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Calendar

Office to close

The Haskell Free Press office will be closed Thurs., Aug. 7.

Paint Creek registration

Paint Creek ISD will hold pre-registration for 6-12 grade students Fri., Aug. 8. 6-8 grade students will register from 10 to 11:30 a.m. 9-12 grade students will register from 1 to 2:30 p.m. All students not currently living in the school district and would like to transfer to Paint Creek ISD must have their parents come by and fill out transfer and registration forms during registration.

Band practice

The Haskell Indian Band will begin summer band practice Fri., Aug. 1. The band hall will be open all day for students to pick up music and equipment. Band students in high school and 8th grade wanting to participate in marching band will meet at 6 p.m. For more information, call 864-3666.

Haskell schools to register

Haskell Secondary registration will be held Aug. 1 and Aug. 4 at the high school auditorium. The schedule is: Fri., Aug. 1, Seniors 9 a.m.; Juniors 10 a.m.; and Sophomores 11 a.m. Mon., Aug. 4: 7th grade 9 a.m.; 8th grade 10 a.m. and Freshmen 11 a.m. Students may pick up their schedules and see counselor Jamie Davis with any questions at their scheduled time. School starts Wed., Aug. 20. For more information call 864-8123.

Jr. golf tourney

Haskell Country Club will host a junior golf tournament for boys and girls ages 6-18 Mon., Aug. 4. Call Sam Rodriguez at 864-8752 or 864-8919; or the Country Club at 864-4655 or 864-3400 after 5 p.m. for tee times, tee information and entry fees.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert Homecoming will be held Oct. 10-11. Address changes, including new 911 addresses, may be mailed to Dorothy Hartsfield, 415 S. 1st or 405 N. Ave. H, Haskell, Texas 79521 or by email to hhessharts@cs.com. Changes may also be given by phone at 864-2069 or 864-2004.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Aug. 4 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m. Mary Kammenga of Haskell will speak on her life and experiences during World War II. She is a native of Holland and lived there during that time.

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Care home makes major changes

By Mary Kaigler

During the past year, with renovations made, the entire facility repainted and new tile laid throughout, Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell has taken on a new look. Now, within the last few weeks, a

new administrator has been named and major new changes have begun that will not only change the look, but also greatly extend the scope of services offered by the facility whose motto is "Caring for those who cared for us."

After his first week in Haskell as new administrator, Stephen "Steve" King expressed his enthusiasm for the facility and for the new plans underway. "Already I can see a lot of encouraging things," he said. "The nursing care is top-notch, the

food is excellent, and the whole place has a good, positive attitude."

A native of Hawley, King has just moved back to this area from Athens. He is an alumnus of both Hardin-Simmons University and Wayland Baptist University, and is a veteran

of the United States Air Force. Currently looking for a home in the Haskell area, he hopes to move his family here within the month. He and his wife, Renee, are parents of an 8-year-old son and 5-month-old daughter.

Major changes now underway at the facility include a new secure unit that will provide more specialized care for those who suffer from memory loss disease that causes them to wander outside, away from the facility, putting themselves in danger. The pleasant atmosphere planned for their special care includes the new, secluded front patio and walkway where they may move about outdoors in safety. The unit will have its own self-contained general purpose room for dining and activities. A nurse and one dedicated aide will be in the unit twenty-four hours every day, and plans also allow for more attention from the regular care home staff as needed. King said all facility employees will receive additional training in Alzheimer's disease, dementia and the aging process, to provide better care.

Due to be completed by September 1, with a capacity for about 30 patients, the new unit will offer something not previously available in the community. King said that at the outset, the new unit's population will be all female, made up of six to ten ladies who are now at the home. Noting that his own grandmother will be at the local facility before the year is out, he spoke of the asset of having a good place for elderly people to live closer to their families.

"I'm pleased with the new image this will give to these patients about coming to the home. Being nearer to their family, able to have a familiar piece of the own belongings, if feasible, will help in making it feel more like 'their' home in a safe, supportive, caring environment," he said. "Our staff will tell you that they truly want to repay the people of Haskell who raised us, educated us, employed us, and most of all, supported us as we were growing up, by helping those people to live their golden years at the best level possible. The staff commitment to the residents is the primary reason I am proud to be a part of this team."

Among physical changes already noticeable are the new fenced, secure patio yard area in front of the care home on North First Street, and the signs directing entry away from the south, facing the Highway, to the new main entrance facing Ave. N, on the west side of the building. King said this change is being made to ease the traffic hazard faced by visitors having to back out into the busy street between the facility and Haskell Memorial Hospital, and to allow for the creation of the new secure unit all the way across the front. Parking area and entry door on the front will be eliminated, making way for a new front facade.

The new administrator, whose family background includes a mother and wife who are nurses, is hoping to organize a local support group for helping families with more understanding about the diseases that can affect the elderly, and how they can better cope with each situation.

"I look forward to living and working in Haskell for a long time to come, and becoming involved in this community," he said.

Upon completion of the project, a grand opening event will be held, giving everyone in the community a chance to tour the new unit and the entire facility.



NEW ADMINISTRATOR—Rice Springs Care Home's new administrator, Stephen King, stands in the cool shade in the new secure patio, yard and walkway opening of the new secure unit

under construction for Alzheimer's and dementia patients of the home. With the capacity for 30 patients, when completed the unit will offer a service for the elderly not previously available locally.

Cub Scouts enjoy twilight camp

Ten local Cub Scouts enjoyed participating in a variety of events during the Haskell Cub Scout Twilight Camp held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Haskell City Park, July 22-24.

Wolf Cubs attending were Braeden Alves, Hunter Hall, Kyle Kimbrough, Micah Thomas and Aaron Waggoner. Bear Cubs

attending were Phillip Coleman, Levi Grand, Preston Morrow, David Newton and Brett Shelton.

Activity categories included: Archery, with adult leaders Frank Carpenter and Allen Morrow; B B Guns and Gun Safety, led by Sgt. Jody Tullos and Trooper Johnny Josselet, both of the Texas Highway

Patrol, and Haskell Police Officer Steven Grand; Science, led by Fonda Newton; Leather Craft, led by Bart Parham; Wood Craft, led by Sherri Morrow, Kay Smith, Reida Thomas, Tammy Kimbrough and Frank Carpenter. Other activities included swimming, flag ceremonies, a rain gutter regatta, growing something,

and a family picnic.

Camp Coordinator was Sherri Morrow. Kay Smith was Asst. Coordinator. Camp photographer was Tammy Kimbrough. Lifeguards were Charlie Smith, Aaron New and Devin Underwood. Dr. Wm. D. McSmith was the physician on call.

Parent helpers and volunteers were Casey Coleman, Tra Hall, Chris Shelton, Donna Waggoner, Reida Thomas, Gary Thomas and Shelby Morrow.



RAIN GUTTER REGATTA—Local Cub Scouts racing their handmade boats during the activities at the Cub Scout Twilight Camp held in Haskell City Park, July 22-24, were: l-r around the rain gutter, Micah Thomas, Phillip Coleman, Brett Shelton, Levi Grand, David Newton, Kyle Kimbrough, Aaron Waggoner, Preston Morrow, Braeden Alves and Hunter Hall. The scouts competed in the race by blowing on the sail of their boat as it floated to the finish line in the water-filled rain gutter.

Paint Creek School to host B-T-S picnic

Paint Creek ISD faculty and administration would like to welcome all Paint Creek parents and students to a "Back to School" picnic and meet the teachers night. Tues., Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the football field.

Students and parents will have an opportunity to meet the teachers and visit the classrooms. Students are welcome to bring their backpacks and supplies and get them put away so the next morning will be a little less stressful.

School starts Wed., Aug. 13, at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

Each family is asked to bring either a bag of chips, cookies, or six pack of soft drinks.

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Obituaries

Clarence Goebel

Funeral services for Clarence Goebel, 84, of Haskell were held Tues., July 29 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell with Dean and Pat Quade and Pastor Stan Leaf officiating. Burial was in Hermleigh Catholic Cemetery in Hermleigh with Ray Goebel officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Goebel died Sun., July 27 in Haskell.
Born Sept. 26, 1918 in Hermleigh, he was the son of Walter and Mary Schultz Goebel. He married Pauline Edmonds Sept. 8, 1915. She preceded him in death July 20, 1965. He then married Anna Clara Kretschmer July 27, 1968. She preceded him in death Oct. 21, 1996. A farmer all of his life and member of Trinity Lutheran Church, he enjoyed gardening, fishing and playing pool. During his later years, he enjoyed everyone at Rice Springs Care Home, including gospel singing, country

bands, bingo and weekly pizza. He was a wonderful caretaker to his parents and a faithful caretaker to both wives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two wives, three brothers and one grandson.

Survivors include his children, Ray Goebel and wife, Linda, of Athens; Leon Kretschmer and wife, Melba and Kathryn Medford and husband, Bobby, all of Haskell; sisters, Dora Mae Wollard and brother-in-law, Henry, of Snyder, and Eva Nell Gill of Victoria; grandchildren, Pauline Veazey, Walter Paul Goebel, Renee Acosta, John Vance Roberts, Edgwyna Flores, Jeff Medford, Bobby G. Medford; and fifteen great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church, Experienced Citizens Center, West Texas Rehab or the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Letha Joan (Marr) Davies

Funeral services for Letha Joan (Marr) Davies, 63, of Mesa, Arizona were held Mon., July 28 at The Fairway Groves Ward church in Mesa, Arizona.

Mrs. Davies died Wed., July 23.

Born Feb. 5, 1940 in Hagerman, N.M., she was a homemaker. She moved to Arizona in 1992 from Texas. She was a member of The Fairway Groves Ward in Mesa, Arizona.

Survivors include her husband, Boyd James Davies; one daughter, Stargret Thompson; one son, Boyd Davies II; one sister, Elaine Appleton; two brothers, LaVon Marr and Kenneth Marr; and six grandchildren. PD. NOTICE



LETHA DAVIES



FIVE GENERATIONS—Trinity Shaye Anthony, born May 2 in Lubbock to parents Kasey and Brandi Anthony, became the fifth living generation in her mother's family. Pictured, l-r, she is held by her mother, Brandi Briles Anthony. Standing back is grandmother, Teresa Rhoads Briles of Haskell; seated, great-great grandmother, Leona Teichelman Schonerstedt of Sagerton; and great grandmother, Shirley Schonerstedt Rhoads of Rule.

Four local churches to hold joint VBS Aug. 3-8

Four of Haskell's churches—the First United Methodist Church, the First Christian Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, and the First Presbyterian Church—are again this year joining together to host Vacation Bible School. This year's school will be held Sun., Aug. 3 through Fri., Aug. 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 each evening. Classes and activities will be held for 3-year-olds up through children going into the sixth grade.

This year's host congregation is the First Christian Church, 107 N. Avenue F. Dusty Garrison, minister of the church, said the title of this year's school is "Treasures of the Nile." "We're having an Egyptian theme this year," Garrison said. "The lessons deal with Moses and the

children of Israel, and how God delivered them from their bondage."

Garrison said the Sunday night activities will include registration time, as well as games, activities and refreshments for the youngsters. He noted that regular VBS classes will begin on Monday and continue through Thursday night.

On Friday night, Garrison explained that the parents are invited to accompany their children to the church for a brief closing program. Everyone will then adjourn to the Haskell City Pool, he said, for a swim and pizza party.

The mission project for this year's VBS will be the Haskell County Food Distribution Center, a ministry for the Haskell Ministerial Alliance.

"We're asking everyone to bring canned food items," Garrison said. "We're hoping to get the children to help us build an Egyptian-style pyramid of canned goods, which we can then give to the food pantry."

He also said children will be asked to participate in the popular "coin offering." He explained that for this kind of offering, the students are asked to bring pennies on Monday night, nickels on Tuesday night, and so on. "We've done this before, and the kids really got a kick out of it," he said. The proceeds of this offering will also go to the food distribution center.

All area youth are invited to attend. For more information, call 864-3550 or 864-2445.

ECC to hold variety show Sat., Aug. 16

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will hold a fund raising variety show Sat., Aug. 16 at the Haskell Civic Center. The variety show will include funny antics, musical entertainment by Gene Leonard, formerly of Mattson, special guests from Boggy River, Tenn. and other talented entertainers.

A concession stand will be open from 6 to 7 p.m. before the show with brisket sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, cobblers, chips and drinks. Cost of the meal is not included in the show tickets.

The variety show will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets for the variety show only are \$6 for adults; \$4 for teens, 13 years through high school; and free for children 12 and under.

Commissioner's Court report

At the regular meeting of the Haskell County Commissioners' Court, Tues., July 15, a bid of \$117,275.00 was accepted from Steele Fire Apparatus for a new brush truck for the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, with the agreement that the Forestry Service will pay 90% of this amount and the County will pay the remainder, and that the cab, chassis and completed truck will be paid for upon presentation of a bill to the Commissioner's Court. The Forestry Service will then reimburse the County for 90% of the total cost.

Approval was given by the court for the employment of Bobby Jenkins as van driver at the Experienced Citizens Center at \$6.00 per hour. Also approved was the hiring of Bobby Dossey as a part time employee in Precinct 3.

Upon the recommendation of Probation Officer, Joy Kimbrough, an amendment was approved to the resolution passed in January, for the purchase of Juvenile Services projects in the amount of \$5,235.00 for the 2004 fiscal year. County Judge David Davis was appointed as the authorized official who is given

the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate this grant. Submission of the grant application was made to the office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funds Program.

Approval was given by the County to the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking with U. S. Bank National Association.

Mike McGuire was nominated as a nonvoting member of the Brazos G Regional Water Group.

The Court voted to put the Constable's state money in a separate account.

The redoing of the electric connections for campers at the Anchor was tabled for discussion in next year's budget.

Ed Murphy was reappointed to the Rolling Plains Ground Water Conservation District.

In a special meeting of the Commissioners' Court Tues., July 22, approval was given to allow Lynn Dodson, Justice of the Peace, to enter into a contract with OCA Case Management System to purchase a

system for her office.

Agreement was made by the Court to use the old Experienced Citizens Center vans to transport prison work crews.

The following election judges and alternates were named for a one year term:

- Box 1, Randy Bowers, Judge; Flora Pace, Alternate.
- Box 2, Darold Roberson, Judge.
- Box 3, Grace Thomas, Judge; Debra Bartley, Alternate.
- Box 4, Emily Medford, Judge; Peggy Middlebrook, Alternate.
- Box 5, Pat Kitley, Judge; June White, Alternate.
- Box 6, Susan Turner, Judge; Shirley Short, Alternate.
- Box 7, Audie Johnson, Judge.
- Box 8, Joyce Hager, Judge; Joyce Robertson, Alternate.
- Box 9, Dave Brown, Judge; Wallar Overton, Alternate.
- Box 10, Renee Dudensing, Judge; Joe Clark, Alternate.
- Early Voting, Brian Burgess, Judge.
- Alternate judges for Boxes 2 and 7 and Early Voting will be appointed at a later date.

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Harrell family meets for family reunion

Members of the Harrell family reunion met at the Haskell National Bank Community Room, Fri., and Sat., July 25-26 for fun, food and fellowship.

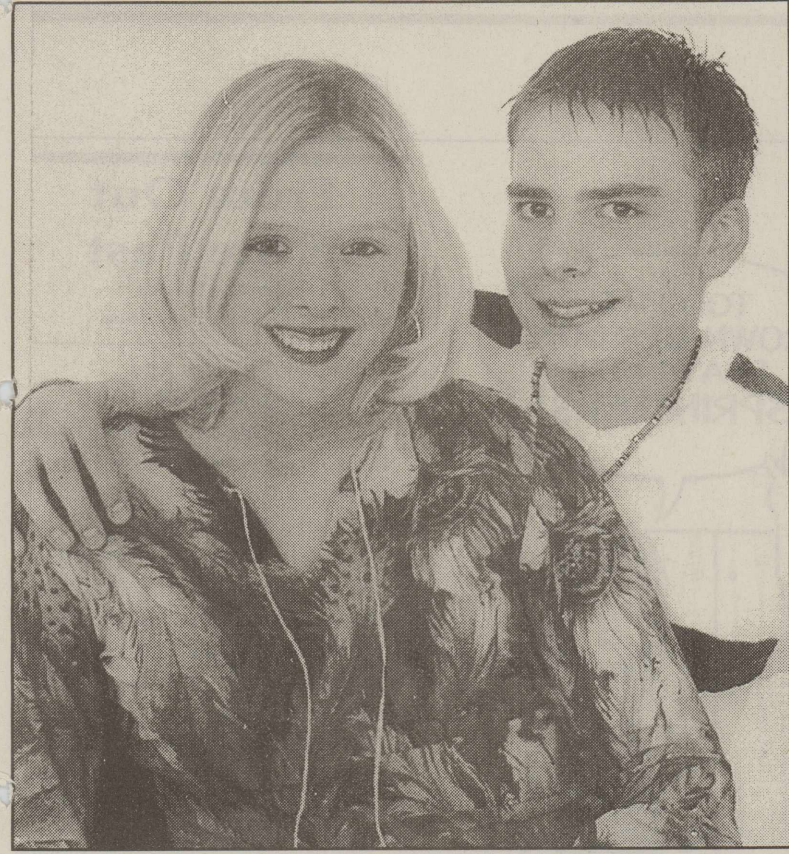
The oldest one in attendance was C. E. Tidwell, age 91, of Haskell. Traveling the farthest were Melissa and husband, Robin, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, the granddaughter of Frances and Jimmie Bowen.

Special guests at this year's reunion were friends of the family,

Sammie Williams of Richardson, Marie Culbreth, Ophelia Newsom, Joann Dulaney, Lois Ann and Cracker Ballard, all of Haskell, and Sharon Mullino, Claudia Reid and Sammie Loper, all of Rochester.

An auction raised enough money to pay expenses, give a donation to Willow Cemetery and purchase two tables for the Community Room.

Next year's reunion will be held July 23-24. A talent show is being planned for the event.



CHRISTINA SAMMONS - WINSTON STEPHENS, JR.

Sammons, Stephens to be wed Aug. 9

Christina Sammons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sammons of Haskell, and Winston Stephens, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Stephens, Sr., of Rule, have announced their engagement to be married, Sat., Aug. 9, at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Haskell High School.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2003 graduate of Rule High School. He is employed with the Rolling Plains Regional Detention Center in Haskell.



MR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER CHAD HAMMACK

Watson, Hammack wed on July 4th

Erma Jill Watson of Haskell and Christopher Chad Hammack of Aspermont were united in marriage in a ceremony Fri., July 4, at Trinity Lutheran Church, with Pastor Stan Leaf and Dean and Pat Quade officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Sam and Jo Ann Watson of Haskell and the granddaughter of Wilton and Elna Weise.

The groom is the son of La' Sonda Hammack of Abilene, and Britches and Nan Hammack of Fluvanna, and the grandson of Margie Hammack of Sweetwater and Phyllis Sunday of Aspermont.

Maid of honor was Devonne Hammack of Fluvanna, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Katy Goss of Abilene and Sydney Brueggeman of Haskell.

Best man was Leo Murguia of Aspermont. Groomsmen were Josh Bell, cousin of the groom, and Joe Isbell, both of Aspermont.

Usher was Brent Watson of Haskell, brother of the bride. Candlelighter was Sara Weise of Haskell, cousin of the bride. Ruth Ann Klose of Haskell was the organist and Kimie Hutchinson of Haskell, cousin of the bride, registered guests.

The church and hall were decorated in a western theme with red bandana ribbon and wildflowers.

A reception and dinner, catered by Eddie Klose and Coy Scoggins, were held at the Sons of Hermann Lodge in the Irby Community.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Haskell High School and will attend Angelo State University to pursue a teaching degree in history.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Aspermont High School and will attend Angelo State University toward a degree in coaching and teaching.

The couple is residing in San Angelo.

Sales tax holiday can be money saver

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The annual sales tax holiday will be from August 1 to 3. The holiday is designed to help families save money when purchasing back to school items. However, this no tax weekend does not always end up saving shoppers' money.

Because there is no sales tax on selected items, many people will go on a shopping spree and end up spending more money than they regularly would have.

The best savings will result from careful comparison shopping. Experts suggest families set spending limits and look for reduced prices. Shoppers should also have a list of what they need before they hit the store and stick to it.

Mullins descendants hold family reunion

Approximately 60 descendants of William (Will) and Bettie Mullins, early Haskell settlers, held a family reunion in Haskell, July 20 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building.

The oldest attending was Maple Thomas, Haskell. Traveling the longest distance was Michael Glenn Smith of New York. The youngest attending was Madison Hoover, daughter of Bryan and Dennise Hoover of Sweetwater. The descendants of Nettie Mullins Smith comprised the largest group attending.

Kim Smith, Haskell, served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Gaylon Amonett, Lubbock, was auctioneer for the gift auction. Frank Clarkson assisted. Norma Dale Linton, Midland, and Marie Brown, Farmington, N. M. registered guests.

Kim Smith, Kristen Grand and Gwen Campbell and their families were primary hosts for the reunion and the preparation of the noon meal.

Attending were: Deborah Cole, Marjorie Reynolds, Robert Gray, Gaylon Amonett, Frank and Barbara

Clarkson, all of Lubbock. Dalton and Dale Linton, Midland;

J. B. and Carolyn Griffin, Dara and Erika Rodriguez, R. W. and Judy Anderson, Aaron and Payton Amonett, Kathy Rhea, John Rhea, Sharon Smith, Matt and Kyera Smith, all of Abilene;

Mylana Neelley and Manuel Mullins, Olney; Arvil Lee and Fay Campbell, Cone; Rodney Amonett, of Eula; Denhise and Madison Hoover, Sweetwater;

Larry and Debbie Gilliam, Shaun Gilliam, Stamford; Juanita Davis, Munday; Wayne Offutt, Wichita Falls; Mildred Offutt, Weinert;

Willard Mullins, Roy and Omitene Amonett, Keith and Derinda Hannsz, Felicity Gentry, Gwen Campbell, Kay Smith, Kristen Grand, Katie Grand, Levi Grand, Braxton Lowe, Jennifer Smith, Scott Lange, all of Haskell;

Wallace Pack, San Angelo;

Clifton and Donna Morrison, Anson; Eldon and Brenda Amonett, Denver City; Michael Glenn Smith, New York City; and Marlin and Marie Brown, Farmington, N. M.

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Dear Misti:

Both of my parents are in their seventies with various medical problems. My mother's physician has recently suggested that Mom and Dad have a nurse come in to monitor their medical problems and an aide to help them with their hygiene. How do I find a good home health agency; what questions should I ask? In general, I would like to know what qualities constitute a "good" home health agency?

Mattie Lacy

Dear Mattie:

Your questions is one we are frequently asked. There are several specific questions and answers that will help you in feeling confident about your choice of home health agencies. There are a lot of 'fly by night' agencies opening, those who have no long term commitment to providing quality care and unfortunately have no vested interest in providing the best for your parents. Therefore one of the key questions to ask is longevity in the business, how long has this company been providing home health care. Direction and leadership flow down from the top, so I feel it is critical for the director/owner to have a health care background. Having been in the field, or exposed to problems working in the field, helps to develop an understanding of the situations and concerns of home bound patients and their families.

Additionally, the Director of Nursing and nursing staff need to have experience, as well as comprehensive, extensive knowledge, in providing home health care, and working with Medicare rules and regulations that govern provision of care. Rules and regulations are changing frequently, your agency must have personnel who understand them and stay apprised of all the changes.

Another critical question to ask is what services can the home health agency provide and when will they provide it? Will they be available on the weekends or in the evening if this is needed or requested by the physician? A quality home health agency recognizes the needs, and plans for the care, of their patients realizing that it is not just a Monday through Friday, 9-5 job. The ability to provide comprehensive services is a critical question. Will home health aides, medical social workers and occupational, speech, or physical therapists, in addition to skilled nurses, be available if needed? Changes in medical conditions should not necessitate changes in your home health agency, it is very important for patients and families to know that familiar staff members will be able to provide care for a heart condition, as well as, a fractured hip. A physician's experience with the home health agency is also very important. Has the physician been notified promptly of any changes in the patients condition that warrant his immediate attention. Is the physician given updates on the patient as requested? Are the patient's needs being met?

Will this home health agency be there in the long-run? And the final question, which isn't really a question at all, it's more of a feeling. Does this home health agency really care what happens to my Mom and Dad?

Talk with friends who have had experience with home health agencies. Tell them you are in the process of choosing an agency, and remember you do have a choice. Hospitals and physicians should provide you with several names, however, the decision is yours.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send you questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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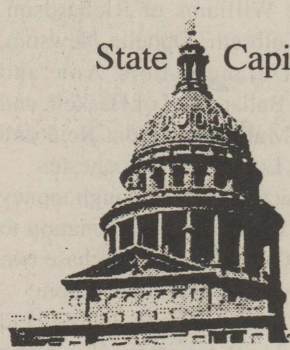
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Consumers pay no sales tax

Aug. 1-3

AUSTIN—Getting ready for your annual tax-free shopping?

The state's fifth annual sales tax holiday starts Aug. 1 and continues until Aug. 3. During that time, Texans will be able to buy certain items without having to pay state or local sales tax.

The tax holiday was originally intended to help children and their parents but extends to all consumers. Exempt are most types of clothing and footwear costing less than \$100. Eligible items range from school and work uniforms to tennis shoes to underwear.

The state comptroller's office says that since the program began in 1999 it has saved Texans (and visitors from Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico who happen to hear about the program and decide to visit the state specifically to buy some tax-free items) about \$150 million. That includes some \$118 million in potential state tax revenue and \$31 million in local taxes.

City governments can choose to opt out of the program, but no city has since 2000, according to the comptroller.

For more information on items that can be purchased sales tax free during the holiday, check the comptroller's Web site at www.cpa.state.tx.us or call 1-800-252-5555.

TAKS on track....

With so much public focus on the special session, it didn't get a whole lot of attention, but an effort to hold this coming school year's Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills passing standards for middle and high school students at last year's level was defeated by the State Board of Education earlier this month.

The board voted 8-6 to go ahead with a planned increase in the passing standards set last November for the 2003-04 school year.

For 10th-graders, that means they

will have to get 29 of 56 math answers right. Last year's minimum was 25 of 56. (Many parents may have trouble answering why their child got a passing score even though they got only 50 percent of the answers correct.)

If you also wonder how many students across the state passed the test last school year, the answer is 52 percent of 10th-graders and 49 percent of 11th-graders.

Time to get that hunting license...

Next time they run for office, legislators will be able to tell their constituents that they didn't raise taxes during the 78th Legislature.

Next time you go to buy your hunting or fishing license, you will be able to tell your friends it cost you more.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission voted unanimously to raise fees for boat registration (\$5 to \$15 for two years) and hunting and fishing licenses. Resident hunting and fishing licenses will go from \$19 to \$23, with the Super Combo license increasing from \$49 to \$59.

Fees haven't increased in seven years, and the hike will generate an additional \$10.2 million a year for the department.

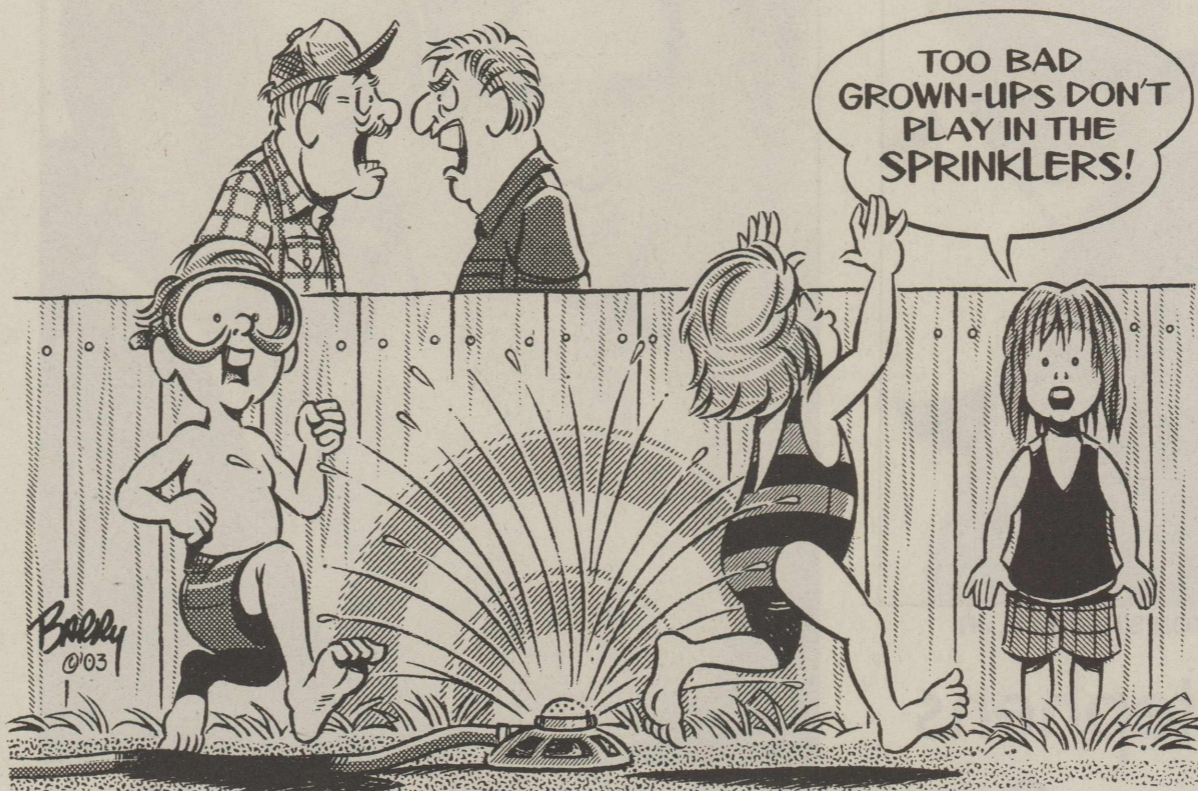
A taste of honey...

Texas is the seventh largest honey-producing state in the nation (North Dakota is number one when it comes to honey), and these days, it's a sweet business to be in.

According to statistics compiled by the comptroller, Texas beekeepers produced...well, the bees produced...7.6 million pounds of honey last year.

That was down by 100,000 pounds compared with the year before, but the value of that honey jumped from \$5 million in 2001 to \$8.3 million last year. That's 66 percent, an increase worth buzzing about.

No one seems to know why honey suddenly got more pricey, but Texas beekeepers are not quibbling over the matter. Prices also were up nationwide.



'Safety first' applies to older adults, too

Putting "safety first" isn't just kid stuff. Older adults need to keep personal safety firmly in mind too, said Dr. Judy Warren, Texas Cooperative Extension gerontology specialist.

In fact, she said, according to statistics from the National Institute on Aging, every year about 2 million older adults become victims of crimes. Often these crimes are robbery, property theft or burglary; physical attacks and even neglect or abuse by friends, relatives or caretakers.

By using a little common sense and awareness, older people can prevent some of these crimes from happening in the first place, Warren said. She suggested following this advice from NIA:

At home:

- Keep doors locked even when you are home. Before you leave the house, make sure all doors and windows are locked and secured.

- When someone comes to your door, look through the peephole or safe window to see who it is before opening the door. Don't open the door to strangers. Ask his or her name, and reason for knocking at your door; if for any reason you are uncomfortable, don't open the door.

- Install locks, doors and windows that are strong and difficult to break. If you wish, investigate alarm systems. Ask the local police department to send an officer to your home to help you determine what, if any, changes can be made to make your home more secure.

- Engrave an identification number (Not your Social Security number, but perhaps your driver's license number) on valuable property. Make a list of costly items, including jewelry and electronic equipment, and take pictures of these items. Store the list and photos in a safety deposit box or other safe place.

Away from home:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Walk with a friend. Stay away from areas where crimes might occur, such as dark alleys or parking lots.

- Have monthly checks, such as Social Security or pension, directly deposited into your bank account. If you visit the bank often, vary the times and days of the week when you go.

- Don't carry a lot of cash. Instead of carrying a purse, place the least amount of money, credit cards, etc., in an inside pocket. If you are robbed, don't try to fight for your money.

- Dress plainly and simply. Leave expensive clothing or accessories—including furs and jewelry—in a safe place. Protecting money and property:

- Don't believe it if someone tells you he or she is a bank official and would like you to take some money out of your account to test a teller. Banks don't operate this way.

- Don't believe deals that sound "too good to be true." If the deal involves a lot of your money up front and "guaranteed" success, turn it down. When in doubt about any company or "deal," check with the local Better Business Bureau.

- Don't give credit card account numbers or bank account numbers to salespeople who have called you on the phone, or who are asking for contributions. Con artists don't need your credit card to run up charges on your account—all they need is your card or account number.

- Don't believe claims of quick fixes or miracle cures. For accurate medical information, go to licensed medical professionals.

Elder abuse

Elder abuse—neglect or mistreatment of older adults—can happen anywhere, and be caused by anybody, including loved ones. This kind of abuse is too serious to handle alone, Warren said. For help, look in the telephone book or ask directory assistance for Adult Protective Services programs; talk to a clergy person, doctor or lawyer; or call the Area Agency on Aging. The ElderCare Locator (800-677-1116) can provide telephone numbers for local agencies.

And above all, Warren said, if you are the victim of a crime, report it.

Don't be embarrassed or afraid. "If crimes aren't reported, criminals can't be caught," she said.

For assistance, call the National Organization for Victim Assistance at (800) TRY-NOVA (800-879-6682) 24-hour hotline, or write to NOVA, 1757 Park Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20010.

Other resources:

- American Association of Retired Persons Criminal Justice Services, 601 E Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20049, or call (202) 434-2222;

- Council of Better Business Bureaus, 4200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 800, Arlington, Va., 22209; or call (703) 525-0100. Ask for the pamphlet, "Tips on Elderly Consumer Problems," and other publications;

- United Seniors Health Cooperative, 1331 H Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20045-4706. This agency has a number of publications on health-related issues available.

- NIA Information Center, P.O. Box 8057, Gaithersburg, Md. 20898-8057, or call (800) 222-2225 or (800) 222-4225 (TTY); e-mail to niainfo@access.digex.net. The agency has a list of free publications.

For more information visit Extension's Family and Consumer Science Web site at: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/aging/aging.htm>.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

We would like to thank Jerry Burke and his band, and the public for their support and participation in the street dance held July 19. Your donations will be put to great use. Once again thank you for all your support.

Sheriff David Halliburton
Haskell Co. Sheriff's Dept.

Correction

Information printed in last week's edition about the Haskell Food Bank should have reported that the Baptist General Convention of Texas is currently committed to sending \$200.00 a month to the project, not Haskell First Baptist Church.



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From Out of the Past

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10 Years Ago
July 29, 1993

Melba Lowrance, an alert bank teller, foiled a scam in Haskell when she refused to cash a check on the account of a Haskell woman.

La Nell Trussell attended a screener's clinic for Scoptic Sensitivity Syndrome (SSS). The clinic was designed to certify people who hold degrees in education as screeners for SSS.

Air Force Master Sergeant Santos Navarrete Jr. was named aerospace physiology senior noncommissioned officer of the year for the Air Training Command. He also was named medical group senior noncommissioned officer of the quarter at Sheppard Air Force Base.

Three Haskell CISD teachers were selected by the Texas Education Agency to attend the New Standards Project Conference in Utah. They were Paula Everett, Richard Holloway and Cathy Bartley.

20 Years Ago
July 28, 1983

1st Lieutenant Lela Holden was named the 13th Air Force Junior Officer of the Quarter. She's a 1977 graduate from the University of Texas with a Bachelor's Degree in nursing and has nearly completed her Master's Degree work.

Jerry Snelling was named recipient of an Allison Journalism Grant. Snelling won numerous awards for photography during two years as a staff photographer for the Haskell high school paper, he also worked as a staff photographer for the Abilene Reporter-News.

30 Years Ago
July 26, 1973

Haskell Lions Club heard a very informative and interesting program given by HHS vocational agriculture teacher, Duane Gilly. Gilly explained that FFA and vocational ag students have the summer months training as well as the school year.

Haskell Free Press publisher Bill Comedy attended a "double-header" meeting of Texas Press Association board members in Austin.

40 Years Ago
July 25, 1963

Haskell Warriors, 15-16 year old Pony League entry in Area IV of the Texas Teenage Baseball League, closed out a perfect season and went on to state tournament in Fort Worth. Team members from Haskell were Bill Perry and Gary Davis, catchers; Perry Turnbow and Ricky Hamilton, pitchers; Gary Conner, first base; James Ivey, second base; Freddy Kreger, third base; Joe Josselet, shortstop; and Wendell Coston, outfielder.

Two members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department attended the annual fire fighting instruction and allied courses at Texas A&M. They were Supervisor Floyd (Satch) Lusk and Fire Marshall Earl Correll.

50 Years Ago
July 30, 1953

Director of nurses at the Haskell County Hospital is Mrs. Ruth Anderson, R. N., formerly with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Weinert, Rule and Haskell FFA chapters shared in honors at the State convention of Future Farmers in Fort Worth. Highest honor went to Jo Ann Winchester of Weinert as State FFA Sweetheart. Two members of Rule FFA chapter, Jan Fouts and Bobby Kitley were awarded awards. Haskell Stone, teacher of Vocational Agriculture in Haskell, was awarded the Honorary Lone Star Farmer Key.

100 Years Ago
July 25, 1903

Mrs. A. R. Meadors has sold her residence to G. H. Cobb of the southeast part of the county. Cobb will move his family to Haskell to give his children the benefit of Haskell schools.

S. E. Williams and H. H. McDonald left for Davis, in the Indian Territory of Oklahoma, where they plan to make their home.

G. H. Cobb was in from his ranch in the southeast part of the county, getting supplies from Haskell merchants.

Henry Free, George Courtney and Tobe Blair and their families returned through town from a plum gathering expedition on the Brazos River. They had about seventeen bushels.

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by Brandon Anderson

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Lights, Camera, TEXAS!

The Texas Film Commission has been assisting filmmakers with information on locations, crew, talent, weather, laws, housing and every other aspect of filming in Texas since 1971. In the past ten years, more than 500 film and television projects have been shot in Texas.

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Film Commission (<http://www.governor.state.tx.us/film/>).

New haying and grazing options available

Cutting hay and grazing livestock on land enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, in the absence of a weather-related emergency, is now an option for producers due to changes brought about by the 2002 Farm Bill.

Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director for the Haskell County Farm Service Agency, has announced that managed haying and grazing has been allowed on CRP lands since July 2. That starting date is tied to the end of the primary

nesting and brood rearing season in the state. The ending date will be Oct. 25, 2003.

Prior to the 2002 Farm Bill, commercial use of CRP land was generally prohibited except for weather-related emergencies such as droughts.

To take advantage of the new haying and grazing options, producers must modify existing conservation plans for the CRP acreage to include managed haying and grazing practices. The plans must be developed in conjunction

with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service or one of its technical service providers.

Producers must also agree to certain terms and conditions, including signing an agreement to re-establish, at the producer's own cost, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of haying or grazing and to remove all hay within 10 days of being notified that the managed haying and grazing season has ended.

Annual rental payments producers receive for enrolling land into CRP will be reduced by 25 percent for

acreage that is hayed or grazed.

Under this program, producers can cut hay or graze livestock on a given acre no more than once every three years after the vegetative cover is fully established. An acre hayed or grazed this year, for example, may not be hayed or grazed again until 2006. CRP participants can choose to hay or graze their entire CRP acreage in the first year, or only a portion of their CRP acreage each year. Producers may not harvest hay and graze livestock on the same land in the same year.

"The managed haying and grazing option will give producers a useful tool to help them better manage their lands. The periodic disturbance of vegetative cover under managed haying and grazing will increase the diversity and quality of the cover and improve wildlife benefits," said Brzozowski.

For additional eligibility criteria and information regarding CRP Managed Haying and Grazing, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617.



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Weathers Whys: El Niño

Q: Where does an El Niño begin and move to?

A: El Niño is a disruption of the ocean-atmosphere system in the tropical Pacific that affects weather not only in the U.S., but all over the world, says Dr. Gerald North of Texas A&M's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. "The waters

off the coast of Peru are normally cold and filled with nutrients," North explains.

"When an El Niño occurs, the warm water is covered over at the surface by a layer of warm water. The nutrients coming up from below are cut off, and fishing can suffer, especially anchovy fishing near Peru. This is part of a process that stretches across the whole equatorial Pacific. A pulse of warm water starts in the eastern Pacific and progresses across the whole ocean basin over the course of a year or so, ending off the coast of South America. This slow progression gives us an early warning that can lead to useful predictions several months in advance of an El Niño event."

Q: How does it affect weather in the U.S.?

A: North says that until about

1957, El Niño was thought to affect only the west coast of South America. "But today we know that it's part of a global chain of ocean and atmospheric events," he says.

"The results of El Niño can be fascinating, but sometimes costly and deadly. For example, in 1976-77 an El Niño produced record drought in California, but another El Niño in 1982-83 produced a series of rain storms that cost \$200 million in California alone. We now have enough knowledge of the whole cycle to see some patterns in the weather. For example, El Niños usually bring wet winters to the Southern U.S., including Texas. This year is a good example. We know that we need a better understanding of El Niño so we can better forecast future weather events and their likely results."

Playday results

The Haskell Horse Club held a Playday Sat., July 26.

Results of the playday were:

Barrels
8 and under Novice: 1. Shannon Reeves 2. Kathryn Cude 3. Cameron Mathis

8 and under: 1. Ryder Cude 2. Kaley Mathis 3. Ashley Williams

9-12: 1. Angie Bourland 2. Amie Ray 3. Ashton Rutkowski

13-15: 1. Alexa Roberts 2. Taylor Williams

16-19: 1. Brittany Rutkowski
Flags

8 and under Novice: 1. Cameron Mathis 2. Kathryn Cude

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Poles

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Ways to avoid overheating

Heat may be your most serious opponent as summer kicks off into high gear. But with a few simple precautions, heat-related injuries can be avoided, says Dr. Craig Crandall, associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"Hydration is the most important variable," says Crandall who is also a research scientist at the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine.

Some tips to help prevent heat exhaustion include:

- Avoid intense physical activity during the hottest periods of the day.
- Recognize the symptoms associated with heat exhaustion, which can include nausea, dizziness, weakness, headache and pale skin.
- If symptoms occur, seek cooler environmental conditions and keep adequately hydrated: water is best; avoid sugary drinks, caffeinated beverages and alcohol.

"The body undergoes a period of heat acclimation early in the summer. When outside temperatures first begin to rise, gradually increase your exposure to these conditions over a period of one to two weeks," Crandall says.

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PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

PROPOSITION 18 (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 19 (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

PROPOSITION 20 (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

PROPOSITION 21 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

PROPOSITION 22 (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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Cattle Market report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 831 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., July 28, according to Gary Tate,

reporter. 66 sellers and 38 buyers were present.
Cows: fat, .41-.48; cutters, .42-.4750; canners, .38-.44.

Bulls: bologna, .52-.59; feeders, .68-.78; utility, .48-.55.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.70; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .88-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .85-1.00; 600-700 lbs., .82-.94; 700-800 lbs., .78-.89; 800-up lbs., .72-.86.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.40; 300-400 lbs., .88-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .82-.98; 500-600 lbs., .75-.90; 600-up lbs., .67-.88.

Bred heifers medium frame, 525-675.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 675-780; aged or small, 475-650.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 800-1025; aged or small, 630-725.

Jerseys, longhorns, holsteins, bad eyes, cripples, knots \$5-\$25 less than figures quoted!

All deadlines are 5 p.m. on Monday.

Insects have their place

Bugs have a place in the great scheme of things, but that place doesn't have to be on somebody else's skin. And now, with insect-borne diseases such as West Nile Virus, Lyme disease and St. Louis encephalitis so much in the news, keeping families protected from insect bites is even more important, says Texas Cooperative Extension specialist, Dr. Carol Rice and Extension health associate, Janet Pollard.

"When choosing an insect repellent, it is important to consider the form—spray, lotion, cream or stick—as well as concentration of active ingredients, whether or not the product has Environmental Protection Agency approval, cost and current outdoor conditions," Pollard said.

A chemical called N, N-diethyl-metaltoluamide—better known as DEET—can be found in most insect repellents, Rice said. DEET, which was developed by the U.S. Army and the (U.S.) Department of Agriculture more than 50 years ago, "doesn't kill bugs, but its vapors discourage them

from landing or climbing on you," she said. "It's generally acknowledged to be the most effective mosquito repellent there is."

However, not all chemical insect repellents are appropriate for all consumers, Rice advised. "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend adults use an insect repellent that contains less than 35 percent DEET, while children should use a product that contains no more than 10 percent DEET. Repellents with DEET should be used sparingly on children 2 through 6 years of age and not at all on infants younger than 2 years of age."

Other insect repellents that do not contain DEET are available, and

several of them have been tested by Consumer Reports, Pollard added. Whichever repellent is chosen, be sure to read and follow label directions closely.

However, she added, "Never use a product that has not been approved by the EPA!"

For chemical-free protection, the National Library of Medicine reminds that: "The safest form of insect repellent is proper clothing." That includes full-brimmed hats, light-colored clothing and pants tucked into socks.

And when spending any time outdoors, don't forget regular checks for insects on clothing.

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See class schedules www.vernoncollege.edu/dstltn

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| Three Wichita Falls centers Register August 19 4105 Maplewood Ave. see schedule for times 940.696.8752 | Vernon campus Register August 21 Osborne Admin. Bldg. see schedule for times 940.552.6291 |
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Classes begin August 25

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Aug. 4
Lunch—Oven baked chicken breasts, cream gravy, cheese potatoes, green beans, sliced onions, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

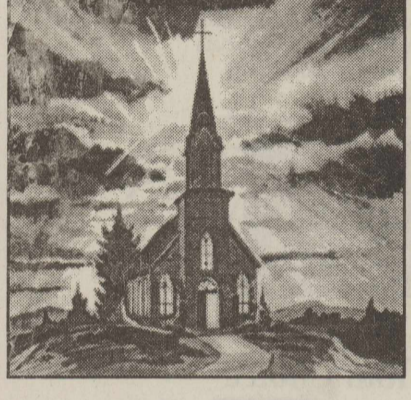
Wed., Aug. 6
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Gospel singing
Lunch—Salisbury steak, onions/brown gravy, mashed potatoes,

savory coleslaw, green peas, cornbread, chocolate cookies/vanilla pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Aug. 8
Lunch—Hamburgers/cheeseburgers, pinto beans, sliced onions/pickles/lettuce, mayo/mustard, potato chips, cherry cheesecake, milk, tea, or coffee

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

This Week's Devotional Message:



GOD'S WORLD OFFERS AN ENJOYABLE ECONOMY VACATION

Vacation time can mean many things to many people, depending on their interests as well as what the budget will allow. They may travel a great distance in style, go camping in the nearby woods, or just languish in the backyard. All of these places can provide enjoyment and relaxation, being a departure from the normal routine. Moreover, even a low budget vacation can be a learning experience, because it is not necessary to go far in order to observe the wonders of God's creation. They are on display everywhere, in different forms, just waiting for you to discover them. Take your Bible along as a sort of guide book, and remember that wherever you go on your vacation, God will be there to watch over you and protect you.

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., 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.
1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell
- PAINT CREEK**
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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 Gullledge, 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.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

Burns are a common injury

Affecting 2.5 million Americans each year, burns represent a common form of traumatic injury. According to Dr. Sarah Yuan, an associate professor in the Department of Surgery at The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine, despite remarkable improvements in critical care and wound management, complications remain a major cause of death in patients with massive burns. Of great concern is the development of multiple organ

failure.
To avoid complications and help burns heal, treat them as follows:
(1) For minor burns, rinse in cold water for at least five minutes, then apply cool wet cloths followed by a light moisturizer to soothe skin.
(2) For second-degree burns, where skin is red, swollen and blistered, rinse the burn in cool water, apply cool wet compresses and cover the wound loosely with a clean cloth until you can get medical help.
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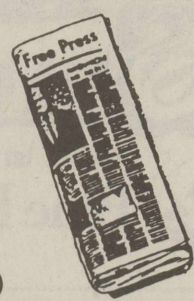
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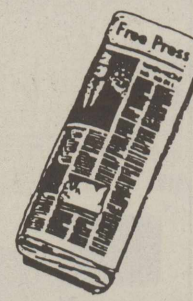
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CARPOR SALE: Fri. and Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 604 N. 3rd St. Apt. 2A. Kids' clothing, mens' clothing, jewelry, misc. 31p

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GARAGE SALE: Sat., 8 to 5, 302 Sunny. Rule. Furniture and lots of stuff. 31p

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Sat., Aug. 2. Good school clothes, shoes, household craft items, exerciser, tool box, dishes, and lots more. 607 N. Ave. G, 8 til ? 31p

GARAGE SALE: 1208 N. 11th. Clothes, washer, dryer, misc. Fri. and Sat. 8 a.m. to ? 31p

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Public Notices

CITY OF WEINERT
ORDINANCE
No. 012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEINERT RESTRICTING THE PARKING OF HEAVY VEHICLES, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE BELOW, AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY.

SECTION 1. Heavy vehicles, for the purpose of this ordinance require Class A licensing to operate and are described as follows:

CLASS A: Any combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, provided the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle or vehicles towed exceeds 10,000 pounds;

SECTION 2: It shall be unlawful to use or leave unattended vehicles on any of the City's streets, or alleyways within the corporate limits of the City of Weinert, Texas at any time, starting from Timmerman Street through Scheffel Street running west of Bruestedt Street, and any intersecting streets that cross the above mentioned streets. Any such heavy vehicles using said streets or being left parked or unattended on said streets shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this subsection.

SECTION 3: PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 2.

1) Any person, firm, or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day or portion of a day during which any such violation shall be held punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) nor more than two hundred (\$200.00).

(Day begins at 12:01 a.m., and ends at 12:00 midnight).

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall take effect 10 (ten) days from

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and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of state law, and it is accordingly so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED in regular session of the City Council on this 27th day of May, 2003.

ATTEST:
Robert F. Horan, City Secretary
Julian Estrada, Mayor

28-31c

PUBLIC NOTICE

Haskell County will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on August 11, 2003 at the office of the County Judge in the Haskell County Courthouse, Haskell, Texas for a set of used Vernon's Annotated Statutes (Black Books.)

For more information contact District Clerk, Penny Anderson at 940-864-2030.

Haskell County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

David C. Davis
Haskell County Judge 31-32c

PUBLIC NOTICE

Paint Creek ISD offers career and technology education program in Computers, Home Economics and Agriculture. Admission to these programs is based on interest, aptitude, age appropriateness and class space available.

It is the policy of Paint Creek ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Paint Creek ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English

language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For more information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX, Coordinator, Max Calk, at Paint Creek ISD. Phone 940-864-2471.

FORMA DE MUESTRA
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Paint Creek ISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

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Susan Skinner
Susie, Dawn
Don and Sue Provines

We want to express our appreciation to all the friends and neighbors who helped us during this time of sorrow in the loss of our husband, Father and grandfather, Roy Fain. Special thanks go to Brother Allen Brooks, Nelda Lane, Susan Brooks, Ken Lane, John Sam Rike and Bobby Medford for helping us. Also, special thanks to the staff at Haskell Healthcare Center and the staff at Haskell Memorial Hospital who all helped us and were so nice to us.

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Two named to steering committee

James Elam and Lori Rodriguez, were recently appointed to serve as members of a steering committee to discuss regional economic development strategies and the enhancement of regional collaborative efforts. Elam is Director of the Haskell Economic Development Corporation, and Rodriguez is Human Resource Director for the Rolling Plains Regional Detention Center.

The regional steering committee is made up of business, community and education leaders throughout the region, and is chaired by Dr. Gary McCaleb, Vice-President of Abilene Christian University, and a native of Anson.

Dr. McCaleb said that he is pleased to have the opportunity to work with outstanding community leaders such as Elam and Rodriguez. "I feel confident our efforts will produce results for our region," he said.

The steering committee will begin their planning process by addressing recommendations cited in a report recently completed by the Wadley Donovan Group of New Jersey. The report, funded by the City of Abilene, City of Brownwood and the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, addressed issues for a 19-county region pertaining to workforce, infrastructure, technology, education and target industries.



AT STATE CONVENTION—Recently joining over 7,000 other FFA members gathered in Houston at the State FFA Convention to elect state officers, were Haskell FFA Chapter members, l-r, Alexis Reed, Chase Cockerell, Charlie Smith and Sydney Brueggeman. While there, Cockerell was awarded his Lone Star Degree, which is the highest award given by the State.

City Council report

At the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council, Mon., July 14, approval was given to a request from Don Perry for the closing of South 6th Street from Ave. P to Ave. O, and of Ave. O from South 4th Street to South 7th Street.

A presentation on the replacement of major water lines was given by a representative of the engineering firm of Jacob and Martin. No action was taken by the council.

An ordinance was adopted by the City of Haskell denying the request from TXU for a rate increase, sending the matter back to the Railroad Commission for resolution.

City Administrator Sam Watson was authorized to try to purchase a block of property between Ave. A to the highway bypass, for the construction of a tie in access off of 14th street connecting to the bypass.

Approval was given for continuing the city's disclosure undertaking with U.S. Bank National Association.

A report was made on the grant received by the Haskell Police Department for bullet-proof vests.

The city has also been awarded a \$26,964.00 Homeland Security Grant, which will be implemented after further study and consultation.

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We will be purchasing milo to store in our Olney elevator. We would appreciate the opportunity to quote a price on the upcoming milo crop. We are currently contracting (by the acre or cwt).

If you have any questions regarding grain, feed or seed, we can be reached at the phone numbers below. We are currently exploring our options and hope to be a part of your community again one day.

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