

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., May 29 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 22 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., May 26 in remembrance of Memorial Day.

Benefit dance

The Weinert Volunteer Fire Department will host their annual dance at the pavilion at the rodeo grounds in Haskell Sat., May 17 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. featuring Sheila Helton and Open Range Band. Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$7.50 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Weinert Volunteer Fire Department. For information call 940-210-3428.

Benefit sale

Bobby and Rhonda Howard will have a benefit garage and bake sale Sat., May 24 from 8 a.m. til 7 at 1804 N. Ave. G in Haskell. Proceeds will help to raise money for the medical expenses for their two year old son. A variety of items will be available.

Travel fund

A love fund has been set up at the Haskell National Bank for Jolene Arnold to help her with travel expenses for medical treatments in Abilene.

Fund-raiser

The Rule senior class will play in a benefit basketball game against the Rule faculty Fri., May 16 at 7 p.m. in the Rule gym. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. Proceeds from the event benefit the Rule basketball camp fund.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Red Rooster restaurant, 1006 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Wed., May 21 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 17 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.

Sunday worship

The First United Methodist Church of Haskell invites everyone to join them in worship at the Haskell City Park Sun., May 18 at 10 a.m. A potluck lunch will follow the worship service. Bring your Bible and your lawn chair and join us. For more information, call 864-3202.

Blue and Gold

Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136 will host their annual Blue and Gold Banquet Sat., May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., May 22 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Rule awards

Rule Elementary School awards program will be held Tues., May 20 at 1 p.m. in the Rule auditorium for grades K-5.

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Congratulations Rule Bobcats on State track titles

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AG MECHANICS CONTEST WINNERS—Six members of the Paint Creek Agricultural Mechanics team traveled to Cedar Park High School, just outside of Austin, to compete in an Ag Mechanics contest on Sat., May 3. The team took two projects: a goat working chute and a porklift, used for washing and clipping show goats, sheep, pigs and prospect cattle. The projects both won their class and division. The porklift won Grand

Champion Project. Team members brought home \$1,070 worth of tools and tool boxes that were won as prizes, lots of ribbons, rosettes and a very nice banner. This same porklift won second in its class at the San Angelo Ag Mechanics contest in February. Paint Creek team members include, l-r, Darren Carson, advisor; Jessica Pendergraft, Brennan Medford, Charlie Myers, Rusty Smith, Matt Ruiz and Ariel Blair.

Rule wins state

The Rule Bobcats track team returned home with the Class A state championship title after competing at the Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin Saturday.

Rule finished with 42 team points, 10 points ahead of the second place title winner, Hull Daisetta.

Stephen Pace took first place in the 100 hurdles and second in the 300 hurdles. The 400 meter relay team took first place. Team members are James Wolfe, C.J. Saucedo, Stephen Pace and Jonathan Rincon.

Results included:

Triple jump: 4. Rincon, 45-6.
400 relay: 1. Rule 43.05.
110 hurdles: 1. Pace, 14.64.
300 hurdles: 2. Pace, 40.00.

School board incumbents defeated

Local school board incumbents were defeated in the election for school board trustees held Sat., May 10.

In the Single Member District #2 race, incumbent Donnie Rieger with 32 votes was defeated by Debbie Earles with 126 votes. Also running in this race was Leonard Howard with 9 votes.

In the Single Member District #3 race, Joey Thomas with 120 votes defeated incumbent Mynea Short with 44 votes.

A total of 331 voters turned out to vote in the election.

City officers to enforce seat belt usage

The Haskell Police Department will be out in force, participating in the "Click It or Ticket" enforcement mobilization May 19 through June 1, according to Haskell Police Chief Tom Bassett.

"In 2007, Texas had a safety belt use of 91.8 percent, with 89.1 percent safety belt use in pickup trucks," he said. Unfortunately,

too many people still do not buckle up every time for every trip, and every five seconds a traffic accident occurs.

For those drivers who choose not to wear a safety belt during this intensified enforcement period, being cited may result in an unwelcome fine, but it's better than paying with their life. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of

death for Americans ages 4 through 34, but wearing a safety belt is the simplest and least expensive way to reduce deaths and serious injuries.

In 2006, 77 percent of buckled passenger vehicle occupants involved in a fatal crash survived. In addition, when worn correctly, seat belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-

seat passengers by 45 percent in cars and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs and minivans.

"Click It or Ticket" is designed to remind vehicle occupants to make the conscious decision to buckle up each time they get into a vehicle, whether as the driver or a passenger," Chief Bassett said.

Four Haskell FFA teams advance to state

Four Haskell FFA Judging teams advanced to the state contest this year. Members of the Haskell FFA Judging teams competed at numerous contests and put in countless hours and effort into judging.

Team members and contest placings are as follows:

Poultry: Ross Wittenborn, Lonnie Alvarez and Veronica

Benton; Dairy Cattle: Lynette Ortiz, Cody McLemore, Ethan Frierson, Sara Weise and Pamela Walker; Range: Cheslee Hearn, Amber Allen, Tyler Reese, Miranda Johnson and Shelby Still;

Dairy Foods: Ashley Meier, Dawn Skinner, Arabella Garcia, Kimie Hutchinson and Leslie

Crosson; Livestock: James Williams, Lauren Newton, Paige Adams, Kelsie Adams and Meagan Kimbrough.

Results of the Cross Plains CDE held March 25 were Dairy Foods fifth place and Poultry eighth place.

Results of the Texas Tech Invitational held March 25 were

Dairy Foods fifth place and Poultry ninth place.

Results of the West Texas A&M Invitational held March 28 were:

Dairy Foods fourth place, Kimie Hutchinson fifth place; Poultry second place, Veronica Benton third place and Ross Wittenborn sixth place; Range third place, Tyler Reese sixth

place and Cheslee Hearn ninth place.

Results of the Clarendon Invitational held March 29 were:

Dairy Foods fourth place, Kimie Hutchinson fifth place; Poultry second place, Veronica Benton third place and Ross Wittenborn sixth place; Range sixth place, Tyler Reese fifth (continued on page 2)



2008 HASKELL FFA JUDGING TEAMS—Holding banners from various FFA contests are, front row, l-r, Dawn Skinner, Shelby Still, Leslie Crosson, Arabella Garcia; middle row, Amber Allen, Kimie Hutchinson, Paige Adams, Lauren Newton, Meagan Kimbrough, Pamela Walker,

Sara Weise and Kelsie Adams; back row, Cody McLemore, Miranda Johnson, Cheslee Hearn, Ashley Meier, Lynette Ortiz, Tyler Reese, Lonnie Alvarez, Veronica Benton, Ethan Frierson, James Williams and Ross Wittenborn.

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Climate change may fuel new generation of aggressive weeds

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Is global warming fueling a new generation of more aggressive weeds? According to recent research, the answer may be yes.

One of the major characteristics of a warming planet is an increase in the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Rising carbon dioxide has been shown to help vegetable and grain crops grow more quickly, become more drought-resistant and produce potentially higher yields. Unfortunately, though, the impact of rising carbon dioxide seems to be far more pronounced in the weeds that compete with crops than in the crops themselves.

"Weeds are survivors," said Lee Van Wychen, director of

science policy for the Weed Science Society of America. "They can fill various niches and thrive under a wide range of conditions. While we have about 45 major crops in the U.S., there are more than 400 species of different weeds associated with those crops. There is always another weed species ready to become a major competitor with a crop if growing conditions change, such as an increase in carbon dioxide levels."

The impact of rising carbon dioxide levels on weeds can be striking. In a study conducted by Dr. Lewis Ziska of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service, weeds grown under urban conditions of warmer temperatures and more carbon dioxide—conditions anticipated for the rest of the world in 50

years—grew to four times the height of those in a country plot 40 miles outside the city, where carbon dioxide and temperature reflected background conditions.

So what if there are a few more weeds? Well, Ziska's research shows that common ragweed plants exposed to higher levels of carbon dioxide dramatically increased the amount of pollen they produced. A doubling in carbon dioxide led to a quadrupling of pollen. Some people are allergic to ragweed pollen, resulting in the "hay fever" response, including sneezing and watery eyes. Additional work by Ziska also suggests that even recent increases in carbon dioxide during the last 50 years may have led to bigger poison ivy plants with a more virulent form of the oil that causes people to break out in a rash.

"As the climate and carbon dioxide levels change, we can no longer assume the weed control strategies we used in the past will continue to work," Ziska said. "Not only are some of the nation's most invasive weeds spreading, but they are becoming more difficult and costly to control. Understanding the impact of increasing carbon dioxide on weed control is still in its infancy. While researchers explore new approaches, we will need to mix and match the strategies currently available."




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FFA teams
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Results of the Area Range Contest held April 2 at Tarleton State were Range fourth place and advanced to State Contest, Tyler Reese fifth place.

Results of the Stamford Invitational held April 5 were:
Dairy Foods first place, Kimie Hutchinson first place, Ashley Meier second place, Arabella Garcia fourth place and Dawn Skinner tenth place;
Poultry second place, Veronica Benton fifth place and Lonnie Alvarez eighth place;
Range third place, Tyler Reese second place.

Results of the Texas Tech Area Contest held April 12 were:
Dairy Foods sixth and advanced to State, Arabella Garcia tenth place;
Poultry first place and advanced to State, Ross Wittenborn third place, Veronica Benton fourth place and Lonnie Alvarez fifth place;
Range fifth place, Shelby Still tenth place;
Dairy Cattle third place and advanced to State.

The Range, Dairy Cattle and Dairy Foods teams all advanced to the State FFA CDE Contest.

The State Contest for Range, Dairy Foods and Dairy Cattle was held at Tarleton State University April 24. The Dairy Foods team finished ninth out of 50 teams. Kimie Hutchinson finished eleventh overall in the individuals. The Range team finished twelfth out of 47 teams with Tyler Reese finishing as eleventh high individual. The Dairy Cattle team also competed at the state contest.

The Poultry team competed at their state contest at Texas A&M University April 26th finishing their season 19th out of 51 teams.

Funeral services for Glenn Merchant, 97, lifetime resident of Haskell, were held Wed., May 7 at the Haskell Church of Christ with Sam Wester and Gene Long officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

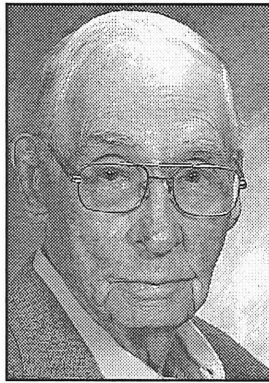
Mr. Merchant died Tues., May 6 in Haskell.

Born July 20, 1910, he was the son of the late Auther and Mary Alverine Merchant. He married Maggie Boggs. She preceded him in death May 26, 2006. He served as an Elder at the Haskell Church of Christ for many years. He served in the United State Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and son, Paul Merchant.

Survivors include a special niece and nephew, Loraine and Bobbie Johnson of Haskell; son, David Eugene Merchant of Dallas; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Haskell Church of Christ, 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas for the Chapel Library at Rolling Plains Detention Center. PD. NOTICE



GLENN MERCHANT



GWEN FINCHER

Graveside services for Gwendolyn Louise Fincher of Abilene were held Sat., May 10 at the Oddfellows Cemetery in Abilene with Wes Horn, minister of Orient Street Church of Christ in Stamford officiating. Services were under the direction of North's Funeral Home of Abilene.

Mrs. Fincher died Thurs., May 8 in Abilene.

Born July 24, 1932 in Abilene, she was the fourth daughter of F.E. and Leo Brewer. After her mother died when she was three, she was raised in Paint Rock by her dad's sister and her husband, Alene and Wade Crunk. She graduated from Paint Rock High School in 1949 and attended Angelo State University. She married Joe Souder Feb. 1, 1953 in Abilene. In 1984, she married Bob Fincher in Abilene.

She retired from the business office of Abilene Radiology Associates in 1991. She was an excellent seamstress, wonderful cook, loved to knit and was an avid reader. She was an active member of the American Business Women Association (ABWA) and Beta Sigma Phi. She was named ABWA Woman of the Year by the Butterfield Trail Chapter in 1993 and by the Ora Negra Chapter in 2007.

She preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; and a daughter, Pamela Kay who was born Dec. 9, and died Dec. 10, 1957.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Kenny Cockerell of Haskell; two grandsons, Guy DeMeritt of Austin and Chase Cockerell of Stephenville; two great grandchildren, Beau DeMeritt of Lewisville and Darian DeMeritt of Fort Worth; four sisters, Bette June Pittcock and Yvonne Fraser, both of Abilene, Frances Barton of El Paso and Norma Murphy of California; one brother, Bill Brewer of Abilene; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, Texas 79604 or the ABWA Scholarship Fund or Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Fund, 1909 Delwood Drive, Abilene, Texas 79603. PD. NOTICE

Obituaries

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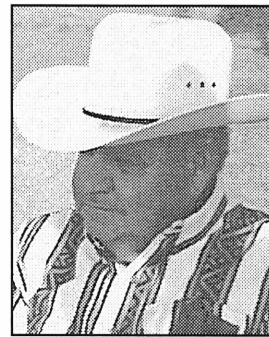
Andy Dale Wilfong

Funeral services for Andy Dale Wilfong, 76, of Haskell were held Mon., May 12 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Dale Huff officiating, assisted by Phillip Sims. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Wilfong died Sat., May 10 at Hendrick Hospice Care in Abilene.

Born Sept. 17, 1931 in the Mattson Community in Haskell County, he was the youngest of seven children of Calvin and Nellie Wilfong. He was raised in the community and graduated from Mattson High School in 1951. He entered the Army in 1953 and served in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1955. He married LaQuita Hackfield Dec. 31, 1955. He was a longtime farmer and rancher, with cattle being his favorite.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Kyle Wilfong and Joe Wilfong; three brothers, Ed Wilfong, Birch Wilfong and

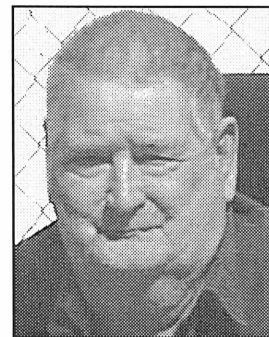


ANDY WILFONG

Johnie 'Johnny' Wilson

Graveside services for Johnie 'Johnny' Wilson, 69, of Haskell were held Wed., May 14 in Adamson Cemetery in Adamson, Oklahoma. Memorial services will be held Sun., May 18 at 3 p.m. at the Church of God in Haskell.

Born June 2, 1938 in Wilburton, Oklahoma, he was the son of the late Harvey Nute Wilson and Georgia Ary Wilson. He married Patsy Ruth Posey and was a farmer in the Haskell



JOHNNIE WILSON

Cattle cycle may be gone

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Some people think maybe so, due to such things as cost of land/energy/feed and some continuing droughts. The same was said in the early 1970s. Back then, some predicted that the advent of large-scale specialized commercial feedyards


would eliminate the cycle of high and low cattle numbers that had been occurring over about 10-year periods.

The theory was that previous cattle feeding, done largely by individual farmers feeding up whatever grain they produced in a year, led to cyclical effects. The new

yards, which were designed to feed large numbers of cattle all the time, would break the old cycle.

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Names sought for Veterans Memorial

Friends of Knox County Historical Commission met Tues., May 6 at the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin.

New application forms and new information forms designed by the Knox County Historical Commission for adding names on the Knox County Veterans Memorial were discussed. Anyone may pick up an application, but only a person with an honorable discharge and has lived or is buried in Knox County will be accepted to have a name engraved on the memorial. A veteran's service period is needed in order to place his or her name in the proper time period. No application will be accepted that is not fully completed.

Friends of KCHC were urged to help spread the word about the new forms and plans to have additional veteran's names engraved by Nov. 11, with forms being received in the office by Aug. 15.

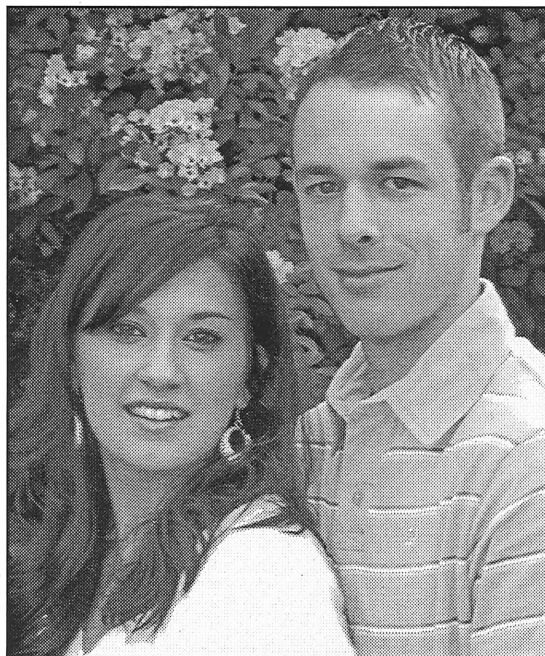
About 30 veterans' names have been turned in since the memorial was erected. Efforts are being made to contact those on this list to update information for the memorial and for the biographical information in the veterans' albums. Information about these forms can be obtained at the Wichita Brazos

Museum, P.O. Box 124, Benjamin, Texas, 79505; telephone 940-459-2229; or email kchc@srcaccess.net. Some errors on the original engraving can be corrected. Inquire at the above address about changes.

Friends of KCHC will participate in the city-wide garage sale at Munday, Sat., June 7. If you would like to donate items for the sale, contact a commission member, call the office, or bring the items to the Perry Patton Center in Munday, Friday morning, June 6. We will be there setting up and accepting items from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items will also be accepted on Saturday morning, but it will be easier to organize them on Friday.

Hamburgers, soft drinks and cookies will be sold. Those making a day of garage sale shopping are invited to lunch. In fact, hamburger customers bring in almost as much for the museum as the big garage sale. Volunteers are welcome to help at this big event.

The museum will be open, Sat., June 7, from 9 to 5, so persons attending the Knox City homecoming can visit. Displays are not in place, but anyone can visit and tour the beautiful building, and view the granite markers on the porch.



CHRISSEY RAMIREZ - WESLEY GOSDIN

Ramirez, Gosdin to wed in Nevada

Mr. and Mrs. Luis Ramirez of Rule are announcing the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Chrissy A. Ramirez, to Wesley D. Gosdin, son of Glenn Gosdin of Meridian and Paula Cummings of Austin.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Rule High School and attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville. She is employed by Saint-Gobain

Abrasives in Stephenville.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2001 graduate of Meridian High School and earned a bachelor degree in business management from Tarleton State University in May 2008. He is employed by Coca-Cola enterprises of Stephenville.

The couple plans to exchange vows in Las Vegas, Nevada June 8 at 6 p.m.

Caring for your antiques

Antiques, heirlooms and collectibles can be found in most homes and the owner, no doubt, cherishes their rarity, condition, craftsmanship and uniqueness.

Here are a few tips to clean, protect and prolong the life of antique surfaces in and around your home.

Wood antiques (tables, chairs, desks, dressers, etc.):

- If wood antiques are in direct or indirect sunlight, treat the surface with a product that contains UVX-15 sunscreen, to prevent drying and discoloration

- To hide scratches, apply a wax crayon, shoe polish paste or touch-up pen that matches the color of the wood and buff area with clean soft cloth

Silver antiques (jewelry, dishes, candle holders, mirrors, etc.):

- To extend tarnish protection, dust silver regularly

- To avoid tarnish build-up, a silver cream or silver polish when a light gold film begins to form on silver

- Discontinue cleaning silver once it looks clean and shiny, even if the cloth is blackish; there will always be a slight residue on the cloth

Copper antiques (pots, tea kettles,

jewelry, ceiling fans, ceiling tiles, door knobs, etc.):

- Copper does not rust, but it will stain and accumulate tarnish so it must be cleaned

- On heavily tarnished copper not easily cleaned by vigorous polishing, use a very fine steel wool (grade 000 or finer); though it may leave tiny scratches, they should disappear with use

- If copper remains bright and shiny over time, it is probably lacquered (lacquer is a clear coating applied to some copper items to minimize upkeep) and only requires cleaning with a damp cloth; if the piece darkens over time, it probably is not lacquered and can be polished

Brass antiques (door knobs, cabinet hardware, musical instruments, etc.):

- Regular washing and polishing with a quality product helps protect from pitting, etching and other corrosion caused by salts and other corrosive elements

- Brass may also have a lacquered coating, so if surfaces remains bright and shiny over time, it probably only requires cleaning with a damp cloth; if the piece darkens over time, it can be polished.

WHPD art contest set

Art entries are being sought for the Wild Horse Prairie Days Art Show to be held Friday and Saturday, June 6-7 at the Haskell Civic Center.

Categories include:
Category 1: Art and Photography. Division 1. Youth 18 years and under; Division 2. Landscapes; Division 3. Portraits; Division 4. Still life; Division 5. Photography; Division 6. Class work; Division 7. Miniatures (unframed max. 5"x7").

Category 2: Three dimensional art. Division 1. Sculptures; Division 2. Metal art; Division 3. Wood working and carving.

Category 3: Hand-crafted cowboy gear. Division 1. Hand-crafted leather items (no saddles); Division 2. Hitched hair and braided items; Division 3. Hand-crafted spurs, bits, buckles.

Call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 940-864-2477 for more information.

EEA Club holds meeting

The EEA Club met at the Haskell County Extension Office on April 10 with ten members present.

Club members were given information on calendar sales with orders to be turned in at the May 8 meeting. A discussion was held to change the club's meeting date in order not to conflict with Garden Club, as some of their members would like to come to EEA. A motion was approved to table the decision to change the

date. A discussion concerning the donation of club funds was held.

Wed., Dec. 13 will be Fall Training in Jayton with Haskell deciding the theme and decorations.

Jane Rowan gave the program on "Safe Home Food Storage" and "Dates on Food Labels to Keep Food Safe." The program was informative for consumers as they purchase and store food.

Joetta Burnett and Alice Ballard served refreshments.

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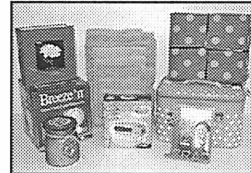
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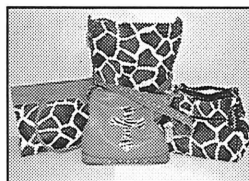


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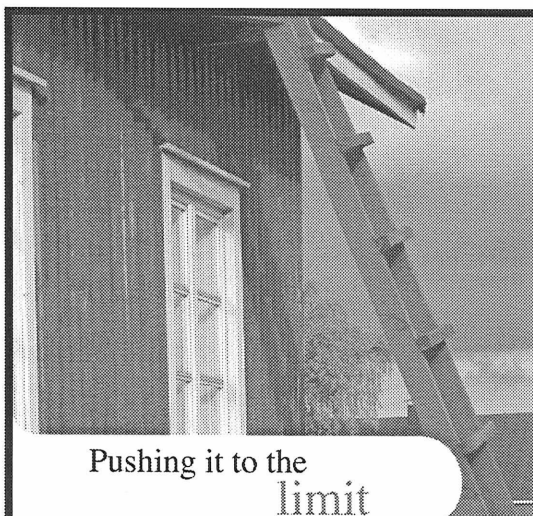
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Perry again says he wants to 'three-peat' as governor

AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry was in Fredericksburg on May 9 to help break ground in a ceremony to begin construction of a 40,000 square foot expansion of the National Museum of the Pacific War.

While there, Perry spoke to reporters and repeated his assertion that he plans to seek a third full term as governor in 2010. In April, he made public his desire to retain the office.

"If Texas were a corporation—and we would be one of the most efficient, most successful corporations in the world—and if you're a stockholder in that corporation, why in the world would you want to change your CEO when things are going well?" Perry said.

Perry has served as governor since 2000. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst are regarded as potential rivals to Perry for the GOP nomination in 2010.

Energy report looks to future

Texas leads in the nation in energy production and consumption, so what do the years ahead hold for our state's plentiful sources of energy?

Clues may be found in "The Energy Report," a publication released May 7 by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

The report, now available at www.window.state.tx.us/specialrpt/energy/, considers economic impact, viability, availability and more regarding various energy sources, such as crude oil, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, coal and uranium, solar energy, wind, ethanol, biodiesel, wood, feedlot waste, landfill gas, municipal solid waste, hydropower, ocean power, geothermal energy and hydrogen.

Federal, state and local government subsidies of fuels also are examined.

"Texas has the opportunity to influence the expanding public debate over energy use and production, and our choices can set a new direction for the nation," Combs said.

"The Energy Report is intended as a reference tool for anyone seeking a better understanding of the Texas energy landscape and the potential impact of new energy policies."

Site shows health care options

About one in four Texans lacks health care coverage, the Department of Insurance says.

So, during "Carry the Uninsured Week" April 27 through May 3, the Texas Department of Insurance launched a way to help more uninsured Texans find health care. Of course, it's via the Web at www.texashealthoptions.com, a site where companies provide information about their health care plans.

Consumers who visit the site may choose from 26 policy types and clicking "submit" to receive a list of specific information about carriers' policies.

Dam oversight not up to par

The Office of the State Auditor says the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's dam safety program is not able to accomplish its statutory mandate to ensure the safe construction, maintenance, repair and removal of dams in the state of Texas.

In a report released May 7, the State Auditor said that although management has made improvements to the dam safety program over the past four years, the TCEQ still is not able to perform timely inspections of all hazardous dams, ensure that deficiencies identified in inspection reports are corrected, or obtain key information needed to assess the risk posed by many of the state's dams.

There are 7,603 state-regulated dams, according to the report.

Demand rises for gun permits

In a May 8 copyright story by the Houston Chronicle Austin Bureau, it was reported that the number of people seeking concealed handgun permits in Texas is up by 40 percent.

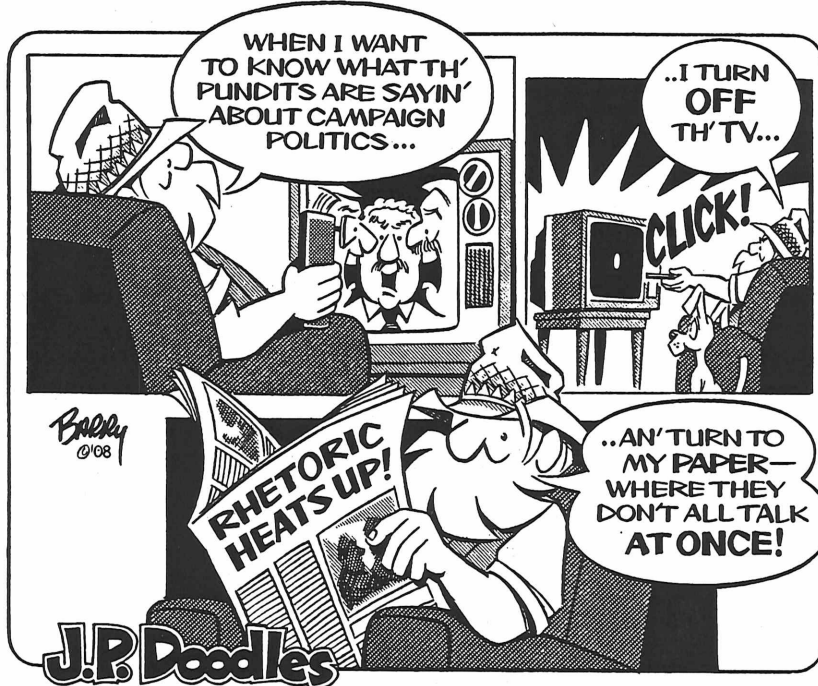
The number of requests is slowing the turnaround time. It's taking the Texas Department of Public Safety up to a month longer than the 60 days the law allows for the processing of applications.

State, moms file YFZ briefs

The Third Court of Appeals in Austin on May 9 received documents from state Child Protective Services and from 48 mothers of children removed from the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado in April.

The mothers explain why they believe the state had no call to take their children, and the state tells why it had no choice but to take the action it did.

Meanwhile, on May 19, state district courts in San Angelo will begin to conduct hearings for YFZ families who wish to retrieve their children from foster care.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago May 14, 1998

Bob Bailey and family visited his grandparents, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre.

Work began on a new sanctuary for New Covenant Foursquare Church of Haskell. The present sanctuary will be used for a fellowship hall upon completion of the new sanctuary.

Jerry Cole Sanders of Weinert was named as a nominee for the Angelo State University Presidential award. He is the son of Kenneth and Brenda Sanders of Weinert. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Sanders of Weinert and Eureka Campbell of Haskell.

The screen at the Tower Theater Drive In of Rule was flattened following strong winds. Plans to reopen were underway.

John G. Land received the President's Award from Cisco Junior College.

20 Years Ago May 19, 1988

Sheree Dumas, Leiza Morales, Regina Dever and Teresa Unger, Haskell Maiden's, 1600 meter relay team, placed third at the track meet in Austin.

Mike Guess was elected president; Roger Moeller was named vice president; and Hollis Calloway, secretary of the Board of Education.

Fourth grade students of Paula Everett, have planted a tree and installed a plaque at the elementary school in memory of their classmate, Chris Pena, who died from injuries suffered in a bicycle pickup collision.

At the observance of National Nursing Home Week, residents released balloons containing their names in the hopes of hearing

from people who find the balloons.

30 Years Ago May 18, 1978

Laurie Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Reynolds, a student in Haskell Junior High received a certificate for excellence in spelling and plain writing in district UIL competition. No one from Haskell has received this honor, Mary H. Martin, Reynold's instructor, reported.

Cheerleaders for the 1978-79 school year at Haskell High School are Sarah Cox, Renae McBroom, Lindy Collins, Kim Lane, Lorie Johnson and Cheryl Conner.

Dennis Young was honored with a reception by courthouse employees during a retirement party.

Haskell National Bank building is being completely remodeled inside and out.

40 Years Ago May 16, 1968

Pam Colbert, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R.E. Colbert, and Gary Black, son of Mr. and Mr. R.V. Black, Junior High students, were the recipients of the American Legion Award.

Terry Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Sanders, is valedictorian and Mary Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yates, is the salutatorian of Weinert High School.

Four members of the Carney High School graduating class left for a trip to Mexico and the HemisFair. Making the HemisFair trip were seniors Olivia Del Hierro, Mark Lippard, Sabas Guerrero and Lynn Duncan. Sponsors were Supt. and

Mrs. W.R. Baker and their children, Temi and Billy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jackson and family of Fort Worth, visited in the home of her father, Earnest Hunt of Rule.

50 Years Ago May 15, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Lane and Mr. and Mrs. Viars Felker spent several days in Dallas on business.

Haskell gained three new residents as reported by the Chamber of Commerce. They were Fred Quattlebaum, W.R. May and A.C. Berthelot.

Ralph E. Bernard of Lubbock and his sister, Vivian Akins of Gainesville, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Bernard.

Deputy Sheriff B.T. Gordon of Brownfield visited his mother, Mrs. Claud Gordon.

A new city ordinance prohibits the burning of cotton burs and any other trash from the cotton gins in town.

100 Years Ago May 16, 1908

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Boone and daughter, Beryl are visiting in Snyder.

John Oates, who has been attending a military college in San Antonio, has returned home for the summer.

Joe McCrary has been elected chief of the Haskell Fire Department. W.H. Patterson is the assistant chief.

Bruce W. Bryant visited the Woodman camp in the Center Point community.

County Commissioner C.F. Davis of the Sagerton precinct, says that some of the wheat in his section will make 40 bushels per acre.

NRCS offers rangeland info

Rangelands, by definition, are uncultivated land capable of providing habitat for domestic and wild animals. Therefore, rangelands provide food and shelter for all animals. Managing rangeland is necessary to maintain an animal's livelihood. There are improved pastures and cropland solely for the purpose of forage production and are capable of producing forage at high yields. Both pastureland and cropland are valuable to have, but they are labor intensive and require a certain amount of maintenance. Grazing rangeland is the least expensive way to put gain on cattle.

That being said, rangelands can have an important role in management decisions and their health is important. Managing rangelands is a valuable conservation practice and can be accomplished by prescribed grazing. Knowing how grass grows and how an animal's grazing behavior affects grasses

can better equip a producer to manage rangeland.

As plants grow, they produce leaves and stems ultimately to produce seed. The stems transport the useable minerals and nutrients from the roots to the growing parts of the plant, which are the leaves and meristems. The leaves are where photosynthesis takes place which is a process that converts the minerals and nutrients into plant growth. The meristems are the growing tips of the plant that will produce the seed. The energy and proteins that are involved in these processes is what cattle need and desire.

In a perfect world, cattle would eat half of the growth of all the plants in a pasture and then be moved to the next pasture to continue grazing in this manner. But typically this does not happen, which leads to overgrazing of most pastures. As cattle graze, they are removing some of the mature materials from the plant and this can

stimulate the plant to grow. This produces a vigorous and healthier plant, as long as the plant can grow without being grazed again and again in a growing season. With intense labor and money, a man can reseed to get some production. But if a man can implement a grazing system, he can get grazing and reseeding year after year. Granted a little help from Mother Nature is needed, the potential is there. This is how a grazing system can help conserve our natural resources.

The Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS), formerly the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), can provide to a producer information such as in this article. Our services are free and we are glad to help in any situation. Whether it is farming and ranching or recreation, we can offer a producer technical assistance. The next time you are in town, come by your local field office.

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

May 1, 2008

Cotton futures have had only two positive sessions in the last eleven. Losses in outside markets spilled over to the cotton market again on Thursday as speculative and trade selling pressured cotton for the second half of the trading session, and season-high export sales figures from USDA were undercut by dismal shipment data.

USDA data showed U.S. export sales reached a marketing year high of 642,700 bales in the week ended April 24. The figure was more than three times the previous week's sales and two and a half times more than the four-week average. Of the total, top consumer China accounted for 429,700 bales, Turkey bought 38,500 bales, and Thailand rounded out the list of the top three buyers with purchases totaling 36,700 bales.

Export shipments of 159,900 bales were down 38 percent from the previous week and the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico, Indonesia and Turkey. According to analysts, the shipment number was disturbingly low, and the container shortage is really starting to hit home.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas were slightly higher as 1,441 bales were sold in the week ended May 1 compared to 1,047 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 58.04 to 58.87 cents per pound versus 60.96 to 62.91 cents per pound one week earlier.

Meanwhile, USDA reported cotton planting in the United States continues to lag behind the normal pace in all states except Louisiana, and a prolonged period of warm dry weather is urgently needed in some states to allow planting activities to gain momentum.

Texas is an exception, where the combination of hot, windy weather has increased soil moisture evaporation rates. Hence, some irrigated cotton growers on the High and Rolling Plains already have applied water in advance of planting. In dryland fields, a general, slow-soaking rain is needed to ensure adequate moisture for proper seed germination. The planting window for the northern High Plains usually begins around May 5, and since fields already are prepared for the upcoming season, planting likely will begin as soon as soil conditions reach optimal levels.

Fieldwork continues in the rest of Texas, and in the Upper Coastal Bend planting is nearing an end. Almost two-thirds of the crop has emerged, and although young growth appears good, timely rains will be needed throughout the growing season to ensure healthy stands.

In the western United States, almost the entire California San Joaquin Valley crop is in the ground, and the hot weather there will help spur germination. Young stands are thriving under the favorable conditions, and early growth appears to be fairly good. Planting is expanding at a rapid pace in Arizona, and farmers have reported emergence in some of the earliest planted fields.

Next week, the trade will turn its focus to the monthly supply/demand report from USDA. In addition to new U.S. cotton figures, the report will contain the first look at world supply in the 2008-09 marketing year.

"It will be interesting to see whether USDA expects China and India to cut back on cotton plantings in favor of food and feed crops," an observer said. "Some in the industry now expect China's producers to cut cotton acreage by 15 percent which would reduce the country's crop by five million bales or so."

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Don't forget the tag when moving dairy cattle in Texas

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) cattle tuberculosis (TB) regulations went into effect April 1, 2008, requiring an approved identification device on dairy cattle being moved within the state.

If a calf, steer, heifer, bull or cow looks like a dairy animal, make sure it has an official identification device before it's moved within the state, stresses Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"Dairy producers, calf raisers, feeders, or beef cattle owners who have a few dairy animals must comply with this cattle tuberculosis regulation that will aid in tracing cattle TB, if it is introduced into Texas," said Dr. Hillman. In October 2007, the TAHC enhanced cattle TB and ID regulations for dairy animals entering from other states.

"USDA ear tags, which have been used in the Brucellosis and cattle TB programs for years, are available from the TAHC area offices at no charge for dairy cattle," said Dr. Hillman. Cattle owners who use these tags are to maintain a simple log of the animals tagged. Information is to include the date a tag is applied to the animal, the tag number, and the animal's breed, sex and age. The record keeping can be as simple as listing the tag number, date and the animal's description, he said. Tag pliers are not provided, but they are available for purchase at most agricultural supply stores. Once applied, the identification is to remain on the animal. Producers not familiar with their TAHC area office can call the agency headquarters in Austin at 800-550-8242 for information.

Alternatively, cattle owners may purchase and use any of the following approved identification devices for dairy cattle:

- Electronic official AIN tags, differentiated by the first three digits of the fifteen-digit number:

- *Manufacturer code "900" series RFID (radio frequency identification devices) tags, available from many feed or supply stores.

- *USA prefix RFID tags
- *Country code "840" series RFID tags. (To use these, producers need to register their premises in the National Animal Identification System. This can be accomplished easily and at no charge by calling the TAHC at 800-550-8242.)

A commercially produced cattle-style clip, flap or button tag that identifies owner and includes a unique animal number in the herd.

Although dairy animals are no more susceptible to cattle TB than beef cattle, their close confinement and movement between herds presents a greater risk of exposure to the bacterial disease, if an infected animal is introduced into the herd.

Dr. Hillman explained that cattle TB has not been eradicated in the U.S. At least 12 infected beef herds have been detected in Minnesota since 2006, a state where infection had not been found since 1971. On April 9, Minnesota was downgraded to modified accredited status, the third lowest rung on the five-tiered cattle TB ranking system. In February, TB infection was detected in a large California dairy, and in 2007, infection was detected in New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma. For years, Michigan has battled the disease both in cattle and free-ranging deer. Texas lost cattle TB-free status in 2002, but regained it in fall 2006 after employing a strategic plan that included TB testing of dairies and purebred beef herds, and enhancing slaughter surveillance.

"Preventing the introduction of cattle TB is crucial," said Dr. Hillman. "But, we must be prepared to deal with infection, if it does slip through. Identifying dairy and dairy-cross animals will enable us to complete epidemiological investigations more quickly, so infection can be eliminated before it spreads to more herds."

May is the peak month for tornadoes in Texas

May is the peak tornado month in Texas. This is the month that experiences the highest frequency of tornadoes. The following is a list of violent tornadoes rated at or above F4 that have been reported across West Central Texas since 1950. Remember, even the weaker tornadoes can kill or inflict serious injury.

On April 28, 1950, five deaths were reported after a F4 tornado occurred in north central Callahan County.

On March 13, 1953, twelve deaths were reported after a F4 tornado occurred in northwest Haskell County.

On May 11, 1953, thirteen deaths were reported after a F4 tornado occurred in Lakeview in Tom Green County.

On May 26, 1962, a F4 tornado occurred in central Haskell County.

On April 19, 1976, a F5 tornado occurred at Lake Brownwood in Brown County.

On May 11, 1999, one death was reported after a F4 tornado occurred in Loyal Valley in Mason County.

The old Fujita Scale rated F4 Tornadoes from 210 to 260 mph, and F5 tornadoes were rated from 262 to 317 mph. Today, the new Enhanced Fujita (EF) Scale rates an EF4 tornado with winds from 166 to 200 mph, and an EF5 tornado with speeds over 200 mph.

Preliminary reports from 2008 indicate about 96 people have lost their lives from tornadoes across the U.S.

Here are two safety rules that could save your life.

- Be sure you can receive warnings from the National Weather Service. Don't just depend on sirens. Have more than one way to receive your warnings.

Sirens are used to warn those

who are outdoors, and may not be loud enough to awaken you in the middle of the night. NOAA Weather Radio is like a smoke detector that can warn you anytime whether you are indoors or outdoors. This radio will automatically produce a loud sound when a tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service.

- Know what to do! The safest place to survive these violent, killer tornadoes is in an approved underground storm shelter or in an above ground storm shelter.

The next safest place is on the lowest floor in an interior room like a closet, hallway, or bathroom, of your home, school, or business. Get down low and cover yourself with blankets, pillows, and mattresses.

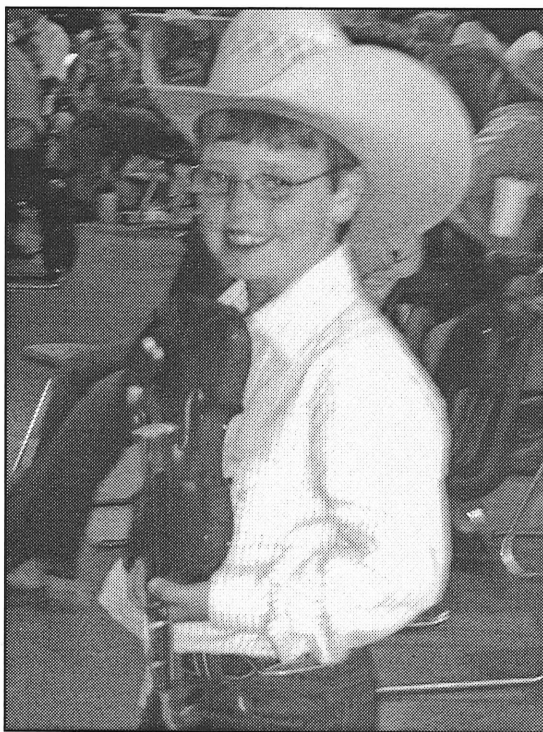
If a tornado approaches and you live in a mobile home, abandon it for a more substantial shelter. If nothing is available, lie flat in the nearby ditch covering your head and neck.

These tornadic storms can also produce flash flooding. Watch out when you come to a flooded low water crossing, especially at night, when you can't tell the depth of water. Always, Turn Around, Don't Drown™.

Last year about 45 Texans drowned when they tried to walk or drive into flooded areas.

The men and women of the National Weather Service Office, located near Mathis Field in San Angelo, monitor the weather 24 hours a day, along, with their partners to alert you of any approaching severe weather.

Partners who help us warn citizens include local emergency managers, volunteer fire fighters, law enforcement officials, SKYWARN Storm Spotters, Storm Chasers, and the media.



PLACES IN CONTEST—Riley Sloan, son of Lance and Amy Sloan of Rochester, placed third in the Western Heritage Classic Fiddler's Contest in the 0 through 12 age division. Sloan is a second grade student at Haskell Elementary School.

Texas tree champs

Texas boasts an impressive 72 national champions among the 733 trees on the 2008-09 National Register of Big Trees. The biennial listing of the largest known trees of 826 species is maintained by American Forests, the nation's oldest conservation group.

A new rule this year that trees have to be remeasured within 10 years to remain on the list caused the most sweeping changes in the Register's 68-year history. A total of 219 new champs and co-champs were crowned in forty-four states and the District of Columbia. With 21 trees new to the list, Texas ranks behind only Virginia and Arizona for most new champions. It ranks fourth for total champs within its borders behind Arizona, Florida and California.

Forty-four states and the District of Columbia all have at least one national champ. Six states—Delaware, Hawaii, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island and Wyoming—had no champs at all.

American Forests relies on public participation to find and nominate champion trees; the nominations are then verified by state coordinators and the list updated every two years. Trees receive a point total based on their height, circumference, and 1/4 of their crown spread. Trees within 5 points become co-champions.

Among Texas' notable national champs: a 489-point Rio Grande cottonwood in Fort Davis, a 425-point Texas live oak in Graham, a 394-point Montezuma baldcypress in Cameron County, and a 362-point black tupelo in Wood County. Also, a 318-point Belandier ash in Los Fresnos and a 259-point shortleaf pine in Smith.

The biggest of the big trees on this year's list is again California's General Sherman giant sequoia in Sequoia National Park—Earth's largest living thing and a perennial champ since the first Register in 1940. Standing 274 feet tall with a girth of 1,020

inches and a crown spread of 107 feet, it racks up a point total of 1,321.

The smallest big tree is a Geyer willow on Fort Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona, which stands 13 feet tall with a girth of just 10 inches and a crown spread of 14 feet for a total of 27 points. It's the first time a Geyer willow has ever been nominated to the Register.

Information about all the champions can be found at American Forests' website, www.americanforests.org. Download interesting trivia about the champs, a description of how to measure a tree and a nomination form for new champs.

Holmesley honored by WTAMU

The Alumni Association at West Texas A&M University, Canyon, bestowed its most prestigious annual awards during the Phoenix Banquet May 3 at the Alumni Banquet Facility on campus.

Three individuals were presented with Distinguished Alumnus Awards including E. Sterlin Holmesley, Class of 1953, former Haskell resident.

E. Sterlin Holmesley is a retired print journalist who grew up in Haskell, and now makes his home in San Antonio. He worked briefly for the Amarillo Daily News, the Hereford Brand and the Corpus Christi Caller-Times before beginning a career at the San Antonio Express-News that spanned 34 years and took him to more than a dozen countries.

While with the Express-News, Holmesley served as news editor,

Know the Source of Online Health Information

When it comes to something as important as health and wellness, Texans seeking more information should always consult their doctor or licensed health care professional. According to a recent Pew Internet and American Life Project study, every day an estimated eight million Americans search the Internet for health care information. But Texans should never solely rely on a Web site to diagnose or treat a serious illness. Equally important, Internet users should always pay close attention to their information source.

Although many Web sites offer informative, helpful information about a variety of health and lifestyle issues, not every site can be trusted for accurate, factual material. Texans who consult the Internet for health care information should always pay close attention to the entity operating the site.

In some cases, what appears to be medically-oriented Web site may actually be an advertising tool for a third party with a financial incentive to exaggerate or downplay a product's benefits or dangers. For example, Web-based law firm advertising is particularly common among Web sites that are dedicated to certain specific illnesses or prescription medications. The Center for Medicine in the Public Interest recently noted that Internet searches for medical information produced results that were "dominated by Web sites paid for and sponsored by either class action law firms or legal marketing sites searching for plaintiff referrals."

Similarly, Web sites that promote alternative therapies and treatments also may have financial interests that seek to influence a patient's decision.

Texans also should be leery of information they discover in online forums, where patients, physicians and others discuss prescription medications and treatments. It is nearly impossible to verify the credibility of individuals who participate in interactive patient forums. A participant who claims to be a medical professional may actually be an attorney trying to solicit business or a vendor trying to sell products. Anecdotal stories about prescription drugs or treatments, whether positive or negative, may not be based on sound science.

To distinguish unbiased online information sources, Texans should look for broader content and objective data sources. For example, Web sites created by reputable organizations like the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association often feature peer-reviewed medical journals and other impartial research sources. In addition, many government agencies, including the Food and Drug Administration, impose similarly rigorous standards upon any research included on their Web sites.

But even trusted, verifiable online information cannot be relied upon to treat serious ailments or answer critical medical questions. Texans should always contact a licensed medical professional whenever their health is at risk. An in-person visit to a doctor's office or local clinic is the best way to ensure patients are getting accurate information that is tailored to their unique health needs.

Texans who have encountered misleading or deceptive medically-oriented Web sites may file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General by calling 800-252-8011 or visiting our Web site at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

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TAX PLANNING

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CAN YOUR BUSINESS BENEFIT FROM A DAILY CASH REPORT?

Think about your business's sales and purchases for a moment. Do your customers pay by cash, check, or credit card? Do you buy goods and services for cash? Do you take money out of a bank deposit to cover expenses? If one or more of these conditions are present in your business, you may benefit from preparing a daily cash report.

A daily cash report can be helpful for any business with recurring cash transactions. Although variations exist, the basic format is simple. First, daily totals are calculated for taxable sales, nontaxable sales, sales tax collected, and miscellaneous cash received. These are added to get total cash receipts. Purchases of goods and services made out of the day's cash receipts (including any draws and cash advances) are subtracted to compute the bank deposit. The computed bank deposit compared to the actual one determines the cash shortage or overage. Backup for these figures in the form of sales invoices, cash register tapes (if applicable), purchase receipts, and deposit slips should be attached to the daily cash report. They are then filed by date.

The benefits of preparing a daily cash report are many. By separating taxable sales, nontaxable sales, and sales tax, the report can reveal whether a sufficient amount of sales tax is being collected. Recording cash purchases of goods and services helps ensure that you receive every possible tax deduction for the expenses of operating your business. By comparing a computed bank deposit to the actual one, the report can quickly identify any cash control problems. And keeping all of the daily cash records in one place expedites the preparation of financial statements.

The daily cash report should be reviewed on a daily basis by the manager/owner to spot any reporting deficiencies. Give us a call if you're interested in creating a daily cash report for your specific needs.

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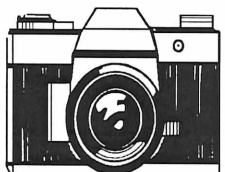
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
The Paint Creek Independent School District, Paint Creek, Texas will receive sealed proposals for the Replacement of the Roof at the Paint Creek School. Proposers are invited to submit individual proposals and shall identify their proposal on the outside of the sealed envelope in the following manner:
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Proposer who submit a bona fide proposal or return the plans and contract documents in good condition within ten (10) days of the proposal opening, otherwise no refund will be made. Partial sets will not be issued. Proposers and suppliers at cost may purchase additional single complete sets from Compass Builders, Inc.
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10%
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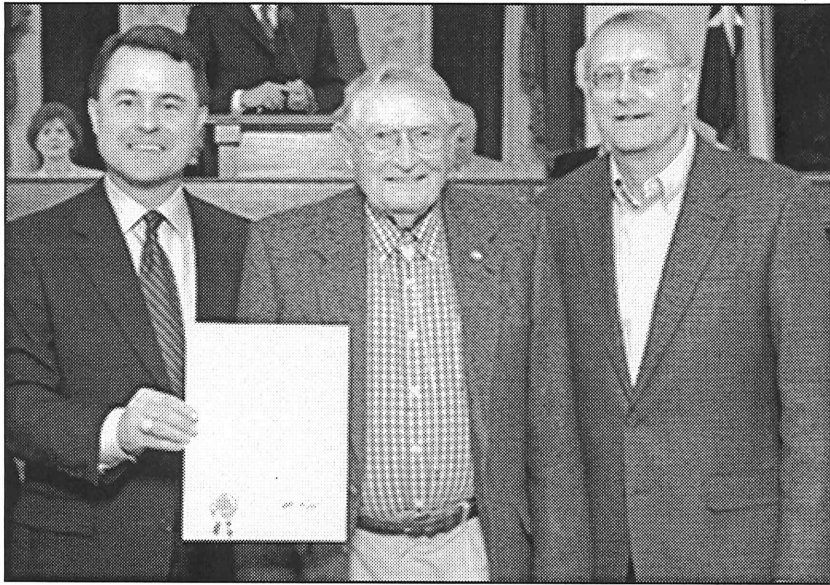
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HONORED—Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples (left) recently recognized Don Cobb (right) and R.C. "Cliff" Cobb of Von Cobb VC Ranch at the Family Land Heritage Ceremony at the State Capitol. The Von Cobb VC Ranch in Haskell County was honored for its acceptance into the Family Land Heritage Program for 100 years of agricultural operation. It has been in continuous agricultural production since 1906 by the same family.

Apply now for Texas Family Land Heritage Program

Commissioner Todd Staples is encouraging families who wish to apply for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program to get started on their applications now. The Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for at least 100 years or more.

"Since its inception in 1974, the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program has honored more than 4,300 Texas farms and ranches in 233 counties," Commissioner Staples said. "This

is proof Texas has a rich history of agriculture."

Applications, which are due Sept. 15, will be accepted for farms or ranches established in 1908 or earlier that are still owned and operated by the decedents of the founder, either through blood, marriage or adoption. The land must also fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

The owners must reside in Texas and actively manage the everyday operation of the farm or ranch. If all the land has ever been

rented or leased to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres were retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, the property will still qualify. There is no cost to apply for the recognition.

For an application or more information, contact Michelle Sneed at 512-463-2631, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. The application can also be downloaded at www.tda.state.tx.us under the Family Land Heritage link.

Legacy Banquet to be held Saturday

The Haskell CISD Educational Foundation will host the second annual Roberta High Legacy Banquet Sat., May 17 at the Civic Center. The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will honor 2008 seniors at Haskell High School who are graduating in the top 10% of the class.

Each student has selected a teacher who has significantly impacted his or her life. These teachers will also be recognized at the banquet.

Roberta High, along with her husband Doyle, was instrumental in the organization of the educational foundation. Since Roberta was a dedicated supporter and encourager of Haskell students, this banquet seems to be a fitting tribute to her.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10 and are available at the administration office.

ESD meeting set May 27

Jimmy Woodard will be in Haskell to present information on ESD, Emergency Service District, May 27 at 7 p.m. in the District Courtroom.

The ESD is a tax district established as a taxing entity for an income for EMS and fire departments.

Woodard will have information and answers to any question that might come up.

This meeting is open to the public and all the entities in Haskell County.

May sales tax receipts show decline

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced the state collected \$1.7 billion in sales tax revenue in April, down 1.8 percent compared to April 2007.

"This was a slight decrease compared to the dramatic growth seen in April 2007," Combs said. "For the eight months of fiscal 2008 to date, state sales tax collections are up 6 percent compared to the previous year."

As expected, the slower expansion of the Texas economy in 2008 is translating into sales tax growth below the double-digit pace of the past two years.

Combs said local governments will receive \$554.4 million in May sales tax allocations, up 2.2 percent compared to May 2007. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts are up 5.4 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Combs sent May sales tax allocations of \$377.7 million to Texas cities, up 1.4 percent compared to May 2007. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 4.9 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received

sales tax payments of \$32.4 million, up 0.8 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 5.2 percent higher than last year.

In addition, \$18.6 million went to 127 special purpose taxing districts throughout the state, up 13.9 percent compared to last May. Ten local transit systems received \$125.5 million in sales tax allocations, up 3.4 percent compared to a year ago.

May's sales tax allocations to local governments represent 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 on Fri., June 13.

Haskell County had a 26.15 percent decrease for May 2008 of

\$42,152.98 in comparison to \$57,082.76 for May 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$174,142.57 reflect a 2.97 percent decrease over 2007 payments to date of \$179,486.61.

The City of Haskell had a 6.67 percent decrease for May 2008 of \$38,208.17 in comparison to \$40,942.29 for May 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$159,988.26 reflect a 4.28 percent increase over 2007 payments to date of \$153,414.06.

The City of O'Brien had a 4.84 percent decrease for May 2008 of \$189.03 in comparison to \$198.66 for May 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$463.25 reflect a 32.43 percent decrease over 2007 payments to date of \$685.62.

The City of Rochester had a 20.24 percent decrease for May 2008 of \$787.85 in comparison to \$987.85 for May 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$2,919.78

reflect a .78 percent decrease over 2007 payments to date of \$2,942.94.

The City of Rule had a 2.39 percent decrease for May 2008 of \$2,475.21 in comparison to \$2,535.93 for May 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$9,053.22 reflect a .16 percent decrease over 2007 payments to date of \$9,053.22.

The City of Weinert had a 96.03 percent decrease for May 2008 of \$492.72 in comparison to \$12,418.03 for May 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$1,733.16 reflect a 87.05 percent decrease over 2007 payments to date of \$13,390.77.

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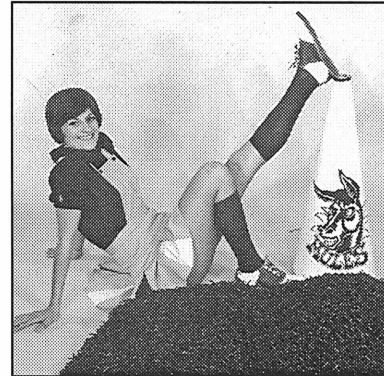
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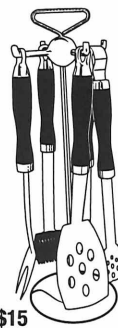


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