

Basketball games
Bi-District
Haskell Indians
vs Nocona
Fri., 7:30 p.m.
at Vernon
Calendar

Homework workshop

Region 14 Education Center will be hosting 'Homework a Family Affair,' a homework workshop for parents and staff, at Haskell Elementary from 6:30 to 8 p.m. March 6. Anyone who has a loved one in school and wants them to be successful is invited to come. Other schools in our region will be sending staff and parents. Childcare is provided. Registration is a must so enough material will be provided for all in attendance. Call 864-2654 to register.

Philadelphian Club

The Rule Philadelphian Club will observe Americanism Day Thurs., Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. in the clubhouse with Greg Melton of Haskell as guest speaker. Melton will look at the life of Jane Herbert Wilkinson Long, a pioneer of Anglo-American women in Texas.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Feb. 20 at the American Legion Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 and 1 to 3 p.m.

Old Glory Musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., Feb. 22 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand in Texas will open at 5:30 and the music will start at 6 p.m. There is no admission charge. Proceeds of the concessions and any donations will go to offset Community Center expenses. For further information call 817-989-2925. In addition to the regular musicians, The Luster Family of Eunice, N.M. will be entertaining.

New worship service

East Side Baptist Church is adding another worship service to its Sunday morning schedule. Sun., March 2 East Side will begin its first early service at 8:30 a.m. The music portion of the service will be led by Philip Martin. The new schedule for Sunday morning is 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Early Worship Service; 9:45 to 10:45 Sunday School and 11:00 to noon Worship Service.

Writer's Guild

The Writer's Guild will have their monthly meeting Feb. 27 at 860 Hickory in Abilene at 7:30 p.m. Bernice Tucker and Sam Davis will be presenting a poetry evenings. The public is invited.

Partners for Children

Partners for Children will present the second part of Choosing Effective Discipline Tues., Feb. 25 at the Haskell Elementary School at 7 p.m. Consistency is the key to any effective discipline program. Child care is provided by calling 864-2654.

WeCTOGA meeting

The West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association will hold their annual meeting for WeCTOGA members and guests Sun., Feb. 23 and Mon., Feb. 24. A reception will be held at the Abilene Civic Center Sun., Feb. 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mon., Feb. 24 a breakfast will be held at the Abilene Petroleum Club from 7 to 8 a.m. followed by a membership meeting from 8:30 to 11:30. A luncheon will be held at the Civic Center in Abilene at noon on Monday with Charles Matthews, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, speaking.

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Good luck, Indians at Bi-District

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DISTRICT CHAMPS: The Haskell Indians will be playing for the Bi-District title on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in Vernon against Nocona. Team members are back row: Greg Rodriguez, Jason

Briles, Casey Burgess, Eric Guadalcazar, Trey Cheyne and Bobby Ortiz. Front row: Gava Ortiz, Carl Riley, Matthew McCord, Ryan Nanny and Joseph Lopez. Their coach is Mark Coffman.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Math teams compete

The Haskell Junior High and High School Math teams traveled to San Angelo Saturday to compete in the Lake View Invitational Math Meet.

The high school team competed against twelve schools and placed 2nd in calculator and math team competition. They competed against 21 schools in division 1A-5A for sweepstakes and placed sixth overall.

Individuals placing were:

9th grade: Kevin McSmith, 9th number sense, 7th math; Kristi Escobedo, 5th calculator, 10th math; Meg McManamon, 8th calculator, 6th science; and Jessica Thompson, 8th calculator and 5th science.

11th grade: Marci McSmith, 1st number sense, 2nd math, 9th science; Chris McSmith, 3rd number sense, 2nd math; and Anna Rieger, 1st calculator, 4th math.

12th grade: Lyle Fouts, 3rd number sense, 3rd calculator, 2nd math.

The junior high students competed against eleven schools from division 1A-5A. They placed second in team calculator, fourth in team math and fourth in team number sense.

Individuals placing were:

7th grade: Nathan Long, 6th number sense, 8th science; Kristin Cybert, 8th math; Jennifer Smith, 4th calculator; Jessica Rieger, 4th calculator; Sydney Brueggeman, 3rd calculator and Jacklyn Escobedo, 9th calculator.

8th grade: Jimmy Huff, 5th number sense, 2nd math; Tom Fouts, 4th calculator; Dan Fouts, 4th calculator and Jeff Blanks, 8th calculator.

These students are coached by Kent Carroll, Tracy Frierson, Norma Richardson, Wayne Hester and Bonnie Fouts.

Holiday sales result in sales tax increase

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, recently delivered a total of \$260.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,088 Texas cities and 117 counties, and noted that the December shopping season was indeed a busy one for many Texas retailers.

This month's payments to Texas cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers at the height of holiday shopping in December and reported to the Comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November and December, and all yearly filings for 1996.

Based on surveys of major Texas retailers and shopping mall managers during the first two weeks of December, Sharp projected that retail holiday sales statewide would run well ahead of those for the previous year.

"The holiday shopping spirit was clearly evident across Texas, as retailers around the state rang up increased sales which surpassed earlier expectations," Sharp said.

Sharp delivered sales tax rebates to Texas cities totaling \$239.5 million, 11 percent above last year's February payments of \$215.7 million. Rebates of \$21.2 million to Texas counties were 8.3 percent more than the \$19.6 million allocations in February 1996.

Haskell County had a 10.67 percent increase in sales tax rebates of \$39,862.25 for February in comparison to \$36,018.68. 1997 payments to date of \$60,036.54 reflect a 9.7 percent decrease over 1996 payments to date of \$56,487.63.

The city of Haskell had a 6.57 percent increase for February, 1997 of \$35,119.37 in comparison to \$32,952.80 for February, 1996.

1997 payments to date of \$54,372.95 reflect an 11.57 percent decrease over 1996 payments to date of \$61,489.50.

O'Brien had a February 1997 payment of \$403.99, to compare with no payment received in February, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$436.02 were received. No payments to date were received in February 1996.

Rochester had a 7.77 percent increase for February, 1997 of \$1,093.44 in comparison of \$1,014.60 for February, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$1,353.39 reflect a 6.34 percent increase over 1996 payments to date of \$1,272.62.

Rule had a 34.81 percent increase for February, 1997 of \$2,765.36 in comparison to \$2,051.28 in February, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$3,371.40 reflect a 9.5 percent decrease over

1996 payments to date of \$2,725.51.

Weinert had a February, 1997 payment of \$480.09 reported. No payments were reported in February, 1996. 1997 payments of \$502.78 were reported. No payments were reported in February, 1996.

Audit reveals that City is in excellent financial condition

The annual audit lead the agenda for the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council held Feb. 11.

The audit, presented by Jeff Gregg, reported that the city is in excellent financial condition and can be proud of the year's many improvements.

The City public funds investment policy was presented by Sam Watson, city administrator. It was approved by the Council.

The sewer drying bed bid by Joe Moore Pipeline was accepted. This was the lowest bid presented.

Kent Oil has requested to lease a strip of city owned land 30'x50' north of the City Park. Many walkers use this area for parking, but the lease should not interfere with parking in this area. Kent Oil will cement the lot. Joy Chapman was present to express her concerns about the closeness of the land to the park. The Council assured Mrs. Chapman that Kent Oil would put in a business that would not take from the park. The Council also stated that the city was proud to see a business of this size locating in Haskell.

The Council voted to support Sen. Tom Haywood's Senate Bill

76. This bill would give 5 percent of lottery sales in the city to the city and sales outside the city would give 5 percent to the county.

Shane Hadaway gave a report on the status of a zoning dispute involving a trailer house being moved onto a lot without prior zoning change.

Ann Young was commended for her completion of recertification requirements for Texas Municipal Clerk.

Round Robin Revival Set February 23-27

The Haskell Ministerial Alliance will hold a Round Robin Revival Feb. 23-27. The schedule is as follows:

Sunday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. services will be held at the First Baptist Church with Vergil Smith serving as speaker.

Services on Mon., Feb. 24 will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Eric Clark speaking.

Calvary Baptist Church will host the services on Tuesday, Feb.

Kevin Patton, Eagle Scout, is placing eight park benches around the walking path.

Watson reported that Lipham Construction will re-coat the streets that are peeling up in the spring.

Bill Steele and Randy Shaw of the Haskell Fire Dept. approached the Council with a request for help in replacing the portable radios used by the department's members. Action was tabled until next meeting.

25 at 7 p.m. with Freddie Perez, speaking.

Wednesday night services will be held at the First Assembly of God Church with Sid Parsley speaking.

Troy Culpepper will be speaking at the Thursday evening services at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

Ministerial Alliance president, J. C. Amburn, invited everyone to attend.



DEBBIE EARLES

Debbie Earles receives science mentor designation

Debbie Earles, Haskell Elementary sixth grade teacher, is among six area school teachers to earn designation as science mentor teacher after completing a two year program. As mentors, they will introduce new ideas in science teachings and encourage other teachers to continue their training.

Mrs. Earles completed 105 hours of training through a partnership involving the Region 14 Education Service Center and Abilene Christian, Hardin-Simmons and

McMurtry universities. This continuing education program is financed by a grant from University Texas Regional Collaboration for Excellence in Science Teaching.

These teachers and principals were honored at a luncheon on Wed., Feb. 12 in Abilene at the Service Center. Jim Lisle, principal of Haskell Elementary, accompanied Mrs. Earles to the luncheon, where she received an award for this achievement.

Highs speak at pharmacy convocation

Doyle and Roberta High, owners of The Drug Store in Haskell, shared their wit, wisdom, and varied talents with the members of the founding class of Texas Tech

Health Sciences Center, School of Pharmacy. The Highs were the keynote speakers for the first Pharmacy School Honors

Convocation, a ceremony recognizing those students who have distinguished themselves during the first year of the school.

Twenty-three students were honored with the presentation of various private, corporate, and institutional scholarships and awards. The

parents of the Pharm.D. candidates, along with Texas Tech staff and other community members attended what is projected to be an annual event.

It became evident that the non-traditional format of two keynote speakers (at the same time) is a direct reflection of the Highs' philosophy. Their presentation was fun and lighthearted, yet sprinkled with nuggets of solid truth to give the aspiring pharmacists some keys to success. Personally, they are people who obviously enjoy living, while basing their lives in a foundation of the traditional values



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Roberta and Doyle High were keynote speakers for members of the founding class of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, School of Pharmacy recently. They spoke to the first Pharmacy School Honors Convocation in Amarillo. The ceremony recognizes students who distinguish themselves during the first year of school.

of God, family and country. "Life is short, you can do so much more than you ever dreamed you could do, and America is still the land of opportunity," said Doyle.

Their presentation was a mixture of anecdotes based on their

experiences, songs, and observations to guide the Pharm.D. candidates in their future endeavors. Since the Highs have owned and operated The Drug Store in Haskell for 27 years, they are imminently qualified to give advice to young people seeking to be pharmacists. Both Roberta and Doyle have distinguished themselves in many arenas apart from pharmacy including the co-authorship of the book *The Redneck and the High Maintenance Women*. Doyle finished 10,586th in the 1987 New York City Marathon and successfully rode across the United States on a bicycle. Roberta is an accomplished singer who uses her talent in gospel ministry and entertainment.

ECC Menu and Calendar

- Monday, Feb. 24**
Lunch—Seafood croquettes, blackeyed peas, macaroni/tomatoes, tossed salad, peaches, bread, milk, tea or coffee.
China painting—1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 26**
Exercise—10:30 a.m.
Lunch—Steak/gravy, potatoes, peas, carrot salad, cobbler, bread, milk, tea or coffee.
- Friday, Feb. 28**
Lunch—BBQ on bun, potato salad, baked beans, pickles, onions, fruit, bread, milk, tea or coffee.
All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued in January 1997 were:
Richard Enriquez Rincon and Jaqueline Ruth Nicholson, both of Rule.
Gary Ryan Jeffrey of McCauley and Desiree Denise Harbour of Madill, Okla.
Charlie Escobedo and Guadalupe Castorena, both of Haskell.
Sam Enriquez Rodriguez and Mary Stella Galvan, both of Haskell.
John Thomas Therwhanger of Haskell and Myrtle Sanders Plemister of Weinert.
Jonathan Wayne Tatum of Haskell and Candice Dawn Powers of Texhoma, Okla.
William Lynn Pace and Sylvia Ann Torres, both of Abilene.
Chuckie Castillo and Bonnie Jean Silvas, both of Haskell.

Obituaries

Brooks Middleton

Services were held for Brooks Middleton, 77, of Haskell Sun., Feb. 16 at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Sid Parsley and Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Middleton died Fri., Feb. 14 at a local nursing home. Born April 4, 1919 in Haskell County, he grew up on a ranch in the Cobb Community, named after his grandparents who first settled the land in the late 1800s. He served in the U. S. Air Force for five years during World War II. He married LaVera (Bebe) Riley on June 17, 1949 in Rotan. She preceded him in death in 1981. He worked as a rancher, a mail carrier, and a distributor for Gulf. He was a past member of the Rotary Club, and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. He served on the Haskell City Council, and was a member of the First

United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Riley Middleton of Lubbock; one daughter, Nancy Kay Mueller of Abilene; one sister, Elizabeth Stewart of Haskell; one brother, Gentry Middleton of Haskell; four grandchildren, Jason Munday, Leese Ann Middleton, James Munday and Matt Middleton.

Pallbearers were Wallace Cox, Abe Turner, Keith Everett, Dr. Bill Kemp, Ed Wilfong, Dr. William McSmith, John Sam Rike and Fitzhugh Williams. Honorary pallbearers were all of his old friends, here and gone.

Memorials may be sent to the Lubbock Childrens Home, P. O. Box 2824, Lubbock, TX 79408 or West Texas Rehab, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, TX 79605.

Wendell Ray Conner

Services for Wendell Ray Conner, 61, of Haskell were held Wed., Feb. 19 at the First Assembly of God Church with Rev. J. C. Amburn officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Conner died Sun., Feb. 16 at an Abilene Hospital. Born April 14, 1935 in Haskell, he married Lawana Mae Allen Nov. 25, 1951 in Haskell. He worked for Westmore Drilling as a superintendent for 18 years. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Pamela Ann Conner; one brother, Martin Eddie Conner; and his father, Vergil Conner.

Victor Clarence Hobbs

Services were held for Victor Clarence Hobbs, 85, of Katy, and formerly of Haskell, Mon., Feb. 17 at the First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Ross Anderson and Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hobbs died Sat., Feb. 15 at a Katy hospital. Born May 27, 1911 in Haskell County, he married Ruby Edge on Dec. 4, 1932 in Rochester. He lived in Weinert from the early 40s to the early 70s when he moved to Haskell. While in Weinert he was a member and a deacon of the First Baptist Church. When he moved to

Haskell, he moved his membership to the First Baptist Church in Haskell. He was a farmer for 40 years.

He was preceded in death by one son, David H. Hobbs.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Hobbs of Katy; one son, Keith Hobbs of Chicago, Ill.; one sister, Fern Casey of Guyman, Okla. and six grandchildren, Arlette Richardson, Robin Quiroga, Mark Hobbs, Treanne Horne, Holly Hobbs, and Kristin Hobbs.

Pallbearers were Frank Jenkins, Dickie Greenwood, Kenneth Sanders, Steve Richardson, Javier Quiroga, Doug Horne and Mark Hobbs.

Helen C. Wiseman

Services were held for Helen C. Wiseman of Temple Mon., Feb. 17 at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple with Rev. Jimmy Griffith officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Harper-Talasek Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wiseman died Sat., Feb. 15 at a Temple hospital. Born Sept. 27, 1923 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Ernest and Floy (Hobbs) Coleman. She graduated from Haskell High School in 1940. She married Bill W. Wiseman Jan. 4, 1941 in Haskell and they moved to Temple in Aug. 1967. She worked for Temple College in the bookstore until retiring in 1988.

She was preceded in death by one son, Billy Wiseman,

Jr. Feb. 15, 1990.

Survivors include her husband, Bill W. Wiseman, of Temple; three daughters, Kay Wiseman Cheatham of Spring, Debby A. Trippett of Dallas, and Lynne Wiseman Harris of Salado; one daughter-in-law, Jan (Epperson) Wiseman of Temple; two brothers, Gene Coleman of Lubbock and Ronnie Coleman of Anton; two sisters, Marjorie Mathis of Tulsa, Ok., and Norman Kelley of Artesia, N.M.; 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Scott and White Dialysis Center, 2401 South 31st, Temple, TX 76508 or The Haskell Friends of the Library in Haskell.

Faye Schnuriger

Graveside services for Faye Schnuriger, 85, of San Antonio Tues., Feb. 4 at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with Pastor John White of Trinity Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements were by Zizik-Kearns Riebe-Saunders of San Antonio.

Mrs. Schnuriger died Feb. 2 in Uvalde. Born in Haskell Dec. 5, 1911 to Bob and Rosa Glenn, she was a well-known artist in the Haskell area and in New Jersey, Midland and San Antonio. She belonged to many organizations associated with art.

She was preceded in death by her husband, A. J. Schnuriger, one brother, Clifford Glenn and one sister, Bessie Fouts, and her parents.

Survivors include two sons, Rex Power and wife Susie, of Campwood and Glenn Power of San Antonio; five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews including Gladys O'Neal of Haskell, Frances Lee of Wichita Falls, Eddy Davis of Dallas, and Faye Gould of Rockdale, Bob Glenn of McLean and Roy Glenn of Jacksonville, Ak.

Hilland C. Weaver

Hilland Columbus Weaver, 91, died Feb. 5 in Creswell, Ore. He was a resident of the Creswell Care Center.

Born Oct. 27, 1905, he was the son of Magnolia Westbrook and Dr. Holland C. Weaver, pioneers in the settlement of west Texas.

Reared in Rule, he graduated from Rule High School in 1923. Weaver later graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1931. He had a successful career with the Texas Highway Dept. lasting more than 35 years, serving in east Texas and west Texas. He was resident engineer in Plainview at the time of his retirement and is credited with having constructed a large portion of the Interstate Highway System in northwest Texas.

Mr. Weaver married Mattie Lee Leon, his childhood sweetheart, in 1935. After 43 years of marriage, she preceded him in death in 1978. He was a long-time member of the Methodist church, the Kiwanis Club, was an ardent ham radio operator and was active in the Toastmasters. He was instrumental in major construction for a beautiful addition to the First Methodist Church in Plainview. He served as a Stewart in the church for many years.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Elton Weaver, and his parents.

Survivors include two sons, Elton Leon Weaver of San Diego, Calif., and Dr. Larry Hilland Weaver of Creswell, Ore. and 1 granddaughter, Heath Anne Weaver of Los Angeles, Calif.

Pearl Elizabeth Spann

Services were held for Pearl Elizabeth Spann, 78, of Irving on Mon., Feb. 17 at the First Baptist Church of Irving with Dr. Randy Rudisell officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Brown's Memorial Funeral.

Mrs. Spann died Feb. 13 in Irving. Born May 1, 1918 in Clayton, N.M., she was a teacher's aide and a

lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Irving.

Survivors include two sons, Rick Spann of Irving and David Spann of Euless; one brother, Tony C. Patterson of Stamford; 6 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in memory of Pearl Spann to the First Baptist Church, 403 S. Main, Irving, TX 75060.

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LIFESTYLES

Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

The sooner trees and shrubs are planted, the stronger they will be when they leaf out to withstand summer heat.

Plant and prune rose bushes and apply dormant spray.

It's time to feed azaleas and add peat moss as a mulch.

Plant root vegetables, asparagus, rhubarb and horse radish this month.

This week I wanted to write about starting a perennial garden. It offers physical rewards and long-lasting pleasures.

Just when you think spring will never come, the mail-order nursery catalogs will start coming in your mail.

Establishing a garden doesn't require a lot of "know-how" or skills. I thought a few things toward having a nice garden might be helpful, and just think how beautiful we can have our town to become with beautiful flowers.

Three chemical elements are essential to plant growth; they are nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. These all occur naturally in the soil. These elements are the products of decaying organic matter.

Now good sources of organic matter are compost, well-rotted cow manure and leaf mold, decayed vegetable matter and particularly leaves.

Work any of these in your garden, and this may be all you will need for fertilization. The plot will need some nutrients the first year.

Organic fertilization is derived from animal or vegetable matter. Examples are compost, cottonseed meal, blood meal (from slaughtered cattle) and finely chopped bone.

Make sure the soil is slightly

moist before you dig; otherwise, you risk destroying the soil's structure. If the ground is too wet, the pressure of digging will pack the soil into a dense mass making it imperious to water, of in other words, keep the water from penetrating the soil.

Late-season bloomers such as asters, phlox and chrysanthemums should be planted in the spring. They need time to become firmly rooted before they can direct their energy toward flowering later in the season.

For the same reason, Oriental poppies, peonies and other early-blooming perennials should be planted in the fall for flowering in the spring.

Whatever the season, perennials have an easier time if planted on an overcast day.

Watering, fertilizing and mulching will give the plants the moisture and nutrients they need to mature and bloom.

A tip from the pros says that organic fertilizer should be high in phosphorus and low in nitrogen.

Mulching is not to be used on the crowns of tall bearded irises and delphiniums because they will rot and the buds or eyes of peonies will do the same.

When watering, do not water too often. In the morning or during the day has the advantage of raising the humidity around your plants, which reduces water loss from transpiration and prevents wilting during the heat of the day.

Now is the time to plant coleus, impatiens, marigolds, petunias, zinnias and begonias, indoors.

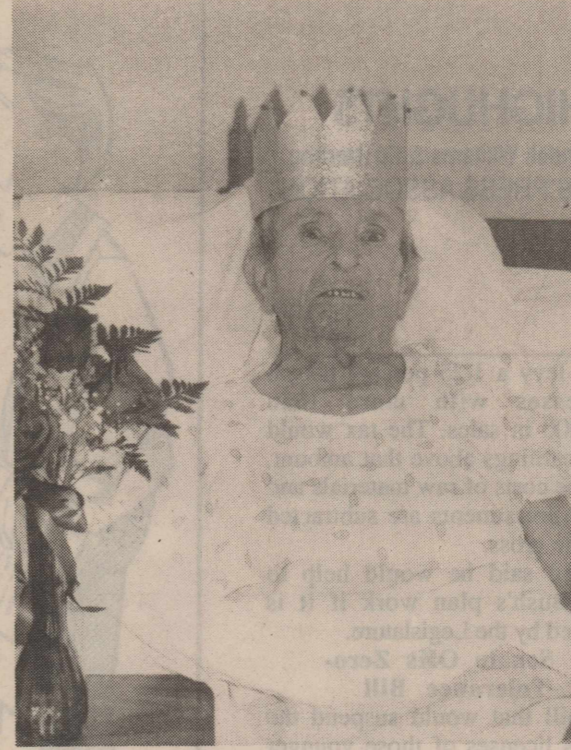
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Quote: "Kindness is a language which the deaf man can hear and the blind man read."...Mark Twain

Valentine Queen and King



GRACE BASS



STANLEY SPECK

Grace Bass and Stanley Speck of Haskell Healthcare Center were named Valentine's Day King and Queen during a party held on Valentine's Day.

Mammography screening day set March 5

The American Cancer Society recommends all women perform breast self exams, have a clinical exam, and have a screening mammogram. According to the National Cancer Institute, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer (other than skin cancer) and a leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States. Statistics show that one in eight women will get breast cancer. Recent scientific studies indicate a decline in the occurrence of breast cancer, and screening mammography is a major factor in this decline.

Haskell Memorial Hospital will sponsor a community mammography screening day on Wed., March 5. This service will be provided through Bethania's Mobile Mammography Van and will be located in the parking lot of the hospital. Screening criteria include women, age 35 and older, who are without symptoms and have not had surgery or a mammogram within the last 12 months. These mammograms are available to the public for the complete cost of \$65.00 (includes both the technical and professional fee).

Pre-registration is required and must be done before the day of screening. Call Delia at (817) 864-2621 to schedule your appointment.

Lunch 'N Learn set for second graders

Some first graders knew they were special on Thurs., Feb. 13, when their parents made a special effort to come to school for the first Lunch 'N Learn session at Haskell Elementary School. Besides sharing a nice lunch, twenty-four parents learned more about Classroom Phonics and picked up a few tips on how to help their children do better in school.

Parents were encouraged to: Let children help (Encourages responsibility.)

Give of your presence (Let's child know he is special.)

Read everyday (Instills importance of reading.)

Delight in silliness (Child's laughter is best for whatever ails you.)

Create a circle of quiet (Gives child a time to unwind and enjoy a quiet space.)

All parents are invited to become Partners for Children by attending any session and becoming more skilled in parenting.

The next Lunch 'N Learn will be

for parents of second graders on Thurs., Feb. 27, from 11:00 to 12:00. If you are a second grade parent and you do not receive a note from your child concerning this meeting, please call the school. Registration is required for the free meal.

Joe Robison celebrates birthday on February 10

Joe Robison, of Rule, celebrated his birthday Mon., Feb. 10 at B. G.'s Small Mall in Rule. Friends gathered about 4 p.m. to help him celebrate.

Robison was born on Feb. 9, and is loved and respected by Rule's citizens. He is known for sending get well cards to residents who are ill. He gathers signatures around town before he mails the cards, often gathering as many as 80 on a

card. Joe has lived in Rule for six years.

Joe's brother, James, from Muskogee, Okla. had been visiting, but was unable to attend the party.

Pineapple ice box cake, furnished by Lela Bowles, and angel food cake, strawberries and Cool Whip were provided by Gail Logan for the party.

Joe has a son, Marc, who lives in Haskell.

Clubs

Haskell Garden Club

The Haskell Garden Club met Thurs., Feb. 13, at 2 p.m. at the community room.

The president, Wilma Pruett, presided. Mrs. Sprayberry called the roll with each member naming her favorite rose and she read the minutes.

Marion Carlisle read the Constitution and By-laws.

The topic for the program was "Stop and Smell the Roses" the care and growth and types of roses were discussed by the members.

The new benches for the park were talked about with the idea of planting a tree by each bench.

A Valentine motif was the decoration of the room, and the hostess, Marion Carlisle, used it for refreshments also.

Those present were: Juanita Rhea, Dee Sprayberry, Wilma Pruett, Florence Peden, Mary Kommanga, Ruby Holt, Mona Gibson, Marion Carlisle, and Gladys O'Neal. We were delighted to have Pat Brookman from Houston, a guest, and daughter of Marion Carlisle.

Our next meeting will be March 13 and perennials for cottage gardens will be the program. Guests are always welcome.

Historical and Genealogical Society

The Haskell Co. Historical and Genealogical Society hosted a presentation by Cheryl Lewis of Hamlin on Feb. 3.

Lewis, a dynamic and skilled performer, portrayed her distant cousin Nettie Watters who lived during the Civil War. She provided historical information synchronized

with contemporary-military music of the era. Her presentation allowed those in attendance to take a step back in history.

Society Vice-President Steven Turnbow said, "The experience was treasured by all present during this evening of record-setting attendance."

Shane Hadaway named to OYMA

Jerry Shane Hadaway of Haskell has been selected for inclusion in the 1996 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America (OYMA).

Nominations are received from political leaders, college and university officials, clergymen, business leaders, and civic groups and organizations.

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Brian Hearn, Sarah Wood, Aline Bristow

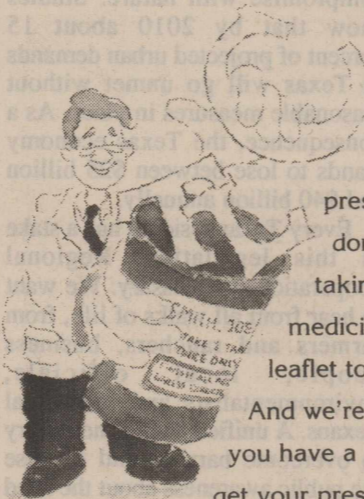
Students in the News

For the fall 1996 session at Baylor University, 1,671 students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Named to the Dean's List was Samuel Neal Goff of Haskell.

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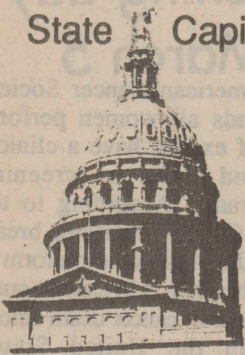
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Moving to prevent a "time crunch," Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock announced the creation of a special Senate committee to consider legislation dealing with property tax relief and public school finance.

"While tax legislation must originate in the House, the Senate should not postpone discussion of a subject that is multi-faceted and complex," Bullock said. "Action now will decrease the chances for a logjam near the end of the session."

"A proposal of this magnitude demands thorough study and deliberation. This will provide that opportunity for Senate members and those who are interested in the legislation. Hopefully, it will help

lawmakers avoid a time crunch in the final stretch."

The committee will be chaired by Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria. Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, was named vice chairman of the 11-member committee. Also appointed were Sens. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin; John Carona, R-Dallas; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; Rodney Ellis, D-Houston; Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay; Chris Harris, R-Arlington; Greg Luna, D-San Antonio; Drew Nixon, R-Carthage; and Florence Shapiro, R-Plano.

Campaign Donations Questioned

Meanwhile, Bullock said last week he knows of no one who has coerced contributions to his reelection campaign.

University of Texas officials denied coercing colleagues into contributing money to Bullock or any other politician.

UT System officials were interviewed in response to a report in the *San Antonio Express-News* in which a UT-San Antonio vice president alleged that his superior coerced him to give to Bullock.

The report showed that higher education officials had contributed \$170,850 to Bullock since 1992, including 22 contributions from UT-Austin totaling \$10,150 and contributions of \$59,500 from regents and former regents over the past four years.

Chancellor William Cunningham and UT-Austin President Robert Berdahl did, however, tell the *Austin American-Statesman* they made calls several years ago to fellow UT executives, suggesting they make donations.

No Tax Plan From Sharp
Bullock and Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, last week asked state Comptroller John Sharp to write an alternative to Gov. George W. Bush's property tax relief plan, but Sharp said he wasn't going to do it.

"Our role right now is to be supportive in a technical sense. My fear is if you put something else on the table, you might confuse the issue," Sharp said. Bush's plan

would levy a 1.25 percent tax on businesses with more than \$500,000 in sales. The tax would be on earnings above that amount, after the costs of raw materials and capital investments are subtracted from the gross.

Sharp said he would help to make Bush's plan work if it is approved by the Legislature.

Senate OKs Zero-Tolerance Bill

A bill that would suspend the driver's licenses of those younger than 21 caught with alcohol in their possession or in their systems passed the Senate without objection.

Sponsored by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, the legislation hits underage drinkers where it hurts most: it takes away their "wheels," the *Dallas Morning News* reported.

Under West's bill, an underage drinker caught with even a trace of alcohol could face fines, community service and jail time.

Police would be allowed a choice of either taking a minor who is not driving, but in possession of alcohol, to the police station for a breath or blood test or issuing a citation on the spot.

And, for those who were not driving but have been consuming alcohol or have misrepresented their age, penalties would be similar to those assessed to minors caught driving under the influence.

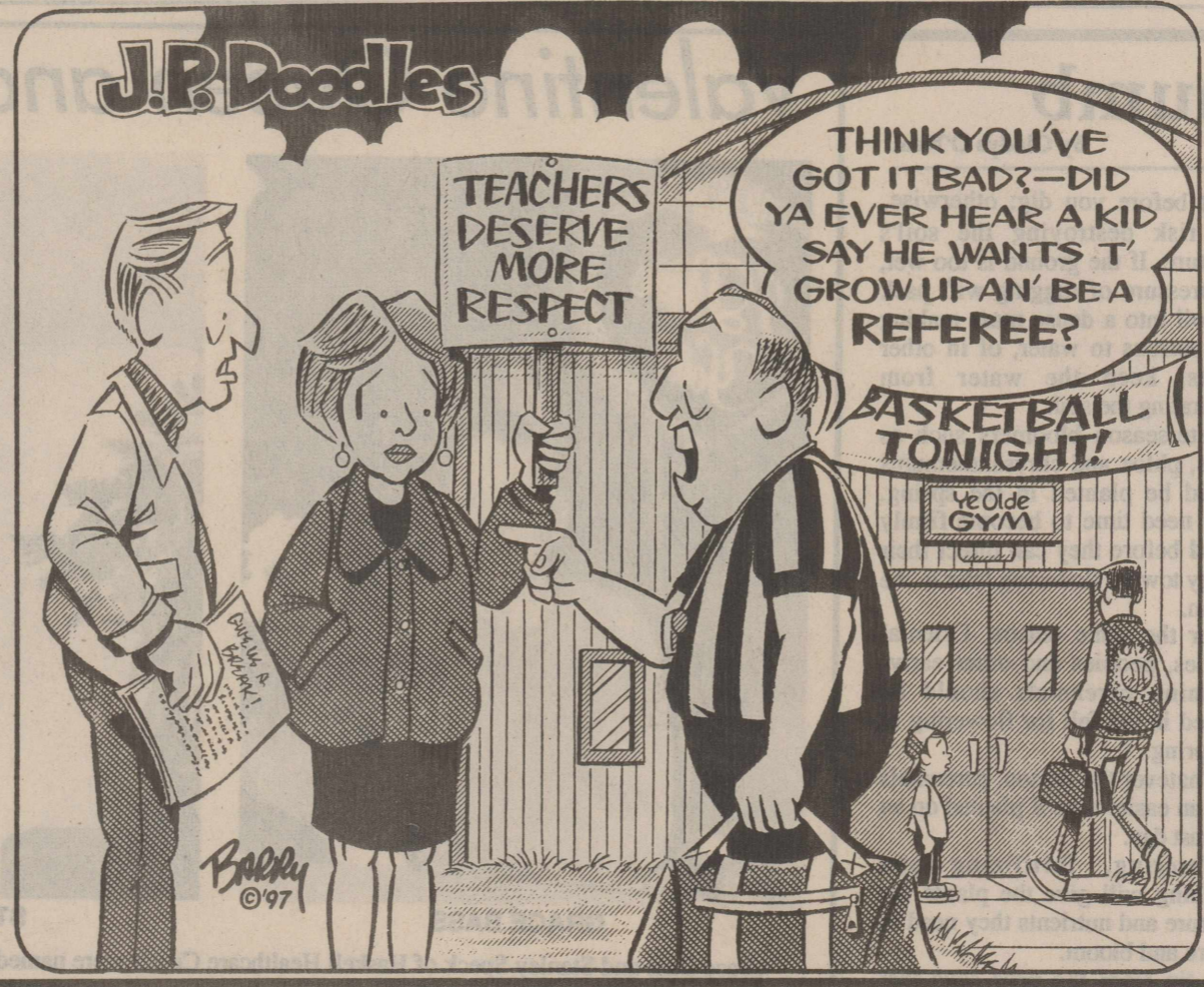
Other Capital Highlights

College students would find it easier to get credit for courses when they transfer under a bill passed by the Senate last week. Sen. Bivins, the measure's sponsor, said it would not only make life easier for college students but also save tax dollars because students would not have to retake the same course.

The Senate also passed a school uniform bill authored by Sen. Harris. The measure would require a petition by parents for a school to consider requiring uniforms. After development by a campus-level committee, the uniform plan would have to be approved by the school superintendent and voted on by parents before going to the school board for a vote.

A state law requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets would be repealed for adults under a bill the Senate State Affairs Committee approved. The committee voted 9-2 to repeal the 1989 state law requiring motorcyclists—age 18 and older—to wear head protection. The bill now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

The Senate Nominations Committee ignored protests from environmentalists and voted 7-0 to confirm Barry McBee's 1995 appointment as chairman of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago Feb. 19, 1987

The city will close the north-south street running through the fairgrounds (Avenue B.)

Kayce Nemir and Sandra Thornhill received winning places at the Big Country Student Writing Day in Abilene.

20 Years Ago Feb. 17, 1977

The 8th grade girls basketball

team were undefeated for the season. They had a record of 16-0 and were the District champions.

Linda Yates, has been named Weinert's 1976-77 General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow.

Births announced were Timothy Dean Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Leroy Campbell; Brandi LaGail Stoddard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Dan Stoddard; Melisa Ann Casillas, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Casillas of O'Brien; and Kari Vanessa Josselet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Josselet of Dalhart.

30 Years Ago Feb. 16, 1967

"The Frogs" and "The School for Husbands" are two one-act plays that the 1967 Haskell High School Senior Class presented.

The Mother's March set for last Monday night had to be cancelled due to the fact not enough workers reported to make the one-night, all-out drive for funds for the March of Dimes.

40 Years Ago Feb. 21, 1957

Camp Fire Group has re-organized and elected officers. President, Marsha Buerger; vice-president, Twyla Hipp, secretary-treasurer, Shirley Norman and reporter, Jan Herren.

The roads were too muddy in Mattson for the farmers to work and the school buses to run. They were all very happy.

The Mattson Mustangs take the lead in District 14-B play-off over Paint Creek. They won 47-40.

50 Years Ago Feb. 20, 1947

Billy Middlebrook shows champion dry lot calf at the Central West Texas Fair.

Texas Theatre completed installation of new upholstered seats on the main floor of the showhouse.

Former county Tax Assessor-Collector Willie Lane, suffered a fracture of his right leg in an automobile accident and was reported to be recovering nicely.

99 Years Ago Feb. 12, 1898

Rain which fell Wednesday of this week was one of the old time trash floaters we have heard about. It settled the stock water questions—all the ravines, creeks, ponds and tanks are full and overflowing.

Senate Bill seeks to keep water flowing in Texas future

by State Senator J.E. "Buster" Brown and Lt. Governor Bob Bullock

Water is the lifeblood of our existence, but it is something we tend to take for granted when Mother Nature's been generous. Texans assume water will flow from the tap when they prepare to make a pot of coffee, wash their hands, take a bath, or simply get a cool drink on a warm day.

With the state's population expected to explode over the next 50 years, increasing strains on diminishing supplies, the future holds no guarantee that water will always be readily available in Texas. Heightened environmental concerns and the high costs and red tape necessary for new supplies have made water planning and management difficult. And until recent years, planning from a statewide perspective has proven an exercise in futility.

Not that state water officials and some lawmakers haven't tried. In 1957, the Legislature created the Texas Water Development Board and gave it the authority to develop a state plan. Eleven years later, the TWDB submitted the first plan to the Legislature, but no action was taken. Subsequent plans were submitted to legislators four times between 1984 and 1992, and the results were the same. No action.

We are 40 years behind the times, and we cannot afford to wait any longer. The potential for future crises has been more than evident during the drought still lingering today. During the peak of the drought in 1996, several Texas towns' water supplies ran perilously low, forcing local officials to look elsewhere for water to pipe back to their communities. Water use restrictions were in effect from city to city. The Texas Agriculture Extension Service estimates that Texas producers lost \$2.1 billion worth of crops and livestock, and the adverse impact to the economy overall is expected to top \$5 billion.

Rain or shine, however, experts now warn that without changes in state water policy no area of the state will be immune from water shortages by 2050. It is imperative for Texas to have a comprehensive statewide plan in effect by the turn of the century. Senate Bill 1 which was introduced Jan. 22, will lay the foundation for that plan while providing a diverse blend of strategies to meet future demands.

The legislation proposes action in several general policy areas: drought response management, water management, marketing and

transfers, surface and groundwater supplies, financial assistance to local governments and small communities and data collection and dissemination. Texas is a diverse state, and solutions that are appropriate for one region may not be suitable for another. Water availability, economics, geography and environmental issues will determine how policies should be structured for specific areas. With an emphasis on coordination at the local level, we feel Senate Bill 1 will provide small cities and towns with a "toolbox" of possible approaches to meet their own unique needs.

Drought management preparedness is an integral part of the legislation, with state assistance possible to local governments that initiate drought response plans. Conservation is one of the most crucial parts of water management, and this is reflected in the bill. The bill envisions a statewide network to coordinate the exchange of information among governmental agencies as well as state, regional and local drought response efforts. The bill clarifies state policy on interbasin transfers, an area that will generate much debate, even though water has been transferred among basins in the state for nearly a century. More than 80 agreements are in effect now.

Even though complacency often sets in when droughts give way to good rains, Texans still take their water very seriously. As a result, there will be many diverse opinions as the debate unfolds, but we must remain committed to finding common ground. That is the nature of compromise—but there is no compromise with nature. Studies show that by 2010 about 15 percent of projected urban demands in Texas will go unmet without reasonable measures in place. As a consequence, the Texas economy stands to lose between \$25 billion and \$40 billion annually.

Every Texas resident has a stake in this legislation. Regional cooperation is necessary. We want to hear from all walks of life, from farmers and ranchers, business people, local officials, environmentalists and individual Texans. A unified front is necessary to overcome barriers and to raise the public awareness about the need for a coordinated state plan. The bill seeks to reinforce the belief that clean, abundant water should be a guarantee in Texas—not an uncertain luxury.

Let's not let Texas wells go dry.

Lawmakers file Basics First reading bill

State Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, and other lawmakers recently filed unprecedented legislation aiming to ensure that all students learn to read by the end of third grade.

The *Basics First* reading bill (SB 425 and HB 926), named for the Texas Federation of Teachers' (TFT) academic-standards campaign launched in Jan. 1996, proposes to reach all children in Texas who need extra reading help in kindergarten through third grade—three times as many as under the governor's proposal.

Lawmakers applauded the governor for putting early-elementary reading front and center, but pointed out that, according to the Texas Education Agency's own statistics, the governor's plan will leave out two-thirds of the students who need reading assistance.

"I commend the governor helping to bring the reading initiative to the forefront," Barrientos said. "But \$35 million a year to pay for one third of the children is not enough. I ask that we help all the children who need help in reading."

"Thousands of children arrive at school each day unprepared to learn," said Berlanga. "These children will grow up to be the work force, the taxpayers, and the voters of Texas. But if they don't know how to read now, they cannot learn much else later."

Rep. Vilma Luna, D-Corpus Christi, said that the state must "treat a child's inability to read on grade level as an emergency."

Rep. Jesse W. Jones, D-Dallas, Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, Rep. Dora Olivo, D-Fl. Bend Co., and Rep. Arthur Reyna, D-San Antonio, also attended today's capitol press conference and spoke as co-authors in support of the *Basics First* reading bill.

Since TFT launched the *Basics First* campaign last year, calling for policies to ensure that all students learn to read by the end of third grade, Gov. George W. Bush and President Clinton have announced their own initiatives that aim to meet the same goal. School districts in Corpus Christi, El Paso, Abilene, and Grand Prairie have adopted local policies committing them to meet these student-performance goals.

"The real challenge is this: How do we take advantage of all this good will and consensus in order to make something real happen?" said TFT President John Cole. "We believe that this legislation does just that."

According to bill sponsors, another key component of the *Basics First* reading bill, which sets it apart from other reading proposals, is strict accountability to ensure that reading grant money is spent on direct, instructional services that yield measurable improvements in student reading proficiency.

Stenholm announces art competition

Congressman Charles Stenholm announced plans today for the Sixteenth Annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students in the 17th District of Texas. Since it was first launched in 1982, the nationwide competition has generated thousands of local competitions, involving more than 800,000 high school students. One winning entry; from each Congressional District will be displayed in the annual exhibition in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol, an area dedicated to the artistic talents of today's youth.

Students in grades 9 through 12 from Callahan, Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor counties should enter a preliminary contest to be held in Abilene on Sat., April 5. Entries may be brought to the Cooper High School Art Department and must be in

place by Fri., April 4, at 3:00 p.m. Other regional shows will be held in Big Spring, Brownwood, Colorado City, Graham, Mineral Wells, San Angelo and Stephenville. Winners from the entire 32 counties of the 17th District will be announced at an awards brunch in Abilene on April 26. Charles and Cindy Stenholm will host this honors brunch.

Artwork must be no larger than 32" by 32" framed (framing not required) and two-dimensional. Eligible categories are paintings, prints, drawings or collages. Artwork must capture the flavor or depict the heritage of the West Texas area and 17th District in any category, which may include but is not limited to landscapes.

For more information, contact Stenholm's San Angelo office at 915/655-7994 or Martha Kiel in Abilene at 915/691-1000.

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First Assembly of God to host Remnant Players

The Remnant Players of Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie will be in Haskell at the First Assembly of God Church Feb. 28 through March 2. Evenings services will be at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 6 p.m. on Sunday. Sunday morning services will be at 10:45 a.m. The Remnant Players are a ministry team of college students who uses drama, mime, and humor to deal with subjects such as relationships, family, evangelism, service to God and the challenge of being a Christian. The public is invited to come join the fun, fellowship and ministry of these students.

Food for thought

By Charles H. Spurgeon
"Praying always."

—Ephesians 6:18
What multitudes of prayers we have put up from the first moment when we learned to pray. Our first prayer was a prayer for ourselves; we asked that God would have mercy upon us, and blot out our sin. He heard us.

But when He had blotted out our sins like a cloud, then we had more prayers for ourselves. We have had to pray for sanctifying grace, for constraining and restraining grace; we have been led to crave for a fresh assurance of faith, for the comfortable application of the promise, for deliverance in the hour of temptation, for help in the time of duty, and for succour in the day of trial.

We have been compelled to go to God for our souls, as constant beggars asking for everything. Bear witness, children of God, you have never been able to get anything for your souls elsewhere. All the bread your soul has eaten has come down from heaven, and all the water of which it has drank has flowed from

the living rock—Christ Jesus the Lord.

Your soul has never grown rich in itself; it has always been a pensioner upon the daily bounty of God; and hence your prayers have ascended to heaven for a range of spiritual mercies all but infinite. Your wants were innumerable, and therefore the supplies have been infinitely great, and your prayers have been as varied as the mercies have been countless.

Then have you not cause to say, "I love the Lord, because He hath heard the voice of my supplication?" For as your prayers have been many, so also have been God's answers to them. He has heard you in the day of trouble, has strengthened you, and helped you, even when you dishonored Him by trembling and doubting at the mercy-seat. Remember this, and let it fill your heart with gratitude to God, who has thus graciously heard your poor weak prayers. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

submitted by Sam Bitner

This Week's Devotional Message: FAITH CALLS ADVERSITY A BLESSING IN DISGUISE



The word "adversity" is a blanket term used to describe the various kinds of human misfortune, ranging from minor setbacks to major calamities of a physical, financial or emotional nature. Strangely enough, we should be grateful for the occurrence of these ills; because it is only through them that we develop character and the ability to use our ingenuity and resourcefulness to overcome these

afflictions and improve our way of life. In this manner was born a great deal of the progress which we enjoy today. You will learn all this at the Church of your choice, reinforced by many examples from the Bible to the effect that through adversity you will emerge a person truly "grown up", and better able to cope with whatever life in the real world may send your way.

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Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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Faith Lutheran Church
Jeff Zell, pastor
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First Baptist Church
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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church celebrates 60th anniversary

Dr. Sydney Westbrook of Dallas, area director of the Foursquare Gospel Churches, was guest speaker during the 60th anniversary celebration Sun., Feb. 15 of the Weinert Foursquare Gospel Church. The church was chartered Feb. 4, 1937.

Twenty-eight pastors have served the church since its inception. Current pastors are Joyce Goossen and Diane Crownover.

At the celebration Sunday morning, Rev. Crownover led the congregation in worship choruses and the song "To God Be the Glory". Rev. Goossen introduced Dr. and Mrs. Sydney Westbrook. Fran Westbrook read Psalms 103-17. Rev. Crownover sang "Upon This Rock". Dr. Sydney Westbrook ministered from Joshua 1-6 and 8.

Dinner and fellowship followed the morning service in the fellowship hall. A special service of celebration was held at 2:30 p.m. with the pastors sharing with the congregation how much they loved the church and their ministries. Pastors included Rev. and Mrs. Lee Walls, Rev. Valeska Counts, Rev. Katherine Byrd and Rev. Paul and Sandra Chambers. Honored for the traditions and love that had been established in the church were Rene Vojkufka for her landmark of pioneering spirit; Jo Evelyn Patterson for generational charge

with six generations of her family in the church through the years; Roy Herricks for the longest standing membership and faithfulness to the church and Lona Mae Phelps, a charter member of the church.

A special part of the celebration was the water baptism of Zack Wood, son of Bob and Melanie Wood, grandson of Melvin and Wanda Vojkufka, and great grandson of Rene Vojkufka. He was baptized by his dad, Bob Wood and granddad, Melvin Vojkufka.

A special plaque was presented to the church by the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel commending the church for its faith and dedication through the years.

A large crowd attended the services from Weinert and many other cities. The theme of the celebration was "It's a Matter of Heart."

Students in the News

Gena Kaye Barrington of Haskell was conferred the Bachelor of Business Administration degree in commencement ceremonies at Hardin-Simmons University, Dec. 13.

The annual December commencement program was held in Behrens Chapel on the HSU campus.

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BUSINESSES GET SOME TAX BREAKS IN 1997

Last summer, Congress passed four pieces of legislation that contained tax provisions affecting businesses. Many of these provisions just became effective this January.

Among the new tax breaks for businesses is the increase in the expensing election for the purchase of business equipment. Last year the dollar limit was \$17,500; this year that amount increases to \$18,000.

The targeted jobs credit was replaced by a work opportunity tax credit. The credit, which became available October 1, 1996, continues to be available this year for hires who start work before October 1, 1997. The new credit is 35% of up to \$6,000 of first-year wages paid to individuals from targeted groups such as welfare recipients, qualified veterans, and high-risk youth.

The research and development credit, which was restored in last summer's legislation, continues to be available through May 31, 1997.

Major changes to the S corporation rules were made, so this form of operation may be more attractive to your business in 1997. Beginning this year, S corporations are allowed to have as many as 75 shareholders, they're permitted to hold C and S corporation subsidiaries, and "electing small business trusts" can now be shareholders. These and other changes to the S corporation rules may make this form of doing business worth another look for your company.

Beginning this year, new simplified retirement plans called "SIMPLE" plans can be adopted by businesses with 100 or fewer employees. SIMPLE plans may be structured as IRAs or as 401 (k) plans and are designed to be easier for small businesses to establish and administer.

Self-employed individuals will be entitled to a larger deduction for the health insurance they purchase in 1997. If you're self-employed, you can deduct 40% of your health insurance premiums this year, up from 30% last year.

When you have your 1996 tax return prepared, be sure to review those tax changes that will affect your 1997 business tax planning.

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Final Conservation Reserve Program rules announced

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman recently announced final regulations for USDA's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), fulfilling a Clinton Administration commitment to redesign the program to target the most environmentally sensitive croplands.

"Under the new CRP, we will protect about 36 million acres of our most environmentally sensitive lands," Glickman said. "The days of enrolling vast amounts of productive farmland are over. We will select the acreage to enter the program after reviewing each of the offers submitted from the pool of eligible land. We will enroll only the most environmentally sensitive lands to ensure that we get the most environmental benefits using the fewest dollars possible."

"Unfortunately, there have been some erroneous reports that imply we were about to enroll all the cropland in America into the CRP. We are not. There are a couple of basic things we need to remember to keep this debate in focus. One, we are limited to enrolling 36.4 million acres. We could not enroll all the cropland if we wanted to. And two, there is a fundamental difference between land that is eligible for the CRP and land that gets into the CRP."

The three primary goals of the CRP are erosion reduction, improvement of water quality and the enhancement of wildlife habitat. There are millions of acres of cropland that could provide outstanding water quality of wildlife benefits, yet would not be eligible for enrollment based solely on their erodibility.

"We firmly believe that changes made in the final rule, which have increased the size of the pool of eligible acres, make it more possible to achieve the three primary goals of the CRP by enrolling the country's most environmentally important cropland," Glickman said.

USDA will rank all eligible CRP offers using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). The EBI is used to evaluate and rank offers based on the potential environmental benefits of enrolling the land in the CRP. This

will ensure that only the most environmentally sensitive lands are selected. The criteria used to determine the EBI rankings include benefits to wildlife habitat, erosion control, water quality, air quality and cost. USDA's goal is to enroll those acres into the program where the benefits to the nation from land retirement outweigh the benefits of keeping the land in agricultural production.

The CRP is an effective, voluntary approach to improving the nation's natural resource base. Landowners enter into contracts with USDA to place erodible and other environmentally sensitive cropland in long-term conservation practices for 10-15 years. In exchange, landowners receive annual rental payments for the land and cost-share assistance for establishing those practices.

Some 32.9 million acres are enrolled in the CRP. The program protects millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion, and, by reducing water runoff and sedimentation, it protects groundwater and helps improve countless lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. All of these acres are planted to vegetative cover or other forms of wildlife habitat. As a result, the CRP is a major contributor to significant increases in wildlife populations in many parts of the country.

In order to ensure that only the most environmentally sensitive croplands are enrolled in the program, the final rule defines eligible cropland as land that has been planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity two of the five most recent crop years and must be capable of being planted to an agricultural commodity. Also, the final rule makes marginal pasture land eligible if it is either currently enrolled in the Water Bank Program or will be devoted to a riparian buffer to be planted to trees.

Eligible cropland must also meet one of the following criteria to be offered for enrollment in the CRP:

Have an Erosion Index (EI) of 8 or higher or be considered highly erodible land according to the conservation compliance

provisions; (Redefined fields must have an EI of 8 or higher);

Be considered a cropped wetland; Be devoted to any of a number of highly beneficial environmental practices, such as filter strips, riparian buffers, grass waterways, shelter belts, wellhead protection areas, and other similar practices;

Be subject to scour erosion; Be located in a national or state CRP conservation priority area; or Be cropland associated with or surrounding non-cropped wetlands.

"We made the erosion eligibility threshold for CRP consistent with the definition of highly erodible land for the conservation compliance program," Glickman said. "If land is sensitive enough to be regulated, it should be sensitive enough to be eligible for enrollment in the CRP. Farmers should not get mixed signals."

Four national conservation priority areas have been designated: Chesapeake Bay, Long Island, Great Lakes, and the Prairie Pothole Region. Conservation priority area designations are based on a judgment that retiring agricultural lands in these specific areas offers the potential for significant improvement of water quality or wildlife habitat. In addition, Farm Service Agency State committees, with advice from State Technical Committees and local individuals and organizations, may recommend that up to 10 percent of cropland within a state be designated as state conservation priority areas.

Over the course of the CRP, Congress has directed that rental rates not exceed local market values. CRP payments will be determined based on county average dryland cash or cash rent equivalent rental rates adjusted for site-specific, soil-based productivity factors. CRP payments can include an additional amount, not to exceed \$5 per acre per year, as an incentive to perform certain maintenance obligations. Cost-share assistance will be provided to establish cover on land for enrollment in the CRP.

The 1997 agriculture appropriations act effectively precluded the extension of any CRP contracts. Producers with contracts expiring Sept. 30, 1997 may offer their acreage for re-enrollment during the next sign-up period if the land meets the basic eligibility criteria.

In addition to land eligible for enrollment under the continuous CRP sign-up provisions, eligible landowners will be able to sign up for the CRP beginning March 3, 1997, through March 28, at their local USDA Farm Service Agency office. The final CRP rule will be filed for public inspection and became effective Feb. 12.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Congratulations are in order for Charles R. Gibson, son of Ophelia LeFevre and the late Wilson Gibson for being selected a 1996 Distinguished Agriculture Alumni at Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at an awards luncheon on Feb. 7 in Lubbock. The purpose of the awards program is to recognize and honor Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Alumni who have made significant contributions to society, and whose accomplishments and careers have brought distinctive credit to Texas Tech and to the agricultural profession as a whole. In establishing this program, it was recognized that these awards were to be given for outstanding achievement both inside and outside the agricultural profession. Charles was a 1962 graduate of Texas Tech and lives in Jackson, Mississippi. He is married to the former Mary "Dolores" Dunman of Weinert and they have one son, Brett. The award was presented by James W. "Jimmy" Cook. Relatives and friends attending the awards luncheon were G.W. and Ophelia LeFevre, Larry and Jean Gibson, Charles and Sherry O'Pry from Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rhinehart from Lubbock.

Charles is semi-retired and has done extensive overseas traveling to Egypt, Spain, France and many times to Africa where he teaches the farmers there the proper use of fertilizers. He works as an Advisor to the Chairman of ChemFirst, Inc. in Jackson. Clancey and Helen Lehrmann were hosts for a family get-together of the Otto and Lillie Lehrmann family on Sat., Feb. 8. Enjoying the lunch and afternoon of visiting were Carl and Vernita Opitz of Abilene, Pearl Schwartz of Snyder, Adrienne Fouts of Lubbock, Willie and Wanda Lehrmann of Ft. Worth, and Doris Lehrmann of Rule. Mrs. Schwartz spent the night with the Lehrmanns and attended church with them at Faith Lutheran Sunday morning. Angela Schockley of Levelland, a cousin of J.J. Gellner was a recent visitor in his home.

Faith Circle met at the church Tuesday for their regular monthly meeting with Mary Neinat and Isabell Mrazek serving as hosts. Barbara Nauert was the topic leader. Other ladies present were Helen Lehrmann and LaVerne Stanhope. Pastor Jeff Zell joined the ladies for refreshments.

A correction is in order by your correspondent. At the election of community officers, Peggy Tabor was elected vice-president. Sorry for the error.

The homecoming committee met in the home of Charles and Dorothy Clark Wed. afternoon to begin plans for the upcoming homecoming on May 24 and 25.

The Hobby Club met Thurs. for their regular monthly meeting with Yvonne Swofford hosting. She read Valentine poems and each of the ladies present composed their own Valentines for the program. Other members present included Margaret Wendeborn, Peggy Tabor, Leona Letz, Joyce LeFevre, Mary Neinat

and Ev Ulmer.

Peggy Tabor has returned home after spending some time with her grandchildren, Amberly and Miranda Tabor of Austin. Their parents, Bill and Denise were away for a skiing trip.

Sunday dinner guests in the home of Delbert and Joyce LeFevre were Rob and Becky Bailey and daughters Isis and Osa of Monte Zuma, New Mexico, Shane LeFevre of Sundown, Larry and Susan LeFevre of Rule and Ken, Jill, Tully, Cade, and Kinsey Brown and M'Lynn Lehrmann.

Joe and Dorothy Clark spent the weekend visiting with Don, Patsy and Tom Bivins of Valley View. Joining them from The Woodlands was their other daughter, Peggy Adler.

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Tuesday: Breakfast burrito.

Wednesday: Sausage and pancake on stick.

Thursday: Biscuits with gravy, sausage.

Friday: Cereal, cinnamon toast.

Lunch

A choice of baked potato with choice of toppings or salad bar plus milk and tea are offered daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Taco salad, refried beans, grated cheese, lettuce and tomatoes, peach cobbler.

Tuesday: Pizza, cole slaw, buttered corn, frosted Jello.

Wednesday: Chicken and spaghetti, seasoned green beans,

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Friday: Donuts

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Wednesday: Chalupas, lettuce, cheese, onions, tomatoes, whole kernel corn, ice cream

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TIGERS: Winners of the Tiger division at the Haskell Pinewood Derby on Sunday were 1st Samuel Bitner, 2nd Weston Rutkowski and 3rd Moses Munoz.



WOLF DIVISION: Cade Kruger won first in the Wolf division of the Haskell Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. 2nd place was won by Rylie Tatum and 3rd by Matthew Brown.



BEARS: Winning first place in the Bear division at the Pinewood Derby was Cody Kretschmer, 2nd place was Cameron Short and 3rd place was won by Caleb Hudgens.



WEBELOS DIVISION: Winners of the Webelos division at the pinewood derby were 1st Scott Kennedy, 2nd Eric Lewis and 3rd Kendall Mitchell.



OVERALL WINNERS: Winning the Sweepstakes trophy at the Haskell Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Sunday was Scott Kennedy. A car designed by Weston Rutkowski was the Best Design trophy. The Cubby Award trophy went to Nate Webb.

Hunter safety course offered

Copper Breaks State Park near Quanah will offer the state-approved hunter safety course on Sat., Feb. 22 and Sun., Feb. 23 according to Fred Woerdell, lead ranger to the park. "Public demand for this program has been overwhelming," stated Woerdell.

The first part of the two-day instruction will begin at 9 a.m. in the park headquarters conference room.

Completion of the 10-hour course is required by law for all hunters born after Sept. 2, 1971. Proof of course completion must accompany hunting licenses.

Enrollment is limited, with participation by reservation only.

Participants must be 12 years old to receive certification. Younger hunters may attend the course if accompanied by an adult, but they cannot be certified.

Cost is \$10 per person, payable by cash or check before class begins Saturday. Park admission, normally \$2 per person, will be waived for participants. Hunting licenses are also available at the park during

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For more information, or to sign up for the hunter safety course call Copper Breaks State Park between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 817-839-4331.

Haskell Cub Scouts hold annual Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Pack 136 of Haskell held their annual pinewood derby on Sunday at the little gym. 20 entries were made.

Winners in the Tiger division were 1st Samuel Bitner, 2nd Weston Rutkowski and 3rd Moses Munoz.

Wolf division winners were 1st Cade Kruger, 2nd Rylie Tatum and 3rd Matthew Brown.

1st place in the Bear division was Cody Kretschmer, 2nd place was Cameron Short and 3rd place

was Caleb Hudgens.

Webelos division winners were 1st place Scott Kennedy, 2nd place Eric Lewis and 3rd place Kendall Mitchell.

Sweepstakes winner was Scott Kennedy. Selected for the best design was the car built by Weston Rutkowski. Nate Webb's car was selected for the Cubby award.

Several Haskell Cub Scouts participated in the Chisholm Trail Council pinewood derby race held in Abilene last Saturday. Scott Kennedy's car was selected 3rd place for Best Aerodynamic Design. Kendall Mitchell won 3rd place for Most Original Design.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 493 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Feb. 15, according to Gary Tate reporter.

The market was \$2 to \$5 lower, stocker cattle and feeder cattle \$1 lower.

Cows: fat .32-.37; cutters .30-.385; canners .25-.35.

Bulls: bologna .40-.46, feeder .55-.65; utility .25-.35.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .84-1.03; 300-400 lbs., .74-.94; 400-500 lbs., .69-.89; 500-600 lbs., .64-.815; 600-700 lbs., .64-.81; 700-800 lbs., .61-.69; 800-up lbs., .54-.63.

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Rule Lady Cats end season

The Rule Lady Cats played Rotan in Bi-District action Friday night. Rule fell behind 3-16 in the first quarter and never could recover. The Lady Cats put forth a great effort, but lost 30-44.

Amy Hisey led scoring with 13 points, followed by Jennifer Lehrmann with eight. Deborah Wilson made five points, Lezli Jenkins had two, and Stephanie Stegemoeller and Khalilah Mason each made one.

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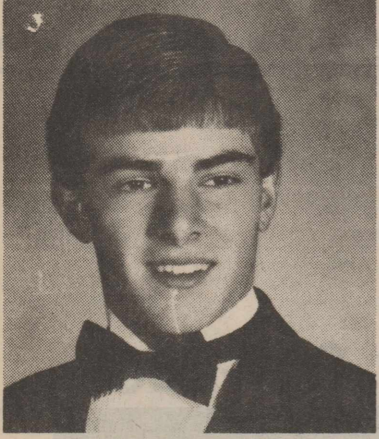
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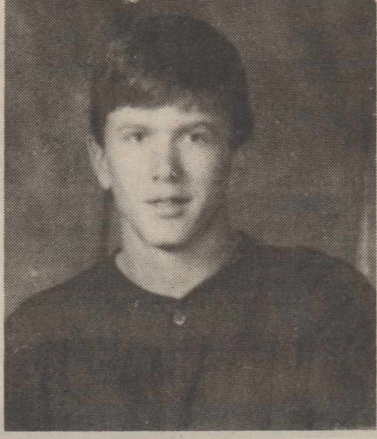
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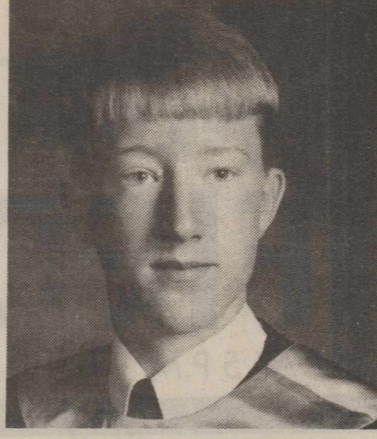
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Robby Pheil is the son of Bob and Lisa Pheil. He is a member of the Episcopal church.

He is active in band activities and with the school newspaper.

He is on the A-B Honor Roll and a Quill and Scroll member. He has been recognized by Who's Who Among American Students and is an outstanding newspaper student.

He enjoys motorcross and hunting and plans to attend Howard

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Casey Burgess is the son of Brian and Jennifer Burgess. He is a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is a member of the basketball team, FCA and National Honor Society. He participates in UIL prose speaking.

He is president of the senior class and president of the Student Council. He has been selected Mr. HHS and basketball hero.

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