

Boys basketball

Boys Summer League
-Junior High-
Mon., June 30 at Haskell
Aspermont vs Haskell 4 p.m.
Throckmorton vs Haskell 5 p.m.
Newcastle vs Rule 6 p.m.
-Varsity and JV-
Thurs., June 26 at Haskell
JV 6 p.m.
Varsity 7 p.m.
Tues., July 1 at Haskell
Rule JV 5 p.m.
Rule Varsity 6 p.m.

Calendar

Kid's crusade event

The Church of God youth will sell snowcones and burritos at Heavenly Snow snowcone stand June 28 beginning at noon. Proceeds will benefit the kid's crusade and Winterfest events.

Revival

The Church of God will hold revival June 29-July 4. Services will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Rev. Patricia Dickens will be the evangelist.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., June 28 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The concession stand will open at 5 and the music will start at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

Variety show

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center is planning a fundraising variety show tentatively set for Aug. 9 or Aug. 16. Talent needed includes singers, bands, instrumentals, magic acts or funny routines. Individuals or groups wishing to perform should call Jennabeth Kimbrough at 864-3703 or 864-3875. Proceeds will benefit the Experienced Citizens Center.

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.

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.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., July 3 at 9:30 a.m. The next visit by a representative will be in October, with following visits on a quarterly basis.

Patriotic service

A patriotic service will be held Sun., June 29 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rochester. A potluck meal will follow the service. Everyone is invited to come celebrate freedom with patriotic music.

Homeschooling

A meeting for those wishing to learn about homeschooling will be held Tues., July 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Contact Randy or Janet Bowers for more information at 864-2964.

Hamburger/bake sale

The girls softball All-Star teams will hold a hamburger meal and bake sale Mon., June 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. at the Modern Way parking lot. Tickets are \$5. Call Jacklyn Wheatley at 864-3126 for more information or to purchase tickets. Proceeds will help with tournament expenses for the teams.

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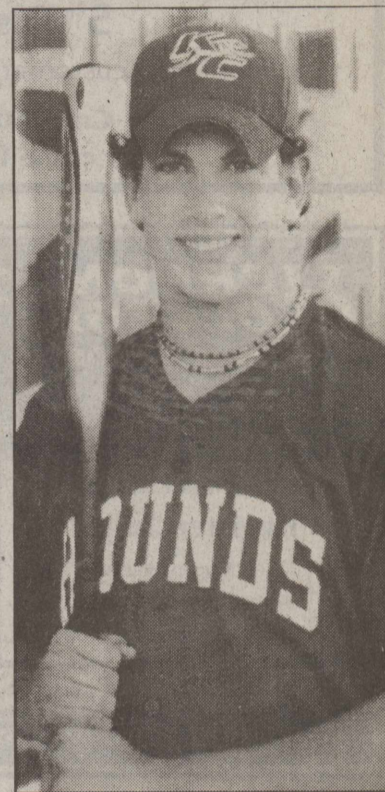
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JUDGE 'DIGS' CHRISTMAS—Using a City of Haskell ditcher, Haskell County Judge David Davis works to dig a ditch for installing electrical lines for the extensive Christmas decorations that have been donated by the Allie Belle Smith family to be

displayed on the Courthouse lawn during the holidays. The project is a joint effort of the City of Haskell and Chamber of Commerce, through a \$500.00 matching grant from Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) in Knox City.



CALEB CARVER

Carver to play in All-Star Game

Caleb Carver of Knox City was selected to play third base in the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association (THSBCA) 30th Annual All Star Game at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock, June 14. He was selected to the North A-2A-3A team which consisted of four 1A players, six 2A players and ten 3A players.

He was escorted onto the field by his dad, David Carver, and his coach, Jeremy West. Each All Star was announced and given a keepsake THSBCA commemorative watch.

Carver helped lead the Knox City Greyhound baseball team to win the school's first District Baseball Championship. He was selected as the District's Most Valuable Defensive Player 2003 and also selected to the THSBCA All Star State 1A Team as an infielder.

Also, as a senior Greyhound football participant, his team went deep in the playoffs as Regional Champions, and he was selected 1st Team All District Center, 1st Team All District Defensive End, Texas Sports Writers Association All State 3rd Team Center, All-Big Country Football Team-Center, All-Big-Country Super Team-Center.

He also was selected to participate in the Greenbelt Bowl All Star Football Game in Childress but was unable to participate due to the THSBCA All Star Baseball game being held at the same time.

Carver participated on the Greyhound basketball team that earned a playoff spot and was selected to the All District Basketball Team. He also represented the Greyhounds to win the Silver Medalist at District Golf and was a Regional Qualifier. He received the KC Award for Golf and Baseball as well as co-recipient of the Knox City High School's Most Athletic Boy award.

Carver is the son of David and Sharla Carver of Knox City and the grandson of Bigg and Glenda Drinnon of Haskell and Jean and Jerry Carver of Perrin and the great grandson of Alta Faye Field of Haskell.

He plans to attend Wayland Baptist University in Plainview and play baseball for the Pioneers.

June sales tax receipts continue downward turn

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has delivered \$303.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 0.9 percent decrease compared to June 2002. So far this year, local sales tax rebates are down 1.4 percent compared to the first six months of 2002. June's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in April and reported to the Comptroller in May.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent June sales tax rebates of \$205.5 million to Texas cities, up 1.1 percent compared to June 2002. Year-to-date, city sales tax rebates are running 0.3 percent lower than last years. Texas counties received sales tax rebates of \$17.6 million, down 4.4 percent compared to one year ago. Year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 1 percent lower than last year.

Another \$8.3 million went to seventh-eight special purpose taxing districts around the state, a decrease of 0.3 compared to a year ago. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems received \$72.2 million in sales tax rebates, down 5.4 percent compared to June 2002.

The state's share of sales tax revenue increased, after falling for ten consecutive months. The state's share of sales tax reported in May was \$1.3 billion, up 2.9 percent compared to a year ago. However, other state tax revenues continue to decline. Franchise tax paid by Texas businesses in May, the most critical month, was down 11.7 percent compared to last year. Motor vehicle sales and rental tax collections were also down by 8.3 percent compared

to May 2002.

Haskell County had a 13.52 percent decrease for June, 2003 of \$21,699.08 in comparison to \$25,094.05 for June 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$148,004.92 reflect a 9.26 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$163,112.98.

The City of Haskell had a 15.51 percent decrease for June, 2003 of \$20,004.03 in comparison to \$23,677.19 for June, 2002. 2002 payments to date of \$136,007.59 reflect a 10.06 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$151,224.37.

The City of O'Brien had a 18.88 percent decrease for June, 2003 of \$54.18 in comparison to \$66.79 for June, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$859.61 reflect a 74.51 percent increase over 2002 payments to date of \$492.58.

The City of Rochester had a 61.20 percent increase for June, 2003 of \$617.72 in comparison to \$383.19 for June, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$3,279.98 reflect a 2.90 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$3,378.23.

The City of Rule had a 7.25 percent increase for June, 2003 of \$975.79 in comparison to \$909.75 for June, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$7,024.45 reflect a 0.67 percent increase over 2002 payments to date of \$6,977.42.

The City of Weinert had a 17.10 percent decrease for June, 2003 of \$47.36 in comparison to \$57.13 for June, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$833.29 reflect a 19.90 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$1040.38.



HILEE MULLIGAN

Hilee Mulligan to compete in pageant July 5

Haskell native, Hilee Mulligan, Miss Brownfield 2003, will be competing in the 2003 Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant to be held June 29-July 5 in Fort Worth.

At the pageant she will compete in the interview session on Tuesday, talent preliminaries on Wednesday, evening gown on Thursday and swimsuit category on Friday. The final night will be televised live from

the Will Rogers Memorial Center at 8:00 p.m. Sat., July 5 by KTXS TV. Ticket information may be obtained by calling 817-335-9000.

Hilee is the daughter of Lynn and David Dodson of Haskell and David Mulligan of Houston. She is the granddaughter of Ned and Wanda Ward of Aspermont, Betty Ann Dodson of Haskell and Marguerite Mulligan of Houston.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 632 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., June 23, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 49 sellers and 35 buyers were present.

Packers \$1 to \$3 higher, feeders steady, stockers steady to \$2 higher.
 Cows: fat, .38-.45; cutters, .42-.46; canners, .27-.35.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.59; feeders, .68-.79; utility, .45-.55.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.55; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.28; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.18; 500-600 lbs., .87-1.00; 600-700 lbs., .82-.94; 700-800 lbs., .77-.88; 800-up lbs., .68-.80.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.35; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .85-.96; 500-600 lbs., .77-.90; 600-up lbs., .65-.84.

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Obituaries

Virgil Laffette Fullerson

Graveside services for Virgil Laffette Fullerton, 79, of Beaumont were held Wed., June 18 at Weinert Cemetery with Ray Trahan officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Fullerton died Wed., June 11 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Beaumont.

Born Sept. 29, 1923 in Weinert, he was the son of Ed and Effie Hunt Fullerton. He was in the U. S. Navy and

an Army veteran of World War II. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include four sons, Ricky Fullerton, Virgil David Fullerton and Steven Perry Fullerton, both of Vidor, and Michael Lee Fullerton of Bridge City; one daughter, Katy Marie Williford of Vidor; two sisters, Viola York of Lubbock and Hazel McClintock of Abilene; four grandchildren and one great grandson. PD NOTICE

Making funeral arrangements

Like most everything else he did, when Doc Kahill died last October, he was his usual, easy-going self. He enjoyed a cup of decaf and the 10 p.m. news before going to bed. The next morning, his housekeeper was unable to rouse him.

Doc's two adult sons lived in other states. By the time they arrived the next evening, the body had been taken to a nearby funeral home. After the two men embraced and were seated at the kitchen table, they sat in silence until one of them asked, "So what do we do now?"

Jim Garrison, executive director for Texas Funeral Directors Association, said this question is not uncommon because polite society tends to avoid discussing death. "Families often travel an unknown road after the death of a loved one," he said, "and if the family member hasn't discussed what kind of funeral they prefer, planning is usually left up to the survivors."

Steve Fairchild, a director at Brenham Memorial Chapel, said families who have made funeral arrangements in the past are always better prepared. "A family making arrangements for the first time may not know to bring clothing and the paperwork needed—like Social

Security card, military records and birth certificates—to complete the death certificate," he said. "Some funeral homes leave a printed guide of the information needed when the body is removed, and this also helps the family know what to bring when they come to make arrangements."

Families who have lived in the same area for a number of years—particularly a small town—seem to be more informed and better prepared than families who live elsewhere.

"American funeral traditions are changing," Fairchild pointed out, "and families often don't realize that they can personalize a service, including burying Dad in his favorite hunting jacket or dressing mother in her favorite square dance dress."

"The modern funeral has evolved into a celebration of life," agreed Russell Harvey, funeral director at Corrigan Funeral Home. "Caskets are now available to depict hobbies and interests of the deceased, anything from a favorite Bible verse to an angler landing a big bass. Most funeral homes also provide memory boards where families can display favorite photographs or memory tables where some of the deceased's favorite items can be arranged."

"What many families don't always know is that the funeral director is there to plan and carry out whatever the family needs to remember the life that has been lived," TFDA's Garrison said. "That includes arranging the service, notifying clergy or another individual to lead the service. It also includes ordering floral tributes, finding special music, making arrangements for a meal after the service and coordinating with a local cemetery."

Whatever the family needs to be included in the service as long it is within the bounds of good taste. After one Dallas-area funeral, the family asked for a horse-drawn funeral coach to bring the casket to the cemetery. In another unique service, an Elvis impersonator performed a deceased Elvis fan's two favorite tunes.

"Some families prefer clergy to

deliver a traditional eulogy," Garrison said, "but a growing number are asking family members and friends to participate in the service or including candle-lighting, videos of the deceased or planning services made up entirely of music and favorite Bible readings or poetry."

Andrews Funeral Director Rex Johnson of McNett Funeral Home said funeral directors are always available to answer questions and to brief the family about what the cemetery requires, how to handle a cremation or how to find out about veteran's benefits and other financial matters. "We know that most people are in shock after a death and our first priority is making the arrangement and the service as comfortable as possible," he said. "We also want to provide any information the family needs to make the right decisions."

According to a 1999 survey conducted by the National Funeral Directors Association, the average funeral in the U.S. cost slightly less than \$6,000. Costs, however, will vary, depending on the size of the service, type of casket selected, whether or not cremation is required, the number of vehicles required and other variables, such as regional trends and traditions.

Dan Hiatt, funeral director at Herschel Lybrand Funeral Home in Wills Point, said families are often surprised by the costs of a funeral. "Because we don't talk about funerals and death on a regular basis, many families come to make arrangements with no idea of what the cost may be," he said. "Some expect to spend much more and are surprised."

"The family is always free to check the prices charged by other funeral homes before deciding who will provide the service," Garrison said, "and every funeral home is mandated by law to make this information available in printed form to every inquiry."

Garrison said he encourages consumers to educate themselves about funerals and funeral service before they were confronted by an immediate need to make arrangements.

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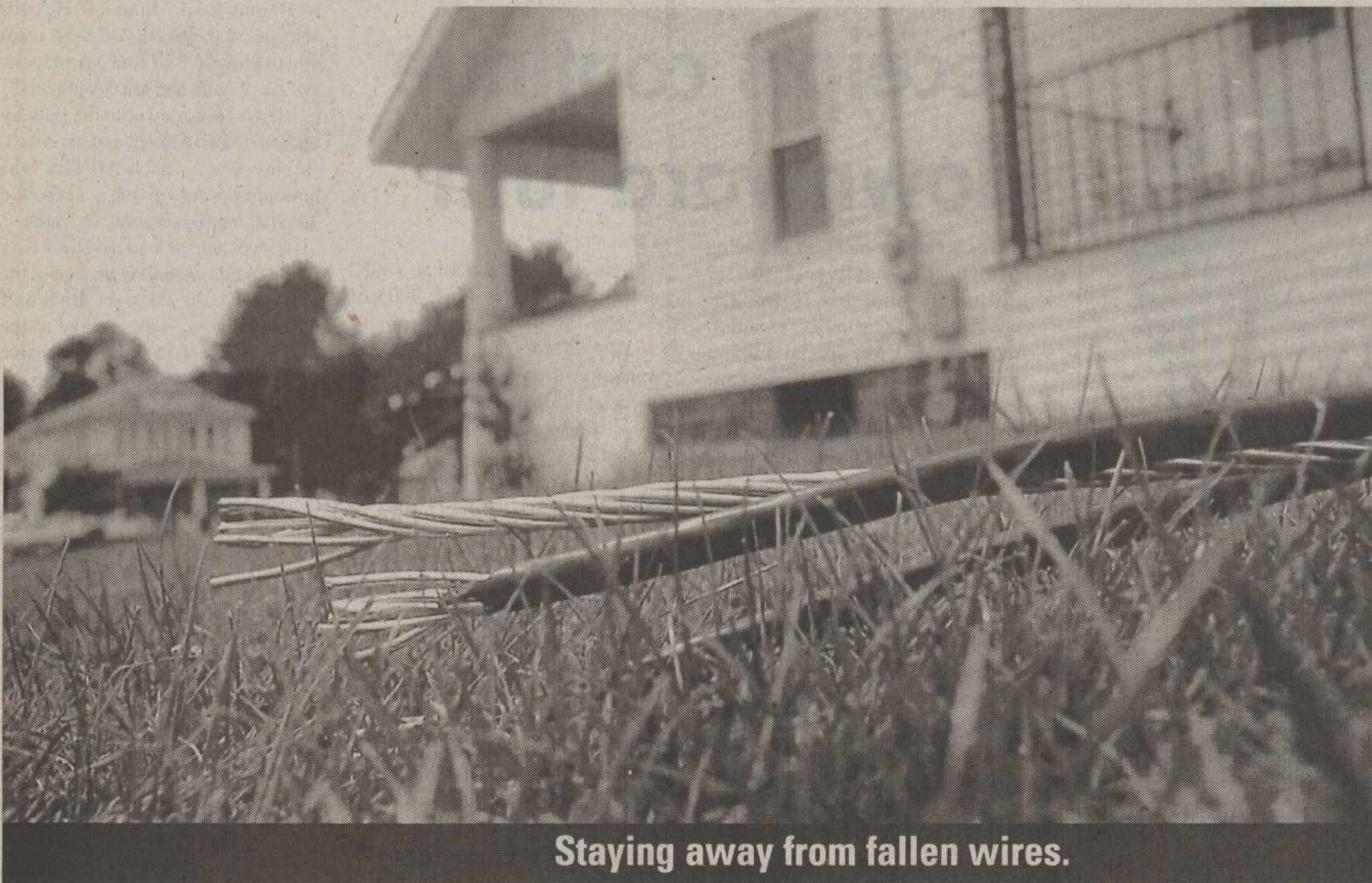
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Hager, Kennedy repeat vows

Krystal Leigh Hager and Matthew Joseph Kennedy were married June 21, at Peace Lutheran Church in College Station, with Pastor Deb Grant and Brother Dewayne Wolf officiating.

The bride is the daughter of David and Kay Hager of Lueders. The groom is the son of Lee and Terry Arnold of Waller.

Matron of Honor was Leslie Neve of Stratford, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ingrid Oman of Avoca, Kela Arney of Amarillo, Aron Savage and Kristin Tyson, both of College Station. Flower girl was Kayme Russell of Clyde, cousin of the bride.

Best Man was Brent Brunner of Hempstead. Groomsmen were David Groschke of Bryan, Bo Hubert of Stephenville, Jason Lackey of Aspermont and Jeff Thane of College Station. Ring Bearer was Tyler Arnold of Waller, nephew of the groom. Ushers were Jason Bell of College Station, Chase Seelke of Haskell, cousin of the bride, and Calan Wills of Weatherford.

Special honorary attendants were Taylor Seelke and Mindy Howard, cousins of the bride, both of Haskell, Niki Anderson of Pearland, Kayla Kohls of College Station and Donna

Trevino of San Antonio.

Guests were registered by Taylor Scelke, assisted by Kayla Hill, Bailey and Kelsey Hager, Kourtney and Kerry Russell, all cousins of the bride.

Music was provided by Michael Steck of Dallas and Erin Stephens of Cross Plains.

A reception and dance following the wedding was held at Messina Hof Winery in Bryan.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents was held at Wings/N/More.

A graduate of Lueders-Avoca ISD, the bride is a December 2003 candidate for graduation from Texas A&M University, with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She is employed by Texas A&M University.

The groom graduated from Waller ISD and Texas A&M University, with a Bachelors Degree in Animal Science. He is employed by Texas A&M University where he will pursue a Master's Degree in Genetics.

Following a trip to Eldorado Royale Resort in Costa Maya, Mexico, the couple will reside in College Station.

Anniversary party honors Campbells

Sat. June 21, Kenneth and Elaine Campbell of Haskell celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a party hosted by Jacky and Sandra Sanders at the Circle S Ranch.

Setting the 1963's scene for the event, tables were set up on the pavilion with decorations of replica antique cars and statuettes of Jimmy Dean and Marilyn Monroe placed near the stage. A gift table on the stage held a centerpiece composed of Coca Cola glasses and a soda straw holder. Behind the table was a card table covered with a linen cutwork cloth and pictures of the couple when they were dating, their wedding photo album and the bride's book for registering guests. On an easel was a picture of the bride in her wedding dress.

For the supper, the hosts served steak fingers, French fries, chicken tenders and gravy like the couple used to order from Elsie's, Hi-Lander and the Indian Grill, back when they were dating. Desserts were fresh strawberry cobbler and chocolate cake. Nearby was an antique Coca Cola case filled with all kinds of soft drinks.

Parked on the concrete in back of the pavilion was an antique 1940 Ford Coupe that was given to the Campbells at the end of the party by Jacky and Sandra Sanders and their children.

Charlotte Bland Gilbreath, a bridesmaid at the Campbell's wedding, presented them with the dress she wore in their wedding.

Wedding party members present

for the occasion were: Reverend Kathryn Byrd, who officiated at the Campbell's wedding, and her husband, Alton Byrd of Rochester; ring bearer, Jacky D. and Barbie Kirkland of Weatherford; the flower girl, Brenda Sartain, and children, Austin and Sallie of Ore City; bridesmaid, Charlotte. Bland Gilbreath and husband, Micky, of Abilene.

Friends and relatives present were: Mildred Rawls and Delores Beason of Odessa; Betty Sue, Micheal Dale and Johnny Lacey of Odessa; Billy Joe Campbell and Dorothy Nicholson of Stamford; Jimmy and Melodee Campbell of Amarillo; Jacky, Sandra and Jaclyn Sanders of Aledo; Ricky, Shana and Shambry Sanders of Weatherford; Lavon and Nellwyn Beakley of Rule; Reverend and Mrs. J. C. Amburn of Haskell; Butch, Sue and Drew Cox of Omaha; Rocky and Marsha Sanders of Abilene; C. W. (Super) and Linda McFadden of Graham; Arvil, Mary Ann and Hailey of Haskell; Herbert and Linda Camp of Lubbock; Danny, Glenda Payne and Rachelle Huckabee of Mineral Wells; Karen Mitchell, Lona Mae Phelps, Claude Payne, Sally Ann Koch, Joshua Burke, James (Cookie) and Judy Dunlap, Jerry and Betty Stocks and Alvin and Margie Dorner, all of Haskell.

During a 'roast' of the couple, guests told of their experiences through their connections to the Campbells.



JASON SHIPLETT - VANESSA MILLER

Miller, Shiplett to wed July 19

Vanessa Miller and Jason Shiplett are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching wedding, July 19 at Veda's Camp on Lake Stamford.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Debbie Miller of Haskell and Gary and Tonya Miller of Rule. She is a 1998 graduate of Haskell High School and a 2001 graduate of Tarleton State University. She is

employed by Killeen ISD.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Randy and Cheryl Shiplett of Belton and Curtis and Virginia Mosier of Proctor. He is a 1999 graduate of Belton High School and attended Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches. He is employed by Wildflower Country Club.

The couple plans to reside in Temple.

Teeth grinding may be keeping you awake

After a night's sleep, do you still feel tired? Do you have a headache or jaw pain? You may need to look to your dentist—instead of your physician—for the diagnosis of these problems.

Bruxism is the habit of grinding one's teeth while asleep or awake, probably done to relieve tension or anxiety. Many people first learn they're grinding when there is significant damage to their teeth, according to experts at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. Once

diagnosed, however, a night guard will protect the teeth.

Make an appointment with your dentist if you answer yes to any of these questions:

- * Do you have signs of wear and tear on your teeth, such as chipped enamel, cracks or broken fillings?
- * Do you have muscle tension around one or both ears?
- * Do you wake up with headaches or neck pain?
- * Does your spouse hear you grinding while you sleep?

Homeschooling to be discussed at meeting

An informal 'come and go' meeting for anyone interested in learning more about homeschooling will be held Tues., July 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Building. The event is being organized by Randy and Janet Bowers of Haskell, who have been homeschooling for eight years.

"We get calls occasionally from people who are interested in homeschooling their children, so we thought we'd invite everyone at once to come and find out what home education is all about," Janet Bowers explained. "There are several families in Haskell and the surrounding communities that are successfully homeschooling. It is a very real educational alternative for students in smaller rural settings where private academic facilities just don't exist." She pointed out that recent studies on homeschooling have verified that students who learn at home excel academically.

Parents choose to homeschool for many different reasons. In a web poll taken by the Home School Legal Defense Association in May, 2002, 49% of respondents cited religious conviction; 15% positive social environment; 14% academic excellence; 12% specific needs of child; 5% curriculum choice; and 5% flexibility. According to Brian D. Ray, of National Home Education Research Institute, the number of families choosing to homeschool is growing by an annual rate of 7 to 15 percent.

In his proclamation of Home Education Week (May 5-11, 2002),

Texas Governor Rick Perry stated "No responsibility is more important than ensuring that young Texans are nurtured in positive environments, where they are well schooled and fully prepared to be successful adults. I recognize with respect and appreciation the many parents who educate their children in the home setting, and the hard work of home schooled children."

At the July 8 meeting, information will be available on topics such as curriculum, state law, socialization, and homeschool support groups. Sample textbooks and video teaching will be available for viewing. Although childcare will not be provided, children of all ages are welcome to come with their family. Veteran homeschoolers are also welcome to come to exchange ideas and experiences.

Around Town

Gene Blair and Gary and Vickie Hawkins attended the Baxter family reunion held Saturday and Sunday at Fort Belknap. Approximately 65 were in attendance from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and California.

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Local Sonic employees compete for island trip

The Haskell Sonic Drive-In crew members aim to pass the survivor challenge to earn an "Adventure in Paradise," as they practice and develop better customer service skills in the 9th annual Dr Pepper Sonic Games.

The drive-in located at 1402 North Ave. E. is one of 800 drive-ins to qualify for the semifinal round in the games of the company's customer-service and crew retention program. Operated by Leon and Carolyn Herring, it is one of 2,200 Sonic Drive-ins which have competed in the Sonic Games during the past five months.

During the 10-month competition, the local Sonic crew members will use their best customer service skills for a chance to be one of 12 drive-ins selected to fly to Las

Vegas to compete in the National finals, Sept. 14-15.

National finals champions will be recognized in September at Sonic's 50th birthday convention in Hawaii. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to team and individual winners.

The Olympic-style competition features categories for food delivery, drink preparation, service delivery and food preparation. The objective is to enhance job satisfaction, motivate and encourage employees to take pride in their work.

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OPINION

Homemade cleaners may not be the best

Do you ever get tired of the fragrance of artificial lemons?

Do you ever wonder if all the various household cleaning products used for different jobs (cleaning the bathroom, shining mirrors and glass, sparkling the oven, etc.) are all that good for your home environment—or the environment in general?

Do you wonder what happens when fumes from all those cleaners with all those different ingredients mix?

If so, you've probably considered using homemade household cleaners.

But before you start loading up with boxes, bottles and jars of lemon juice and baking soda, stop and look at the whole undertaking, advised Janie Harris, Texas Cooperative Extension housing and environment specialist. Sometimes "homemade" isn't the best.

Before deciding to switch from commercial cleaning products to homemade ones, Harris suggested finding out:

•Is the homemade cleaner really less toxic than the commercial cleaner; is it more toxic?

Commercial household cleaners are required by the government's Federal Hazardous Substance Act to carry the appropriate labeling, Harris said. If an ingredient is dangerous or poisonous, the label must say so. Homemade cleaners should be labeled the same way, she said. Obviously, an ingredient such as lemon juice isn't harmful, she said, "but bleach might be."

Plus, some products, such as chlorine bleach, cannot be safely mixed with other ingredients.

Write water leases carefully

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

These days, it's better to strike water than oil. Many rural landowners are considering lucrative contracts with cities for their groundwater rights.

But it is important these leases are written carefully. While 60-percent of water used in Texas is groundwater, the laws governing this resource are still evolving.

Generally, a property owner is allowed to pump as much of this groundwater as they can beneficially use. But there are many factors to influence this right, including the presence of a groundwater district.

All parties considering such leases, need to stay abreast of the latest developments in Texas water law. If a lease is written carefully, both the property owner and the municipality can benefit from the exchange.

•What does the homemade cleaner become when it biodegrades? Because commercial cleaning products are often flushed down the drain and into the environment, many consumers are concerned about the effect of all these chemicals. Harris pointed out that commercial household cleaners must undergo a lot of testing to determine how they can be formulated to have the least impact on the environment. And their labels give instructions on the safe way to dispose of the empty containers. Homemade cleaners don't necessarily come with that kind of information.

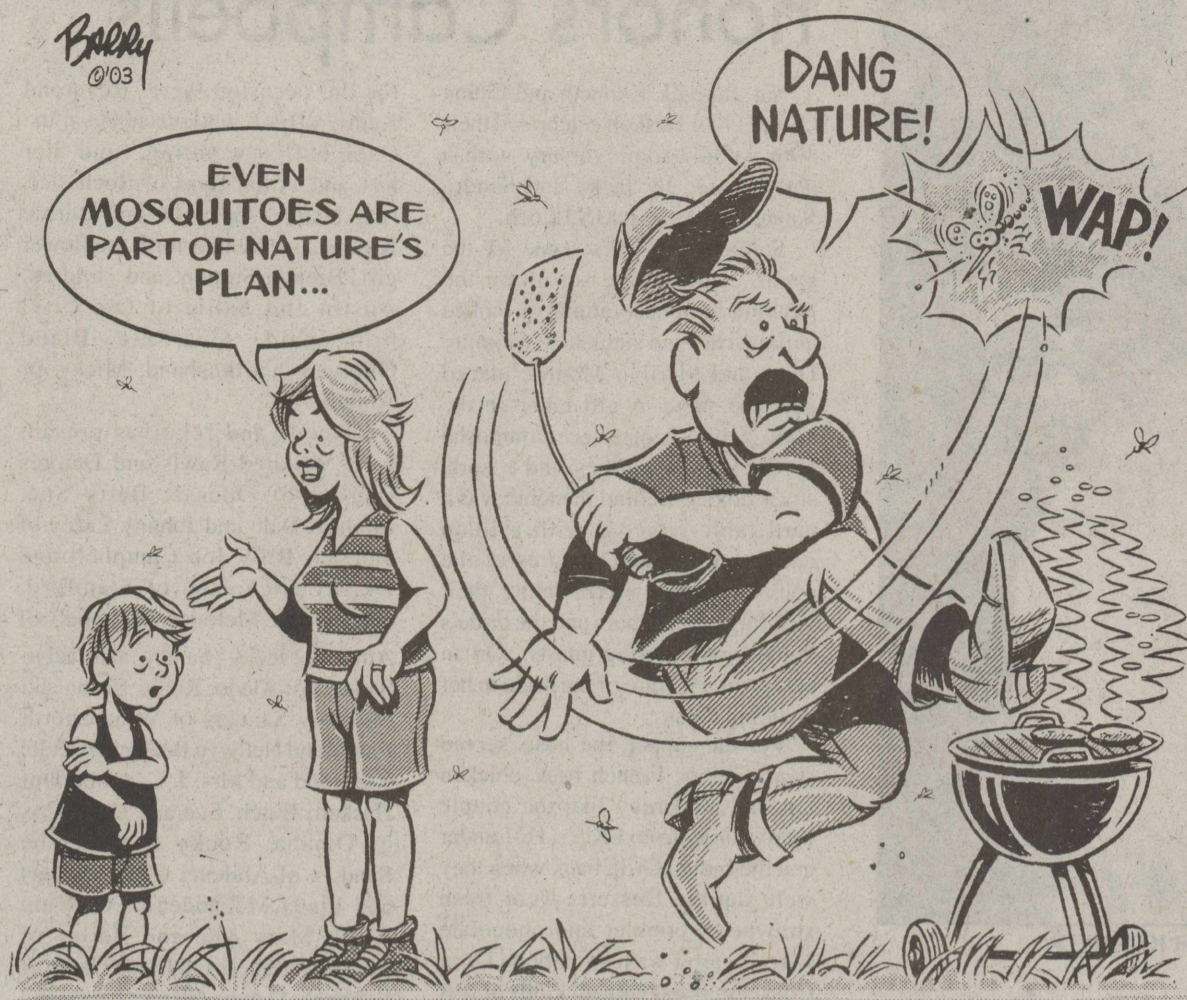
•Is it more or less expensive? Some consumers think, since items such as baking soda and vinegar are usually in the home anyway, using them as cleaning products can be more cost-effective than buying commercial household cleaners. To determine if this is true, Harris advised, check unit pricing of the commercial cleaner and of the more common items. Unit pricing can be determined by dividing the total cost of the item by how many units, such as ounces, it contains. Then decide how much of each cleaner is needed to do specific jobs. The result may surprise you, she said.

•Will it clean as effectively? Some homemade cleaners are only effective on certain kinds of soils, Harris said, while all-purpose commercial cleaners may be good at many household jobs. Some homemade cleaners require more "elbow grease" than commercial cleaners too, she added, so determining how much work you're willing to put into cleaning jobs is a must.

•Is the cleaner safe? Harris shared this advice from Cornell Cooperative Extension: Remember that commercial mixes have been tested for safety; homemade ones usually have not. And while individual ingredients—such as lemon juice, vinegar or baking soda—are safe, mixtures of them may not be. And above all, never mix cleaning products—whether commercial or homemade—since toxic fumes could be the result.

For more information, Harris said, visit the Soap and Detergent Association Web site at www.sdahq.org/. She also recommends Cornell Cooperative Extension's Web site at www.cce.cornell.edu/publications/order.cfm, for a fact sheet on "Household Cleaning Products: What About Substitutes?" which—along with information listed above—includes information on emergency treatment guidelines, safety precautions, complete directions for use and disposal instructions.

"Also, if someone decides to mix their own cleaning products, they need to make sure they do not use old cleaning product containers because of possible residue left in them," Harris said. And "do not use containers that look like a food container."



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in Haskell. I have been married 18 years and have two sons, one son deceased, and three stepchildren.

I attended Mattson Rural School all twelve years and McMurry College one year.

No one knows that I once sang a solo part of "Now the Day is Over" with a Mattson group at a Haskell talent show, and the solo part of "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" at a Mattson School program.

My favorite TV shows are "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Three's Company."

My favorite type of music is Christian, mostly contemporary gospel, '50s and '60s music.

My favorite song is "Chariots of Fire," by Dino, and "Our God Reigns."

I haven't much free time, but I like planting some flowers in the spring, watching summer rain, petting on cats and dogs (trying to get photo of them), reading *Guideposts*, *Focus on the Family* and *Lifewise* magazines.

The last book I read was *Out to Pasture (but not over the hill)* by Effie Leland Wilder. I am now reading *When Prayers are not Answered*, by Elizabeth Rockwood.

My favorite place in Texas is anywhere on the road within four to six hours drive to see family or friends, and the Haskell county countryside during Sunday drives.

My favorite vacation spot in the world is anywhere when eating breakfast out, or just enjoying spending time with friends (old and new) or family, when I'm not the cook in charge.

My best quality is that I can see what needs to be done in some situations, and will do my best to take care of such.

My worst qualities are being chronically late because I over plan my days, and I talk more than I'm willing to listen.

Although I hate to say it in print, for fear of being the pot calling the kettle black, I don't like to see disrespect shown anyone or by anyone.

My greatest personal accomplishment is continuing to grow in my Christian faith and walk, and learning to accept myself wherever God has planted me.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is being born and raised here, leaving and returning to marry a loving, Christian man, and starting life over at age 40, after being a single mom for a year. People will fill needs and help others in Haskell. And I like being a part of Rural America!

Watch next week for the identity of this Mystery Reader.

Update

Last week's Mystery Reader was Bobby Neil (Bob) Smith of Haskell, who retired and returned to his hometown last year. He is the son of the late Allie Belle and Clay Smith.

After graduating from Haskell High School in 1949, Bob attended Shiner Institute in Kerrville two years, followed by a year at the University of Texas and his senior year at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene where he earned a Bachelor's degree. While working, he subsequently obtained a Master's degree and Doctorate.

He met his wife, Darlene, in March, 1953, through a mutual friend at a truck stop in Abilene. They soon became engaged and were married in July 1953.

Already having been through one boot camp, thirteen days after their wedding, Bob left for a second Marine boot camp. After that he was sent to Platoon Leader School in Quantico, Virginia where Darlene joined him. They were stationed for a time at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and then in Corpus Christi, where he was discharged in 1955.

In 1955, the Smith's moved to Arlington, where Bob worked in the Missile and Space Programs for Chance Vought Corp., which later became L.T.V. Corp., then LORAL Corp. and finally, Lockheed Martin Corp., based in Grand Prairie.

In his work there for the next forty-four years, Bob advanced to become Vice President of Business Operations and traveled all over the world, negotiating with NASA, the U. S. Defense Department and most of the allied countries' governments, such as Turkey, Japan, Taiwan, France and Germany, handling contracts totaling about a billion dollars a year in satellite interceptor systems, ballistic missile interceptor systems, combat artillery missiles, etc. Some of the work involved high level security intelligence operations. Of his work, Bob said he was fortunate to have gotten into it back when the missile business was new and just starting; when a person of very young age had a chance for early advancement. "It couldn't happen so quickly now," he said of the highly competitive, technical world of the business today.

Asked if he misses the challenging, interesting work that he enjoyed doing for 44 years, Bob said he misses the people with whom he worked, but that he is happy and pleased to be right here in Haskell. "I believe that if you're happy with what you are doing, you don't miss what you did in the past. You go on. You can't live in the past. There are too many fun and interesting things yet to do," he said.

"We could have chosen to live anywhere in the world, but we chose Haskell because of the people; that's why we're here," he said, adding that his only regret about it is that they didn't get to have more time here with his mother, Allie Belle, before she passed away.

Quickly becoming active and interested in the local community projects, Chamber of Commerce, etc., Bob is a member of the Rotary Club and the First United Methodist Church.

The Smith's son, Michael Clay Smith, lives in Killeen and teaches 7th grade science at Copperas Cove.

A Thought for the Week

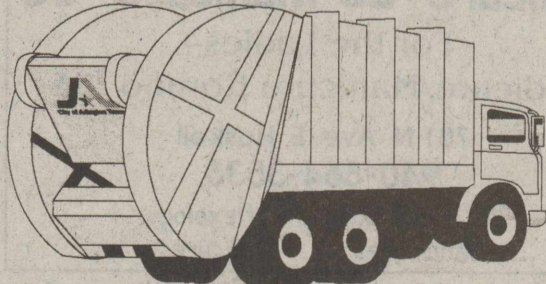
"Never limit yourself—always excite, enlighten, educate, explore and enthuse." —Melinda Moore
What you give to the world is what you receive. Give your best self.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Fill 'er up with trash

The city of Arlington formed a \$3 million partnership with a private company to convert trash into electricity. When trash decomposes, it creates methane gas, which scientists can capture and recycle for energy production.

Arlington teamed up with Midland-based Renovar Energy Corp., to produce a methane gas recovery system at the Arlington Landfill. City leaders say the system could save Arlington \$75,000 annually and improve air quality.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the city of Arlington.

From Out of the Past

From the files of
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10 Years Ago June 24, 1993

Doyle High received the Leadership Award from the Texas Pharmaceutical Association.

Rule math teacher Jerry Cannon was selected "Calculator Coach of the Year" in conference 1A by the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA).

Haskell was host to the second annual Cub Scout Day Camp of the Double Mountain District of the Chisholm Trail Council.

Winners of the Weinert 4-H Club photography project were Lane Murphy, Dustin Harbers, Tiffany Loving and Trisha Horan.

20 Years Ago June 23, 1983

Jim Jennings placed second in the fruit and vegetable division at the Texas State 4-H food show at Texas A&M University.

Tauniya Rhae White of Rule, Debra Ann Wells and Linda Gail Wells of Haskell were named to the Dean's List at McMurry College.

Students of twirling instructor Donna Nall brought home 49 trophies from the recent Miss Hub of the Plains Pageant and Twirling Festival in Ralls.

30 Years Ago June 28, 1973

Calvin Stegemoeller was selected for the honorary award of having his biography published in the in the edition of *Who's Who in American High School*, for both his Junior and Senior years.

Grady Bristow received a beautiful gold watch from Rule Co-op Gin by J. D. Kupatt for 46 years of work with ginning.

Two Haskell County youths represented Haskell County at Texas' first 4-H Congress. They were Carol Dudensing and Kyle Wilfong.

40 Years Ago June 27, 1963

Members of the Haskell Sheriff's Posse riding club earned seven trophies this season in addition to 44 in the past five years at rodeo performances.

Plans for a county-wide day of fun for everyone, an event to be staged in support of moving the old depot here and restoring it as a museum, were underway.

Beth Vaughter and Judy Kay Sego, Haskell High School's two representatives at Bluebonnet Girl's State in Austin returned upon completing the course of study at the 19th annual session of that training school for leadership in America's future.

50 Years Ago June 25, 1953

One of the featured artists in the colorful Frontier Cavalcade program at Indian Field was Doris Crudginton of Breckenridge. She is a popular soloist with Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band.

An oil recovery process developed by Jack Sutherland, of Haskell, and William B. Harley resulted in bringing to the surface a vast amount of oil from abandoned wells where orthodox methods had exhausted the supply.

The Haskell 14-and-under softball team avenged a defeat given them in a previous game by Lueders by walling the Jones Countians 14-3 in a base running frolic at Fair Park Field.

100 Years Ago June 27, 1903

Clay Park left for Cleburne, where he will take a position with the Chicago Portrait Co.

Sam Doahoo returned from Knox County where he has been working with J. S. Fox and his threshing crew. He says wheat is threshing out about 25 bushels an acre.

J. F. Mitchell of Marcy was down. He said he had grass and water for about 100 head of cattle and was desirous of making a deal with someone needing pasture.

Judge H. G. McConnell and family, County Clerk C. D. Long and family, W. G. Williams and family, Mrs. Buchanan and children and R. B. Fields spent most of the week in camp on Elm Creek in Throckmorton County fishing and hunting.

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Consumer Confidence Report 2002

(Drinking Water Quality Report)

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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. () 773-3319 par hablar con una persona bilingue en espanol.

Where do we get our drinking water?

Our drinking water is obtained from Surface water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: LAKE STAMFORD and MILLER CRK RES. TCEQ will be reviewing all of Texas' drinking water sources. The source water assessment has been completed and the report will be available this year. It allows us to focus on our source water protection activities.

NOTE:

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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.

Public Participation Opportunities

Date: MONDAY - FRIDAY

Time: 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Location: PAINT CREEK WATER OFFICE

Phone No: 915-773-3319

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

Inorganics

Year	Constituent	Highest Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2002	Arsenic	3.1	3.1000-3.1000	50	0	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
2002	Barium	0.202	0.2020-0.2020	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
2002	Fluoride	0.5	0.5000-0.5000	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2002	Selenium	7.1	7.1000-7.1000	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.

Organics NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

Disinfection Byproducts 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
2002-2002	Chloroform	65.5	65.5000-65.5000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants
2002-2002	Bromoform	6.65	6.6500-6.6500	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants
2002-2002	Bromodichloromethane	69.5 43	69.5000-69.5000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants

2002-2002	Dibromochloromethane	47.5	47.5000-47.5000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants
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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
2002	Turbidity	0.24	100.00	0.3	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
1999	Copper	0.0530	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
1999	Lead	1.6000	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

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Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

June 30-July 3
Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Pizza, corn, cheese stick, grapes
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken/gravy, mashed potatoes, fried okra, hot rolls, apple crisp
Wednesday: Corndogs, macaroni and cheese, pickle spear, pork and beans, ice cream with topping
Thursday: Barbecue on a bun, assorted chips, baby carrots, strawberries
Friday: Holiday

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., June 30

Lunch-Salmon patties, creamy parsnip potatoes, cheese macaroni salad, fresh vegetables, yeast rolls, cookies and vanilla pudding cups, milk, tea, or coffee

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday

Weathers Whys: Virga

Q: Sometimes, the weathercaster refers to virga. What is it?

A: Virga is a common weather feature, says John Nielsen-Gammon of Texas A&M University. It refers to rain or snow that forms a wispy streak beneath a cloud and appears not to be reaching the ground.

"Most of the virga people see is composed of snow, since snow is so much brighter and easier to see than rain," says Nielsen-Gammon. "Even in the warm days of summer, the virga coming from the tall, overhanging anvils of thunderstorms is most likely snow, forming in the frigid temperatures 5-10 miles above the ground. Virga can also come from the base of thunderstorms and other types of clouds, and it can be mistaken for a tornado at a distance because of its V-shaped appearance."

Q: Is the rain or snow evaporating before it reaches the ground?

A: "That's just what the ancient Greeks believed and most modern textbooks say, but it's just not so a lot of the time," says Nielsen-Gammon.

"Recent research suggests that what appears to be the bottom of a shaft of precipitation might just be the level where the snow melts and changes to rain. Snow floats, but raindrops fall. It's sort of a like a big traffic jam in the sky. When all of the snow is moving slowly, it's all bunched together and blocks the sky. But when the snow melts into rain and everything speeds up, there's suddenly a lot more space between the drops, and the whole shaft of precipitation becomes much harder to see."

Smoking affects healing process

Cigarette smoking causes a variety of health problems, from heart disease to cancer. It also affects the ability of the body to heal following surgery, says Dr. Rod Rohrich, chairman of plastic surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"The reduced capacity for wound healing especially becomes a concern with elective surgical procedures," Rohrich says. "Patients who smoke also have an increased risk of complications after surgery."

Tobacco can interfere with the protective filtering cilia in the pulmonary system, reduce blood flow and impair the oxygen-carrying capacity of blood, slowing delivery to surgical sites and decreasing the oxygen necessary to healing.

"Surgery candidates should abstain from smoking for four to six weeks before and after surgery," Rohrich says. "This increases the ability to recover, and will improve overall health."

This Week's Devotional Message:



MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT WITH A MESSAGE FOR OTHERS

Since very few of us ever manage to achieve great fame or wealth, we sometimes wonder what our lives have really amounted to. Even those who are blessed with good children to follow them may still feel a compulsion to do something of lasting value which will be of help to others after they're gone. The answer is simple: write something! You don't have to be a literary genius in order

to do this, for that would eliminate most of us. All you need is the ability to put a few words of advice together, such as "help somebody" or "love your neighbor." For inspiration, at your house of worship you will receive many worthwhile messages to pass along. Then, the next time you long to accomplish some good in this world, you can remember that you have already done so.

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.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- New Vision Family Worship Center**
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**
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**
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., 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**
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 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
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
- Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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- 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.
Weinert
- ROCHESTER**
- 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
- O'BRIEN**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Kyle Gullede, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 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., 11:00 a., 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 & 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**
Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, 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.
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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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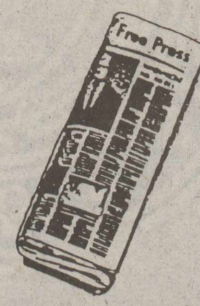




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Public Notices

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Ellen M. Lundquist, Deceased, were issued on 29th May, 2003, in Cause No. 4189, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: BILLY DAVE "PETE" KITTLEBY, Independent Executor. 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. c/o Pete Kittleby, 1208 Union Ave., Rule, TX 79547. Phone 940-996-2129. Dated the 9th day of June, 2003.

NOTICE

Haskell County and the Haskell County Volunteer Fire Department are accepting sealed bids for a new rural fire truck until July 10, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the fire department at 940-864-2355 or haskell@westex.net. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 7:00 p.m. July 10, 2003 at the Haskell Fire Department located at 301 N. 1st. Bids will then be presented at the Haskell County Commissioners' Court on July 14, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. Haskell County or the Haskell County Volunteer Fire Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 26-27c

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Contract 6091-72-001 for "ON DEMAND" MBGF in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on July 22, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$179,762.50.
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 Dist/Div 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.
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 25 26c


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Thank you for your support in our time of sorrow in the loss of our wonderful son, brother and Uncle Dwain. Thank you for the food, flowers, cards and especially for your prayers. We appreciate every act of kindness and will always be remembered.
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I would like to personally thank all the good Christian people of Haskell and Haskell County who prayed for me during my illness and stay at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Thank you for all the get well cards, visits and gifts. Thank you all very much.
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AT AREA CONVENTION—Members of the Haskell FFA participating in the Area II FFA Convention at San Angelo State University, were: l-r, Ryan Burgess, Alexis Reed, Ross Bullinger, Sydney Brueggeman, Wendy Proctor and Chase Cockerell, who was elected Area II vice-president. Area II encompasses 100 schools in West Texas which have a total of 10,000 FFA members.

Motorists who drink and drive; go to jail

State officials have a stern warning for motorists whose 4th of July holiday plans include alcohol: Drink. Drive. Go to Jail.

Texas troopers and local patrol officers statewide will step up enforcement of the DWI laws between June 27 and July 13. Thousands of officers will be out in force during the 17-day period which coincides with the long Independence Day holiday weekend.

Texas is part of a massive nationwide effort aimed at getting impaired drivers off the nation's

streets and highways. The mobilization is being spearheaded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in an effort to reduce alcohol-related crashes this summer.

"Our message to all drivers is simple and direct: If you drink and drive, you will go to jail," says Carlos Lopez, TxDOT Director of Traffic Operations. "There are 60,000 law enforcement officers in Texas who can arrest drunk drivers. Safe alternatives to getting behind the wheel if you've had anything to drink

are to designate a sober driver before drinking begins, call a taxi or just stay where you are until you can drive home safely."

The Texas Department of Transportation will air new television and radio announcements in English and Spanish with the Drink, Drive, Go to Jail message. The ads will run during programs typically viewed or heard by men between the ages of 21 to 34. Research shows this age group is more likely to drive impaired than any other group.

Texas leads the nation in alcohol-related fatalities. The Texas Department of Public Safety reports that 1,199 people were killed in drunk driving crashes in Texas in 2000. There were 10,083 crashes in which the driver was impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The legal limit for intoxication in Texas is .08 blood alcohol concentration (BAC). Penalties for a first DWI offense include \$2000 in fines, 72 hours to 6 months in jail and driver's license suspension from 90 days to a year.

Calendar

Preview Party

The preview party for the 30th Stamford Art Foundation show and sale will be held Tues., July 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the John Selmon Memorial Gallery on the Texas Cowboy Reunion grounds. Reservations may be made by calling 325-773-5777. Proceeds benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

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. Adults may eat for a \$2.50 charge. No meals will be served Fri., July 4.

Summer reading

The Haskell Co. Library summer reading program is underway. Story time will be held 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.

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.

Benefit luncheon

A smorgasbord benefit luncheon will be held Sun., July 27 at Haskell Elementary Cafeteria from noon to 2 p.m. to benefit Susan Skinner. Tickets are available now at local churches. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 11 and under. Those interested in bringing a meat, vegetable, salad or dessert should call 864-2581.

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Kevin McSmith of Haskell has qualified for the Academic Dean's

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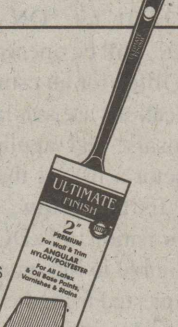
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