

Softball games

Haskell vs Eula
Fri., May 19, 4 p.m.
in Abilene

Baseball games

Haskell vs Follett
Fri. & Sat., May 19-20
best of 3 series
Clarendon Jr. College
Clarendon

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the June 1 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 25 at 5 p.m. The newspaper office will be closed Mon., May 29.

Paint Creek graduation

Eight senior students will be presented in graduation at Paint Creek High School Fri., Aug. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Paint Creek High School Auditorium.

Early dismissal

Haskell CISD will have early dismissal Fri., May 19 to accommodate travel to the baseball and softball playoff games. Elementary will dismiss at 12:15 p.m., Junior High at 11:50 a.m. with shuttle busses arriving in Haskell at 12:10 p.m. and High School at 12:05 p.m. Route buses from the high school will run at 12:20 p.m.

Queen's contest

The Wild Horse Prairie Days queen contest will be held Sun., May 21 at 2 p.m. in the Haskell High School Auditorium.

Rummage sale

The youth of Faith Chapel Church will host a huge rummage sale and car wash Sat., May 20 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church located on Hwy. 6 in Rochester.

Donut sale

Bethel Assembly Church will sell Krispy Creme donuts Sat., May 20 beginning at 7 a.m. at the gazebo in Haskell.

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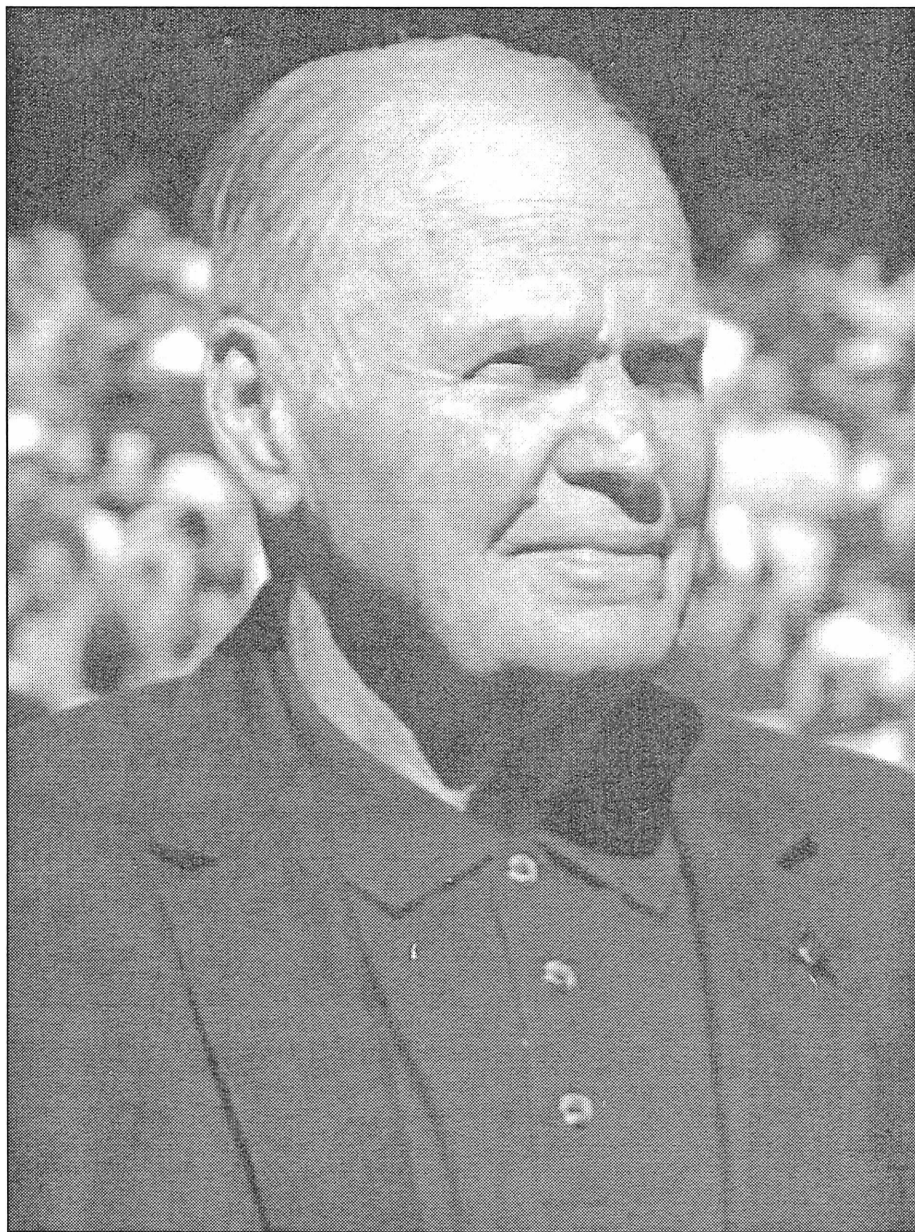
Good luck Indians and Maidens!

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JOHN A. KIMBROUGH
1918 - 2006

Haskell legend, Jarrin' John Kimbrough, dies

"John Kimbrough from Haskell," are words that will be missed around this area. A living legend was lost last week with the death of football player, movie star, gentleman and friend, John Alec Kimbrough.

With names of Jarrin' John, the Haskell Hurricane and Big Jawn, the Aggie was one of the most celebrated athletes in Texas history. The fullback had extraordinary talent and was probably one of the most storied Aggie ever. A twice named candidate for the Heisman Trophy, he was a unanimous selection for All-American in 1939 and 1940.

With size and speed, he collected many honors including the National Football Hall of Fame, Southwest Conference Hall of Honor, All Southwest Conference Fifty-Year Team, Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame, Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Texas High School Football Hall of Fame and Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame. He was honored in 1956 by the Topps Trading Card Company in a commemorative set of the 100 greatest college football players of all time. Jarrin' Jawn was the #2 card in the set.

His good looks earned him a trip to Hollywood where a screen test lead him to becoming a star of the B-Westerns, the rage of the day. His film career included "Sundown Jim" and "Lone Star Ranger."

Stardom was interrupted with a call to military duty during World War II. He trained as a pilot, but was

assigned to play football for the Army where his efforts saw money raised by the games going to the Army Relief Effort.

After the war, he re-entered professional football and played for the Los Angeles Dons for two years before returning to Haskell to raise a family with wife, Barbara, away from the glare of pro football and Hollywood.

He served a term in the Texas legislature in the House of Representatives, but preferred a quiet life of farming and ranching.

He and Barbara enjoyed hosting the annual Aggie Muster at their lake cabin. John, wearing his cowboy hat, boots and carrying a cigar, was often seen driving around town with his companion yellow Labrador retriever along for the ride.

He loved the outdoors, family outings to hunt and fish, a good story and reminiscing with fellow football players Slingin' Sammy Baugh of Rotan and Aggie running back Dick Todd of Crowell.

A man of vision, he was an advocate for rural issues, and served his church and community with work on many boards and membership in many organizations.

Requests in the mail for his autograph continued until his death.

John quietly started and ended his life in his beloved town of Haskell, a fitting Hollywood movie ending for a hometown boy.

Indian and Maiden teams win championships

MAIDENS

The Haskell Maidens defeated the Menard Lady Jackets 10-8 for the Regional Quarter-final championship Thurs., May 11 in Abilene.

The Maidens jumped out to an early 6-0 lead before Menard scored one in the third inning. The Maidens answered with four more runs in the third to end their scoring.

Menard scored two in the fourth, three in the fifth and two in the seventh innings. The Maidens held off the late charge and won the game

10-8.

Paige Wheatley was the winning pitcher. Offensive leaders for the Maidens were Alexa Roberts, Chambray Bartley and Ashton Rutkowski.

The Maidens will face Eula in the Regional Semi-finals Fri., May 19 in Abilene at 4 p.m.

INDIANS

The Haskell Indians pulled out a one run victory to grab the bi-district championship from the Nazareth

Swifts. A late game surge ensured the come from behind win for the Indians.

Nazareth pulled out to a 4-1 lead in the third inning and seemed to have control of the game. But the fifth inning brought the top of the line up, Josh Barbee and Cameron Short, to the plate. The Indians made their move to close the gap to 4-3. Barbee started the inning with a double followed by Short with a bunting single. Both players were able to come around and score on past balls.

The sixth inning brought Clyde Frierson to the plate, who lead off with a single that eventually lead to him scoring the tying run.

The Indians sole pitching performer of the night was Gary Frierson who moved his record to 8-2 with the win. Frierson had already struck out seven, heading to the mound in the sixth, when he continued to stay in charge, striking out the side.

With the score knotted at four, the top of the seventh inning brought the

Indians catcher Jeff Silba to the plate. He started things off with a single and eventually scored. The Indians capitalized on a Nazareth error hit by Josh Kimmel to score two more, giving the Indians a 7-4 lead.

The bottom of the seventh proved to be exciting. Frierson gave up three walks and a two run base hit, making the score 7-6 with the winning run on base and no outs. Without panic though, Frierson simply went to work and struck out the next three batters ending Nazareth's hopes and

clinching the Bi-District Championship for the Indians.

The playoff march will continue for the Indians in the Regional Quarter-final game against Follett Friday and Saturday in a best of three series. All games will be in Clarendon at Clarendon Junior College. Game one on Friday begins at 5 p.m. Game two will begin Saturday at 1 p.m. followed by game three 30 minutes after the completion of game two, if needed.



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS-The Haskell Indians won the Bi-District baseball title Wed., May 10 by defeating Nazareth 7-6 in a game played in Lubbock. Team members are front row, l-r, Cade Colley, A.J. Benton, Clyde Frierson, Josh Kimmel, Gary Frierson, Jeffrey Silba, Vicente Solano and John English. Back row, Coach Kent Colley, Steven Fillmon, Travis Adams, Cameron Short, Colton Young, Weston Rutkowski, Josh Barbee and Coach Harvey Davis. Photo by Bill Blankenship

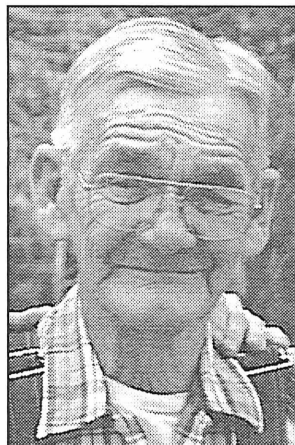


REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL CHAMPS-The Haskell Maidens won the Regional Quarter-final softball title with a 10 to 8 defeat of Menard. Team members are front row, l-r, Laura Gonzales, Hannah Foster; middle row, Cailey Foster, Codi Foster, Natalie Lopez, Amber Bingham, Kayla Tidrow, Kellye Tidrow and Ashton Rutkowski. Back row, Coach John Foster, Julie Hankins, Shannon Bird, Kimie Hutchinson, Alexa Roberts, Stephanie Grand, Chambray Bartley, Jerrica Escobedo, Paige Wheatley and Coach Betsy Coleman. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Obituaries

Tommy B. Watson



Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Watson died Tues., May 9 at Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center in Abilene.

Born Oct. 11, 1930 in Santo, he was the son of John Watson and Gladys Gaines Watson. He served his country in the U.S. Army and the National Guard. He married Betty Lewis May 30, 1952 in Breckenridge. She preceded him in death in 2000. He retired from Bill Wilson Motor Company in Haskell after 42 years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, a 30 year member of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department before retiring, Sons of Hermann Lodge and Rochester American Legion VFW.

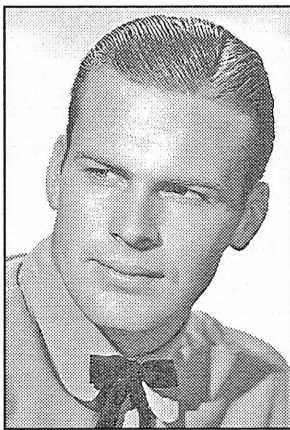
He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and two brothers, John Watson and Billy Watson.

Survivors include two daughters, Ann Johnson and husband, Jim of

Clyde and Sandra Reynolds of Haskell; one son, Tommy Watson Jr. and wife, Lisa of Portland; seven grandchildren, Jimmy and Jayme Johnston, and Jamie and Duke Womack, all of Clyde, Ashley and Aaron Christian of College Station, John Ross Watson of Portland, Debra and Jacob Marin of Midland, Casandra Reynolds and Amanda Reynolds of Haskell; seven great grandchildren, Gunner and Gavin Johnston, and Duke, Faith and London Womack, all of Clyde and Bradley and Michael Marin of Midland; one nephew, Kenny and wife, Doris Mae Watson and his family of Haskell.

Memorials may be made to the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, 301 S. First St., Haskell, Texas 79521; Windcrest Alzheimer Care Center, 6050 Hospital Dr., Abilene, Texas 79606; or Hendrick Hospice, 1682 Hickory St., Abilene, Texas 79601. PD. NOTICE

John Alec Kimbrough



JOHN ALEC KIMBROUGH

Funeral services for legendary football player John Alec Kimbrough, 87, of Haskell were held Sat., May 13 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. Daniel Echols officiating, assisted by Rev. Shane Brue of Abilene and grandson, John Kyle Kimbrough of College Station. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell. Mr. Kimbrough died Mon., May 8.

Born June 14, 1918 in Haskell, he was the youngest child of Dr. W.A. (Gus) and Elizabeth (Bessie) Saelens Kimbrough. He graduated from Abilene High School in 1937 and Texas A&M University in 1941. He married Barbara Golding Oct. 27, 1941 in New York, New York.

Known as Jarrin' John, the Haskell Hurricane and Big Jawn, the Aggie fullback was one of the most celebrated athletes in Texas history. His extraordinary talent, which combined size and speed, led Texas A&M to an undefeated season in

1939 and the Sugar Bowl where John scored two touchdowns to give Texas A&M a 14-13 victory and the national championship.

He was twice selected as a candidate for the Heisman Trophy and named runner-up in 1940. In addition, he was a unanimous selection for All-American in 1939 and 1940. His other honors and accolades include the National Football Hall of Fame, Southwest Conference Hall of Honor, All Southwest Conference Fifty-Year Team (1919-1968), Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame, Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Texas High School Football Hall of Fame and Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame.

He received two lifetime tickets to all Texas A&M sporting events in recognition of being the only Aggie player to be named an All-American twice. After college John played professional football for the New York Yanks for one year. His fame and good looks led him to Hollywood where he starred in two western movies.

When World War II broke out, he followed his brother Jack's example and joined the Army Air Corps. He trained as a pilot, but due to his athletic and movie fame, he kept being assigned to play football for the Army All-Star team.

After the war ended, John reentered professional football and played for the Los Angeles Dons for two years before deciding to return to his hometown and raise his family. He served a term in the Texas legislature and also ran the Gulf Oil distributorship in Haskell for many years.

He devoted his time and attention to his real loves: family, friends and farming. Always willing to oblige his

fans and sign autographs, he was as comfortable playing dominoes with local farmers as on the football field or on a Hollywood movie set.

John was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the International Order of Odd Fellows, served on the Haskell School Board and other community boards.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Frank, Ernest, Bill, Wallace and Jack; and one sister, Mary Kimbrough Ratliff.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Barbara; son and daughter-in-law, John Dudley and Jamie Kimbrough of Castle Rock, Colorado; daughter and son-in-law, Barbara (Bobby) and Clifford Banner of Hawley; granddaughter and husband, Brooke Elizabeth and Bob Kieb of High Pointe, Virginia; grandson and wife, John Kyle and Alissa Kimbrough of College Station; and great grandson, John Augustus Kimbrough of College Station.

Pallbearers were Steve Alsbrook, Wes Alsbrook, Charles Chapman, John Sam Rike, Eddie Medford, all of Haskell; Dr. Derrel Davis and Bill Ratliff, both of Hamlin; Larry Fischer of Dallas; Joseph Thigpen of Austin and Wallar Overton of Paint Creek.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Frank Cadenhead, Dr. William Kemp, Ken Lane, Gerald McCoy, Joe Banner of O'Brien, Dr. Joe Boyd of West Union, West Virginia, Dawson Druessedow of Wichita Falls, Dr. Joe Thigpen of Marble Falls, Bob Tresch of Houston and members of the 1939 National Championship Texas A&M University football team.

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Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Smucker's PB&J sandwich
Tuesday: Manager's choice
Wednesday: Cereal, manager's choice
Thursday: Pigs in a blanket
Friday: Muffin

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.

Monday: Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, corn, Mandarin orange fruit salad
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pears
Wednesday: Chalupas, salsa, cheese, garden salad, corn, ice cream, shape-ups, or gogurt
Thursday: Corndogs, manager's choice, macaroni and cheese, baby carrots, ranch dressing, ranch style beans, canned fruit
Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, assorted chips, cookie

Motorcycle safety urged

May is Texas Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. With 781,303 licensed motorcyclists in the state, whether you ride motorcycles or just share the road with them, all Texans can improve the safety of motorcycle riders.

Motorcyclists should take responsibility for improving their own safety by following this advice from DPS:

- Attend a professionally taught motorcycle safety course.
- Wear protective equipment, including a helmet whenever riding.
- Drive defensively.

•Avoid driving while intoxicated.
•Avoid speeding.

"Motorcycle riders should realize that operating a motorcycle safely requires the use of learned mental and physical skills," said Clifton Burdette, coordinator of the DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit. "Attending a professionally taught motorcycle operator training course is one of the best ways for both experienced and inexperienced riders to improve their safety on the road."

The DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit offers basic and advanced motorcycle operator training in 62 permanent locations and nine mobile sites. Motorcycle riders can locate the course nearest to them by visiting the DPS Web site www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb/. Last year, 29,141 Texans took either the basic or advanced course, setting an all-time record number of students taking advantage of the courses. The basic course may be used to waive the licensing road test, and both of the courses may qualify for ticket dismissal and insurance discounts.

In 2003 (latest statistics available), 323 people in Texas died as a result of motorcycle crashes, with 207 of those (64 percent) not wearing a helmet. While Texas does not require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets, the DPS strongly encourages riders to wear helmets to increase safety and save lives. Texas law states that in order to be exempt from wearing a helmet, a person must be at least 21 years of age. In addition, they must successfully complete a motorcycle safety course or be covered by a health insurance plan providing at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for motorcycle-related injuries.

Drivers in vehicles other than motorcycles should realize that motorcycles are sometimes difficult to see, so keep an eye out for them. Don't cut them off, and give them extra space.

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Workshop set by Alzheimer's group

If you or someone you care for has memory problems, developing a partnership with your physician and honing communication skills can result in increased knowledge of the situation and less stress, helping the partners make informed decisions about care and services.

The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter is offering a two-hour workshop, "Partnering With Your Doctor: A Workshop for Persons with Memory Problems and Their Care Partners," Thurs., June 1 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Hamlin.

The workshop will provide strategies to form a doctor/patient/

care partner relationship that allows you to more effectively manage and be a part of your healthcare. Workshop leaders will discuss communicating with your doctor, improving how patients and care partners work together, getting organized and prepared for doctor visits, reducing your stress, and ways to ensure the best health care possible for the patient.

There is no charge to attend the workshop; however, reservations are required. To register, contact the Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter at 1-800-272-3900, 325-672-2907 or e-mail libby.connally@alz.org.

Adler receives degree

Peggy Clark Adler participated in commencement ceremonies at Concordia University-Ann Arbor, Michigan Sat., May 6. Adler received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Organizational Communication, graduating summa cum laude.

Earlier in the month, Adler received the Distinguished Scholar Award presented in recognition of high academic achievement by Concordia students and awarded by the faculty. Adler is also on the Dean's List.

Adler graduated from Rule High School in 1971 and received an Associate of Arts degree from Concordia College, Austin in 1973. She is the daughter of the late Joe Clark and Dorothy Baitz Clark of Sagerton. She and her husband David reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The



PEGGY ADLER

Adler's daughter, Anna lives in Elkhart, with her husband, Jeremy and their three children, Colton, Emma and Jenna. The Adler's son, Christopher lives in Richardson.

Art contest to be held during WHPD

The Brazos West Art Association and B-K Electric will sponsor an art competition during the Wild Horse Prairie Days ranch rodeo at the Haskell Civic Center.

Entries of original work will be open to all artists and will be accepted Fri., June 2 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Divisions include miniatures (unframed maximum 5"x7"), landscapes, still life, sculptures, wood working and carving, handcrafted leather items (no saddles), youth (18 years and under), portraits, photography, class work, hitched hair and braided items, handcrafted spurs, bits buckles and metal art.

Monetary awards will be given for

best of show, first place in each division, second place in each division, third place in each division and ribbons given for first, second, third and honorable mention places.

All paintings and photographs must be wired for hanging with no saw tooth hangers allowed. Picture size is limited to 48" either way. Each entry must have information on the back including the artist's name and address. Divisions may be combined depending on the number of entries.

The show opens for viewing Fri., June 2 at 1 p.m. with artwork on display through Sat., June 3 at 6 p.m.

For more information call 940-864-3122 or 422-3152.

Folic acid important in woman's diet

Most women do not get enough folic acid in their diet to help protect their babies from life-threatening birth defects like spina bifida, which recently gained national attention when the afflicted Iraqi Baby Noor was taken to Georgia for surgery.

Folic acid, a B vitamin, can prevent up to 70 percent of some serious birth defects of a baby's brain or spine. Unfortunately, most women are unaware how important the vitamin is for both themselves and their babies. And, to prevent birth defects, it must be taken daily before pregnancy.

"Neural tube defects are the second most common serious birth defect," said Laura Mitchell, Ph.D., principal investigator for the Spina Bifida Research Resource at the

Texas A&M Health Science Center Institute of Biosciences and Technology in Houston. "The neural tube develops very early in pregnancy, often before a woman realizes she is pregnant. But, in some instances, women are still not aware of the need to take folic acid before conception, and in other cases, women feel they have a healthy diet and do not need to take a supplement."

Further, folic acid is recommended for men and women of all ages. Indications are it may prevent birth defects of the heart, lip and palate and have other health benefits, such as improving heart health and protecting against some cancers.

In fact, in the United States, folic acid fortification of the food supply is now mandatory, Dr. Mitchell aid, and this mandate has been followed by a 30-percent decrease in the number of pregnancies affected by neural tube defects. However, even with food supply fortification, not all women will consume an adequate amount of folic acid daily.

Doctors say one of the easiest ways to ensure that you get the daily recommended 400 micrograms of folic acid is through supplements containing the vitamin, as most U.S. multi-vitamins have the recommended amount. You also can eat a bowl of cereal with 100 percent of the daily value of folic acid per serving, Dr. Mitchell said.

This information is provided as a service. For specific questions, contact your physician or other health provider.

TEEA Club hears program on bees

The Haskell TEEA club met at the Haskell County Extension office kitchen May 11 with eleven members and Agent Jane Rowan answering the roll call to "How do you take criticism?" Joetta Burnett gave the opening exercise with a reading of "Mother's Day."

The club will give donations to six 4-H members participating in the State 4-H Roundup in June. An award will also be presented to a graduating senior to assist with college expenses

in the fall. After the business meeting, members planned a day trip to Dillon's Greenhouse and lunch at Pepper's in Knox City May 31.

County Ag Agent Wes Utley presented a program on Africanized bees. Members learned about characteristics of the bee, nesting places, allergy symptoms and treatment of stings.

Hostesses for the meeting were Coleta Whitfield and Jeri Burke.

Art club holds end of year salad supper

The Brazos West Art Association met Mon., May 8 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room for the final meeting of the club year.

Members shared a salad supper.

Present were Doris Reeves, Denia Cunningham, Diana Moore, Beverly Moore, Martha Spitzer, Donna Clayton, Betty Hook, Betty Berry, Gary Conn, Nelwyn Beakley, Bobbie Harrison and Peggy Middlebrook.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Michelle Pannell and daughter, Brittany of Throckmorton visited with her mother, Gean Blair on Mother's Day. Michelle, Brittany and Gean attended church along with Cody and Abbie of Munday.

Helping Ariel Blair celebrate her fifteenth birthday were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Blair; sister Alice; grandmother Gean Blair; aunt and uncle Gary and Vickie Hawkins; and twelve friends.

Jimmy Boyd of Abilene visited Joyce Hawkins on Monday.

Ronald Hilliard of West Virginia was here for a six day visit with his mom, Bernice Hilliard.

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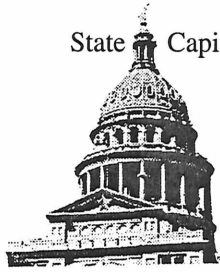
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By Ed Sterling

Package of tax reform bills pass, head to governor

AUSTIN - The Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1: property tax relief combined with school finance legislation.

Passage came on May 12, four days before the end of the 30-day special session, when the House on a vote of 136-8, approved Senate amendments to the bill.

Voting against the bill were Democrats Lon Burnam of Fort Worth; Garnet Coleman, Jessica Farrar and Rick Noriega, all of Houston; Rene Oliveira of Brownsville; Eddie Rodriguez of Austin; Marc Veasey of Fort Worth; and Mike Villarreal of San Antonio.

The bill pulls \$3.8 billion out of the state's \$8 billion budget surplus. Of the \$3.8 billion, \$2.4 billion will be used to reduce the maintenance and operations portion of school district property taxes and \$1.4 billion will be used for classroom education-related purposes.

Also, Texas schoolteachers will get a \$2,000 pay raise, plus another \$500 to replace a health care stipend that was taken away from them in an earlier legislative session. Plus, school districts will get an extra \$275 per pupil, based on average daily attendance, to help students pass exit exams.

A couple of complaints against the bill included loss of local control in how state money can be spent and in the capping of local enrichment.

Lawmakers agreed that the legislation, while not perfect, is good enough for now, and that it can be improved in the next regular legislative session, which begins in January.

The Texas Supreme Court ruled last year that lawmakers over the years have in effect created an unconstitutional statewide property tax, because many school districts are forced to set tax rates at the \$1.50 cap. Thus, those school districts have lost "meaningful discretion" in setting tax rates. So, the high court ordered the governor and the Legislature to give back meaningful discretion to local school districts.

Status of other bills in tax plan

House Bills 1 through 5 embody the package of reforms recommended by Gov. Rick Perry's Texas Tax Reform Commission led by former state comptroller John Sharp.

HB 3, creating a business-activity

tax, passed the House and Senate, and sat on the governor's desk over the May 13-14 weekend. Three other bills, below, are now headed to the governor's desk.

HB 2 allocates revenue from franchise taxes, motor vehicle sales and use taxes, and taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products to provide future property tax relief.

HB 4, the liar's affidavit bill, amends the tax code so that the used car sales tax will be based on the Blue Book value of the vehicle.

HB 5 increases the cigarette tax by \$1.

Independents submit petitions

May 11 was the deadline for the independents to hand over their petitions to the state's chief elections officer, Secretary of State Roger Williams.

Independent gubernatorial candidates Carole Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman each delivered to Williams' office what seemed to be enough signatures to earn them places on the November ballot.

Rounded off, Strayhorn delivered 223,000 signatures, or about five times the required number of 45,540. Friedman turned in about 170,000. How many of these signatures will stick is the question.

To verify signatures, which may take four to six weeks, the Secretary of State's elections division must follow Elections Code Chapter 277, which says for a petition to be valid, it must contain (in addition to the signature):

- the signer's printed name;
- the signer's date of birth and residence address or voter registration number;

Furthermore, if the territory from which signatures must be obtained is situated in more than one county the petition must contain:

- the county of registration; and the signer's residence address;
- the date of signing; and
- comply with any other requirements prescribed by law.

Governor expands session call

With the success of his tax reform plan largely realized, Gov. Perry added a few subjects the Legislature may consider in the remaining days of the special session.

Among those subjects are legislation related to FutureGen, a high-tech coal gasification plant; and revenue bonds for building projects at colleges and universities.

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From the AG

By Greg Abbott

10 Years Ago May 16, 1996

Haskell High School juniors Casey Burgess and Sarah Cothron brought home silver medals from the State UIL academic meet in Austin. Burgess placed second in prose and Cothron took second in feature writing.

Troop 228 Girl Scout third year Brownies recently planted a 6' non-bearing mulberry tree at the County Library.

Tamera and Lanny Ivy, Cory Ivy and Mitch Drinnon of Anson and Jina and Tyke Meinzer of Abilene were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mr. Bud Turnbow.

20 Years Ago May 15, 1986

Attorney Roy C. Brock of San Antonio, who was born and reared in Haskell, has been selected to join a 20 person delegation of American lawyers and judges on a tour of Japan, Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China.

Shannon Forehand was named "most consistent player" and Kelly Earp "most dedicated player" at the Weinert High School awards banquet.

Seven Haskell High School seniors will be inducted into the Lon Pate Chapter of the Quill and Scroll Society. Senior members are Lynn Dewey, Lance Hanson, Rebecca Holt, Jill Jennings, Tina Lacey, Michael Wallace and Pam Weise.

30 Years Ago May 20, 1976

The Haskell Board of Education hired James Raughton as head boys' basketball and assistant football coach.

The Haskell Chapter of the

National Honor Society inducted eight new members including John Cox, Randy Darden, Rosemary Kimbrough, Johnny Lancaster, Melisa McCauley, Clark Richardson, Cindy Thomas and James Wittenborn.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Chapman over the weekend were their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Davis, Abilene, Craig Pernell and Brian Thomson, Amarillo. Also, in the Chapman home for lunch were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lane, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lane Jr. and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Watson.

40 Years Ago May 19, 1966

Wanda Dulaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V.C. Dulaney, attended the American National Red Cross Convention, San Diego, Calif.

The Texas Theatre was showing Doris Day and Rod Taylor in "Do Not Disturb."

Haskell's riding club, the Sheriff's Posse, did it again, as they won first place at Throckmorton. The Sheriff's Posse led the parade then set pivots at the rodeo. This makes four rodeo trips this season, and they have four wins to their credit.

50 Years Ago May 17, 1956

Service to the rural patrons of the Haskell exchange of General Telephone Company became a reality. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Howeth southwest of Haskell, was connected and placed in service.

Elaine Overand, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Overand, Rochester, was chosen as "Miss Haskell County."

The first occupant of the Saddle Tramps jail was Haskell cafe owner Stanley Furrh. The mock arrest officially opened Western Week in Haskell, whereby all residents are required to wear western clothing during the Rice Spring Roundup celebration or suffer the consequences at the hands of the Saddle Tramps riding club.

Norma Mansker, Abilene, was in Haskell Sunday, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dalton Kirby.

A reorganization meeting of the Mattson School Board was held and Ernest Peiser was elected president.

100 Years Ago May 12, 1906

We are informed that Haskell is to have a brick making plant soon. It is understood that when the plant is in operation brick made here can be sold at a price that will greatly reduce the cost of building.

Thursday morning the two big grading machines of the Wichita Valley Railroad extension drove down the line and to a point one block north of the depot site in Haskell, each machine cutting a great furrow on the side, elevating the dirt and depositing it in a continuous stream in the center of the roadway. Contractors say that by next week they will be working between Haskell and Stamford and will probably reach the latter town by the middle of June.

W.H. Parsons will be working next week on his stone building on the west side of the square.

D. Scott, a contractor and builder of Farmersville, is prospecting here this week. He plans to locate in West Texas and is well pleased with our town.

Spring clean your financial records

Spring is in the air and families across America are cleaning out the garage, dusting the cobwebs from the ceiling and spring cleaning the house.

While you're at it, why don't you take some time to spring clean your financial records? Now is a good time to "conquer the clutter" in your financial closet.

No one can tell you how long to keep your financial records. Only you can decide which records and receipts to keep and for how long. However, here are some suggestions that might help you better organize your financial records.

First, you might consider keeping a written list of your checking, savings account and credit card numbers in your safe deposit box for family members in case they should need them should you become incapacitated.

It's also a good idea to keep a list of creditor names, addresses and phone numbers for easy reference in case of a billing error, or a lost or stolen card. Because of computer hackers and fraud threats, you may not want to keep this information on your personal computer.

You need only to keep credit card receipts, ATM transactions, deposit and debit card receipts until you verify the transaction on your monthly statements and then you can shred them. Always remember that any financial transaction, receipt or account statement should be shredded. Never throw them in the trash.

Another suggestion to decrease your paper clutter is to scan some of your financial records and burn them to a CD. That way you still have a copy of your records and can print them as needed.

You also might consider getting a large box and marking it "permanent." Items for this box might include educational records, employment records, health records, retirement and pension plan information, and contents of your safe deposit box.

Make another box labeled "current." You should review items in this box every 3-6 years and decide whether to continue keeping or shredding them. Contents might include cancelled checks, bank statements, insurance policies, home purchase, repair and improvement records, warranties, and income tax records.

Once you've finished with your financial spring cleaning, there's just one more thing to do. Make a file for next year's income tax return. As documents and receipts come in that you will need to file your taxes, toss them in this file. When it's time to file your taxes, you'll have everything you need in one place.

Remember, these are suggestions. It's always a good idea to consult your accountant or attorney if you have questions on what financial records to keep.

Students in the News

Vernon College held commencement services Sat., May 13 at Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium. The commencement ceremony is for August 2005 graduates, December 2005 graduates, and candidates for May 2006 graduation.

Rick Decker of Haskell and Krisi Nicole Hager of Weinert both received certificates of completion in vocational nursing.

Bonnie Emert of Paint Creek received an associate in science degree.

Michelle Raynes Johnson of Weinert received an associate in applied science degree in nursing.

Vernon College Associate Degree Nursing program held a pinning ceremony Sat., May 13, at the Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium.

Graduates included Michelle Raynes Johnson of Weinert.

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Safety belt campaign underway

State and local law enforcement officials have launched the 2006 Click It or Ticket education and enforcement campaign by fastening the world's longest seat belt around the Texas State Capitol's southern facade.

Safety advocates used the Texas-sized belt to announce the annual crackdown on drivers and passengers who don't buckle up. Thanks to four straight years of Click

It or Ticket campaigns, almost 90 percent of Texas motorists now routinely use safety belts, and they promised citations to those who fail to comply with the state's mandatory law to buckle up. Law enforcement officers wrote 52,404 safety belt and child safety citations and average of 2,096 per day during last year's campaign.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) are again teaming up with thousands of law enforcement personnel statewide to boost safety belt use in Texas. This year's enforcement campaign begins Mon., May 22 a week before Memorial Day and extends through Sun., June 4.

"Improving safety for drivers and passengers on Texas roads is one of my top priorities, so I am proud to support the innovative efforts of the Texas Department of Transportation," said Texas State Representative Tony Goolsby. "Click

It or Ticket saves lives. It's that simple."

The Texas safety belt law, enacted in 1985, requires drivers, front seat passengers and children under 17, whether riding in the front or back seat, to be buckled up. Also, children under the age of five and less than 36 inches tall must ride in child safety seats. Adults who don't use safety belts or fail to secure their children face fines from \$25 to \$200, plus court costs.

Though safety belt use in Texas has increased from 76 percent to nearly 90 percent since the Click It or Ticket effort began in 2002, highway safety officials caution that there is still much to be done. Six out of every ten children between five and nine years old still ride in vehicles without the protection of safety belts. Teen drivers use belts only half as frequently as adults. Pickup truck drivers and their passengers also are less likely to use safety belts than other motorists.

City Storm Warning Siren Testing Fridays at noon

Be smart when Internet shopping

Shopping from home is nothing new. For example, the Sears catalogue can trace its roots back to 1888.

But now that the Internet has moved catalogue shopping online, consumers face issues unknown by previous generations of shoppers, said Nancy Granovsky, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist.

"Consumers need to develop a new set of shopping skills for shopping safely on the Internet," Granovsky said.

Online shopping has its advantages and its disadvantages, she said.

On the plus side, she said, shopping on the Internet allows the consumer:

- Availability. Shoppers can hunt for bargains any time of the day or night, just by logging on to their computers;

- Choices. Because so many items—and varieties—are available for sale online, customers may have even more to choose from than they would have at traditional 'box' stores;

- More efficient comparison shopping. Don't worry about spending all day and a tankful of gas, traveling from store to store to compare prices. Just log on and shop from home.

On the minus side, Granovsky said, online shopping also has:

- Too many choices. This can be confusing to the consumer.

- Inefficiency. Searching for hard-to-find items, using difficult-to-navigate Web sites with too many graphics and getting off track can waste the consumer's time;

- Incomplete information. The consumer does not have the ability to touch the product, try it on or read its labels;

- Extra costs. Shipping, handling and sales tax may be added on to the cost of the item; and

- Privacy and security concerns. The consumer does not know how and where personal information might be used.

"Shopping online can be safe if the site you are buying from is a secure site," Granovsky said. "Consumers need to know how to evaluate the security of e-commerce Web sites before buying something online."

Because of these concerns about privacy and security, she said, consumers need to learn new shopping skills before clicking 'Send.'

First, Granovsky said, "Use the latest version of your browser. (That way) you will be obtaining the latest in security technology used by your browser. Make sure you keep up to date with anti-virus software and a firewall. Consider installing anti-spyware software. And update your operating system."

Along those same lines, she added, make sure your Internet service provider's equipment is secure.

Next, be careful about personal information you give out to online merchants, Granovsky said.

"Before you buy something online, the seller normally will ask you to complete a form that is sent back to the originating service," she said. "If the information you send them is not very private, you don't

have to worry. However, if you are including sensitive information—such as name, e-mail address, mailing address, telephone number, credit card number and Social Security number, then you must make certain that you know where your information is going and how it is going to be used.

"Unless you know who will receive the information, do not provide personal information," she said.

If personal information is required, Granovsky advised asking yourself: Is the information really necessary? Can the site owners be trusted with personal information? Is the site secure with a privacy policy that's easy to find and understand? Is the business reputable? What happens to personal information if the site goes out of business?

"If you are given a choice about how your information will be used—such as sharing it with other companies—decline this opportunity," she said.

Online shoppers also need to learn about 'cookies,' which record Web sites visited and items purchased.

Granovsky also advised shopping only with reputable companies that have secure Web sites, and being careful about choosing passwords.

"Shop with businesses that disclose a telephone number for customer service, as well as a street address," she said.

Pay for online purchases with a credit card, she said.

"When you pay with a credit card, your transaction is protected by the Fair Credit Billing Act," Granovsky

said. "As a result, consumers—by law—have the right to dispute charges on their bill under certain circumstances. If there is unauthorized use of your credit card, your liability will be for only the first \$50 in charges, provided you report the loss."

The Federal Trade Commission offers information about online shopping on its Web site at <http://www.ftc.gov>, Granovsky said.

Other FTC sites she recommends are <http://onguardonline.gov/index.html> and the Spanish version at <http://alertaenlinea.gov/index.html>.

She also suggested visiting these Web sites for more information:

- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/news/cwin0506/safe.html>, and

- Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org/alerts/article.asp?ID=636.

For more information visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Website at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Money.

Sagerton homecoming to be held May 27-28

The fifteenth Sagerton Homecoming will be held Sat., May 27 and Sun., May 28 in the Sagerton Community Center, formerly the Sagerton School.

Activities have been planned by the Homecoming Committee with J.D. Kupatt serving as chairman. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday. For those who would like to see the "old" and "new" places in the Sagerton Community, bus tours will be available Saturday beginning at 1:30 p.m. Pictures and other memorabilia will be on display. At

6 p.m. a sandwich supper will be served followed by visitation at the Sagerton Community Center.

Sunday, registration will begin at 9 a.m., but church services will also welcome former members at their churches. A catered lunch will be served at noon without charge. Donations will be accepted. After lunch a short program will be held in the auditorium.

If you plan to attend and have not pre-registered, contact Joyce LeFevre, 940-997-2103 or Dorothy Toney 940-997-2688.



All-Night Party receives mini-grant from TxDOT

Haskell High School is once again a recipient of a \$350 mini-grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. Called Project Celebration 2006, Haskell High School is among 30 high schools in the Abilene District taking part in TxDOT's graduation program. Each school will receive a \$350 mini-grant for graduation activities.

"As the Abilene District's traffic safety coordinator, I am delighted that TxDOT continues to be a staunch advocate of safe and sober driving habits," Brenda Mitchell said. "By approving the expenditure of funds to support graduation activities across Texas, we are assisting communities to provide a safe and sober occasion for their graduating

students."

Mitchell visited each of the 30 participating high schools in the district and presented the Project Celebration chairperson mementos for each of the graduates who attend their high school event. One of the mementos is a transistor radio that bears the slogan, "Friends don't let friends drink and drive."

According to the traffic safety coordinator, these mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Celebration event, but to provide seed money for schools to start and support alcohol and drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover expenses such as printing, materials, postage,

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Transportation officials report that this program, which began in 1984 with only two schools, is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state.

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Q: How much advance warning time is there before a tornado hits?

A: New technologies have improved advance warning times dramatically, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"The National Weather Service says that in the last 15 years, the amount of pre-warning time before a tornado hits has almost doubled," McRoberts explains.

"It is now as high as 15 minutes, but the average time is about 11 minutes. That's up sharply from 5-6 minutes in the 1980s. Also, there is now something called the Emergency Alert System used by many radio and TV stations. This system takes control automatically of a broadcast and advises listeners and viewers of an approaching tornado. When an alert is sent, a forecast is automatically scrawled across a TV screen or there is a break in programming."

Q: Is that enough time?

A: Every advance minute could possibly save someone's life, McRoberts adds.

"Last year, the 122 National Weather Service stations issued more than 3,000 tornado warnings. There is no doubt that these warnings saved lives and gave people a chance to take cover and seek safety. Remember that in an average year, there are about 1,200 tornadoes in the United States and about 55 people are killed each year with almost \$500 million worth of damage. So the more time people have when a tornado nears is time that can surely save some lives."

Green Sky

Q: Why does the sky sometimes look green during a thunderstorm?

A: It's a question that has been asked for centuries and is still not fully answered, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"We know the ancient Greeks reported seeing green skies during thunderstorms, and sailors for hundreds of years have written about green skies," McRoberts explains.

"The most popular theory is that thunderstorms contain a lot of water—often in the form of hail—and this water or ice tends to scatter green light during the strong updrafts that occur in severe storms. That's why many people say the sky appears green right before a hail storm."

Q: Does the sky look green during a tornado?

A: It can, says McRoberts, but not always so. "Often the sky appears almost black during a tornado, but sometimes there are greenish looking tints to the clouds," he adds.

"Many tornadoes have hail right around them. What we do know for sure is that green skies do exist, but they are fairly rare. They are almost always an indicator of severe weather, often very dangerous weather, so if you see a thunderstorm approaching and the sky appears to look green, you should take cover immediately."

Band concert

The Haskell School bands will be presented in concert Thurs., May 18 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

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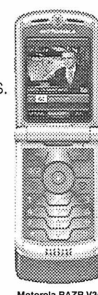
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Business and industry loans available from USDA

Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, has announced USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for the Business and Industry (B & I) Guaranteed Loan Program. Funding in the amount of \$28 million is available to bolster economic development in rural Texas.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to providing economic development opportunities in rural Texas communities," said Daniel. "These loans will help preserve or

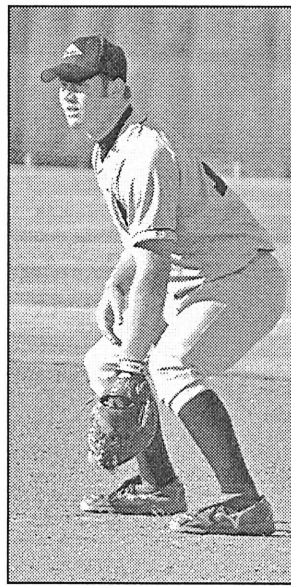
create jobs needed to maintain the economic vitality of rural communities."

Business and Industry Loan Guarantees are provided by USDA Rural Development to help local lenders provide credit needed for expansion and preservation of jobs in rural communities. The guarantee allows lenders to make larger loans, provide better rates and terms, and bring additional capital into the community. Loan proceeds may be used for working capital, purchase of machinery and equipment, purchase

of buildings and real estate, and certain types of debt refinancing.

USDA Rural Development is dedicated to delivering programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural Texas residents.

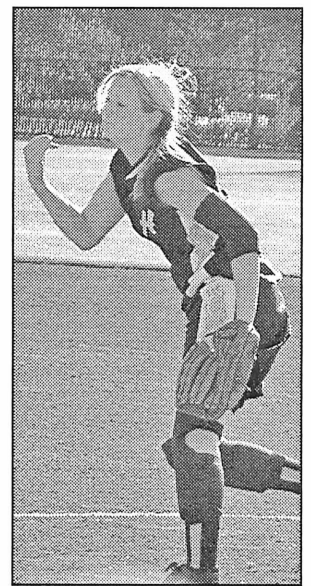
For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Abilene Local Office at 325-690-6162, ext. 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.



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PAIGE WHEATLEY
MAIDENS' PITCHER
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Storm shelter funding now available for rural homeowners

USDA Rural Development State Director Bryan Daniel has announced that the Agency is offering low interest Section 504 loans to help finance storm shelters for very-low income homeowners

living in rural Texas.

"Severe weather can strike Texas unexpectedly, and with serious personal consequences. As Texans know, violent storms and the unfortunate loss of life underscore the

need for improved home safety measures. The installation of an approved storm shelter can provide rural Texans added safety and security," said Daniel.

Eligibility requirements for this program includes a family income of less than 50% of the median income for their respective county, an applicant must live in their own home, and the family must reside in an eligible rural community. The USDA Rural Development financed shelters must also meet Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standards in design, construction and installation.

Daniel encourages individuals interested in the USDA Rural Development Section 504 Loan Program to contact their local office. The USDA Rural Development local office that serves your area can be located at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/officeinfo.htm>, or call the State Office Housing Program at 254-742-9770.

Be careful with summer's chemicals

Summer's green foliage can bring out a host of potential new chemical dangers from pesticides and insecticides. When used with caution, however, these chemicals should be safe.

"The single most important thing to do is read the directions on the container," says Dr. Rebeca Gracia, a toxicologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center and managing director of the North Texas Poison Center. "Too many people ignore those directions and get injured."

Always store chemicals in their

original containers, keep them locked up and keep them away from food. If spraying pesticide, wear protective clothing like long sleeves, pants and gloves. Don't spray toward people and avoid the treated area for several hours. Never mix chemicals.

Call the Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 with any questions or concerns regarding chemical exposures. For questions about pesticide use and application, call the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network at 1-800-858-7378.


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PLANNING A MOVE? DON'T FORGET TAXES

Millions of people move each year, often during the summer months when children are out of school. If you're considering a move this summer, be aware that moving can have some important tax consequences.

- Retirement plans.** If you have a retirement plan at work, you may have several choices upon leaving job. You can roll your retirement funds into an IRA, possibly roll the money into a new employer's plan, or perhaps even leave the money in your former employer's plan. Keep in mind that any amount distributed directly to you is subject to automatic 20% income tax withholding, and you may also face a 10% early withdrawal penalty.
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- Job search expenses.** Expenses incurred to search for a new job are tax-deductible, even if your job search doesn't land you that coveted position. To qualify, you must be looking for a job in the same occupation.
- Moving expenses.** If your job-related move qualifies (the IRS has both a distance and a time test), you can deduct the costs of moving your household goods and your family.
- Home sale.** When you sell your home, you can exclude up to \$250,000 of the gain from your taxes. The exclusion amount is \$500,000 for married couples filing a joint return. To qualify for the full exclusion, you must have owned and occupied the house as your main home for two out of the five years prior to its sale. A partial exclusion may apply if you fail the two-year test due to a job-related move.

If you're considering a job-related move and want help sorting out the tax issues, give us a call.

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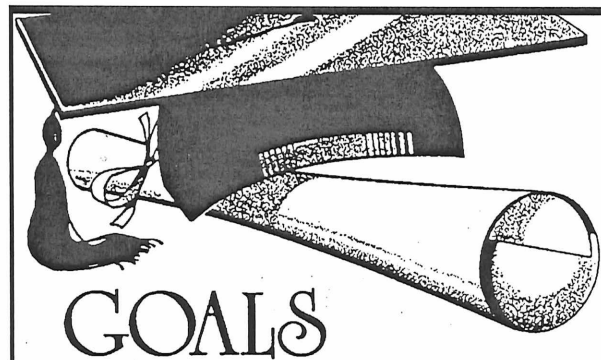
Student in the News

Vernon College announces that 183 endowed awards have been awarded for the fall and spring semesters at Vernon College.

Recipients are selected by the Vernon College awards committee after the April 1 deadline.

Receiving the Ann Beam Memorial award was Todd Emert of Paint Creek.

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From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Protecting Senior Texans: The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

May is Older Americans Month, an opportunity for us to recognize our senior Texans as well as the tremendous work that is done by healthcare workers, nursing home caregivers, law enforcement and other dedicated professionals across the state on their behalf.

One of the top priorities of my administration is keeping seniors safe. Fraud against seniors takes many forms, and Medicaid fraud is no different. From financial exploitation to fraudulent reimbursement claims for services or products not provided to physical abuse and neglect, unscrupulous individuals look for opportunities to scam the Medicaid program and take advantage of its recipients.

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) within my office has jurisdiction to investigate when crimes occur in Medicaid-funded nursing homes and facilities. The unit works together with local law enforcement and other agencies to protect senior Texans.

Identity theft is a very common type of financial fraud in nursing homes. Seniors typically have clean credit histories, making it easy for a thief to open fraudulent accounts in the name of a resident. At a Hillsboro nursing home, for example, a former activity director pled guilty to identity theft charges after investigators discovered the woman had stolen the personal information of two residents to obtain utility services at her private residence and then diverted funds from one resident's bank account to pay the bill. Our MFCU investigators subpoenaed billing records and a voice recording that implicated the woman, and the case was

successfully prosecuted by the Hill County District Attorney's Office.

Falsifying identities and documents can be dangerous to the health and safety of residents and patients as well. Last month, the Williamson County Sheriff's Office arrested a woman who was posing as a registered nurse at an obstetrical and gynecological physicians' office in Round Rock. The woman gained employment using a fraudulent license and worked nearly a year as a registered nurse though she was not educated, trained, licensed or qualified. The criminal investigation by MFCU and the sheriff's office found that this was not the first time the woman fraudulently posed as a registered nurse, but criminal prosecution will ensure that it will be her last.

Another type of fraud our investigators encounter is the personal or illicit use or sale of drugs within nursing homes and healthcare facilities. Last year, a licensed vocational nurse (LVN) at a healthcare center in Brownwood appeared to be "under the influence" while she was working, raising the suspicions of another nurse on duty. A drug count revealed that 90 doses of the painkiller Oxycodone were missing. The joint criminal investigation conducted by the Brownwood Police Department and our MFCU investigators found evidence that the LVN had obtained the drug by fraud, a felony in Texas. She had injected herself with it and then destroyed the resident's narcotic count sheet.

Drug diversion scams and financial fraud against senior Texans is despicable, but physical abuse and neglect are even more heinous crimes. Our MFCU works closely with local law enforcement and the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services to bring to justice those whose actions have inflicted injury or death.

In a recent case, an 87-year-old nursing home resident in Bell County died after a healthcare worker transported the resident from her doctor's appointment, parked the vehicle and then left the resident in an unventilated and non air-conditioned van for over four hours,

while temperatures soared near 100 degrees. The case was investigated by the Temple Police Department and the MFCU, and the healthcare worker eventually pled guilty to criminally negligent homicide.

In another case, an LVN in Wharton County disregarded multiple reports from certified nurse aides of a resident's deteriorating condition. The symptoms progressively worsened over the next few hours and the resident died. The Wharton County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from our MFCU investigators after the resident passed away. Subpoenaed cell phone records showed that the LVN spent a significant amount of time on her personal phone during times she was supposed to be caring for the resident. The LVN pled guilty to charges of injury to an elderly individual by reckless omission.

Our MFCU has seen significant expansion over the last two years, thanks to authorization and funding from the Texas Legislature. Today, we have field offices in Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen, San Antonio and Tyler. The MFCU employs 196 personnel, comprised of criminal investigators, both commissioned and non-commissioned peace officers, attorneys, auditors and support staff.

My office also participates in one of the nation's most promising community policing movements for preventing crime against seniors—a program known as Triad. Triad is a collaboration between the sheriff, police and senior advocates within a county. The major purpose of a Triad is to develop, expand and implement effective crime prevention and education programs for older community members and improve their quality of life. Through Triads, law enforcement officials and local citizens work to protect senior citizens against fraud, abuse and neglect.

We are proud of our senior Texans and the great contributions and sacrifices they have made to our freedom and security. Join me in taking every opportunity during the month to recognize our senior neighbors and friends.

Haskell County Native has Books For Sale

About the Author

Lynn Davidson was born in Haskell County, graduated from Rochester High School, and served in the U.S. Navy in World War Two. He worked as a cowboy on large ranches in Texas and New Mexico. He has traveled over much of the United States and Canada, and lived in Alaska. He flew as a pilot in the Alaskan bush and across the western continent. He completed a career in construction management for the United States Government. Retired to Texas; he is writing and loafing.

He offers these books for sale at a special author's price.

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April sales tax receipts show decline

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has said that state collected \$1.57 billion in sales tax revenue in April, up 17.2 percent compared to April 2005.

"The Texas economy is healthy and sales tax revenue is expanding at a pace I have not seen since I have been Texas Comptroller," Strayhorn said.

Local governments are also enjoying double-digit sales tax growth. Strayhorn said local governments will receive \$501.9 million in May sales tax allocations, up 10.1 percent compared to May 2005. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose

taxing districts are up 15.3 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent May sales tax allocations of \$344.3 million to Texas cities, up 10.2 percent compared to May 2005. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 14.2 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$29 million, up 9.3 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 16 percent higher than last year.

Another \$14.5 million went to 108 special purpose taxing districts throughout the state, up 16.4 percent compared to last May. Ten local

transit systems received \$114 million in sales tax allocations, up 9.4 percent compared to a year ago.

May's sales tax allocations to local governments represent March sales that were reported to the Comptroller in April by monthly tax filers, and January, February and March sales reported to the Comptroller in April by quarterly tax filers.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made Fri., June 9.

Haskell County had a 35.09 percent decrease for May 2006 of \$42,587.93 in comparison to \$65,612.29 for May 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$161,736.48 reflect a 8.80 percent decrease over

2005 payments to date of \$177,344.34.

The City of Haskell had a 37.63 percent decrease for May 2006 of \$38,280.07 in comparison to \$61,376.67 for May 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$148,193.64 reflect a 10.42 percent decrease over 2005 payments to date of \$165,529.40.

The City of O'Brien had a 40.15 percent increase for May 2006 of \$175.81 in comparison to \$125.44 for May 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$445.16 reflect a 49.06 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$298.64.

The City of Rochester had a 21.17 percent decrease for May 2006 of \$1,042.10 in comparison to \$1,322.12 for May 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$3,069.05 reflect a 6.61 percent decrease over 2005 payments to date of \$3,286.31.

The City of Rule had a 9.71 percent increase for May 2006 of \$2,605.54 in comparison to \$2,374.72 for May 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$8,399.89 reflect a 15.93 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$7,245.48.

The City of Weinert had a 17.19 percent increase for May 2006 of \$484.41 in comparison to \$413.34 for May 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$1,628.74 reflect a 65.43 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$984.51.

All-Night Party set May 26

Haskell County parents will host the All Night Party Fri., May 26 from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. at the Civic Center in Haskell. The alcohol free and drug free activity will provide a safe activity for kids on graduation night. A dance, inflatable games and table games are planned. Generous businesses, individuals and clubs in Haskell and Jones Counties and around the Abilene area make the event possible.

All students who attended high school during 2005-06 and college students are invited. Admission for senior students is free. Admission for all other students is \$5.

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Wheat field day set May 18

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

A multi-county wheat field day will be held at the AgriPro Wheat Research Headquarters in Lockett near Vernon May 18 starting at 9:30 a.m. and culminating at noon with lunch.

Langdon Reagan, County Agricultural Extension Agent for

Wilbarger County, reports that the irrigated research nurseries at the AgriPro farm will present producers an excellent opportunity to view new wheat varieties and to learn about emerging production practices. According to Reagan, "AgriPro grows both irrigated and dryland plots at Lockett and the contrasts between the two this year should

provide insights to wheat producers as they choose inputs for next fall's planting."

Joe Raff, TCE Agent for Agriculture in Wichita County, encourages producers to take the time to attend the field day. "This year's program includes discussions of new varieties, new production practices and new weed control systems. Some of the top experts in their respective fields will serve as speakers for the event," reports Raff.

Estes Chemical and DuPont will sponsor a noon meal during which Dr. David Worrall, wheat breeder for AgriPro will make a presentation titled, "The 2006 Wheat Crop: A Benediction."

Program sponsors include Syngenta Crop Protection, Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Other speakers include Dr. Gaylon Morgan, Dr. Todd Baughman, Dr. John Sij and James Brockriede. In case of rain, the field day will be cancelled.

Producers will be eligible to earn three CEUs including one in laws and regulations. For more information contact Haskell County Extension Agent-Wes Utley at 940-864-2658 or AgriPro at 940-552-8881.

Remodeling projects can affect asthma

Homeowners undergoing a remodel who have family members suffering with allergies or asthma may not be aware that the dust stirred up during a remodeling project can make the symptoms worse. The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) offers the following tips for homeowners.

First and foremost, don't forget to inform your remodeling contractor during your first meeting about any asthma or allergies affecting your family.

During remodeling, a professional remodeler will:

- Seal air duct registers in the area being renovated during activities that will generate a lot of dust, such as during demolition.

- Cover the work area with protective sheeting and use barriers to keep dust contained to the room or rooms undergoing remodeling.

- Provide exhaust ventilation, such as a fan blowing out a window, away from the work area and prevent particles from spreading to other parts of the home.

- Continue to ventilate a space after paints or finishes have been applied, flooring finished or

carpeting installed, or any other activity likely to "off-gas" pollutants.

- Clean up the work site before they leave for the day to minimize dust tracking.

Homeowners should take the responsibility to keep children and pets out of the work area to avoid them from tracking dust throughout the home as well. If the homeowner opts to save leftover paints from a remodel, seal containers carefully and keep paint containers in well-ventilated storage areas, but not near heating, ventilation, or air-conditioning equipment.

Additionally, during a remodeling project, duct work may be exposed, offering the opportunity to seal ducts that would otherwise be difficult to access. Ducts should be tightly sealed to reduce air leakage, which can prevent contaminants from entering ductwork and circulating throughout the home, as well as save energy.

Some homeowners will decide to have air ducts cleaned out after a remodeling project is complete, and changing the home's furnace filter after remodeling is often recommended since it may pick up more particles than usual.

Use the right chlorine product

Thousand of suburban and rural Texas residents rely on aerobic treatment units for on-site sewage disposal. Unlike septic systems that depend on subsurface absorption of the waste products, aerobic systems treat the wastewater so that is suitable for surface application.

Owners of aerobic systems are required by Texas state law to maintain these units by adding chlorine tablets to eliminate the many waterborne diseases that exist in household sewage. Human contact with sewage is a serious public health risk.

Unfortunately many homeowners use chlorine sticks made for swimming pools in their aerobic system instead of approved wastewater disinfection tablets, which are available through septic contractors, hardware stores and at major home improvement warehouses.

Wastewater chlorine is made from a chemical called calcium hypochlorite and contains 70% available chlorine. It disinfects very quickly, killing all dangerous bacteria and when used as directed will not harm lawns and landscaping.

Swimming pool chlorine is made from a chemical called trichloroisocyanuric acid. Using swimming pool chlorine tablets for wastewater is against federal and state laws, can result in the spread of dangerous bacteria and, in some cases, results in a serious fire or

explosion.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality require that all pails of chlorine tablets be labeled for their intended use. If wastewater disinfection is not listed on the front label or in the directions for use, do not use them in your aerobic system.

For additional information about maintaining aerobic treatment systems contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by logging onto www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Student in the News

Bonnie Emert of Paint was inducted into the Vernon College Omega Kappa Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at a ceremony held Fri., April 28 in the Osborne Administration Building auditorium on the Vernon campus. Inductees of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year institution, must hold a 3.5 GPA and have taken 12 hours or more at Vernon College, be of good moral character, and possess recognized qualities of citizenship.

Emert is the daughter of Randy and Susan Emert of Paint Creek.

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Addition, subtraction are keys to financial future

For college students and other young adults just starting out, keeping track of personal finances can seem overwhelming, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert. But basic mathematics plus a little common sense can go a long way toward keeping finances in line.

"Being on your own in the financial world, you need to develop some knowledge and skills and strategies to make the most of the money you have," said Nancy Granovsky, Extension family economics specialist.

The first step involves a little basic math, she said.

"The first thing you need to know—and it's hard—is what are your expenses going to be," Granovsky said. "If you're going to school you will know some (expenses), but some, such as the price of books, are going to be a surprise."

"It would be beneficial for students to work out their costs early in the semester to make sure

their money lasts," she said. "Curb your discretionary spending! The easiest way to do that is look for inexpensive or free things to do on campus or in the community; to plan car use with the price of gas in mind. The cost of gasoline is a factor, especially for people getting used to a new area."

That holds true when it comes to telephone use too, Granovsky said.

"Minimize cell phone plan expenses by selecting a cell phone plan that meets your needs," she said. "One way to do that is to use a pre-paid cell phone plan, which becomes self-limiting."

With these plans, the purchaser buys a certain number of calling minutes rather than signing a long-term contract.

Granovsky offered some other suggestions for keeping expenses down and under control:

- Track spending to avoid overdraft fees. When using debit cards or an ATM to make withdrawals from your account,

always keep receipts and record the amount as soon as possible. Be sure to write down any transaction fees charged.

- Limit the amount of discretionary spending and don't spend all your "fun money" at the beginning of the semester. Know the difference between "wants" and "needs."

- Learn how to budget in order to make money last over the entire budgeting period, whether it's a single semester or an entire year.

- Know how much debt is too much. If using a credit card, pay more than the minimum amount due each month.

- Set and achieve financial goals, whether that means opening and adding to a savings account or shaving off a little more from the expenses column each month.

- Learn to pay bills on time; to understand the cost of credit; to be able to save," Granovsky said.

Young adults also need to learn the importance of car insurance, health insurance, life insurance and renters insurance, and how

insurance can lessen unexpected financial risk, she said.

They also need to know about "saving for the future and investing money and what the value of money is all about," she added.

Basic arithmetic comes in handy here too, Granovsky said, especially when it comes to finding out about "the cost of credit as well as how money grows—the credit side as well as the investment side."

She also advised learning about:

- Getting good values through comparison shopping;
- Being a good credit risk and knowing how credit scores affect your ability to borrow money;
- Protecting your identity from theft by being careful about personal financial information;
- Avoiding fraud: If it sounds too good to be true it probably is; and
- Resolving consumer problems.

"Not all kids (starting out) are going to know how to do all these things, but they are pretty good rules for consumers of any age," Granovsky said.



PLACES FIFTH—Candace Brister, sophomore at Haskell High School, placed fifth at the state Class A golf tournament last weekend in Austin with a score of 78-85-163. She is the daughter of Greg and Debbie Brister of Haskell.

This Week's Devotional Message:



It's almost graduation time. Whether you are a young adult just starting out in life or a more mature person who returned to the halls of learning either for pleasure or to acquire new skills, the joy of accomplishment is the same. However, it should be remembered that graduation is not the end of something, but the beginning. Every day of our lives is spent in learning something new, wherever we are, and

we are constantly adding to our store of knowledge; if only by observing the world around us with an open mind during our daily travels. We also learn about life and the Creator who gave us this world in which to live, by our regular attendance at our house of worship. There is no graduation from this kind of learning, and that is the way it should be, for as long as we live.

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 Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, 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**
Kelly Pigott, interim 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**
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**
Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion
- Cornerstone 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
- Cross of Christ Fellowship**
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- 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**
Jim Davis, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
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**
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester
- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 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**
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
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Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
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Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Law enforcement report

The Haskell County Sheriff's Office reports the following county number of offenses and arrests made in the county during the month of April.

- Assault of a public servant: 1 case.
- Resisting arrest: 1 case.
- Driving while intoxicated: 2 cases.
- Driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense: 1 case.
- Driving while intoxicated, 3rd offense or more: 2 cases.
- Possession of a controlled substance: 4 cases.
- Driving while license invalid: 3 cases.
- Burglary of a building: 1 case.
- Delivery of marijuana: 3 cases.
- Jail time: 1 case.
- Failure to identify: 1 case.
- Manufacture/delivery of a

controlled substance in drug free zone: 1 case.

- Manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance: 4 cases.
- Possession of marijuana: 5 cases.
- Possession of drug paraphernalia: 2 cases.
- Burglary of a habitat: 2 cases.
- Theft by check: 5 cases.
- Delivery of marijuana in a drug free zone: 2 cases.
- Cruelty to animals: 1 case.
- Assault, Family Violence: 1 case.
- Public intoxication: 1 case.
- Disorderly conduct: 1 case.
- No driver's license: 1 case.
- Traffic warrants: 1 case.
- Making alcohol available to minors: 1 case.

During April, 570 calls were made to 911.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 592 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., May 13, according to Bill Cox, reporter. 63 sellers and 26 buyers were present.

Packers \$2-4 higher. Stockers steady. Feeders steady.

Cows: fat, .43-.51; cutters, .41-

.53; canners, .28-.38.

Bulls: bologna, .57-.64; feeders, .75-.95; utility .52-.61.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.40-1.85; 300-400 lbs., 1.35-1.55; 400-500 lbs., 1.25-1.43; 500-600 lbs., 1.05-1.30; 600-700 lbs., .98-1.18; 700-800 lbs., .90-1.10; 800-up lbs., .78-1.00.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.70; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.35; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.28; 500-600 lbs., .92-1.20

600-up lbs., .68-1.03.

Bred heifers medium frame, 675-850.

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Haskell City Council will accept or reject any or all bids at the regular scheduled City Council meeting to be held June 12, 2006 at 7:00 a.m. For more information, contact City Administrator Brandon Anderson at 940-864-2355. 19-20c

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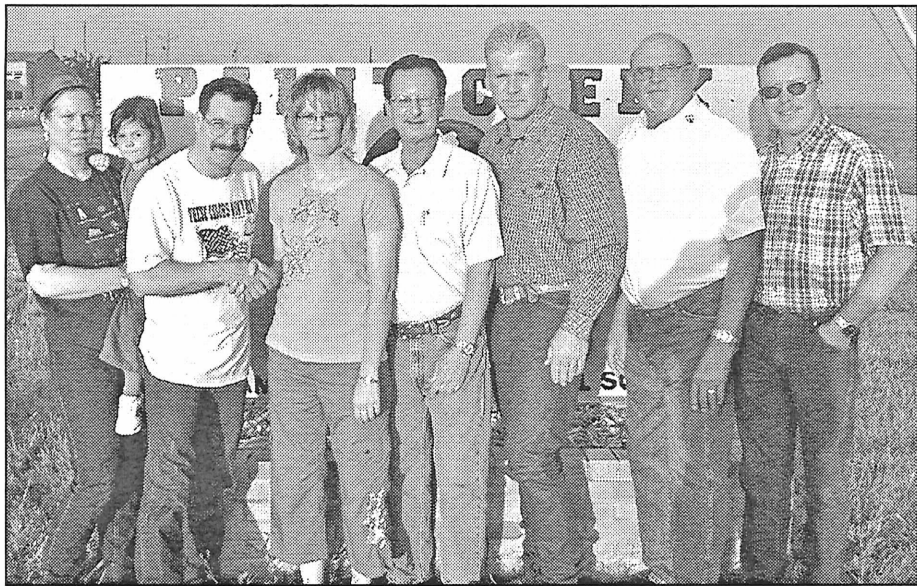
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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met Mon., May 8 in regular session with Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford presiding.

The Council approved a motion to accept bids for a vacant lot at 802 S. First Street.

The discussion concerning the Local Drug Interdiction Plan was tabled until Officer Mathew Cunningham could be in attendance.

The suspension of Atmos Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) rate adjustment was

suspended. This is also known as the interim rate case.

The discussion concerning the donation of the Conner Floral building to the City of Haskell was tabled.

Joey Thomas was approved for reappointment to the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority board.

In the administrator's report:

Direct Energy will conduct an energy audit on City of Haskell buildings to help with energy efficiency;

The fuel bill for the last month was inaccurate and a six month budget of fuel usage and a projection for the final six months were presented. Expected fuel costs will be 17% above the budget due to the rising cost of fuel;

Melvin Harrison was scheduled to be here to start repairs on the bottom two weirs of the creek;

The assisting living center loan has been approved with USDA and the project with the Texas Capital Fund Grant is expected to move forward; and,

Kelly Rosenbaum, engineer for the creek project, is expected to meet with the council during the next regular meeting to answer any questions concerning the project.

Election results

Results of the Sat., May 13 elections were as follows:

Ken Lane was re-elected mayor of the City of Haskell with 299 votes. Dan Hoover had 202 votes.

Queen's contest

The Wild Horse Prairie Days queen pageant will be held Sun., May 21 at 2 p.m. in the Haskell High School auditorium.

The afternoon will begin with the Little Miss and Young Miss divisions, followed by the Junior Miss and Queen division.

Former Wild Horse Prairie queens will emcee the pageant. Entertainment will be provided by Megan Cheek of Abilene and Caleb Hudgens of Haskell will provide piano accompaniment for the contestant introductions.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Calendar

Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 25 edition. Space is limited to the first nine pictures received. Please bring your original picture on Wednesday evenings from 1 to 4 p.m. to the Free Press office. Pictures of veterans who have not been published in previous editions are preferred. Call 864-2686 for details.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 20 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Sagerton homecoming

The fifteenth Sagerton Homecoming will be held Sat., May 27 and Sun., May 28 in the Sagerton Community Center. Registration begins Sat. at 1 p.m. and Sun., at 9 a.m. A bus tour begins at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday followed by a sandwich supper at 6 p.m. Sunday afternoon activities include a catered lunch at noon followed by a short program. For information call Joyce LeFevre 940-997-2103 or Dorothy Toney 940-997-2688.

Rochester anniversary

Rochester exes are asked to email both physical and email addresses to Sandra Fry at sfryrochester@yahoo.com. Pictures for a presentation for the Rochester 100th anniversary and homecoming weekend to be held Oct. 13-14 are also needed.

Story time

Story time will be held at the Haskell Co. Library each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, activities, crafts and story telling by Paula Rennegarbe will be featured.

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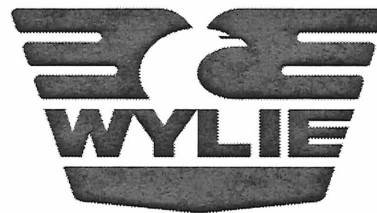
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