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Tues., June 21 at Haskell
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Albany vs Rule 7 p.m.
Throckmorton vs Rule 8 p.m.
Haskell vs Albany 9 p.m.

Calendar

Summer food service

Haskell CISD will sponsor the summer food service program through Fri., July 29. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria located at 306 S. Ave. G, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those ages 1 to 18 are invited to eat free. Adults may eat for \$2.50 each.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., June 18 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Fri., June 17 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.

Rule cleanup

The City of Rule will have two trailers available north of City Hall for metal and burnables during the June city-wide cleanup.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at First National Bank in Haskell for Tammy Parham who is in an Abilene hospital following complications from surgery.

Bible school

The Christian, Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches will host Vacation Bible School Sun., June 26 through Thurs., June 30 beginning at 6:30 each evening at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell. The school's theme is Davey and Goliath's Circus Spectacular, "A High Flying Gospel Adventure."

Church homecoming

The Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. Third Street, Haskell will celebrate their 37th homecoming and memorial services Sat. and Sun., July 16-17. Former pastors, members, families and area churches will join in the celebration titled, "Go Home and Tell of the Good News." Saturday services will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A musical lead by Rev. Don Burton will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday's services will begin at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Burton leading the sermon. An evening services beginning at 3 p.m. will be lead by Rev. James Webb.

Benefit luncheon

A benefit luncheon will be held Sat., June 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell to help Lloyd Bennett with medical expenses. Plates will be BBQ chicken, red beans, Southwestern rice salad, potato salad, bread, dessert and tea. Cost is \$5 per plate. A benefit musical will be held Sat., June 25 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Donations will be accepted.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

Homecoming 2005

The next Haskell-Mattson-Weinert Homecoming will be held Oct. 7-8.

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Happy Father's Day

The Haskell Free Press

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CALF ROPING WINNER—With the overall average of 42.68 seconds on four head, Travis Lewis of Lubbock, far right, won the saddle sponsored by Walco Animal Health Products at the John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping held in conjunction with Wild Horse Prairie Days. Standing with him, l-r, are J. W. Wallace, Carl Hopkins and Kelly Wallace Layman.

FSA solicits committee nominations

Haskell County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Glenn Brzozowski, has announced the USDA will soon begin accepting nomination forms for eligible candidates to serve on local FSA County Committees. The nomination period is June 15-Aug. 1. For Haskell County, the committee seat up for election in 2005 represents LAA #1, described as a line northwest of Haskell which includes everything from the north county line following Hwy. 277 to Haskell and then everything north of Hwy. 380 from Haskell to the west county line.

"I encourage local producers to get involved and make a difference in the local agriculture industry by becoming a member of their local FSA County Committee," said Brzozowski. "FSA County Committees play an important role in the decision making process for

commodity price support loans and payments, conservation and disaster programs and other important agricultural issues in impacting their farming community."

Almost anyone participating or cooperating in a local FSA program and who is of legal voting age can be nominated as a candidate. Individuals may nominate themselves or others.

All nomination forms must be received in the County FSA Office or postmarked by Aug. 1. Voting takes place between Nov. 4 and Dec. 5, 2005.

To hold office as an FSA County Committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility requirements described below:

1. Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA
2. Be eligible to vote in a county committee election

3. Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate. (In some cases, this requirement may be waived. Check with the local county office.)

4. A person must not have been:

- Removed or disqualified from the office of FSA County Committee member, alternate, or employee;
- Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement, or any other felony; or
- Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

Interested individuals who are uncertain about their eligibility to serve on the FSA County Committee should contact their local FSA office for affirmation of eligibility to serve.

More information on the COC elections, including the nomination form, is available at the local USDA Service Centers.



GUEST AT DAY CARE—Children attending Guys and Dolls Daycare and My Lil' Darlins Daycare centers enjoyed Jack the drug dog as a guest Mon., June 6. Jack brought with him his human companions, Haskell City Police officers, Mathew Cunningham, center, and Chief of Police Tom Bassett, standing back. Children are, front, l-r, Julion Rubio, Baylee Hearn, Kolby Rubio and Taryn Strickland; back, Garrett Arendall, Evan Green, Brison Tullos, Dakota Hearn, Hayden Guzman and Lincoln Strickland.

June sales tax receipts show mixed returns

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has announced that the state received \$1.45 billion in sales tax revenue in May, up 10.7 percent, compared to May 2004. Strayhorn sent \$344.8 million in June sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 6.2 percent compared to last June. Since January, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 6.8 percent ahead of last year.

The Comptroller said May's 10.7 percent increase in sales tax collections follows an 8.1 percent decline in April, but does not indicate an economic shift. Adjusting for the Comptroller's successful tax amnesty program in 2003, April state sales tax revenue increased 3.6 percent compared to April 2004.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent June sales tax allocations of \$233.4 million to Texas cities, up 5.5 percent compared to June 2004. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 7 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$20.3 million, up 6.1 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 9.8 percent higher than last year.

Another \$9.9 million went to 97 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 15.8 percent compared to last June. Ten local transit systems received \$81 million in sales tax allocations, up 7.5 percent compared to a year ago.

State sales tax collections in May and local sales tax allocations in June represent sales that occurred in April and were reported to the Comptroller

in May. Haskell County had a .13 percent increase for June, 2005 of \$24,730.02 in comparison to \$24,696.72 for June, 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$202,074.36 reflect a 14.13 percent increase over 2004 payments to date of \$177,041.04.

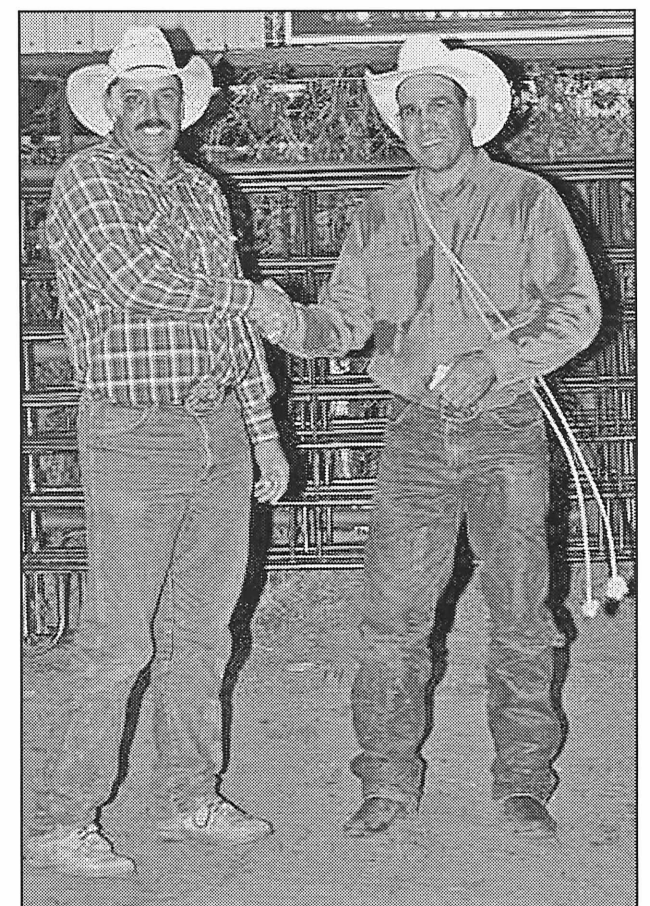
The City of Haskell had a .24 percent decrease for June, 2005 of \$23,136.65 in comparison to \$23,192.75 for June, 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$188,666.05 reflect a 15.13 percent increase over 2004 payments to date of \$163,860.79.

The City of O'Brien had a 62.60 percent decrease for June, 2005 of \$26.15 in comparison to \$69.92 for June, 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$324.79 reflect a 48.65 percent decrease over 2004 payments to date of \$632.54.

The City of Rochester had a 11.65 percent decrease for June, 2005 of \$388.15 in comparison to \$439.36 for June, 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$3,674.46 reflect a 6.89 percent decrease over 2004 payments to date of \$3,946.60.

The City of Rule had a 9.33 percent increase for June, 2005 of \$1,052.26 in comparison to \$962.44 for June, 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$8,297.74 reflect a 6.75 percent increase over 2004 payments to date of \$7,772.96.

The City of Weinert had a 293.20 percent increase for June, 2005 of \$126.81 in comparison to \$32.25 for June, 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$1,111.32 reflect a 34.19 percent increase over 2004 payments to date of \$828.15.



MATCH ROPING WINNER—Cliff Kirkpatrick of Post, on the right, is congratulated by Carl Hopkins after winning the Match Roping during the John Wallace Calf Roping events held during the Wild Horse Prairie Days.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA

DO A REALITY CHECK BEFORE RETIRING

If you are approaching retirement, it's a good idea to review your finances and develop a strategy for your final working years. Take the time now to perform a reality check on your retirement resources and expectations.

- Create a retirement budget.** Start by tracking your current expenses. Then add or subtract items that you expect to be different when you retire. For example, you may have to pick up the tab for health insurance that was previously provided as a fringe benefit by your employer.
- Estimate your retirement income.** Will your resources be adequate to cover your projected retirement expenses? For example, if you retire at age 60, your resources may have to last another 30 years or longer. You may need to increase your savings, or you may need to work longer than planned to provide yourself with a comfortable retirement.
- Evaluate your investments.** For example, now may be the time to start moving into more conservative investments. Perhaps it makes sense to downsize your home to reduce your housing costs and free up money for other types of investments.
- Pay down your debt.** Don't take on new debt. Get a handle on your current debt to prepare yourself for a reduction in income when you retire.
- Decide where you are going to live.** If you are going to relocate, don't forget to adjust your budget for the cost-of-living differences between the two communities. Also, don't forget to factor in moving expenses.
- Make wise "exit" choices.** For example, if you qualify for pension benefits, you will be faced with a number of binding decisions when you leave your company. You may be eligible for COBRA coverage (extended health insurance) which would help bridge the gap between retirement and Medicare eligibility at age 65.

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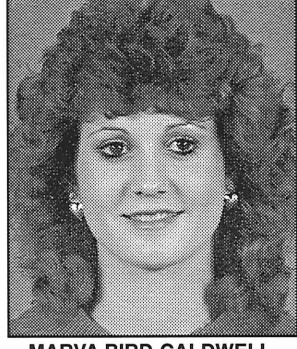
Weather Whys

First Weather Satellite
Q: When was the first weather satellite launched?
A: It's been 45 years since the first weather satellite, named TIROS (television infrared observation satellite) was launched April 1, 1960 from Cape Canaveral, Florida, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.
"It was a huge success from the moment it began operating," McRoberts adds. "It clearly showed cloud formations and weather patterns and was very useful for tracking storms and predicting future weather events. It orbited Earth from about 450 miles high. It could only take one image per hour, and compared to today's satellites that can take at least 40 per hour today."
Q: What other changes have occurred?
A: The infrared capability has dramatically improved, and weather experts can now determine temperatures in clouds, which helps to understand their height and severity, McRoberts adds.

"In 1998, a new fleet of satellites was launched, and four more will be launched by 2008. Some current satellites carry search and rescue capability to help locate lost persons, and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) estimates more than 11,000 lives have been saved with this technology over the past 20 years. On Nov. 23, 1977, the European Space Research Organization (ESRO) launched its first weather satellite, called Meteosat, and Meteosat 7, a newer version, was launched in 1997."
Space Weather
Q: What exactly does the term "space weather" mean?
A: Not all of the weather in the universe happens on or above Earth. There is also weather high above our planet and these events are called "space weather."
Most of these events are caused by the sun, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.
"Earth acts like a huge magnet and many of these space storms are attracted to us," McRoberts explains. "Solar flares, solar storms and sunspots can produce magnetic storms that disrupt communication satellites and even radio transmissions on Earth. All of these can affect our daily lives."
Q: What are some of the most unusual types of space weather?
A: Some of the strangest are auroras and solar winds, says McRoberts. "Auroras, sometimes called the Northern Lights, are electrical discharges from the sun that cause a glowing, wavy light in the sky, and these can be bright green, yellow, red, orange or other colors. When conditions are right, these can be seen as far south as Texas, but most are observed in northern states and Canada.
Solar winds are energy waves from the sun's corona and these can disrupt electrical equipment on Earth, such as in March of 1989 when a magnetic storm shut down most of Quebec for hours. These types of space weather are often the most visible to us."

Graveside services for Marva Bird-Caldwell, 60, of Haskell were held Thurs., June 9 at Howard Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.
Ms. Bird-Caldwell died Wed., June 8 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.
Born April 28, 1967, she was the daughter of Marvin and Barbara Myers Holmes. A graduate of Rochester High School, she worked for Haskell Memorial Hospital, Dr. William McSmith and The Drug Store in Haskell. She married Casey Caldwell May 8, 2002 in Haskell.
Survivors include her husband, Casey Caldwell of Haskell; her children, Brittney and Sterling Bird of Haskell; a stepson, Coleton Caldwell of Benjamin; her mother, Barbara Furrh of Haskell; two brothers, Keith Holmes and Brian Holmes, both of Haskell.
PD. NOTICE

Obituaries



MARVA BIRD-CALDWELL

Marva Bird-Caldwell
Funeral services for Marva Bird-Caldwell, 38, of Haskell were held Sat., June 11 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Paul Chambers officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery in Rochester under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.
Mrs. Caldwell died Wed., June 8 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.
Born April 28, 1967, she was the daughter of Marvin and Barbara Myers Holmes. A graduate of

Graveside services for Norma Jean (Rodrick) Wheat, 60, of Haskell were held Thurs., June 9 at Howard Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.
Ms. Wheat died Mon., June 6 in Haskell.
Born April 28, 1945, she was the daughter of Glenn Rodrick and the late Geraldine Wolfenburger Rodrick.

Norma Jean (Rodrick) Wheat
Survivors include two daughters, Michelle Penny of Amarillo and Mable Wade of Haskell; three sons, Charlie Wheat and Mark Wheat, both of Amarillo, and John Wheat of Haskell; two sisters, Carol Sue Babb and Julie Rodrick of Missouri; five brothers, Tommy Rodrick, Ronny Rodrick, Jerry Rodrick and Tommy Joe Rodrick, all of Missouri and Donny Rodrick of San Antonio; and special friend, Ronnie Bynum of Haskell.
PD. NOTICE

Cattle to undergo random tests for TB

Texas livestock health officials will randomly select nearly 2,000 of the state's purebred or seed stock beef herds for cattle tuberculosis (TB) testing this summer, to fulfill disease surveillance obligations of the Texas Cattle TB plan.

The blueprint for regaining Texas' TB-free status was developed in 2002 by cattle industry representatives, with a recommendation for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) to implement a TB testing effort. The plan calls for TB testing all of the state's 811 dairies and about 2,400 purebred or seed stock beef herds.

Dairy herd testing has been completed, but only about 500 owners of purebred or seed stock beef herds have volunteered their herd for a test. Federal funds for herd testing "expire" Oct. 1, so the TAHC is tackling the problem with a high-tech version of drawing names from a hat.

"In early March, we reconvened the Texas TB Task Force, which included leaders from the purebred cattle industry, to determine how to get herds tested and meet the agreement made with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has funded the plan," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "Random selection of herds was seen as the most equitable way to complete a statistically valid disease surveillance of purebred and seed stock cattle herds. By mid-April, a computer program will pick names from a database listing purebred and seed stock producers. We then will contact the ranchers to line up the test that will be conducted by private veterinarians at no cost to the herd owner."

"We will try to accommodate ranchers' schedules, and if an owner wants to volunteer their cattle for TB testing, we welcome their participation," he said. "No herd is

too small for testing." Dr. Hillman said more than 500 private veterinary practitioners in Texas have completed additional TB training and are on contract with the TAHC to conduct herd tests. To volunteer herds for a test, locate a contract veterinarian, or obtain information, ranchers should contact their local TAHC area office or the TAHC headquarters in Austin at 1-800-550-8242.

Dr. Hillman explained that dairies, purebred and seed stock beef herds were targeted for testing, because, during the past 22 years, TB has been detected in 15 Texas dairies and six purebred cattle herds in nine counties, including El Paso, Karnes, Comanche, Pecos, Uvalde, Fayette, Culberson, Grayson, Zavala and Hamilton counties. Dr. Hillman stressed that dairy and purebred beef cattle are no more susceptible to TB than commercial cattle, but they usually are maintained in more confined conditions, which are conducive to TB transmission. He pointed out that milk from the dairies is safe, as pasteurization, or heat treatment, kills the bacteria. Meat also is safe, as carcasses are inspected for wholesomeness at slaughter, and cooking meat also kills bacteria.

In 2000, Texas gained cattle TB-free status, with the exception of the El Paso Milk Shed, where dairies with low levels of recurring infection were still present. In 2002, the USDA pulled Texas' "free" status, after two infected herds were detected and depopulated, explained Dr. Hillman.

A third TB-infected herd was detected and depopulated shortly afterward. During the statewide dairy testing, which involved more than 335,000 head, an infected herd was identified in Hamilton County and was depopulated in 2004.

"Completing the disease surveillance of the purebred and seed stock beef herds is extremely important," stressed Dr. Hillman. "It will allow Texas to fulfill its agreement with the USDA and states that receive Texas cattle. We can then move forward to regain TB-free status and avoid interstate movement restrictions on Texas cattle. Secondly, it will provide Texas ranchers the assurance that there is no undetected infection in these valuable herds." Dr. Hillman said other segments of the TB plan are ongoing and include:

- testing dairy and breeding cattle being moved from Texas
 - improved slaughter inspection by the USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS)
 - requiring yearly TB tests on roping steers imported from Mexico
 - continuing work with Mexican states on TB control and eradication.
- "Cattle TB is not a disease we can learn to 'live with,'" stressed Dr. Hillman. "The contagious TB bacteria can cause cattle to develop internal lesions, and in rare instances, can cause human illness. Regaining cattle TB-free status must be a priority. In Texas, 2,000 ranchers will make a profound difference by completing this disease surveillance effort."

BSE: What is it?

by Wesley Utley
Haskell County CEA-AG/NR
BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, also known as "mad cow disease") is one of a number of TSE (Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy) diseases. The first report of a TSE was in 1732 involving scrapie in sheep.

BSE was first observed in the United Kingdom in 1984 and was specifically diagnosed in 1987. A recent review by Illinois researchers of 217 references summarized the current state of knowledge.

The major findings of the review were: TSEs are thought to be caused by an abnormal prion protein; effects are primarily neurological (behavior changes, impaired coordination,

muscle spasms, etc.); transmission is by exposure to infected tissue or residue, and the primary method for BSE seems to have been through meat and bone meal from infected animals; most mammals are potentially susceptible to TSEs; transmission between species are rare, but BSE may have arisen from transmission of scrapie from sheep to cattle; there is evidence that TSEs can develop spontaneously at very low levels (possibly 1 in 1 million), so they probably can not be eradicated; and because of the low probability of transmission between species and the low levels of prion in non nervous tissue, there is minimum risk to humans from consumption of conventional animals.

While the biological risk of BSE may be minimal, the political and potential economic risk is not. If for no other reason, protection and development of export markets will be highly influenced by continued concerns about BSE.

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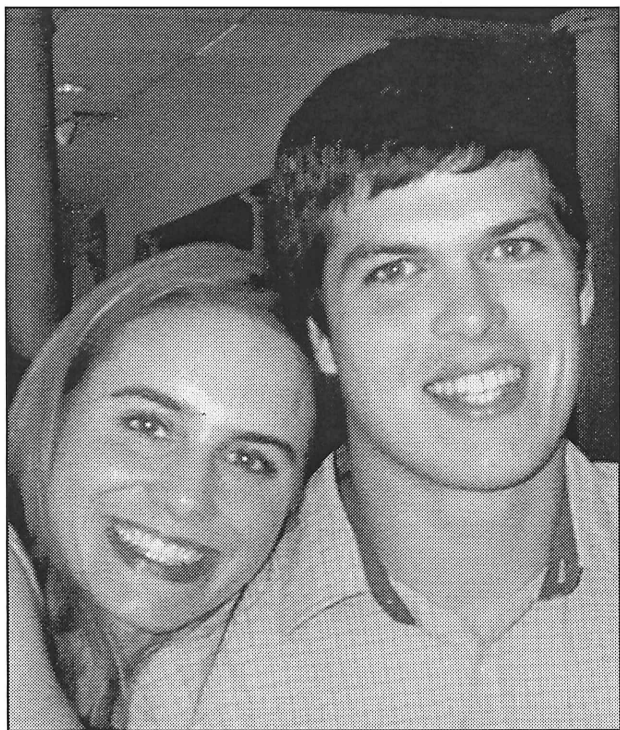
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MATT BLANKS - STEPHANIE LEARY

Leary, Blanks to wed July 16 in Boerne

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Leary of Boerne and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Blanks of Haskell have announced the upcoming marriage of their children, Stephanie Leary and Matt Blanks.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Cliff and Virginia Smith of Fordyce, Arkansas, and the late Bill and Marie Leary of San Antonio. She is a 1999 graduate of Boerne High School, and a 2003 Magna cum Laude graduate of Baylor University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech communications. At Baylor she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She is employed in San Antonio as a

second grade teacher.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mary Lou Gilleland and the late Burnell Gilleland of Haskell, and Dorothy Blanks and the late Lyston Blanks of Abilene. A 1977 graduate of Haskell High School, he is a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as an engineer with Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio.

The couple is planning a wedding on July 16 at the First Baptist Church in Boerne.

Art show to benefit West Texas Rehab

The 32nd annual Stamford Art Foundation Show and Sale is June 29 through July 2, at the John Selmon Memorial Gallery, held in conjunction with the Texas Cowboy Reunion. All the proceeds benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

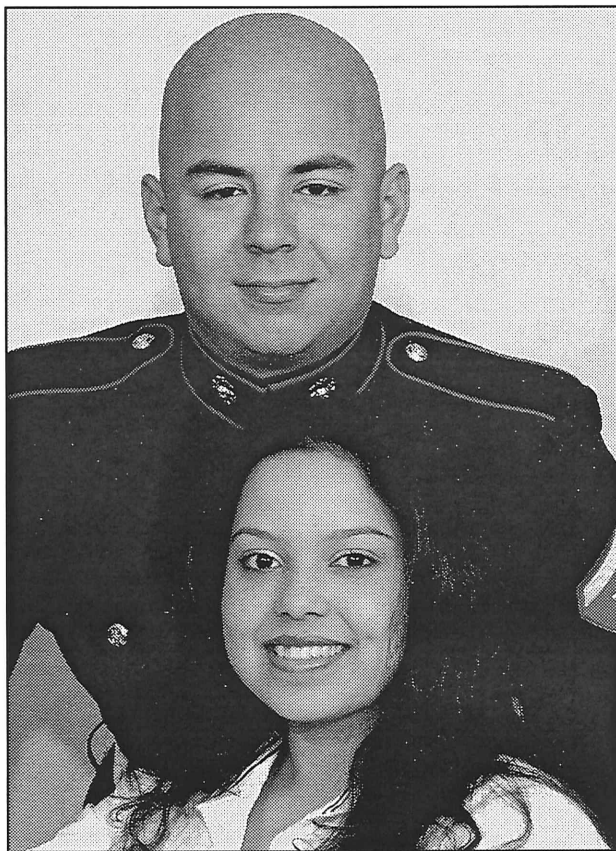
Artwork in the show and sale will include oil and watercolor paintings, pencil drawings, and bronze sculptures with a Western influence.

The art of 43 participation artists can be seen at the show including Victor Armstrong, Barry Arthur, Brian Asher, Gary Bailey, Don Baker, Teresa Baker, Bill Barrick, George Boutwell, Karen Brown, R.Russell Brown, Garnet Buster, June Cade, Hugh Campbell, David Clark, Gary Clawson, Gail Copeland, Dane Ellsworth, Paul Friske, Glen O. Harding, Erwin Hearne, M.S. Hollis, Shirley Hullum, Jan Hurley, Mike Irvin, Melissa Kohout, Mike Lanier, Daniel Maldonado, Teresa Martin, Vel Miller, Steven Napper, Tom Paulson, Doug Prine, Theda Rhea, Paul Cameron Smith, Paul Tadlock, Kathy Tate, Buck Taylor, Gary Ward, Jim Ward, Roy Lee Ward, Tanner Wells and K. W. Whitley.

The art show is dedicated to Ray and Ann Kinney. Ray was a founding member of the Stamford Art Foundation in 1974 serving as the first treasurer. Ann is a director and past-president of the organization.

The art can be seen for the first time at the preview party June 28 at 6:30 p.m. Many artists will be in attendance. A steak dinner will be served and the music of the Muddy Creek Band will be enjoyed. A highlight of the evening will be the "Quick Draw" event in which fourteen artists are participating. In this contest, artists will be given one hour to complete a painting, and then the artwork will be auctioned. Also to be auctioned is a print on canvas painted and donated by artist, Wayne Baize of Fort Davis. Baize was one of the original artists at the first show in 1974.

Reservations for the preview party are requested and can be made by writing the Stamford Art Foundation, Box 609, Stamford, Texas 79553 and enclosing a check payable to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center or call Dawn Ham at 325-773-3654.



THOMAS ALEXANDER - BENITA LUCIO

Lucio, Alexander plan afternoon wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Aguilar of Haskell have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Benita Lucio, to Christopher Thomas Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Alexander, Sr. of Haskell.

The bride-elect is a student at Cisco Jr. College.

The prospective bridegroom is a former Marine, and is employed at Rolling Plains Correctional Facility. An afternoon wedding is planned

for June 25 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell.

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Shirley Freeman of Aspermont visited with her brothers, Charles and Kenneth Blair on Tuesday.

Thurman Briscoe and daughter Dian of Odessa, son Norman, and brothers of Jean Blair visited with Jean and Charles Blair on Saturday and attended the Wright reunion held over the weekend at the Civic Center.

Evelyn Wright had all of her children home over the weekend, Edward of Abilene, Verlene and husband of Athens, Denise Pharman and husband, Heather and husband of Wichita Falls, and Daren and Deneice of Nugent. They were here to attend the Wright reunion.

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By Mike Cox

State officials to play musical chairs

AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry has until June 19 to sign or veto bills and still hasn't said whether he'll call a special session this summer to give lawmakers one more try at solving the state's school funding woes.

Meanwhile, with the '06 primaries only nine months off, Austin political junkies are talking.

With Republican Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs having declared for comptroller, Sen. Todd Staples (R-Palestine) having announced for her job and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison rumored to be taking on Gov. Rick Perry in next March's Republican primary, where does that leave Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn?

One answer is that Strayhorn might decide not to get in the Perry-Hutchison fight and instead opt to make an end run at lieutenant governor. Just as a Hutchison gubernatorial candidacy would arguably close the governor's mansion to Strayhorn, it would open what is really the most powerful elective job in Texas to the comptroller.

Why? Because the buzz is that Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst is interested in replacing Hutchison in Washington if she comes to Texas to run against Perry.

Should Hutchison decide not to take on Perry, the scenario could default to a Perry-Strayhorn primary battle.

Next station: Name change...

A bill to rename the Texas Railroad Commission the Texas Energy Commission ended up on a side track when the gavel closed the 79th Legislature, but lawmakers did move all the commission's railroad responsibilities to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Rep. George "Buddy" West's House Bill 1078, the bill that would

have changed the name of the 114-year-old commission to reflect what it really is, hit the end of the tracks on April 20. That's when it was left pending in the House Energy Committee.

So, once the commission's remaining railroad functions are rerouted to TxDOT, the Railroad Commission will have nothing to do with railroads and everything to do with energy. Maybe next session...

New insurance commissioner...

The No. 2 person at the Texas Department of Insurance, deputy commissioner Mike Geeslin, got the top job last week when Gov. Perry appointed him as former Commissioner Jose Montemayor's successor.

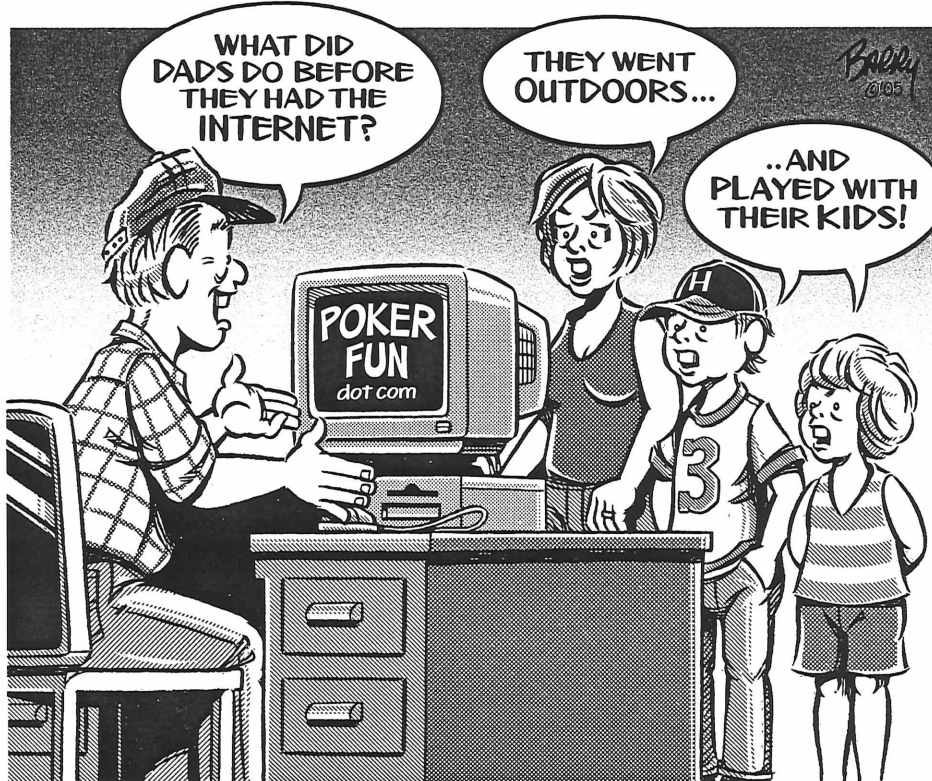
Geeslin, an advisor to Perry before he went to TDI two years ago, will have more on his plate than Montemayor. One of the biggest servings will be overseeing TDI's legislatively mandated absorption of the duties currently handled by the Worker's Compensation Commission. That includes adding a fourth commissioner whose responsibility will be worker's comp issues only.

It's 'skeeter time...

If you've been to the coast lately, or anyplace else in Texas that gets a lot of rain, you know there are plenty of mosquitoes out and about.

According to the State Health Department, so far this year no cases of West Nile infection have been reported in Texas. Last year, 119 human cases occurred in 40 of the state's 254 counties. This year, only six cases affecting birds, three carrier mosquitoes and two infected horses have been reported.

The solution: A good insect repellent and wearing long sleeve shirts and pants. (But the insect spray still is important because a mosquito bite can penetrate clothing.)



A CYBER-AGE REMINDER FOR FATHER'S DAY...

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago June 15, 1995

Mrs. Loney (Turnbow) Linton, along with nearly forty relatives and friends, enjoyed a "surprise" birthday party in honor of her 83rd birthday.

Billy Stone, son of Marion and Geneva Stone of Haskell and the assistant principal at Jefferson Middle School in Abilene, was presented the Outstanding Assistant Principle Award for District 14, by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.

Pete V. Torres Jr. of Haskell graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy.

Adelle Bogard and Estelle Norman were honored with a birthday celebration on the occasion of their 90th birthday at the Church of Christ in Clyde. They are the twin daughters of the late Menard Olen and Drucilla Field, longtime Haskell residents.

20 Years Ago June 20, 1985

Faye Schnuriger of Haskell won the Coppini Academy of Fine Arts judges' award.

Shanna and Sherry Mueller of Haskell were featured in the Who's Who in Baton Twirling edition.

Dr. Elbert Whorton PhD, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Whorton of Rule, was selected to serve the citizens of Texas on the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority.

Christy Peiser and Pam Weise were representatives from Haskell High that attended the Midwestern University yearbook seminar and won runner up honors in the theme development area.

Justin Stewart, a six-year-old from Haskell, caught a 36 pound yellow catfish at Lake Stamford.

30 Years Ago June 19, 1975

O. W. Tooley was honored during the annual Ladies Night of the Haskell Lions Club for his service as secretary for the past six years.

Esther J. King was honored on her 80th birthday with a coffee in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olen B. King.

Dirk Perry, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Perry of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Turnbow of Weinert, was awarded the highest award in Boy Scouting, the Eagle Award.

40 Years Ago June 17, 1965

District spelling champion Bette Edwards, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. (Jiggs) Edwards of Weinert, was 38th of 70 spellers competing in the National Spelling Bee in Washington.

Gilmore Implement Company, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gilmore, celebrated 18 years of business operation in Haskell.

Mrs. Luther Burkett of Haskell was appointed to serve as official representative for Haskell County for the Attorney General's Youth

Conference on Crime.

Haskell's Terri Stiewert, Jerre Sue Couch, Peggy Thigpen, Paula Terrell and Joyce Cook were accepted to attend the 18th annual McMurry College Band and Twirling school.

50 Years Ago June 16, 1955

Ives June Casey, Haskell County 4-H delegate, was state contest winner at the State 4-H Club Roundup with a perfect score on her demonstration and the highest record score of 86.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wiseman were installed Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Haskell Chapter No. 892, Order of the Eastern Star.

Paint Creek organized their own baseball league with four teams and the managers were Mac Earles, Paul Fischer, Pat Morrison and Willie Lee Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Graham of Rochester hosted a hamburger-hot dog supper on their back lawn for

members of the Rochester fire department and their families.

Betty Sue Mitchell, graduate of Rochester High School, was awarded a loving cup and the title of "Miss Haskell of 1955" in the beauty contest sponsored by the Texas and Sky-Vue theatres.

100 Years Ago June 17, 1905

Caleb Terrell left to go on a pleasure trip to Dallas and other points.

J. H. Camp sold about 200 head of cattle to J. H. Cunningham.

Bessie Parker returned home from Baylor University.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Tubb of Coke County were here on a visit to W. P. Whitman, who is Mrs. Tubb's brother. It had been thirty-five years since their last visit.

Wm. Amphor of McGregor spent a few days here with his old friend, Wm. Oglesby and was highly pleased with our country.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Thanks, Dad

On June 19, dads all over Texas will celebrate Father's Day with their children. I will spend the day celebrating fatherhood with my daughter, Audrey, who no doubt will thank me for being her dad. There is nothing better than receiving thanks from those you love for a job well done.

Like other fathers, I strive to be a good dad and provide my daughter with the financial and emotional support she needs. Good fathering is hard work, but the benefits to our children are endless.

This Father's Day, the employees of the Division for Families and Children and I extend our sincere thanks to all fathers for giving your children the love and support only a dad can provide. You are the unsung heroes in your children's lives.

Over the last several years, there has been a steadily growing emphasis on the positive impact of engaged, caring fathers. New research about a father's influence has confirmed what so many of us know to be true—fathers really do make a difference. Children with dads who actively participate in their lives perform better in school, are more self-confident, are more likely to exercise self-control, and less likely to engage in risky behaviors as teens.

Many people think the Attorney General's office is only interested in fathers for the financial support they provide. It is true our Child Support program collected a record \$1.6 billion in child support last year, and most of the money came from fathers. However, a father's contribution to his child's well-being

involves much more than money. Children deserve the security that comes from knowing fathers care enough to provide emotional as well as financial support.

Over the last several years, the Division for Families and Children has increased its commitment to fathers by recognizing the important and irreplaceable role they play in shaping their children's lives. Several notable programs to serve fathers include:

The Family Reintegration program helps fathers reconnect with their children after incarceration. The program focuses on former and soon-to-be released state jail detainees who need assistance in finding gainful employment and resuming parenting duties, including the regular payment of child support.

The Paternity Opportunity Program is an extremely successful undertaking by my office that gives unmarried fathers the opportunity to acknowledge their children's paternity at the time of birth. We train hospitals and birthing centers to educate unmarried parents about the paternity establishment process. Last year, POP gave more than 92,000 Texas children a good start in life by helping their fathers establish legal paternity.

The Choices Project is a collaborative effort between my office and the Texas Workforce Commission that targets noncustodial parents in Galveston, Brazoria, Hidalgo, El Paso and Bexar counties. Parents who are behind on their child support are given three choices; enroll in the program, make a payment, or go to jail. Parents who chose to enroll

Law prohibits advertising of raffles

Every town has them, and most newspapers promote them, but publishing paid ads for them is illegal.

They are raffles, and the subject continues to cause confusion for Texas newspapers, and their customers. The bottom line is that state law prohibits advertising raffles.

The Charitable Raffle Enabling Act clearly states that raffle tickets may not be advertised statewide or through paid advertisements.

Also, only certain organizations even qualify to hold raffles. The act, which has been in effect since Sept. 1, 1999, defines a qualified organization as:

- An organization organized primarily for religious purposes that has been in existence in Texas for at least 10 years.

- A voluntary emergency medical service that does not pay its members other than nominal compensation.

- A volunteer fire department that operates fire fighting equipment and does not pay its members other than nominal compensation.

Other non-profit organizations may qualify if the group:

- is at least three years old;
- elects its governing body;
- has a 501 (c) tax exemption;
- has members;
- does not distribute income to its members;

- does not participate in any political campaign.

These are the only organizations allowed to hold raffles in Texas. Any other type of organization, business or individual conducting a raffle in Texas, would be doing so illegally, according to the attorney general's office.

Qualified organizations may offer almost any raffle prize except money.

A raffle that violates the Charitable Raffle Enabling Act is considered illegal gambling under the Texas Penal Code, and is a Class C misdemeanor.

The AG's office offers more information on charitable raffles on the Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 252 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., June 11, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 51 sellers and 32 buyers were present.

Packers \$1 to 3 higher. Stockers, feeders steady, \$2 higher.

Cows: fat, .48-.59; cutters, .45-.63; canners, .35-.45.

Bulls: bologna, .68-.76; feeders, utility, .64-.70.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.50-1.90; 300-400 lbs., 1.35-1.65; 400-500 lbs.,

1.30-1.55; 500-600 lbs., 1.18-1.35; 600-700 lbs., 1.10-1.28; 700-800 lbs., .98-1.17; 800-up lbs., .90-1.07.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.35-1.80; 300-400 lbs., 1.30-1.55; 400-500 lbs., 1.25-1.40; 500-600 lbs., 1.10-1.25; 600-up lbs., .85-1.15.

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Correction

Being a winner of the Wild Horse Prairie Days queen contest is not a prerequisite for entering the Texas Junior Miss Program. Information in a story in last week's Haskell Free Press about Robbyn Tribbey contained incorrect information.

Researcher studies how bone density affects health

In April the crew of the International Space Station finished its six-month rotation. According to new reports, the returning space travelers will have about a month's worth of "intense physical therapy" in order to readjust to gravity.

But that's not all they will have to face, said Dr. Susan A. Bloomfield, associate professor with the department of health and kinesiology at Texas A&M University.

The returning fliers will also face a surprising amount of bone loss brought about by long-term space flight.

Even for non-space travelers, loss of bone density—or osteoporosis—can cause severe problems, particularly as people age, she said. Older women especially are subject to this kind of loss, which can lead to fractures that are sometimes life threatening.

"Fracture risk roughly doubles with each decade of aging after 30, and small changes in bone density further increase this risk," Bloomfield said.

"Post-menopausal women can lose 2 percent of their bone density each year, and it's a problem," she said. "In astronauts, the loss occurs about tenfold faster."

This occurs in spite of the fact that astronauts tend to be younger and

physically fit.

Bloomfield and her co-researchers have been working through the National Space Biomedical Research Institute to determine ways to prevent or reverse bone loss due to space flight. Currently she is co-leader of the institute's research team working with bone loss.

"We are not physicists; we are not engineers," she said. "We are basically physiologists and (experts in) related fields studying various biological changes in the human body related to prolonged time in space."

Texas A&M was one of seven founding agencies of the NASA-funded National Space Biomedical Research Institute.

"It's an independent agency devoted to human biomedical problems related to space flight," she explained.

"My area of research is to look at how the body responds to exercise," Bloomfield said. "Lack of exercise is the other side of that coin. I did my dissertation on people with spinal cord injuries."

Researchers have known for years that tissue—both muscle and bone—is lost through lack of use, and that muscle and bone use is connected, she said. "If you gain muscle, you gain bone, and vice versa."

Regular exercise is an important part of a healthful lifestyle on Earth, and becomes more important as the pull of gravity lessens, she said.

"Thus far, NASA has tested vigorous exercise to slow down bone density loss," Bloomfield said. "They have also considered a trial with osteoporosis drugs, but that hasn't been tried yet."

But exercise alone doesn't seem to be enough, she said. Even though astronauts have a program of regular exercise while in space, those on the International Space Station, who can be in space as long as six months, still show a loss of bone density when they return.

"Exercise is usually effective for maintaining muscular fitness and aerobic fitness, but not for bone loss," Bloomfield said.

"Our whole focus is on countermeasures—some treatment that will counter or prevent changes that might increase their health risk or prevent successful completion of their mission," she said.

In order to study these possible countermeasures, researchers have two options, Bloomfield said: Study people on strict bed rest for several weeks or use animal models.

"Bone is slow tissue," she said. "It has a slow turnover rate; the

replacement of old tissue takes a long time."

Researchers "have learned it is very important for bone response to exercise," she said. "Exercise in space is different from exercise on Earth and that resistance (provided by gravity) is what bone needs to maintain its mass."

These efforts into slowing down bone loss in space will one day have an impact in slowing down osteoporosis on Earth, she said.

In the meantime, Bloomfield offered some suggestions for maintaining bone health even for non-space travelers.

First, be sure to get adequate dietary calcium and vitamin D each day, she said. For post-menopausal women, that's 1200 milligrams per day or about five cups of milk. If that much milk sounds daunting, Bloomfield recommended calcium tablets to supplement dietary calcium.

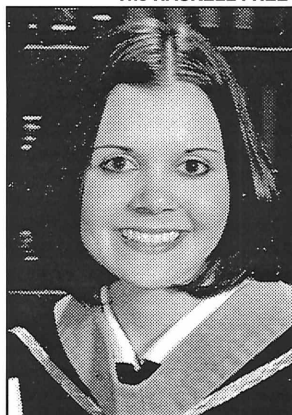
Then, stay active, she said. "Move—get some moderately rigorous exercise several times every week and walk or climb stairs every day."

And pass the message on to the younger generation. Make sure children and grandchildren have enough calcium and vitamin D in their daily diets and get plenty of physical activity.

"To prevent osteoporosis 50 or 60 years from now, exercise seems to be the most effective in kids around the age of puberty," Bloomfield said.

"And for anyone who is at risk for developing osteoporosis—for example, due to your family history or if you're lactose intolerant—insist on a bone marrow density scan" during a regular medical exam, she said. If the diagnosis is low bone density, "you need to ask your doctor about medication to prevent further (bone) loss."

Bloomfield, who is also a member of the Intercollegiate Faculty of Nutrition at Texas A&M, earned a bachelor of arts degree in biology from Oberlin College in 1974. She has a master of arts degree in physical education from the University of Iowa, and a doctorate in exercise physiology from the Ohio State University in Columbus.



MARY RACHEL DENSMAN

Densman graduates from Baylor

Mary Rachel Densman, daughter of James and Elaine Densman of Davis, formerly of Haskell, graduated from Baylor University in Waco, May 14 in a ceremony at Baylor's Ferrell Center.

She received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Business Education with Secondary Teaching Certification. The degree was conferred by Baylor President, Robert B. Sloan.

Named to the Distinguished Dean's List throughout her years at Baylor, Densman has accepted a teaching position with Hebron High School in Carrollton, which is under the Lewisville Independent School District. She will be teaching secondary Advertising and Keyboarding/Computers, as well as co-sponsoring the Student Council.

Keep Budworms and Bollworms Out of Cotton

Tobacco budworm and bollworm are the two most destructive pests in cotton. You can pretty much count on them year after year, and their impact on a cotton crop can be devastating.

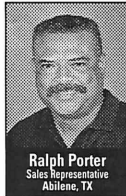
Use of *Bt* cotton varieties have reduced some of the risk surrounding these pests. But due to movement and feeding habits of bollworms, experience has shown that an overspray of a worm treatment is usually needed on *Bt* varieties. And, of course, planned worm control programs are still needed for use on herbicide-tolerant and conventional cotton acres.

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Insects bugging you? Know which repellent to choose

Summer can be full of pleasant sounds—birds chirping, lawnmowers whirring, children playing.

But the sound of mosquitoes buzzing in for the kill is not one of them.

That sound is more than just annoying, said Courtney Schoessow, Texas Cooperative Extension program specialist in health education.

"Mosquitoes, biting flies and ticks can—sometimes pose a serious risk to public health, as seen with West Nile virus and Lyme disease," she said.

One way to help prevent that risk is to use insect repellent when spending time outdoors, Schoessow said.

Several varieties are available, she said, including aerosol and pump-spray insect repellents that are sprayed onto skin and clothing. Liquid, cream, lotion, spray and stick repellents are applied directly to skin.

These repellents are sold in different strengths. Those with lower concentrations of the active ingredients can be used when insect problems are lighter. Repellents with higher concentrations of the active ingredients are for more infected areas or more stubborn insect species.

"Repellents containing a higher concentration of the active ingredient, such as DEET, provide longer-lasting protection," Schoessow added.

DEET (N, N-diethyl-metato-luamide) is "a chemical developed more than 50 years ago by the U.S. Army and the U.S. Department of Agriculture," she said. "DEET doesn't kill bugs, but its vapors discourage them from landing or climbing on you."

"It is the active ingredient in most insect repellents."

Insect repellents without DEET are also available, Schoessow said.

"However, studies have suggested that other products do not offer the same level of protection, or that protection does not last as long as products containing DEET."

Although proper use of insect repellents can help make summer a little more comfortable, but use

caution before, during and after applying, Schoessow advised.

She offered these tips:

- Before purchasing, make sure the product has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. Look for the EPA-approved label and registration number on the label.

- Read the label carefully before applying the insect repellent. "Even if you have used it before, read the label again," Schoessow said. "Don't trust your memory."

- Follow the directions carefully. Don't use more than the amount recommended, and only apply the repellent under the conditions specified on the label.

- Don't apply insect repellent over broken skin, such as cuts or rashes.

- Don't apply repellent to the hands of young children, or near their eyes or mouths.

- Don't let young children be in charge of applying insect repellent—that's a job for grown-ups.

- Don't use spray repellent inside enclosed areas or near food. Don't breathe the fumes.

- Don't use repellent under clothing, and don't apply too much.

- Wash hands after applying insect repellent.

- When outdoor activity is over, wash repellent off with soap and water. If clothing has been sprayed with repellent, wash it before wearing again.

- As with other household chemicals, keep insect repellent stored away from children's reach. Keep it in a locked cabinet or shed.

For more information on this and other health issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Health.

Students in the News

Kyle Michaels and Derrick Tribbey of Haskell have been named to the Dean's Honor List for the 2005 spring semester at South Plains College, Levelland.

Students named to the Dean's List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of college-level work with no failing grades.

"The college wishes to commend these students for their diligence and hard work in maintaining excellent grades in their studies at SPC," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, SPC president. "Grades are one measure of success in college, and we recognize these students for their efforts."

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Wed., June 22
9:15 a.m. Movie and popcorn
Lunch—Hamburger steak, black eyed peas, asparagus, garlic toast,

pudding cups and cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., June 24
Lunch—Chicken mac, turnip greens, fresh veggies, sliced onions, yeast rolls, strawberry cake, milk, tea, or coffee

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

Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

June 20-24
Milk is served daily.

Monday: Pizza, corn, salad, watermelon

Tuesday: Beef spaghetti, corn, salad, hot rolls, peach cobbler

Wednesday: Tacos with cheese, pinto beans, salad, jello

Thursday: Steakfingers with gravy, baked potatoes, green beans, breadsticks, oranges

Friday: Cheeseburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, vanilla ice cream with toppings

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Students in the News

Leigh Ann Reel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Reel of Paint Creek, was among 782 students receiving degrees from the schools of Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health Sciences, Pharmacy and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in a commencement ceremony May 21 at the United Spirit Arena.

Reel received a degree from the School of Allied Health at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Haskell area students named to the Angelo State University Dean's List for the 2005 Spring semester were: Gloria M. Aguinaga, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Jacklyn I. Escobedo, undeclared major; Christopher Eugene Hobbs, chemistry; Zachary Anzel Martin, nursing; and Katy Maxine McDaniel, journalism and English.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Everybody's Science

by Sandy Miller Hays, Agricultural Research Service

The Secret Price of Stress
This little piggy went to market, this little piggy stayed home—We all remember that nursery rhyme, right? But back when I was learning that little rhyme, I never would have dreamed that the stress those "little piggies" and other animals undergo when they're being transported from place to place could actually set them up for increased bacterial infections which, in the long run, could have an impact on the safety of the foods we eat.

Here's the story: We all know that there are nasty bugs such as Salmonella lurking out there, just waiting for their chance to find a home in farm animals. Fortunately, scientists with the Agricultural Research Service in West Lafayette, Ind., have found a way to identify certain characteristics about Salmonella that give the bugs an even better chance to infect their "host" (the animal).

It turns out that Salmonella just love it when there are higher levels of a hormone called norepinephrine, an indicator of stress, in the animal

(the scientists have seen this occur in rodents, but not yet in swine, by the way). The ARS scientists are gearing up to use a new technology called biophotonics to actually track Salmonella bacteria as they move through a live pig. This is done by engineering the bacteria to emit light, and then tracking them with a sensitive, photon-sensing camera. This will let the scientists discover where Salmonella hide in the pig, and how they manage to travel so quickly through it.

The scientists will put all this information together to figure out better ways for farmers to handle their pigs during transport, which could help lower those norepinephrine levels and make it harder for the Salmonella to make themselves at home.

It's well known that when an animal—and that includes humans—is stressed, its immune system doesn't work as well and that leaves the door open a little bit wider to the possibility of infections and illness. I used to work in a very high-stress environment—the incredibly busy newsroom of a daily newspaper—and from all the sniffles and coughs you'd hear in that newsroom as we all constantly raced deadlines, you'd have thought you were in a hospital ward!

Other ARS scientists at West Lafayette have whipped up an "infant formula" that's specially designed to protect "babies" of the four-legged variety: dairy calves and piglets. The formula contains electrolytes, beta-glucan (a yeast supplement), and ascorbic acid, all of which help boost the calves' and piglets' immune systems and help them fight Salmonella and other infections, especially during stressful times.

One of those stressful times is when a young animal is transported. And the scientists have figured out that the calves' stress is even greater when they're precisely four days old.

What's so special about the age of 4 days? That's what the scientists wanted to know, because they couldn't quite believe it when farmers told them that the calves did better if you trucked them before 4 days of age or after 4 days of age—but just don't load them up on that fourth day.

The scientists have since figured out that 4 days of age may be a crucial point in the young animal's life, when it makes the transition from drinking colostrum, called "mother's first milk," to drinking milk. Colostrum is a fluid produced by the mother's mammary glands in the first hours after birth. It provides nutrients as well as substances that help protect the newborn animal against disease until its own immune system begins to function.

In tests, when the scientists gave their special "infant formula" to the young animals during times of stress, it restored the calves' immunological systems, gave them back their appetites, and allowed them to resume normal growth. It even reduced stress in Holstein dairy calves that were taken from their mothers within 4 to 12 hours after birth (and if you've ever heard a calf bawl for its mother, you know that's one unhappy critter).

We still have a lot to learn about reducing animal stress—but the ultimate payoff could be safer food products for all of us!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This Week's Devotional Message:



GOD IS WHEREVER YOU MAY GO

Even though your faith and your church have their regular place in your daily walk of life, do you remember to include them in your vacation plans? Whatever highway you travel, God is there to provide you and your loved ones with His unfailing guidance and protection, if you will only reach out and avail

yourself of it. He is everywhere, in the beauty of all the mountains, lakes and alleys of this world which He created, and so are His churches. You can easily find them anywhere throughout the land. Remember that God never takes a vacation from you; don't take a vacation from him!

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

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

Christian Church
Dusty Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

New Vision Family Worship Center
Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors
864-3465
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Daniel Echols, 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 George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
Jim Yates, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 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.
114 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
Rev. T. L. Griffin
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
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 Fellowship Baptist Church
Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church
J. C. Baker, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
Fred Garvin, interim pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

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

Faith Chapel of Rochester
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

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

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church
Philip Houston, 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
Wendall Ferguson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista
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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

—PAINT CREEK—

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

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Simmons family holds reunion

The descendants of Joseph James and Alice Jane Simmons recently held their family reunion at the Haskell National Bank Community Building.

Attending were Timmy Wilson, Janice Smith, Brandon Isbell, Tina Justice, Ima Jean Aycock, Delores

LaVerne Breshears and Wallace Aycock, all of Haskell; Jessica Jackson, Braxton Kelly, Wayne Jackson and Stella Story, all of Breckenridge; Mary Clay and Janice Francis, both of Perrin; Agatha, Larry and Alice Aycock of San Antonio; Lela Mae Pack and Lois Cypert, both of Knox City.

Attracting birds to your backyard

One of the most aesthetically pleasing and rewarding elements to your landscape is the addition of birds. These beautiful creatures come in all shapes, sizes and colors; and compliment your yard to the fullest. Although they make a great attraction, birds can be a little tricky to retain in your yard. With a little pre-planning and simple maintenance, you'll be able to keep the wonderful works of flight around.

The quintessential elements that attract birds are food and water. Without the basic elements, it is guaranteed they will not stick around your yard. Many experts suggest that providing a water source is the most important. Birdbaths are a common way to fill this need. All baths should gradually deepen, and be no more than two to three inches deep. There should also be some form of rocks or stones added for the birds to perch on.

Birdbaths must be placed in an open area or clearing, away from all trees and shrubs. This ensures that the birds can keep a look out for all predatory enemies. For the best results, try to find any type of moving water system. Birds are drawn to noisy water, and by adding equipment such as a mister, dripper

or circulation pump to your bath, the number of birds will soar.

Birds also need a food source. They eat constantly, so there needs to be an ample amount of food available. Like a bath, a birdfeeder is a simple way to attract numerous types of birds. Try placing a wide variety of bird feeders and types of food around your backyard. Providing different options attracts the widest variety of wild birds.

Another way to lure birds to your area is by gardening. Birds love to feast on many of the insects that inhabit the common garden. This not only rids your garden of pests, but replaces the need for harmful chemicals that are typically used to destroy the intruders.

Planting trees and shrubs is another surefire way to attract birds. Birds love the source of food that these plants produce, as well as the shelter that each plant provides. All birds need a place to nest and protect their young, and trees are the best source for it. For best results plant trees or shrubs that are native to your area. This will greatly increase your chances for bird watching, as the creatures are more familiar and accepting of regional food and shelter sources.

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3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Fri., June 17. 505 S. Ave. F, Haskell. Clothes-different sizes and baby clothes, bedspread, misc. 24p

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Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6133-24-001 for PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on July 7, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$11,600.00.
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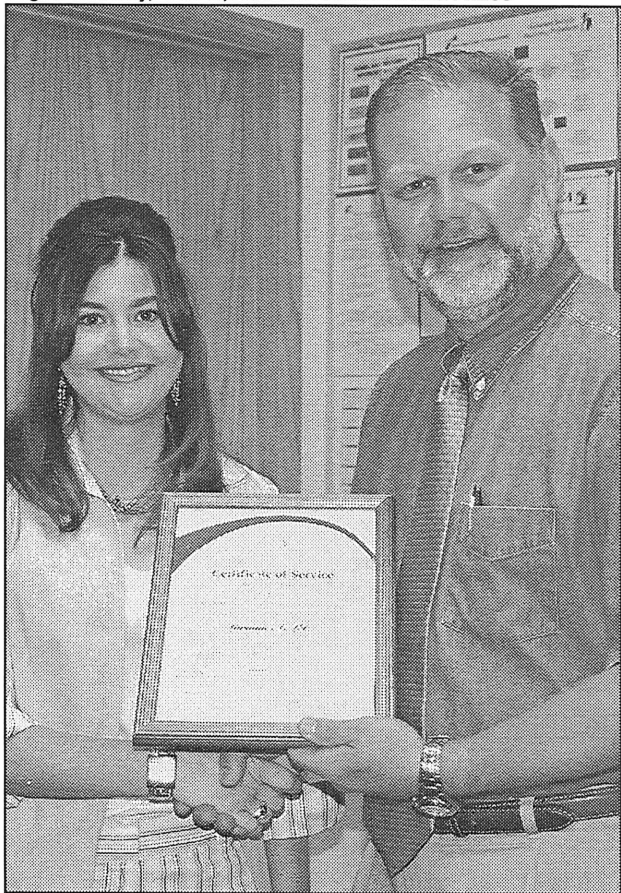
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Sanders family meets at Circle S Ranch

Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of the late Jack and Sallie Sanders family met June 10-12 at the Circle S Ranch southeast of Haskell for their annual reunion held the second weekend in June each year.

Andy and Marlene Sanders and their children were hosts for this year's meeting, grilling hamburger patties Friday night and steak on Saturday night, to serve with food brought by others. Breakfasts were prepared by Sue Cox and Marie Kirkland.

Sue Cox served as emcee for the talent show Saturday evening, which featured Zane and Annah Mackay, Austin and Sallie Sartain, Shambrey and Abby Sanders singing and dancing. Susan and Loretta Maupin sang Christian songs, and Taylor Russell also sang. Several members of the family shared memories of past reunions and family get-togethers.

Attending the reunion were: Lona Mae Phelps; Kenneth and Elaine Campbell; Karen Mitchell and children, Kendall and Allison and their friends, Leslie Tonche, Lindsey and Josh of Haskell; Travis and Wilma Sanders of Coleman; Andy and Marlene Sanders and their children, Netha Carrouth, ReNetha and A. J., Andra Jackson, Tina,

Megan and Austin, all of Cross Plains; Tommy, Lisa and Tiffany Lambright of Dripping Springs; Amber Herrington of Irving; Andy Sanders new great grandson, Logan McDaniel of Texarkana and soon to be grandson-in-law, Johnny Ballew, engaged to ReNetha Sanders; Bill and Martha Maupin and family, Little Bill, Mark, Susan, Shawn and Loretta, all of Odessa; Marie and B. D. Kirkland and family, Jacky D. and Barbie Kirkland, Tom and Tammy Tension, all of Fort Worth; Walter and Sue Cox and family, Brenda Sartain and children, Austin and Sallie, David and Deborah and family, Zane, Annah and the new baby, Lindsey Danielle Mackay, and Junior Cox and his family, Christi and Drew, all of Omaha, Nebraska; Jacky and Sandra Sanders and their family, Ricky, Shana and Shambrey of Weatherford; Rex and Amanda, Abby and Robert of Aledo, and Jaclyn Sanders and friend, Taylor Russell of Weatherford; Rocky and Marsha Sanders of Abilene. Two families not able to attend this year were Darwin and Ethel Slade and their families, and Kenneth and Scarlet Cole and their family.

Martha Maupin and family will host next year's reunion.

EEA Club meets new county agent

The Haskell County EEA Club held their monthly meeting June 9 at the Haskell County Extension Office. Eight members and guest, Wes Utley, new County Agriculture Agent, attended.

It was announced that during the last month, the club gave donations to six 4-H members who attended the State 4-H Roundup, and presented

the 4-H academic award to Jaclyn Drinnon.

Guest speaker was Lisa Teague, who presented an informative program on wall painting techniques. Displaying necessary tools, she explained procedures for various types of faux-finishing techniques, including joint compound, paper sacks and tissue paper.

After a vacation in July, the club will resume meeting on Aug. 11.

Students in the News

Haskell County honor students recognized on the Vernon College Dean's List for academic achievement for the spring 2005 semester were Bonnie Jo Emert of Paint Creek and Breanna Lachele Marquis of Rule.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who complete the semester with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or above.

County students named to Nat'l Honor Roll list

Several Haskell County students have qualified for induction into the 2004-2005 National Honor Roll, which recognizes high-achieving high school and middle students.

Lynn Romeo, of Lynbrook, New York, publisher of the National Honor Roll, said, "Young people like our inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated. Honoring their achievements provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

Students inducted from Haskell High School were: Krystal M. Baugh, Brittany Campbell, Jaclyn M. Drinnon, Kory W. Foster, Sarah A. Garcia, Magdiel Gonzalez, Savannah Lynn, Alexis Reed, Casandra Reynolds, Jeremy Sorrells, Robbyn Tribbey, Gerardo Torres and Alejandro Vasquez.

Inducted from Rule High School were: Maria N. Amaya and Jacob Manske.

Inducted from Paint Creek High School was Jessica L. Messenger.



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The public hearing will be held on July 14, 2005 at 7:30 a.m. at the Appraisal District office, 604 North First Street, Haskell, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$289,810
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 5,660
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	5 <i>(full-time equivalent)</i>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	5 <i>(full-time equivalent)</i>

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

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

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

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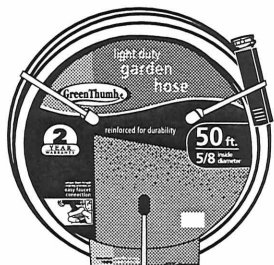
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