregivers may need help to understand the vital role they play in relation to the person for whom they are caring. Even more important, they may need critical information about how to care for themselves and keep their emotional reserves full enough to handle all that comes along. Dr. Patterson says that West Texas Cares can assist caregivers in locating services and in finding information they need.

Those feeling the pressure of being a caregiver and needing help can visit the website at www.WestTexasCares.com or contact the caregiver specialist at your local Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-252-9240.

Summer's bounty is good for you

Summer's bounty could have extra benefits for your health.

Summer is a great time to eat fresh fruits and vegetables, whether you get your treats from your garden, the grocery store or the farmer's market. So many foods that are good for you are in season at this time of year, so they're inexpensive and readily available. Numerous studies have shown the benefits of eating plenty of fruits and vegetables.

At least five servings a day are recommended to help prevent cancer and heart disease, and researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas have found that eating at least 50 grams of soluble fiber—the kind found in fruits and vegetables—a day can help lower insulin levels for diabetics.

Which fruits and vegetables are best for fiber? Look for yellow or orange fruits, like cantaloupes, papaya, mangoes and oranges. Vegetables such as broccoli, okra, artichokes and kohlrabi are also good sources of fiber. You can also find soluble fiber in beans and in grains like oats.

While fresh fruits and vegetables are so readily available, it's an ideal time to work more of them into your diet. Add berries to your breakfast cereal. Make a fruit salad for lunch. Eat a piece of fruit for dessert—this is an especially fun way to try a new kind of fruit. Look for new vegetables you haven't tried to create unique side dishes. You can even grill some vegetables the way you would meats. The great thing about fruit is that there's very little cooking involved—just wash, peel and slice.

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Sanders reunion held at ranch

From several towns in Texas, Arizona, and North Carolina, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of the late Jack and Sallie Sanders, longtime residents of Weinert, met June 12 through 15 at Jacky Sanders Circle S Ranch in southeast Haskell County.

All ten of the living children attended the reunion, with total attendance of seventy-eight family members and four guests.

First-time attendants were Flint, Andrea, Kelsey, Ashley and Flint Loyd Brown of Mesa, Arizona. They were taken on a tour by Lona Mae Phelps, to view the home of Andrea's grandmother, Sallie Sanders of Weinert, and the graves of the great, great grandparent, Richard Scott Alexander, great grandparents, George and Harriet Alexander in the Weinert Cemetery, and the grandparents, Jack and Sallie Sanders in Haskell Willow Cemetery.

Sue Cox and Marie Kirkland were emcees for the talent show on Saturday night featuring everyone who would participate.

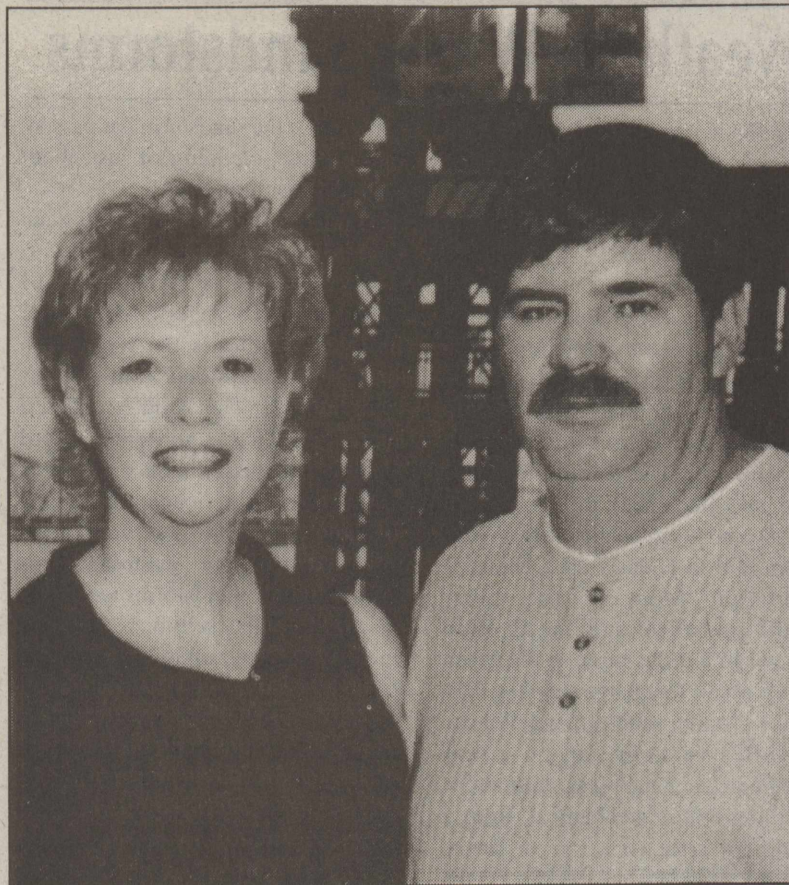
Washer pitching, dominos, basketball and other games were played. Smaller children built sand castles and searched for spiders, rode barrels and picked Mesquite beans in the cool weather. Some of the children rode horses, and four wheelers. The men fished and rode horses over the ranch.

The group enjoyed pies made by Wilma Sanders and Elaine Campbell, cookies brought by Marlene and Brenda Sanders, ice cream made by Donna and Stephen Slade and food prepared at the chuck wagon by

Darwin Slade, Stephen Slade and Ricky Sanders.

Attending the reunion were: Lona Mae Phelps, Kenneth and Elaine Campbell, Karen, Kendall and Allison Mitchell, all of Haskell; Travis and Wilma Sanders, Travis Glenn, Pam and Leigh Sanders, and Alexis Coheo, all of Coleman; Darwin and Ethel Slade, Stephen, Donna, Seth and Nicole Slade of Eager, Arizona; Flint, Andrea, Kelsey, Ashley and Flint Loyd Brown of Mesa, Arizona; Andy and Marlene Sanders of Cross Plains; Tommy and Lisa Lambright of Austin; John, Carol, Paul, David and Timothy Hardman of Carey, North Carolina; Bill, Martha and Loretta Maupin, Susan and Shawn Ray, a friend, Jarrett Wells and little Bill Maupin, all of Odessa; B. D. and Marie Kirkland, Jacky D., Barbie and Rebecca Kirkland of Weatherford; Tom and Tammy Tension, all of Fort Worth; Walter and Sue Cox, Junior, Christi, Kade, Drew and Macy Cox of Omaha; Scott, Brenda, Casey, Austin and Sallie Sartain of Ore City; Deborah, Zane and Annah Mackay of Naples; Jacky, Sandra, Ricky and Jaclyn Sanders of Aledo; Rex, Mandy and Abigail Sanders of Haltom City; Kenneth, Scarlet, Scarlet Diane, Shauna and David Cole of Seguin; Rocky and Marsha Sanders, Keith and April Escabedo of Abilene.

The reunion was hosted by Travis and Wilma Sanders and children. Darwin and Ethel Slade of Eager, Arizona, will host next year's reunion on the second weekend of June at the Circle S Ranch.



MR. AND MRS. ROLAND GARDNER

Gardners celebrate 25th anniversary

Roland and Sharee Gardner of Haskell have returned to their home following a week in New Orleans celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

The Gardners were married Fri., May 26, 1978 in a double ring ceremony at the First Assembly of God Church of Haskell. The late Rev. Marshall Stewart of Hamlin officiated at the service.

Sun., May 25, the couple commemorated the occasion by renewing their vows in a double ring wedding ceremony at the First Christian Church of Haskell, with Minister Dusty Garrison officiating.

A reception immediately followed the ceremony, hosted by Brandy Gardner, the couple's daughter, and Louise Reese, the bride's mother. Tenille Williams of Lubbock and

Selina Salinas of Denton, served beverages, wedding cake and various choices from the hors d'oeuvre tables. Approximately eighty family members and close friends attended the celebration.

The Gardners have made their home in Haskell since their marriage. They have two children. Their son, Eric Reese, resides in Tennessee Colony. Their daughter, Brandy, resides in Lubbock where she attends Texas Tech University and is employed by the law office of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott.

Roland Gardner was a longtime employee of Paint Creek Power Plant and now operates Gardner Construction of Haskell. Sharee Gardner is employed with Haskell County Appraisal District.

Commissioners' Court report

In a special called meeting of the Court, June 2, Haskell County Commissioners accepted the bid of \$4,496.00 from Custom Roofing Concepts to put a roof on the Anchor store and cabins, plus an additional \$496.00 to replace roof jacks for fireplaces, replace pipes and roof caps.

The Court also accepted the following bids for sale of Precinct #4 equipment: \$887.50 from Lavon Beakley for the Trojan Loader, \$100.00 from Delbert Howell for the Dodge truck, \$100.00 from Johnny Stulir for the 1970 Ford Pickup and \$100.00 from Johnny Stulir for the 1984 Ford Pickup. The bid of \$123.45 was rejected from Joel Lane for the for the 1966 Chevrolet winch truck.

Approval was given to advertise for the sale of the Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR) building at 1301 N. First Street.

At the regular meeting of the Court on June 9, Commissioner

Kenny Thompson, Precinct #3, was re-appointed to the MHMR Board of Trustees.

Approval was given by the Court to the County Depository Pledge Contract with Rule Banking Center.

The lease contract agreement with Hendrick Health Care on the MHMR building was approved and accepted.

Approval was given for advertising for bids to power-wash and apply Conklin Cap to the roofs at the Sheriff's Office and the old jail.

After discussion, the Court agreed to advertise for bids to sell four (4) acres of land, which was formerly Tanner-Paint School land.

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Pokey the Clown Jr. Rodeo results

At the Jr. Ranch Rodeo conducted by Pokey the Clown during the Wild Horse Prairie Days Working Ranch Cowboy Association (WRCA) Rodeo in Haskell, children ages four through sixteen participated in events using custom made wooden livestock and stick horses. Team events included a Pony Express Race, Wild Cow Milking and Calf Branding.

Each team had four kids, competing in three age divisions: Pee Wee, ages 4-7; Junior, ages 8-11; Senior, ages 12-16. The winners in each division qualified to compete in the WRCA Finals in Amarillo in November. Because of a tie in points between the Pee Wee Division teams of Galloping Gals and the Tombstone Gang, both will advance to the final competitions. Also, the first and

second place teams in the Junior Division, the Dynamite Dolls and the Double T, will both compete in Amarillo because there were no entries in the Senior Division.

Members of the Galloping Gals team are Kannan Pitcock, Emilea English, Sarah English and Kathryn Cude. The Tombstone Gang team members are Krissy Bassett, Max Weise, Drake Everett and Alye Stewart. These teams are the co-champs of the Pee Wee Division.

The first place team in the Junior Division, the Dynamite Dolls, is composed of Brooke Bullinger, Aubrey Bassett, Sarah Weise and Meagan Kimbrough. Also advancing to final competition is the Double T team of Cody Benson, Brady Leach, Ashley Short and Kelsy Adams.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA



GET READY FOR THE 2003 TAX CUTS

On May 28, 2003, President Bush signed the 2003 tax bill. The new law contains \$330 billion of tax cuts plus \$20 billion in aid to the states. Here are the major changes you can expect.

Cuts in tax rates. Rates in each of the top four tax brackets drop by 2% or more, retroactive to January 1, 2003. The bottom 10% bracket expands by \$1,000 for singles and \$2,000 for married couples. Expect to see lower withholding from your paycheck beginning in July.

Increase in child tax credit. The child tax credit increases from \$600 to \$1,000 per child for 2003 and 2004. To help boost the economy, the IRS will pay the 2003 increase in advance by mailing checks to eligible taxpayers. If you qualify based on your filed 2002 tax return, expect to receive a check for up to \$400 per child in late summer.

Lower taxes on dividends and capital gains. The top rate on most dividends and long-term capital gains drops to 15%. Currently dividends are taxed at ordinary income rates and most capital gains at 20%. If you're in the lower two tax brackets, the new rate on dividends and capital gains will be 5% through 2007 and 0% in 2008. Rates will revert to the pre-2003 law levels in 2009. The new rates apply to dividends received in 2003 and to capital gains realized after May 5, 2003.

Business investment incentives. From 2003 to 2005, small businesses can take an immediate tax write-off for up to \$100,000 of most equipment purchases each year. The previous limit for 2003 was \$25,000. All businesses can also claim a first-year bonus depreciation of 50% of the cost of new equipment purchased from May 6, 2003, until December 31, 2004.

Other provisions. The law also provides limited relief from the marriage penalty and the alternative minimum tax.

For further details on the new law of assistance with your tax planning, contact our office.

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NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

TXU Gas Company (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act as set forth in the Texas Utilities Code, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all of the customers served by the Company in the incorporated municipalities and unincorporated areas in the Company's statewide gas utility system (the "System"). The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact all classes of service and all fees and charges presently being assessed by the Company on its transmission and distribution systems. As of the filing date of the Company's Statement of Intent to change rates, the proposed rates are expected to approximately produce a \$69,524,311 or a 7.24 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from customers in the System. The proposed change will affect approximately 1,344,030 residential, 125,603 commercial, and 1,441 industrial sales and transportation customers in the System. The proposed change constitutes a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. The proposed changes in rates will not become effective for environs customers until similar changes have become effective within the nearest incorporated city or town. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$41.69, which would constitute an average increase of approximately \$3.59 per month or a 9.4% increase. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$173.04, which would constitute an average increase of approximately \$13.91 per month or a 8.7% increase. The effect of the proposed changes to rates and services for industrial sales and transportation customers, which may be significant for individual customers, will vary depending on type of service and consumption. The proposed change would constitute an increase of \$0.00 or a 0% increase in annual revenues to the Company for industrial sales and transportation customers. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas and all of the System cities and towns on May 23, 2003, is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with specific area questions or who want information about this filing may contact TXU Gas Company at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons located inside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with their respective municipality. Any affected persons located outside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, but have a limited time to do so. Pursuant to the Rules of the Railroad Commission of Texas, Title 16 of the Texas Administrative Code Section 7.230, any affected persons may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the environs rates with the Docket Services Section of the Railroad Commission of Texas, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. The Company is proposing to have these proposed rates become effective on June 27, 2003.

Este es un aviso para informar a los clientes de TXU Gas Company (la "Compañía") que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa de gas. Este aumento afectará a todos los consumidores de gas de la Compañía en el estado de Texas. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a TXU Gas Company al 1-800-460-3030.

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Weathers Whys: Sandstorms

Q: What causes sandstorms?

A. Sandstorms are caused by strong winds that occur in desert or semi-arid regions and they carry thick clouds of dust and sand, often reducing visibility to near zero in many cases, says John Nielsen-Gammon of Texas A&M University. In many parts of the world, such as the deserts of the Southwest U.S., or in Africa or the Middle East, sandstorms can create havoc with man and machine.

"A sandstorm can last for several hours to a full day," says Nielsen-Gammon. "Most of the time, sandstorms affect only the air from about 1 to 3 miles high, so airplanes flying above that range are okay. But on the ground, sand moving at near 50 miles an hour can be a real nightmare. It can clog up just about anything that is mechanical, from a soldier's rifle to a car or army

tank. Once the sandstorm has passed, a thorough cleaning of just about anything is required."

Q: What types of sandstorms can occur?

A: There are two types of sandstorms, says Nielsen-Gammon. "The first kind is the result of a severe thunderstorm that creates strong winds. This kind is called a 'haboob' which is an Arabic word for blowing dust. The second type is the one most Americans are familiar with. It's caused by a curving of the jet stream which brings strong winds to the surface. Sandstorms tend to be worse during the daytime because the ground is heated up by the sun and the dust can be carried greater distances. That's why breathing can become a real problem and some type of mask is often required. Probably the worst sandstorms occur in China and Mongolia," Nielsen-Gammon adds. "The sand blows so hard that there is a 'yellow rain' effect. So much sand is in the air that it changes the color of raindrops and there appears to be a yellow rain falling from the sky."

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Students in the News

Spring commencement at Texas Tech University in Lubbock saw more than 1,900 students awarded degrees. Ceremonies took place May 17 in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

Jodi Thigpen of Haskell graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies.

Named to the President's List were Meg McManamon of Haskell, a junior Multidisciplinary Studies major; Jessica Rieger of Haskell, a sophomore Animal Science major; and Katherine Thompson of Paint Creek, an undeclared Arts & Sciences major.

Students on the President's List have taken 12 hours during the semester and maintained a 4.0 grade point average.

West Texas A&M University in Canyon has named 899 students to their Dean's List.

Included was Johanna Payne of

Haskell, a senior Criminal Justice major. Dean's List honorees must have a GPA between 3.25 and 3.85 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Kristin Cypert of Haskell was among 228 students of Midwestern State University named to the President's Honor Roll for the Spring 2003 semester.

To make the President's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than A (4.0)

Jerri Buerger and Judy Foster of Haskell were among 256 students named to the Midwestern State University Vice President's Honor Roll for the Spring 2003 semester.

To make the Vice President's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 and no grade lower than a C.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., June 23
Lunch—Beef and cheese enchilidas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fresh tossed salad, chips and hot sauce, Mexican bread pudding with lemon sauce, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., June 25
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch—Spaghetti and meat sauce, okra and tomatoes, blackeyed peas,

sliced onions, garlic toast, cherry cheesecake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., June 27
Lunch—BBQ beef/pork sandwiches, potato salad, pinto beans, pickles/relish/onions, mayo/mustard/ketchup, dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

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

Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

June 23-27
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Beef nachos, pinto beans, watermelon
Tuesday: Beef spaghetti, corn, salad, hot rolls, peach cobbler
Wednesday: Taco/cheese, pinto

beans, salad, jello
Thursday: Steak fingers/gravy, baked potato, green beans, breadstick, oranges
Friday: Cheeseburger, assorted chips, lettuce/tomatoes/pickle, vanilla ice cream cup with toppings

This Week's Devotional Message:



EVERY PRAYER SHOULD CONTAIN A WORD OF GRATITUDE

When we pray, we are communicating with God; and we should do this at least twice a day: in the morning to ask for the strength and ability we will need for whatever the day might bring, and at bedtime to give thanks for this divine help and guidance. There is no reason to give God a "shopping list" of our material desires, for He is already aware of our needs and will grant the things

that are right for us. At your house of worship you will learn the proper words of the prayers that conform to your faith; but whatever they say, the principle still applies. When we develop the habit of expressing our gratitude for even the little things, we will learn to decrease our desires and be all the more appreciative of the blessings which we already have.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

East Side Baptist Church
Dr. Jim Helfin, interim 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.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

New Vision Family Worship Center
James Fincker, 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
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.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
Allen Brooks, 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.m., 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.m., 10:30 a.m., 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., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
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.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

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

First Baptist Church
Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 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 Pavilion

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

WEINERT
First Baptist Church
Chris Powell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER
Church of Christ
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 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.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

O'BRIEN
O'Brien Baptist Church
Kyle Gullledge, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p., 6 p. Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

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
Melissa Bemis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton

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
Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5 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 & Hobins, Huie

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

First United Methodist Church
Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

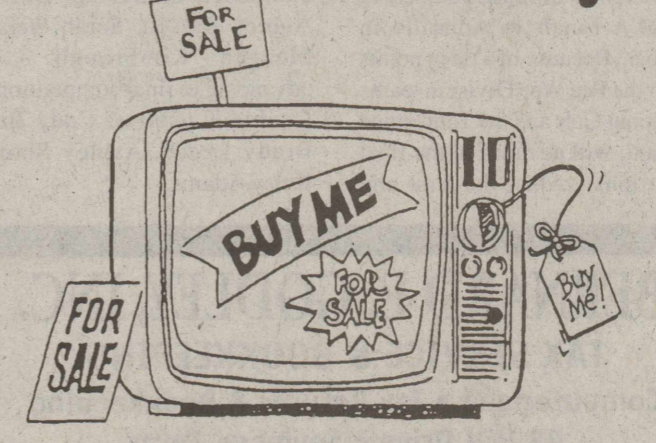
Primera Iglesia Bautista
Alfa y Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

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

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

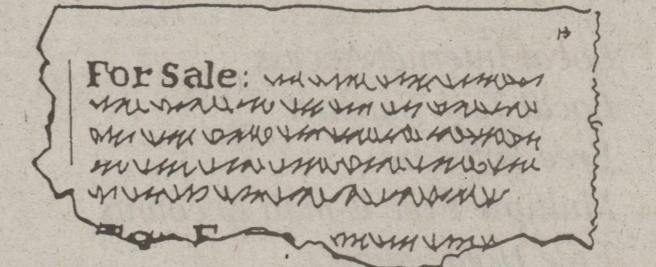


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FARM SAFETY SESSION—Area children watch as instructor Darlene Hopkins of Haskell talks about "Sun Safety" and demonstrates checking skin quality for ultra violet rays during the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp held in Munday, May 31.

Children learn to deal with hazards on the farm during Farm Safety Camp

Seventy-three children learned how to identify and deal with hazards on the farm during a Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp held May 31 in Munday. The camp was brought to the Munday and Haskell area by Texas Cooperative Extension-Knox & Haskell Counties and is the fourth camp of this type they have hosted since 1997.

The camp drew children ages 7 through 14 from throughout the area for a day long event on how to take responsibility for their own safety, respect parents' safety rules and share safety tips with their family and friends. Sixty youth and adult volunteers were instrumental in conducting the camp.

Hands-on experiences led by instructors through out the area and state taught camp participants lifetime farm safety lessons in hopes that by sharing and applying the lessons learned at camp, participants will help to reduce the number of

rural children who die or are injured in farm incidents.

Sessions presented and instructors were: Seatbelt Safety-Gary Rozzell, TX Dept. of Public Safety, Mineral Wells; Chemical Safety-Brandon Anderson, County Extension Agent/Ag., Haskell; 911 Awareness-Ronnie Brown, Knox County 911, Munday; Tractor & Equipment Safety-John Hayes, John Deere/Quality Implement, Abilene; Power Tool Safety-Colby Christie, Ag. Science Instructor, Rochester; Water Safety-Steve Barbour, TX Dept. of Parks & Wildlife; Firearm Safety-Shea Guinn, TX Dept. of Parks & Wildlife; Fire Safety-Munday Volunteer Fire Dept., Bill Longan, Jessie Andrade, Kyle Bibb and Bill Williams; Sun Safety-Darlene Hopkins, Haskell; PTO Safety-Rick Moeller, Ag. Science Instructor, Munday; Electrical Safety-Tri-County Electric Co-op, Bill Longan, Phil Loftin, Don Gregg, Joe P. Snyder, Pete Winn, Stan

Decker, David Mathis and Richard Latham.

The days activities began with Robert Harrington, Ag. Science Instructor, Patton Springs welcoming the group. Gary Dyess, Safety Coordinator for Tri-County Electric Co-op spoke to the group and gave his personal testimony about being involved in an electrical accident.

Coordinators for the camp were Jane Rowan-County Extension Agent/FCS, Knox County and Lou Gilly-County Extension Agent/FCS, Haskell County. A Farm Safety Day Camp Task Force comprised of Brandon Anderson, Trish Jones, Rick Moeller, Karen Lehrmann, Barbara Horne, Kate Rowan, Judy Lowe, Justin Lowe, Jerry Don Hudgens and Caleb Hudgens attribute the day camp's success in large part to the generous support of many local and area organizations, volunteers and businesses.

USDA launches CDP

Texas producers can expect to receive financial assistance for crop losses through the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), launched by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Fri., June 6. According to Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director for the Haskell County Farm Service Agency (FSA), CDP is available to producers with qualifying crop losses for the 2001 or 2002 crop years.

"We (Farm Service Agency) recognize the hardships caused by natural disasters and believe this program will allow farmers and ranchers to regain some of their lost income," said Brzozowski.

Crop disaster payments for 2001 and 2002 production and quality losses will be calculated similar to the 2000 CDP. Eligible producers with greater than 35 percent loss will receive payment at 50 percent of the established price if the crop was covered by crop insurance or the noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) or if coverage was not available. Payments will be based on 45 percent of the established price for crops that could have been insured or covered by NAP, but were not.

"CDP payments will be limited to \$80,000 per producer and/or entity, but funding for the program is unlimited," said Brzozowski. "Although no sign-up deadline has been announced, we are striving to implement this program in a timely fashion in order to effectively benefit the producer."

Brzozowski encourages producers to begin organizing relevant crop loss documentation and contact the Haskell County FSA Office to schedule an appointment to discuss program eligibility and the application process.

For more information regarding CDP and other disaster assistance, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617.

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The Haskell County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2004 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 10, 2003 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.	\$272,620
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 11,100
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	5 <i>(full-time equivalent)</i>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	5 <i>(full-time equivalent)</i>

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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