

## Good Luck to the Haskell Little League All-Stars

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### Calendar

#### Pleasant Valley reunion

It is time again for the Pleasant Valley reunion, to be held Saturday, June 29, (the last Saturday night in June) at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Building. You are invited to come and bring your salad, dessert or sandwiches and join in the fellowship and entertainment. See you there.

#### Swimming lessons

A second session of swimming lessons at the City Pool will be offered July 8-13 with classes at 11 a.m. and noon depending on the level. The cost is \$30. For further information, call Jimmy or Rhonda Lisle at 864-3820.

#### Birthday reception

Raymond Houston Saffel will be honored with a 90th birthday reception, Saturday, June 29, from 2-4 p.m., Come and Go, at the Rule Lions Club Building by Slim Sorrells Park. No gifts please. Friends and relatives are invited.

#### Horse Club Jr. Rodeo

The Haskell Horse Club will have a Junior Rodeo on July 19 and 20. More information will be published at a later date.

#### Gospel musical

An all Gospel Musical will be held at the Old Glory Community Center on Saturday, June 29. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. and the music starts at 6 p.m. Featured entertainment will include: The Rest Home Singers from Haskell; Faith Quartet from Rule; The Way from Roby; Victory St. Quartet from Burk Burnett; and Rambling Rascals of Lubbock.

#### Fiddler's contest

A Fiddler's Contest will be held Thursday, July 4, at 9:30 a.m., in the Roundup Hall at Stamford. Prizes of \$75 for 1st place; \$50 for 2nd place; and \$35 for 3rd place will be awarded. All fiddlers 45 years or older are eligible and invited to enter the contest. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., July 4. Call 817-997-2680 for information.

#### Library storytime

Just a reminder that Storytime is every Wednesday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the Haskell Co. Library. It's not too late to sign up for summer reading so go on down to the library and pick up a reading log and fill out a library card.

#### Soc. Sec. rep. dates

A Social Security representative will be at the Haskell City Hall Annex on Thursday, July 11 at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. any weekday.

#### Immunization clinic

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic at the Aspermont Library on July 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring child's shot record, Soc. Sec. number and Medicaid number if receiving Medicaid.

## Courthouse to be closed

The Haskell County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday and Friday, July 4 and 5, for the 4th of July holiday weekend. Have a safe and happy holiday.

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## DPS urges everyone to drive safely and to use their seat belts

The 4th of July is one of the most highly celebrated of all holidays throughout the United States, and rightly so. This occasion should be remembered and should be celebrated because of the rights and freedoms that each of us possess.

We are also reminded this time of each year that far too many will not have much to celebrate about in this great state of Texas. The Department of Public Safety wants to remind you that at least 50 percent of all traffic deaths are alcohol related and there will be many people during this holiday lose their lives needlessly because of this and because of careless driving.

The troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety know that many people will celebrate this

holiday by drinking and they urge those who are going to, to plan their celebrations ahead of time and to be a responsible person. Have that designated person to be the sober driver behind the wheel so that all can enjoy the holidays.

The state troopers also want everyone to be especially careful around recreational areas. Remember, children will be playing and in their excitement do not always remember to follow the safety rules. Slow down and help them enjoy the holidays also.

Remember to obey all traffic laws and use that little piece of insurance that is laying right beside you; buckle that seat belt. It doesn't cost any money and only takes about two seconds to insure yourself. Let us all have a safe, happy and enjoyable holiday.

## Fireworks, dry conditions spark wildfire concerns

By Katy Hall  
Texas Ag. Ext. Service  
Scattered rain showers across the state have done little to dampen concerns about the use of fireworks this July 4th holiday. "We're optimistic," Bobby Young, associate director of Forest Resource Protection with the Texas Forest Service, says of the recent rains. "But we also realize that we're not out of the woods by any means. By the 4th of July, it (rainfall) may all be gone, so we're concerned."

Much of the state remains gripped by drought and wildfire conditions remain high across most of West and Central Texas. The "fire siege of 1996" has claimed more than 500,000 acres so far this year. In East Texas alone, more than 65,000 acres have been charred through May—about 3.5 times more than was lost in all of 1995.

And drought has dried up thousands more. It would be "tragic" to lose any more Texas land, especially to something like fireworks, Young says.

In an attempt to prevent fireworks-related wildfires, several counties in the Panhandle recently banned the sale, use and possession

of fireworks. Other counties and cities across the state also are considering similar action. Young hopes those local officials will first gather input from their local fire departments about the situation and how they feel about the fire danger.

Gray County turned to the governor's office for help earlier this month. County officials asked for and were granted an executive order from Gov. George W. Bush banning the use and sale of fireworks because of the drought and extreme fire hazard there.

But, the governor's office is urging other counties planning similar action to use the provisions of a new state law, HB 828, which allows counties to limit the use and sale of certain aerial fireworks during times of drought, provided the county designates a safe area where such fireworks can be used.

The Texas Pyrotechnic Association, which represents most of the fireworks industry in the state, has voluntarily banned the sale of aerial fireworks such as bottle rockets.

Professional displays aren't affected. So, Young encourages Texans to enjoy such organized shows put on for July 4th.

## It's Stamford Cowboy Reunion time

Stamford will come alive as the tradition and excitement of the 66th Texas Cowboy Reunion gets underway, Wednesday, July 3 through Saturday, July 6.

Cowboys and cowgirls, young and old will reunite in Stamford for four days of fun and exciting events for the entire family. Everyone who attends this year's TCR is sure to find something to their interest and enjoyment.

It all kicks off at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, July 3, as up-and-coming actor Ty O'Neal of The Mighty Ducks fame, leads the Grand Parade through the streets of Stamford. The theme for this year's parade is "Boots, Hoops and Loops."

There will be nightly chuckwagon dinners catered by Joe Allen's Barbeque of Abilene.

Nightly (Wed., Thurs., Fri. and

Sat.) performances of the world's largest amateur rodeo will begin at 8 p.m. Featuring rodeo's most exciting events and a few surprises along the way, this year's rodeo expects to turn out some of today's finest in the sport.

Rodeo fans can then head up to the dance where TCR officials have extended the dance area for a great time dancing and listening to the western-swing of Jody Nix.

Throughout the four days of TCR activities, visitors are urged to attend the Western Art Show in the John Selmon Memorial Pavilion and the TCR Trade Show featuring crafts, clothing and handiwork upstairs in the pavilion.

Thursday, the 4th of July will start off with a Cowboy Prayer Service, open to the public, at the Chuckwagon Grounds at 7 a.m.

The Chuckwagon Cook-off



HOW ABOUT A GAME OF MARBLES?—These Cub Scouts in the Bear Den enjoy a game of marbles during Cub Scout Day Camp held at the Haskell City Park, June 11-13. Marbles seems to be the most popular activity at the Scout Camp, but they enjoyed a variety of games and crafts during the three days, despite the extra hot weather.

## State winning band students and twirlers honored at Haskell School board meeting

The Haskell school board recognized band students and twirlers, for their state honors received at the State Band competition in May, at the June 18 school board meeting. Board member Melissa Robison presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

Band Director, Michael Copeland was unable to attend, but his wife Michelle Copeland presented the band students, who had won honors and were at the meeting, to the

school board. Those attending were Shannon Jordan, Vanessa Miller, Kaki Stapleton and Missy Teague. Students unable to attend were Philip Huff, Jessica Bridwell and Tenille Mathis.

The architect presented the final plans for the gymnasium foyer remodeling to the board. The board will be receiving construction bids on the remodeling work until 2 p.m., Thursday, July 11, at the administration building.

In other business, a bid was awarded to Borden Milk Co. to supply milk for the schools, and a motion was approved for a policy manual update.

Superintendent Pheil reported on the work that is underway on the baseball field. He said that the doglegs in the fence are being straightened out and the dugouts will be removed from inside the fence and placed on the outside of the fence.

## Heart Association dinner is a big hit

The American Heart Association of Haskell held its annual Celebrity Celebration on Saturday, June 15, at the American Legion Hall in Haskell.

The theme for the celebration was USO Party with waiters and waitresses dressed in military uniforms or other type clothes of the 40's era.

The Heart Association's goal for this year was to raise \$16,025. Over \$3,500 of that figure was raised at the Celebrity Celebration.

The funds raised at the dinner, plus monies from other fund raisers have helped the Heart Association exceed their goal for the year.

The decorations done in a USO, 40s era theme were provided by Don and Shirley Welch and their daughter, Cherie Hutchinson.

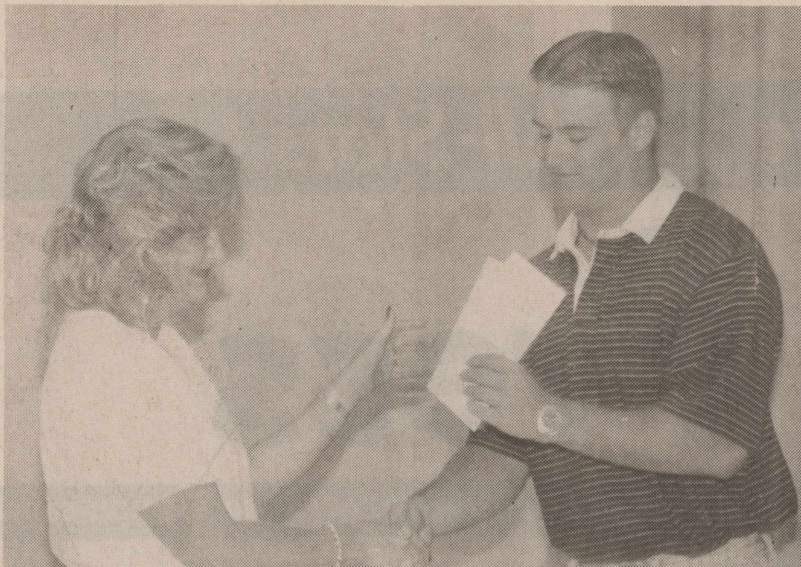
Entertainment was provided by the Wallace grandchildren acting out

a Mickey Mouse Club skit; a song by Brandy Gardner; John Rike and Cathy Bartley performing a "Who's On First?" skit; and two songs by Cheri Hutchinson.

A Silent Auction was held with bidders placing their bids all through the dinner and show. Doyle High auctioneered for a Live Auction.



CELEBRITY CELEBRATION ENTERTAINMENT—Cherie Hutchinson entertained the audience with two songs during the Heart Association dinner held at the American Legion Hall recently. Cherie, the daughter of Don and Shirley Welch, sang Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A.," and Patsy Cilne's "Walking After Midnight."



**ROTARY ESSAY CONTEST WINNER**—At a recent Rotary meeting, Melissa Robison, president of the club, presented Justin Lisle with a U.S. Savings Bond for writing the winning essay on the "4-Way Test." (Photo at top)

**SCOUTING AWARD**—Rotarian Abe Turner recently presented Kenneth Patton with a plaque for his participation in the Boy Scout Drive. (Photo at bottom)



## All-Stars to play, July 1

The nine and ten year old Little League All-Stars will play in a tournament in Stamford on Monday and Tuesday, July 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. If a third game is needed, it will be decided upon on Tuesday night.

The nine and ten year old All-Stars are Brad Blanks, Nathen Webb, Austin Coker, Jesse Medford, Otis Lee Thomas, Bradlee Harris, Homero Payan, Ronald Chapman, Jeremy Torres, Bobby Loyd, J.R. Rodriguez and Kendall Mitchell.

The coaches are Cliff Short, Terry Blanks and Jerry Coker.

The eleven and twelve year old Little League All-Stars will play in a tournament on Monday, July 1 at 7:30 p.m. They will play a second or third game depending on their winning or losing.

The eleven and twelve year old All-Stars are Wes Steele, Taylor Melton, Eddie Loyd, Josh Webb, Zack Coker, Cliff McGuire, Eddie Guzman, Derek Hughes, Ernesto Palacios, Dustin Threat, Kyle Michaels, Zac McGuire, Justin Tidrow and Casey Moeller.

The coaches are Jerry Coker and Gary Hughes.

## Seymour's Festival in the Park

Seymour's 7th annual Festival in the Park will be held Saturday, June 29, in Seymour's City Park. Major events will include: Car Show, Art Show, Arts & Crafts, Live Entertainment, Silent Auction, Fab-Duck-U-Lous Race, Homemade Pie Contest, Western Heritage Style Show, Fireworks and loads of games and activities for young and old alike.

Some of the new events this year are: State Sanctioned Pedal Pull for boys and girls, ages 4-12; Cow Patty Bingo; Live Entertainment Hour—they are looking for Patsy Cline, the Supremes, George Strait, Wade Hayes or other famous look-alikes that want to have some fun performing for a live audience.

If you are interested in performing, contact the Seymour Chamber of Commerce so you can get on the schedule. If you are interested in a booth, contact the Seymour Chamber of Commerce at 888-2921.

## Obituaries

### Marvin E. Burgess

**BALLINGER**—Services were held for Marvin E. Burgess, 88, of Ballinger on Sunday, June 23 at the Seventh St. Baptist Church in Ballinger, under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Burgess died Thursday, June 20, at Canterbury Villa. He was born Dec. 16, 1907, in Blairsburg, Iowa, the son of Robert E. Burgess and Nora Hoskinson Burgess. He married Eleanor Hanson on Dec. 31, 1939. He graduated from Northwestern Bible School and Seminary in Minneapolis, Minn. with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. He later received a Bachelor and Master of Arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University, and a Master of Religion degree from Southwestern Baptist University in Fort Worth. He was ordained to the ministry by the Calvary Baptist Church of Abilene in 1941. For more than 30 years, he pastored Baptist churches in Minnesota and Texas. He also taught Bible and history at Northwestern Bible School and at Hardin-Simmons University.

His hobby was playing horseshoes. He was nine times state champion of Texas, a member of the Texas Horseshoe Hall of Fame and chaplain of the World Horseshoe Pitching Association.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, of Ballinger; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Elias Moussa of Nicosia, Cyprus; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brian and Jennifer Burgess of Haskell and Jonathan and Robin Burgess of Ballinger; seven grandchildren, Nathan and Michael Moussa, Casey, Bree and Ryan Burgess and Samantha and Zachary Burgess; one sister, Ellen Best of Sioux Falls, S.D.; and one sister-in-law, Dorothy Burgess of Nevada, Mo.

### Andrew V. Bruce

**MADISONVILLE**—Services were held for Andrew V. Bruce, 89, of Madisonville on Tuesday, June 18, at the Madisonville Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. J.W.L. Adams and Rev. Charles Higgs officiating. Memorials were given by his grandchildren during the service. Burial was in Plainview Cemetery under the direction of Madisonville Funeral Home Directors.

Mr. Bruce died Saturday, June 15, in Bryan. He was born Jan. 5, 1907 in Madison County.

He is survived by his wife, Lavada Bruce of

Madisonville; one son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Ruth Bruce of Clute; one daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Bill Awalt of St. Louis, Mo.; one brother, Vern Bruce of Richmond; two sisters, Ouida Harrell of Plainview and Elizabeth Williams of Rule; and five grandchildren, Paul Bruce, Kimberly Awalt, Kristen Awalt, Stephanie Awalt and Kathryn Awalt.

Pallbearers were nephews, Richard Jones, William DeBerry, Tim Menefee, Gary Harrell, James Winters and Jackson Williams.

### Frances Aline Morton Duncan

Graveside services were held for Frances Aline Morton Duncan, 72, of Lake Stamford on Tuesday, June 25, at the Terry Co. Memorial Cemetery in Brownfield, directed by Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Duncan died Sunday, June 23, at her home. She was born April 1, 1924 in Paducah. She was a homemaker and a past employee of Texas Instruments. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Lee Duncan.

She is survived by two sisters, Claudie L. Offenbaker

of San Antonio and Nell Hobbs of Haskell; one brother, Edward J. Morton of Midlothian; one daughter-in-law, Wanda Broadway; two grandchildren, Robert Lee Duncan Jr., and Jeannie Marie Duncan; and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were John Roberson, Eddie Caroland, Chris Hobbs, Tim Batten, Aaron Morton and Christopher Hobbs.

Honorary pallbearers were Eric Hobbs, T.J. Batten, Joshua Batten, Jerred Batten, Tyler Brinson and Cal Roberson.

### Elsie Lee Strickland Grand

Memorial services were held for Elsie Lee Strickland Grand, 74, of Haskell at the Church of Christ with Minister Dale Huff officiating. A private family burial service was held at the Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Grand died Sunday at a local nursing home. She was born Oct. 1, 1921 in Krum. She came to Haskell in 1958 from the Matson Community. She married Alfred Paul Grand on Aug. 19, 1959. He preceded her in death on May 6, 1983. She was a homemaker and member of

the Church of Christ.

She is survived by two daughters, Charlene Williams of Haskell and Mary Neumann of Broken Arrow, Okla.; one son, Dennis (Eddie) Grand of Merkel; two sisters, Evelyn Lacker of Kentucky and Bobbie Hannah of Ohio; one brother, James Strickland of Missouri; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be sent to Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. 1st St., Haskell, TX 79521; or Amer. Cancer Soc., Box 527, Haskell, TX 79521.

### Barbara Woolsey Scoggins

Services were held for Barbara Woolsey Scoggins, 56, of Haskell on Sunday, June 23, at the East Side Baptist Church with Pastors David Page & Werth Mayes officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Valley Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Scoggins died Friday, June 21, at the Haskell Hospital. She was born in Haskell on Feb. 13, 1940. She had been a resident of Haskell for over 40 years. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by one son, Billie Joe Scoggins; her mother, Dora Dixon; and one brother, Thomas Woolsey.

She is survived by two sons, Roy Scoggins and Coy Scoggins, both of Haskell; three daughters, Soja Thornhill, Tonya Scoggins and Terri Scoggins, all of Haskell; and one brother, Jack Woolsey of Lake Dallas.

Pallbearers were Donald Cunningham, James Bevel, Kenny Bullard, Lynn Roysdon, James McFadden, Earl McDonald Jr., Larry Wayne Short and Joshua Roysdon.

Honorary pallbearers were Tim Judd, James Vaughn, Marc King, Addie Wallis and Gary Isbell.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Heart Association, c/o 1st National Bank, P.O. Box 527, Haskell, TX 79521.

## Foster parent training scheduled for fall

A ten-week training session required for certification as an adoptive or foster parent in Texas is scheduled for the fall in Haskell. Catalina Loya, from the Abilene office of Children's Protective Services will be conducting the training. All who are interested in foster or adoptive parenting are eligible to attend the training sessions.

Each participant is asked to fill out an information sheet so the

agency can have them on file. A definite commitment to foster or adoptive parenting does not have to be made until the whole course of training has been completed. In addition to providing certification, the training sessions are also designed to help families decide whether or not they really want to be foster or adoptive parents.

If you think you might be interested in this opportunity, you

can contact the office of Catalina Loya for further information. Her phone number is 915-672-6814.

For information concerning the meeting in Haskell, you can call Dale or Diane Huff at 817-864-2833. An information meeting is

planned for sometime in August in Haskell. The date and location of that meeting will be announced later.

## Summer food safety

The sun's out. There's a gentle summer breeze. It's a perfect day for a picnic, unless you aren't careful. Bacteria in food causes many unnecessary stomach aches.

Extension Food Technologist Dr. Gary Acuff says bacteria flourishes if the temperature of cold food gets over 40 degrees or hot food reaches below 140 degrees. Remember the old adage: keep hot

foods hot and cold foods cold.

Acuff says food should never be left out for more than two hours. He also warns about cross contamination. He says cooked meat should never be placed back on the same dish that held the raw meat.

Dishes and utensils should be washed between each stage of food preparation.

## Letters

To the Editor:

The players, coaches, volunteers and officers of the Haskell Girl's Softball Association would like to thank the local businesses and community for all the support that has been given to our organization this year.

Sincerely,  
Pam Mathis  
President, H.G.S.A.

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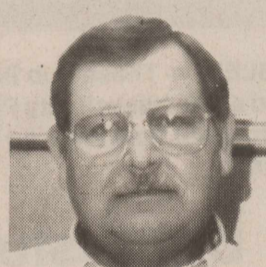


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# LIFESTYLES

## Pittcock honored by VHETAT

Cherry Pittcock, a vocational home economics teacher at Paint Creek ISD, is being honored by the Vocational Home Economics Teachers Association of Texas (VHETAT) for her dedicated service of five years in the teaching profession. The award will be presented at VHETAT's 33rd Annual Awards Banquet, Wednesday, July 31, at the Hyatt Regency DFW in Dallas.

The banquet will be held during a week-long professional development conference for vocational home economics teachers planned and coordinated by the Texas Education Agency's Home Economics Dept., Career and Technology Division. Approximately 2,500 teachers will attend the event, with the theme "Home Economics Educations: Visionary Thinking and Teaching."

Home economics programs across the state help students make the transition from school to work while preparing them for managing multiple roles of homemaker and wage earner. Home economics teachers provide knowledge and skill development for application in the students' home, personal and occupational life. The subject matter addresses individual and family health, food and nutrition, financial planning and management of consumer resources.

Teachers also give instruction in the areas of family living, parenthood education, child development and guidance, textiles and apparel, housing and home management. In addition, home economics includes instructional programs that prepare youth to be productive in business and industry in occupational areas such as child care, elder care, food service, apparel and textiles, institutional maintenance, hospitality services, fashion design and housing and home furnishings.

Home economics teachers also sponsor local chapters of the Future Homemakers of America. Student members of the organization, current or former students in home economics courses, learn leadership skills by planning and participating in activities and projects for the school and community.

Sandra Godwin, VHETAT President, said, "The VHETAT tenure awardees have demonstrated their commitment to the profession of home economics and have moved forward throughout the many changes the field has experienced. These teachers continuously strive to improve their teaching methods by attending professional development seminars and by updating their curriculum to meet the needs of the students and prepare them for the changes which are taking place in our global society."

Pittcock served as advisor to Region II State Candidate for Vice President of HERO, Amy Barbour, in the 1995-96 school year. In addition, her students will compete at the National Future Homemakers of America convention in St. Louis, Mo. in July.

Other accomplishments as a home economic teacher include establishing a child care center for faculty's children on the Paint Creek campus and advising the local chapter of FHA/HERO with 100 percent membership each year. Pittcock also received the Master Adviser Award this year.



MR. and MRS. JIMMY BYNUM

## Piaskowski, Bynum wed June 1

Donna Josselet Piaskowski and Jimmy Bynum were united in marriage on Saturday, June 1, in a small ceremony with family and friends at the First Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. David Page, pastor of the East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mary Josselet of Haskell.

The groom is the son of Odell Bynum of Haskell.

Nora Verner of Odessa was

matron of honor and Bobby Gibson of Humble was best man. Brittany Hunter of Anchorage, Alaska was the flower girl and Joanne and Jennifer Josselet of Haskell were candle lighters.

Music was provided by Nelda Lane, organist of the First Methodist Church. Flowers and photographs were provided by Sue's Flowers, Gifts and Photography.

Following a honeymoon trip to Jamaica, the couple will reside in San Angelo.



MR. and MRS. STEPHEN CARL LUSK

## Arnold, Lusk exchange vows

Micell Annette Arnold and Stephen Carl Lusk exchanged wedding nuptials on June 22, at the First Baptist Church of Rule, with John Greeson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rickie C. Arnold of Rule.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Binns of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Lusk of Rule.

Michelle Little of Bluff Dale was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Curry of Hale Center, Doris Kear of Perryton, Holly Huckaby of Midland, Denise Campbell, the bride's sister of Amarillo and Shannon Kittley, the groom's sister of Rule.

Jason Tanner of Rule was best man. Groomsmen were Philip Manske of Sagerton, Ronnie Wendeborn of Rule, Ray Don Campbell of Rule, Robert Saffell of Rule and Rob Kittley, the groom's brother-in-law of Rule.

Jay Beakley of Old Glory, Brian Manske of Sagerton, Michael Manske of Sagerton and Greg Teichelman of Sagerton were ushers.

Samantha Kittley, the groom's niece of Rule was the flower girl. Will Kittley, the groom's nephew of Rule was the ring bearer. Trey Kittley, the groom's nephew of Rule and Jonathan Hisey of Rule were candle lighters.

The bride graduated from Hale Center High School and Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is employed by the Plains Independent School District.

The groom graduated from Rule High School and Western Texas College with an associate's degree in criminal justice. He is attending Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater.

The couple will live in Plains after a wedding trip to Walt Disney World in Florida.

## Students in the News

Allison Pike of Rule was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. The Dean's List requires at least a 3.75 average on all courses taken with a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Gena Barrington and Lisa Williamson of Haskell were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. The Dean's List requires at least a 3.75 average on all courses taken with a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Williamson was one of 228 students receiving degrees during the school's commencement exercise on May 11. She received a Bachelor of Behavior Science degree.

## Hospital

**Admissions**  
Louis Wilson, Haskell  
Iva Lee Gipson, Haskell  
Roe Allred, Munday

**Dismissals**  
Clara Biard, Jesse Deleon, Geneva Stone, Nell Estes.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rolland of Comanche, Ok. spent Friday night with Joyce Hawkins on their way to Corpus Christi and other parts south. They will return by way of Haskell to attend the Hawkins-Vaughn reunion this weekend.

Creora Tatum accompanied her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Parsons to Irving to visit Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins and Tamara and went to Six Flags for a day out on Saturday.

Visiting Neat Bevel over the weekend were Royleen and Jessica Bevel and Jeff, Liz and Kartlyn Bevel of Kennedy and Jacky and Joy Harvey of Odessa, Brad Bevel of Perrin and James and Lela Bevel of Haskell. Grandson E-5 Jeff Bevel recently returned from Panama. He and wife and baby will be going to

Ft. Campbell, Ky. for his next assignment. Jacky and Joy also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harvey.

Visiting Audrie McCallum on Sunday, was her son and wife Mr. and Mrs. J. Brian McCallum of Oklahoma City, Ok.

Those who helped Rene Vojkufka of Weinert celebrate her birthday last week by having lunch with her at the ECC, were her son and wife, Scooney and Wanda Vojkufka of Weinert, granddaughters, Melanie Woods and children and her mother-in-law, all of Abilene, and niece Erlinda Mayfield of Weinert and Rene's pastor of the Four Square Church at Weinert. Scooney and Wanda brought ice cream and topping for everyone at the center and everyone enjoyed it.

The Hawkins-Vaughn reunion will be June 28-29 at the American Legion Hall. All our friends are invited to come by and visit.

The Greater Independent Baptist Church wants to thank everyone for making their Women's Day program a wonderful success, spiritually and financially. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. James Ford Sr. of New Haven, Mich., Col. and Mrs. James Isbell of Haskell, Weeping Mary of Anson, West Beulah of Munday, Mt. Olive of Stamford, Solomon Temple of Stamford, Hopewell of Haskell, COGIC of Knox City, Sims Chapel of Stamford and most of all to Rev. J.W. Smith of Weeping

Mary who brought the message, "Women on a Mission," St. John 4:5-20.

The Greater Independent Baptist Church's 5th Sunday Mission program will be Sunday morning at 11 a.m. All ladies please wear white. A drama, entitled "Church House on Wheels," will be presented. Everyone is invited to come and witness this program. The next community brotherhood will be at St. Paul Baptist Church in Knox City.

May 25 to June 2, Donald Larned of Daytona Beach, Fl. and Ronald Larned of Orlando, Fl. visited their father, Grover Mather Larned and brother, David Larned, and aunt Venita.

Tommy Allison Larned has had surgery and is in the hospital in Lakeland, Fl.

## In the Service

Navy Seaman Recruit Jeffrey W. Milliman, a 1993 graduate of Rule High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Milliman completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Milliman learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

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This year's recipient is Jessica Dawn Hale, daughter of Debbie De Los Santos. Jessica is a 1996 graduate of Haskell High School.

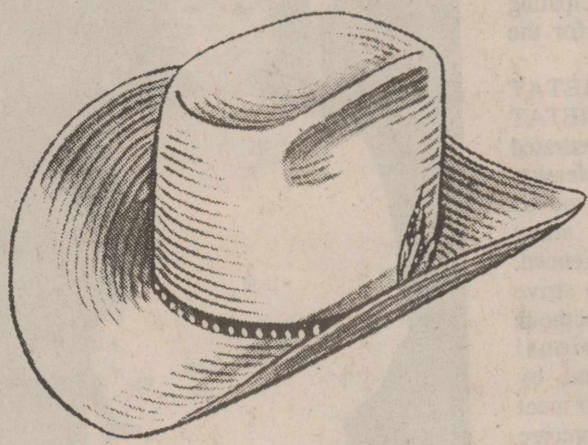
Jessica played in the band, was active in FFA and worked on the year book. She will attend South Plains College in Levelland to study Respiratory Therapy.

The Bettye J. Wallace Scholarship Program required students planning on a career in the health care industry to submit a written essay of no more than 300 words on this year's topic, *Why a Healthy Lifestyle is Important to Me*. Jessica joins the ranks of scholarship winners selected this year in the surrounding cities of Seymour, Vernon, and Sweetwater.

Outreach Health Services, a Medicare state-certified and licensed home health care agency, works to assist young people across Texas. Furthering education is one of Outreach's primary goals both inside it's own agency as well as in the community at large. Outreach scholarships are made available each year through contributions made to a fund by Outreach employees.

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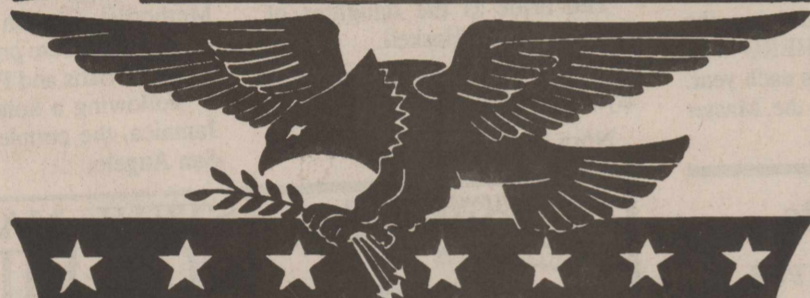
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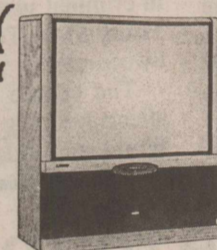
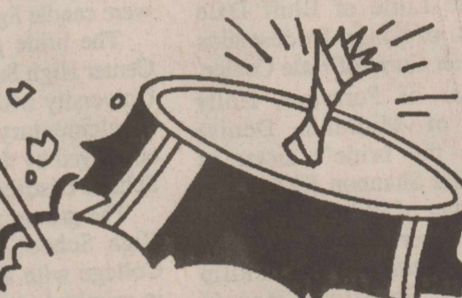
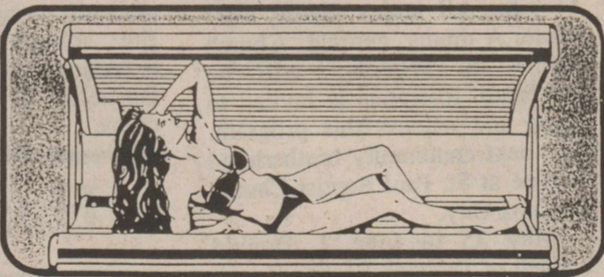
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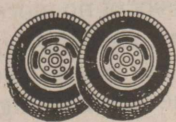
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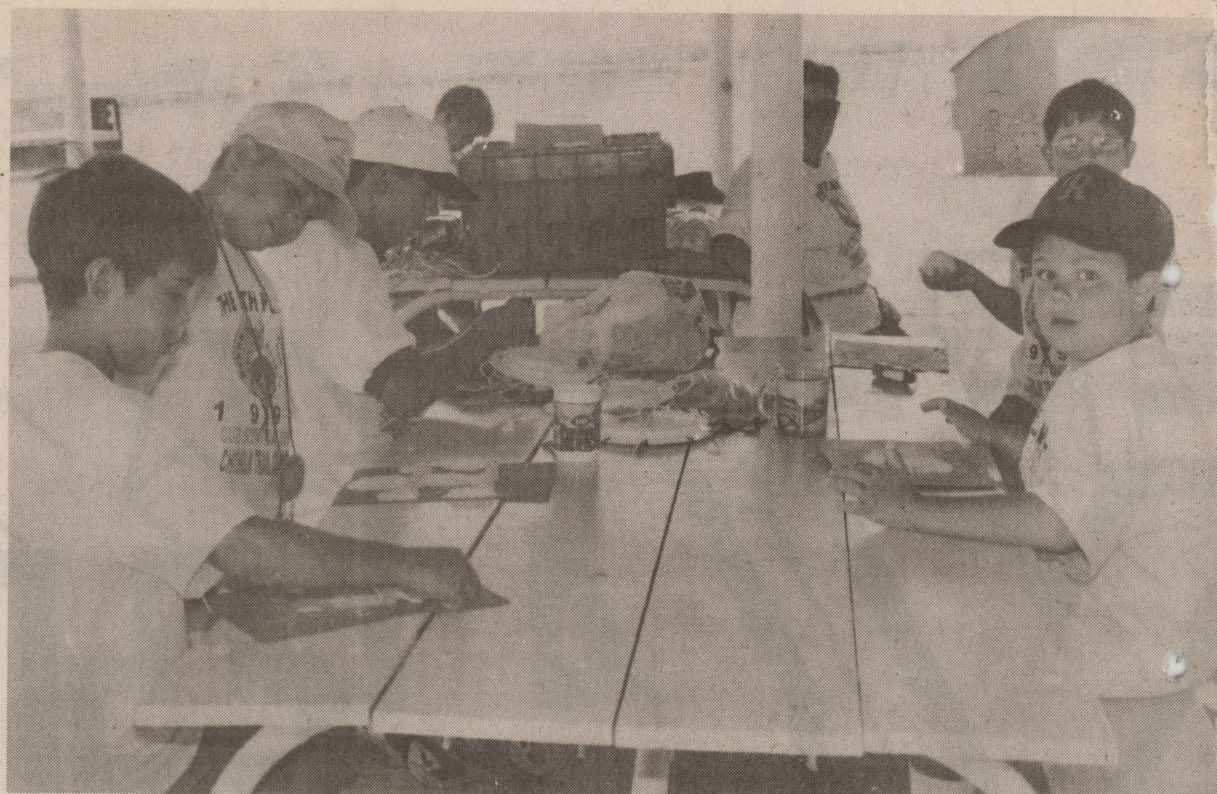
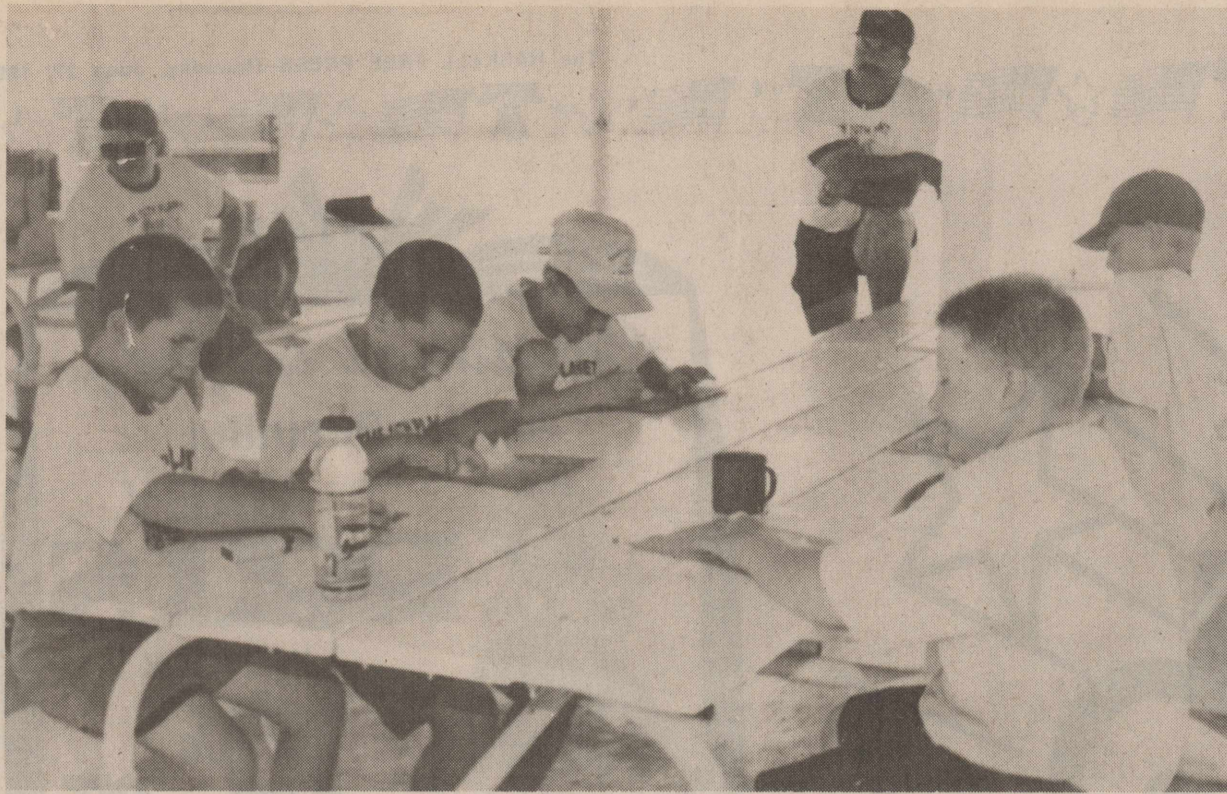
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## 23rd annual Stamford Art Show set for Tuesday, July 2

The 23rd annual Stamford Art Show is set for Tuesday, July 2, at the John Selmon Memorial Art Gallery on the Texas Cowboy Reunion grounds in Stamford. This year's show not only benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center, but is also dedicated to Bennie Young, a long-time WTRC employee who retired last year.

The art of 40 artists will be

exhibited during the art preview party, sale, and dinner on the eve of the 66th annual Texas Cowboy Reunion. The western art will remain on display in the Gallery for public viewing throughout the reunion.

Artists exhibiting their works during the 1996 show include: Barry Arthur, Brian Asher, Lynn Brown, Garnet Buster, LaWanda

Carlton, Marianne Caroselli, Bill Chappell, Cary Clawson, Gail Copeland, Chuck Dominy, Susan Greaves, Jim Hamilton, Erwin Hearne, Shirley Hullum and Robert Kidd.

Other artists featured in this year's show are: Alan Kinney, Barry Lambirth, C.B. Mahaney, Daniel Maldonado, Vel Miller, Hoyt Mulanax, Charles Pruitt, D. Lee Robins, Harold Scott, Christopher Smith, Paul Tadlock, Darlene Wall, Pamela G. Watkins and Douglas Weaver.

Artists participating in the show and also in the "Quick Draw" event include: Bill Barrick, George Boutwell, Jodie Boren, R. Russell Brown, Hugh Campbell, Robert DeLeon, Steve Grey, Lewis Holiman, Dean St. Clair, Linda St. Clair and Don Yandell.

The "Quick Draw" feature was added to the festivities several years ago and has been a real crowd pleaser. "Quick Draw" participants are given one hour to complete a work in the medium of their choice. Artists taking part in the "Quick Draw" will be working during dinner as guests watch while each

creates an original piece of art. When the one hour time limit is up, the finished work is immediately auctioned off with proceeds benefiting the Rehab Center in Abilene and San Angelo.

Another source of funds to WTRC is the raffle of a framed, original watercolor donated by R. Russell Brown. The drawing for the art, entitled "First Snow," measures 20"x16" and is valued at \$1,700. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. The drawing will take place on Saturday, July 6.

The Gallery doors open at 6:30 p.m. to give those in attendance an opportunity to view and to buy works from the exhibit. Many of the artists will be on hand to chat with the guests. At 7:45 p.m. the

dinner bell will ring to announce that Joe Allen's Pit Bar-B-Que is ready to serve some of their famous steaks. Ron Williams and the "Billy Bob Bud" band will play for the preview party dance.

Ann Kinney, president of the Stamford Art Foundation, extends a special invitation to art lovers and supporters of West Texas Rehabilitation Center from throughout the area to be a part of this special evening on the historic Texas Cowboy Reunion grounds.

Tickets for the July 2 Preview Party and Sale are \$28 each. Reservations are requested and may be made by contacting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene at 915-691-7290 or WTRC in San Angelo at 915-949-9535.

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## Horse Club playday results

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Barrels: 1st—Chad Baize; 2nd—Cade Williamson; 3rd—Samuel Bitner; 4th—Schelli White; 5th—Paige Adams; 6th—Christina Bitner  
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Poles: 1st—Chad Baize; 2nd—Cade Williamson; 3rd—Schelli White; 4th—Christina Bitner; 5th—Paige Adams  
Riding exhibition with the 8 & Under Novice was River McTasney.

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**9-12 Years**  
Barrels: 1st—Lacey Hollabaugh; 2nd—Morgan Cox; 3rd—Cheyenne White; 4th—Laci Townsend; 5th—Terry Branch; 6th—Kandise Douglas  
Flags: 1st—Morgan Cox; 2nd—Terry Branch; 3rd—Cheyenne White; 4th—Kris Hise; 5th—Laci Townsend; 6th—Julie Fowler  
Poles: 1st—Julie Fowler; 2nd—Laci Townsend; 3rd—Cheyenne White; 4th—Terry Branch; 5th—Heath McCulloch; 6th—Kris Hise

**13-15 Years**  
Barrels—1st—Roni Morrow; 2nd—Brittany Bartley; 3rd—Lacey Doughty; 4th—McKenna Smith; 5th—John Mark Hodgkin; 6th—Jennifer Fowler

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**16-19 Years**  
Barrels: 1st—Jodi Pope; 2nd—Ryan Byrd; 3rd—Ryan Branch; 4th—Jessica Fowler  
Flags: 1st—Jessica Fowler; 2nd—Ryan Byrd; 3rd—Jodi Pope  
Poles: 1st—Jodi Pope; 2nd—Ryan Branch; 3rd—Jessica Fowler

## Sidewalk astronomers

The Fort Worth Sidewalk Astronomers will be at Fort Griffin State Park Saturday, July 6, to present an evening program. They will have large aperture telescopes set up to observe the night skies.

This will be an adventure in deep space with stunning views of galaxies, star clusters and nebulas. The milk way and moon craters will be observed. Everyone will get to view through the telescopes and should be an unforgettable experience for the whole family.

All anyone will really need is their curiosity, but a pair of binoculars can come in handy. All the events will be starting about dusk.

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**CELEBRITY CELEBRATION ENTERTAINMENT**—Brandy Gardner entertained the audience at the Heart Association celebration, with a song, (photo at left) and the Wallace grandchildren performed a skit as the Mouseketeers of the old Mickey Mouse show. (photo at right)



## Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

A bus load of Sagertonites were among a group of six chartered buses that went to the ball park (Arlington Stadium) in Arlington for a game between the Rangers and the Boston Red Sox. It was Lutheran Night at the ball game and the A.A.L. arranged the event. There were 39,399 in attendance with 5,600 Lutherans.

The Lutheran Choral group from Tarrant County sang the National Anthem at the beginning of the game and the General Chairman of A.A.L. pitched out the first ball. The Choral group has performed all over the area, including a performance at Carnegie Hall.

Big Country congregations represented included Faith of Sagerton, Trinity of Haskell, Bethel of Avoca, St. John's of Winters, Trinity of San Angelo, and Our Saviour, Grace and Zion Lutheran of Abilene. The only disappointment of the day was that the Rangers lost by a score of 6-4.

Weekend guests in the Joe and Yvonne Swofford last weekend included Mr. and Mrs. Boots Rogers of Lubbock and Gene and Leila White of Abilene.

Susan and Duke Pendergraft of near Stamford were hosts for a Father's Day supper in their home for her parents, Joe and Yvonne Swofford. The Swofford's other daughter, Jo Ann Weaver and granddaughter, Brittany from Abilene and of course, little Duke Pendergraft were also there to help with the family celebration.

A successful Vacation Bible School was held at Faith Lutheran Church last week with 21 children in attendance. The theme of the school was Friendship and Mrs. Ronnie Teichelman was superintendent. Teachers were Helen Lammert, Brenda Turner, Jana Manske, Sheryl Hertel, Kami Baitz, and Marie Zell. Helpers included Diane Smity, Michelle Toney,

Beverly Tredemeyer, Cho Diers and Darla Nehring. Other very important helpers during the school were the many ladies of the congregation who provided the refreshments. A special thanks from the children and faculty to these special people for a job well done.

Frances Clark hosted a birthday dinner Sunday for her cousin, Aileen Ables and her husband Warren who are visiting here from Austin. Joining the group were Mozelle Manske, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre and Ladain Anderson who is visiting in the Clark home.

Joe and Dorothy Clark were treated to dinner out on Sunday by her sister and husband from San Angelo on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. George and Ruby Olson had come for the bus trip to the ball game and arrived in Abilene at noon. The Clarks were also treated to the Happy Anniversary song by their fellow travelers on the bus at 4 p.m....the time of their wedding 50 years ago.

The Friendship Club met at Faith Lutheran Church last Thursday noon for their regular monthly dinner. Those in attendance were: Franklin and Isabell Mrazak, Minnie Monse, John L. Brooks, Jacky and Peggy Tabor, Frieda Knippling, Beatrice and Lilia Puebla, Dorothy, Michelle and Clay Toney, Brittany Lammert, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Joe and Dorothy Clark, Frances Clark, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Pastor Jeff and Marie Zell, Ladain Anderson of Houston, Warren and Aileen Ables of Austin.

The new Pastor of the Methodist Church and his family were introduced to the community...Daniel, Robin and little Matthew Ramey. We welcome them into our midst and hope they will soon feel like one of the Sagerton family.



**WHO'S ON FIRST?**—John Rike and Cathy Bartley entertained the audience at the Heart Association's Celebrity Celebration with a skit, "Who's on First?"

## Locals attend conference

Michael Copeland, Betsy McManam and Cathy Bartley of Haskell CISD attended the 9th annual Texas All Well Health Promotion Conference on June 3-7 in San Marcos. This conference, whose 1996 theme is "Step Up To Health," was designed to promote positive lifestyles among educators, who can then effectively serve as role models to facilitate health and well-being within the school environment.

Participants experienced a wide variety of health-related workshops focusing on timely topics such as self-esteem, emotional health, violence and substance abuse prevention, disease prevention, fitness and nutrition. Keynote presenters included: Milton Creagh's, "Why We Are Losing the War on Drugs," Barry Bernstein's "Rhythm Sandbox," Crystal Kuykendall's "Bringing Out the Best in All Children," Mary Montle Bacon's "Healthy Bodies/Healthy Minds—Education for a Culturally Pluralistic Society," and Mark Scharenbroich's "The Uncommon Educator."

The contributions of the annual All Well conference to public education are numerous. All Well fosters the development of a growing number of knowledgeable, motivated school staff who serve as positive role models for students. The conference also increases awareness of the benefits of wellness programs and assists districts in planning health promotion activities for students and staff.

All Well encourages and is

Chris Grand

structured around a team approach, with participants attending as members of a district or campus-based team. The team approach allows participants to experience personal and professional growth as well as to contribute to the development of the overall school health program.

Information about the next All Well conference, to be held in June, 1997, may be obtained by calling the All Well office at the Texas Association of School Administrators, 512-477-6361.

## Weather good for model plane fly-in

The 11th Annual Texas Chief's Model Airplane Club Open House Fly-in was held June 15 and 16, at the Haskell Model Airport. Twenty-four fliers registered for the event. Excellent weather made for great flying.

At the conclusion of the event plaques were awarded to Charlie Young of Archer City for his "Clipped Wing Cub" as the best civilian aircraft and to Jim Belyeu of Plainview as the pilot coming the farthest distance to participate. No military planes were entered for best military plaque.

A barbecue supper was held Saturday night at the flying field. Spectators were present from as far away as Tahoka, Abilene, Archer City and Spur.

The club wishes to thank those who contributed to the success of this event.

## B-K Electric Cooperative, Inc. NOTICE OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of the bylaws of the Cooperative (Article IV Directors; Sections 4.05. Nominations), the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations as follows:

- M. L. Verhalen, RR 1 Box 127, Knox City, Texas 79529
- Greg Clonts, P. O. Box 325, Knox City, Texas 79529
- John L. Grindstaff, Jr., P. O. Box 363, Knox City, TX 79529
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- Donnie Fitts, P. O. Box 447, Seymour, Texas 76380

The Committee on Nominations will meet July 5, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. at the Seymour Office of B-K Electric Cooperative, Inc. to make nominations for directors.

The director's terms expiring are Kames Albus, Knox County and Larry Burnett, Baylor County.

Members of the Cooperative are hereby notified of this meeting.

Excerpt from the By-Laws of B-K Electric Cooperative, Inc.

### ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS

**SECTION 4.01. NUMBER AND GENERAL POWERS.** The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of seven (7) directors. The Board shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such as are by law or by the Cooperative's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

**SECTION 4.02. QUALIFICATIONS.** No member shall be eligible to become a director or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who is not a member receiving service from the Cooperative at his primary residential abode in the area served by the Cooperative, or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electrical energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative, and no person shall take or hold office as a director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid. When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both may be elected as director, provided however, that neither one shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the Cooperative unless both shall meet the qualifications herein above set forth. Any director who shall miss three (3) Board of Directors' meetings in a row, without an excuse duly accepted and noted by the Board, shall lack eligibility to further serve and it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to remove him from the Board. No former employee whose employment has been terminated by the Cooperative may be eligible to serve as director. Any employee who resigns or retires from employment by the Cooperative shall not be eligible to serve as a director for a period of ten (10) years following such resignation or retirement. Nothing contained in this Section shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this Section and in which one or more of the directors have an interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

In the event an incumbent director, having served on the Board of Directors a minimum of six years, ceases to meet the requirement of receiving service from the Cooperative at his primary residential abode, such incumbent director shall nevertheless be qualified to continue to serve as director so long as he remains a member of the Cooperative and his primary residential abode is located within the area served by the Cooperative, or in close proximity thereto.

**SECTION 4.03. ELECTION.** At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by secret written ballot by the members and from among those members who are natural persons; provided however, that when the number of nominees does not exceed the number of directors to be elected, and if there is no objection, secret written balloting may be dispensed with and voting may be conducted in any other proper manner. Directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast unless the members in advance of any balloting resolve that a majority of the votes cast shall be required to elect, and this Bylaw provision shall be drawn to the attention of the members and explained to them prior to any balloting. Drawing by lot shall resolve, where necessary, any tie vote.

**SECTION 4.04. TENURE.** The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of seven (7) directors which shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such that are by law, or by the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative, or by these Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members. Beginning with the Annual Meeting of the members of the Cooperative held on August 21, 1954, two (2) members of the Board of Directors shall serve for a period of one year, two (2) members shall serve for two years, and three (3) members shall serve for three years, and that lots be cast as to the length of time each director shall serve; and beginning with the Annual Meeting of the members held in 1954, those directors who terms expire, such vacancy shall be filled for a period of three years.

**SECTION 4.05. NOMINATIONS.** It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than sixty (60) nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members of the Cooperative who are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director, who are not close relatives (as hereinafter defined) or members of the same household of such existing employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director, and who are so selected so as to give equitable representation on the committee to the geographical areas served or to be served by the Cooperative. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than twenty (20) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Section, failure to comply with any of such provisions shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the Board of Directors after the election of directors.

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# OPINION

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## Civil justice reform?

By Ralph Wayne

After nearly a decade of fighting for civil justice reform in Texas, I thought I had seen just about everything. Now it looks like Texas drivers could end up paying for one of the biggest litigation boondoggles in our history.

A Dallas plaintiff's lawyer recently filed a class action lawsuit in a South Texas courtroom, alleging that two auto insurance companies illegally computed premiums. He is asking for more than \$100 million in damages. That comes out to about \$30 to \$40 for each policyholder and \$30 to \$40 million for the plaintiff's lawyers. Ever wonder why plaintiff's lawyers are falling over each other to file class action claims?

The insurance companies say they were following regulations adopted by the State Dept. of Insurance. The insurance commissioner agrees, but has indicated that the rules will be changed for future premium calculations. The companies have vowed that they will follow any new rules issued by the Department.

Sounds reasonable, right? Not if you're a plaintiff's lawyer who stands to make \$40 million dollars. That's why the lawyer filed the suit in South Texas, just three days before new judge-shopping rules went into effect, and not in a major city, where most of the affected policyholders live. It's also why the lawyer hired an old friend of the judge's to help out on the case. The judge then had to decide whether to hear the case or defer to the Department. How do you think the judge ruled?

There's more. The plaintiff's lawyer has put up hundreds of thousands of dollars to run television advertisements in major media markets. The advertisements strongly imply that the insurance companies are intentionally ripping off consumers and encourage affected policyholders to sign up as plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

Obviously, the insurance companies asked the South Texas judge to prevent the ads from going on the air, arguing that the ads were prejudicial and would make it almost impossible to get a fair trial. Guess how the judge ruled on that one.

With this case Texas has reached a new level of lawsuit abuse. As if blatant judge-shopping and cozy judge-lawyer relations were not enough, we are now allowing plaintiff's lawyers to sell their case to the public over the airwaves—with no regard for a defendant's right to a fair and balanced process, whoever the defendant may be.

It's perfectly clear what the plaintiff's lawyer is trying to do here. Hand pick the most favorable court and judge you can find. Hire the judge's buddy to run interference for you. Put an ad on television accusing the defendant of being a crook. Superheat the atmosphere around the case so much that the defendant is forced to give up his rights and agree to some outrageous settlement. Fat multi-million dollar fees for the plaintiff's lawyer; peanuts for the consumers "represented" by the lawyer.

If the plaintiff's lawyer is permitted to get away with this scam, it will cost every Texas driver money. All because one plaintiff's lawyer saw a way to make the system work for him.

Those who think we've had enough legal reform had better think again. Regardless of what happens in this particular case, Texas courts are still the forum of choice for plaintiff's lawyers all over the country. Although we have made some progress, we are a long way from a court system that is free from manipulation and legal chicanery.

Ralph Wayne is President of the Texas Civil Justice League, a non-profit organization that advocates tort and judicial reform. The insurance companies involved in this case are not members of the League.

## Bullock proposes extra lottery money for schools

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock recently proposed relief from rising school property taxes by using more than \$500 million in unobligated lottery income. We can relieve pressure on local school taxes by turning the success of the state lottery into a jackpot for Texas taxpayers," Bullock said. "The lottery has done its part to fund education for our school kids through state coffers. Its overwhelming success means now it can do more.

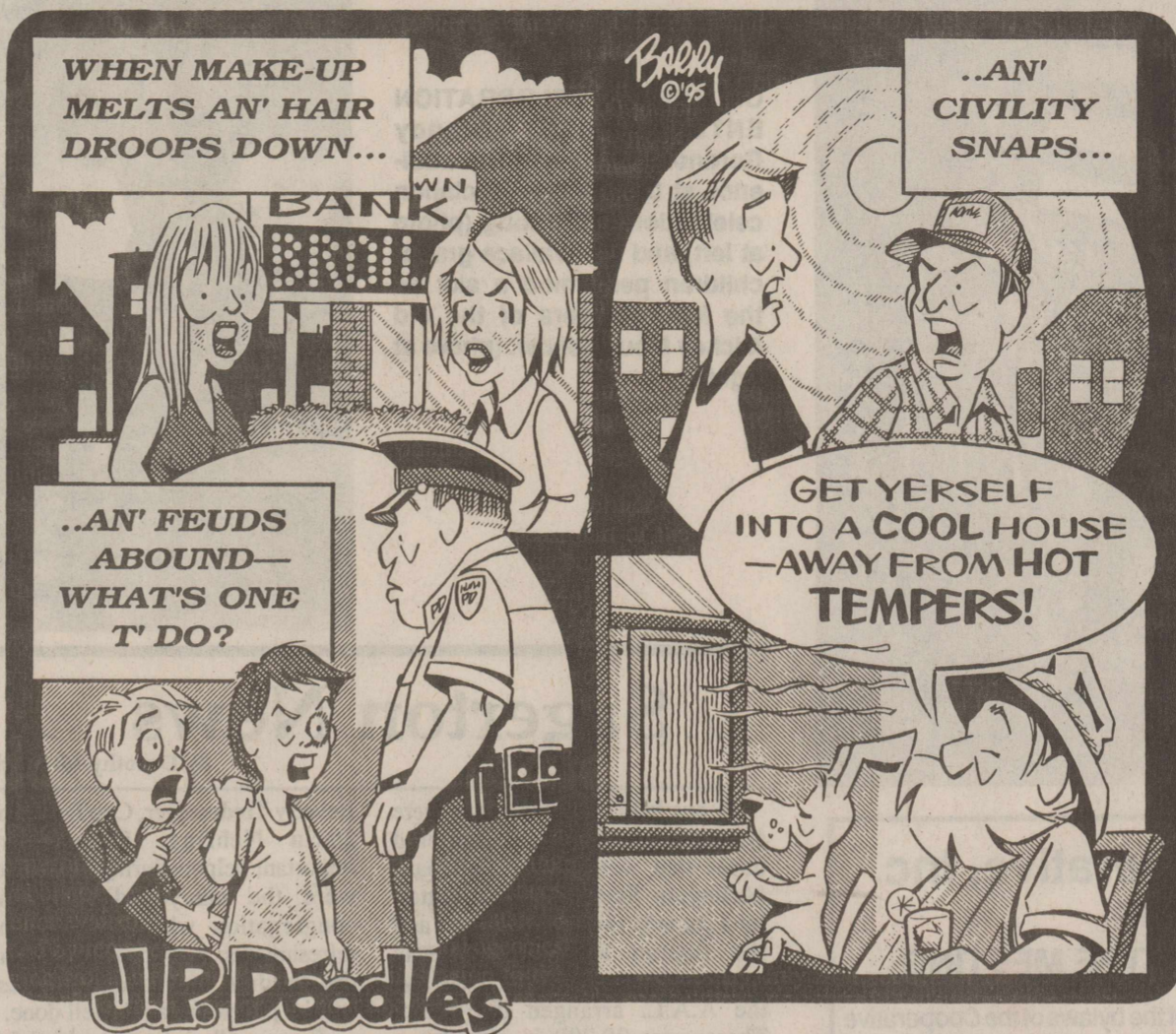
"Whether the extra money is used for teacher pay raises, new equipment or classrooms, it should be used to improve education and cap spiraling school property taxes." Bullock also said he hoped part of the money could be used for higher education.

Bullock said the money for local property tax relief can come from the difference between what the Legislature has given the lottery to operate and the actual cost of running it, as well as extra earnings from the lottery's growth. He pointed to the lottery's improved contract with GTECH, the state's lottery operator, and a proposed 6,000 new terminals as optimistic signs that the lottery could do more for education.

Bullock suggested permanently cutting the lottery's standard 10 percent allocation for administering the game to the current actual cost of seven percent of its earnings. He also suggested using funds raised by the lottery that may exceed state revenue estimates.

The difference between the amount allocated for administering the lottery and the actual cost of running it is expected to total \$176.5 million in the current biennium and could increase another \$247.5 million in the next two-year budget period. As much as \$103 million more may be raised through growing lottery sales in 1998-99.

Bullock encouraged legislators to explore his idea before the Regular Session begins in January. "We must do all we can with all we have to educate the next generation of young Texans," Bullock said. "It is going to take some creative thinking that doesn't include runaway school property taxes."



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago  
June 24, 1976

The Retail Committee Merchants are busy preparing merchandise for the money saving Old West Tumbleweed Sidewalk Sale to be held this weekend to help kick off the Bicentennial activities. To lend an air of excitement and total community commitment, the merchants are organizing their sidewalk sale so that it will blend with Bicentennial activities already scheduled. Merchandise will be priced at very low sale prices and put on display on the sidewalk in front of each store.

"Hub," the champion cutting horse of 1898, will provide the inspiration for an old-time Wild West Show to be held in Haskell in a two-day extravaganza on Friday and Saturday, June 25 and 26. This unique production will be dedicated to the memory of Sam Graves and the famous cutting horse "Old Hub" who won the Texas Cowboy Reunion Rodeo in Haskell in 1898.

30 Years Ago  
June 30, 1966  
From the Prattler Column by Al Hinds—Snakes Alive! Bob Greenroy, owner-operator of the Super Save Food Store on South First, said he saw a snake crawling up the side of his building the other day. When I asked what kind of a snake it was, he quipped, "I don't know, I didn't get that close." I imagine the snake had read Bob's ad in the Free Press and came to check out his big bargains.

60 Years Ago  
June 25, 1936

The new 150,000 gallon water tower finished last week by the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co. officially became the property of the City of Haskell on Monday night, when the reservoir was accepted by the City Council upon recommendation by K.H. McMullen, city engineer on the water works improvement project.

70 Years Ago  
June 24, 1926

G.S. Medford reports a four-inch rain last week and his corn on the bottom land was washed down, but he thinks the rain will benefit everybody in his section.

90 Years Ago  
June 30, 1906

Judge H.G. McConnell and Mr. F.G. Alexander of the Haskell railroad committee, went to Seymour and Wichita Falls this week on business connected with Haskell railroad interests. It was understood that they might see the Rock Island officials while away, and there may be some news to tell when they come home.

Mrs. S.W. Scott is giving her Sunday School class and a few friends an all-day outing and fish fry today on Mr. Scott's ranch on California Creek, about 14 miles southeast of town. Several young men were sent down Thursday afternoon with a boat and fishing tackle to catch fish and make preparation for the fry today.

## Haywood participates in drought relief

State Senator Tom Haywood (R-District 30) was a key participant in a Drought Relief Summit briefing members of the Texas Legislature on possible avenues of relief available to drought stricken areas of the state.

Led by representatives from state and federal agencies ranging from the Small Business Administration to the Rural Development Agency, the hour-and-a-half meeting was attended by legislators and staff seeking clues on the future of public relief for farmers, ranchers and businesses.

"I am grateful to Senator John Montford and Representative Robert Turner for leading this effort," Senator Haywood stated. "Our farms and ranches are hurting, and all the wishing in the world isn't going to make the crops grow or feed the cattle. We need common sense solutions, and we need them fast. We are looking into emergency grant money, possible cloud feeding and low interest loans."

The meeting was also occasion to announce a series of Drought Relief Information Field Meetings throughout the state during July and August. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, July 8—Abilene  
Tuesday, July 16—San Angelo  
Wednesday, July 24—Lubbock  
Wednesday, July 31—Amarillo  
Thursday, August 22—Midland/Odessa

Senator Haywood will join Representative Turner in co-chairing the Abilene briefing, which will be held from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at a location to be decided by the chairmen. This and all field meetings have been scheduled to provide information on drought relief to locally elected officials and affected individuals.

"We were elected to get these programs out of Austin and Washington and into the hands of the people who need it," Haywood ended. "I encourage everyone who wants to help themselves and their communities to attend these meetings."

## Non-users still skeptical about safety belts

By Jonathan J. Soukup  
Texas Ag. Ext. Service

More than 25 percent of Texans still don't use their seat belts when they travel in their vehicles. Coordinated Campaign Safe and Sober reminds Texans about the importance of using safety belts with some straight-forward facts.

Katie Womack, research scientist for the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI), said they have been collecting safety belt data in 18 Texas cities since 1985. She said the 1995 estimate of a 71.75 percent usage rate of safety belts is based statewide on front seat passengers.

One factor in determining who wears a safety belt more often is the fact that car occupants wear their safety belts more often than pick-up

occupants, Womack said. Urban areas alone have a higher restraint estimate of 73.3 percent.

"Females, both drivers and passengers, are more likely to be wearing their safety belts, than males," she said. "This is a difference of about 10 percent, and this has been fairly consistent over time. Age is also a factor. As people get older, they also tend to wear their belts more often."

Texas has a strong primary safety belt law which allows law officers to stop automobiles and issue citations when they observe someone not wearing a safety belt, according to Womack. Some states have a secondary law, where a law officer may stop and issue a citation for not using a safety belt only if another law is being broken

According to Texas law, all front seat passengers must be restrained with a safety belt and all children up to four years of age must be restrained.

"If you go back to the beginning before the seat belt law was passed," Womack said, "Austin stood out as a city that had better usage than any of the others. In 1985, the year we took the pre-law measurements, their usage was 28 percent. In that time frame, the average among those 14 cities was 15.2 percent."

"At that point," she said, "what was changing people's behavior, the reason they would report they would wear safety belts is 'because now we have to.' And now it's more often either because it's a habit or they believe in them

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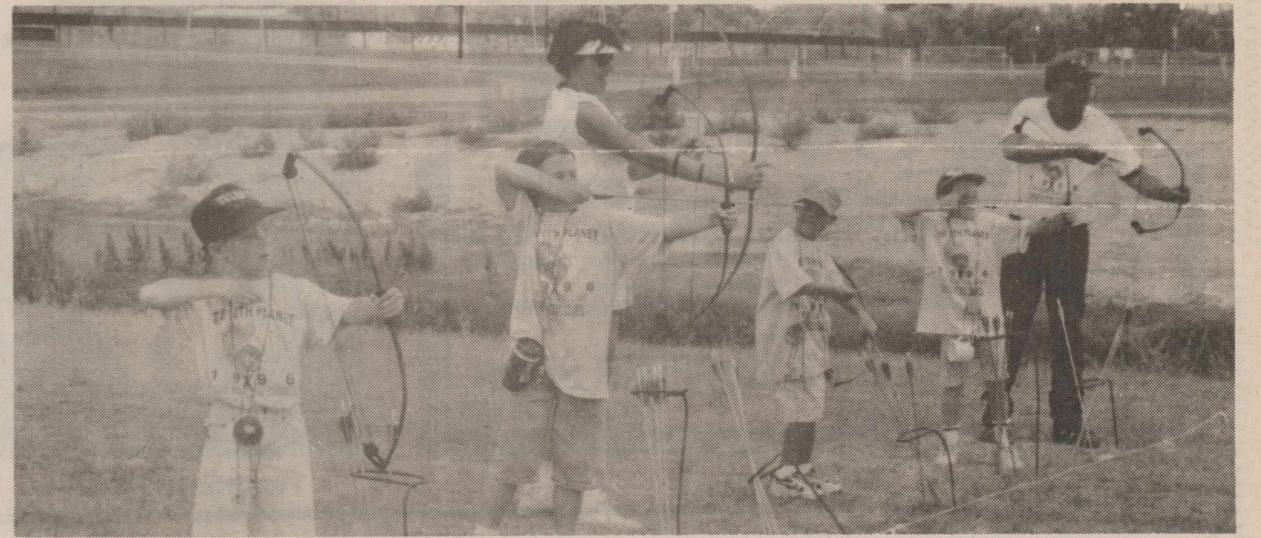
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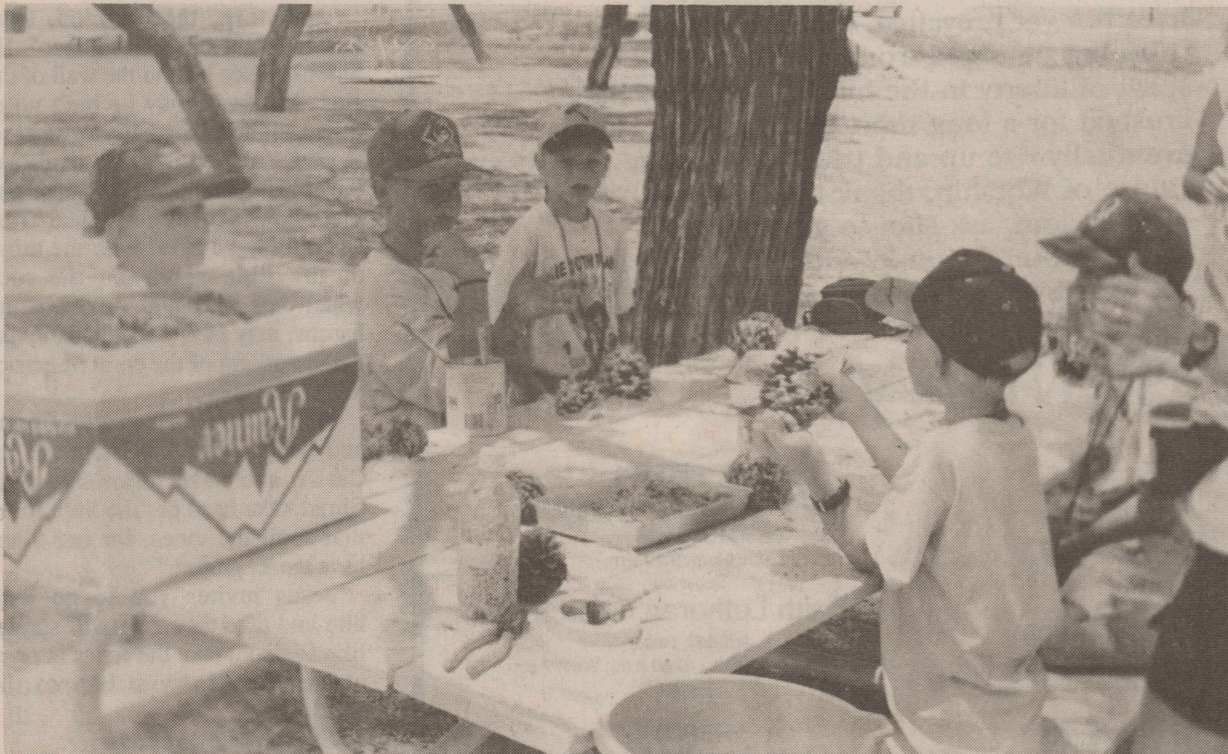


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**CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP**—Cub Scouts enjoyed a variety of activities in the three day Cub Scout Camp held recently at the Haskell City Park. Scouts in the Webelos II Den are trying their skills on the BB Range (top left), while Scouts in the Wolf Den are trying their skills on the Archery Range (top right). Scouts in the Bear Den are making bird feeders in photo at bottom left.



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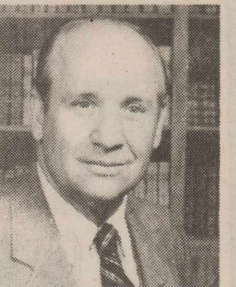
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## David elected president of geologists

Eddie K. David of Roswell, N.M. was recently elected president-elect of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. David is married to Nabeela Hassen, the daughter of Mrs. Fadwa Hassen and the sister of Raja Hassen of Haskell.

David said that he was honored when he received the news that he will serve as head of the 31,000-

member worldwide organization. He is believed to be the first man from Roswell to head the AAPG and only the second one from New Mexico.

"I consider it an honor. I'm very pleased," said David, founder and president of his own company, David Petroleum Corp.

David, 62, begins his term July 1 and serves until June 30, 1997,

when he becomes president. That term will last from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998. To become president-elect, he had the majority of votes from about 6,200 ballots cast.

David graduated from Texas Tech in 1956 with a bachelor's degree in petroleum geology and began work as an exploration and exploitation geologist in the Permian Basin in Midland.

He met his future wife, Nabeela, at a YMCA dance in Midland in 1958. The couple have two children, a son, Edward Nabeela, who is vice-president of David Petroleum and a daughter, Camille David, who is the general manager of Residence Inn by Marriott in Irving.

Texaco moved David and Colin McMillan to Roswell in 1962. He and McMillan are partners now in David Petroleum. David stayed with Texaco until 1966, when he set out on his own as a consulting oil-and-gas geologist and an independent oil operator.

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The Young Eagles Flight is a special program to provide a motivational aviation experience focusing on a demonstration of flight in an airplane. The goal of the Young Eagles program is to reach 1 million young people by the year 2003—the dawn of aviation's second century and 50th anniversary of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Through the courtesy of the pilots belonging to the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter based at Abilene Regional Airport, young people between the ages of 8 and 17 are provided, free of charge, a demonstration/introductory flight in an approved aircraft by a highly qualified pilot. Eagle Flight participants must have parent or guardian's signed permission to fly. All Eagle Flight participants will receive a special Eagle Flight Certificate and their name will be entered in the World's Largest Logbook at EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh, Wi.

## Fly-in and Young Eagles flight

A special activity during Rotan Days this year will be the Antique and Homebuilt Fly-In and Young Eagle Flight at the Fisher Co. Airport on Saturday, July 20. The Fly-In is all day. The Young Eagles Flight is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Antique and Homebuilt Fly-In will feature vintage and modern airplanes which are either restored

## Haskell School Menu

July 1-5

**Monday:** Nachos, pinto beans, applesauce, cookies & milk  
**Tuesday:** Chicken/spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, buttered hot rolls, ice cream/topping & milk  
**Wednesday:** Homemade burritos, fried tortillas/ho uce, buttered corn, fresh strawberries & milk  
**Thursday:** Holiday  
**Friday:** Hamburger, tater tots, hamburger trimmings, sliced watermelon & milk

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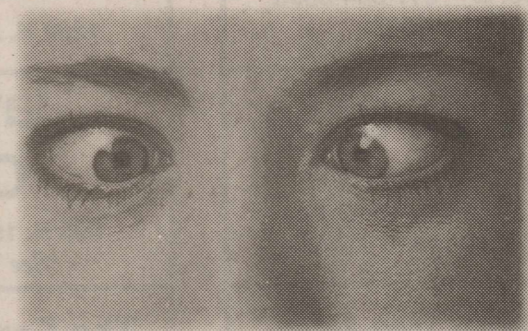
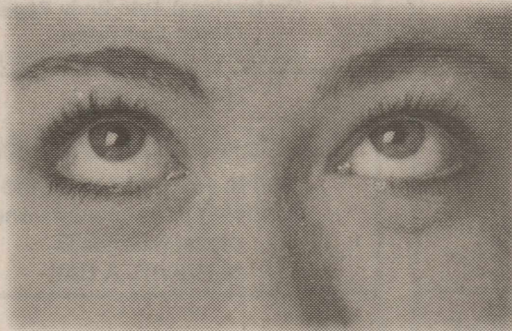
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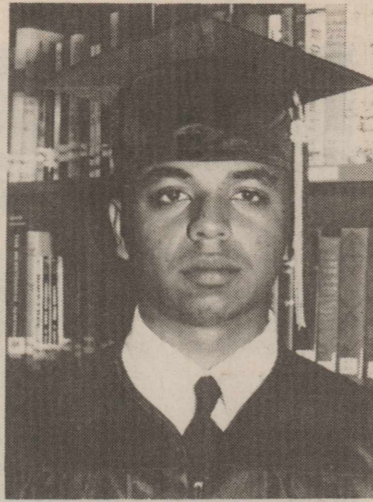
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TYRONE THOMAS

### Naval training

Tyrone M. Thomas, a 1996 Haskell High School graduate, will be leaving July 2 for the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Chicago, Ill. Tyrone will be stationed there for eight weeks of hard training.

After completion of basic training he will then go to Meridian, Miss., where he will continue naval training for P.N. school. Upon completion it will then be determined where he will be stationed for the next four years.

He is the son of Lawrence Thomas of Cleburne and Lola Thomas of Haskell.

### Food for thought

By Charles H. Spurgeon  
"Take us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines."—Song of Solomon 2:15

A little thorn may cause much suffering. A little cloud may hide the sun. Little foxes spoil the vines; and little sins do mischief to the tender heart.

These little sins burrow in the soul and make it so full of that which is hateful to Christ, that He will hold no comfortable fellowship and communion with us. A great

sin cannot destroy a Christian, but a little sin can make him miserable.

Jesus will not walk with His people unless they drive out every known sin. He says, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love."

Some Christians very seldom enjoy their Saviour's presence. How is this? Surely it must be an affliction for a tender child to be separated from his father.

Art thou a child of God, and yet satisfied to go on without seeing thy Father's face? What! thou the spouse of Christ, and yet content without his company! Sure, thou hast fallen into a sad state, for the chaste spouse of Christ mourns like a dove without her mate, when he has left her.

Ask, then, the question, what has driven Christ from thee? He hides his face behind the wall of thy sins. That wall may be built up of little pebbles, as easily as of great stones. The sea is made of drops; the rocks are made of grains; and the sea which divides thee from Christ may be filled with the drops of thy little sins; and the rock which has well nigh wrecked thy barque, may have been made by the daily working of the coral insects of thy little sins.

If thou wouldst live with Christ, and walk with Christ, and see Christ, and have fellowship with Christ, take heed of "the little foxes that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes."

Jesus invites you to go with him and take them. He will surely, like Samson, take the foxes at once and easily. Go with him to the hunting.

Submitted by Sam Bitner.

## This Week's Devotional Message:

THE HUMAN SPIRIT WILL NOT BE DENIED FREEDOM FOREVER



Those of us who have never had to live without freedom simply take it for granted. However, it was brought sharply to our attention last year, by the incredible daily events in eastern Europe. One by one the rulers of those countries toppled like dominoes, as the people shouted down their yoke of oppression. Of course, many problems, conflicts and dictatorships remain in other parts of the

world, where freedom and democracy have not yet prevailed, but one definite truth has emerged from all of this: The spirit of liberty in the human soul may be crushed for a long time, but it will eventually rise up and triumph. At your House of Worship, thank the Lord for our freedom, ask Him to give us the courage to maintain it, and pray that all the world will be blessed with it.

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Raul Tirado, pastor  
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Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
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- 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

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

- WEINERT**
- 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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- 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.;  
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  - 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.  
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- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Carol Krumpson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
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  - Faith Lutheran Church**  
Jeff Zell, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Sagerton
- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**  
Stewart Farrell, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 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  
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  - 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. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule
  - West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Robert Sweet  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

### Woolsey inducted into DRMS Hall of Fame

The late Tom Woolsey was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS). Woolsey was born and spent his early childhood in Haskell, where several relatives still reside. A 1967 graduate of Lubbock High School, he began his property disposal career that same year as a stockhandler at nearby Reese Air Force Base.

Known as a perfect southern gentleman, Woolsey was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him and was an inspiration to all those who worked with him. His wonderful sense of humor brightened the lives of those in his company. Friends say he exemplified the old saying: When the going gets tough, the tough get going." Woolsey passed away in July 1995.

The DRMS Hall of Fame recognizes those employees, both past and present, whose outstanding accomplishments have greatly benefitted the organization. Woolsey's brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Lou Woolsey, of Lake Dallas, traveled to DRMS headquarters in Battle Creek, Mich., to accept the honor from DRMS commander, Capt. Donald A. Hempson, Jr., SC, USN.

Woolsey worked his way up to property disposal specialist at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) at Reese Air Force Base. In 1975, he became chief of the DRMO at Goose Bay, Labrador. Throughout his career, he also served as chief of DRMOs Portsmouth, N.H.; Leavenworth, Kan.; and Sparta, Wis.

He served two tours at HQ DRMS. Beginning in 1981, he worked as the environmental liaison for Operations. He assisted in establishing policies, procedures and regulations for several DRMS initiatives. Following his tour at DRMO Sparta, he returned to headquarters in 1994 as the Demil/Trade Security Controls manager, the position he held at the time of his death.

Tom Woolsey is greatly missed and DRMS is proud to bestow this honor on him.

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# Students study water Olympics

This week the 5th, 6th and 7th grade Summer School class studied about the different Olympic events, that take place in the water. These events are a diving, synchronized swimming, yachting, water polo, rowing, canoeing, kayaking and the five swimming races.

In diving, we learned there are four positions divers use. An event for women only, is synchronized swimming. The eight team members perform their routine at the same time. Water polo is similar to soccer, but is played in seven feet of water. A player can

throw a ball in water up to 60 mph. Rowing, canoeing and kayaking are similar in that they all require a special boat and some form of a paddle. A new word we discovered was coxswain. Do you know which of these three events need a coxswain?

In the Olympics there are five different swimming races. They are backstroke, butterfly, freestyle and breaststroke. The individual medley combines all of these strokes.

As a conclusion to this study, we held our own Olympic

competition at the city pool on Friday. Our favorite event was the canoeing. The most difficult event was the rowing, because we fell out of the boat, the boat kept turning around, and using the paddles took a lot of skill.

The Olympic water events are harder than they look and are also very physically tiring. We can certainly appreciate the training of these Olympic athletes.

Written and submitted by the 5th, 6th and 7th grade Summer School classes.



## Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

As we turn our attention from spring into summer, it's natural to look for hot weather plants. The chief option is the crepe myrtle. It looks good the rest of the year. Remember always to water it below the foliage.

Watch container plants especially closely, since they dry out more quickly than if planted in the ground. It may be necessary to water daily those in clay pots and wire hanging baskets. Fertilize more often as well. Hopefully, you have applied a high potash fertilizer such as 16-4-8 or 15-5-10 prior to this summer's heat.

Summer planted annuals can provide lovely blooms right up to frost. Zinnias are some of the best annuals for fall flowers. The Peter Pan type is one of the best. Marigolds are also welcome to the fall landscape. Plant them by mid-July in the full sun. Keep them moist as they start growing.

Celosia is a great flower for the fall. The heads can be dried and used for fall dried arrangements. Also I must mention mums, Joseph's Coat, copper plants as fall favorites.

When watering, let it be in the early morning, if possible. You

will lose the least possible water to evaporation. It is the best for disease problems, since the foliage will dry quickly after the sun comes up.

I am repeating a recipe that is extremely effective for killing aphids: 1 large onion (not sweet), one whole garlic, one tablespoon cayenne pepper, 2 qts. water. Cook onion and garlic until soft. Strain through a cheese cloth and store in a bottle. Put it in a spray bottle and use on roses, oleanders, broccoli, cabbage, etc.

Instead of using gravel, line the bottom of a flower pot by cutting a sponge to size. It will absorb water better and keep dirt from sifting out.

If you see any lizards in your flower beds, please do not destroy them, because they will dine on the pests in your flower beds.

Enjoy the brightness of the nasturtiums in your garden and use the petals for a nice lemony taste in salads.

If you have left your Christmas decorations handy, thinking Kris Kringle might appear any minute scooting through summer skies on water skis and you have tomatoes growing in cages and the birds like

to peck on them, I have a novel solution for you. Hang bright red Christmas balls on the sides of the tomato cages. The birds will think the balls are ripe tomatoes. They'll fly down, but soon they will discover the tomatoes are beak-proof.

Don't discard shells after cracking nuts. They are nice to put in the bottom of flower pots for drainage.

Old curtain rods make good plant supports. Place the rod in the flower pot and tie the plant to it. Then extend the rod as the plant grows.

If you have concrete garden ornaments, and you want them not to ruin in the weather, use Thompson's water seal or any other clear exterior sealer for concrete.

Sometime in June, mulch your chrysanthemums and feed every two weeks with liquid fertilizer. Plant zinnias, marigolds and cosmos for autumn brightness.

To you who read my article, I hope it is of some benefit to you. I enjoy writing it and I hope it gives you an appreciation of how flowers make us happy with our lives, and they part they play in other peoples lives.

# AGRICULTURE

## Farm bill to be examined at conference

By Joe Bryant

Texas Ag. Ext. Service

The current and potential impact of the 1996 federal farm bill upon Texas agriculture, agribusiness and rural communities will be examined during a conference in Lubbock on June 27-28.

The conference seeks to help producers, others involved in agriculturally related businesses, public officials and community leaders understand implications of the recent overhaul of federal farm policy and find ways to adapt.

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Richard Rominger and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry will address the conference.

The program at the Holiday Inn Civic Center will be hosted by the Texas Agricultural and Natural Resources Summit Initiative. Other sponsors of the conference are the

Texas Agricultural Forum, the Agriculture Program of the Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech University and the V.G. Young Institute of Government.

"The new farm bill will require producers to make major adjustments to operate in a more market-driven system," said Bob Stallman, conference program committee co-chair and president of the Texas Farm Bureau. "By anticipating the impacts of the new farm program provisions, in part through conferences such as this, strategies can be developed to facilitate adjustments and reduce negative effects."

Changes in federal farm policies will directly impact agribusiness and rural communities, said Dr. Kary Mathis, professor and chairman of agricultural economics at Texas Tech. One example, he said, is the effect upon agricultural lending which typically finances farmers' operations throughout the growing season.

"Producers' borrowing ability was reduced" because of changes in farm program payments, Mathis said. Conflicting information as the

new policies go into effect is understandable, but adds to the confusion, he said. Agricultural suppliers of things such as seed, fertilizer and equipment will feel the impact of these changes, he noted. "We're still looking for definitive answers" to questions raised by such changes, Mathis said. During the conference, Mathis will serve on a panel to discuss implications for agribusiness.

The registration fee of \$60 will be used to partially cover cost of the conference. More information or inquiries on registration can be obtained from: Texas Agricultural and Natural Resources Summit Initiative, 113 Administration Building, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2142, or by telephoning 409-845-8484.

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## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 992 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, June 22, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

The market was fully steady on better cattle. Fuller and plainer cattle were \$2 to \$3 lower. Packer cows and bulls were \$1 to \$2 higher. Bred cows and pairs were steady.

Cows: fat, .28-.34; cutters, .27-.35; canners, .15-.27.

Bulls: bologna, .35-.42; feeder, .45-.52; utility, .25-.35.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .57-.67; 300-400 lbs., .54-.64; 400-500 lbs., .55-.64; 500-600 lbs., .52-.62; 600-700 lbs., .50-.62; 700-800 lbs., .51-.58; 800-up lbs., .47-.56.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .45-.55; 300-400 lbs., .45-.52; 400-500 lbs., .44-.53; 500-600 lbs., .45-.54; 600-up lbs., .44-.55.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, \$250-\$350.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, \$325-\$440; aged or small, \$250-\$350.

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