# Rains are a welcome sight to Haskell County area

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#### Inside

# Haskell and Paint Creek scholarships

Twenty Haskell High School seniors and eight Paint Creek High School seniors receive scholarships. Page 7

#### Calendar

#### Swimming lessons

Jimmy Lisle will teach swim lessons at the City Pool June 20–28. The fee is \$35. To enroll, call 864-3820.

#### Pool phone number

To book a party or swim lessons at the Haskell City Pool, please call Jimmy or Rhonda Lisle at 864-3820. The phone at the pool is not in service yet. A phone will be available at the pool for emergency use only until the regular phone is installed.

# Haskell Civic Center reservations

To make a reservation at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center please call 864-2127, Leland and Joan Thane.

# First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

Join the Olympic Team at Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church on June 10–14 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. This year's motto will be "Go, Go, Go for the Goal." All children from the ages of four years through the 6th grade are welcome.

#### **Rochester Musical**

The Rochester Musical will be held Saturday, June 8, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Rochester. Admission is free and a concession stand will be available.

#### Youth car wash

The First Assembly of God Youth will have a car wash, Saturday, June 8, on the church parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 for cars and \$15 for trucks and vans, and includes inside cleaning. Proceeds will go towards Youth Camp.

#### Girl's softball game

Girl's softball will hold their last game of the season on Friday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the big field. It will be the Herricanes vs a team made of coaches of all of the softball teams. Trophies will also be handed out, but the girls will not receive their trophies until after their uniforms have been turned in. A raffle drawing for an assortment of prizes will be held after the game.

# Public meeting

The Haskell City Council will discuss the traffic problem on E, F and G Avenues at the next City Council meeting on Tuesday night, June 11 at 6 p.m. They will be discussing the possibility of replacing yield signs with stop signs.

They would like to encourage members of the community to attend the meeting and voice their opinions and feelings regarding the matter.

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# Storm does damage in Haskell, Rule and Rochester areas

Downed power lines, uprooted trees, broken tree limbs and reports of some roof damage, were all the result of a storm that hit Haskell around 9:30 p.m. on Monday night.

The storm, that had a possible twister or two in it, came in from the northwest, moving in a southeasterly direction and caused some damage at both Rochester and Rule, before it hit Haskell.

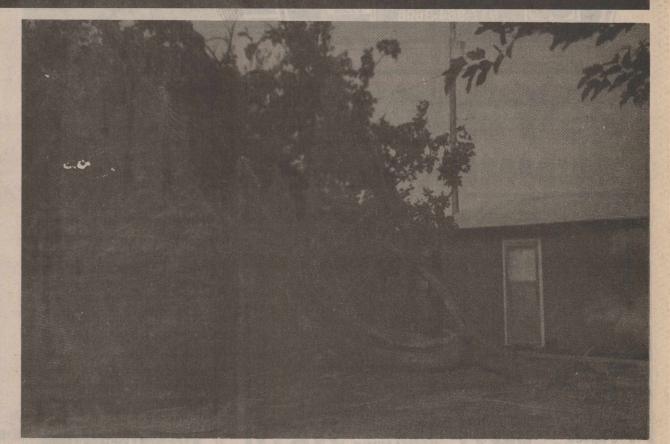
Rochester Fire Chief, Sid Smart said that the school gymnasium suffered extensive damage with the whole roof being blown off and about three inches of water on the floor. He said there were also about five houses that had extensive damage and several trees uprooted around town. Downed power lines resulted in about a three hour power outage. Smart said, "We had a flood and windstorm and possibly a couple of small twisters. When we talked to the National Weather Service last night, they said there was rotation in the clouds above

Rule reported a four-hour power outage in some parts of town and also some broken tree limbs.

City Administrator Sam Watson said that a pole and line were blown down at the pump station at the airport but they were able to get them back up quickly and prevent a water shortage. In addition to the tree limbs, Watson said that a lot of dumpsters were turned over around town also.

Fred Hernandez with WTU said that several parts of Haskell were without power for about three hours and some isolated cases longer than that. WTU workers were on the job all night restoring power lines to Haskell, Rule and Rochester.

The storm, however, only produced .78 of an inch of rain, bringing the monthly total to .89 inches of rain. Haskell received 1.02 inches of rain on Thursday, May 30. The rain on Monday night brought the total rainfall to 6.25 inches for the year to date for Haskell.



TREE UPROOTED BY STORM—This tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Comedy on Addison Street in Haskell, was uprooted in the Monday night storm. The tree fell over on another tree in their backyard and did not cause any damage to their house. Other reports of storm damage all over the county included more trees uprooted, limbs broken off, power lines down causing power outages and some roof damages. The complete roof was blown off of the new gymnasium at Rochester School, causing flooding inside the building and damage to the floor. There were also several houses in Rochester that sustained extensive damage. The power was down in Rochester and parts of Rule for approximately three hours, and down in parts of Haskell for four hours. WTU workers were on the job all night.

# Wild Horse Prairie Days, a tremendous success

A "Tremendous Success," are the best words to describe the first annual Wild Horse Prairie Days in Haskell over this past weekend. It was the culmination of long hours of hard work by the Chamber of Commerce and other community members who gave so willingly of their time.

The festivities started off on Thursday evening with local restaurants and food establishments catering a "Taste of Haskell" appreciation dinner for the sponsors, Chamber of Commerce directors and other volunteers. An assortment of delicious food to please everyone's taste adorned the serving tables and was enjoyed by all attending.

The crowning of Tonya Burson as Miss Haskell County Queen at the High School auditorium capped off the Thursday evening activities. (See separate story).

Food and merchant vendors began setting up their booths at the arena on Friday afternoon preceding the Ranch Rodeo.

The Invitational Ranch Rodeo began the festivities on Friday night, with 10 of the 20 teams entered competing in five events, Wild Cow Milking, Team Roping, Team Sorting, Team Mugging, and Team Branding, followed by a Buddy Pick-Up.

Cowboys from the Flowers Ranch, Guitar Ranch (Paint Creek Cattle Co.), Moorhouse Ranch, Bar S Ranch (Springer), Nail Ranch, Ralph Riddel Ranch, Thompson Ranch, Flat Top 8 Ranch and Bar S Ranch (Stewart), demonstrated their skill and precision in ranch work before a large crowd of cheering spectators (estimated by some to be over 1,000 people) at the Friday night performance.

Friday night's Ranch Rodeo was followed by a dance at the Haskell

By Michael Copeland

Haskell Band members participated

in the UIL State Solo and

Ensemble competition at San

Marcos. The students brought home

four Division I Gold Medals and

Philip Huff received a gold

medals for his piano performance of

Chopin's "Polonaise" Opus 40.

Jessica Bridwell, Shannon Jordan

and Vanessa Miller received three

gold medals for their twirling trio.

to solo events. Kaki Stapleton

Silver medals are awarded only

four Division II Silver Medals.

Monday, May 27, eleven

Memorial Civic Center, with Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys playing an assortment of country and western swing music to a packed house. An estimated 500 people were on hand to enjoy the blend of old and new tunes' performed by Nix and his band.

Saturday's activities began with a Chuckwagon Cook-off at the Haskell City Park, with five chuckwagons entered in the competition, each preparing some down-home type ranch cooking.

First place winners of the Chuckwagon Cook-off, Jack Wheat of Brownwood and Bruce Herse of San Angelo with the Wheatland Ranch chuckwagon, served up a delicious meal of pot roast with potatoes, carrots and onions, red beans, peach cobbler and sourdough biscuits. They were awarded \$560 for their first place win. Wheat said that the wagon they use, which is his grandfather's wagon, is over 110 years old; and that their cooking utensils were all hand forged. Not only do they make all the Chuckwagon Cook-offs, but they also do custom catering.

The NT Ranch of Anson with owners Natha and Wayne Mitchell of Stanton and ranch foreman, Troy Peacock of Anson, were second place winners of \$337, with a finger-lickin' good meal of chicken fried steak, beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, peach cobbler and sourdough biscuits. Natha Mitchell said that they try to make a few of the cookoffs each year. Many of you will recognize Troy Peacock as one of the four Peacock brothers that have worked on West Texas ranches for many years, following in the footsteps of their dad, who was a ranch cowboy.

Horace and Sarah Hatfield of the Rainy Valley Ranch of Baird, served up a tasty rib-sticking meal

received a silver medal for her piano

performance of a Haydn sonata. The

other three silver medals went to

Jessica Bridwell, Tenille Mathis and

Shannon Jordan for their twirling

state since I was hired as Haskell's

band director. The students have

worked real hard, and they

represented the school and

were Shelly Palacios, Wendy

Dulaney, Mary Kay Watson, Chris

McSmith and Missy Teague.

Other students who participated

community on a first class level."

"This is the best year for us at

Haskell band students

receive State honors

of pot roast with potatoes, carrots and onions, beans, sourdough biscuits, peach cobbler and coffee for a third place win of \$225. Bill Blankenship said that their peach cobbler was the best he had ever tasted. The Hatfields enter cook-offs as time allows. This year they have set up their wagon at a gathering at the San Antonio Fat Stock Show, and also went to Austin to help kick off the Fat Stock Show in that city. Sarah said they also attended a gathering of Chuckwagons at the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, earlier in the year, where everyone cooked and

sampled.

As there were only three places paid in the cook-off, the other two chuckwagons did not place, but did serve up some very tasty and

delicious food. Wilbur, Annette and Cody Wilson of the Ericsdahl Cattle Co. prepared beef fajitas, fried potatoes spiced up with onions and jalapeno peppers, beans and apple crisp. The Wilsons enter into cook-off competitions through the season.

Homer and Mitzi Robertson of Granbury prepared a mouthwatering meal of smothered steak, fried potatoes, beans, bread pudding and sourdough biscuits. This is the couple's first year to participate in chuckwagon cook-offs, but they said they were enjoying it all.

Just across the way, the brisket cook-off was getting in full swing, with a wide assortment of cookers fired up for competition.

There were 26 briskets judged in the brisket cook-off, with the first

through third place winners receiving a cash award and fourth and fifth places receiving a trophy.

The first place winner was a team from Haskell National Bank, Tom Turner, Robert Turner, Larry Kimbrough and Faye Bledsoe sharing the \$100 prize money.

The second place of \$50 went to Howard Kohout of Stamford, and third place of \$25 went to Terry Brandon of Haskell.

Fourth place winner, Lester Lofton of Lueders and fifth place winner, George Oustad of Munday, each received a trophy. The Showmanship Trophy was awarded to Roddy Kuenstler of the Chatterbox of Stamford.

# Tonya Burson, Haskell Co. Queen

Tonya Burson, a 1996 graduate of Haskell High School was crowned Miss Haskell County at the Queen's Pageant held Thursday night, May 30, in the Haskell High School auditorium. Tonya is the daughter of Mrs. Judy Chapman and Tony Burson of Haskell.

Ashton Rutkowski presented Tonya a dozen red roses. She received a \$50 savings bond from First National Bank of Haskell and 1996 silver commemorative dollars from Haskell National Bank.

Tonya, who was sponsored by The Drug Store in Haskell, presided over the Wild Horse Prairie Days festivities and led the Grand Entry at the Ranch Rodeo.

1st Runner-up was Kelli Moeller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Moeller of Haskell. She was sponsored by Moeller Seed Cleaning. 2nd Runner-up was Misti Henson, the granddaughter of Sue and Cecil Bingham of Haskell. She was sponsored by First National Bank.

Judges were Reesa Kitt and Gail Thompson of Abilene.

Other entries in the pageant were Amy Barbour, sponsored by Personality-Slipper Shoppe; Shayne McKenzie, sponsored by Kay's Cleaners; Halee Walton, sponsored by Shane Hadaway Law offices; Melanie Alvarez, sponsored by Sport About; Amy McWhorter, sponsored Haskell National Bank; Ember Josselet, sponsored by Nanny Plumbing; and Dacia Phemister, sponsored by Heads or Tails.

A group of local people entertained the audience while the judges were making their decision. Ginny Kloog sang two songs, "When You Say Nothing at All,"



**TONYA BURSON, crowned Miss Haskell County Queen** 

and "The River;" Hilee Mulligan performed two twirling routines; Brandy Gardner sang two selections, "Halfway Down" and "Down at the Twist and Shout;" Brittany Rutkowski performed a tumbling

routine; Nick Jimenez on the guitar and John Adam Abila on the accordian entertained the audience with several tunes; and the Wallace grandchildren performed a skit in honor of Wild Horse Prairie Days.

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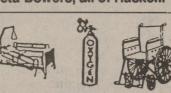
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# New produce manager at **Modern Way**



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# **Obituaries**

Glenna Gayle Parker

Services were held for Glenna Gayle Parker, 60, of Haskell on Friday, May 31, at the First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim Turner and Dr. Tommy Culwell officiating. Burial was in Henson Cemetery in Red Springs under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Parker died Tuesday, May 28, at the Edinburg Hospital in Edinburg. She was born Oct. 10, 1935 in Seymour. She married Gene Parker on Jan. 14, 1955 in Seymour. They moved to Haskell in 1971. She was a

Services were held for lifelong Haskell resident, Nola Fay Fowler, 83, on Saturday, June 1, at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Ministers Russell Moody and Dale Huff officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Fowler died Thursday, May 30, at Haskell Memorial Hospital. She was born June 11, 1912 in Haskell Co. She married William Alford Fowler on Dec. 19, 1928. He preceded her in death on Nov. 25, 1983. She graduated from one of the first L.V.N. schools in this area and was a nurse at Haskell Hospital

Graveside services were held for lifelong Haskell Co. resident, Nannie Lou Miller, 88, of Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell on Saturday, June 1, at the Rule Cemetery, with John Greeson officiating, and under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Miller died Friday, May 31, at Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell. She was born Dec. 2, 1907 in Haskell Co. She married William Bruce Miller on Dec. 10, 1925, in Rule. She was a homemaker and a member of Sweethome Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Bruce Miller, on May 29, 1988 and three brothers,

Services were held for longtime Haskell resident, Mary Ethel Thomas, 85, on Saturday, June 1, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Sid Parsley and Truett Kuenstler officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Thomas died Thursday, May 30, at the Haskell Memorial Hospital. She was born Aug. 13, 1910 in Quitman. She married John Thomas on Oct. 4, 1930 in Haskell. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church, where she belonged to the United Methodist Women. She had been a Haskell

Nola Fay Fowler

Lake Whitney; two daughters, Mary Fay Cartwright of

Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehab.

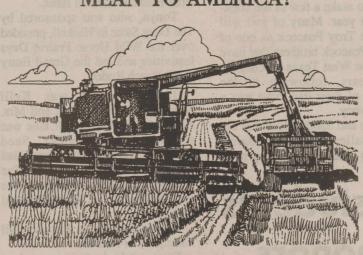
Nannie Lou Miller Virgil Wilson, Rayford Wilson and Doc Wilson Rule; one daughter, Patricia Ann Laughlin of Irving three sisters, Trannie Brooks and Vera Mae Denson of Stamford and Connie Madge Owens of Oklahoma

Mary Ethel Thomas

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I want to start this month's column off by saying congratulations to all of the folks involved with the recent Wild Horse Prairie Days. This event was an excellent public relations and marketing tool for Haskell and it was done professionalism. Thanks to all of you involved in helping with this

I hope to announce within the next week or so who the new Internet provider will be for Haskell. This is a very exciting development as it will allow businesses, citizens and the schools to connect to the world wide web of global information. The local server will have a Haskelltx.Com address and we will be able to use the Haskell Home Page to recruit businesses and families to town, and to promote local activities.

This office is sponsoring a survey of people ages 55-74 in Haskell and ten surrounding counties to determine the level of interest in a possible retirement center to be built here. This should be mailed out in the next couple of weeks, so please fill it out and get it back to us as soon as you can If the response is favorable, construction on this project could possibly begin in the next 12-24 months.

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# LIFESTYLES



**PETE and SWEDE KITTLEY** 

# Pete and Swede Kittley honored on anniversary

Billy Dave "Pete" and Thelma Elizabeth "Swede" Kittley met in Washington, D.C. before Pete was shipped to Europe to serve his country in World War II. When Pete returned home after the war he sent for Swede who arrived in Rule, on June 3, 1946. She was introduced to the Kittley family and friends, and married to Pete within two hours of arriving in Rule. That love has lasted for 50 years.

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As Pete surprised his family and friends on June 3, 1946; his family and friends surprised him and Swede on June 1, 1996, with a party in the home of his mother, Mildred Kittley. The surprise party was given by Mildred Kittley; sons, Dave and Jimmy; daughter-in-laws, Pat and Susan; brother, Jack and his wife Margaret; and friend June Biffle. They have four grandchildren, Tre' Ann Kittley, Dave Kittley III, Sara Kittley and Stephen Kittley.

They have been models of stability and loyalty to those they love; and the Rule community loves you Pete and Swede!

# Eight Paint Creek seniors receive scholarships

By Gerre Larned

On Friday, May 24, eleven seniors proudly took part in the graduation ceremony at Paint Creek High School in the H.P. Morrison Auditorium. Along with receiving their diplomas, eight seniors also received over \$10,000 in college scholarships.

Valedictorian of the class was Leigh Ann Reel, daughter of Ronnie and Brenda Reel. She will attend Hardin-Simmons University this fall, where she will play basketball. After the presentation of the Valedictorian award, which will pay a portion of her tuition, Leigh Ann also received a HSU Academic Scholarship, the Stamford Classroom Teachers' Association Scholarship and a Southern Baptist Matching Grant.

Salutatorian of the class was Marcus Overton, son of Wallar and Steffi Overton. Marcus will attend A&M University this fall and was awarded scholarships from Haskell First United Methodist Church, the Haskell Kiwanis Club and the First National Bank of Haskell.

Casey Thompson, son of Kenny and Wanda Thompson, will attend Hardin-Simmons University, where he will play football. He was awarded the HSU Dean's Scholarship, a Southern Baptist Matching Grant, and the Hazel and Robert Reynolds Memorial Scholarship.

Josh Howard, the son of Glenn and Sue Howard, will attend Midwestern University in Wichita Falls and major in manufacturing engineering. He received the MENT Scholarship from Midwestern and the Marc and Melisa Robison Scholarship.

Capella Tsoodle and Amy McWhorter also plan to attend Midwestern University this fall. Capella is the daughter of Vern and Laurel Howard and was the recipient of the Paint Creek Ex-Students Association Scholarship and a Coke Fund Scholarship.

Amy, who is the daughter of Kenneth McWhorter Jr. and Mary Ann McWhorter, was awarded the Haskell Co. Police Activities League Scholarship.

Other recipients of Coke Fund Scholarships were Bobby Scheets, son of Minnie Scheets and Alan Merchant, son of Debbie Merchant. Both Bobby and Alan plan to attend Western Texas College in Snyder. Alan also received the Max and Jeannete Calk Scholarship.

TEN BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LA-DIES competed in the Miss **Haskell County Queen Pageant** on Thursday night at the Haskell High School auditorium. From left: Amy McWhorter, Melanie Alvarez, Amy Barbour, Misti Henson, Dacia Phemister, Shayne McKenzie, Ember Josselet, Tonya Burson, Kelli Moeller and Halee Walton. Free Press photo by Bill Blankenship.



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# **Around Town**

By Joyce Hawkins

The Garrett reunion was held Sunday in the Weinert Community Building. Those attending from out of town were: Shag Garrett of Wichita Falls; Carl Garrett of Stamford; Jack and Leta Bell Sellers of Rule; Cleve Farrell of Houston; W.T. Curd and family of Knox City; Chris Farrell and family of Austin; Bill and Beverly Farrell, Elgin, Alton and Loretta Garrett, all of Abilene; Sam and Joyce Roberts of Lake Kemp; Weldon, Monica, Maria and Jr. Garrett of Andrews; David and Chris Sellers of Abilene; R.C. and Ruth Langford of Rule; Carolyn Sisson of Oklahoma; Dernia and Trey Larned and Darla Lane of New Braunsfels; Randy and Donna Waggoner of Haskell; and one visitor, Florence Larned of

Haskell. Attending from Weinert were: Ida and Willie Farrell, Med and Herschel Alexander Jr. and Bennie Horan, Don and Gracie Griffith, Ann and Trish Horan, Christy and Ray Hill and Maxine Boling.

Everyone enjoyed lots of visiting and plenty of food.

Visiting Joyce Hawkins on Sunday was son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hawkins and a friend, Chad Grimes of Lewisville.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Pat

Henry over the weekend, were son, Harry Henry of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kirby of Houston.

Neat Bevel attended the Turner-Phillips family reunion at Camp Christine over the Memorial Day

There was approximately 60 attending. The time was spent playing 42 table games, swimming, hiking and a hayride. Everyone is looking forward to the same time next year.

Mrs. Sonny Mathews of Midland spent a few days last week with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Delma Mathews, who had the misfortune of falling and breaking her left arm.

Cliff and Lois Nicholson were in Irving over the weekend. They visited Lois' brother and wife, Jay and Fern Lackey. Saturday morning, they attended a breakfast honoring the Lackey's son and anniversary. Sunday afternoon, they attended a 100th birthday part for Worth. Willie Mae is the sister of the late Dock Andress and Bulah Lackey of Haskell. At age 100, she remembered nearly everyone at the

wife, Jay and Linda Lackey for their their aunt Willie Mae of Fort

#### Experienced Citizens Calendar, Menu

Friday, June 7 Lunch—BBQ chicken, potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, brownies, bread, milk, tea and

Monday, June 10 Lunch-Swiss steak, green beans, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, bread pudding, bread, milk, tea and coffee

Wednesday, June 12 10:30 a.m.—Exercise Lunch—Butter beans/ham, spinach, parsliced potatoes, carrot salad, fruit cobbler, bread, milk, tea and coffee

Thursday, June 13 9 a.m.-4 p.m.-West Tx. Rehab Audiologist (back of hospital) 800-460-5485

Friday, June 14 11:45 a.m.—Lou Gilly Lunch-Beef brisket, gravy,

buttered potatoes, broccoli/cheese, Rosemary Bennie salad, cinnamon rolls, bread, milk, tea and coffee

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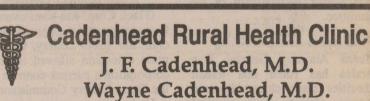
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# OPINION



#### HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush has sworn in the 16-member Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief, the first step in a plan to study how \$10 billion a year in property taxes might be replaced.

Bush said the committee's job will be to determine "whether the people are hot enough about property taxes to replace them"— or support an overhaul of the state tax code. Texas businesses and homeowners, whose plea for tax reform is growing louder, presently shoulder more than 90 percent of the property tax burden.

Committee members were furnished with state figures showing that Texans are paying a continually rising property tax even though property values are increasing.

The committee will be taking public testimony on other ways to fund state government at 14 hearings to be held across the state. The panel is to report back to the governor by the end of September.

Bush said he would not support any plan that raised more or less money than the property taxes, and he reiterated his insistence that a state income tax is not an option. So far, three options under

consideration are:

Expanding the 6.25 percent state sales tax to include items not presently taxed;

A business activity tax; and
 A gross receipts tax on all
 business and investment income.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer is chairman of the committee.

#### AG Issues Handgun Ruling

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has ruled that transit authorities can't charge licensed handgun carriers with criminal trespass for taking their handguns on city buses.

That's because criminal trespass only can be committed on "real property," he said.

State Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, told the Houston Chronicle, "We knew these restrictions (by transit authorities) were unenforceable from the beginning and the attorney general agrees.

"Concealed handgun license holders may ride the bus without fear of retribution if their weapon remains concealed," said Patterson, a co-sponsor of the right-to-carry bill that became law last September.

But Morales spokesman Ward Tisdale said it still is within transit authorities' rights to ban handguns. "This new ruling says handgun carriers don't necessarily commit criminal trespass, but it doesn't say they didn't commit another offense."

#### Morales Warns Republic

Meanwhile, Morales has warned the Republic of Texas movement that if they break state laws, they will be prosecuted.

"My office cannot and will

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not condone deliberate and willful violations of state and federal law," Morales said in a letter "I am duty-bound to enforce the law of the land and can make no exceptions for those who profess political or philosophical disagreements with our government."

The attorney general's staff mailed the letter to 55 people believed to be associated with the right-wing organization, which denies the legal legitimacy of the government of Texas.

Bomer Sets Insurance Hike
Insurance Commissioner Elton
Bomer last week ordered a 3.2
percent average statewide increase
of the automobile benchmark rate,

to go into effect in August.

The increase is about half of what a panel of administrative law judges had recommended. Insurance companies had asked for an 11.3 percent increase in the benchmark rate.

Companies may charge from 30 percent above to 30 percent below the benchmark rate.

According to the Department of Insurance, 68 of 229 companies that sell auto insurance in Texas charge between 21 percent and 30 percent above the benchmark, so it pays to shop around.

Lyndon Anderson, an associate insurance commissioner, said, "With more than 200 car insurers offering a wide range of rates, consumers should shop around for the best deal."

#### GTech Contract Extended

GTech Corp. has been awarded a five-year contract extension to operate the Texas Lottery, the maximum extension allowed under the corporation's current contract with the Texas Lottery Commission.

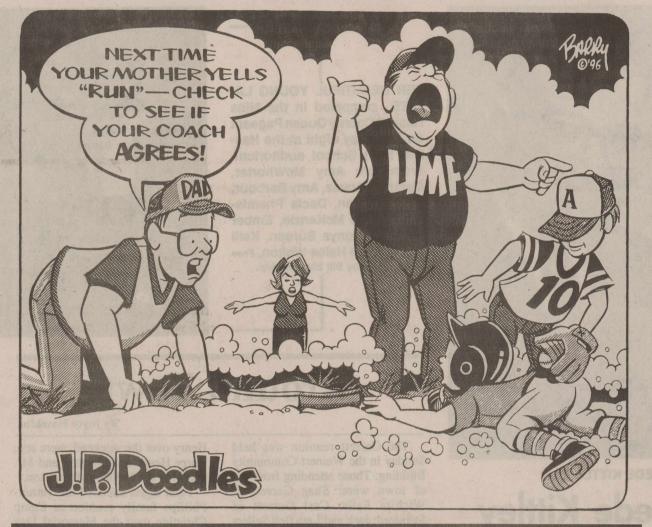
Under the contract extension, GTech agreed to reduce its sales commission from 3.944 cents per \$1 ticket down to an average of 3.4 cents over the term of the contract, and to install 6,000 new on-line lotto terminals in retail stores across Texas.

The lottery has had ticket sales of more than \$8.3 billion in its first three years.

#### Other Capital Highlights

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has ruled that trial judges, on rare occasions, can decide that juries have made a wrong decision about the facts and can overrule their decisions. To that effect, last week, the court sent 11 cases back to lower courts to review questions of fact raised by convicted criminals.

Justice Policy Council says 37 percent of people given probation for crimes in 1991, then tracked by the state for three years, ended up sentenced to prison. The study tracked 3,772 people sentenced to community corrections. Those convicted of drug and property offenses had the highest rate of repeat criminal behavior.



# From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago June 3, 1976

The Haskell Jaycees have started checking shaving permits. Tuesday afternoon they made a haul. Jimmy Bynum, Game Warden Jackie Young, Chamber Manager Rex Felker and Druggist Kenneth Jones were all jailed and had to buy a shaving permit before they were released. The Beard Growing contest is in conjunction with the Wild West Show slated to be here June 25-26.

Wheat harvest in Haskell County is underway, combines are in action. With the rains and hail, some of the crops were damaged heavily. But with a couple of weeks of good weather, the wheat harvest should be over.

30 Years Ago

June 9, 1966 Burglars entered the Gilmore Implement Co., 5 North First St. and Richardson Truck and Tractor Co. on the Throckmorton Highway sometime last Friday night. Entry was gained to Gilmore Implement through a back door. A soft drink vending machine was looted, however, Brax Gilmore, owneroperator, said that he had emptied the cash from the vending machine the day before and the burglar obtained only about \$1. At Richardson Truck and Tractor Co., entry was made by breaking out a glass near the southeast corner in the rear of the building. An undetermined amount of cash was taken from the cash drawer and a soft drink machine was also looted.

From the Prattle column by Al Hinds—Fishing is good. That is it was for Taylor Childress and Crawford Carruth of Guyman, Okla. and Ocie Carruth of Haskell. Monday morning they caught a 49-pound yellow cat on a trot line i the north end of Stamford Lake. Childress said they were using perch for bait. This, by the way is not a "fishy" story as the fellows brought the evidence (the catfish) by the Free Press for this scribe to eyeball.

60 Years Ago June 4, 1936

Work of laying several thousand feet of extension and repairs to the Haskell water system was started Monday morning by the Vedder Construction Company.

Miss Margaret Killingsworth, granddaughter of I.D. Killingsworth, of Haskell, who has studied at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Md. for the past three years, graduated at the Conservatory Friday night. Miss Killingsworth majored in Violin and will study there another year.

Miss Alvis Grindstaff, who has been a student at C.I.A. in Denton for the past term, returned to her home in this city Sunday.

> 70 Years Ago June 3, 1926

Marshall Pierson, one of the State Food Inspectors, spent the weekend with homefolks. Mr. Pierson is in fine health and spirits and says he is on the jump with his

work at this time of the year. He never knows where he will go until he receives instructions from the State Department.

Mr. W.J. Jenkins of Weinert was in the city Monday renewing his acquaintances with his former friends.

I.N. Simmons, the smiling carrier of Route A out of this city, is in San Angelo this week at the bedside of his sister, who is in the sanitarium at that place.

90 Years Ago June 9, 1906

Mr. S.L. Robertson has had a store building erected just north of the post office and he moved his stock of goods into it Thursday. He will conduct his business here until his stone building is completed on the west side.

Mr. W.M. Myers says the late rains and hail damaged the stand of cotton 25 percent in his neighborhood 10 miles north of town, but did little damage to other crops.

Mr. G.B. Powell, who did the fancy stone cutting for the courthouse at this place when it was being built, has returned to Haskell after an absence of about 14

A double wedding occurred at the Lindell Hotel in this place on Sunday afternoon, June 3, in which Mr. W.M. Bolander and Miss Mae McCutchens, and W.G. Moore and Miss Eula McLain were united in marriage. Rev. J.H. Chambliss officiated.

## New enrollment period for Texas Tomorrow fund

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, has announced that the next enrollment period for the Texas Tomorrow Fund will open on Monday, Nov. 18, 1996 and run through Monday, Feb. 17, 1997.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund is the state's innovative program that allows families to lock in the costs of their children's future college tuition at today's prices.

\$500

"Shrewd shoppers know that early summer is the time to plan for the end-of-the year holiday season," Sharp said. "Now they have another option to add to their gift giving lists—much of the cost of a college education with the Texas Tomorrow Fund."

The program's second enrollment period was approved by the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board at its quarterly meeting in Austin.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund's debut enrollment period opened on Jan. 2 and closed on April 1. More than 41,000 contracts were purchased worth an estimated total of \$372 million.

Sharp said 81 percent of the initial contracts purchased were for the senior college plan, which covers tuition and required fees for up to 120 credit hours at any public senior college or university in Texas. Another 12 percent were for the junior-senior college plan, covering up to 64 credit hours at a public senior college or university, for a total of 124 credit hours.

Five percent of the contracts purchased were for the junior college plan, which pays for up to 64 credit hours of tuition and required fees at a public junior or technical colleges, and two percent were for the private college plan covering the average cost of tuition and required fees for up to 120 credit hours at any of the state's private colleges and universities.

Sharp said that the most popular of the four available payment options for contracts purchased during the initial enrollment period was the monthly installment plan until graduation, with more than 44 percent to purchasers signing up for this plan. The lump sum payment option was chosen by 23 percent of those bought contracts. The 5-year monthly installment payment was chosen by 17 percent of purchasers and nearly 16 percent chose the 10-7-year monthly payment plan.

## Letters

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To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to say a great big Texas Thank You to all of the great people that worked on making the first Wild Horse Prairie Days a huge success.

There were many, many people that put in many, many hours—too many to name in this small space.

It was the best event that Haskell has had in a long time. I have had more compliments and thank yous on this project than all of the other projects that I have worked on putting together.

It took all of us working together to make this wonderful event come off with as much success and as smooth as it did. It was great to be a part of it.

Thanks again,

Doris McMeans
Hask. Chamber of Commerce
President of the Board

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# Texas Parks and Wildlife facilities can mean summer fun for families The 13 counties comprising The park offers fishing, swimming, nestled below the dam at I

The 13 counties comprising House Dist. 68 contain facilities managed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. that can serve as an excellent opportunity for family fun this summer. State Representative Charles Finnell said, "I am proud that the district can boast of three state parks and one major fishery hatchery all of which serve the constituents of my district. I would encourage families making summer plans to take advantage of these recreational opportunities just down the road."

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Copper Breaks State Park consists of 1888.7 acres, 12 miles south of Quanah or nine miles north of Crowell, in Hardeman Co. Along with educational/interpretive programs focused on the Comanche and Kiowa history of the area, the park provides such recreational activities as camping, picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming, wildlife viewing, backpacking, kite flying and horseback riding. A portion of the official Texas longhorn herd is also maintained at the park. For more details, call the park at 817-839-4331.

Lake Arrowhead State Park covers 524 acres in Clay Co., 14 miles southeast of Wichita Falls. Lake Arrowhead is a reservoir on the Little Wichita River consisting of approximately 13,500 surface acres and 106 miles of shoreline.

The park offers fishing, swimming, water skiing, picnicking, camping, nature study, hiking, horseback riding and boating. Seasonal boat rentals are available. For more details, call the park at 817-528-2211.

Fort Richardson State Historical Park, located northwest of Fort Worth in Jack Co., contains 396.1 acres. The fort originally named Fort Jacksboro, was founded in the summer of 1866 as the northernmost of a line of federal forts established after the Civil War. After several relocations, the fort was moved in 1867 to its present site on the south bank of Lost Creek a half mile south of Jacksboro on U.S. Highway 281 and renamed for Gen. Israel B. Richardson, who died in the battle of Antietam during the Civil War.

Fort structures include seven of the original buildings which have been partially restored. In addition, the park is home for a museum, an interpretive center and some ruins.

Activities a the park include historical study, picnicking, camping, wading in the creek, fishing, hiking and nature study. A special, the "Hoof and Hair Cookoff," is scheduled for Aug. 16 and 17 at the Fort. If you are interested in cooking or judging, call the park at 817-567-3506.

Dundee State Fish Hatchery,

nestled below the dam at Lake Diversion, 23 miles west of Wichita Falls and seven miles north of Dundee, is the state's major production facility for striped bass. Approximately five million striped bass fingerlings are produced annually. This is currently the largest state fish hatchery in

operation.

The hatchery is opened to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. Visits by both individuals and groups are welcome. Arrangements for large groups should be made in advance by calling 817-586-1203.

To reserve a campsite at a state park call Texas Parks and Wildlife's central reservation system in Austin at 512-389-8900. Special activities in addition to those already mentioned will be occurring at state parks throughout the summer, so watch for local notices.

Rep. Finnell said, "During my years in the Legislature I have worked to insure that Dist. 68 is well served by state agencies. One of these agenciew, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., has been one of my special interests. As you plan those special family events for the coming summer season, I hope you will look "just down the road," to seek adventures in the district's state parks. I hope you and your family have a safe and memorable summer."

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# Food for thought

By Charles H. Spurgeon "Blessed is he that watcheth."-Revelation 16:15.

"We die daily," said the apostle. This was the life of the early Christians; they went everywhere with their lives in their hands. We are not in this day called to pass through the same fearful persecutions: if we were, the Lord would give us grace to bear the test; but the tests of Christian life, at the present moment, though outwardly not so terrible, are yet more likely to overcome us than even those of the fiery age.

We have to bear the sneer of the world—that is little; its blandishments, its soft words, its

# **New Bible** class at 1st Christian

The Christian Church of Haskell is proud to announce the initiation of a brand new morning Bible class. Time and place of the meetings are Sundays at 9:45 a.m. at 107 N. Ave. F. The duration of the classes at June 9-Aug. 25. The purpose of the classes are to enhance communication skills for Christians.

The focus will be on such topics as are helpful to marriage, parenting, peer and professional relationships and others as well. Each class is self-contained and a separate unit, so come after the wheat is in, the cotton is out, or the cows are home. If you have an interest in enhancing your rt, ationships, then come check this

Frank Summers, minister for the Christian Church since the summer of 1992, will direct discussions and teach. A graduate of Preston Road School of Preaching in Dallas and of ACU, Minister Summers has been preaching since 1981.

He is currently enrolled in a graduate program at Abilene Christian University in Human Communications with a focus on i terpersonal communications. He sincerely believes he has found a gold mine of information that could serve to enhance this community. If you want to solidify your marriage: break down peer or age related barriors; or be innovative in your interpersonal relationships, this is for you.

#### **Students** in the News

Robert Huff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Huff of Haskell, is among the 938 Harding University, Searcy, Ark., students included on the school's Dean List for grades achieved during the spring semester at the university.

Huff, a junior majoring in mathematics, graduated from Taskell High School before entering Harding.

Hans Overton of Haskell, a student at Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's List for the spring semester at the University.

Hans, the son of Wallar and Steffi Overton of Paint Creek, is a graduate of Paint Creek High School.

Lyle Fouts

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oily speeches, its fawning, its hypocrisy, are far worse. Our danger is lest we grow rich and become proud, lest we give ourselves up to the fashions of this present evil world, and lose our faith.

Or if wealth be not the trial, worldly care is quite as mischievous. If we cannot be torn in pieces by the roaring lion, if we may be hugged to death by the bear, the devil little cares which it is, so long as he destroys our love to Christ and our confidence in Him.

I fear me that the Christian church is far more likely to lose her integrity in these soft and silken days than in those rougher times.

We must be awake now, for we traverse the enchanted ground and are most likely to fall asleep to our own undoing, unless our faith in Jesus be a reality, and our love to Jesus a vehement flame.

Many in these days of easy profession are likely to prove tares, and not wheat; hypocrites with fair masks on their faces, but not the

true-born children of the living

Christian, do not think that these are times in which you can dispense with watchfulness or with holy ardor, you need these things more than ever, and may God the eternal Spirit display his omnipotence in you, that you may be able to say, in all these softer things, as well as in the rougher, "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Submitted by Sam Bitner.



# This Week's Devotional Message:

GOD'S LOVE PROVIDED THE JOYFUL SERENITY OF SUMMER

When springtime flowers fade away And sunlight warms each golden day, All work will stop, while everyone Gets ready for some outdoor fun. Now some maintain their status quo Relaxing on the patio, While those more energetic choose The picnics and the barbecues;

But when it comes to Sabbath day, Let one and all decide to pray. With many members out of town, Don't let your House of Worship down. Remember that its help is near In any season of the year: Then see the Lord's creation thrive In summer, when the earth's alive.

# ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

-HASKELL-

East Side Baptist Church David Page, pastor Sun. Mom. 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

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

Raul Tirado, pastor

First Assembly of God Rev. J.C. Amburn Sun. Mom. 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. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ Dale Huff, minister Sun. Mom. 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, Haskel **Trinity Baptist Church** 

Rev. Kenneth Blair Sun. Mom. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p. 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 Mom. 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. Mom. 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. Mom. 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.; 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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

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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.

Weinert Methodist Church Rev. James Patterson Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crownover Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

-ROCHESTER-Church of Christ Jim Pratt, minister Sun. Mom. 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, Rocheste Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Andrew Sun. Mom. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister Sun. Mom. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Hwy 6, Rochester First United Methodist Church Dolan Brinson, pastor

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Rochester

-SAGERTON-

Sagerton Methodist Church Carol Krumpton, 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.

-RULE-First Baptist Church Stewart Farrell, pastor Sun. Mom. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1001 Union Ave., Rule **Primitive Baptist Church** Dale Turner Jr., pastor First & Third Sundays 10 a.m. Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule Church of Christ John Greeson, minister

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:40 a.m., 6 p.m.: Wed. 7 p.m. 811 Union, Rule **New Life Baptist Mission** Jesus Herrera

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule Sweet Home Baptist Church Matt Herrington, pastor Sun. Mom. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Gladstone Ave., Rule

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Sun. Mom. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m. 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

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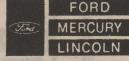
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# unteers needed for CF walk

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will hold a "Great Strides" walk on June 15, starting at the Haskell City Park, to raise money for the foundation.

Volunteers are needed for the walk and also to help raise money, through door-to-door solicitation. Volunteers need to pick up a packet from Cindy Barnes. She can be reached at 864-3067 (home) or 864-2621 (work).

The money needs to be collected by June 15 and turned in at the

Your participation in Great Strides: A walk to Cure Cystic Fibrosis will be welcomed and appreciated. The dollars you raise through Great Strides will keep critical Cystic Fibrosis research moving forward.

# Airplane club to host annual fly-in

The Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club will host their 11th Annual Open House Fly-in on Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16 at the Haskell Model Airport.

This event is sanctioned by the Academy of Model Aeronautics and a large number of area modelers is expected. This year there will be no competition so that a wider variety of models may be seen.

The club will have a BBQ supper Saturday night at the flying field. Plaques will be awarded: to the pilot coming the longest distance to attend; to the best example of a civilian aircraft; and to the best military aircraft.

Spectators are invited to come and watch the flying and see the displays. A concession stand will be open both days.

# Quilts and oven winners

The eighth annual Sunday in the Park was held June 2, in conjunction with Haskell's Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration.

All types of booths serving food, ice cream, cold drinks, Mexican food were available. Other events included a cheerleaders dunking booth, a face painting booth, and some merchandise vendors.

The Haskell County Squares performed for the public from 2 to 3 p.m. at the pavilion in the park.

The winner of the drawing for the roaster oven raffled off by the Kiwanis Club was Ronnie Vaughn of Haskell. Cheerleader Kelli Moeller drew the winning ticket.

The Experienced Citizens Center drawing for the multi-colored quilt was awarded to Zach Wood of

The winning bid in the Silent Auction for the sunflower quilt went to Nancy Adkins of Rochester. She is the granddaughter of Effie Green, who pieced the

The winning bid in the Silent Auction for the multi-colored quilt went to Earmel Bevel of Haskell.

All three of the quilts were pieced by Effie Green and donated by Russell and Seleca Grand. The quilting was done by ECC volunteer ladies.

The Center would like to express their thanks to all who supported the fund raiser. A total of \$800 was raised to benefit the Center's building fund.

By Dorothy M. Clark Glory, Emma Raphelt of Stamford, Roy and Mary Letz of Rule, Cherri Lynn and Christi Stegemoeller of Hewitt, Stacy Townsend of Rochester, Emmalee Bivins of Rule, Melvin and Anella Baitz, Leon and Mae Stegemoeller, Danny and Helen Lammert and family, Ronnie and Kathy Teichelman and family, Clayton and Paula Stegemoeller and daughters, Tony, Billie Jo and Josh Freeman, Buddy and Beverly Tredemeyer, Bill and Margie Hertel, Mike and Cheryl Hertel and family, Pastor and Marie

Zell and Joe and Dorothy Clark. On Sunday, Fred and Tami Baitz hosted a family dinner honoring their daughter, Kami, after her confirmation at Faith Lutheran Church. Guests included her grandparents and great-grandmother, Melvin and Annella Baitz, Roy and Mary Letz and Emma Raphelt; herbaptismal sponsors, Kraig and Leslie Kupatt and their daughters; Joe and Dorothy Clark; Clayton and Paula Stegemoeller and daughters; **Buddy and Beverly Tredemeyer and** their guests Ben and Michael; Bill and Margie Hertel; and Delvin, Joni and Megan Boyd.

Ev Ulmer is recovering from a freak accident occurred Wednesday at her home and she received cuts on

The Melvin News have returned from a visit with relatives in Cleburne, Weatherford and Walnut Springs. Melvin's sister from California was there and they enjoyed a family reunion. A highlight of the visit was a half inch of rain. Maybe the News brought some of it home with them as we received up to 1.1 inches north of town on Thursday. It was a welcome sight and has given the local farmers hope to be able to plant their cotton.

Wheat harvest is almost completed with a fair yield and good Joe Salinas

Recent visitors in the Charles and Dorothy Clark home were Joe and Ellie Cyr of LaMarque.

Delbert and Joyce LeFevre have returned from a vacation to Lancaster, Calif. where they lived while Delbert was in the service during World War II. A point of interest in between that they visited was the Biosphere in Tucson, Ariz.

Jennifer Lehrmann and teammates Holly Smith, Debra Wilson and Amy Hisey from Rule attended basketball camp at West Texas A&M in Canyon last week. Jennifer was chose to be on the All-Star team.

Brian Lehrmann, Jeremy and Michael Hertel attended basketball camp at Cooper High School in Abilene last week.

Eugenia Puebla, daughter of Arthur and Beatrice Puebla was among the members of the confirmation class at the Catholic Church in Rhineland.

# **DPS** troopers to participate in World **Police Games**

Department of Public Safety troopers, Gary Johnson, stationed in Aspermont, and Johnny Josselet, stationed in Haskell, will participate in the 1996 World Police Games (once called the Texas Police Olympics) to be held in Houston June 10-14. This 20th anniversary of the games will feature 40 sports with over 90 events and 6,000 competitors.

Josselet will pair up with partner, Perry Braley, for doubles in golf. Johnson will be appointed a partner when he gets to the competition.



PAINT CREEK ELEMENTARY MUSICAL—Students at Paint Creek Elementary presented their Red, White and Blue musical on Tuesday, May 22. Phoi McGuire directed the production. Free Press photo by Jason Shaw

Sagerton News

# The Class of 1986 extends a special invitation to all former teachers to attend their 10-Hear Class Reunion on Saturday, June 15 from 2-4 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room Safety In

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#### SUMMER TAX UPDATE

•The Tax Foundation recently announced that May 7 was Tax Freedom Day for 1996. That's the date on which the average American taxpayer had earned enough money to pay all his or her federal, state, and local taxes for 1996.

•The Internal Revenue Service will begin testing a new tax collection program this summer. The Service will be using law firms and debt collection agencies to contact certain taxpayers who owe back taxes. Contracts will be made by phone or mail, not in person.

•IRS interest rates dropped for the second quarter of 1996 (April through June). The IRS will assess 8% interest on tax underpayments, and it will pay 7% interest on tax overpayments.

•1996 per diem rates have been set for lodging, meals, and incidental expenses incurred by employees while away from home on business. The rates will remain the same as 1995 per diem rates; however, additional localities have been added to the high-cost list. The 1996 list is available in IRS Publication 1542.

• Also unchanged for 1996 are the depreciation limits for business automobiles first placed in service this year. The limits are reviewed annually and changed if inflation has been high enough. As in 1995, the 1996 limits will be: first tax year-\$3,060, second tax year-\$4,900, third tax year-\$2,950, each succeeding year-\$1,755.

•The IRS is still hoping to perform some statistical audits. Its Tax Compliance Measurement Program (TCMP) audits were postponed indefinitely because of budget considerations. Now the IRS indicates that it would like to do audits of a smaller sampling of tax returns in order to obtain "at least some of the benefits that the postponed TCMP study was designed to achieve." It's estimated that the sample size for this scaled-down audit program would be 34,000 tax returns.

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Congratulations to another of

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graduation from Junior High. Josh

Freeman, son of Tony and Billie Jo

Freeman graduated from Stamford

Jr. High on Saturday morning and

is looking forward to his high

Lutheran Church for the week of

June 9, include family night on

Sunday at 6 p.m. and Faith Circle

meeting on Tuesday, June 11 at

High School students was held last

Friday night with the following

students from Sagerton

participating: Kacy Baitz, Lisa and

Nathan Macias and Chad

Teichelman. Kacy is th son of Fred

and Tami Baitz; Lisa and Nathan are

the children of Cato Jr. and Sallie

Macias; and Chad is the son of

The Sagerton Hobby Club

presented each of the Sagerton

students a \$200 scholarship to be

used to further their education. Kacy

was awarded the Coleman Bivins

Memorial Scholarship along with

Julie Saffel, and he also received an

award from the U.I.L. Lisa Macias

received a scholarship from the

Haskell County Police Dept.

Michael Hertel, son of Mike and Cheryl Hertel received a perfect

attendance award. We congratulate

all of these students for their

accomplishments and wish them

Baitz hosted a graduation party

honoring their son, Kacy, with the

following in attendance: Devin,

Joni and Megan Boyd of Kerrville,

Wilton and Dixie Payne of Tahoka,

Andrea Epley of Lubbock, Robert

Ace, Brenda and Mathew Turner of

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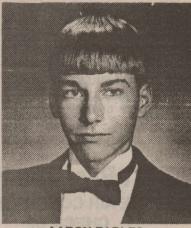
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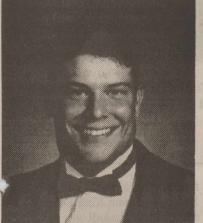
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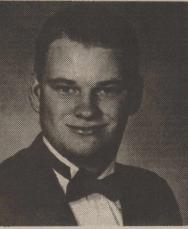
**REBECCA UNGER** \$500-Hazel & Robert Reynolds \$1,175 McKenney Trust \$1,000-Howard Payne



**AARON EARLES** \$300 Dr. Cliff Ray \$1,500-Carr Scholarship, ASU



**JAMIE HODGIN** \$500 Hazel & Robert Reynolds \$700—Crawford Conoco



**CHRISTOPHER TATUM** \$300-Haskell CISD Memorial



LISA RODRIQUEZ \$250-Progressive Study Club



JUSTIN LISLE \$300-Haskell CISD Memorial \$500-Rotary



CHARISSA HUFF-\$500 Lions \$250-Band Boosters & Val. \$1,000-Bob and Anita Herren \$2,750-Harding University



**VERONICA GONZALEZ** \$200-LULAC \$500-1st United Methodist \$300-Haskell CISD Memorial



APRIL ABILA \$200-LULAC



**KORY TIDROW** \$250-Progressive Study Club



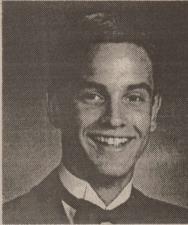
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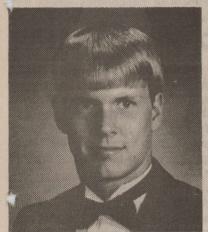
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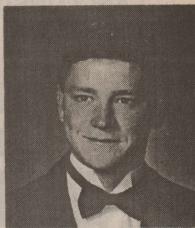
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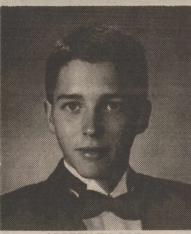
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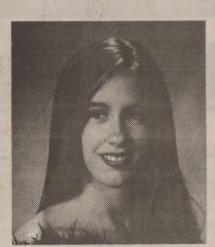
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**JOSEPH THIGPEN** \$200-American Legion



**CAROL THORNHILL** \$250-Dr. Bill & Carol McSmith \$300-Haskell CISD Memorial



SARA PARKER \$\$200-American Legion \$500-Amer. Legion Aux.

# Eight Paint Creek seniors receive scholarships



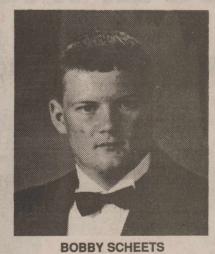
**LEIGH ANN REEL** Valedictorian Scholarship HSU Scholarship, Stam. Teacher Assn. So. Baptist Matching Grant



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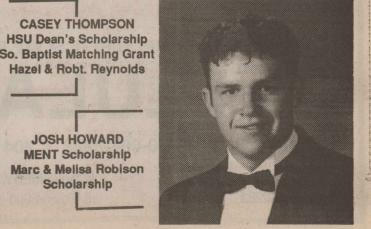


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# Thomas' grandson graduates

Cody Lewis Wollard, son of Mike and Suzanne Wollard of Grapevine, graduated from Carroll High School, Saturday night, June 1, at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth.

His grandparents, Lewis and Joyce Thomas of Haskell, and his

aunt, Debbie Scheffel of Lubbock, attended his graduation.

Cody plays on the varsity baseball team of Southlake-Carroll as catcher. They will be playing in the State play-offs in Austin on Thursday, June 6.



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Births

Jimmy and Cherry Pittcock of Aspermont are the proud parents of a daughter, Kannan Marie, born Tuesday, May 28, at 2:15 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs., 3-1/2 ozs. and measured 19 inches. Kannan has a sister, Kelli Ann, to welcome her

Paternal grandparents are Johnny and Doris Pittcock of Aspermont. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Marianna Graves of Guthrie. Greatgrandparents include Loyd and Mary Massey and Nan Pittcock of Aspermont, Hauley and Jean Graves of Guthrie and Hulon and Anna Bell Egger of Mullin.

Rob and Julie Goodenough announce the arrival of Bailey Grace, born May 30. She weighed 7 lbs., 14-1/2 ozs. and measured 20

Paternal grandmother is Linda Check of Amarillo. Maternal grandparents are Conrad and Betty Roewe of Haskell.



MISS HASKELL COUNTY QUEEN and the first two runners-up are Tonya Burson, Kelli Moeller-1st Runner-up and Misti Henson-2nd Runner-up. The girls were chosen at the Haskell Co. Queen Pageant held Thursday night at the High School auditorium.

## Wild Horse Prairie Days continued from page 1-

The Cowboy Poetry and entertainment, with Jeff Gore presiding, began at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning and continued until 6 p.m. that evening at the Haskell City Park Gazebo. A number of poets and musicians entertained a crowd of participants throughout the day, despite wind gusts and showers that threatened the event earlier in the day.

Gore sang a lot of his cowboy songs and recited poetry about the cowboy way of life. Other poets and musicians followed with their stories, poems and songs-some sad and some funny-about the cowboy way of life, as well as some gospel music. It brought to memory, for some attending, a way of life that is almost gone; and to others attending, a way of life that they wish they could have knownthe cowboys, the campfires, the prairies, the buffalo herds and the old west as it was once.

A WTBRA barrel race was held Saturday morning at 9 a.m. but results were not available at press

At noon a team roping, with 30 teams entered, got underway. A

total of \$700 was paid in prize

1st go-round winners of \$100 were Stoney Jones of Aspermont and Hegan Lamb of Paint Creek.

1st in average winners of \$300 were Stoney Jones of Aspermont and Brand Cude of Goree; 2nd in average winners of \$200 were Rod Townsend of Rochester and Brand Cude of Goree; 3rd in average winners of \$100 were Stoney Jones of Aspermont and Cody Springer of

Saturday night's Ranch Rodeo featured the Tate Ranch, Swenson SMS Ranch, Clark Cattle Co., 6666 Ranch, Spike Box Ranch, Lyles Ranch, Brown and Bellah Ranch, Waggoner Ranch, Throckmorton Land and Cattle Co. and the R.A. Brown Ranch demonstrating their skill and precision in the same five events as on Friday night. An estimated crowd of 1,200 people attended the Saturday night performance, which ended with the presentation of a total of \$7,300 in prize money to the top six winners.

The first-place prize of \$2,409 went to the 6666 Ranch of Guthrie; the Flat Top 8 Ranch of Haskell won second place for \$1,825; the Triangle Ranch of Paducah won third place for \$1,314; the Brown and Bellah Ranch of Throckmorton won fourth place for \$876; the R.A. Brown Ranch of Throckmorton won fifth place for \$511; the Clark Cattle Co. of Breckenridge and the Ralph Riddel Ranch of Aspermont split the sixth place win, receiving \$182.50 each.

The Top Hand Award went to Mike Sego of the 6666 Ranch and his mount, Partner, won the Top Horse Award.

Friday night's Buddy Pickup winners of \$100 were Michael Martin and Stoney Jones of the Triangle Ranch. Saturday night's Buddy Pickup winners of \$100 were Carl Hopkins and Brand Cude of the Throckmorton Land and Cattle Co.

Alvin Davis, president of the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration announced the rodeo and also participated in the Cowboy Poetry Reading and Cowboy Church Service.

At the beginning of the rodeo each night, Davis paid a special tribute to "Hub," the legendary 22year-old cowhorse and his rider, Sam Graves, who won the World's first cutting horse competition on July 27-29, 1898, at the Texas Cowboy Reunion in Haskell.

The story goes that the Texas Cowboy's Reunion was first held in Seymour in 1896 and again in 1897, and was then moved to Haskell in 1898. Both the Kansas City Star and the Dallas News told of the cowboy convention, and special railroad rates were provided

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Sam Graves had owned Hub as a young man and then sold him to Bud Arnett, owner of the old "8" Ranch. But his association with the horse did not end there. He rode him many years in his work on the "8" Ranch. However, old Hub had been put out to pasture by his owner, Arnett, and was more or less living in his final days.

Sam heard about the contest at Haskell and asked permission from Arnett to take old Hub out of retirement. By this time, Hub was a pitiful remnant of his former days, but within days, Sam had fattened him and patiently retrained him in the cow work he had done so expertly as a young colt. His expertise as a cowhorse was wellknown in bunkhouses across the western ranch country, so needless to say he was the star attraction of the competition.

Even though he was competing with much younger horses, Hub and Sam delivered eight calves to the delivery point before the time expired. Old Hub had come back almost from his grave to thrill this great throng of horse lovers almost to the point of madness.

Another contestant tied the record of eight, but the skill of horse and rider did not even approach the work of Sam and Hub. This was undoubtedly the decision of the judges also, who awarded the \$150 prize money to Sam Graves. The 22-year-old horse that had been turned out into the cedar breaks to die had had his final day of triumph.

The weekend long Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration and Invitational Ranch Rodeo was a fitting tribute to Sam Graves, and old Hub.

After the rodeo, the Little Rock Band from San Angelo played a blend of country, rock and popular music to another full house on Saturday night at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. Both dances, Friday and Saturday night,

were termed a huge success. A Cowboy Church service, with close to 200 people in attendance, was held at the Haskell City Park Gazebo on Sunday morning, beginning at 10 a.m. with Jeff Gore as the featured speaker for the services. Gore and Dickie Greenwood sang during the service, with John Allen Medford and Wallace Rennels providing poetry and words of inspiration.

An Open Roping at the rodeo arena on Sunday evening ended up the Wild Horse Prairie festivities, however results were not available at press time.

Pictures of the Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration, complete with pictures of event winners will be in the June 13 edition of the Haskell Free Press.

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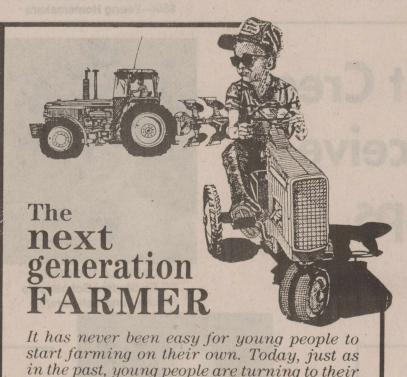
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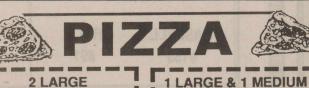
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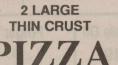
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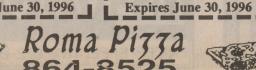




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NOTICE The deadline for Classified Advertising is 12 noon on Tuesday.

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# AGRICULTURE

# FSA accepting applications for emergency farm loans

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and high winds, which occurred from Jan. 1, 1995 through Feb. 5, 1996 and continuing are being accepted by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, Ag Credit Manager Larry P. McDaniel said recently.

Haskell County is one of seven counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan

Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the extreme fire hazard.

McDaniel said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial

lender, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," McDaniel said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Jan. 6, 1997, but farmer should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," McDaniel said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster

emergency loans to recognize farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Haskell is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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# American meat goat association plans fifth annual event

By Steve Byrns
Texas Ag. Ext. Service
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their calendars for June 21 and 22, the dates of the American Meat Goat Association's (AMGA) Fifth Annual Premier Meat Goat Buck and Doe Sale and Summer Conference at Junction.

Activities start June 21 with a membership meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. in Junction's Coke Stevenson Memorial Building on Highway 83N. A social mixer with music and refreshments follows at 7:30 p.m. The conference runs from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 22 in the Coke Stevenson Memorial Building. The sale starts at 2:20

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 710 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, June 1, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

The market was \$2 to \$3 higher on all feeder and stocker cattle. Packer cows and bulls were steady. Young bred cows and pairs \$25 higher.

Cows: fat, .24-.28; cutters, .25-.30; canners, .15-.25.

Bulls: Bologna, .32–.38; feeder, .35–.45; utility, .20–.30.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .55-.65; 300-400 lbs., .50-.60; 400-500 lbs., .48-.57; 500-600 lbs., .48-.56; 600-700 lbs., .47-.55; 700-800 lbs., .47-.54; 800-up lbs., .40-.54.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .40-.55; 300-400 lbs., .40-.50; 400-500 lbs., .35-.51; 500-600 lbs., .40-.52; 600-up lbs., .38-.53.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, \$200-\$250.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, \$300-\$400; aged or small, \$200-\$300.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, \$350-\$490; small or aged, \$250-

p.m. at the Hill Country Fairgrounds.

Robert Kensing, Conference Chairman and AMGA Vice-President from Menard, said the purpose of the two-day event is to bring producers up-to-date on the latest news affecting the meat goat industry and to allow them to buy some of the best goats in the business.

The afternoon sale concludes the conference activities. "The sale features a superior string of animals," said Kensing. "The offering includes top animals from the most progressive meat goat breeders in the nation. Goats picked with care through this particular sale will improve any flock."

Kensing said the auction is open to all meat goat breeds. Percentage bloodlines will also be offered. A sifting committee will remove nonqualifying animals prior to the sale.

Consignors must be AMGA

members. Bucks and does offered must have two or more permanent teeth. Sellers are limited to three bucks and three does. Sale animals must be in the barn by noon, June 21. Auctioneer is Mark Tillman of Junction.

Conference cost is \$35 per person and \$50 per couple. There is no charge for children under 12-years-old. For further information, contact Anita Jones, at 915-853-2312 after 7 p.m. or P.O. Box 551, Eldorado, TX 76946.

# Shop around for milk

Milk consumption is up and so is the price. More people are drinking milk and recently they started paying more for it. Extension Dairy Economist Dr. Bud Schwart says consumers are paying more because of increased costs to producers for labor, fuel and feed. Schhwart suggest you do some comparison shopping.

Some stores keep their milk prices low as a drawing card to get customers in the door. Some customers are loyal to one brand, but Schwart says brand names don't

really make a difference. All milk is basically the same. It all meets government standards. Keep in mind that you'll pay a higher price for name brand milk mostly to cover the cost of advertising.

Schwart says milk prices should come down if there are good corn and sorghum crops this year. A good grain crop means it'll be cheaper for dairy operators to feed their cattle.

Submitted by Lou Gilly and Max Stapleton, Haskell Co. Ext. Agents-FCS and Ag.





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