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Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Sept. 4 edition will be Thurs., Aug. 28 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., Sept. 1 for the Labor Day holiday.

Indian football tickets

Reserve seat tickets for current Haskell Indian ticket holders will be on sale until Fri., Aug. 22. Remaining reserve tickets will go on sale Mon., Aug. 25. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased in the front office of Haskell High School.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., Aug. 23 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The concession stand will open at 5 p.m. and the music will start at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 989-2833.

Band boosters

The Haskell Band Boosters will hold a parent meeting Thurs., Aug. 21 at 5 p.m. at the Band Hall. Upcoming events will be discussed.

Play night

The Stamford Jr. Sheriff's Posse will hold a jackpot playnight Sat., Aug. 23 at 7 p.m.

AgScience to meet

A meeting of parents of Haskell High School AgScience students will be held Tues., Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Plans for the school year will be discussed. For more information call Justin Cox or Kenny Cockerell at 864-3310.

FSA elections

The nomination deadline for Farm Service Agency County Committee elections is Sept. 5. Contact your local FSA or USDA service center for nomination forms and information.

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 hhssharts@cs.com.

CEU meeting

The Texas Cooperative Extension Haskell County Office will host a five hour CEU program Wed., Aug. 27 from 7 a.m. to noon at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. For more information, contact Brandon Anderson, CEA-Ag Haskell County at 940-864-2658.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Aug. 21 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Donut sale

The Rochester Education Foundation will be taking orders for Kirsy Krems donuts. Donuts are \$6 per box or \$10 for two boxes and may be picked up on Aug. 30. Donuts may be picked up at City Hall in Rochester, The Aging Center in Knox City, Flatlands in Haskell or Wal-Mart in Stamford. To place an order call 940-742-3411 or 940-864-5012 by Aug. 23.

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Haskell County Extension Agent retires

By Mary Kaigler

"It's hard to sum up 24 years in a few words," said Lou Gilly, just days before retirement from her Texas Agricultural Extension Service career as Haskell County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.

Indeed, a summary of her extensive experience and competence level in the areas of home economics education and related areas, including food and nutrition, family life, parenting and child care, youth at risk, consumer buying, leadership development, health, clothing and textiles, housing, and others, speaks of the full agenda she has maintained, and the degree of dedication she has brought to her work since coming to Haskell.

Lou Gilly and husband, Duane Gilly, moved from Stephenville to Haskell in 1970, where he began his career as Agriculture teacher at Haskell High School; retiring only last year. In 1972 she became the Home Economics and Migrant Program teacher at Weinert, after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics Education from Abilene Christian University. From 1973 to 1979 she was the Home Economics teacher and lunchroom supervisor for Haskell CISD. From 1979 to the present, she has been the Haskell County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, and the Family and Consumer Sciences Program Leader and County 4-H Coordinator. During this time, in 1982, she received a Master of Science degree in Secondary Education from Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

In her local work, Gilly has been actively involved with the 4-H program for youth, the Extension Education Association groups, community leaders, elected officials and in public education for people of all ages. She is a member of many state and national professional organizations, has held offices and participated in numerous professional conferences and meetings, receiving honors and awards throughout her career for special contributions made to national, state and district committees and task forces. She has served as judge in numerous district, state and county events, and as a community volunteer, has been involved with and served as chairman of many boards and committees, helping to plan and implement programs and events. During thirty years of membership at Haskell First Baptist Church, she has served in various leadership positions.

Other interests outside of her work have been cooking, traveling, doing things with her daughters, playing the piano, attending theatre performances, collecting, working crossword puzzles, watching TV and "spoiling two grandchildren." Now, she says she's looking forward to really having the time to do all those "home things" she's taught others to do, such as entertaining and putting up fresh vegetables in season.

"Although, I can teach anyone else to sew, I don't sew," she said. "One thing I want to do now is to learn to make quilts. And I know I have some wonderful teachers here to help me."

She said the main thing she plans to do is write a cookbook in honor of her late mother, who was named Best Cook in the Country by Country Magazine.

During her tenure as county agent, Gilly says she has been fortunate to

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LOU GILLY

Haskell CISD to hold family night Aug. 25

Haskell CISD invites all school-aged children and their families to family night Mon., Aug. 25 at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. A free hot dog supper will be served

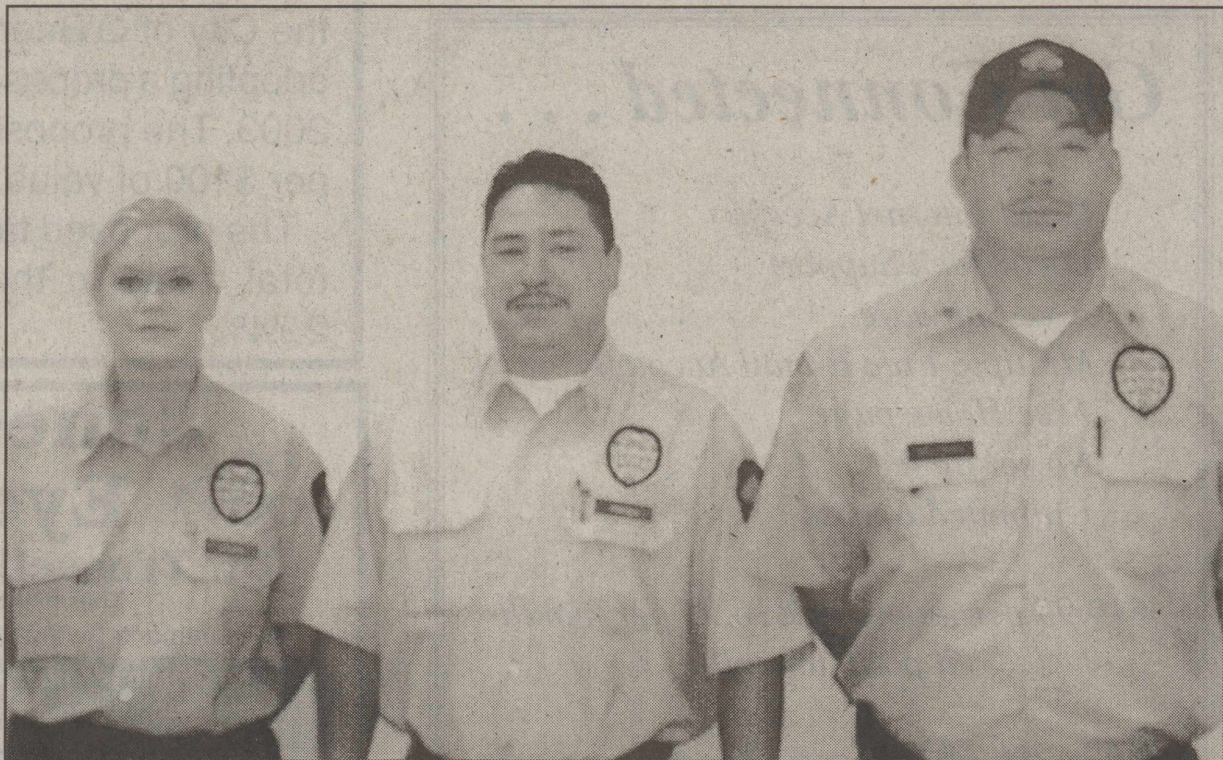
from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. From 6:30 to 7:30, the children will be treated to an air castle, a kiddie train and several other games across the parking lot at the pavilion.

While the children are busy having fun, their parents will be in for a treat as well. Brenda Bird, a nationally-known Parent Educator, will present "A Toolbox for Building

Strong Families." She has presented this seminar to audiences of parents, teachers, executives, prisoners, counselors and children. She spoke at the Texas PTA Leadership Conference to "standing room only" crowds. Her seminars are humorous, entertaining and even inspirational, but most importantly, the practical information she shares is making a difference in homes across the nation. Using her own experiences as the mother of three sons, and based on the wealth of information she has gained while working with other parents, Bird is sure to touch hearts with her wit and wisdom.

This workshop will give parents new tools that work with any age and raise the odds of raising responsible children. Parents will learn how to stay calm and change old patterns of response when dealing with children.

Eddie Bland, superintendent, says, "We are delighted to have such a top-notch speaker here in Haskell. Her calendar is very full and we are fortunate to get her. I'm confident that those who attend will take home some tips to help them build stronger families!"



EMPLOYEES PROMOTED—Correctional officers recently promoted to the rank of sergeant at Rolling Plains Regional County Jail and Detention Center, were: l-r, Amber Hearn, Jason Torres and Michael Beltran.

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The City of Rule will hold a meeting at 7:00 a.m. on September 24, 2003 at Rule City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2003. The proposed tax rate is **\$0.4988** per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Rule by 2.82%.

NOTICE

The City of Haskell will hold a meeting at 7:00 a.m. on September 8, 2003 at the Haskell City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2003. The proposed tax rate is **\$0.3880** per \$100 of value.

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Written By
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Not taking advantage of a 401(k) plan or an IRA. One of your best investment options is your 401(k) or other retirement plan at work, especially if your company matches your contributions. Invest the maximum you can afford to set aside, and enjoy tax-deferred savings for your retirement. If you reach the maximum in your 401(k) and can still afford to save more, contribute to an IRA too. Even though the contribution may not be tax-deductible, the earnings will grow sheltered from tax. And if you're not eligible for a 401(k) plan, put all you can into an IRA.

Not understanding what "guaranteed" means. If you buy a guaranteed investment, know what kind of guarantee you are buying. For example, bonds may be insured against default. But that doesn't mean their value won't fall below your purchase price during the life of the bonds. If you sell before maturity, you could suffer a loss.

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Noah Project elects new officers

The Noah Project-North met at KP's Restaurant in Haskell Fri., Aug. 8, at noon. Those attending were: Ben McGee, Brett Anderson, Molly Canon, Pat McNabb, Sharon Lusk, Joan Strickland, Tammy Parham, Gene Gibbs, Louetta Davis, Loutina White, Helen Wilson, Coleta Whitfield, Jeri Burke, Janis Brzozowski, Donna Sue Anders and Sherri Abee, the Administrative Director from the Noah Project, Inc. office in Abilene.

Chairman Ben McGee called the meeting to order and Brett Anderson said a prayer. The financial report was discussed and accepted. The budget for the new fiscal year was presented and approved. Service Area Director Donna Sue Anders gave her report. For the months of June and July there were 23 hotline calls, 28 nonresidents received 48 days of service, 2 residents were sheltered for 4 days. Twelve volunteers worked for 20 hours. She reported that she had submitted a request for funding to the Stamford United Way. She expressed her appreciation to the Stamford United Way for their support over the years. Anders reported that they had received a lot of donations of clothes and household items this summer. Anders and Brzozowski will be attending a Parenting Fair in Anson Aug. 14.

Abee reported that the Noah Project, Inc. is having their annual workshop on domestic violence on Oct. 15 for area law enforcement and other personnel that work with victims of domestic violence. She said that the Noah Project, Inc. will again be a recipient of half of the funds of the Diamondback golf tournament.

New officers for the fiscal year were elected. Brett Anderson will be the new chairman. Other officers include Pat McNabb, vice-chairperson, Joan Strickland, secretary, Sharon Lusk, treasurer, Louetta Davis, nominating chairperson, and Coleta Whitfield, fund-raising chairperson.



MAUDIE McFADDEN

Funeral services for Maudie Leatress McFadden, 84, of Haskell were held Thurs., Aug. 14 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Tony Grand and Clifton McFadden officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction



JUANITA FERNANDEZ

Funeral services for Charlie Floyd Lewellen, 69, lifelong resident of Haskell, were held Fri., Aug. 15 at Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Tony Grand and Rev. James Rinker officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Lewellen died Tues., Aug. 12 at Stamford Hospital. Born Dec. 29, 1933 in Haskell County, he was the son

Obituaries

Maudie Leatress McFadden

of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home. Mrs. McFadden died Tues., Aug. 12 in Lubbock.

Born July 14, 1919 in Brooksmith in Wood County, she was the daughter of J. A. and Rosie Corley Wright. She moved with her family from Brooksmith to Haskell and settled in the Sayles Community in 1926. She started to school in Sayles and lived in the Sayles Community until Jan. 18, 1936 when she married A. D. McFadden in Haskell. The couple made her home in Haskell for 57 years. She was preceded in death by her husband July 25, 1993. In January 2001, she moved to Lubbock and made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Gail and George Brady. Though she attended church in Lubbock she remained a member of East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

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

Survivors include six sons, Troy McFadden and wife, Barbara of

Juanita Fernandez

Funeral services for Juanita Fernandez, 74, of Haskell were held Mon., Aug. 18 at Rocksprings Church of Christ followed by burial in Rocksprings Cemetery. Local arrangements were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fernandez died Thurs., Aug. 14 in Haskell.

Born July 10, 1929 in Rocksprings, she was the daughter of Antonio and Gregoria Beltran Garza. She married Lorenzo Diaz Fernandez Oct. 9, 1943 in Rocksprings. He preceded her in death Jan. 29, 1976. She was a devoted mother and housewife.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lorenza Diaz Fernandez;

Charlie Floyd Lewellen

of Frank and Blanche Lancaster Lewellen. He was a custom harvester and member of the Church of God.

Survivors include Carol Lewellen of Haskell; one son, David Shane Lewellen of Haskell; one daughter and son-in-law, Crystal and Joe DeLaCruz of Haskell; one brother, Henry Lewellen of Artesia, N.M.; two sisters, Billie Lawson of Abilene and Mary Toliver of Breckenridge; and three grandchildren.

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

John Richards of Dallas spent last weekend with parents, Hyrum and Jean Richards.

John and Monica Childs, Alan, Richard, Joshua and Matthew of Midland were in Haskell last week. They visited with Monica's dad, Joel Nanny, her brother and family, Flint and Lisa Nanny and Austin, her aunt

and uncle, Jean and Hyrum Richards, and her grandmother, Lois Redwine. On Tues., to celebrate Richard's 12th birthday, the Richards hosted a swimming party and a hamburger, and hot dog cook out. The Childs went to Dallas on Wed. for a soccer game and returned home on Thurs.

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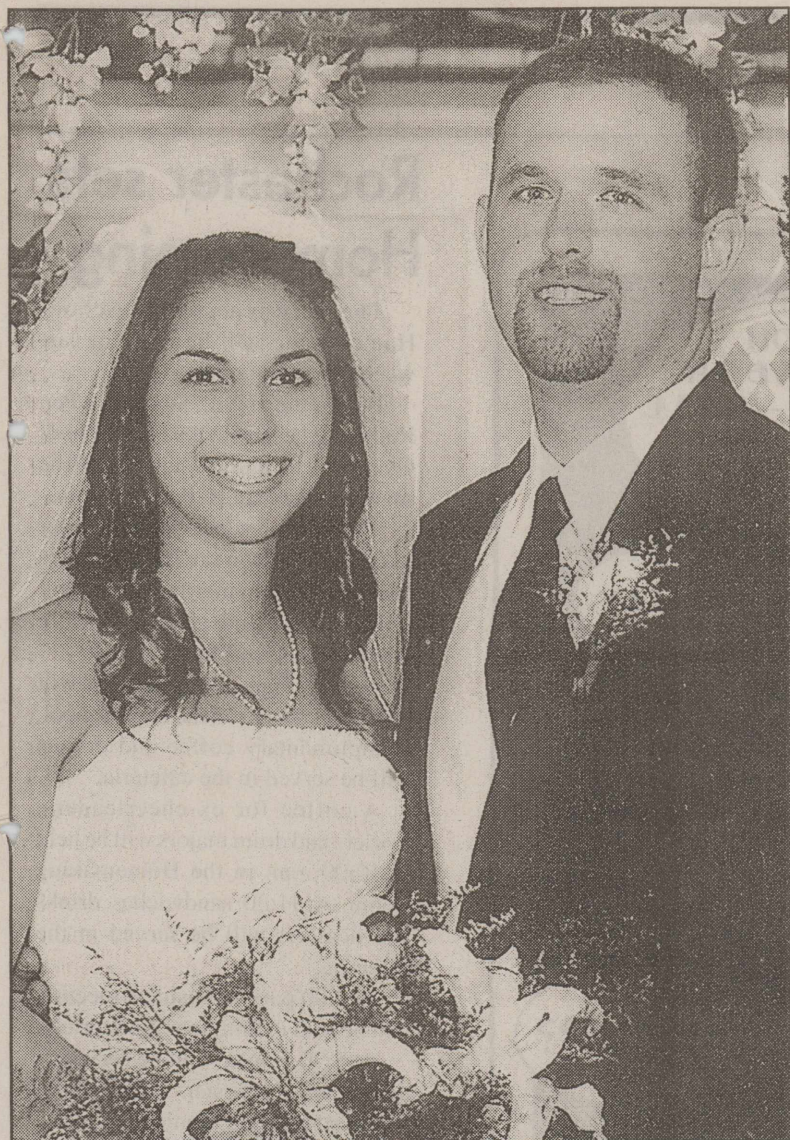
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Cadenhead, Gibson vows read in Haskell

Tiffany Ann Cadenhead of Haskell and Jason Luke Gibson of Graham were married May 31 in a ceremony at Haskell First Baptist Church, with Rev. Randy McLelland officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Wayne and Yuvi Cadenhead of Haskell. The bridegroom is the son of David Gibson and Sherrie Gibson, both of Graham.

Pianist for the ceremony was Ellen Rieger. The soloist was Tammy Gibson.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white satin strapless, A-line dress with sheer, white organza overlay that gathered asymmetrically at the waist. The back lace-up bodice featured beading around the neckline.

The maids of honor were Christy and Wendy Cadenhead. Bridesmaids were Kerre Starch and Bree Burgess. All of the bride's attendants wore long, periwinkle blue, empire line gowns, featuring satin tops and chiffon skirts. Each carried pageant style bouquets of lilies.

Flower girl was Olivia Govena,

cousin of the bride.

Ring bearer was Reid Gibson, nephew of the groom.

Best man was Brian Gibson, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Ryan Dollar, Jeff Gough and Lon Biebighauser. Serving as ushers were Jeremy Cadenhead and Cole Gibson.

Following the ceremony a reception was held under the stars at Bevers House Bed and Breakfast.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Haskell First Baptist Church Family Activity Center, catered by Escala Tex-Mex Cafe in Throckmorton.

The bride attended Haskell High School and Texas A&M University. She is employed with Big Country Veterinary Clinic.

The bridegroom attended Graham High School and Texas A&M University. He is employed as a claims adjuster with State Farm Insurance.

After a wedding trip to Banff, Alberta, Canada, the couple is at home in Abilene.



MRS. EDMUND WHITLA SCHENECKER II

Whorton, Schenecker married in Vermont

Dr. and Mrs. Elbert Benjamin Whorton, Jr. of Galveston and Eagle Lake announce the marriage of their daughter, Anna Linae Loessin Whorton to Edmund Whitla Schenecker II, son of Nancy Trousdale Schenecker of Covington, Louisiana, and the late Edmund Morris Schenecker of Fort Worth.

The wedding was held July 12 at the garden pond of the Old Tavern Inn at Grafton, Vermont. Anna was born in Vermont, and the Whortons have vacationed there for many years.

Grandparents of the bride are the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Henry Loessin of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Elbert Benjamin. Whorton, Sr. and the late Mr. Whorton of Rule. The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Whitla Schenecker

of Fort Worth.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Texas and received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas School of Law. Formerly she was an assistant district attorney for Bexar County and then practiced law with Ball and Weed. In the last few years, she has owned and practiced at her own firm, the Whorton Law Firm in San Antonio. Since her marriage, she has returned to the Ball and Weed Law Firm and lives in Castroville, where she owns Hilltop Farm.

The groom is a graduate of Washington and Lee University and owns a corporate computer networking business in San Antonio.

The couple is making their home in San Antonio and Castroville.

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ON TOUR IN ABILENE—Haskell County 4-H'ers visiting Love and Care Ministries while on a tour in Abilene, were: back row, l-r, Emery Dudensing, Laycee Tullos, Judith Isbell, Molly Dudensing, Claire Isbell, Brooke Bullinger, Tabitha Schonerstedt, Andrea Anderson and A. J. Benton. Front, Meagan Glover, Paige Glover, Toni Brown, Jenny Dudensing, Allison Petty, Jim Young and Thomas Stufflebean. Not pictured: Courtney Buerger, Derrick Tribbey and Robbyn Tribbey.

4-H'ers take tour in Abilene

Nineteen Haskell County 4-H'ers from Rule, Rochester and Paint Creek attended an all day 4-H tour in Abilene, July 17. Stops on the tour included Love and Care Ministries, Affiliated Foods Warehouse, Greenbelt Garden Center and Photo Image.

At Love and Care Ministries the students got to help make lunches for the homeless; fold, sort and hang clothing, clean up around the facilities and learn about what the ministry provides and the help that

is given for the area. Some of the participating 4-H'ers donated clothing, canned foods and homemade cookies to the ministry.

After having lunch, the group went to Affiliated Foods Warehouse. There they saw how the food is ordered by different stores, and learned about the shipping process and storage of food until it is shipped. While walking through the 120 degree warehouse, they got to go through two giant size freezers to cool off and enjoy an ice cream

sandwich.

At the Greenbelt Garden Center, they learned about landscaping.

While visiting the photo shop at Photo Image, the 4-H'ers got to pair up and take a picture of one another, and then learn about the development process. After their pictures were printed, they learned how to crop and make a pin button with their picture on it.

To conclude the trip, the group stopped for snacks before traveling back to Haskell. 4-H Leaders involved were Valiene Bullinger, Renee Dudensing, Melissa Glover, Tammy Parham and Julie Petty.

Agent retires

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have had everyone she's worked with, which includes four secretaries, three agriculture agents and three county judges. "What we're here for is to improve the life of the residents of Haskell County, and we take that very seriously," she said.

"The reward of seeing people follow suit through your teaching, and realizing that they want to carry it on, is my greatest thrill. No amount of pay I could ever get would give me that. It's rewarding to hear from former students about the impact it has had on them."

"The whole reason I chose to get a degree in Home Economics was to better myself as a person, and I feel like that is what it has meant to me and to my family," Gilly said. She is pleased that her daughters have wanted to follow in her interests. Daughter Dalyn Griffith is the School Counselor for Grades K-12 at Munday ISD, and has become a 4-H Club manager. Daughter Kim Miles is the County Extension for 4-H in McLennon County.

Gilly said that another of her rewards has been the joy and pleasure of having career and work interests in common with husband Duane, longtime Haskell agriculture teacher. She said this helped them to have more mutual understanding of the other's busy schedules. "The combined calendar and 'to-do' list of an agriculture teacher and a county agent didn't leave a lot of time for us," she said. "Now, I can get to be Duane's hired hand on the farm," she joked.

Of her retirement decision, Gilly said she has not yet had that "Oh, what have I done?" feeling. "I guess it was just the right thing for me to do. I'm ready. I didn't want to go on until I burned out and put a burden on others," she said. When the 'early

out' opportunity came up from Civil Service, she accepted the offer. "So many changes are being made in the program now, and my feeling is that it would be hard for me to change and support it."

As she spends her last days before retirement, clearing out files and reports on 24 years of being Haskell County's Extension Agent, Lou Gilly takes pleasure in the fact that Haskell County is one of the top three counties in the district in 4-H enrollment, in a time when many counties are seeing a decline in 4-H interest. She attributes this to having good support from county leaders and a continuity of extension agents.

The Gillys say they have made Haskell their home, and have "no grand ambitions to leave." After taking some time off, away from it all for a while, Lou Gilly said she will find some time and ways to help in the community.

No doubt, this grateful community that looked to their county extension agent for advice and leadership for so many years, will soon find something else for her to do.

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Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District news

The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors met April 17, at the district offices in Munday, for hearings on proposed district rule revisions and water well permits, as well as a regular monthly meeting. Board president, Ed Murphy, presided at the meeting.

Mike McGuire presented the Proposed Revisions of District Rules, as prepared by attorney Brian Sledge. A motion was approved to accept the revisions as presented.

Requests for water well permits for drilling were presented, reviewed and accepted from Bill Verden, Lee Bowden, Chad Glover, Tony Myers, Jean Baugh, and Phillip Newton.

During the regular monthly meeting, a discussion was presented about the need for the District to enter into a contract with the Texas Water Development Board, whereby the TWDB would furnish meters for a project to quantify recharge to the aquifer. The meters would be provided at no cost to the District, except for the installation expense. A motion was approved to enter into the contract with the TWDB.

After a presentation and discussion of the need for the District to become a member of the Texas Water Conservation Association, a motion was approved to join the Association.

The next quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District will be held at 7:00 p.m., Aug. 21, in the district office in Munday.

135 attend PC picnic

With the weather cooperating with pleasant temperature, a back to school picnic and meet-the-teachers night was held by the Paint Creek ISD, Tues., Aug. 12. Hamburgers and hot dogs were served to 135 parents, students and school staff.

During the evening, all teachers were introduced, and Don Ballard, superintendent, spoke briefly about

the goals and expectations for the upcoming school year. Parents and students were given the opportunity to meet the teachers and tour the building.

Paint Creek ISD reports that their students and staff members are looking forward to a great school year.

Student in the News

William E. Steele, Jr., son of Bill and Pam Steele of Haskell, has been awarded a grant from SEMA, the Specialty Equipment Market Association, for studies at Wyoming Technical Institute in Laramie, Wyoming.

Steele is one of six-dozen national students who met SEMA's requirements for academic achievement and intent to pursue a career in the automotive industry.

In making the grant award, Mike Spagnola, chairman of the SEMA Committee and president/CEO of Street Scene Equipment, Costa Mesa, California, said, "We are delighted to reward competent students who intend to enter our automotive industry."

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