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Calendar

Philadelphian Club

Members of the Rule Philadelphian Club will have a salad luncheon on Thursday, May 16, at 11:30 a.m. in the clubhouse to close out the 1995-96 year. Members reminded of change of time to 11:30 a.m. Marilyn Cloud will preside over the installation of officers for the 1996-98 year following the luncheon.

Parenting session

Partners for Children will host a parenting session on Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Elementary School. "Balancing Parenting and Career," will be the topic. All parents and grandparents are invited to attend and see what Partners for Children has to offer. Call 864-2654 to register for a babysitter.

Highway clean-up

The Weinert FCE Club will sponsor a Highway Clean-up for the two-mile stretch of Highway 277 and access roads into Weinert on Saturday, May 18. Anyone interested in participating should meet in front of the school house at 8 a.m.—Estalynn Liles, Weinert FCE Club President.

Paint Creek musical

All students in kindergarten through the fifth grade at Paint Creek Elementary will present a musical, "Singing the Red, White and Blue," Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in the H.P. Morrison auditorium at the Paint Creek School. Everyone is invited.

PC booster club

Paint Creek Booster Club will meet Wednesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. at the Paint Creek School auditorium to elect officers for the new school year.

Meth. gospel musical

The First United Methodist Church in Haskell presents The Celebration Gospel Quartet from St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock on Sunday, May 19, at 6 p.m.

The Celebration Quartet looks forward to being in Haskell and presenting an exciting program of gospel music. Much of the program will be made up of familiar gospel songs with many new arrangements of great old favorites. The 45 minute program will be enjoyed by all ages. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a friend.

Open calf roping

Haskell Horse Club and the Roping Club will host an Open Roping on Sunday, June 2 at the Haskell Co. arena, during Wild Horse Prairie Days. Some tough cowboys and good horses are expected and a day of exciting competition is planned.

Stenholm open house

Congressman Charlie Stenholm will hold an Open House on Friday, May 17, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. to officially open his new Abilene office location at One City Center, Suite 4A, 241 Pine Street in Abilene. Stenholm also has offices in Stamford and San Angelo.

Opera House musical

The Third Saturday Musical at the Anson Opera House in Anson will be held Saturday, May 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free and concessions are available. All donations and sales are used to maintain the historic theatre.

Musicians from around the area bring their talents to the Opera House stage every month. If you would like to perform, call Marlon Smith at 915-823-3761 to make arrangements and to reserve a spot on the schedule.

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FFA HONORARY CHAPTER FARMER AWARD—Haskell High School Vice-Principal McCulloch was awarded the FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer Award at the annual FFA Parent and Member Banquet held Tuesday night, April 30, at the Haskell High School

cafeeteria. McCulloch (center) is pictured with FFA officers, (left to right) Christopher Tatum, Rebecca Unger, Jeremy Futch, Kory Tidrow and Vanessa Miller. Greenhand Pins and Chapter Farmer Pins, along with certificates of merit were presented to members.

Haskell gears up for Wild Horse Prairie Days

In the 1800's, wild horses roamed all over this portion of the plains, especially on the prairies in the western part of Haskell County, thus giving it the name, Wild Horse Prairie. In honor of the history of this special name, the Haskell Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Wild Horse Prairie Days on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 31, June 1 and 2 in Haskell.

The three day event features an Invitational Ranch Rodeo, dances, a Chuck Wagon Cook-off, WTBRA Barrel Race, team roping, cowboy poetry reading, open calf roping, a Cowboy Church Service and food and merchandise vendors.

The Ranch Rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly and will include team sorting, double mugging, wild cow milking, team branding, team roping and buddy pick-up. A Top Hand and Top Horse award will be given.

Ranches that are participating in the rodeo are: Bar S Ranch of Aspermont; Bar S Ranch of Munday; Brown and Bellah Ranch of Throckmorton; R.A. Brown Ranch of Throckmorton; Clark Cattle Co. of Breckenridge; Flat

Top 8 Ranch of Haskell; Flowers Cattle Co. of Aspermont; Guitar Ranch of Abilene; Lyles Ranch of Benjamin; Moorhouse Ranch Co. of Benjamin; Nail Ranch of Albany; Pitchfork Land and Cattle of Guthrie; Riddle Ranch of Aspermont; 6666 Ranch of Guthrie; Spikebox Ranch of Benjamin; SMS Ranch of Stamford; Tate Cattle Co. of Haskell; Thompson Ranch of Munday; Throckmorton Land and Cattle Co. of Throckmorton; Triangle Ranch of Paducah; and Waggoner Ranch of Electra.

Rodeo fans will also be able to enjoy day-time rodeo events on Saturday with a WTBRA barrel race beginning at 9 a.m. and a team roping beginning at noon.

The cooks or would-like-to-be cooks can mosey on over to the Chuck Wagon Cook-off, with some down-home-on-the-ranch type of cooking, at the Haskell City Park.

Poetry lovers will be able to enjoy hours of entertainment from cowboy poets and musicians beginning at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday, at the Gazebo in the park.

For the dancers in the crowd, it's time to dust off your hat and don

your boots and jeans for a boot-scootin' good time at the Haskell Civic Center on Friday and Saturday nights from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$7 each. Children under 12 years of age, accompanied by an adult will not be charged admission.

Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will be the featured band on Friday night, performing both country and western swing music. Nix, from Big Spring, is the son of the late Hoyle Nix, who was known well all over the state of Texas for his western swing music.

On Saturday night, dance fans will be able to kick up their heels to a variety of music, provided by Little Rock, a band from San Angelo.

A Sunday morning Cowboy Church Service will be held at 10 a.m. at the Gazebo in the park. The

featured speaker will be Jeff Gore, well known for his ministry in music.

The Haskell Horse Club and the Roping Club will host an Open Roping on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Haskell Co. arena. Some tough cowboys and good horses are expected and a day of exciting competition is planned.

A Miss Haskell County Queen Pageant and Sunday in the Park will also be a part of the weekend festivities (see separate stories).

The week of May 27 through June 2 will be western week in Haskell. Residents of the community and merchants are encouraged to dress in western attire and decorate their businesses in a western theme to welcome visitors and promote the Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration.

Shooting investigation continues

As of Tuesday at noon, three more arrests had been made in relation to the fatal shooting of Snyder High School senior, Marlowe Deshawn Riggins, that occurred Sunday, May 5, in Haskell.

Chris Lee Collins, 18, of Haskell was arrested Wednesday, May 8, and is being held on probation violation. Collins, who was on felony probation for burglary at the time of the shooting, admitted to firing shots in the direction of the area where Riggins was killed. Collins, who was charged with Burglary of a Building on Nov. 17, 1995, has had previous probation violations up to the date of the shooting.

Lucius Lamont Thompson, 18, of Sweetwater is the third person to be arrested in relation to the shooting. According to Sweetwater Police Chief Jim Kelly, Thompson was picked up on a warrant of arrest for deadly conduct at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, at Sweetwater High School.

The fourth person to be arrested in relation to the shooting is Donna Hoover McCulloch of Haskell. She was arrested shortly before noon on Tuesday, May 14 for violation of probation. The shooting occurred at the McCulloch house on Ave. M. McCulloch was originally arrested on Aug. 27, 1992 for Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Namely Cocaine and was given a ten year probated sentence. A 16-year-old is also being held in Taylor County Juvenile Detention Center. He was arrested the day of the shooting.

According to Haskell Police Chief Tom Bassett, the investigation of the shooting has revealed that two more shots had been fired from the house on Ave. M on Sunday (the day of the shooting), one at 6 a.m. and one at noon; neither was reported to police.

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Casey and Sarah bring home the silver

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.

Burgess qualified for the finals with his reading of "Paul," and read "This Boy's Life" in the finals.

Cothron and other participants in the 1A-5A State feature writing competition interviewed Josh Davis, an Olympic swimmer who is ranked No. 1 in the world in the

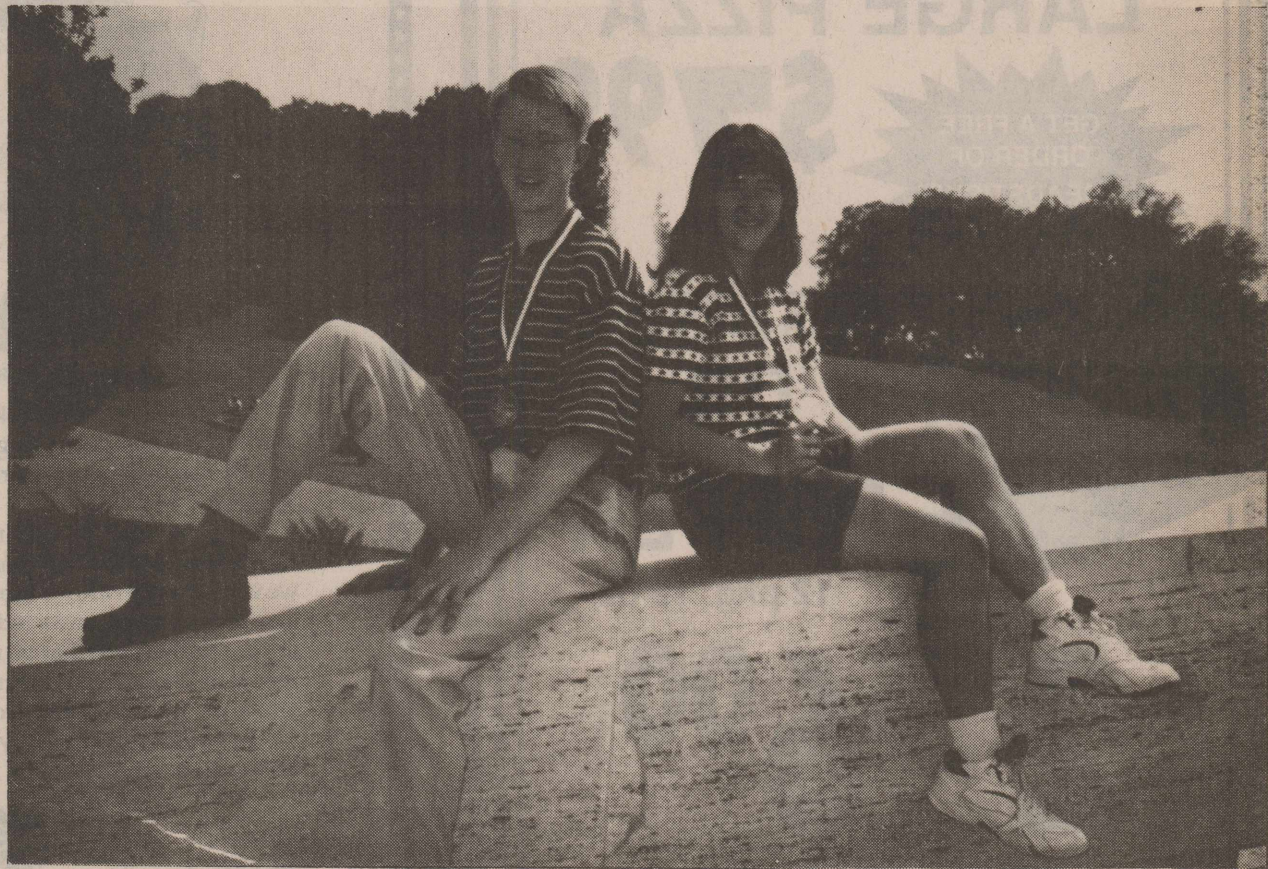
200 meter freestyle.

"The interview with Josh was so interesting and inspiring that it alone made the trip worthwhile. Josh has a really positive message about being an athlete as well as a Christian," Cothron said.

Burgess advanced to Regional in informative speaking and prose, while Cothron advanced in five events—news, feature and editorial writing, calculator and mathematics. Cothron competed last year in the state newswriting and editorial writing contests, placing

6th in state. She also competed in calculator.

Besides their UIL activities, both students are active in school activities. Burgess is class president, an all-state basketball player, vice president of FFA, FCA and the 1996-97 NHS. He is a Student Council member and will represent the school at Boys State in the summer. Cothron is editor of the *War Whoop* for the second year, member of the NHS, Quill and Scroll, secondary math and science team, FCA and CSO.



UIL ACADEMIC MEDALISTS—After the awards ceremony, Haskell juniors Casey Burgess and Sarah Cothron wear their Silver State UIL Academic Medals. Burgess placed second in prose and Cothron placed second in feature writing in the state competition at Austin. Photo by Jill Druessedow

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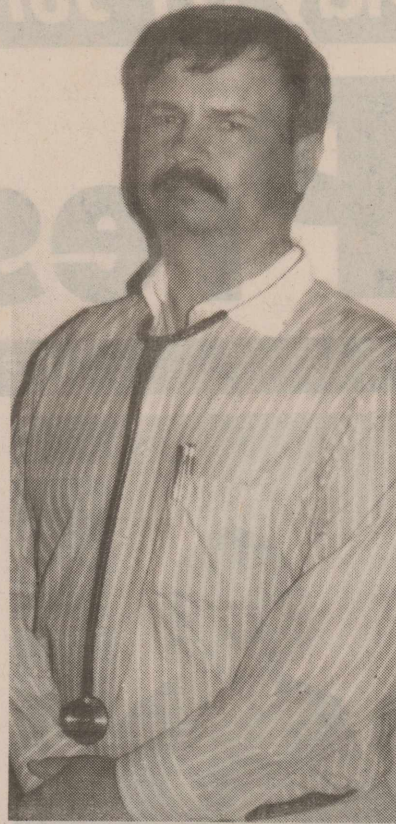
Joe Yates to practice at clinic

The Cadenhead Rural Health Clinic announces the appointment of Joe Yates as Family Nurse Practitioner. Yates is a 1970 graduate of Weinert High School.

Yates, who will be working under the supervision of Drs. Frank and Wayne Cadenhead, will take appointments and walk-ins, daily from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Yates began his college career at Tarleton State University and received his RN degree from Methodist School of Nursing in Lubbock in 1976. He went to McMurry for two years, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1993 and recently graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a Masters in Nursing and as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Yates worked at Knox County Hospital for eight years as a staff nurse and Stamford Memorial for eight years and was Director of Nursing when he resigned. He also worked at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene for four years as House



JOE YATES

Supervisor.

He and his wife, Caron Yates who is an elementary teacher in Haskell, have three children, Jace—a senior at Haskell High School, Dusty, an eighth grader and T.J., a fifth grader.

Shooting

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Bassett said that the two groups involved in the shooting, mostly in their teens, had also been in another disturbance involving guns at a gathering place before the fatal shooting occurred.

Bassett said there was an ongoing disturbance between people at the McCulloch house, where the shooting occurred, and some out-of-town youths. It wasn't the first time police had been called to the residence. "It's a constant call at her house," Bassett said.

Donna McCulloch had moved her five children and one grandchild to her parent's home in Haskell until the air clears. She said that she did not move because of neighbor's petitions, but because she can't face seeing the place where Riggins was shot. McCulloch has also made claims that police did not respond to her calls preceding the fatal shooting.

Chief Bassett said that the claims are false, as McCulloch is always trying to place blame on others. He said that he received a non-emergency message at 2 p.m. to call McCulloch at her job. He called and was told she was not there, so he called her mother's house because there was not a phone at the McCulloch house. Upon learning that she wasn't at her mother's house, Chief Bassett proceeded to drive to the McCulloch house to check out the complaint. It was then that he heard the call about the shooting on his radio.

McCulloch said that she placed three calls to the police, however, Chief Bassett said he only received one call and it was not a 911 call.

Within four minutes of the shooting, authorities had five suspects in custody, including Thompson who was arrested in Sweetwater on Tuesday. He was released after being questioned.

According to Chief Bassett, none of the four arrested have been charged with murder. Authorities are awaiting results from the forensics tests to determine what gun the bullet was fired from. Three weapons were recovered.



PLANTING A TREE AT THE LIBRARY—Troop 228, Girl Scout 3rd Year Brownies recently planted a 6' non-bearing mulberry tree (donated by McGee Lumber Yard) at the County Library. (Sitting left to right) Adria Stephens, Monica Buerger and Jaclyn Drinnon. (Standing left to right) Amanda Ray, Cortney Vaughn, Morgan Acosta, Casey Lampe, Brianna Wheatley, Shanne Mays and Kaylle Billington. (Back left) Leader Jerri Buerger. (Back right) Asst. Leader Kitsie Drinnon

Library Notes

By Joan Strickland

everyone!!!

Our summer reading program begins June 19 and ends with a party July 24. The story time for pre-K through third grade will begin at 10 a.m. on June 19. It will run 30 minutes every Wednesday morning for six weeks. Any child pre-K through fifth grade is encouraged to come in and sign up for the summer reading program. Each child needs their parent's permission and must fill out a library card with their name, parents name, address and phone number. Also one reference has become necessary. If a child has books out from the library, they must be returned and fines paid before they can sign up for summer reading.

The replacement cost of lost and damaged books has risen a great deal in the past year and it is imperative that we get our books back without this extra overhead cost. Fines for past due books is five cents per book per day. And the check out period is two weeks.

The third graders and their teachers Dianne Huff, Melody Christian and Donna Waggoner will be visiting the library Wednesday morning May 22 at 10 a.m. They

come each year and fill out library cards, hear about how the library works and learn about the summer reading program. They are always a delight to visit with and answer their questions.

Library memorials: Hubert Bell, Bonnie Anderson, Jerry Holt, Mable Derr and Susie Brockett, Pearl Alexander, Carol Bledsoe, Oleta Wells Bailey and Mark McCoy.

Donations: Progressive Study Club—\$1,025; Haskell Chapter Young Homemakers—\$750; La Posada Restaurant—\$175; Philadelphia Club of Rule; magazines and books for genealogy section

Thank you Casey McDaniel for installing our new printer. Thank you Doyle High for the loan of your extra printer until we were able to buy our own. And thanks to everyone who has donated books, magazines, time and money to our library. We appreciate your interest and help in making our library a better place with each passing day. John and Sally—Thanks!

The Book Sale is still running—all books are 10 cents each. See you at the library!

County to help with brush clean-up

The Haskell County Commissioners met for their first meeting of the month on Monday, May 13, in the County Court room at the Courthouse.

Judy Rapp, representing U.S. Long Distance phone service, presented proposed rates and other features of the service to the court to study for future use in choosing a long distance service in July,

when Haskell is switched to digital dialing. Treasurer, Willie Faye Tidrow, said that she had also received two other information packets from Excel and MCL.

After a discussion, it was decided that other long distance companies would be given a chance to submit information packets or to present plans to the Court, so that the commissioners could study the information before choosing a company for the county's long distance service.

Randall Reedy, a representative of Lone Star Limited, made a brief presentation to the Court on behalf of his company regarding the purchasing of fuel and products from Lone Star Limited, for county usage.

City employee Thomas Rodriguez asked the Court for help with the clean-up in the city which

is still going on in preparation for Wild Horse Prairie Days. Rodriguez said that with the county's help, the clean-up could possibly be completed this week. Each of the commissioners said they would send trucks and loaders to help pick up brush around the city.

A motion was approved to advertise for bids to pave the extension of Ave. A. beginning at the Cotton Warehouse office to Highway 277.

A motion was approved to appoint Lynn Johnson and Wayne Peiser to the Hospital Board to replace Charles McCauley and Mozelle Barton who retired in April after 20 years of service on the board. Bob Baker, who had been appointed to serve out the unexpired term of Robert Earles, was also reappointed to a 2-year term.

Amy McWhorter

West Texas Neurological Institute Rexford K. Anderson, Jr. M.D.

Neurologist

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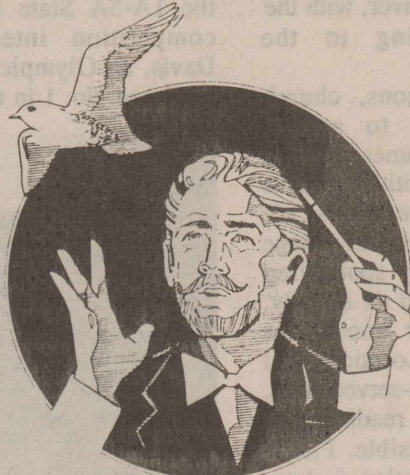
To the Editor:

Haskell Co. LULAC would like to thank everyone who helped make the Enchilada Supper a great success. We would also like to thank Haskell CISD for the use of the cafeteria.

Belia Abila
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Food for thought

By Charles H. Spurgeon
 "This do in remembrance of me."—I Corinthians 11:24.
 It seems then, that Christians may forget Christ! There could be no need for this loving exhortation, if there were not a fearful supposition that our memories might prove treacherous. Nor is this a bare supposition: it is, alas! too well confirmed in our experience, not as a possibility, but as a lamentable fact.

It appears almost impossible that those who have been redeemed by the blood of the dying Lamb, and loved with an everlasting love by the eternal Son of God, should forget that gracious Savior; but, if startling to the ear, it is, alas! too apparent to the eye to allow us to deny the crime.

Forget Him who never forgot us! Forget Him who poured His blood forth for our sins! Forget Him who loved us even to the death! Can it be possible? Yet, it is not only possible, but conscience confesses that it is too sadly a fault with all of us, that we suffer Him to be as a wayfaring man tarrying but for a night. He who we should make the abiding tenant of our memories is but a visitor therein.

The cross where one would think that memory would linger, and unmindfulness would be an unknown intruder, is desecrated by the feet of forgetfulness. Does not your conscience say that this is true? Do you not find yourselves forgetful of Jesus? Some creature steals away your heart and you are unmindful of him upon whom your affection ought to be set. Some earthly business engrosses your attention when you should fix your eye steadily upon the cross.

Haskell High recipient of TxDOT grant

For the past several years TxDOT has made grants available through its Traffic Operations division to support Project Graduation. The money is divided between the state's 25 districts who then determine the amount of each grant based on the number of high schools participating in their individual district. It is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state, transportation officials say.

Haskell High School has again been named a recipient of a \$250 mini-grant from the Texas Dept. of Transportation's Abilene district for Project Graduation 1996.

In addition to the grant, Brenda Mitchell, Abilene district traffic safety coordinator, visited the high school and presented the Project Graduation chairperson with colorful key chains and bumper stickers for each of the 51 graduates. These mementos bear the slogan, "U booze, U cruise, U lose." Several T-shirts bearing the same slogan were also donated to be used as door prizes. "The graduation keepsakes are a reminder to the students to remain alcohol-free around prom and graduation time," Mitchell said.

"Haskell is among 23 high schools in the Abilene district receiving a \$250 grant each for Project Graduation 1996," Mitchell said.

Project Graduation was originally developed to assist rural schools with their celebrations and began in 1984 with only two schools. In 1989, the first year the department provided mini-grants to rural schools, they had 59 recipients. The program proved so successful, it was expanded to include all high schools. This year 339 schools will participate in this program.

Mitchell said the mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Graduation event, but to provide a small incentive for schools to start and support alcohol/drug-free, safe events for the students.

Kelli Moeller

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Doyle High attends conference

Doyle High, president-elect of the Texas Pharmacy Association, was among the 47 pharmacy association leaders from across the nation who attended the tenth annual Leadership Training Conference held recently in Kansas City.

The two-day conference, sponsored by Hoechst Marion Roussel, was designed to provide

The universe is like a safe to which there is a combination, but the combination is locked up in the safe.

—Peter DeVries

incoming presidents of national and state pharmacy associations with new strategies and tools to help them become even more effective and productive in providing leadership in a rapidly changing health care environment. The training was provided by The Company, an internationally acclaimed management consulting firm based in Kansas City.

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FAITH REMINDS US THAT ANIMALS ARE ALSO GOD'S CREATURES



Many people have become concerned about what they consider the abuse of animals, such as using them in unnecessarily painful experiments or killing them for fur coats. These questions may never be settled, but kindness to animals is a valid and timeless virtue. This includes the love and proper care of your pets, by you and your children. It also includes respect for our wild-

life species, which are declining at an alarming rate because of the relentless march of progress and recreational activity in their habitat areas. Like us, the animals are God's creatures, and they contribute to our environment in more ways than most of us realize. At our House of Worship, we learn to love and respect all of God's creations and that animals are a vital part of it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church
 David Page, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m. 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
 Frank Summers, preacher
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God
 Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
 Jeff Zell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 8:00 a.m., Sunday School to follow
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Raul Tirado, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
 Sidney Parsley, 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.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church
 Father Michael Melcher
 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 10th, Haskell

—HASKELL—

Church of Christ
 Dale Huff, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church
 Jasper McClellan, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
 Rev. Kenneth Blair
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;
 Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
 John Lewis, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
 Sunday Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;
 Wednesday 7 p.m.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
 Freddy Perez, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 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
 Jim Turner, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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First Baptist Church
 Werth Mayes, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Methodist Church
 Rev. James Patterson
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crowner
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church
 Carol Krumpston, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
 Jeff Zell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Sagerton

—ROCHESTER—

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

First Baptist Church
 Rev. Troy Culpepper
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester

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

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

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

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First Baptist Church
 Stewart Farrell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
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Primitive Baptist Church
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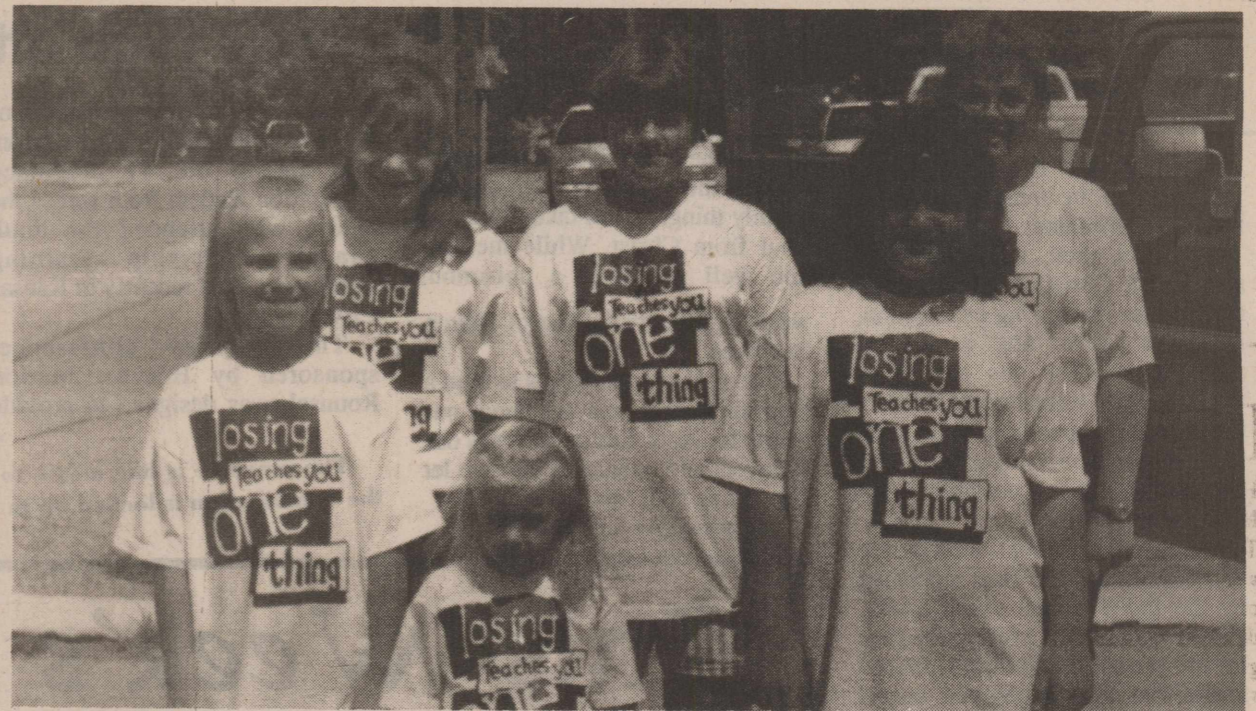
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 Thurs. May 23-Twisters vs Cool

Breeze at 6 p.m.
 Thurs. May 23-Herricanes vs Hamlin there at 7:45 p.m.
 Thurs. May 23-No Fear vs Stamford here at 8 p.m.
 All Division I games, age group 7-10 years, are played on the little

field. All other games are played on the big field unless otherwise noted.
 Raffle tickets of various items furnished by local merchants for a drawing to be held June 7 are being sold by team members. The tickets which are \$1 each or six for \$5 are also available at the concession stand at the field.
 The official HGSA T-shirt is available at Sport About or the concession stand.



MODELING SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION T-SHIRTS are (back row) Trac Mathis, Jessica Reiger and Wendy Proctor. (Front row) Chelsey Thane, Ariel Thane and Morgan Acosta.

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA

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Because the first \$600,000 of your estate is exempt from taxes, you may think that estate planning need not be a concern. But don't overlook the appreciation in the value of your home, the value of any life insurance policies you own, and the value of your IRA and other retirement plans. All of these are included and can boost the amount of your estate over \$600,000 and into the taxable range. There are a number of techniques available to minimize or eliminate taxes, starting with a basic will and including an annual gift program, a variety of trusts for specialized purposes, and even more sophisticated techniques for family business owners.

Surveys show that most Americans ignore estate planning, with an alarming number lacking even a simple will. But like most things, the earlier you start, the easier it is to achieve your objectives. And even if you already have a will or an estate plan, don't forget to update it as your financial and personal circumstances change and as tax law changes.

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 Sat. May 25-T-Ball at 6:30 p.m.
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To work outside the home, or not

Do you know that only five to seven percent of families today fit the "traditional family of past generations?"

Today's typical family may be a single parent family, a restructured or blended family or a dual career family. This radical restructuring has created many complex challenges, yet all of these family structures can be well functioning and provide children with the nurturing and tools to become well-adjusted, self-confident, emotionally healthy adults.

For advantages of career families to outweigh the disadvantages four major challenges must be met. These include:

1. Resolving personal guilt for being a working parent
2. Devoting quality time to child and spouse, while still finding time for self
3. Feeling happy and satisfied with their job
4. Acquiring quality child care. This also extends to the older child who may come home alone after school.

If balancing all of this is weighing heavy on you, you might be interested in finding some solutions at Partners for Children meeting Tuesday, May 21, at the Haskell Elementary School at 7 p.m.

Through sharing and discussion

of options, you may find some answers. "To work outside the home or not," is NOT the option, but how to COPE with the STRESS of doing it, will be.

Come see what is being offered to help parents of Haskell Co. have an easier job at parenting. If you wish to take advantage of the free babysitting being offered, call 864-2654 to register your child.

Some of the positives of having both parents working could include children learning to assume more responsibility. They develop a sense of teamwork in the family which helps them become more self-reliant. They often develop problem-solving skills that builds self-esteem. Parents working outside the home add to the financial security of the family and jobs often provide self-fulfillment, which in turn builds self-esteem. Working and maintaining the family provides models for a strong work ethic for children.

Together we can make a difference in the lives of children.

Submitted by Janice Browning.



HEADED FOR STATE—Haskell High band members headed for state competition on May 27 are (back) Vanessa Miller, Mary Kay Watson, Phillip Huff, Jessica Bridwell, Kevin McSmith, Tenille Mathis, Wendy Dulaney and Kaki Stapleton. (Front) Shannon Jordan, Missy Teague and Shelly Palacios.

Camp Goodenough to be held in two sessions

Camp Goodenough 1996 will be held in two sessions, a Day Camp for girls entering the second through sixth grades and an Overnight Camp for all girls entering seventh through twelfth grades.

Both camps, which teach the fundamentals of basketball will be held at the Mabee Complex on the Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Camp staff will be HSU Coach Julie Goodenough and the HSU Cowgirl basketball players.

The Day Camp will be held June 17-21 from 9 a.m. to noon daily for all girls entering the second through sixth grade. Cost of the camp is \$75. Pre-registration requires a \$25 deposit by June 10. Late registration on Monday, June 17 at 8 a.m. at the Mabee Complex.

The Overnight Camp will be held June 24-27, for all girls entering the seventh through twelfth grades. Cost of the camp is

\$185 for residents and \$125 for commuters (includes lunch and dinner) Pre-registration requires a \$50 deposit by June 17. Late registration and all campers check in on Monday, June 24, at 9 a.m. at Ferguson Hall (located just South of the gym).

Camp necessities for: Day Camp are T-shirts and gym shorts, court shoes, and a basketball (if you have one); for Overnight Camp are enough T-shirts and shorts for one week, plenty of socks, a pair of basketball shoes, a pair of outside shoes, swimsuit, sleeping bag or bedding, pillow, towels, soap, toiletries, spending money for snacks and souvenirs and a basketball (if you have one).

For further information and enrollment forms, call Julie Goodenough at 915-670-1435 or 675-5233.

Roping Club roping results

Haskell Roping Club hosted a "B" Roping and an Open Roping Sunday, May 12, at the Haskell County arena. Ropers enjoyed a pleasant afternoon of roping competition. Results are as follows:

B Roping

1st go-round: 1st-Bill McIlwain; 2nd-Jim Pope
2nd go-round: 1st-Jim Pope; 2nd-Bill McIlwain
3rd go-round: 1st-Kenny Spitzer; 2nd-Jim Pope
Average: 1st-Jim Pope; 2nd-Bill McIlwain

Open Roping

1st go-round: 1st-Carter Edmondson; 2nd-Charlie Kingsberry; 3rd-Joel Kirkpatrick; 4th-Fred Hernandez

2nd go-round: 1st-Raymond Hollabaugh; 2nd-Charlie Kingsberry; 3rd-Kurt Keen; 4th-tie with Cliff Kirkpatrick and Carl Hopkins
2nd go-round: 1st-Brand Cude; 2nd-Raymond Hollabaugh; 3rd-Justin Hankins; 4th-Charlie Kingsberry

Average: 1st-Charlie Kingsberry; 2nd-Fred Hernandez; 3rd-Carl Hopkins; 4th-tie with Brand Cude and Todd Spitzer.

Members of the Haskell Horse Club and the Roping Club would like to invite everyone out the arena on Sunday, June 2 for the Open Roping that will be held during the Wild Horse Prairie Days. Some tough cowboys and good horses are expected and a day of exciting competition is planned.

Roberson awarded scholarship

Kevin Roberson of Odessa was recently awarded a Robert Welch Foundation Scholarship from the Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society at

Druesedow places 2nd at State track

Former Haskell student Harrison Druesedow placed second in the 1A boys 110 meter hurdles at the state track meet in Austin on Saturday.

His time of 15.11 was .15 of a second less than the winner of the event, who also was the defending state champion.

The Granger High School junior placed seventh in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 41.6. Neither of Druesedow's times were personal bests.

Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Roberson was one of five students who received the scholarship to enable them to do research with faculty members from the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences.

He is the grandson of Merlin and Nell Hobbs of Haskell.

Students in the News

Janna Brendle of Haskell recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Abilene Christian University in Abilene with a Master's Degree as an Educational Diagnostician. Janna earned a 4.0 GPA.

Haskell School Menu

Elementary School

May 20-24

Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Cereal, buttered toast and jelly

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito

Wednesday: Pancakes, syrup and sausage

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy and sausage

Friday: Cereal and cinnamon toast

Lunch

Milk and juice are served daily on the lunch menu.

Monday: BBQ on bun, French fries, pickle spears and cookies

Tuesday: Country fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, buttered hot rolls and ice cream

Wednesday: Corn dogs, pork and beans, pickle spears and Sunshine bars

Thursday: Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, sautéed onions/peppers, tossed salad and fruit

Friday: Submarine sandwich, potato chips, vegetable sticks and Shape-up

High School

May 20-24

Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Cereal, buttered toast and jelly

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito

Wednesday: Pancakes, syrup and sausage

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy and sausage

Friday: Cereal and cinnamon toast

Lunch

A choice of baked potato with ham and cheese, salad bar or hamburger and fries plus milk and tea are offered daily.

Monday: Chicken on bun, French fries, pickle spears and cookies

Tuesday: Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, buttered hot rolls and ice cream

Wednesday: Burritos, tossed salad, buttered corn and Sunshine bars

Thursday: Chicken fajitas, grated cheese, pinto beans, sautéed onions and peppers and fruit

Friday: Submarine sandwich, potato chips, vegetable sticks and Shape-up

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Philadelphian

By Oleta Cornelius
Reporter

Carbon Monoxide, "What you can't see, can hurt you," was the topic of the program presented by Lou Gilly, Haskell Co. Extension Agent, at the Rule Philadelphian Club on April 18.

President Orheana Greeson welcomed members and guests. Members answered roll call with home safety tips. The tips included a variety of items and ways persons could be more safety conscience and make their home safer.

Members were reminded that it was time to pay club dues and also that the next meeting on May 16, at 11:30 a.m. would be officer installation and a salad luncheon with members each bringing a salad.

Program director for the day, Oleta Cornelius, led the group in the pledge to the United States Flag. Federation news was given by Nell Estes.

Lou Gilly was introduced by the program director and spoke on carbon monoxide poisoning and how easily it could be compared with other illnesses. She gave clues on carbon monoxide poisoning for club members to be aware of. Mrs. Gilly also recommended purchasing carbon monoxide detectors. A question and answer period followed her talk. In appreciation of her program, Mrs. Gilly was presented a gift from the club.

Bertha McQuinn led the group in reading the Club Collect in unison and the meeting was concluded for

fellowship and refreshments.

The serving table, covered with an ecru cloth held an arrangement of spring flowers in a crystal vase. Fresh bluebonnet and other floral arrangements completed the decorations. Refreshments of an assortment of cookies and coffee were served by hostesses Swede Kittley and Bertha McQuinn.

FCE Council

By Dolores Medford,
Reporter

On April 17, the Haskell County Family and Community Education Clubs met at the County Extension office with ten members and three guests present. Chairman Jane Smith called the meeting to order.

Myrtle Phemister from the Weinert Club gave the recitation titled "Be Thankful and Happy." Club presidents gave reports from their club meetings to council. Minutes of the last council meeting were read by secretary, Betty Sanders and approved. A treasurer's report was given by Lennie Blankenship. Report from the yearbook committee was that the yearbook would be worked on the last of August. The finance committee reported on helping some on the all-night graduating party in May and they also reported on the senior scholarship.

A report from the TAFCE was that the April 5 statewide and national response of "Tune Out Violence on TV" was very good.

Eleven members were present at the district meeting in Henrietta in April.

The County Extension Agent, Lou Gilly, gave a report on several interesting things coming in April. At Weatherford on April 23, and April 27, a forum for women and a seminar for women. In San Antonio on June 4, the 70th anniversary celebration for Texas Extension Clubs. The arts and crafts show will be at Brownwood 4-H Center and not at State Meeting this year.

The Haskell County 4-H'ers did very good in the fashion show this year. Hallee Walton and J.J. Comedy will be going to State in the Senior Division. Lou also reported that a very good speaker, Dr. Terry Urnosky, lecturer and professional counselor from Texas Tech in Lubbock, would be at the parenting seminar in Munday on April 18.

Thank you notes were received from 4-H'ers J.J. Comedy and Amanda Crawford, thanking the Extension Ladies for working and helping the 4-H'ers in the Haskell Co. Fashion Show.

A committee was appointed of Chairman-Betty Sanders, Vice-Chairman-Alice Yates, Secretary-Dolores Medford, to set date, time and place for information day in September.

Refreshments were served to club members by Weinert FCE Club.

The council meeting on May 15 will be hosted by the Homespun FCE Club.

Young Homemakers

The Haskell Young Homemakers met Monday, April 1, for the annual Tour of Homes. Eleven members carpooled first to the home of Robert Ace and Brenda Turner of Rule. Back in Haskell, the group toured the homes of Mark and Tammy Wallace, Nathan and Lisa Frierson and Roy and Sandy Forehand. Special thanks goes to these people for opening their lovely homes to us.

The business meeting was held

at the home of Roy and Sandy Forehand. Scholarship details were finalized and the treasury report was made. Taco salad, drinks and dessert were prepared by the hostesses. The final meeting of the year will be

Best perennials to plant in Texas

The trend is to plant perennials instead of annuals this year. Extension horticulturist, Dr. Bill Welch says many people would rather have their flowers come up year after year and not have to replant like you do with annuals.

He also says gardeners enjoy the old-fashioned flowers their

held at the City Park Pavilion on May 6, at 7 p.m. All members, their spouses and children are invited to attend and installation of new officers will take place. Current officers will be hostesses.

grandparents grew, sort of cottage garden heirloom plants.

For spring bloom, you might choose yarrow, allium, artemisia, irises or ox-eyed daisies. For summer, some of the better choices include Turks cap, lantanas and day lilies. He says the Turks cap is good for attracting hummingbirds.

Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

May is a busy month for us who grow flowers. We need to be ready to work outside. The gladiolus that are about to bloom should be supported with a strong stake. To store anemone bulbs, hang them in bags in a cool dry place.

Keep pinching chrysanthemums back, and if climbing roses are finished blooming, cut them back. Prune all shrubs that have finished blooming and don't delay because this is the only time to prune early flowering shrubs.

Now is the time to fertilize the lawn with commercial plant food. To make the porch or yard both more beautiful, set the potted plants outside.

When setting out tomato plants, place on heaping tablespoon of Epsom salts in the hole, then set

If you replace your storm door, do not throw the old one away. Use it to make a greenhouse to start spring plants. Build a made-to-fit box using two hinges to open it easily during warm daylight hours.

To keep critter out of your garden, try this concoction: In a the plant. This procedure keeps the nematodes away.

three qt. jar, mix six eggs (shells and all) and a half bottle of hot sauce. Then fill the jar with water until it is three-fourths full, cap it tightly and let it ferment for five days. Hold your nose and spread around your garden. It is guaranteed to keep four-legged creatures away.

I am repeating a hint that can be used around sensitive plants. Place small piles of orange peelings around the plants. The next morning, slugs in great abundance will be feasting on the peelings. Then scoop up the creatures and drop them into a bucket of water to drown them.

If your irises look bad or do not bloom, dig the rhizomes and trim away the damaged tissue. Soak them for one-half hour in a ten percent solution of household bleach and water. Dust them with powdered sulfur and let cut surfaces air dry in a shady place for several hours before replanting. Another hint about irises is to clean around them. Remove all the old dried iris leaves and other debris to eliminate over-wintering eggs.

If you are a rose grower, now is the time to set out new rose plants. Follow instructions with the rose and water them well this summer.

It is best to water in the morning and avoid wetting the leaves. Water the rose well before fertilizing. The rose should be fertilized through August. To avoid mildew and black spots, spray weekly with Funginex or Orthenez. To rid the roses from insects, use Malathion or Diazinon and for Japanese beetles, use liquid Sevin.

Roses need at least six hours of sun a day. A morning sun is best because it dries the dew off the leaves helping to prevent fungus.

I hope I have given you hints that you may be able to use in your flower growing, because it is so much fun.

May is a great month to hit the antiques trail. These places entice the confirmed collector. I fall in this group because I am looking for old washboards to shine silver. I am also looking for interesting pieces of glass, pottery, or something that will serve as a flower container.

May is certainly prime country time. It is for those with a deep respect for our natural world made with beautiful color and fragrance of flowers.

Too, we may think of butter churns and butter beans and wear our red bandanas and old blue jeans.

But when our garden is in full bloom, and we look at it, beauty is a state of mind, it's always there for us to find.

Experienced Citizens Calendar and Menu

Monday, May 20

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1 p.m.—China painting
5:30 p.m.—Potluck supper/game night

Wednesday, May 22

10:30 a.m.—Exercise
Lunch—Oven fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, green beans, apple carrot salad, Jello and peaches

Friday, May 24

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Mysterious illness continues to plague horses in Texas

Over the past year and a half, more than 600 Texas horses have been diagnosed with a mysterious disease known as Equine Infectious Anemia or EIA. Nearly all of the cases of EIA in Texas are centered in the eastern portion of the state. Reasons for this are not known yet, but it is believed by researchers that the higher concentration of horses in East Texas versus West Texas plays an important factor.

"That particular area of the state has been a problem so there must

be some local situation either with the border or with horses in that part of the state," said Dr. Michael Martin with the Equine Field Service of College Station. "You could make a case that there is more concentration of horses in that part of the state."

Little is known about EIA because there is an insufficient amount of research being done on horses with the disease. "Equine research money is very limited because it is not a food-producing

animal," said Martin.

EIA has horse breeders and veterinarians across the state bewildered because researchers are uncertain about how the disease is transmitted from horse to horse. The horse fly has been proven to transmit the disease, but other ways of transmission are still being studied. One of these examples is non-disposable needles.

"Years ago before disposable needles were in common use if a needle was used to vaccinate a horse

or to give an antibiotic, it was used in a group of horses," Martin said.

Once testing positive for EIA, the horse never rids itself of the virus. Because there is no treatment available for EIA at this time, horse owners have a limited number of options.

"The horses can either be put down, sent to a research facility or be sold immediately for slaughter," Martin said.

Even though a test is available to detect EIA, Animal Health

Commission had no authority over the infected horses until last year. "There had been no regulation to quarantine and follow up and try and determine where these positive horses were being exposed," Martin said.

Even the test may reveal incorrect results because when EIA infects a horse it virtually conceals itself until the animal becomes stressed. A horse can be infected up to two to four weeks without the virus being detected.

"This particular virus has the ability to hide in the bone or in the cells, where the actual natural immune system cannot totally rid the body of that virus," Martin said.

Once the horse is stressed, signs of the virus become visible and at this stage the virus can be detected. The problem is that stress is not easily defined.

"Anything from transportation to other diseases might affect the horse. These situations would cause it to develop a fever, or to have

some kind of a stressful situation," Martin said. Because stress is an important factor in EIA horses that travel to races or shows are highly susceptible to the disease.

"If you have a horse that is limited to its own backyard or small farm, the exposure would not be very great which certainly would not put the horse at as great of risk as an animal that is traveling," said Martin. The stressful environment of traveling can activate the disease and cause it to attack the horse's system. The symptoms for EIA include fever, weight loss, depression and swelling around the legs and chest.

Martin believes if EIA infects the costly race and show horses the regulations surrounding the horse industry could become more stringent. This also could prompt researchers to do more tests and even possibly work toward a treatment.

Submitted by Max Stapleton, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent-Ag.

Texas A&M presents facts about Mad Cow disease

Concern about Mad Cow Disease is sweeping the globe. The Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine wants to quiet some of those fears by telling you

what the facts are.

Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy is a fatal brain disease known to exist in beef and dairy cattle in the United Kingdom (which

includes England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales). It's referred to as Mad Cow Disease because it causes nervousness and loss of muscular coordination making a cow appear

to go insane.

Cattle from the U-K were banned in the United States in 1989 after the disease was first discovered. No cases of Mad Cow Disease have ever been detected in the United States.

The British government is investigating a possible link between Mad Cow Disease and ten cases of a human brain disease called Creutzfeldt-Jakob. If there is a risk, it would be linked to consumption of brain or spinal cord from infected cattle. There is no scientific evidence to support the linkage. Efforts are underway to fully understand why Mad Cow Disease became such a problem in Great Britain and ensure it never comes to the U.S.

Submitted by Max Stapleton, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent-Ag.

Pesticides on vegetables are minimal

Animal studies have shown that high concentrations of pesticides can cause cancer; federal regulations limit the amount of pesticide residues permitted on foods. The regulations are based on an "acceptable level of risk"—calculated as causing an increase of no more than one cancer death per million people.

Government agencies monitor the food industry to be sure pesticides do not exceed legal

limits. The Agriculture Department recently examined 7,328 items and detected excesses in 1.5 percent of the samples. Apples, celery and peaches were the greatest offenders.

Eating less produce because of concern about pesticides would be unwise because the levels that may be present are unlikely to cause cancer. Furthermore, washing usually eliminates surface pesticides, although small amounts

of some chemicals can be incorporated into the food itself.

Studies also show those who eat more fresh fruits and vegetables have lower cancer rates than those who consume less. Meanwhile, the three most effective ways to reduce cancer risk are not smoking, avoiding direct sunlight and possibly consuming a low-fat diet.

Submitted by Lou Gilly, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent-FCS.

Study reveals that we water too much

A spray of water coming out of a sprinkler is a common sight from March to October. Everyone wants a green lawn. But a study by irrigation and landscape experts at Texas A&M University reveals most people water too much.

One of the biggest problems is setting the sprinkler system in the spring and never adjusting the schedule to allow for changes in the weather.

Dr. Guy Fipps and two other researchers found we water up to

seven times too much. They studied six sites in Texas. These sites included a private residence, a business, a golf course and three athletic fields. What they determined was that those six locations could have saved more than \$80,000.

Taking into account the type of turf, the depth of its roots, the type of soil and the annual weather pattern, the researchers calculated more efficient watering schedules for each site.

If you want to learn how to be more efficient in your watering, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service offers a two-day course. Check with your County Extension Agent, Max Stapleton at 817-864-2658, for the class nearest you.

Submitted by Max Stapleton, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent-Ag.

Parasite puts sting on fire ants

Many methods have been tried to combat the fire ant and most have failed. Scientists resorted to looking in other countries for possible biological predators, something to eat the fire ant.

Texas A&M University researchers may have found the answer right in their own backyard. It is a tiny parasite that bores into the fire ants abdomen and feeds on it.

A&M researchers found the male of the species several years ago in the fire ant, but only recently discovered the female parasite and her host. The female lives in a rare type of cricket.

Experiment Station researcher Jerry Cook says the goal now is to

find a way to reproduce the parasite in greater numbers. Cooks says they'll try breeding more crickets. They'll also experiment to see if the parasite will adapt another host.

According to Extension Associate of Entomology, Charles Barr, farmers and ranchers lose \$65 million worth of equipment, fields and animals to fire ants.

Submitted by Max Stapleton, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent-Ag.

Haskell County has been designated a contiguous disaster area by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman as the result of losses caused by the drought and high winds that occurred from Jan. 1, 1995 through Feb. 5, 1996, according to Congressman Charles Stenholm.

Family-sized farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties will now be eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from FSA. Applications will each be considered on their own merit, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, repayment ability and other eligibility requirements.

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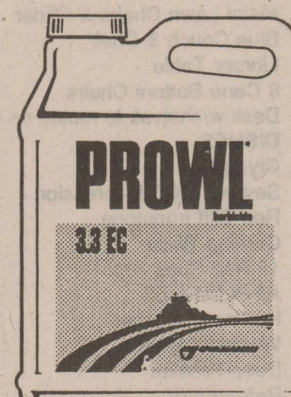
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